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### The Financial Situation.

Brokers' loans in the statement of the Federal Reserve Board issued the present week show a reduction from the figures of a week ago, but hardly to the extent expected or in the way looked for. In the attempt to explain away the magnitude of these loans and their rise to unprecedented figures, it has been urged over and over that these loans are not really to be attributed to Stock Exchange speculation. We have been told that there also enters into them borrowing by Stock Exchange members to carry new security issues which it has been found impossible to market. But during the last two or three weeks most of the syndicates, burdened with large unsold new issues, have been dissolved and their holdings, to a considerable extent, liquidated by sales on the Stock Exchange. It has been estimated that some \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 of unsold new issues carried in loans have been in this manner disposed of to actual investors and taken out of the market.

The present week's statistics concerning these loans to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds show a reduction only of \$67,048,000, and, most important of all, the portion of these loans represented by time accommodation, as distinguished from borrowing on demand loans, actually increased from \$748,550,000 to \$759,772,000, while the whole of the decrease, and more, too, is found in the demand loans. As has been previously pointed out by us, supposing these loans represented extensive borrowing on behalf of syndicates, it is the time loans (or loans made for fixed dates) that would show the fact, since such syndicates could not risk carrying their new issues in demand loans subject to call at any moment. Hence the circum-

stance that the time loans do not reflect the presence of syndicate borrowing, or at least appear to be moving independently of such borrowing, is decidedly significant on the point under consideration. And this conclusion finds further support when we compare present figures with those of a year ago. As already stated, the present grand total of the loans to brokers and dealers stands at \$3,059,279,000; a year ago the amount was only \$2,601,257,000. But when the totals are segregated so as to show the time loans and the demand loans separately, it is found that the increase in the time loans has been only from \$676,292,000 to \$759,772,000, whereas the demand loans have risen from \$1,924,965,000 to \$2,299,507,000. Such comparisons would seem to show incontrovertibly that the rise in these brokers' loans is due entirely to the growth of Stock Exchange speculation. And it is for that reason that so much concern is felt over the matter.

These figures of brokers' loans have to do with the member banks of the Federal Reserve System. As to this week's returns of the Reserve banks themselves, they show diminished borrowing by the member banks, as would be expected in view of the fact that these member banks have less of their funds out in brokers' loans. The discounts held by the Reserve banks have fallen off during the week from \$506,768,000 to \$426,202,000 and the acceptance holdings from \$199,043,000 to \$193,207,000, while holdings of Government securities have increased only from \$374,468,000 to \$377,803,000. In other words, the grand total of bill and security holdings (representing the extent to which Reserve credit is being employed) now is down to \$998,512,000, as against \$1,081,579,000 a week ago. With less Reserve credit being employed, the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation has been reduced from \$1,751,050,000 to 1,703,289,000. Deposits rose during the week from \$2,340,900,000 to \$2,361,240,000 and the total of gold reserves has increased from \$2,988,109,000 to \$3,012,678,000. The ratio of reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined is now 78.0%, against 76.8% last week. The item of gold held abroad has been further reduced during the week from \$13,566,000 to \$2,682,000, while at the same time the amount due from foreign banks has further increased from \$38,049,000 to \$48,716,000. This is simply repeating the performances of previous weeks, during which the Reserve banks have been disposing of the gold acquired abroad with sudden precipitancy in May and have allowed the foreign banks to which the gold has been turned over to remain indebted for the same. It is to be hoped that this whole episode of doubtful merit will soon

be definitely closed and no attempt made to renew it. The Federal Reserve banks should not undertake to regulate financial affairs in the rest of the world and no warrant for so doing can be found in the Federal Reserve Act.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed a break for the first time in six weeks in the long series of deficits in legal reserve requirements. The improvement, too, in the condition of these Clearing House institutions was very substantial. As against larger or smaller deficits in each of the five preceding Saturdays—the state of impaired reserves in its continuance for so long a period having no parallel since 1907, when the country passed through a financial crisis—the Clearing House institutions in their return for last Saturday showed an excess above the required legal reserves in amount of no less than \$25,004,990. The improvement was brought about not through any addition to the reserves kept with the Federal Reserve Bank (that item indeed showing an actual decrease of \$6,700,000), but through a reduction of the deposit liabilities, which reduction served to diminish correspondingly the amount of reserve required. Loans, discounts, investments, etc., fell off no less than \$141,332,000, and this had its effect in cutting down the deposits, which showed a contraction in the huge sum of \$253,435,000 in the case of the net demand deposits and a further shrinkage of \$7,045,000 in the case of the time deposits. The reserve required against demand deposits is 13%, and that against the time deposits 5%. Through this contraction in the deposits, reserve requirements were reduced accordingly, and this led to the transformation already referred to, namely, from a deficit in reserves of \$2,588,920 on July 2, to an excess reserve of \$25,004,990. The Clearing House institutions also added \$5,354,000 during the week to the amount of cash held in own vaults, but there was no advantage in this from the reserve standpoint since only the reserve on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank counts as reserve.

Singularly enough, while the impairment of conditions found correction in the figures showing the actual conditions of the institutions at the end of the week, the statement of averages which had shown no deficiency in any of the weeks immediately preceding, actually did show a deficiency for the week under review, the deficit being \$2,714,450. A deficit in the averages is, of course, a much more serious matter than a deficit at the end of the week, since it indicates continued impairment day after day, and the fact that there is now a deficit in the averages while the actual condition indicates excess reserve of over \$25,000,000 indicates that the impairment was not removed till towards the very close of the week. It has recently been urged that the averages alone should be considered and little attention paid to the actual figures, which latter show the true condition of the banks. The past week's experience illustrates in a striking way the fallacy imbedded in such a notion. Moreover, those who advocate abandoning the actual figures and using only the averages are ignoring altogether the teachings of history. It was formerly the practice of the Clearing House to give out only the averages, but these averages were so utterly misleading, often making it appear that the reserves were intact, when they were actually impaired, and vice versa, that criticism became unrelenting and public sentiment

finally forced the managers to pay heed, with the result that they undertook to give the figures showing the actual condition of the banks at the end of the week in addition to the statement of averages. The importance and utility of the change are well illustrated in the case of last Saturday's return. According to the averages, the banks, last week, got into a state of impairment, after having kept reserves up to legal requirements in all of the immediately preceding weeks. The actual figures, on the other hand, show that the exact reverse was the case, that after having shown reserves below requirements at the end of each of the five preceding weeks they had now on Saturday, July 9, passed into a state where reserves exceeded legal requirements in amount of over \$25,000,000. As a matter of fact, the averages are always worthless as reflecting the true condition of the banks in the case of every one of the items entering into the returns. They are simply averages and nothing more than averages. They do not tell us what the amount of the loans is, what the deposits are, nor the amount of the reserves, nor the cash in hand. Every one of the items may be away above or away below the averages at the date of the appearance of the report.

The July crop report, issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on Monday of this week while not altogether satisfactory, is on the whole better than had been expected. Wheat has improved during the past month and the yield promises to be very good. The prospects for spring wheat are as good as they were in the years of heavy production, 1922, 1924 and 1925. Winter wheat has also improved and a crop larger than was indicated at this time last year for the crop harvested in 1926 is now expected. In some sections the harvest is now under way and the wheat crop is practically made. Corn is the least satisfactory of all grains, owing to exceptional weather conditions, rains, floods, etc., over a widespread territory. The yield of oats, rye and other grains promises to be good, and the acreage for potatoes exceeds that of last year by more than 10%.

The improvement in winter wheat is particularly noteworthy. The condition as of July 1, according to the report, is 75% of normal, which compares with 72.2% of normal on June 1 this year. The winter wheat crop harvested last year had a condition of 77.4% of normal on July 1 1926. The winter wheat yield for this year is now placed at 579,416,000 bushels, whereas a month ago the estimate was 537,001,000 bushels, an increase of 42,415,000 bushels. The estimate for last year's crop on the condition indicated July 1 1926 was 567,762,000 bushels, but the actual harvest of winter wheat in 1926 was 626,929,000 bushels, an increase of 59,167,000 bushels over the earlier estimate. Some gain in the yield following the July 1 condition report is not unusual, although the increase shown last year was exceptionally large. The condition of the spring wheat crop as shown in the latest report as of July 1 is placed at 89.7% of normal. This compares with 86.8% the condition on June 1 of this year. A year ago spring wheat deteriorated materially during June, the condition showing a decline of nearly 14 points during that month, when it was only 64.8% of normal on July 1 1926, the lowest point recorded in many years. A yield of 274,218,000 bushels for the current year's crop of spring

wheat is now indicated. Last year at this time only 199,595,000 bushels were indicated, but in 1925, when the July 1 condition was 88.1% of normal, slightly lower than this year, a crop of 276,000,000 bushels was promised. The deterioration in the spring wheat crop of 1926 continued right up to the close of the season. In nearly every year the condition of spring wheat is lower at the end of the season than is shown for July 1. The actual harvest of spring wheat for the crop of 1925 was 270,879,000 bushels and for 1924 272,995,000 bushels. The July report gives wheat remaining on farms July 1 this year as 27,339,000 bushels, or 3.28% of the 1926 crop of wheat, as against 20,973,000 bushels, estimated as on the farms July 1 1926 and a five-year average of 29,913,000 bushels held at that date.

At its best, the prospects for the corn crop this year are not very promising. The July 1 condition this year is put at 69.9% of normal, which is very low indeed. The nearest approach to this is the condition July 1 1924, which was 72% of normal. In that year the crop was practically a failure, for production was not only reduced, but the quality was also very poor. This year the indicated yield, based on the present condition, is only 2,274,424,000 bushels. In 1924 the crop amounted to 2,309,414,000 bushels. But this year's yield may grade high, which was not the case in 1924, as already noted. A normal corn crop in these days is expected to be in excess of 3,000,000,000 bushels. In the past ten years that has been the case in three years, while the yield has closely approached that figure in four other years. Last year's production of corn at 2,645,031,000 bushels was somewhat below the average. The condition, too, has been high, for with the exception of this year, and last, when the July 1 condition was 77.9% of normal, and 1924, the July 1 condition back to 1917 has ranged between 84.6% of normal, the latter in 1920, to 91.1% the succeeding year. The area planted to corn this year, 97,638,000 acres, is only 1.9% less than that for the previous year. It may be that there will be exceptional growing and harvesting conditions this year, in which case a marked improvement as to the yield is to be expected. So far the crop is late.

Rye made some improvement the past month, the yield now being estimated at 61,820,000 bushels, comparing with an estimate of only 48,635,000 bushels a month earlier, and a harvest of only 40,024,000 bushels last year. The indicated yield for oats this year is 1,349,026,000 bushels; barley, 242,730,000 bushels; white potatoes, 392,943,000 bushels, and sweet potatoes, 86,212,000 bushels. Estimates are included for other crops, among them tobacco at 1,099,114,000 pounds, but as to many of these, tobacco and white potatoes among the number, much depends on conditions during the rest of the season. It is satisfactory, however, to know they have started well.

Not much is said about cotton by the Department of Agriculture in its July report. An estimate of acreage this year is given and nothing more. There is not a word about the condition of the crop—whether it has made any progress forward or backward. It is explained that this is in conformity with changes made by Congress at the last session, which "forbid" comments of any kind. It was Congress, also, which three years ago directed the foolish semi-monthly report on the growing cotton crop

to be issued in July and succeeding months, but which has now been wholly abandoned. Now the Department is obliged to go to the other extreme, which is equally defenceless. Fortunately, the shoulders of Congress are of great breadth, so that criticism is easily borne. Furthermore, Congress is not readily held accountable for any of its shortcomings.

All that is available about the cotton crop now is that this year's planting amounts to 42,683,000 acres. This relates to the situation on July 1. As was known before, there has been a marked reduction from last year, and the year before, but the area planted this year is in excess of any year prior thereto. The above figures for this year compare with 48,730,000 acres planted in 1926 and 47,643,000 acres planted the preceding year. The decline from last year is 12.4%. Compared with ten years ago, this year's area planted to cotton shows an increase of 17.4% and the acreage at that time in 1918 was close to the top for all earlier years. It is probable that the Department of Agriculture will add some additional area for this year's cotton acreage during the season as it advances. Reviewing conditions in the States where cotton planting is the largest, the most unsatisfactory showing is in the Southwest. Compared with the acreage of 1926 there are losses this year of 18% in Oklahoma and Louisiana and 15% in Arkansas. Texas is credited this year with 17,035,000 acres, as against 19,140,000 in 1926, a decline this year of 11%. There are losses of 10% in North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama; 11% in Mississippi and 5% in South Carolina. These nine leading cotton States account for 40,870,000 acres this year, out of the total of 42,683,000 acres, or 95.8% of the total. Tennessee shows a reduction in area planted to cotton this year of 19%, Missouri of 35% and Florida likewise. These are States of small production. There are considerable reductions also in Virginia, New Mexico, Arizona and California, while for "all other" States, including Kentucky, southern Illinois and Kansas, the decline is 45%.

The foreign trade statement of the United States, issued by the Department of Commerce at Washington on Thursday of this week, shows merchandise exports for the fiscal year ending with that month considerably in excess of any preceding year back to 1921. Merchandise imports were also close to record figures for the period of seven years. Imports for the fiscal year ending with June were larger than in any preceding years back to 1920, with the single exception of the fiscal year ending June 30 1926, when certain unusual movements in two or three commodities, of which our purchases abroad are very heavy, caused quite an increase in values for that year. Merchandise exports and imports last month were both valued at \$359,000,000, exports showing a loss of \$35,000,000 from May and imports a gain of \$13,000,000 over that month. Exports in June last year were valued at \$338,033,000 and imports \$336,251,000, both exports and imports in June this year showing a gain of \$21,000,000 and \$23,000,000, respectively, over a year ago. There was, however, a small excess of exports in June a year ago amounting to \$1,782,000, while this year the figures show no balance on either side of the account. In the earlier months of 1926, in which the unusual conditions prevailed, affecting merchandise imports in that period (to which refer-

ence is made above), merchandise imports exceeded exports by \$95,186,000, whereas for the first six months of 1927 exports have exceeded imports by \$240,712,000.

For the fiscal year ending with June the value of merchandise exports from the United States was \$4,971,046,000 and of the imports \$4,256,246,000, an excess of exports of \$714,800,000. In the preceding fiscal year exports were valued at \$4,753,550,000 and imports at \$4,466,090,000, an excess of exports of only \$287,460,000. The latter amount was small as compared with most other years. For the fiscal year ending June 30 1926 merchandise imports exceeded by a considerable amount all earlier years, excepting only the year ending June 30 1920, when imports were valued at \$5,238,352,000. Making allowance for the decline in prices that has marked the course of all commodities since 1920, there is little doubt but that imports of merchandise in the past two years have exceeded in quantity all preceding records, and it is believed that notwithstanding the higher value for the fiscal year ending June 30 1926, imports for the year just closed were larger than for any preceding year. For the fiscal year ending June 30 1925 merchandise imports were valued at \$3,824,128,000, which next to 1919-20, noted above, were record figures up to that time. Prior to the late war the highest record of merchandise imports in any year was \$1,818,013,000 for the fiscal year 1911-12.

As to merchandise exports, the figures for the year just closed are higher than for any peace-time period. The value for the latest fiscal year is larger than for any year back to 1921. Comparisons with earlier years back to 1915 or 1916, are so far out of line that they cannot fairly be considered. The highs pre-war record was for 1913, when the value of merchandise exports was \$2,484,018,000. The increase of \$20,967,000 in June exports this year over last year is only in small part due to the larger value of cotton exports last month, the latter amounting to only \$4,242,000, or 12.5%. As to quantity, however, cotton exports last month of 481,943 bales, show a gain of 39% over June 1926. Cotton exports throughout the year have been exceptionally heavy, especially in the six months of 1927 to date. The latter amounted to 5,221,360 bales this year, an increase of 68% over the corresponding figures of 1926. In value, however, cotton exports for the first half of 1927 exceed those of a year ago by only 16%. Petroleum products, which next to cotton, figures the highest in our export trade, show a small loss in value of exports for the first five months of 1927, the latest period for which figures are now available, yet in quantity there is a small gain this year. Exports of grain are also very much larger this year than last, both in value and quantity, while for automobiles, of which exports are heavy, the latest figures show an increase in value of 20%. These four classes of exports enumerated herein—cotton, petroleum, grain and automobiles—contribute fully 45% in value to the total exports from the United States, and the above figures as to these four classes testify as to the extent of the increase in our export trade the present year.

In ten months out of the past twelve months, exports showed an increase in value over the corresponding months of the preceding year. The two months in which there was a decline were October and December 1926, the high value of cotton exports

in those two months in 1925 causing a marked reduction in value for the two months of the past year. The total increase in the value of exports during the past fiscal year over the preceding year was \$217,496,000. On the other hand, imports for the fiscal year just closed show a decline of \$109,844,000 from the preceding fiscal year, and this decline appeared in eight of the twelve months of 1926-27. Most of the decline occurred in the four months of January to April 1927, inclusive, and was contributed to largely by the falling off in the value of imports of rubber, coffee and silk during that period, all leading commodities in our import trade. For those four months this year the decline in the value of rubber imports was \$125,200,000, or 49.2%, while in quantity there was a small gain. Coffee shows a decline of \$28,000,000 in the value of imports for the same period, or 12.4%, and a loss of 11.5% in quantity. Silk shows a loss of about \$10,000,000 in value, or 6.7%, but a gain of 8% in quantity. These three products contribute from 25 to 30% to the total value of all imports into the United States, and in large part explain the decline in imports shown for the past year.

Exports and imports of gold during June continued moderate in amount. Exports were \$1,841,000 and imports \$14,611,000. For the fiscal year ending with June gold exports amounted to \$102,843,000 and imports to \$251,756,000, an excess of imports of \$148,913,000. For the corresponding period in the preceding year, with gold exports slightly higher than for the year just closed and imports somewhat lower, the excess of imports was \$97,268,000. Silver exports last month were \$5,444,000 and imports \$4,790,000.

The problem of cruiser limitation again occupied the three-Power Naval Conference at Geneva during the past week. The Conference was called by President Coolidge and began its deliberations June 20, and soon came to a deadlock on the divergent views concerning cruisers. Some abatement from the original British demand for 600,000 tons in this class was indicated last week by W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty and head of the British delegation. But the differences persist, with the United States and Japan insisting on much lower totals and larger individual units. Moving from defense to attack in explaining the British position, Mr. Bridgeman used the words "offensive" and "aggressive" on July 8 in describing the 10,000-ton cruisers which Hugh S. Gibson, head of the American delegation, has been insisting on the right to maintain as best suited to the national needs of the United States. Mr. Bridgeman, according to an Associated Press dispatch, "painted a Great Britain which sought only to protect her security by possessing a certain desirable number of small-sized 'defensive' warships, while, alluding to the United States, he declared that it was impossible to reduce the total tonnages in the various categories of warships if the maximum tonnage of individual warships were to be pushed up until they became aggressive types. The First Lord's declaration caused a reaction in American circles which is characterized as 'unfavorable' at the least, because it has created the impression generally in Geneva that to the British way of thinking the United States is seeking large-sized individual war craft, because such warships are offensive and even aggressive."

In reply to Mr. Bridgeman's statement, it was pointed out in Geneva that Great Britain possesses seventeen 10,000-ton cruisers, while America has only two. Moreover, it was British insistence that the limitation of 10,000 tons for these craft was incorporated in the Washington Agreement of 1922. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference was held July 9 but "accomplished nothing beyond its printed communique, in which the United States, backed by Japan, once more kicked the subject of capital ships or revision of the Washington Naval Treaty out of the Conference unless a final agreement were reached regarding auxiliary craft." Mr. Gibson, however, caused a shock during the cruiser discussion at the meeting when he decided, "as a basis of argument," to raise the American demands for big cruisers from eighteen to twenty-five, thus using up 250,000 tons of the 400,000 tons suggested in his compromise proposal of July 7. Mr. Bridgeman, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, declared without mincing words that if such were the case Great Britain naturally would be forced to build ship for ship. Experts attached to the American delegation, meanwhile, made a comparison of the cost to American taxpayers of the British and American proposals for cruiser limitation. Of the 300,000 tons originally proposed by the United States, 66,000 tons already are built. The 234,000 tons still to be constructed would cost approximately \$1,620 per ton, or a total of \$378,000,000. Two keels are already laid down and about \$8,000,000 expended, bringing this total down to \$370,000,000, to be spread over the period of five years necessary to complete building. The British total of 600,000 tons would require the building of 534,000 tons in new American cruisers, which at \$1,620 per ton would cost \$865,000,000, again minus the \$8,000,000 already expended on keels laid down. The total cost would thus be nearly a half billion dollars more than is involved in the first American suggestion. On the compromise proposal of 400,000 tons suggested July 7 by Mr. Gibson, the American program would cost the United States \$561,000,000, which is still \$300,000,000 short of the outlay which acceptance of the British proposal would require.

A further plenary session of the Naval Limitation Conference at Geneva was called to meet July 11 at the request of the British delegation. At this session, it was expected, the differences on cruiser limitation would finally be aired and an agreement reached or the Conference suspended. Late last Sunday, however, Mr. Gibson as Chairman of the Conference, received a suggestion for a postponement from Mr. Bridgeman. To this Mr. Gibson replied, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that such postponement was entirely up to the British, as they had made the original demand. The session was finally postponed out of respect to the memory of Keven O'Higgins, Vice-President of the Irish Free State, who was assassinated in Dublin Sunday. The atmosphere of the Conference, however, became less oppressive with some indication that the British demands would be scaled down. The better feeling was attributed in some quarters to pressure from the home Governments at Washington and London. British opinion in particular, it was said, had awakened overnight to the belief that the British delegation at Geneva was following a path dangerous to Anglo-American friendship and under-

standing. But even with British demands on total tonnage scaled down, it was pointed out that three great difficulties would remain in the way of an agreement. First, Great Britain wants 6-inch guns on all cruisers of less than 10,000 tons. The American Navy representatives stand firm for 8-inch guns, so as not to permit Great Britain to arm her huge merchant marine. The second difficulty is that the Americans assert that ten to thirteen cruisers of 10,000 tons would not be sufficient for their needs and insist on a program of at least twenty-two ships of this category. American Admirals contend that in case of trouble in the Far East the United States would be unable to protect convoys across the Pacific with a lesser number. The third great obstacle is that Japan still stands firm for an even greater reduction in total cruiser tonnage, figuring as the maximum for both Great Britain and the United States not more than 250,000 tons. The more conciliatory spirit of Great Britain was made apparent in London also, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Minister for Foreign Affairs, declaring in the House of Commons Monday that it was inconceivable that Great Britain should enter into a naval armament race with the United States. "War between this country and the United States," the Minister continued, "is already outlawed in the heart and soul of every citizen of this country. I hope it is equally so in the great Republic of the United States of America."

With British and American views on cruisers converging on approximately 400,000 tons, the Japanese delegation began to play a more prominent part in the Geneva deliberations Tuesday. Viscount Ishii and Admiral Saito have persistently supported all proposals for reduction and limitation and upheld vigorously the lower figure of from 250,000 to 300,000 tons first suggested by the United States delegates. The possibility of Anglo-American accord on a basis of 400,000 tons brought no change in the Japanese attitude, Admiral Saito insisting that 250,000 tons each for Britain and America should be the absolute maximum. This low figure, it was said, while most acceptable to the American delegation, was considered quite impossible by the British. A way out of the difficulties, first suggested informally by Japan, was considered possible in the grouping of both cruiser and destroyer tonnage into a limited "globular" tonnage. A London dispatch of July 13 to the New York "Times," reported that a compromise proposal on this basis, envisaging a 12-12-8 ratio of heavy cruisers, was under consideration by Great Britain. This proposal, it was said, would imply a total tonnage of cruisers and destroyers of 550,000 for Britain and America and 320,000 for Japan. Within these totals the United States and Great Britain would have 350,000 tons each of cruisers and 200,000 of destroyers, while Japan would have 210,000 tons of cruisers and 110,000 tons of destroyers. The proposal would also limit the number of 10,000-ton cruisers to twelve each for Britain and America and eight for Japan.

A further plenary session of the Conference was held Thursday, but despite the British "feeler" outlined above, the deadlock continued. The three divergent viewpoints were again presented by the heads of the respective delegations, practically without change from the original proposals put forth three weeks ago, when the Conference began. Mr. Gibson, it was said, ranged himself more toward the

side of Japan and placed responsibility for finding an agreement on both Japan and England. Mr. Bridgeman charged that the "conference atmosphere is being vitiated by gross misrepresentation of the British case." The First Lord admitted that in the Conference differences had been expressed in "blunt, plain language," but he contended, not once but thrice, during his speech that "every atom of partial information has been dragged from its context in order to create friction and ill-will." Mr. Bridgeman's argument was basically the same as he made on the opening day and has repeated many times since, namely, that while admitting parity with the United States, Great Britain insists on fixing cruiser units before taking global tonnage into consideration. Admiral Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet at Jutland, also took up the cudgels for Britain at Thursday's meeting and sought to show that his country needed at least seventy cruisers. At the outbreak of the World War, the Admiral said, Great Britain had 114 cruisers, which number proved inadequate to cope with commerce raiders. To this Mr. Gibson replied in part: "We have listened with interest to the views of the British delegation as to their special needs for numbers of light cruisers. We have heard the striking statement of Admiral Jellicoe as to the strength of forces needed to hunt commerce raiders, I confess, however, that the American delegation entertains serious misgivings in regard to efforts to prepare in time of peace for all possible contingencies of this character in time of war. It seems clear to us that this same duty of hunting commerce raiders may fall upon any one of our navies in time of war, but that if in time of peace we are building up forces to perform this duty, it effectively shuts the door to any real limitation of naval strength." Viscount Ishii again declared for Japan that he had come to Geneva to get real limitation of armaments on the basis of the status quo with a ratio slightly above 5-5-3.

A wave of indignation and horror swept over the Irish Free State last Sunday when Kevin O'Higgins, Vice-President and Minister of Justice and External Affairs, was assassinated in Dublin. Mr. O'Higgins was shot a number of times by unknown assailants while on his way to church and died shortly after the attack. He was regarded as the "strong man" of the Cosgrave Cabinet and was known to have many enemies among the Republican extremists, having been largely responsible for the execution of seventy-seven irregulars in 1922 and 1923. A meeting of the Free State Cabinet was held the same day for the purpose of taking action in what was considered a serious situation. Later a statement was issued by President Cosgrave briefly describing the crime and reassuring the Irish people of the strength and stability of the Government. The Irish Republicans repudiated the act and Eamon de Valera, their leader, branded it as "murder and inexcusable from any standpoint." Dublin police arrested nine members of an irregular and illegal organization as possibly concerned in the plot. President Cosgrave declared in the Irish Parliament that the crime was political. The immediate effect of the slaying, it was said, was a strong revulsion of popular feeling against the opponents of the Free State Government. The country remained calm and the fear of reprisals, entertained at first, quickly passed away.

The civil strife between the Southern Nationalists and the Northern War Lords in China is proceeding in true native fashion. There are three contestants for supremacy in the land and each is watching the others with the utmost caution while here and there minor generals shift their allegiance overnight as fancy or advantage may dictate. The recapture of a small section in Shantung Province was reported by the Northerners early in the week, but otherwise nothing developed in the Southern advance on Peking. Each side is apparently waiting to tire the other out, perhaps in accord with the Chinese dictum that he is the best general who wins with the least fighting. Between the two Southern Nationalist factions, serious differences have again developed and each threatened early in the week to settle with the other before proceeding with the advance on Peking. That, perhaps, is the real reason for the halt in the Southern operations, for expert foreign observers have frequently declared the fall of the capital to be inevitable. Nationalist sentiment is strong throughout the North as well as the South of China, and this, of course, facilitates the northward sweep of the Nationalist armies as nothing else can. The advance of the Southerners from the Yangtze Valley to that of the Hoang-Ho was accomplished through obvious co-operation of the two Southern factions and the present falling out will doubtless delay further that unification of the country under one rule for which all well-wishers of China are hoping.

The Hankow Nationalists, influenced by Russian Communist counsels, have displayed remarkable vitality in the face of several serious defections and hundreds of predictions of its early demise. According to a Hankow dispatch of July 8, to the New York "Times," this radical faction now intends to war on the moderate Government of Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking. The assertion was made in an interview by Eugene Chen, Foreign Minister of the Hankow regime. "We shall take Nanking within forty days without question," he declared. "Chiang Kai-shek's men are ready to come to Hankow as soon as we move in that direction. His officers are not loyal to him. He is hindering Shanghai's merchants and, as revolutionary, is finished." Chiang Kai-shek, for his own part, has adopted a similar minatory attitude toward Hankow, declaring in published statements that he will defeat the Communists before continuing his major drive on Peking. A Shanghai dispatch of July 14 to the New York "Evening Post" reported the actual march toward Nanking of three Hankow armies. Among these is the Cantonese "Iron Army," which bore the brunt of the advance from Canton northward. Hankow, the dispatch said, "expects to attack Nanking's two provinces, Kiangsu and Anhui, anticipating Chiang Kai-shek, who will be simultaneously facing the Northern offensive. The Chinese call this 'nutcracker strategy,' with Chiang Kai-shek taking the part of the nut." Chiang, moreover, was said to be withdrawing his crack Seventh Army from the Northern front to meet the Hankow onslaught. The Communists also are reported at their customary propaganda activities in Shanghai, which is Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold. They hope through these tactics, again to influence Chinese laborers and students with a patriotic issue. Chiang Kai-shek, as it happens, appears to have been playing into their hands. He has raised taxes unmercifully in the great Chinese trading port and brought down a storm of native and

foreign criticism on his head. The taxes, it was said, are so excessive that they are likely to force the closing of tobacco factories and cotton mills. The Communists, according to the "Post" dispatch, are ready to use unemployment dissatisfaction to stir up mass animosity against the Nanking Government. Nanking, accordingly, "may modify the financial program." Moscow, apparently, is not satisfied with the course of the Chinese struggle. A dispatch of Thursday from the Russian capital to the New York "Times" said that the Comintern, or Executive Committee on Chinese Affairs, had issued a scathing denunciation of the "Red" Government of Hankow. "Hankow already ranks as a counter-revolutionary force," according to the Russian Bureau, indicating a marked swing away from extremist counsels by the Government of Eugene Chen and Borodin. The Chinese Communists are adjured, however, "to remain in the Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party and to bore from within among its rank and file against its leaders, aiming at a new congress of the Kuomintang Party to remove its present directors."

Japan, meanwhile, has again shown her determination to maintain commercial supremacy in Shantung Province. Japanese troops were dispatched inland from Tsing-tao July 9, on the railway to Tsinan-fu, small detachments being dropped on the way. The troops were sent, it was said, to protect the 20,000 Japanese nationals scattered throughout Shantung. The Peking Government promptly protested against this action and demanded the immediate withdrawal of all Japanese forces. In Shanghai, also, great indignation was manifested over the Japanese action. Demonstrations were staged and the boycott of Japanese goods was made more rigid.

Hundred of people were killed and thousands made homeless by an earthquake in Palestine last Monday. The "quake," said to be the severest experienced in Palestine in a hundred years, was general over Transjordan and was also felt in Egypt. Unlike previous earthquakes in that region, the tremors spread eastward from Transjordan, instead of toward the northwest. Apparently earth-slippage occurred along the great geologic fault that parallels the River Jordan. Parts of the city of Jerusalem were badly damaged by the upheaval, the loss suffered by public and private buildings there being tentatively estimated a \$1,250,000. The loss of life is put at 670. No irreparable damage was caused to historic buildings, according to early reports, though expert examination is still to be made. The earthquake will have a profound effect on the economic situation in Palestine, according to a dispatch to the London "Daily Express," reprinted by the New York "Times." Affairs in the Zionist colony were already nearing a crisis, the dispatch said, with business enterprise at a standstill and unemployment widespread. The correspondent asserts that all sorts of Communist and Socialist schemes have been forced on the Zionist organization, draining the treasury of its funds and adding to the general distress.

The convulsive fury of the elements, visited on the twin valleys of the Gottleuba and Mueglitz rivers in the German State of Saxony, caused much loss of life and property damage on July 8. Two massive walls of water, created almost instantaneously

by a terrific cloudburst following on long hours of heavy rainstorms, thundered through the valleys with destructive force and left them strewn with debris. Whole villages literally were wiped out by the floods, according to the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times." The deaths were said to number approximately 200 and the damage was placed at more than 70,000,000 marks. The area affected is the centre of the Saxon watch industry and many of the establishments are reported destroyed. The storm extended later along the Alps and the Appenines and caused some damage in north and central Italy also.

Opposition within the Russian Communist Party continues to be a matter of great concern to the Soviet leaders. A showdown will come the first week in August, according to Walter Duranty, correspondent at Moscow for the New York "Times." A joint plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Central Control Committee has been convened for that week to decide whether the opposition leaders, Trotzky and Zinovieff, should be expelled from the Central Committee. The Opposition, Mr. Duranty said in a special cable of July 13, starts from the premise that the Administration by overleniency to the bourgeois elements, in villages particularly, but also in towns, is gradually allowing Russia to become a petit bourgeois State which, sooner or later, will be dominated by a non-Communist Agrarian majority. "Accordingly, its first plank is for pressure upon the richer peasantry, extended if necessary to a redivision of the land now held by them through rental and other devices. The second plank concerns industry, which would be 'rationalized' and co-ordinated on a more practical and less expensive basis. In particular, the authority of the labor unions would be extended and in each Soviet factory the workers would be made responsible for the success of their enterprise. On broad lines, the Opposition program may be described as a 'renaissance' of the revolutionary spirit of the proletariat, led and inspired by the spirit of 100% pure Communism. In this sense, at least, the program 'swings to the Left,' a reversion in theory and, to some extent, in practice to the period of militant Communism from 1918 to 1921."

A definite pledge to maintain the exchange value of the lira at its present level was given July 9 by Premier Mussolini of Italy. Receiving representatives of Italian industries, the Premier declared: "Exchange will be firmly maintained at 90 to the pound sterling. On this point the Government admits neither discussion nor doubt. The producers to-day have stability of currency as a sure basis for their forecasts and their work." This pronouncement was received with much relief by the Italian industrialists who have been struggling with grave difficulties occasioned by the revalorization policy. The statements previously made by Count Volpi, indicating that revaluation of the lira will not be resumed for a long time, are thus confirmed and strengthened. The Premier also promised to aid the industrialists by cutting down taxation. The cuts, he said, will be "noteworthy," and will be followed by lower freight rates on land and sea. These further efforts of the Italian Government to help the industrialists are regarded as an illuminating commentary on the upsetting effects of the rapid rise in

the lira. Practical stabilization has been in effect for more than two months, but the troubles persist. They were again stated July 8 in Rome by Signor Benni, President of the Fascist Confederation of Italian Industries. Signor Benni urged his hearers to adjust their production to the present level of the lira. He said he recognized that this would spell ruin for some peak industries and losses for others, but he added that the situation was not desperate and must be overcome, first, by scientific organization, and then by applying all other measures to reduce costs. Wages, he continued, had not fallen in proportion to the increased value of the lira, nor was this to be expected, as the cost of living had remained relatively high and it was not fair to expect the workers to bear this sacrifice. Agreements in industries producing the same class of goods also were urged by Signor Benni. Such agreements, he said, would have the full support and encouragement of the Government. The problem of reducing overhead expenses could be solved, he added, by a better scientific organization of industry.

Political union between Germany and Austria, long thought probable by experienced observers, was again declared imminent in Paris the past week. The assertions this time were unusually definite, according to the correspondent of the New York "Times." Opinion in Paris diverged, apparently, only as to the means by which "Anschluss" is to be accomplished. The "Times" correspondent cabled under date of July 9: "No future political development in Europe can be predicted with any greater degree of certainty than a political union between Germany and Austria. It may not come for a few years; it may come in a few months; but it seems sure to come some time. Anschluss between the two German-speaking countries would be fraught with great significance for all Europe, for certainly its success would be taken by Berlin as a long step toward the establishment of a Mittel-Europa, plans for which call for the inclusion, economically, of Hungary in the combination to be put on foot by the inclusion, politically, of little Austria within the Germanic cadre." Such union, it is pointed out, would be contrary to the Treaty of St. Germain and would call for authorization beforehand by the Council of the League of Nations. This, it is declared in Paris, would not prove a real barrier. M. Jules Sauerwein, Foreign Editor of "Le Matin," in a special dispatch of July 10 to the "Times" said: "Most competent observers of European politics declare that this movement is about to take place. It can take place in two ways. First, by regular procedure, that is to say, by Austria demanding from the League of Nations, in conformity with the Treaty of St. Germain, permission to renounce its independence. The second way is to achieve incorporation without using that word and without committing any official act, that is to say, by erecting Austria in every way as if it were a province of the Reich." The later method is already under way, adds M. Sauerwein, who points to the unification of German and Austrian laws and military regulations as ample evidence thereof. The "Temps" of Paris, usually inspired, said July 9: "When one reflects on the possible consequences for all Europe in the success of such a campaign; when one considers that peace may be at stake in this movement to break an equilibrium so laboriously established in Central

Europe after the victory of the Allies, one cannot resist being disturbed." There is a tendency in some quarters to look upon the agitation of the question at this time as an attempt to influence Czechoslovakia in the matter of a tariff agreement between that country and Austria. French influence in Prague is weighty and is being thrown, according to this view, on the side of the tariff agreement, precisely in order to prevent what it declares to be imminent.

A complete rupture between British and Soviet labor unions is likely to follow the breaking of relations between the English and Russian Governments. Hitherto, friendly relations between the labor organizations have prevailed, Labor M. P.s even giving the departing Communist officials a farewell party when asked to leave by the British Government. Last week, however, Mr. J. H. Thomas, M. P., delivered at the annual conference of the National Union of Railwaymen a scathing condemnation of M. Tomsy and the Russian labor leaders for interfering in the domestic affairs of the British trade union movement. "If it is wrong for us to interfere with affairs in Russia," he said, "surely it is inconsistent not to apply the same principle to Russia and our affairs. These people whose cause we are championing are subsidizing people to interfere with us. I hope that Russia will immediately abandon the absurd idea that she can engineer a revolution with this country. It is a foolish, absurd and insane blunder." The committee of the British General Council then proceeded to consider the whole question of Anglo-Russian trade union relations. The general expectation, it was said, was that they will report in favor of terminating the Anglo-Russian Committee and breaking with the Russian trade unions.

Socialist mobs, "actuated by indescribable fury and frenzy," went on a rampage in Vienna yesterday before the Government buildings and, after sacking and burning the Ministry of Justice, were brought under control by the grim rattle of machine guns. The Socialist leaders, who were staging a demonstration, lost control of their followers, and these, sweeping aside police resistance, vented their ungovernable rage on the Palace of Justice, meanwhile shouting "Revolution" and calling on Chancellor Seipel to resign. The demonstration had been planned as a protest against the acquittal of a number of Nationalists, or Austrian Fascisti, who had slain a Socialist and his small child in Schattendorf, Austria, last January. The disorders started Thursday and were renewed yesterday, when all workers struck and marched toward the centre of the city shouting "Down with the Fascists! Kill them! Revenge!" Women and girls joined the men in sacking the Ministry of Justice and the mob then turned on the offices of the Pan-German newspaper, "Wiener Neueste Nachrichten," in a nearby street. Here the presses were demolished and the furniture thrown into the street. The police opened machine-gun fire to save their comrades in the burning Palace of Justice. The number of fatalities was small, but the injured, it was said, would reach 600. A general strike was called yesterday afternoon and was expected to intensify the trouble.

No change occurred this week in official discount rates at leading European centres, which remain at



7% in Italy; 6% in Berlin and Austria; 5% in Paris, Belgium, Denmark and Madrid; 4½% in London and Norway; 4% in Sweden, and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discounts closed yesterday at 4 5-16@4⅜% for short bills, against 4¼@4 5-16% on Friday of last week, and at 4 5-16@4⅜% for three months' bills, the same as last week. Money on call in London was up to 3¾% the early part of the week, but was quoted yesterday at 3¼%, the same as on Friday of last week. At Paris open market discount rates continue at 2¼%, but in Switzerland there has been a reduction from 3½% to 3 7-16%.

The Bank of England in its statement as of July 13 reported a reduction of £6,019 in gold holdings, the sum of which now is £151,068,427. At the same time last year gold holdings stood at £151,335,084 and in 1925 at £161,567,002. A gain of £667,000 was shown in reserve of gold and notes in banking department, notes in circulation having decreased £673,000. Proportion of the bank's reserve to liabilities rose to 30.18% from 26.34% reported last week. Two weeks ago the percentage was 26.71. Loans on Government securities increased £1,370,000, but loans on other securities decreased £15,126,000. Public deposits declined £9,172,000, and other deposits £3,952,000. Total notes in circulation stands at £137,585,000, compared with £141,468,970 in 1926 and £143,148,580 the previous year. The Bank's official discount rate remains unchanged at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of various items in the Bank of England return for a period of five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	July 13.	July 14.	July 15.	July 16.	July 18.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	137,585,000	141,468,970	143,148,580	126,202,600	125,786,350
Public deposits.....	10,033,000	9,352,400	12,594,780	11,739,127	11,094,361
Other deposits.....	100,425,000	114,011,892	115,229,033	107,447,023	111,639,476
Govern't securities	48,917,000	38,925,328	36,006,733	45,187,467	47,528,731
Other securities.....	46,363,000	72,876,165	71,684,455	70,180,590	71,582,498
Reserve notes & coin	33,333,000	29,616,114	38,168,422	21,818,511	21,600,727
Coin and bullion.....	151,068,427	151,335,084	161,567,002	128,271,111	127,637,077
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	30.18%	24%	29¾%	18¼%	17¾%
Bank rate.....	4½%	5%	5%	4%	4%

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency note issues and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard.  
 b Beginning with the statement for April 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 return for the week ended July 13 reported a decrease of 460,231,000 francs in note circulation. Total notes now in circulation stand at 53,490,318,780 francs, in comparison with 54,917,994,425 francs a year ago and 44,532,375,170 francs in 1925. The State reduced its obligations to the Bank by 100,000,000 francs. It now owes the Bank 26,550,000,000 francs, against 37,800,000,000 francs in 1926 and 27,850,000,000 francs the previous year. Gold holdings at home were increased 66,000 francs, while the gold abroad available and abroad non-available remained unchanged. The grand total of the gold holdings of all kinds now is 5,546,894,343 francs, as against 5,548,640,339 francs a year ago and 5,546,798,317 francs two years ago. Bills discounted increased 186,745,000 francs, Treasury deposits 28,286,000 francs, and general deposits 627,129,000 francs. Silver decreased 13,000 francs, and trade advances 17,801,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in the Bank of France statement are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		July 13 1927.	July 14 1926.	July 16 1925.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	66,000	3,682,573,441	3,684,319,432	3,682,477,410
Abroad—Available	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Non-available --	Unchanged	1,401,549,425		
Total.....Inc.	66,000	5,546,894,343	5,548,640,339	5,546,798,317
Silver.....Dec.	13,000	344,531,015	337,753,353	311,941,326
Bills discounted...Inc.	186,745,000	1,616,650,464	5,225,851,645	3,166,934,487
Trade advances...Dec.	17,801,000	1,652,891,498	2,304,799,101	3,012,114,194
Note circulation...Dec.	460,231,000	53,490,318,780	54,917,994,425	44,532,375,170
Treasury deposits...Inc.	28,286,000	173,731,129	12,893,001	32,380,157
General deposits...Inc.	627,129,000	12,523,365,380	3,225,581,712	2,498,911,340
Advances to State...Dec.	100,000,000	26,550,000,000	37,800,000,000	27,850,000,000

The statement of the Bank of Germany for the week ended July 7 showed a reduction of 138,662,000 marks in note circulation, offsetting to that extent last week's increase. Notes in circulation therefore, now stand at 3,676,547,000 marks, as against 2,892,749,000 marks in 1926 and 2,442,639,000 marks the previous year. Other liabilities increased 9,998,000 marks, but other daily maturing obligations decreased 81,629,000 marks. On the asset side of the account there are both increases and decreases. Gold and bullion declined 446,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 177,015,000 marks, silver 2,884,000 marks, and advances 74,740,000 marks. On the other hand, reserves in foreign currencies increased 6,550,000 marks, notes on other German banks 8,188,000 marks, investments 128,000 marks and other assets 29,926,000 marks, while deposits abroad remained unchanged. Total gold holdings are now 1,802,123,000 marks, against 1,492,269,000 marks a year ago and 1,065,601,000 marks in 1925. Below we give a detailed comparative statement of the Reichsbank returns for a period of three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	July 13 1927.			July 14 1926.			July 15 1925.		
		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—										
Gold & bullion.....Dec.	446,000	1,802,123,000	1,492,269,000	1,065,601,000						
Of which depos. abrd.	Unchanged									
Res'v in for'n curr....Inc.	6,550,000	73,542,000	344,415,000	355,200,000						
Bills of exch. & checks...Dec.	177,015,000	2,317,629,000	1,273,111,000	1,579,680,000						
Silver & other coin...Dec.	2,884,000	91,966,000	105,748,000	66,930,000						
Notes on oth. Ger. bks...Inc.	8,188,000	16,838,000	15,538,000	18,936,000						
Advances.....Dec.	74,740,000	71,853,000	7,672,000	15,611,000						
Investments.....Inc.	128,000	93,051,000	89,494,000	201,344,000						
Other assets.....Inc.	29,926,000	491,689,000	620,285,000	685,708,000						
Liabilities—										
Notes in circulation...Dec.	138,662,000	3,676,547,000	2,892,749,000	2,442,639,000						
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Dec.	81,629,000	587,889,000	579,477,000	573,984,000						
Other liabilities.....Inc.	9,998,000	328,074,000	116,433,000	661,650,000						

Easy conditions prevailed in the New York money market throughout the past week and were reflected by an undeviating rate of 4% for demand loans on the Stock Exchange. There was an overflow of funds into the outside market each day, where trades were reported at 3¾% with equal regularity. Loans of about \$15,000,000 were called by the banks Monday, almost entirely for out-of-town correspondents. There was little occasion for the calling of loans by the Clearing House banks on their own account as the series of reserve deficits shown in preceding weeks was converted into a substantial excess on Saturday last. Calling of upward of \$10,000,000 loans yesterday was construed as being done with a view to strengthening their positions for to-day's Clearing House condition report. Fixed date funds also were easier and in good supply. Sixty-day loans were made in fair volume Monday at 4⅜%, this rate prevailing thereafter. Ninety days was done at 4½%, while six months' loans continued at 4⅝%. A substantial decrease in brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral was reported in Thursday's statement of the Federal Reserve Bank for New York reporting member

banks. The decrease amounted to \$67,048,000. The total of loans outstanding is still extremely high. The gold movement of the week through the Port of New York was relatively small.

Dealing specifically with the call loan rates from day to day, it is only necessary to repeat what has already been said above, namely that as far as business on the Stock Exchange is concerned, renewals on each and every day have been at 4% and so have all other loans. In the time loan branch of the market, while funds have been in good supply for the shorter maturities no important changes in rates have occurred. The 30-day rate remains at 4¼%, the 60-day rate at 4¾@4½%, the 90-day rate at 4½%, and the quotation for four to six months remained at 4½@4⅝%. Commercial paper 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 is 4¼@4½%, which is also the quotation for New England mill paper.

The market for banks' and bankers' acceptances has continued quiet without any change in rates. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council still remains at 3¾%. The Acceptance Council now makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks the same as a week ago, namely 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 30 days; 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for 60 days and also for 90 days; 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 120 days, and 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations also remain unchanged, as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
180 Days		150 Days		120 Days	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills...	4	3¾	4	3¾	3¾
90 Days		60 Days		30 Days	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills...	3¾	3%	3¾	3¾	3¾

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	3¾ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¾ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on July 15.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	4	Nov. 10 1925	3¾
New York.....	4	Aug. 13 1926	3¾
Philadelphia.....	4	Nov. 20 1925	3¾
Cleveland.....	4	Nov. 17 1925	3¾
Richmond.....	4	June 14 1924	4½
Atlanta.....	4	June 18 1924	4½
Chicago.....	4	June 14 1924	4½
St. Louis.....	4	June 19 1924	4½
Minneapolis.....	4	Oct. 15 1924	4½
Kansas City.....	4	July 1 1924	4½
Dallas.....	4	July 16 1924	4½
San Francisco.....	4	Nov. 23 1925	3¾

Sterling exchange and the entire foreign exchange market, has been marked by extreme dullness the present week. Traders say the market has been about as dull as it has been at any time since the war. There has not been enough business transacted to keep half the phones and desks employed. Sterling fluctuations have been within the narrow range of ⅛. During the greater part of the time the quotations were purely nominal. London cables indicated a similar state of affairs there, particularly with regard to transactions with New York. A week ago, it will be recalled there was a considerable

flurry of offerings of sixty- and ninety-day cotton bills, as well as seven-day sight grain bills. The present week, however, these bills have been conspicuously absent. It is seasonal that they should be absent until around the middle of August. The transactions of the week have been very largely of a routine commercial and financial character. The grain and cotton bills, as stated, being less in evidence. While the Continental exchanges have been dull transactions of all kinds, German marks, Italian lire, and French francs, taken together, accounted for fully 75% of the business done in foreign exchange, leaving the volume of sterling operations far below normal. One reason for the extreme dullness has been virtual elimination of speculative interest owing to the practical pegging of the important European currencies, with no news of a political or business character on the horizon which might be construed to encourage operations for either an advance or a decline. London advices have stated that the opinion is generally held that the French conversion of sterling holdings into dollars continued to have a depressing effect on sterling. But New York bankers say that British lending abroad and the lightening of sterling accounts on the part of American banks in preparation for heavier offerings of commodity sterling bills have been the more important factors. The total amount of new money raised in the London market in the first half of this year exceeds £160,000,000. This is more than in any six months since the first half of 1922, when the aggregate was approximately £170,000,000. The London "Times" a few days ago expressed the opinion that these foreign loans were an unfavorable influence, but from all indications no steps will be taken to curtail the lending, as there is a considerable body of industrial opinion in favor of the foreign loans, holding that they open markets for British goods and will in the long run offset other factors which might be adverse to sterling exchange.

Foreign exchange circles are still concerned over the claims upon London gold which Paris is able to exercise at will. The Bank of England is taking none of the open-market gold. The weekly statement of the Bank on Thursday showed a decrease of bullion holdings of only £6,019 during the week. Other changes were so favorable that the proportion of the Bank's reserve to liability rose to 30.18%, whereas a week earlier it was 26.34%. On Monday the Bank of England sold £5,000 in gold bars, destination not stated. On Wednesday the Bank exported £6,000 in sovereigns to India. On Thursday the Bank exported £10,000 to Egypt. On Thursday the Bank released £500,000 in sovereigns to be set aside for the account of South Africa and yesterday it set aside £250,000 for South Africa. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended July 13 consisted of imports of \$57,000 in numerous small shipments from various countries, but most of it from South and Central America. Exports totaled \$587,000, chiefly to Mexico and the Far East. There was no Canadian movement of gold either to or from the United States. The New York Federal Reserve Bank in its statement for the week ended July 13 showed a further reduction of \$10,900,000 in gold held abroad and earmarked with the Bank of England. This reduces its original earmarked gold purchased from the Bank of France to \$2,680,000. Canadian exchange continued at a discount, fluctuating from 5-32 to ⅛ of 1% discount.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in a quiet market. Demand bills were  $4.85\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4.85$  3-16. Cable transfers were  $4.85\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4.85$  9-16, with only routine transactions taking place. On Monday sterling opened firm, but eased off to previous close on a slightly lower tone in British money rates. Demand was  $4.85$  3-16 and cable transfers were  $4.85$  9-16. On Tuesday sterling was steady throughout the day, with demand again at  $4.85$  3-16 and cable transfers at  $4.85\frac{1}{2}$ . On Wednesday and Thursday the market was nominal and dull, at the same figure. On Friday the range for demand was  $4.85$  3-16@ $4.85\frac{1}{4}$ , but cable transfers sold at  $4.85$  9-16. Closing quotations yesterday were  $4.85\frac{1}{4}$  for demand and  $4.85$  9-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $4.85\frac{1}{8}$ , sixty-day bills at  $4.81$  5-16, ninety-day bills at  $4.79\frac{5}{8}$ , documents for payment (sixty days) at  $4.81$  3-16, and seven-day grain bills at  $4.84\frac{3}{8}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $4.85\frac{1}{8}$ .

In the Continental exchanges the feature of the week, and the surprise of the year, was the sharp rise in the German mark. Mark checks on Saturday of last week closed at 23.69 and cable transfers at 23.70. On Tuesday and Wednesday a touch of novelty was imparted to the market, marks selling on the latter day as high as 23.74 for checks, with substantial buying both here and abroad. This buying was based to all appearances on the favorable reception of the Rentenbank loan offered in New York and in Europe on Monday. Until this event German exchange had been showing a weaker tendency for several months, despite the rather steady quotations. The Reichsbank's foreign exchange holdings had been declining steadily and the weekly statements had begun to show a loss of gold. Another factor which strengthened the mark was the recent decision of the Government to rescind the 10% tax on interest on approved foreign loans. Since this decision and the success of the Rentenbank loan, there has been a flood of applications for loans both in New York and in the London market. The sharp response in mark exchange gives encouragement to operators on this side, and the market expects that with successful borrowing on a large scale the mark will show an upward trend. New York will doubtless prove the chief market for German long-term loans. There is, nevertheless, no disposition in London to curtail these loans. However, not all the factors favor a bullish position in marks. The Reichsbank statement shows a loss of 405,000,000 marks of foreign exchange holdings during the past twelve months. Practically all these holdings have been lost since Jan. 1 in an endeavor to maintain exchange. The Reichsbank's stock of gold and dollars in New York, it is believed, has been entirely spent. The Berlin money market continues strained; day-to-day loans continue dear at 7@8%, while monthly loans at 8@9% are almost unobtainable. Private discount rate ranges from  $5\frac{7}{8}$ % to 6%. These high rates for short-term accommodation are of course very attractive to both New York and London funds and may yet result in bringing such credits to Berlin as to favor mark exchange. French exchange presented no striking features and the underlying conditions and prospects are in all respects unchanged from the past few weeks. There is world-wide confidence in the ability of the French to stabilize the franc at present or at whatsoever level is ultimately thought

advisable. This, of course, gives an optimistic note to all transactions in the franc. Italian lire were steady throughout the week, but there were no spectacular features. Speculative interests have seemed to learn that it is dangerous to run up the lire to a higher figure than the Government desires, that is, around 5.45 to 5.50. Perhaps the characteristic note in Italian exchange at present is one of optimistic tranquillity. Premier Mussolini has virtually guaranteed the continuance of a stabilized value. It is well understood that Austrian exchange continues pretty well stabilized and there is some mystery in the way in which Austria and Hungary are steadily taking gold from the London open market. All reports show that there is an important recovery in business in Austria. Finished manufactures in the first quarter of 1927 totalled approximately 321,700,000 schillings, against 293,400,000 last year, while imports are lower in volume and practically unchanged.

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  $3.91\frac{1}{2}$  (unchanged from a week ago); cable transfers at  $3.91\frac{3}{4}$  (unchanged), and commercial sight bills at 3.91, against  $3.91\frac{1}{8}$  a week ago. Antwerp francs finished at 13.90 for checks and at 13.91 for cable transfers, as against 13.90 and 13.91. Final quotations for Berlin marks were  $23.73\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and  $23.74\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.69 and 23.70 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.44 for bankers' sight bills and at  $5.44\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, against  $5.44\frac{1}{2}$  and 5.45 last week. Austrian schillings have not been changed from  $14\frac{1}{8}$ . Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at  $2.96\frac{1}{4}$ , against  $2.96\frac{1}{4}$ ; on Bucharest at  $0.61\frac{3}{4}$ , against 0.63; on Poland at 11.50, against 11.35, and on Finland at 2.52 (unchanged). Greek exchange closed at 1.33 for checks and at  $1.33\frac{1}{4}$  for cable transfers, against  $1.32\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1.32\frac{3}{4}$  a week ago.

On the exchanges of the countries neutral during the war the feature of the week has been activity in Spanish pesetas. New York institutions have been strong buyers whenever pesetas were offered. London was also a strong buyer. However, many of the transactions were of a speculative character. On Saturday a week ago Spanish exchange showed an improvement of 5 points, from 17.04 to 17.09 for checks in a short session. This was followed on Monday by a further rise of 8 points, to 17.17. Since then, there has been some reaction. In some quarters it is believed that the large offerings of pesetas in New York and London come from South American centers, where bankers are desirous of establishing dollar and sterling credits. The Scandinavian exchanges have been quiet and even dull, all transactions being of routine banking nature. The same comment applies to the other neutral exchanges. Holland guilder transactions formed the greater part of the business.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.04, against  $40.04\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.06, against  $40.06\frac{1}{4}$ , 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  $19.24\frac{1}{2}$  and 19.25 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.74 and cable transfers at 26.75, against 26.72 and 26.73. Checks on Sweden closed

at 26.78 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.77 and 26.78, while checks on Norway finished at 25.83, and cable transfers at 25.84, against 25.89 and 25.90. Spanish pesetas closed at 17.11 for checks and 17.12 for cable transfers, which compares with 17.06 and 17.07 a week earlier.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922.**  
JULY 9 1927 TO JULY 15 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York. Value in United States Money.					
	July 9.	July 11.	July 12.	July 13.	July 14.	July 15.
<b>EUROPE—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.14085	.14064	.14061	.14082	.14066	.14081
Belgium, belga	.1390	.1390	.1390	.1390	.1390	.1390
Bulgaria, lev	.007223	.007241	.007221	.007254	.007246	.007258
Czechoslovakia, krona	.029621	.029624	.029621	.029627	.029625	.029624
Denmark, krone	.2672	.2672	.2672	.2672	.2672	.2673
England, pound sterling	4.8551	4.8550	4.8549	4.8548	4.8549	4.8550
Finland, marka	.025203	.025192	.025197	.025200	.025200	.025200
France, franc	.0391	.0391	.0391	.0391	.0391	.0391
Germany, reichsmark	.2370	.2370	.2373	.2373	.2374	.2374
Greece, drachma	.013286	.013278	.013233	.013211	.013238	.013278
Holland, guilder	.4006	.4006	.4006	.4006	.4006	.4006
Hungary, pengo	.1744	.1744	.1744	.1744	.1744	.1744
Italy, lira	.0545	.0543	.0543	.0543	.0544	.0544
Norway, krone	.2585	.2585	.2583	.2583	.2582	.2582
Poland, zloty	.1122	.1127	.1126	.1130	.1127	.1127
Portugal, escudo	.0503	.0499	.0501	.0503	.0501	.0500
Rumania, leu	.006268	.006244	.006118	.006095	.006120	.006148
Spain, peseta	.1707	.1715	.1712	.1710	.1712	.1711
Sweden, krona	.2677	.2677	.2676	.2677	.2677	.2677
Switzerland, franc	.1925	.1925	.1925	.1925	.1925	.1925
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017584	.017584	.017587	.017583	.017581	.017583
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.6463	.6473	.6479	.6479	.6469	.6477
Hankow, tael	.6406	.6417	.6428	.6425	.6417	.6420
Shanghai, tael	.6200	.6213	.6229	.6221	.6215	.6218
Tientsin, tael	.6529	.6540	.6550	.6542	.6535	.6544
Hong Kong, dollar	.4881	.4896	.4901	.4897	.4894	.4893
Mexican dollar	.4519	.4448	.4456	.4449	.4446	.4449
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.4383	.4388	.4394	.4390	.4385	.4394
Yuan, dollar	.4350	.4354	.4360	.4356	.4352	.4360
India, rupee	.3611	.3610	.3611	.3612	.3611	.3610
Japan, yen	.4724	.4715	.4714	.4713	.4714	.4713
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5596	.5596	.5596	.5596	.5596	.5596
<b>NORTH AMER.</b>						
Canada, dollar	.998304	.998410	.998640	.998516	.998562	.998563
Cuba, peso	.999094	.999094	.999094	.999094	.999031	.999094
Mexico, peso	.463333	.462833	.463167	.463667	.462917	.463583
Newfoundland, dollar	.995844	.996000	.996125	.996375	.996031	.996219
<b>SOUTH AMER.</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9652	.9654	.9655	.9657	.9657	.9656
Brazil, milreis	.1179	.1180	.1181	.1179	.1179	.1180
Chile, peso	.1203	.1203	.1203	.1201	.1203	.1203
Uruguay, peso	.9875	.9884	.9900	.9872	.9874	.9874

The South American exchanges continued inactive. Argentine paper pesos closed at 42.42 for checks, as compared with 42.45 last week, and at 42.47 for cable transfers, against 42.50. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.82 for checks and at 11.83 for cable transfers, against 11.80 and 11.81. Chilean exchange closed at 12.00, against 12.00, and Peru at 3.76, against 3.76 last week.

In the Far Eastern exchanges there were no developments of importance. The underlying conditions continue essentially unchanged from those of the past several months, the Japanese yen, of course, occupying the centre of the stage. Most of the Far Eastern foreign exchange transactions during the week were in yen. Although the Tokio position is delicate, as should be expected in view of the severe banking crisis in April, there is nevertheless a rapid recovery, as may be seen from the fact that May month-end funds at call were borrowed at 4.38%, whereas last year the month-end rates were 7.3%. The larger banks of Japan have been gaining depositors since the crisis. As a matter of fact cash seems to be flowing into the coffers of the larger institutions faster than they can find investment opportunities for it, and this is largely responsible for the lower money rates. Under these circumstances the underlying basis of yen exchange must be considered good. The decline in yen from 48.87 before the April panic to around 47, and for a while even lower, had a stimulating effect upon Japanese export trade, especially in cotton and flour. This advantage was of course only temporary. The consensus of opinion in New York seems to point to firmer yen.

Closing quotations for yen checks were 47.15@47 1/4, against 47.22@47 3/8 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 49 1/8@49 1/4, against 49 1/8@49 3-

16; Shanghai at 62@6 29-16, against 62@62 3/8; Manila at 49 1/2, against 49 1/2; Singapore at 56 1/8@56 3/8 (unchanged); Bombay at 36 1/4, against 36 1/4, and Calcutta 36 1/4, against 36 1/4

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,441,658 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended July 14. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,351,758, while the shipments have reached \$910,100, as per the following table:

**CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.**

Week Ended July 14.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$6,351,758	\$910,100	Gain \$5,441,658

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, July 9.	Monday, July 11.	Tuesday, July 12.	Wednesday, July 13.	Thursday, July 14.	Friday, July 15.	Aggregates for Week.
\$ 106,000,000	\$ 101,000,000	\$ 82,000,000	\$ 98,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 93,000,000	Cr. 580,000,000

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	July 14 1927.			July 15 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 151,068,427	£ -----	£ 151,068,427	£ 151,335,084	£ -----	£ 151,335,084
France a	147,302,938	13,760,000	161,062,938	147,372,777	13,480,000	160,852,777
Germany b	87,212,350	c994,600	88,206,950	61,595,000	c994,600	62,589,600
Spain	103,896,000	27,454,000	131,350,000	101,811,000	268,360,000	370,171,000
Italy	46,611,000	3,835,000	50,446,000	35,738,000	3,425,000	39,163,000
Netherl'd.	33,487,000	2,347,000	35,834,000	35,511,000	2,263,000	37,774,000
Nat. Belg.	18,404,000	1,168,000	19,572,000	10,955,000	3,561,000	14,516,000
Switzerl'd.	18,191,000	2,774,000	20,965,000	16,775,000	3,534,000	20,309,000
Sweden	12,303,000	-----	12,303,000	12,689,000	-----	12,689,000
Denmark	10,700,000	-----	10,700,000	11,419,000	854,000	12,273,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	637,355,715	53,051,600	690,407,315	593,580,861	296,471,600	890,052,461
Prev. week	637,473,364	53,438,600	690,911,964	592,382,132	55,119,600	647,501,732

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.

**Manoeuvring for Position at Geneva—The Questions of Parity and Limitation.**

The conference of what have been sarcastically called the "high conflicting Powers" at Geneva has been going on for nearly four weeks in a fashion which, to the outside world, may well have seemed at times almost farcical. In place of laying the foundations for an agreement which should restrict and regulate naval armaments, the only purpose for which the Conference was summoned, the representatives of the three Powers have been unable thus far to come to any conclusion regarding either principles or details. It was evident from the outset that the absence of France and Italy, save as those Powers were represented by official observers, constituted a heavy handicap, but when it could be seriously suggested, as apparently it has been, that, instead of a three-Power agreement, the United States and Great Britain should conclude an arrangement adjusting their own differences, and leave Japan to settle with either or both of those Powers as best it might, a further prolongation of

the sessions seemed futile. Again and again the Conference has been reported at the point of breaking up, the British and American press have given diametrically opposite versions of what was being contended for or planned, and a maze of outgivings about parity, ratios, superiority, global tonnage, and technical matters of various kinds has left the average reader of the newspaper dispatches wondering whether the members of the Conference were really considering any common plan or working toward any definite end.

For the low estate into which the proceedings of the Conference have fallen, the British representatives must apparently bear the larger share of responsibility. The original American proposals, submitted by Ambassador Gibson at the opening session, on June 20, contemplated the division of so-called auxiliary naval vessels into the three classes of cruisers, destroyers and submarines, and the restriction of the global tonnage of vessels of the cruiser class to 250,000 to 300,000 tons each for Great Britain and the United States, and 150,000 to 180,000 tons for Japan. This was an application to cruisers of the 5-5-3 ratio which the Washington Conference had agreed upon for capital ships. As the cruiser tonnage of the United States, built, building or authorized, was only about 155,000 tons, against 387,000 tons for Great Britain and 247,000 tons for Japan, the proposal, if it had been accepted, would have permitted the United States to build up to the limit of 250,000 or 300,000 tons if it desired to do so, while Great Britain would have been obliged to scrap, on the basis of the maximum figures, some 87,000 tons and Japan some 67,000 tons. By so much, in other words, are Great Britain and Japan to-day superior to the United States in cruiser strength. Nothing was said in the American proposals about the size of cruisers, presumably because the Washington Conference had decided that the limit of cruiser size should not exceed 10,000 tons.

The British proposals, also submitted at the opening session of the Conference, showed no disposition to agree with the American proposal either in principle or in practice. Instead of accepting the principles of a maximum global tonnage and a 5-5-3 ratio applicable to the three classes of auxiliary vessels, the British delegation proposed to apply the 5-5-3 ratio only to cruisers of 10,000 tons, the number of such cruisers to be left for later agreement, to fix the maximum tonnage of other cruisers at 7,500 tons, and to leave each of the Powers free to build as many cruisers of the 7,500-ton class as it saw fit. This was the British interpretation of "parity in cruiser strength," "limitation of naval armament," and "abolition of competitive naval construction."

The argument in support of the British proposals was that the special conditions of the British Empire, with its widely scattered Dominions and colonies and extended trade routes, required a large number of small cruisers. The American objection to the proposals was that the number of large cruisers, with wide cruising range, was naturally of much less importance to Great Britain, with its numerous naval or coaling stations, than it was to the United States, whose overseas possessions are widely separated; and that since Great Britain was already far ahead of the United States in the number and tonnage of cruisers of the smaller class, the acceptance of the British proposals would require the

United States either to inaugurate a huge building program, or else to acquiesce in hopeless inferiority to Great Britain in cruiser strength. An agreement which left Great Britain the mistress of the seas, with the right to add to its present superior force at its discretion, did not appeal to the American delegation as parity, and an unrestricted right to build small cruisers did not look like limitation.

Here the Conference stuck. The only important progress, if indeed it be progress, that has been made since the opening day is the announcement to the press by W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty and head of the British delegation, on June 29, that the British proposals did not dispute "the American claim for parity—as established by the Washington treaty," nor deny "the right of the United States to build up to an equal figure" with Great Britain "in any type of warship, if she thought necessary," and subsequent intimations that Great Britain, if it were to accept any limitation of global tonnage for all classes of cruisers, would ask for 600,000 tons, or 500,000 tons, or 465,000 tons, or some other figure largely in excess of the original American proposal. The implication was that the United States might have actual as well as theoretical parity if it chose to pay for it, and might also secure limitation if it would raise its original maximum of global tonnage. A disposition to raise the American figure was indicated in reports that Ambassador Gibson was willing to consider, in the interest of compromise, a figure of 400,000 instead of 300,000 tons, but agreement on such a basis appears to have been suddenly disturbed by the insistence of the Japanese that the Conference was called to effect a limitation of armament, not to increase it, and that they stood, in substance, for the American minimum rather than for the maximum.

This aimless debate has made it clear that two theories of naval armament restriction, between which the Conference has thus far been unable to choose, are in conflict at Geneva. One, represented by the American proposal, assumes that limitation of armament, together with the abolition of competitive construction, can best be brought about by fixing a ratio of global tonnage for naval Powers of the first rank, and by establishing, in accordance with the agreed ratio, a maximum global tonnage for various classes of vessels. To this theory Great Britain would appear to have assented to the extent of accepting, at Washington, the principle of the ratio for capital ships. The British theory as a whole, on the other hand, as now brought forward, rests upon the contention that any international agreement for the restriction of naval armament must take account of the special needs of the signatory Powers, and that any limitation of maximum global tonnage, at least in the case of cruisers, is impracticable unless, of course, the figure is placed very high, and unless the Powers are also to agree how many cruisers of a particular class they shall severally have. The two theories may not be wholly irreconcilable, and the Conference may yet find a way of harmonizing them, but it is obvious that if the British theory is to prevail, all hope of putting a stop to competitive naval building and lightening the burden of armament will be at an end, and we shall be back where we were before the World War. Great Britain, with its great superiority in small cruisers, and with a huge mer-

chant fleet susceptible of speedy conversion into fighting craft, would still be able to follow its historical policy of striking at enemy commerce and restraining the commerce of neutrals in time of war, and the United States, unless it were willing to spend half a billion dollars or so more than it is already planning to spend for new construction, would find itself outclassed, by international agreement, in every type of fighting vessel except battle-ships.

At the moment, it would seem, Japan holds the balance of influence at Geneva, and its stand in favor of some such restriction of cruiser tonnage as the American minimum proposal contemplates reflects high credit upon its political wisdom and its international spirit. Liberal opinion in England, which has been severely critical of Mr. Bridgeman and his associates, may also, perhaps, be effective in tempering somewhat the British demands. On the other hand, the speech of Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons on Monday, although widely heralded for its declaration that Great Britain could not conceivably enter into a naval armament race with the United States, turns out to have been composed chiefly of generalities, and gave no indication that Mr. Bridgeman, in maintaining the British contentions, was acting without full Government support. It is still to be hoped that the Conference, now that the plenary session on Thursday, although empty of results as far as arriving at any agreement is concerned, evinced a more friendly tone, may reach common ground and achieve the purpose which President Coolidge had in mind in calling it. An adjournment to a later date, in order to give the delegates a chance to consult further with their Governments, would be equivalent to a failure, and a breakdown of the Conference would be a calamity.

#### *The Mississippi River Improvement— A Wonder Work for Good.*

Senator Borah, in a recent address to Advertising Clubs, at Denver, advocated a return to our own affairs; and an abandonment of our varied monetary adventures in Europe. He cited the reductions made in the war debts due us at the time of refunding; the credits extended to foreign Governments since the armistice, and the vast sums loaned in the interest of commerce and industry. He said we have interests of our own which are urgent and demand the use of large sums of money. He mentioned especially the Mississippi and Colorado projects—as permanent improvements. We must soon consider in wisdom and thrift. We have no doubt that many millions of our citizens have read, in the "Saturday Evening Post" of July 2, an article by Richard Washburn Child entitled "After the Flood is Over," in which he describes the pathos and tragedy of the four hundred thousand refugees who must return to their broken homes and waste lands as the waters recede. To Mr. Child, this home-coming is a more poignant and pathetic trial than the sudden, overwhelming sorrow of seeing the onrush of the flood which drove them from their homes and farms. None of the excitement which, in the first instance, buoys up the spirit, and nerves the soul, to resistance and relief, attends this return to desolation, again to take up the burden of life with nearly all that was valuable and dear in life washed away or

ruined. Taking these two presentations together may we not as lovers of our kind and as common sense business men say, in unison, in devout paraphrase of the cry at Verdun: "It shall not occur again"?

The Mississippi River flood inundated thirty thousand square miles of the richest agricultural territory in the United States. The losses cannot now be aggregated into a cold money statement. About fifteen millions, placed by the generosity of the American people in the hands of the Red Cross for instant relief and partial rehabilitation, is but the prologue of the hundreds of millions that in some form must be added to complete the work of again putting these sufferers in the way of rebuilding their lives and fortunes. By States, Intermediate banks, and new loan corporations in process of formation, this work is under way. The work of the railroads and express companies given freely without cost adds a splendid note to the picture. And the quick and sure aid offered by the Government through the War and Navy and Commerce Departments must not be forgotten. But when all this is said, and when, with courage and help, the worst of the losses are repaired, we must consider the fact that within another decade another "unparalleled disaster" may follow this one and the number of sufferers be increased and the destruction be greater. There is but one duty ahead of the people as a whole and that duty is plain. Some plan, some comprehensive and wise plan, must be formulated by Congress, to prevent a recurrence of a like calamity and ample appropriations made to carry it out. No estimates are now at hand that even approximate the cost. Whatever the amount, let it be set aside, distributed over the necessary years, carefully guarded in the expenditure, and paid out when and as the work is done, so that, as Mr. Hoover declares it, the "greatest calamity" that has ever visited us shall never come again.

As our readers well know, we are not in favor of our Government entering into the conduct, or the immediate and intimate control, of business. We hope, and we trust, that never again will the people and the Government be called on to expend tens of billions in war. But if we could do this without actual and sudden impoverishment of our citizens, we can undertake this task of internal improvement without a doubt of our ability to see it through—a work of construction, of conservation, that in the years to come will return tenfold the cost. This great internal system of waterways is our own. It is property that can be made to work for us. It is a gift of God. The vast valley between the Rockies and Alleghanies would be a barren waste without it. These rivers do not belong to the States but to the nation. They water the richest region on the globe. They are a major part of our Governmental plant. Guided, controlled, they are a blessing. We too little consider the benefit they are to our agriculture. They make possible the production of an annual wealth that forever makes us an independent and a rich people. To let them run wild when *we can conserve and use them for our own good* is a mark of shiftlessness. We have been, in a makeshift way, building levees along their banks for a hundred years. Let us now do the work as it should be done, once and for all time. We do not know what the proper plan may be, it may be dikes, sluiceways, reservoirs, or all of them together. *But it can be*

done. It is an insult to our engineering genius to harbor doubt. This flood loss, in an economic sense, is a loss of *all the people*. On an impulse we built the Panama Canal; we are beginning now to talk of another. Compare the benefits of river control with the benefits of this far-away canal. Can it irrigate our lands; can it furnish us water power that is usable; can it reclaim a foot of soil for our intensive farming?

We believe in, and always plead for, economy in government. But conservation and thrift are economy. Out where the prairies roll to the far horizon, where the great farms are, the very contour of the land creates what farmers call "washes." They soon become gullies unless they are stopped. They eat up good acres and carry them down to the creeks. But small dams, built sometimes of brush, and other methods of draining and filling, stop this loss before it becomes destructive. A farmer who allows his good acres to waste away does not rank high among his fellows. In a way, river improvement is like this to the people of the United States. We have long been talking of a Lakes to the Gulf waterway for ocean-going vessels. It is ready made by the Mississippi route, when the great "Father of Waters" is properly conserved.

In a small way already rivers and creeks are being *straightened* to prevent overflow. All these matters may be combined in one. We have read an individual suggestion that north and south canals west of the Mississippi might be made to carry off the excessive rainfall and overflow of rivers and distribute it over the arid regions of the Southwest, redeeming millions of acres. It is an audacious proposition, but is it not worth consideration, if only to open up the possibilities in this great work? While in countless ways we are laying debts on future generations, may we not also leave them a "going concern" that will help them to live?

We do not believe in spending the taxes of the people merely to gratify pride in progress. We do not believe in spending taxes merely to "make work" for the unemployed. We do not believe in the Government actually doing the work that can be done by safeguarded private contracts. But when the work is helpful and necessary *then* the benefits to industry that accrue are a legitimate prize. Here is a chance to spend a big sum for "the famers" that will help them for all time to come. Here is an opportunity to distribute manufacture, through the generation of electrical power, that will go far to harmonize our industrial development. It is easily the greatest project that *can* legitimately be undertaken. It is *for* the people, it may be *by* the people.

Let not sectionalism enter into its consideration. Let there be no shadow of politics over it. But let it be a "cold" business proposition. Let the whole people pay and all will receive the benefit. And let it be begun *now*. Temporary reconstruction of broken levees may be politic and necessary. But let it be understood that they *are* temporary, and no part of the permanent scheme. And then provide that no dollar spent shall be lost, because it will again be washed away by floods certain to come again.

Of course, the cynic will say—what a magnificent opportunity for graft! The sectionalist will say—why should five or six Southern States be thus benefited at the expense of the rest? The politician will say, beware of this material power that will set one

section above another! But are we really *one* people under *one* Government? If corn, cotton and wheat never left the places of their origin, would they *benefit* us all? Are thirty thousand square miles of fertile territory worth saving? Are half a billion losses not worth preventing? And by no means least, are not four hundred thousands of our citizens worth protecting with our good will?

As one of the writers quoted has said, the tragedy is now at hand, the time has come for love and unity to do their work. And once more we say we are confronted as a people owning an unrivalled business plant with the duty of preserving it and making it more effective and safe. It is not, it is true, a matter of sentimentalism. But true sentiment is part of that feeling which makes each of us our brother's keeper. One in purpose we advance to wealth and culture. Our energies are incalculable. Our industries are universal in their effects. Individuals, with boundless opportunities, we unite in service that spreads from one to all and from all to each! Let us prove our faith in a common democracy.

### **Civilizing Business.**

We were all ready to believe that the war threatened civilization. Now we are told that another war would destroy it. Western civilization is said to be at stake in the disturbance in the Orient; and in turn we are destroying Oriental civilizations in our attempts to superimpose ours upon them.

All this shows that civilization means the progress of man. Man was never so clearly recognized as one with the world about him as he is to-day. Whatever his origin, whatever his distinctive gifts or faculties, whatever may be his ultimate goal, his life for the time is here. Progress, or change, for better or worse is the rule for everything about him and he is no exception. As a race, and equally as an individual, he has had a history; he shares in a great movement, he is in a setting which in large part he has shaped for himself. This is peculiarly his characteristic and privilege quite beyond that of any other creature, his life at any one moment in its external form and in himself marks his stage of existence and his progress.

This is what civilization means, the visible form of the progress of man, as that can be discerned in national, racial or continental groups. It furnishes a standard and to a certain extent a test by which everything he does may be tried. Is it in the line of civilization; is it an outgrowth of that; is it consistent with it; does it contribute to it, promoting so far the general progress and well-being? If this is the conception of civilization, we may well use the term and ask of any "business," is it civilized, or civilizing, and be confident that the inquiry, however unusual, is worth while?

The business man must have regard to finance and economics and politics, and to-day we are told also to mental science; but must be sure that his business, as he conducts it, is civilized or civilizing. If it is systematized and modernized and capitalized, is not that enough? The answer will be interesting.

No man can consider himself civilized in the true sense, or his business civilizing, unless he keeps himself open-minded; that is free from prejudice and with broad views. One cannot understand the present unless he knows the past, and without understanding the present the future is not to be read. Outsiders have been saying many things of late to

the universities. Now these are giving strenuous advice to us and to the world; and it is more than Aristotle's "nothing too much." One Commencement speaker warns against the present disposition to be captivated by new ideas. Literature, music, art, the magazines and papers are full of them. Youth is everywhere in evidence and crowds to the front. It is well to let the young man rejoice in his youth, as was long ago said; but men who are not young should not disregard wisdom. Over against this another Commencement speaker protests against conservatism, holding fast to custom and tradition when it counts for little in a world which seeks novelty and is not content otherwise.

It is true that many a business has been held fast in old ways too long; tinkering and remodeling will not answer; it has to be recreated or it will die. We have seen great mills full of fine machinery emptied from top to bottom and re-equipped throughout with latest devices for producing the old article in better quality and larger quantity, and commercial houses recast, and wealthy corporations turned to entirely new enterprises because the older were outlived. Truly, wisdom is profitable to direct. But it is not the only requisite. Our prejudices are deep set. We inherit both opinions and feelings. To the Greek the same word was used for a stranger as for an enemy, as to the Israelite the outsider was a Gentile and a heathen. He was the man from over the sea or beyond the mountain, that is beyond intercourse, little known. "Barbarian," our word as well, was the man whose speech was a jumble of unintelligible sounds. So we almost irresistibly think of men of other color, or costume, or speech, as alien, however close may be the neighborhood or intimate the common interests or even the personal relations, we have prejudices which may easily in the aggregate take the form of antipathy, or even of hate. Far short of this it may raise the question how far we are open-minded, or our business conducted under that limitation, civilizing?

But quite beyond this, civilization involves something that gets into our business only so far as it exists in ourselves. We are quite ready to admit that our happiness in life, the satisfaction we have in success, the pride in our prosperity, our surroundings, our attainments, the joy in our children and our homes, the pleasure in our friends, in social intercourse, in the play and leisure of vacations, in travel, in contact with nature and its quiet delights, in enjoying oneself and being a "good fellow" with others, that all this is part of our civilization. We are grateful for it. Only a very dull and stupid man thinks that all this he has made for himself. Certainly others, even the community about him in innumerable ways has helped him even to share it, going far to make him the man he is.

Now the question arises, how far does his business express this? He may regard himself civilized, but is his business civilizing? Does it express and is it automatically transmitting to others what is best in him; what, indeed, he has received and holds as a trust, for no man lives to himself? Is he careful that the world shall be helped forward by at least so much civilization as he has himself attained? To begin with those about him in his business, do they have the immediate benefit, do they share in direct and appreciable measure the blessings that mean so much to him, does it come to them in their daily work, their award, their contentment and pleasure,

their well-being, their play, their leisure, their homes, not the same as his, but the same in relation to them, so that they are glad to be joined with him, to help and be helped, and to have a part in passing something on to help others? In a word, does it enable them to civilize, as well as to be civilized themselves?

Back of all this is the essential fact of conscience, the controlling power of a man's own conviction as to what is right and what he ought to do. To-day emphasis is thrown upon the fact that a man's business is largely what he is. His spirit, his temper, his self-control, his habits of life, his point of view, his personality, all enter into what he does. Back of all lies not education or capital or force, but character, and that means conscience. G. Bernard Shaw, the British critic, has said that no virtue exists apart from conscience, and conscience cannot survive without religion. Be that as it may, civilization pertains to man alone. It is the product of what is best in him, that is the product of that which lies closest in line with his progress. Of this it is indicative. As this appears he advances, for he has put himself into his work.

His character is his power; carries his conscience into effect. Truth and honor are its accompaniments and fix its methods. Courage in the face of difficulty that sustains even in failure, is its unflinching trait; friendliness and breadth of vision and of interest are its assets. This does not mean that those associated with him, his employees, his work-people, do not have simply to keep within "the rules of the bank" or the shop, "to play politics," or not to idle on the job, but they all share in a common opportunity and are engaged in a worthy and useful effort to make life easier and brighter for many.

If this means, as Professor Peabody of Harvard has said, that "The Kingdom of God is not an external growth but a spiritual revolution to be created not by machinery, but by better men," what is it but recognition of the fact that man is a spiritual being, that he has a soul and does not know himself until he knows God and finds himself in doing His will?

The ultimate test of civilization is the kind of men and women it produces. This will be discerned in their business no less than in their homes and in their churches.

Christianity which has produced a Christian civilization is set to hold up before the world a noble but perfectly practicable ideal of belief and conduct in contrast with selfishness, greed, worldliness, frivolity and folly which make failures of the lives of so many. It is a salt and a leaven, purifying and transforming life. It makes the individual a new man and for society it is a "transmutation of all values," so that even his business shall bear witness to what he is when he gives his account to God.

We venture to think that this line of thought cannot fail to appeal even to those business men who by force of circumstances feel compelled to say with the ancient philosopher to his hearers: "Do what I say, not what I do!" for he honors the truth.

#### *Italy, Albania and Jugoslavia—The Balkans for the Balkan Peoples.*

We make room for the following article from the pen of Captain Gordon Gordon-Smith, attached to the Legation of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, at Washington, D. C., on the relations of Jugoslavia, Italy and Albania. It is an interesting presentation of the situation from the viewpoint



of Jugoslavia. Captain Gordon Gordon-Smith is an earnest advocate of the principle of "The Balkans for the Balkan Peoples," and he expresses the opinion that this principle is jeopardized by the Treaty of Tirana entered into on Nov. 27 last between Italy and Albania. He says the danger of the situation lies in the irreconcilability of the policies of Italy and Jugoslavia regarding Albania. In a letter accompanying the article he declares that the policy of Italy is frankly an expansionist one. He points out that the section of Fascism which dreams of restoring the old Roman Empire remembers that this was in possession of Albania and that the modern town of Durazzo was the Durachium of the Roman Empire, the coast terminus of the famous Via Ignatia, the great Roman road, running via Monastir, Salonica and Seres to Constantinople, which linked Rome and Byzantium. As he sees it, the annexation of Albania would be the first step towards realization of this dream of empire, a dream which in his estimation menaces the existence of every State in the Balkans. On the other hand, the policy of Jugoslavia is diametrically opposed to this. It proclaims as the magna charta of the Peninsula the principle of "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples" and opposes any attempt of any non-Balkan Power to obtain a footing in the Peninsula. This principle he terms the "Monroe Doctrine" of Jugoslavia and he feels that it should count on the sympathy of every freedom-loving country. His article follows:

#### ITALY, ALBANIA AND JUGOSLAVIA.

By Captain GORDON GORDON-SMITH, Attached to the Legation of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

The situation in the Balkan Peninsula created by the concluding, on Nov. 27 last, of the treaty between the Governments of Italy and Albania, has, for months past, aroused the deepest anxiety in Europe. This treaty, since its signing, has been regarded as a serious menace to the public peace of Europe.

This is due to the new factors which this treaty has imported into the political situation in the Balkans, by the intervention in the internal affairs of that Peninsula by a non-Balkan Power.

Outside interference in the internal affairs of the Balkan nations has always been, politically, the curse of that section of Europe. People have, for half a century past, spoken of a "Balkan question." But there never was, and there is not to-day, any "Balkan question." By that I mean to say that no question existed or exists, which the Balkan peoples, *if left to themselves*, could not have settled, either by diplomacy or by force of arms. All the troubles and complications in the Peninsula have been due to outside influences.

The interference of outside Powers was the result of their political ambitions in the Near East. Austria's ambition envisaged the extension of her rule to the Aegean and the seizing of the port of Salonica, the famous *Drang nach Osten* about which in past years so much was written.

Russia's ambition was the seizure of Constantinople and the possession of the Dardanelles, so as to assure the free communication of her Black Sea territories with the outside world.

The realization of either of these conflicting ambitions pre-supposed the subjugation of the Balkan States. It was, therefore, not in the interest of either of these Powers that the peoples of the Balkan Peninsula should become strong and prosperous. The creation of a strong Balkan Confederation would have been fatal to the political designs of both Austria and Russia. As a consequence, they did nothing to encourage the union of the Balkan peoples, but, on the contrary, did everything in their power to keep them apart, by encouraging and fomenting racial and national jealousies and animosities. Austria (and later her ally, Germany) took Bulgaria under her wing, while Russia acted as the protector of Serbia. Greece, the third Balkan nation, looked to France and England for support.

These three Balkan nations were, as regards population and extent of territory, practically on an equal footing. Each had, in its past history, at one time or another, ruled

over the whole Peninsula. Each, therefore, thought itself justified in aspiring to hegemony. It was, in consequence, easy for outside Powers to envenom these jealousies and keep the Balkan peoples apart.

Then came the World War and the whole situation in the Balkans, politically and territorially, underwent a sudden and dramatic change. The Austrian Empire, as the result of its military defeat, broke up into its component parts. The Serbo-Croat provinces rallied to Serbia and Montenegro and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (popularly known as Jugoslavia), a powerful State of nearly thirteen million inhabitants, came into being. Austrian influence in the Balkans was, therefore, dead forever.

Russian influence at the same time, as the result of the Bolshevik revolution, underwent an eclipse and no man can foretell how long it will be until the former Empire of the Tsars is again a living force in the councils of Europe.

Thus for the first time in a century the peoples of the Balkans had a chance to work out their destinies without the interference of foreign States. Their ambitions in this direction found its outward expression in the slogan "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples." Having got rid of outside interference in their national lives and policies, all their interest was concentrated in maintaining and reinforcing their new-found freedom and independence.

There was, in addition, no longer any doubt as to the leadership among the Balkan peoples. Jugoslavia had, with its 13,000,000 inhabitants, already held that position vis-a-vis Bulgaria, with its population of barely 5,000,000, Greece with about the same number and Albania with less than a million.

The task of the Balkan statesmen was, therefore, to encourage mutual friendship and good-will, to form a strong confederation for the maintenance of their freedom and independence and for the realization of their watchword, "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples." That progress is being made in this direction is notorious. There has, of late months, been a distinct and steady improvement in the relations of Bulgaria and Jugoslavia. It is, of course, hardly to be expected that jealousies and animosities, which existed for decades, should immediately disappear, but it is well known that the statesmen, on both sides of the frontier, believe that the ultimate union of Bulgaria with Jugoslavia is the final solution of their problems.

When this union will come about no one can say. Nothing, it is certain, will be done by Jugoslavia to coerce her neighbor in any way. Bulgaria must enter the union of the Southern Slavs of her own free will. There are, however, no factors of race, language or religion which offer insuperable obstacles to this union. A committee of university professors could very soon eliminate the few linguistic difficulties, while the religious differences would be even easier of solution.

With Greece, Jugoslavia has no cause for quarrel. The only question of importance between them is that of the Free Port for Jugoslavia in Salonica. Considerable progress has been made towards the settlement of this and an ultimate satisfactory solution is confidently looked forward to. There is, therefore, no reason why Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece should not be united by the strongest bonds of friendship and economic union.

The remaining Balkan people is the Albanian one, inhabiting the strip of territory along the Adriatic, lying between Jugoslavia and Greece. The total superficies of the country is about 11,000 square miles, while the number of the inhabitants is about 800,000, less than the population of the city of Baltimore.

This people has nothing in common, either in language or customs, with their Slav and Greek neighbors. They are a mountain people, living in tribes under their local chiefs and are essentially primitive and backward in their political and economic development. They are in addition extremely ignorant, 90% of them being unable either to read or write. Their political organization is very primitive and they have a rooted objection to paying taxes in any shape or form. They have, at the same time, certain qualities. They are physically a very fine race, not unintelligent, and with a high respect for their plighted word.

At the same time they are turbulent and difficult to govern. Trade and commerce in Albania is practically non-existent. The country has a certain amount of natural wealth in its minerals and forests, but this remains unexploited.

It has often been alleged that Jugoslavia desires to occupy and annex Albania. There could be no greater error. Jugoslavia does not desire one inch of Albanian territory and has no desire to add 800,000 people, alien in race, customs and mentality, to her dominion. All that the people of Jugoslavia demand is that their watchword, "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples," shall be respected and that the Albanian nation shall be allowed to work out its own salvation in peace and complete independence. None of the Balkan peoples can, under penalty of their liberty and independence, permit any non-Balkan Power to establish a political footing anywhere on the territory of the Peninsula.

This is why the treaty concluded in November last between the Governments of Rome and Tirana has aroused the opposition it has done. It does not, as the Italian press has attempted to maintain, constitute a guarantee of Albanian independence. Article I of the treaty provides:

"Italy and Albania recognize and accept in principle that any action directed against the *political*, juridical and territorial status of Albania is contrary to their reciprocal political interests."

The *political* status of Albania is to-day the Government of Achmed Zogu. There is, however, no proof that this Government, at present or in the future, does or will enjoy the support and approval of a majority of the Albanian nation. On the contrary, there is much reason for believing that the present head of the State is far from receiving the unanimous support of the people. It is on this point that the Italo-Albanian treaty constitutes a menace to the political independence of the Balkan peoples and to the public peace.

If 90% of the inhabitants of the Albanian Republic should desire to change their President this would be, by the

terms of the Treaty of Tirana, opposed by the Italian Government and Achmed Zogu would be maintained in power by Italy against the will of the Albanian population, if necessary by force of arms. In other words, an Italian Protectorate has been created in Albania and a foreign Government has obtained a footing in the Peninsula, constituting a potential menace to the independence of all the Balkan States. The principle of "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples," the greatest and the only guarantee of peace in the Peninsula, has been swept away and the door opened to every adventure.

The treaty of Tirana was completely superfluous. Albania is a member of the League of Nations, her independence has been recognized by all the Powers (including Italy) forming that association and any attempt by any country or Government to interfere with it, would at once call for diplomatic action by every country represented at Geneva.

It is on this that the Belgrade Government to-day takes its stand. It has given solemn assurance that it does not desire to occupy one inch of Albanian territory. It invokes the principle of "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples" under which it demands that Albania be allowed to work out her own salvation. The Belgrade Government desires no domination of Albania, but protests most energetically against the domination of that country by any other Power. It is certain that any attempt to land an armed force made by Italy would be a most serious menace to the peace. But even if the Italian Government does not, for the time being, proceed to this extremity, the pretension that under the Treaty of Tirana it has the right, under certain circumstances, to do so, cannot but create a situation big with danger and which will, as long as it exists, be a standing menace to the peace.

### Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of May

As compared with the corresponding period a year ago, the May earnings of United States railroads, taken as a whole, show very little change either in their gross results from operation or in their net. In the case of the gross there is a relatively slight increase, namely \$1,088,017 (a mere fraction of 1%), while in the case of the net, there is an equally slight decrease, that is to say, \$1,063,507, which also is equal to less than 1%. But behind these comparatively insignificant changes in the grand totals for the whole body of roads there lie some quite important changes, in the shape either of gains or losses, with respect to many different roads and systems in one part of the country or another. To say this is the same as saying that there is considerable irregularity in the results as between different groups and different sections of the country. This in turn reflects the irregularity in conditions in some leading lines of trade and industry, some of which have been unable to maintain their records of last year, and others of which have managed to improve somewhat upon their operations in 1926. The following are the comparative totals for the two years:

Month of May (181 roads)—	1927.	1926.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)	
Miles of road.....	238,025	237,275	+750	0.43%
Gross earnings.....	\$517,543,015	\$516,454,998	+\$1,088,017	0.21%
Operating expenses.....	390,785,137	388,633,613	+2,151,524	0.55%
Ratio of expenses to earnings.....	75.51	75.25		
Net earnings.....	\$126,757,878	\$127,821,385	—\$1,063,507	0.83%

As to the general influences and conditions prevailing during the month, the season the present year nearly everywhere was backward, retarding farm work and interfering seriously with retail trade in certain lines, more especially business in wearing apparel, which in the spring is always more or less dependent upon temperatures, an early spring stimulating retail sales and a late spring holding them in check or spoiling them altogether. The present year temperatures were low for the season

nearly everywhere, but the same was the case in 1926 (though not in 1925, when the season was far in advance of the ordinary). However, there was at least one advantage the present year which did not exist in 1926. While the spring of 1927 was backward, it followed an unusually mild winter, and, as a consequence, navigation on the Great Lakes opened very early, whereas last year it was exceptionally late. This has made a big difference in the earnings of some of the roads connecting with these large internal seas. All these roads suffered large losses a year ago because of the late opening of the water route and all report equally heavy gains the present year owing to the earlier availability of that route. As illustrations, the Duluth Missabe & Northern has added \$252,932 to its gross the present year and \$266,126 to its net, and the Duluth & Iron Range \$52,833 to gross and \$1,890 to net. It also unquestionably is responsible mainly for the \$265,918 increase in gross and \$281,215 increase in net reported by the Great Northern, the showing in this latter instance being quite at variance with the showing made by the Northern Pacific, which is without any such ore traffic, and hence is obliged to report \$294,506 decrease in gross and \$297,923 decrease in net. On the other hand, the roads running to the Southern lake ports were not advantaged in the same way, or at least were not in position to avail of the advantage owing to the coal strike in the union controlled soft coal mines, which cut off shipments of coal from these lower lake ports—not in all instances, but in quite a few cases. Hence, we are prepared to find that the Bessemer & Lake Erie shows a decrease of \$201,597 in gross and \$190,759 in net.

While the coal strike referred to was an important drawback in not a few cases it was an advantage to

the roads connecting with the non-union mines and particularly the big railroad systems draining the Pocahontas region, the same as it was in the month preceding. Accordingly, we find the Chesapeake & Ohio reporting \$651,632 increase in gross and \$194,188 increase in net; the Norfolk & Western \$282,909 increase in gross, though having \$146,823 decrease in net, and the Virginian \$107,464 increase in gross and \$58,748 increase in net. The advantage from the larger shipments of non-union soft coal also extended to the connecting lines of the same systems, one illustration of this being found in the case of the Hocking Valley, which is able to report \$116,418 gain in gross and \$102,485 gain in net. However, the showing is very irregular as between different roads, even in the same section, some being favored with considerable gains and others having suffered larger or smaller losses, dependent upon whether one set of influences was uppermost or the other. Coal mining in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois was pretty generally suspended and the roads traversing those States suffered from larger or smaller losses as a result. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois has fallen \$102,251 behind in gross, though reporting \$110,929 increase in net, owing to a large reduction in expenses, and the Elgin Joliet & Eastern has \$137,572 decrease in gross and \$182,059 decrease in net. Mr. Ford's Detroit Toledo & Ironton probably suffered at the same time from the slackening of the automobile trade, and especially Mr. Ford's end of that trade, and hence has \$262,252 loss in gross and \$105,774 loss in net. Many other instances of the same kind might be mentioned in the case of roads in the Middle Western States.

But the anthracite coal roads also, most of them, sustained heavy reductions of their earnings, either of gross alone or of gross and net combined. Here, however, the explanation is found in a different circumstance, namely the fact that in 1926 mining of anthracite was conducted on a scale much beyond the ordinary for the season of the year in order to make good to some extent the great shortage of coal occasioned by the prolonged strike which had lasted from Sept. 1 1925 to Feb. 18 1926. The present year mining in the anthracite regions proceeded in the ordinary normal way, with the result that the anthracite tonnage over the roads was on a greatly reduced scale as compared with the swollen tonnage of May 1926. The Lehigh Valley falls \$269,720 behind in gross and \$535,251 in net, and the Del. & Hudson 241,177 in gross and \$231,848 in net; the results, however, are by no means uniform even among the anthracite carriers, and the Lackawanna has \$80,863 increase in gross and \$250,426 increase in net; the Central of New Jersey \$7,890 increase in gross, though with \$121,999 loss in net, while the Reading has \$30,459 decrease in gross with \$60,691 increase in net. The Erie, which is both a big carrier of anthracite and of bituminous, has enlarged its gross by no less than \$521,899 and its net by \$722,900. Among the other large East and West trunk lines, the Baltimore & Ohio is also distinguished for the extent of its improvement, having added \$827,100 to gross and 551,481 to net. The Pennsylvania Railroad, on all lines directly operated both east and west of Pittsburgh, shows a small falling off in gross, namely \$243,835, but has heavily reduced expenses and is hence able to show \$899,560 increase in net. The New York Central reports \$769,213 gain in gross with \$268,937 loss in net.

This is for the New York Central proper. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, the result is an increase of \$529,261 in gross with \$763,232 decrease in net.

In the South and the Southwest many roads suffered from the effects of the overflow of the Mississippi River and its tributaries. The Missouri Pacific System suffered perhaps worse than any other. At all events it has sustained a loss of \$704,311 in gross and of \$989,135 in net. Some of the other roads in the Missouri Pacific System had a similar experience, the New Orleans Texas & Mexico, for instance, reporting \$119,972 loss in gross and \$162,056 loss in net, though on the other hand, the Texas & Pacific running through northern Texas, where the cotton crop was of huge dimensions last season, is able to show \$393,091 gain in gross and \$137,171 gain in net. Southwestern roads not affected by the floods, or affected only in a small way, give a very good account of themselves. Thus the Missouri-Kansas-Texas shows \$330,122 addition to gross and \$142,647 addition to net. The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe outdistances all other roads for the extent of its improvement, at least in the gross, which has been enlarged in amount of \$1,574,088; in the net, however, this system reports a loss of \$117,560 because of the great increase in expenses. The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific ranks equally high, with \$1,211,950 gain in gross and \$828,701 gain in net. The Southern Pacific also has done well, with \$837,296 increase in gross and \$571,884 increase in net. The Chicago Burlington & Quincy, however, has \$649,169 decrease in gross, though this was converted into \$570,107 increase in net and the Union Pacific \$618,782 loss in gross and \$571,447 loss in net. Among Northwestern systems the Chicago & North Western shows \$560,751 loss in gross with \$2,838 gain in net, and the Milwaukee & St. Paul \$251,634 increase in gross, with \$119,978 decrease in net, there being the same irregularity in results here as elsewhere.

Southern roads as a whole still show reduced earnings as compared with a year ago, but there are prominent exceptions to the rule, one instance being the Louisville & Nashville, which has enlarged its gross by no less than \$753,973 and its net in amount of \$82,945. No doubt the enlarged production of coal at the non-union mines in Kentucky has been a distinct advantage to this system. The Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley are also able to show improvement, notwithstanding the handicap imposed by the Mississippi River floods. The Illinois Central has \$153,064 increase in gross and \$76,504 increase in net and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley \$177,729 increase in gross and \$29,980 increase in net. However, decreases still predominate among Southern roads and some of these are of huge magnitude, the Atlantic Coast Line having suffered a contraction of \$857,728 in gross and of \$507,682 in net; the Florida East Coast of \$630,731 in gross and of \$139,959 in net; the Central of Georgia of \$282,771 in gross and \$34,281 in net. The Southern Railway has a relatively moderate loss, namely \$186,357 in gross and \$3,890 in net. This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cin. New Orleans & Tex. Pac., the George Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the result for the Southern Railway System is a decrease of \$316,386 in gross and \$134,331 in

net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1927.

Increase.		Decrease.	
Atch Top & S Fe (3)	\$1,574,088	Florida East Coast	\$630,731
Chic R I & Pac (2)	1,211,950	Union Pacific (4)	618,783
Southern Pacific (2)	837,396	Chicago & North Western	560,751
Baltimore & Ohio	827,100	Michigan Central	350,674
New York Central	769,213	Chicago & Alton	297,919
Louisville & Nashville	753,973	Northern Pacific	294,506
Chesapeake & Ohio	651,632	Central of Georgia	282,771
Erie (3)	521,899	Lehigh Valley	269,720
Texas & Pacific	393,091	Buffalo Roch & Pittsb	267,685
Mo-Kan-Texas (2)	330,122	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	262,252
Norfolk & Western	282,909	Minn St Paul & S S M	251,350
Great Northern	265,918	Pennsylvania	243,835
Duluth Missabe & Nor	252,932	Delaware & Hudson	241,177
Chic Milw & St Paul	251,634	Wabash	238,174
K C Mex & Orient of Tex	247,171	Wheeling & Lake Erie	226,639
Pere Marquette	178,705	St Louis-San Fran (2)	214,898
Yazoo & Mississippi Val	177,729	New OrL Tex & Mex (3)	204,655
Illinois Central	153,064	Bessemer & Lake Erie	201,597
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	126,382	Southern Ry	186,357
Hocking Valley	116,418	Union RR	166,952
Virginian	107,464	Boston & Maine	159,242
K C Mexico & Orient	104,381	Denver & Rio Grande	154,204
		Georgia Sou & Florida	146,427
		Elgin Joliet & Eastern	137,572
		West Jersey & Seashore	137,414
		Pittsburgh & West Va	113,476
		Chicago & East Illinois	102,251
Total (29 roads)	\$10,135,171	Total (36 roads)	\$9,172,611

Atlantic Coast Line \$857,728  
 Missouri Pacific Co 704,311  
 Chic Burl & Quincy 649,169

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$529,261.  
 b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper, including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System the result is a decrease of \$316,386.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1927.

Increase.		Decrease.	
Pennsylvania	\$899,560	C C C & St Louis	\$281,943
Chicago R I & Pac (2)	828,701	New OrL Tex & Mex (3)	273,788
Erie (3)	722,900	New York Central	268,937
Southern Pacific (2)	571,884	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	238,107
Chicago Burl & Quincy	570,107	Delaware & Hudson	231,848
Baltimore & Ohio	551,481	Denver & Rio Gr Western	229,375
Great Northern	281,215	Buffalo Roch & Pittsburgh	215,345
Duluth Missabe & Nor	266,126	Michigan Central	191,435
Del Lack & Western	250,426	Bessemer & Lake Erie	190,759
N Y N H & Hartford	228,120	Elgin Joliet & Eastern	182,059
Seaboard Air Line	217,278	Union RR	173,313
Chesapeake & Ohio	194,188	Chicago & Alton	156,915
Mo-Kansas-Texas (2)	142,687	Chicago & Western	146,822
Chic St P Minn & Omaha	140,700	Norfolk & Western	144,342
Nashville Chat & St Louis	139,764	Minn St P & S S Marie	141,629
Texas & Pacific	137,171	Georgia Sou & Florida	139,959
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	110,929	Florida East Coast	136,188
Hocking Valley	102,485	Colorado & Southern (2)	134,380
		Wabash	130,369
		Chicago & Illinois Midland	126,745
		Wheeling & Lake Erie	123,526
		Western Pacific	121,999
		Central of New Jersey	119,978
		Chicago Milw & St Paul	117,560
		Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	105,774
		Detroit Toledo & Ironton	
Total (23 roads)	\$6,355,682	Total (38 roads)	\$7,223,734

Missouri Pacific \$989,135  
 Union Pacific (4) 571,447  
 Lehigh Valley 535,251  
 Atlantic Coast Line 507,682  
 Northern Pacific 297,923

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a decrease of \$763,232.  
 Note.—The Southern Railway proper shows a decrease of \$3,890. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern, and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System, the result is a decrease of \$134,331.

We have already stated that for the roads as a whole the changes as compared with last year are comparatively small, there being \$1,088,017 gain in gross and \$1,063,507 loss in net. These comparatively insignificant changes for the United States railway system as a whole are, however, as we have just seen, the result of widely varying changes on different roads. A further point of importance is that they follow quite substantial improvement (again for the roads as a whole) in May 1926 over May 1925, when our compilation showed \$28,515,298 gain in gross, or 5.85%, and \$15,677,492 gain in net, or 13.89%. Moreover, these gains in 1926 succeeded substantial improvement in 1925 over 1924, our tabulations for May 1925 having recorded \$11,114,584 increase in gross and \$16,805,030 increase in net. On the other hand, it is important to bear in mind that these increases for 1926 and 1925 came after tremendous decreases in 1924, and to that extent constitute merely recovery of what was then lost. Our statement for May 1924 showed no less than \$70,476,133 falling off in the gross and \$30,448,063 falling off in the net. The gain in gross in the three years since then has been but little more than half this large loss in 1924, but in the net the increases of 1926 and 1925 combined somewhat exceeded the falling off in net at that time. In other

words, operating efficiency has brought the net up to the point where it is larger than before, which is at once the striking feature and the encouraging feature in the course of railway net income at the present time.

With reference to the big losses in earnings sustained in 1924, of which only a portion, at least in the gross, has since been recovered, it seems proper to recall that these losses in turn followed prodigious gains in the year preceding—that is in May 1923, when the totals, as already stated, were of exceptional size. In May of that year the roads were in enjoyment of an unexampled volume of traffic, and our compilations showed an addition to the gross (as compared with the preceding year) of no less than \$97,510,054, or 21.77%, and an addition to the net in the sum of \$32,573,715, or nearly 35%. But admitting the existence of exceptional prosperity at that time, it is equally plain that in 1924 the roads once more passed to the other extreme, and had to sacrifice practically all they had then gained. Of the \$97,510,054 increase in gross in May 1923, \$70,476,133 was lost in May 1924, and of the \$32,573,715 improvement in net no less than \$30,448,063 was lost. Of the loss in the gross, only \$40,717,899 has now been recovered in 1925, 1926 and 1927, but in the net somewhat more than the whole of the 1924 loss has been made good.

In the net earnings, therefore, these rail carriers in 1927 are back to their 1923 record figures, speaking of them collectively. This gives renewed emphasis to what we have said on previous occasions, that through control of their expense accounts, which was destroyed during the period of Government operation, the carriers have vastly improved their position since 1920, when they were still suffering so seriously from the demoralization produced by Government control of their affairs. It should be remembered, too, that the 1923 gains in net were simply the topmost of a series of increases that began long before 1923. Thus in May 1922, when business revival had already begun, but when the carriers suffered a very notable reduction of their coal tonnage by reason of the strike at the unionized coal mines then prevailing throughout the country (coal loadings then having fallen off 47.4% as compared with May of the year before) there was only a very small improvement in the gross earnings—only \$4,069,751, or less than 1%—but there was at the same time a contraction in expenses of \$23,995,177, and this brought about an augmentation in the net in amount of \$28,064,928, or roughly 43%. There was improvement also in the net in the year preceding (1921), though gross at that time was declining, owing to the collapse in trade. The decrease in the gross then was \$13,214,331, but it was accompanied by a reduction in expenses of \$58,054,141, thus leaving a gain of \$44,839,810 in the net earnings. The loss in the gross at that time was only 2.89%, which, of course, failed to reflect either the great falling off in traffic or the extent and magnitude of the depression in trade under which the country was then laboring, the reason being that railroad rates, both passenger and freight, had been advanced and the added revenue from the higher rates served to that extent to offset the loss in earnings resulting from the shrinkage in the volume of traffic. Contrariwise, the saving in expenses then achieved was effected in face of higher wage scales, the Railroad Labor Board having the previous sum-

mer awarded a 20% increase to the employees, at the same time that the Inter-State Commerce Commission granted the carriers authority to put into effect higher rate schedules for passengers and freight. Had business and traffic remained normal, the higher rate schedules would, according to the computations made at the time, have added \$125,000,000 a month to the gross revenues, and the higher wage schedules would have added \$50,000,000 a month to the payroll of the carriers, as was pointed out by us at the time.

On the other hand, in any attempt to appraise correctly the big reduction in expenses effected in 1922 and 1921, and the steady improvement in operating efficiency since then, the fact should not be overlooked that, as a result of the antecedent prodigious increases in the expenses, net earnings in 1920 had been reduced to very low levels. High operating costs had been a feature of the returns for many years preceding, and it so happened that in May 1920 the so-called "outlaw" strike, which had served so seriously to interfere with railroad operations the previous month, continued with greatly aggravated consequences. In these circumstances, it was no surprise to find that although gross earnings increased \$38,629,073 over the amount for May of the previous year, the augmentation in expenses reached no less than \$61,001,464, leaving a loss in net of \$22,372,391.

But, as already stated, the 1920 decrease in net was merely one of a series of losses in net that had been continuing through successive years. As indicating how expenses had been mounting up, it is only necessary to note that in May 1919, though gross earnings increased as compared with 1918 in amount of \$35,132,305, the augmentation in expenses reached \$69,091,093, leaving a diminution in the net of \$33,958,788. Similarly for May 1918 our compilations registered \$31,773,655 increase in gross, but \$14,459,024 decrease in net, owing to an increase of \$46,232,679 in expenses. For the three years combined, therefore, the loss in net for this single month was \$70,790,203, in face of an increase in gross earnings of \$105,535,033. Expenses in the three years for this month increased \$176,325,236. Even prior to 1918 rising expenses were a feature of the returns, though not, of course, to anywhere near the extent which subsequently developed. In the following we show the May comparisons for each year back to 1907. We give the results just as registered by our own tables each year, though in 1908 and prior years a portion of the railroad mileage of the country was unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal at that time of some of the roads to furnish monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year	Year	Increase or	Year	Year	Increase or
May.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1907	144,267,760	121,074,984	+23,192,776	43,765,836	37,319,290	+6,446,546
1908	133,680,555	172,218,497	-38,537,942	38,076,927	40,922,678	-12,845,751
1909	196,826,686	170,600,041	+26,226,645	64,690,920	49,789,800	+14,901,120
1910	230,033,384	198,049,390	+31,983,994	70,084,170	64,857,343	+5,226,827
1911	226,422,818	231,066,896	-4,644,078	69,173,574	70,868,645	-1,695,071
1912	236,229,364	226,184,666	+10,044,698	66,035,597	68,488,263	-2,452,666
1913	263,496,033	232,879,970	+30,616,063	73,672,313	66,499,916	+7,172,397
1914	239,427,102	265,335,022	-26,007,920	57,628,765	73,385,635	-15,756,870
1915	244,692,738	243,367,953	+1,324,785	71,958,563	57,339,166	+14,619,397
1916	308,029,096	244,580,685	+63,448,411	105,598,255	71,791,320	+33,806,935
1917	353,825,032	308,132,969	+45,692,063	109,307,435	105,782,717	+3,524,718
1918	374,237,097	342,463,442	+31,773,655	91,995,194	106,454,218	-14,459,024
1919	413,190,468	378,058,163	+35,132,305	58,293,249	92,252,037	-33,958,788
1920	387,330,487	348,701,414	+38,629,073	28,684,058	51,056,449	-22,372,391
1921	444,028,885	457,243,216	-13,214,331	64,882,813	20,043,003	+44,839,810
1922	447,299,150	443,229,399	+4,069,751	92,931,565	64,866,637	+28,064,928
1923	545,503,898	447,993,844	+97,510,054	126,173,540	93,599,825	+32,573,715
1924	476,458,749	546,934,882	-70,476,133	96,048,087	126,496,150	-30,448,063
1925	487,664,383	476,549,801	+11,114,584	112,859,524	96,054,494	+16,805,030
1926	516,467,480	487,952,182	+28,515,298	128,581,566	112,904,074	+15,677,492
1927	517,543,015	516,454,998	+1,088,017	126,757,878	127,821,385	-1,063,507

Note.—Includes for May 92 roads in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 153,310 miles of road; in 1909, 220,514; in 1910, 229,345; in 1911, 236,230; in 1912, 235,410; in 1913, 239,445; in 1914, 246,070; in 1915, 247,747; in 1916, 248,006; in 1917, 248,312; in 1918, 230,355; in 1919, 233,931; in 1920, 213,206; in 1921, 235,333; in 1922, 234,931; in 1923, 235,186; in 1924, 235,894; in 1925, 236,663; in 1926, 236,833; in 1927, 238,025.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, the great irregularity in the comparisons with a year ago for the different sections is again the distinctive feature of the exhibit. Some of the districts or regions show losses, others show gains, and this is true of gross and net alike. Moreover, the ratio of change for the different regions is relatively small, in no instance reaching 5% in the gross and in no instance 3% in the net. Our summary by groups is as follows: As previously explained, we now group the roads to conform with the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The boundaries of the different groups and regions are indicated in the footnote to the table:

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS AND REGIONS.						
District and Region.	1927.		1926.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	
	May	\$	May	\$	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
<b>Eastern District—</b>						
New England Region (9 roads).....	22,319,401	22,602,702	-283,301	1.26		
Great Lakes Region (34 roads).....	97,448,986	97,265,402	+183,584	0.19		
Central Eastern Region (31 roads).....	122,222,292	122,511,252	-288,960	4.60		
Total (74 roads).....	241,990,679	242,679,356	-688,677	0.29		
<b>Southern District—</b>						
Southern Region (30 roads).....	69,292,925	70,144,909	-851,984	1.22		
Pocahontas Region (4 roads).....	24,202,876	23,244,188	+958,688	4.12		
Total (34 roads).....	93,495,801	93,389,097	+106,704	0.11		
<b>Western District—</b>						
Northwestern Region (18 roads).....	57,880,492	58,241,190	-360,698	0.62		
Central Western Region (22 roads).....	79,361,902	77,979,658	+1,382,244	1.77		
Southwestern Region (33 roads).....	44,814,141	44,165,697	+648,444	1.47		
Total (73 roads).....	182,056,535	180,386,545	+1,669,990	0.93		
Total all districts (181 roads).....	517,543,015	516,454,998	+1,088,017	0.21		
<b>Net Earnings—</b>						
Mileage—		1927.	1926.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)		
		\$	\$	%		
<b>Eastern District—</b>						
New Encl'd Region	7,288	7,477	5,559,717	5,482,043	+77,674	1.40
Great Lakes Region	24,954	24,975	26,035,148	26,618,299	-583,151	2.19
Central East. Region	26,808	26,844	31,779,969	31,541,587	+238,382	0.72
Total	59,050	59,296	63,374,834	63,641,929	-267,095	0.42
<b>Southern District—</b>						
Southern Region	39,631	39,028	16,631,059	16,801,679	-170,620	1.02
Pocahontas Region	5,556	5,554	8,558,440	8,548,728	+9,712	0.12
Total	45,187	44,582	25,189,499	25,350,407	-160,908	0.64
<b>Western District—</b>						
Northwestern Reg'n	48,492	48,645	11,283,417	11,284,904	-1,487	0.02
Central West. Region	51,205	50,876	17,958,758	17,546,324	+414,434	2.35
Southwestern Reg'n	34,091	33,876	8,951,370	9,997,821	-1,046,451	0.46
Total	133,788	133,397	38,193,545	38,829,049	-635,504	1.64
Total all districts.	238,025	237,275	126,757,878	127,821,385	-1,063,507	0.83

NOTE.—We have changed our grouping of the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

EASTERN DISTRICT.

**New England Region.**—This region comprises the New England States.  
**Great Lakes Region.**—This region comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburg to New York.  
**Central Eastern Region.**—This region comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

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

WESTERN DISTRICT.

**Northwestern Region.**—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.  
**Central Western Region.**—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.  
**Southwestern Region.**—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

Western roads, considered as a whole, had a slightly heavier grain traffic and also a somewhat larger livestock tonnage. The increase in the grain movement was entirely in the receipts of wheat and rye. In the receipts of corn, oats and barley there was a falling off. For the five cereals combined—wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye—the receipts at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ending May 28 were 44,569,000 bushels, as against 42,066,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of last year. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are shown in the table we now introduce:

WESTERN FLOUR & GRAIN RECEIPTS.							Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Four Weeks Ended May 28.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)	Flour. bbls.	Wheat. bush.	Corn. bush.	Oats. bush.	Barley. bush.	Rye. bush.
<b>Chicago—</b>												
1927	885,000	2,117,000	2,940,000	4,250,000	441,000	103,000	23,718,000	4,345,000	4,289,000	3,406,000	1,172,000	
1926	866,000	1,871,000	2,906,000	2,723,000	629,000	55,000	32,278,000	4,397,000	9,352,000	6,501,000	1,883,000	
<b>Milwaukee—</b>												
1927	196,000	372,000	104,000	1,479,000	502,000	71,000	19,290,000	5,373,000	1,262,000			
1926	179,000	380,000	152,000	624,000	811,000	35,000	11,426,000	9,430,000	1,938,000			
<b>St. Louis—</b>												
1927	473,000	1,103,000	1,357,000	1,677,000	30,000	15,000	5,556,000	17,049,000	5,922,010			
1926	355,000	1,334,000	1,687,000	2,314,000	4,000	7,000	4,401,000	15,355,000	5,622,000			
<b>Toledo—</b>												
1927		739,000	288,000	892,000	2,000	18,000	389,000	1,019,000	468,000		2,000	
1926		489,000	205,000	535,000	3,000	23,000	911,000	1,046,000	1,224,000		15,000	2,000
<b>Detroit—</b>												
1927		157,000	35,000	54,000		59,000	3,116,000	3,556,000	518,000			
1926		43,000	40,000	85,000		12,000	2,106,000	4,950,000	868,000			
<b>Peoria—</b>												
1927	190,000	52,000	1,465,000	677,000	130,000		5,970,000	282,000	240,000			
1926	200,000	75,000	1,548,000	652,000	160,000	4,000	2,857,000	1,182,000	237,000		4,000	
<b>Duluth—</b>												
1927		2,802,000	40,000	28,000	402,000	2,742,000	9,588,000	92,102,000	87,717,000	52,783,000	11,285,000	9,223,000
1926		3,266,000	6,000	2,430,000	157,000	744,000	8,990,000	85,491,000	103,844,000	65,334,000	14,321,000	6,102,000
<b>Minneapolis—</b>												
1927		3,961,000	357,000	665,000	457,000	208,000						
1926		4,141,000	290,000	1,219,000	937,000	306,000						
<b>Kansas City—</b>												
1927		3,335,000	555,000	181,000								
1926		1,764,000	1,245,000	191,000								
<b>Omaha &amp; Indianapolis—</b>												
1927		812,000	2,525,000	1,101,000								
1926		831,000	1,780,000	858,000								
<b>St. Joseph—</b>												
1927		96,000	348,000	54,000								
1926		102,000	140,000	186,000		1,000						
<b>Wichita—</b>												
1927		1,170,000	65,000	32,000								
1926		351,000	198,000	6,000								
<b>Total of all—</b>												
1927	1,744,000	17,413,000	10,780,000	11,196,000	1,964,000	3,216,000						
1926	1,600,000	15,038,000	11,231,000	11,909,000	2,701,000	1,187,000						
<b>Jan. 1 to May 28</b>												
<b>Chicago—</b>												
1927	4,959,000	7,252,000	31,823,000	18,574,000	2,731,000	695,000						
1926	5,044,000	6,138,000	38,964,000	15,494,000	2,960,000	461,000						
<b>Milwaukee—</b>												
1927	744,000	916,000	4,393,000	4,555,000	3,470,000	593,000						
1926	716,000	1,321,000	4,855,000	3,804,000	3,479,000	418,000						
<b>St. Louis—</b>												
1927	2,516,000	7,774,000	7,463,000	8,465,000	181,000	422,000						
1926	2,133,000	9,104,000	10,215,000	13,780,000	266,000	217,000						
<b>Toledo—</b>												
1927		4,728,000	1,746,000	4,242,000	10,000	97,000						
1926		2,571,000	2,232,000	1,968,000	8,000	88,000						
<b>Detroit—</b>												
1927		899,000	680,000	384,000		271,000						
1926		297,000	336,000	436,000	3,000	94,000						
<b>Peoria—</b>												
1927	1,369,000	334,000	9,799,000	3,664,000	603,000	21,000						
1926	1,097,000	500,000	10,836,000	3,835,000	681,000	22,000						
<b>Duluth—</b>												
1927		12,160,000	189,000	200,000	882,000	5,952,000						
1926		11,581,000	46,000	6,776,000	404,000	2,916,000						

In regard to the Western livestock movement, the receipts at Chicago comprised 20,747 carloads in May 1927, as compared with 19,307 in May 1926; at Kansas City 9,072 cars, as against 8,237, and at Omaha, 7,807 cars, against 7,841 cars.

As to the cotton movement in the South during May, the shipments overland were 75,379 bales, as compared with 63,513 bales in May 1926; 29,004 bales in 1925; 40,534 bales in May 1924; 65,395 bales in 1923; 139,348 bales in May 1922; 224,354 bales in May 1921; 184,436 bales in May 1920; 211,617 bales in May 1919, and 285,394 bales in May 1918. The receipts at the Southern outports in May aggregated 345,312 bales, against 337,563 bales in May last year, and only 188,024 bales in May 1925. Complete details of the receipts of the staple at the Southern ports are shown in the table we now subjoin:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN MAY AND FROM JAN. 1 TO MAY 31 1927, 1926 AND 1925.

	May.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.*	1925.
Galveston	59,416	55,790	52,528	904,394	694,616	909,663
Texas City, &c	65,723	84,585	63,302	978,688	575,502	763,010
New Orleans	75,433	79,760	38,146	874,649	670,895	593,345
Mobile	19,327	9,938	1,579	99,339	57,891	44,951
Pensacola, &c	100	1,830	600	2,623	3,503	2,831
Savannah	61,422	70,536	6,901	365,382	267,218	179,569
Charleston	29,103	16,835	12,385	188,819	121,469	115,186
Wilmington	18,925	3,463	517	75,318	33,132	47,149
Norfolk	15,863	14,776	13,066	131,205	104,235	136,074
Total	345,312	337,563	188,024	3,620,417	2,528,461	2,792,128

### The New Capital Flotations in June and for the Half Year Ended with June.

The most striking feature of the new security offerings brought out during June is again their magnitude, and thus the closing month of the half year is distinguished in the same way as the other months of that period. It has been a time of large totals throughout. June is the fourth month of 1927 in which the grand aggregate of these issues has been above \$900,000,000.

Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during June reached \$922,061,932. In May the aggregate was \$946,769,379, or the very largest monthly figure on record, the June offerings thus falling little below the record. In April the total was \$910,512,572. In March, the new offerings, while by no means small, totaled only \$672,026,121, but in February the new financing for the month amounted to \$938,363,993, breaking all previous monthly records up to that time, but a record which was to be surpassed by the month of May. In January, also, the aggregate of new issues coming upon the market was of large magnitude, falling only a little under the 900-million mark, being in exact figures \$877,075,418. If comparison is made with the monthly totals for the latter part

of 1926, it quickly appears that the capital emissions now are on a distinctly higher level. For December 1926 the total was \$621,764,765, for November \$697,961,617, for October \$579,018,819, for September \$541,128,633, for August (a dull summer month), \$351,822,154, and for July \$581,471,484.

At \$922,061,932 for June 1927 comparison is with only \$728,025,439 in June of last year. The bulk of the increase is again found in the new security offerings by corporations, which in June, as in some previous months, aggregated over 700 million dollars, having been in precise figures \$707,548,067. A year ago in June the corporate offerings totaled only \$472,401,650. A qualifying circumstance should here be taken into account, namely the fact that at that time only \$93,362,700 of the new issues were for refunding purposes, that is to take up old securities outstanding, while in June of the present year no less than \$169,252,700 went to retire old securities. Still, even after allowing for the refunding portions, \$538,295,367 remains as representing the strictly new capital demands for June 1927, as against only \$379,038,950 in June 1926. State and municipal offerings fell far below the exceptional total of \$208,173,409 recorded in May and yet reached \$154,928,865, which compares with \$140,731,789 in June 1926.

Industrial offerings during June totaled \$348,319,130, and for the fourth consecutive month led in volume among the corporate issues. The amount shows an increase of some 21 millions over the previous month's total. Railroad financing during June aggregated \$204,222,687, ranking the month as the second largest on record, April 1921 with a total of \$235,680,000 having been the largest. In May of this year railroad issues totaled only \$129,225,000. Public utility issues in June amounted to only \$155,006,250, as against \$255,614,060 during May—a decrease of fully 100 million dollars.

Total corporate offerings in June were, as already stated, \$707,548,067, and of this amount long-term issues accounted for no less than \$513,489,000, short-term issues totaled only \$38,192,500, while stock issues amounted to \$155,866,567. As has been the case for so many months, a large proportion of the corporate issues was raised for refunding purposes, the amount for this purpose in June reaching \$169,252,700, or nearly 24% of the total. In May \$265,789,450, or over 37% of the total was for refunding. The amount for May established a new high monthly total in that respect, just barely exceeding the previous high total of \$264,542,925 recorded in November 1926. In April \$131,581,150, or more than 25%, was for refunding. In March the amount was \$101,947,000, or slightly over 20%; in February \$245,061,060, or in excess of 31%, and in January \$102,531,800, or not quite 17%. In June of last year, as already stated, \$93,362,700, or a little less than 20% of the total, was for refunding purposes.

The more prominent issues brought out in June the present year entirely or partly for refunding were: \$63,242,500 par value common stock of Baltimore & Ohio RR., which provided \$35,000,000 for refunding; \$65,000,000 Canadian National Rys. Co. 4½s, 1957, of which \$20,000,000 was for refunding; \$20,000,000 Southern Pacific Co.-Oregon Lines 1st mtge. 4½s, "A," 1977, of which \$15,294,000 went for refunding; \$20,000,000 Cuba Northern Rys. Co. 1st mtge. 5½s, 1942, of which \$12,510,000 was for refunding; \$12,000,000 Eastern Ambassador Hotels 1st & ref. (c) mtge. 5½s, 1947, issued exclusively for refunding, and \$11,000,000 Procter & Gamble Co. deb. 4½s, 1947, also issued exclusively for refunding purposes.

The total of \$169,252,700 used for refunding in June of this year comprised \$81,623,100 new long-term to refund existing long-term; \$30,822,800 new long-term to refund existing short-term; \$11,000,000 new long-term to replace existing stock; \$1,195,000 new short-term to refund existing long-term; \$41,461,800 new stock to replace existing long-term bonds; \$800,000 new stock to replace existing short-term obligations, and \$2,350,000 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this country during June reached \$88,840,000, as compared with only \$31,209,375 in the previous month. The June offerings were: Canadian: \$65,000,000 Canadian National Rys. Co. 4½s, 1957, offered at 98½, to yield 4.60%. Other foreign issues were: \$20,000,000 Cuba Northern Rys. Co. 1st mtge. 5½s, 1942, offered at 98½, to yield 5.65%; \$3,000,000 Hungarian Central Mutual Credit Institute land mortgage 7s, "A," 1937, sold at 98½, to yield 7.48%; \$500,000 National Central Savings Bank of Hungary sec. 7½s, 1962, issued at par, and 10,000 American shares representing capital stock of Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank, offered at \$34 per share, involving \$340,000.

The largest of the domestic corporate offerings was that of \$63,242,500 par value common stock of Baltimore & Ohio RR., offered at \$107½ per share, involving \$67,985,687. Additional railroad issues of importance were: \$20,000,000 Southern Pacific Co.-Oregon Lines 1st mtge. 4½s, "A," 1977, offered at 100½, yielding 4.48%; \$12,000,000 Western Maryland Ry. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5½s, "A," 1977, sold at 99½, yielding 5.53%, and \$8,515,000 Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. equip. trust 4½s, "O," 1930-42, offered at prices to yield 4.50% to 4.55%.

Industrial issues worthy of special mention comprised the following: \$35,000,000 The Hudson Coal Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1962, issued at 98½, yielding 5.09%; \$30,000,000 Marland Oil Co. 5s, 1929-32, sold at prices to yield 5.30% to 5.50%; \$25,000,000 Koppers Gas & Coke Co. deb. 5s, 1947, priced at 96, to yield 5.30%; \$15,000,000 International Paper Co. 7% cum. pref., sold at 99, to yield 7.07%; \$15,000,000 International Securities Corp. of America deb. 5s, 1947, offered at 95¼, yielding 5.40%; \$15,000,000 P. Lorillard Co. deb. 5½s, 1937, issued at 97½, to yield 5.80%; \$12,000,000 Eastern Ambassador Hotels 1st & ref. (c) mtge. 5½s, 1947, issued at par, and \$11,000,000 Procter & Gamble Co. deb. 4½s, 1947, sold at 98¾, to yield 4.60%.

Public utility financing was featured by the following: \$35,000,000 International Tel. & Tel. Co. deb. 4½s, 1952, sold at 92, yielding 5.05%; \$12,000,000 Iowa Public Service Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1957, offered at 97½, to yield 5.16%; \$10,000,000 Federal Water Service Corp. conv. deb. 5½s, 1957, issued at 96¾, yielding 5.75%, and 75,000 shares of \$6 div. cum. pref. stock of Cities Service Pr. & Light Co., offered at 92¾, yielding 6.47% and involving \$6,956,250.

Seven separate foreign Government loans were offered here during June for an aggregate of \$54,400,000. The issues offered were as follows: \$20,000,000 Free State of Bavaria 1-year Treasury notes due June 10 1928, offered on a 5¾% basis; \$15,000,000 City of Copenhagen (Denmark) 5s, 1952, issued at 97¼, yielding 5.20%; \$5,900,000 City of Sao Paulo (Brazil) 6½s, 1957, offered at 98, to yield 6.65%; \$5,000,000 Province of Upper Austria 6½s, 1957, sold at 93¾, to yield 7%; \$4,000,000 Republic of Estonia banking and currency reform 7s, 1967, brought out at 94½, yielding 7.40%; \$4,000,000 State of Rio Grande Do Sul (Brazil) consolidated municipal loan 7s, 1967, offered at 97, to yield 7.20%, and \$500,000 City of Panama sec. 6½s, 1952, issued at par.

Farm loan financing during June was confined to two small offerings aggregating \$1,750,000, the yields of which were from 4.56% to 4.62%.

Offerings of various securities made during the month which did not represent new financing by the companies whose securities were offered, and which, therefore, are not included in our totals, embraced the following: 80,000 shares class "A" stock and 40,000 shares of class "B" stock of Waitt & Bond, Inc., offered in units of 1 share of class "A" and ½ share of class "B" for \$33 per unit, involving \$2,640,000; \$2,500,000 Sanitary Grocery Co., Inc. (Del.) conv. 6½% cum. pref., offered at par (\$100); \$1,000,000 Sangamo Electric Co. (Ill.) 7% cum. pref., offered at 101, yielding 6.93%, and 42,000 shares of com. stock of the same company offered at \$28½ per share, involving \$1,197,000; \$1,000,000 Virginian Ry. com. stock (par \$100), offered at \$165 per share; 19,000 shares of preference stock and 9,500 shares of com. stock of Allen Industries, Inc., offered in units of 1 share of preference and ½ share of com. at \$36 per unit, involving \$684,000; 20,000 shares of com. stock of American Encaustic Tiling Co., Ltd., offered at \$36 per share, involving \$720,000 and \$300,000 International Rys. of Central America-Central Division purchase money 1st mtge. 5s, 1972, sold at 80, a yield of 6.35%.

#### THE RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR.

For the half year, as already indicated, the new security issues in the United States have been of unparalleled magnitude, far surpassing any previous total for the half year. As noted at the beginning of this article, in four of the months the new offerings ran in excess of \$900,000,000 each, and in one other month they came very close to that amount. For the half year the grand total of new flotations reaches considerably over five billion dollars, being \$5,294,638,638. In the first half of 1926 the total went slightly above four billions, being \$4,052,531,232, and that greatly exceeded the highest previous total and was at the time looked upon as being of huge extent. In the first half of 1925 the total was \$3,700,794,312; in the first half of 1924 \$3,201,621,564;

in the first half of 1923 \$2,969,887,436; in the first half of 1922 \$3,190,713,787; in the first half of 1921 \$2,062,691,018; in the first half of 1920 \$2,317,901,386, and in the first half of 1919 (which was immediately after the armistice), \$1,774,982,102.

At \$5,294,638,638 for the first half of 1927, the new offerings, it will be seen, are at the rate of over \$10,500,000,000 a year. One fact, however, should not be overlooked, namely that an increasing proportion of new flotations is for refunding purposes, that is to take up and retire old issues of securities. Of the new issues put out in the first six months of 1927, no less than \$1,186,229,960 was to take up old issues; the corresponding amount in the first half of 1926 was only \$469,004,592, a difference of over \$717,000,000, and this shows the importance of segregating the refunding portions from the rest, as is always done in our compilations. Still, even on the basis of the applications for strictly new capital, the total keeps steadily expanding, though the pace is not quite so fast. In the first half of 1927 the strictly new capital demands reached the striking figure of \$4,108,408,678, which compares with \$3,583,526,640 in the first half of 1926, with \$3,189,379,680 in 1925, with \$2,843,504,056 in 1924 and with only \$2,477,529,367 in 1923.

As is invariably the case, the preponderating proportion of the whole of the new flotations is contributed by corporations, domestic and foreign. As it happens, too, it is in the case of the corporations that the refunding issues cut the biggest figure. The total of the new flotations on behalf of corporations in the six months of 1927 was \$3,830,961,937, against \$2,877,993,096 in the first half of 1926, being an increase of almost a billion dollars, but the portion used for refunding was \$1,016,163,160 in 1927, against only \$355,639,045 in 1926, which reduces the strictly new capital demands in 1927 to \$2,814,798,777, against \$2,522,354,051 in 1926.

The foreign Government issues (including Canadian) were also larger, having been \$477,757,800 for the six months of 1927, against \$302,764,000 in the first half of 1926, \$315,811,000 in the first half of 1925 and \$353,407,562 in the first half of 1924. The foreign corporate offerings, however, are also an important item. These reached \$308,605,625 in the six months of 1927, against \$313,694,040 in the first half of 1926, \$254,695,000 in the first half of 1925 and but \$31,330,000 in the first half of 1924. The aggregate borrowing therefore in the United States on behalf of foreign nations, Government and corporate, reached the huge sum of \$786,363,425 in the first six months of 1927, against \$616,458,040 in 1926, \$570,506,000 in 1925, \$384,737,562 in 1924 and \$193,646,279 in 1923. The aggregate for 1927 is by far the largest on record, as will appear from the following, carrying the comparisons back to 1919:

Table with 4 columns: Half Year to June 30 1927, New Capital, Refunding, Total. Rows include Canada, Other foreign government, Canadian corporate issues, Other foreign corporate issues, Grand total, and a breakdown of the first half of 1926-1927.

It is always interesting to analyze the foreign issues and therefore we bring them together below. It will be observed that in the case of the foreign Government offerings, South American issues have been very prominent, they having contributed \$169,888,800 to the grand total of \$410,278,800 for the six months. The most prominent borrower among the South American countries during this period was the Argentine Republic, with a total of \$73,605,500, consisting of two Government loans totaling \$48,200,000 and five municipal borrowings aggregating \$25,405,500. Italy contributed \$60,000,000, represented by loans of \$30,000,000 each to the cities of Rome and Milan, while Australia accounted for \$57,500,000, the total comprising two \$25,000,000 loans for the State of New South Wales and one of \$7,500,000 for the city of Brisbane. In the case of the foreign corporate issues, Canadian financing heads the list as usual, but a wide range of other countries is represented.

In the following we furnish full details of the foreign Government and foreign corporate issues brought out in the United States during the six months ending June 30:

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL ISSUES PLACED IN UNITED STATES IN HALF-YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1927. Table with 2 columns: Issue description, Price, Yield %.

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year.

OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES DURING FIRST HALF OF 1927—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL.

Table with 2 columns: Issue description, Price, Yield Per Cent. Includes Argentine Sanitary Works, Chile Talcahuano Naval Station, Dominican Republic Customs, etc.

\$410,278,800 Grand total (of which \$380,778,800 new capital and \$29,500,000 for refunding.)

CANADIAN CORPORATE ISSUES.

Table with 2 columns: Issue description, Price, Yield. Includes Campbell River Timber Co., Abitibi Fibre Co., Abitibi Power & Paper Co., etc.

\$132,675,000 Grand total (of which \$112,675,000 new capital and \$20,000,000 for refunding.)

OTHER FOREIGN CORPORATE ISSUES.

Table with 2 columns: Issue description, Price, Yield %.



June—	Price.	Yield %
\$20,000,000 Cuba Northern Rys. Co. 5½s, 1942	98½	5.65
3,000,000 Hungarian Central Mutual Cred. Inst. 7s, "A," 1937	98½	7.48
340,000 Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank, American shares representing capital stock (10,000)	34	---
500,000 National Central Savings Bk. of Hungary 7½s, 1962-100	---	7.50
\$175,930,625 Grand total (of which \$163,420,625 new capital and \$12,510,000 for refunding).		

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Farm Loan issues for the six months' period were \$142,550,000, against \$114,500,000 in the six months of 1926. The \$100,000,000 issue of Federal Land Bank 4¼, 1937-57, offered in April at 101¼, to yield 4.10%, and a similar offering of \$20,000,000 of 4¼s, 1937-57, made in January at 100¾, yielding 4.15%, accounted for over 80% of the Farm Loan issues brought out in the first half of the present year.

LARGE DOMESTIC CORPORATE ISSUES DURING THE HALF YEAR.

Domestic corporate offerings of exceptional size during the half year in addition to those for June, already mentioned, were as follows:

**January.**—\$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corp. deb. 6s, 1937, issued at par; \$35,000,000 Gulf Oil Corp. of Pa. deb. 5s, 1947, sold at par; \$30,000,000 Indianapolis Pr. & Light Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1957, offered at 98, yielding 5.13%; \$27,500,000 The Narragansett Co. coll. trust 5s, "A," 1957, sold at 99, yielding 5.06%; \$25,000,000 San Joaquin Light & Pr. Corp. unif. & ref. mtge. 5s, "D," 1957, offered at 98½, yielding 5.10%; \$25,000,000 North American Edison Co. deb. 5s, "A," 1957, brought out at 98, yielding 5½%; 375,000 shares of Columbia Gas & Electric Co. com. stock, offered at \$60 per share, involving \$22,500,000; \$15,000,000 Electric Bond & Share Co. 6% cum. pref. stock, sold at 107½, yielding 5.58%; \$15,000,000 Solvay American Investment Corp. sec. 5s, "A," 1942, sold at 99¼, yielding 5.02%, and \$15,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1951, issued at 98½, to yield 5.10%.

**February.**—1,200,000 shares of \$5 cum. pref. stock of Consolidated Gas Co. of N Y., offered at \$91 per share, yielding 5.49%, and 720,000 shares of com. stock of the same company, offered at \$75 per share, the two issues involving a total of \$163,200,000; \$95,000,000 Missouri Pacific RR. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, "F," 1977, issued at par; \$60,000,000 Aluminum Co. of America deb. 5s, 1952, sold at par; \$40,000,000 Associated Gas & Electric Co. conv. deb. 5½s, 1977, brought out at 95¾, yielding 5.75%; \$25,000,000 General Motors Corp. 7% pref. stock, sold at \$120 per share, yielding 5.80%; \$24,000,000 Standard Pr. & Light Corp. deb. 6s, 1957, issued at 99½, yielding 6.03%; \$20,572,000 Chicago & North Western Ry. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s, 2037, offered at 95, yielding 4.74%, and \$20,000,000 Interstate Pr. Co. (Del.) 1st mtge. 5s, 1957, priced at 97½, to yield 5.16%.

**March.**—\$50,000,000 Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. com. stock, offered at par (\$100); \$45,000,000 Georgia Pr. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1967, sold at 97, yielding 5.18%; \$30,000,000 Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s, "B," 1977, offered at 97, to yield 4.65%; \$22,000,000 The Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s, "A," 1977, sold at 95, yielding 4.76%; \$19,800,000 Public Service Electric & Gas Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1965, sold at 99, yielding 5.06%; \$16,000,000 Texas & Pacific Ry. gen. & ref. mtge. 5s, "B," 1977, brought out at 99½, yielding 5.03%; \$15,000,000 Commonwealth Edison Co. 1st mtge. coll. 4½s, "D," 1957, issued at 96, to yield 4.75%, and \$15,000,000 Skelly Oil Co. deb. 5½s, 1939, sold at 98½, yielding 5.67%.

**April.**—\$55,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1967, priced at 95, to yield 4.78%; \$50,000,000 Shell Union Oil Corp. deb. 5s, 1947, sold at 99½, yielding 5.04%; \$25,000,000 Humble Oil & Refining Co. deb. 5s, 1937, issued at par; \$20,000,000 United Cigar Stores Co. of America 6% cum. pref. sold at 109, to yield 5.50%; \$17,350,000 Illinois Central RR. Co. and Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR. Co. joint 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s, "C," 1963, issued at 97½, to yield 4.64%, and \$15,096,200 St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. com. stock, offered at par (\$100).

**May.**—\$60,000,000 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 1st mtge. & coll. trust 5s, 1957, sold at 97, to yield 5.20%; \$50,000,000 Erie RR. Co. ref. & imp. 5s, 1967, priced at 94½, to yield 5.30%; \$48,000,000 The Chesapeake Corp. conv. coll. trust 5s, 1947, offered at 94, to yield 5.50%; \$40,000,000 Phillips Petroleum Co. deb. 5¼s, 1939, sold at 99¼, to yield 5.33%; \$40,000,000 Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. deb. 5s, 1952, offered at par; \$30,000,000 Empire Oil & Refining Co.

1st mtge. & coll. trust 5½s, 1942, offered at 96, yielding 5.90%; \$26,835,000 Union Pacific RR. Co. 4½s, 1967, offered at 97¼, yielding 4.65%; \$25,000,000 Cities Service Gas Co. 1st mtge. pipeline 5½s, 1942, sold at 96¼, yielding 5.87%; \$25,000,000 Remington-Rand, Inc., deb. 5½s, "A," 1947, priced at par, and \$18,000,000 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. (Del.) 5s, 1928-30, offered at prices ranging from 100¼ to 99¼, yielding from 4¾% to 5¼%.

THE CHIEF REFUNDING ISSUES.

The most conspicuous issues brought out during the first six months which were used wholly or partly for refunding comprised the following: \$22,725,000 out of the \$25,000,000 San Joaquin Light & Pr. Corp. unif. & ref. mtge. 5s, "D," 1957, offered in January; \$69,331,260 out of \$95,000,000 Mo. Pacific RR. 1st & ref. 5s, "F," 1977, offered in February; \$24,000,000 Standard Pr. & Lt. Corp. deb. 6s, 1957, offered in February; \$23,000,000 out of the \$60,000,000 Aluminum Co. of America deb. 5s, 1952, offered in February; \$25,000,000 out of the \$45,000,000 Georgia Pr. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1967, offered in March; \$41,718,500 out of the \$55,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1967, offered in April; three issues in May, totaling \$73,000,000 in connection with the segregation of oil and gas holdings of Empire Gas & Fuel Co., which included \$64,000,000 for refunding. The issues were: \$30,000,000 Empire Oil & Ref. Co. 5½s, 1942; \$25,000,000 Cities Service Gas Co. 5½s, 1942, and \$18,000,000 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. 5s, 1928-30. Other large refunding issues were: \$60,000,000 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 1st mtge. & coll. trust 5s, 1957, offered in May; \$34,942,000 out of the \$40,000,000 Columbia Gas & Electric Co. deb. 5s, 1952, offered in May, and \$35,000,000 out of the \$63,242,500 par value com. stock of Baltimore & Ohio RR. offered in June.

FINAL SUMMARY.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as Farm Loan issues—for June and for the six months ending with June. It should be noted that in the case of the corporate offerings we subdivide the figures so as to show the long-term and the short-term issues separately, and we also separate common stock from preferred stock, and likewise show by themselves the Canadian corporate issues, as well as the other foreign corporate flotations.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

1927.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
MONTH OF JUNE—	\$	\$	\$
Corporate—			
Domestic—Long term bonds and notes	334,053,100	90,935,900	424,989,000
Short term	36,997,500	1,195,000	38,192,500
Preferred stocks	51,350,550	3,174,000	54,524,550
Common stocks	59,564,217	41,437,800	101,002,017
Canadian—Long term bonds and notes	45,000,000	20,000,000	65,000,000
Short term	---	---	---
Preferred stocks	---	---	---
Common stocks	---	---	---
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes	10,990,000	12,510,000	23,500,000
Short term	---	---	---
Preferred stocks	---	---	---
Common stocks	340,000	---	340,000
Total corporate	538,295,367	169,252,700	707,548,067
Foreign Government	54,400,000	---	54,400,000
Farm Loan issues	1,750,000	---	1,750,000
War Finance Corporation	---	---	---
Municipal	152,104,565	2,824,300	154,928,865
Canadian	---	---	---
United States Possessions	3,435,000	---	3,435,000
Grand total	749,984,932	172,077,000	922,061,932
SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—Long term bonds and notes	1,657,677,190	851,431,810	2,509,109,000
Short term	105,587,500	27,011,000	132,598,500
Preferred stocks	412,449,825	36,559,250	449,009,075
Common stocks	362,988,637	68,651,100	431,639,737
Canadian—Long term bonds and notes	110,675,000	20,000,000	130,675,000
Short term	2,000,000	---	2,000,000
Preferred stocks	---	---	---
Common stocks	---	---	---
Other For'n—Long term bonds & notes	150,340,000	12,510,000	162,850,000
Short term	8,000,000	---	8,000,000
Preferred stocks	---	---	---
Common stocks	5,080,625	---	5,080,625
Total corporate	2,814,798,777	1,016,163,160	3,830,961,937
Foreign Government	380,778,800	---	380,778,800
Farm Loan issues	49,750,000	92,800,000	142,550,000
War Finance Corporation	---	---	---
Municipal	820,361,101	19,047,800	839,408,901
Canadian	38,760,000	28,719,000	67,479,000
United States Possessions	3,960,000	---	3,960,000
Grand total	4,108,408,678	1,186,229,960	5,294,638,638

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





DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING JUNE 1927.  
LONG TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 3,536,000	<b>Railroads—</b> Additions, betterments, &c.....	97	4.70	<b>Buffalo Rochester &amp; Pittsburgh Ry.</b> Cons. M. 4½s, 1957. Offered by Brown Bros. & Co., Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Ingraham & Du Bosque and Biddle & Henry.
65,000,000	Refunding; capital & other expend.....	98½	4.60	<b>Canadian National Rys. Co.</b> 4½s, 1957. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc., The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., The First National Corp. of Boston, E. H. Rollins & Sons, the Shawmut Corp., the Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp., Boston; the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo; Continental & Commercial Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; the Cleveland Trust Co., Mitchell Hutchins & Co., Guardian Detroit Co., Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis; Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis Trust Co., Mississippi Valley Trust Co., First Wisconsin Co., Fletcher American Co., Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, American National Co., San Francisco, Citizens National Co., Los Angeles, R. A. Daly & Co., the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hanson Bros., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., Bank of Nova Scotia, Matthews & Co., Ltd., Green Shields & Co., Banque Canadienne Nationale Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Imperial Bank of Canada and the Dominion Bank.
650,000	General corporate purposes.....	103	4.85	<b>Chicago Indianapolis &amp; Louisville Ry.</b> 1st & Gen. M. 5s, "A," 1966. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., and Potter & Co.
8,515,000	New equipment.....	100-99.46	4.50-4.55	<b>Chicago Rock Island &amp; Pacific Ry.</b> Eq. Tr. 4½s, "O," 1930-42. Offered by Bankers Trust Co., Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Brown Bros. & Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Evans, Stillman & Co. and Harrison, Smith & Co.
20,000,000	Refunding; add'ns, impts., &c.....	98½	5.65	<b>Cuba Northern Rys. Co.</b> 1st M. 5½s, 1942. Offered by National City Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and Cassatt & Co.
750,000	General corporate purposes.....	103	4.80	<b>Lehigh &amp; New England RR.</b> Gen. M. 5s, "B," 1954. Offered by Drexel & Co.
5,786,000	New equipment.....	100	4.48	<b>Southern Pacific Co.</b> Eq. Tr. 4½s, "A," 1932-42. Offered by Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York.
20,000,000	Refunding; capital expenditures.....	100½	4.48	<b>Southern Pacific Co. Oregon Lines</b> 1st M. 4½s, "A," 1977. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
12,000,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.....	99½	5.53	<b>Western Maryland Ry. Co.</b> 1st & Ref. M. 5½s, "A," 1977. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Speyer & Co. and National City Co.
136,237,000	<b>Public Utilities—</b>			
340,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	100	6.00	<b>Arkansas Missouri Power Co.</b> 1st M. 6s, 1953. Offered by Beverly, Bogert & Co., R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., and A. E. Fitkin & Co.
600,000	Additions, extensions, impts., &c.....	98	5.13	<b>City Water Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn.</b> 1st M. 5s, "C," 1957. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
90,000	General corporate purposes.....	105.86	4.87	<b>Eastern Massachusetts Electric Co.</b> 1st M. 6s, 1933. Offered by F. S. Moseley & Co., Boston.
4,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	97½	6.25	<b>Electric Public Utilities Co.</b> Secured 6s, 1942. Offered by Stanley & Bissell, Inc., and A. L. Chambers & Co., Inc.
930,500	Capital expenditures, &c.....	95¼	5.45	<b>Federal Light &amp; Traction Co.</b> Stamped 1st Lien 5s, 1942. Offered by White, Weld & Co., Lee; Higginson & Co., Bodell & Co., West & Co. and James B. Colgate & Co.
10,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions, &c.....	96¾	5.75	<b>Federal Water Service Corp.</b> Conv. Deb. 5½s, 1957. Offered by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc.
4,000,000	Refunding; additions, &c.....	96¾	5.20	<b>Hackensack Water Co.</b> Gen. & Ref. M. 5s, "A," 1977. Offered by White, Weld & Co. and Kean, Taylor & Co.
2,000,000	Additions, extensions, &c.....	99¾	5.02	<b>Houston Lighting &amp; Power Co.</b> 1st Lien & Ref. M. 5s, "A," 1953. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co.
800,000	Additions; other corp. purposes.....	100	5.00	<b>Idaho Power Co.</b> 1st M. 6s, 1947. Offered by Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
4,000,000	General corporate purposes.....	97	5.20	<b>Illinois Power &amp; Light Corp.</b> 1st & Ref. M. 5s, "C," 1956. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and Spencer Trask & Co.
35,000,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	92	5.05	<b>International Telephone &amp; Telegraph Co.</b> Deb. 4½s, 1952. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., National City Co., First National Bank, New York; Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Edward B. Smith & Co. and Dominick & Dominick.
12,000,000	Refunding; impts. & extensions.....	97¼	5.16	<b>Iowa Public Service Co.</b> 1st M. 5s, 1957. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Stroud & Co., Inc.
1,500,000	Refunding; retire bank loans, &c.....	97¼	6.20	<b>Jacksonville (Fla.) Gas Co.</b> Deb. 6s, "A," 1952. Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., and Frederick Pelree & Co.
3,286,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	97¼	5.15	<b>Kansas Power &amp; Light Co.</b> 1st M. 5s, "B," 1957. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and Spencer Trask & Co.
1,000,000	Refunding; additions, &c.....	98	5.65	<b>Lake Ontario Power Co.</b> 1st M. 5½s, 1957. Offered by J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore.
2,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	96	5.32	<b>Michigan Public Service Co.</b> 1st M. 5s, "A," 1947. Offered by Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., Spencer Trask & Co., Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and A. E. Fitkin & Co.
2,500,000	Refunding; add'ns, impts., &c.....	96¾	5.20	<b>Midland Counties Public Service Corp.</b> 1st M. 5s, "A," 1957. Offered by Pelree, Fair & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co.
1,500,000	General corporate purposes.....	99¼	5.02	<b>Minnesota Power &amp; Light Co.</b> 1st & Ref. M. 5s, 1955. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
290,000	New plant and equipment.....	100	6.00	<b>Minot Gas Co.</b> 1st M. 6s, 1937. Offered by Drake-Jones Co., Minneapolis.
300,000	Acquisitions; betterments.....	---	5-6½	<b>Mississippi Valley Utilities Corp.</b> 1st M. 6½s, "A," 1928-37. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co. and Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis.
1,500,000	Additions, extensions, &c.....	98¼	5.10	<b>New York Steam Corp.</b> 1st M. 5s, 1951. Offered by National City Co. and Cassatt & Co.
1,900,000	General corporate purposes.....	94	5.97	<b>Northern Ohio Power &amp; Light Co.</b> Gen. & Ref. M. 5½s, 1951. Offered by National City Co.
2,100,000	Refunding; acquisitions.....	96	5.25	<b>Ohio Electric Power Co.</b> 1st M. 5s, 1957. Offered by A. C. Allen & Co., Inc.
1,250,000	Acquisitions; add'ns, extensions, &c.....	96	6.50	<b>Oklahoma Northern Gas Co.</b> 1st (closed) Lien 6½s, 1934. Offered by Battles & Co. and Brooke, Stokes & Co.
2,300,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	94¼	5.37	<b>Oregon Washington Water Service Co.</b> 1st M. 5s, "A," 1957. Offered by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co.; Inc., and Janney & Co.
1,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions.....	100	5.50	<b>Sweetwater Water Corp.</b> 1st M. 5½s, "A," 1952. Offered by First Securities Co. and Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Los Angeles.
20,000,000	Acquisitions; reduce current debt.....	94¼	6.00	<b>Utilities Power &amp; Light Corp.</b> Deb. 5½s, 1947. Offered by West & Co., Pynchon & Co., H. M. Bylesby & Co., Inc., Federal Securities Corp., John Nickerson & Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co.
3,000,000	Capital expenditures.....	98¼	5.10	<b>Virginia Electric &amp; Power Co.</b> 1st & Ref. M. 5s, "A," 1955. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Blair & Co., Inc., and Brown Bros. & Co.
3,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	99	6.63	<b>West Virginia Gas Corp.</b> 1st M. 6½s, 1937. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.
5,000,000	Acquisitions.....	99	5.06	<b>Wisconsin Michigan Power Co.</b> 1st & Ref. M. 5s, 1957. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., First Wisconsin Co. and Spencer Trask & Co.
127,096,500	<b>Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &amp;c.</b>			
7,500,000	Refunding, add'ns & betterments.....	99½	5.54	<b>Columbia Steel Corp.</b> 1st M. 5½s "A," 1947. Offered by American National Co., National City Co., Anglo London Paris Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. and Pelree, Fair & Co.
1,200,000	Plant additions, working capital.....	99¼	6.05	<b>Continental Steel Corp.</b> 6s, 1937. Offered by Continental & Commercial Co.
4,000,000	Acquisitions, development.....	98¾	5.62	<b>Gulf States Steel Co.</b> Deb. 5½s, 1942. Offered by Hallgarten & Co.
35,000,000	Acquisition of properties.....	98¾	5.09	<b>The Hudson Coal Co.</b> 1st M. 5s "A," 1962. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and First National Bank, New York.
800,000	Acquisitions, capital expenditures.....	100	5.50	<b>Michigan Smelting &amp; Refining Co.</b> Deb. 5½s, 1934. Offered by First National Bank of Detroit, Inc., Merrill, Lynch & Co., the Detroit Co., Inc., and Otis & Co.
48,500,000	<b>Other Industrial &amp; Mfg.—</b>			
200,000	Expansion, working capital.....	100	7.00	<b>Boss Bolt &amp; Nut Co.</b> (Chicago) 1st M. 7s, 1928-42. Offered by Frank D. Bush & Co., Columbus, O.
1,300,000	Refunding, working capital.....	98	6.20	<b>Driver-Harris Co.</b> (Harrison, N. J.) 1st M. 6s, 1942. Offered by Hambleton & Co. and John Nickerson & Co.
2,000,000	Acquire Eddy Paper Corp.....	---	5-5½	<b>Kieckhefer Container Co.</b> (Delair, N. J.) 1st M. 5½s, "A," 1928-37. Offered by Second Ward Securities Co. and Folds, Buck & Co., Chicago.
25,000,000	Pay curr. debt, add'l investments.....	96	5.30	<b>Koppers Gas &amp; Coke Co.</b> Deb. 5s, 1947. Offered by the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Bankers Trust Co., Mellon National Bank, Lee, Higginson & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., Otis & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
750,000	General corporate purposes.....	100	6.00	<b>Lewis Foundry &amp; Machine Co.</b> (Pittsburgh) 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1937-42. Offered by Marshall & Co. and Kay, Richards & Co., Pittsburgh.
15,000,000	Add'ns to plant and equipment.....	97¼	5.80	<b>P. Lorillard Co.</b> Deb. 5½s, 1937. Offered by Guaranty Co. of N. Y., National City Co., Bankers Trust Co. and New York Trust Co.
1,000,000	Acquire constituent companies.....	100	6.00	<b>National Bearing Metals Corp.</b> 1st M. 6s, 1947. Offered by G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis, and W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., New York.
5,000,000	Acquire constituent companies.....	100	5.50	<b>Pittsburgh Screw &amp; Bolt Corp.</b> Deb. 5½s, 1947. Blair & Co., Inc., and the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A.
300,000	Add'ns, other corporate purposes.....	100	6.50	<b>Port Huron Sulphite &amp; Paper Co.</b> 1st (c.) M. 6½s, 1937. Offered by Livingstone & Co. and Detroit Trust Co.
11,000,000	Refunding.....	98¾	4.60	<b>Procter &amp; Gamble Co.</b> Deb. 4½s, 1947. Offered by First National Bank, Cincinnati.
2,000,000	Acquisitions, additions, etc.....	98	6.71	<b>Rossman Corp.</b> (N. Y.) Deb. 6½s, 1942. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.
3,000,000	Acquisitions, improvements.....	99½	6.04	<b>Southern Advance Bag &amp; Paper Co., Inc.</b> 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1947. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., Boening & Co. and Timberlake, Estes & Co.
2,250,000	Acq. curr. assets of predeces., &c.....	99¼	6.04	<b>United Wall Paper Factories, Inc.</b> 1st M. 6s, 1947. Offered by Spencer Trask & Co.
500,000	Erect mill, new construction.....	100	7.00	<b>West Boylston Mfg. Co.</b> of Alabama 1st M. 7s, 1930-42. Offered by Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, First National Bank, Montgomery, and Marx & Co., Birmingham.
300,000	Working capital.....	---	6.25	<b>(The) Wheland Co., Inc.</b> (Chattanooga, Tenn.) 1st (c.) M. 6s, 1928-42. Offered by Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank, Chattanooga.
69,600,000	<b>Land, Buildings, &amp;c.—</b>			
1,250,000	Real estate mortgage.....	---	5-5½	<b>(The) Adams (2 E. 86th St., N. Y. City)</b> Guar. 5½% Cfs., 1927-34. Offered by The Prudence Co., Inc., New York.
85,000	Refunding.....	100-98.60	6-6½	<b>Alabama Baptist State Convention</b> 6s, 1928-34. Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham.
170,000	Finance constr. of hospital bldg.....	100	6.00	<b>All Saints Hospital (Fort Worth, Tex.)</b> 1st M. 6s, 1929-36. Offered by Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	5.50	<b>Arundel Mortgage Co.</b> 1st M. 5½s "C," 1932-37. Offered by Townsend Scott & Son, J. Harmanus Fisher & Sons, Nelson, Cook & Co. and Century Trust Co., Baltimore.
195,000	Finance construction of apt.....	100	6.50	<b>Avenida Apts.</b> (Chicago) 1st M. 6½s, 1928-34. Offered by Lackner, Butz & Co., Chicago.
805,500	Finance construction of hotel.....	---	5.45-6.00	<b>Beekman Hotel Corp.</b> (N. Y. City) 1st M. 6s, 1929-41. Offered by M. W. Braderman Co., Inc., New York.
20,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.25	<b>Bernhardt Bldgs.</b> (Monroe, La.) 1st M. 6½s, 1930-42. Offered by Whitney-Central Banks, Mortgage & Securities Co., Inc., and Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$			%	
2,750,000	Land, Buildings, &c., (Concl.) Refunding	98	5.20	Boston Metropolitan Bldgs., Inc., 1st (c.) M. 5s, 1942. Offered by Hayden, Stone & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Spencer Trask & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
1,350,000	Refunding	99½	6.05	Boston Metropolitan Bldgs., Inc. Sec. (c.) 6s, 1942. Offered by Hayden, Stone & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Spencer Trask & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
150,000	Finance construction of hotel	100	6.50	Breckenridge Hotel Co. (Breckenridge, Tex.) 1st M. 6½s, 1929-38. Offered by Mortgage & Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
585,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.00	Broadway Terrace Court (N. Y. City) 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York.
1,000,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.50	(The) Bryn Mawr (Chicago) 1st M. 6½s, 1937. Offered by Amer. Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
115,000	Real estate mortgage	100	7.00	(The) Hugh Cairns Realty Co. 1st M. 7s, 1928-37. Offered by G. Bradshaws & Co., Los Angeles.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	6.00	Carolina Mortgage Co. 6s, 1932-37. Offered by Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Baltimore.
155,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.00	Chenley Hall (Detroit) 1st M. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Guaranty Trust Co. of Detroit.
750,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5.50	Cincinnati Music Hall Assn. 1st M. 5½s, "A," 1957. Offered by the Central Trust Co., the Fifth-Third Union Co., the Herriek Co. and the Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati.
2,000,000	Finance constr. residential dwell'gs	100	6.00	City Housing Corp. (N. Y. City) Coll. Tr. 6s, 1942. Offered by City Housing Corp., N. Y.
1,875,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	Detroit Alden Park Manor 1st M. 6s, 1929-39. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
12,000,000	Refunding	100	5.50	Eastern Ambassador Hotels 1st & Ref. (c.) M. 5½s, 1947. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,450,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.13-6.50	The Empire Bldg. (Milwaukee) 1st M. Bldg. & Leasehold 6½s, 1930-42. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Investment Co.
3,500,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	The Engineering Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, "A," 1939. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
500,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	Estate of D. F. Hills Inc. (Los Angeles) 1st M. 6s, 1930-42. Offered by Frick, Martin & Co. and Stevens, Page & Sterling, Los Angeles.
900,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.10-6.25	Fashion Trades Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. Leasehold 6½s, 1931-42. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
100,000	Finance constr. of church bldg.	100	6.25	First Baptist Church of Dothan, Ala., 1st M. 6½s, 1931-47. Offered by Marx & Co., Birmingham, Ala.
200,000	Improvements to property	100	5.50-6.00	First Presbyterian Church of Phoenix, Ariz., 1st M. 6s, 1929-38. Offered by Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., San Francisco.
360,000	Improvements to property	100	6.00-6.50	Fleischman-Kroetz Co. (Ohio) 1st M. (Fee) 6½s, 1929-39. Offered by Snyder, Wilson & Co. and C. B. Nickels & Co., Toledo.
6,400,000	Finance constr. of theatre bldg.	97½	6.25	Fox Detroit Theatre Bldg. 1st M. Fee & Leasehold 6s, 1942. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Graham, Parsons & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons.
95,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.50	The Glenview Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6½s, 1928-34. Offered by Leight & Co., Chicago.
160,000	Retire exist. debt, oth. corp. purp.	100	6.50	Glover Watson Organization, Inc., 1st M. 6½s, 1935. Offered by Benjamin Dansard & Co., Det.
750,000	Finance construction of building	100	5-5½	Greater Pythian Temple Association of N. Y. 1st M. 5½s, 1928-37. Offered by Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and Lafayette South Side Bank, St. Louis.
100,000	Improvements to property	100	7.00	Grey Castle, Inc. (Pass Christian, Miss.) 1st (closed) M. 7s, 1929-37. Offered by Mississippi Mortgage & Bond Co.
50,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6-6½	(C. H.) Harrison Co. (Detroit) 1st M. Fee 6½s, 1929-37. Offered by Backus, Fordyn & Co., Detroit.
600,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.00	Hillcrest Apts. (Wichita, Kans.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1928-45. Offered by Wheeler, Kelly Hagnay Trust Co., Wichita, Kan.
115,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.00	Humber Apts. (Highland Park, Mich.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Guaranty Trust Co. of Detroit.
425,000	Finance construction of building	100½-100	5.18-5.50	Iowa State College Memorial Union (Ames, Ia) 1st (closed) Mtge. 5½s, 1929-39. Offered by Harry H. Polk & Co., Inc., Des Moines, Ia., and Taussig, Day, Fairbanks & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
550,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Jeffery-Cyril Apts. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Garard Trust Co., Chicago.
750,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.25	Keith-Albee Chester Theatre (N. Y. City) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-37. Offered by American Bond Mortgage Co., Inc.
1,630,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	Keystone Athletic Club Building (Pittsburgh) 1st M. 6s, 1942. Offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Brooke, Stokes & Co.
110,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Kimbrak Avenue Apts. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1929-34. Offered by Garard Trust Co., Chicago.
500,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.50	La Cumbre Estate Corp. 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1938. Offered by Carstens & Earles, Inc., M. H. Lewis & Co. and Bayly Bros., Inc., Los Angeles.
170,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.10-6.30	The Lard Bldg. (Chicago) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1929-37. Offered by H. O. Stone & Co., Chic.
100,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00-6.30	The Leomore Co. (Cleveland) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6s, "A", 1928-39. Offered by R. B. Keeler & Co., Cleveland.
100,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5.50-6.00	(Julien) Levy (Amarillo, Tex.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Federal Commerce Tr. Co., S. L.
1,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	Lincoln Theatre Bldg. (Trenton, N. J.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1930-37. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
80,000	Improvements to property	100	6.50	Lorraine Land Co. Inc. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1930-37. Offered by Munford & Jones and State-Planters Bank & Trust Co., Richmond, Va.
400,000	Finance sale of property	100	6.50	Magnolia Park (Burbank, Cal.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1937. Offered by Wm. R. Staats Co., San Fran.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	5.25-6.00	Marine Mortgage Co., Inc. (New Orleans) 1st Mtge. Coll. Tr. 6s, "D", 1928-37. Offered by Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans.
55,000	Real estate mortgage	100	7.00	Marwood Apts. (Seattle) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1929-37. Offered by W. D. Comer & Co., Seattle.
1,000,000	Finance construction of building	100	4.50-5.25	May Bldg. Co. of Cal. 1st (closed) Mtge. 5½s, 1928-37. Offered by Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc.
1,250,000	Finance construction of hotel	100	6.00	(Walter G.) McCarty Corp. (Beverly Hills, Cal.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6s, 1942. Offered by Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Assn., San Francisco.
140,000	Finance lease of property	100.74-100	6-6½	McRae Realty Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-37. Offered by Keane, Higbie & Co., Inc., Detroit.
1,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	5.50	Mortgage Security Corp. of America 1st Lien 5½s, 1932-37. Offered by Stein Bros. & Boyce, Balt.
300,000	Finance constr. of garage, bldg.	100	6-6½	Newbury Street Service Garage (Boston) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-37. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
600,000	Impt. and equipment of property	99	6.60	New Haven Arena Co. (New Haven, Conn.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1942. Offered by R. W. Halsey & Co., Inc., N. Y.
100,000	Improvements to property	100	6.00	Oklahoma Press Publishing Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1928-38. Offered by American National Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.
1,100,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5-6	Perrine Bldg. (Oklahoma City) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1928-36. Offered by First National Co., St. Louis.
1,575,000	Finance construction of hotel	101-100	5.88-6.25	(The) St. Clair (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1930-39. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp.
475,000	Improvements to property	100	7.00	San Bernardino Business Properties, Inc. 1st Mtge. 7s, 1929-33. Offered by California Co., Los Angeles.
450,000	Finance constr. & equip. field house	100	4.50	Senate Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics of the University of Minnesota Field House 4½s, 1943. Offered by Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul.
385,000	Finance constr. of apt.	100	6.00	609 Stratford Apts. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1930-37. Offered by Garard Trust Co., Chicago.
1,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	6.00	Sun Mortgage Co. (Baltimore) Deb. 6s, 1952. Offered by company.
1,000,000	Finance sale of property	100	6.00	(B. E.) Taylor Realty Co. (Detroit) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1937. Offered by Livingstone & Co., Detroit.
6,250,000	Finance construction of building	101-100	5.63-6.00	333 North Michigan Ave. Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1930-42. Offered by Greenebaum, Sons Securities Corp.
390,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	227-229 West 29th St. Bldg. (N. Y. City) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1929-39. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
1,200,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	2600 Lake View Bldg. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1929-39. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.
400,000	Improvements to property	100	5.00	University of Detroit 1st Mtge. 5s "B", 1931-39. Offered by Fidelity Trust Co., Watling, Lerchen & Hayes and Edward Dillon, Detroit.
130,000	Finance construction of stadium	100	5.00	University of Utah Stadium Trust 1st Mtge. 5s, 1928-46. Offered by Ross, Benson & Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.
350,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Washington-Peete Apts. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1930-37. Offered by Garard Trust Co., Chicago.
875,000	Improvements to property	100	6.00	Washington Square Bldgs. (Royal Oak, Mich.) 1st Mtge. Fee 6s, 1929-42. Offered by Backus, Fordon & Co., Detroit Trust Co., Harris, Small & Co., Watling Lerchen & Hayes and Griswold-First State Co., Detroit.
200,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	(The) Wayne Manor (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-37. Offered by Leight & Co., Chicago.
200,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5.50	Western Union Telegraph Co. Bldg. (Atlanta, Ga.) 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1943. Offered by Love, Van Riper & Bryan, St. Louis.
280,000	Finance constr. of garage, bldg.	100	6.50	West Park Street Corp. (Portland, Ore.) 1st Mtge. & Leasehold 6½s, 1942. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co.
68,555,500	Miscellaneous—			
1,750,000	Finance construction of bridge	100	7.00	Alton-St. Louis Bridge Co. 1st Mtge. 7s, 1947. Offered by Wm. R. Compton Co., Reilly, Brock & Co., Oliver J. Anderson & Co. and Bitting & Co.
700,000	Finance construction of bridge	100	7.00	Alton-St. Louis Bridge Co. Deb. 7s, 1942. Offered by Oliver J. Anderson & Co. and Wm. R. Compton Co.
350,000	Acq. consti. eos.; other corp. purp.	99	6.60	Associated Laundries of Ill., Inc. 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1942. Offered by J. H. Brooks & Co., Seranton and Stone, Seymour & Co., Syracuse.
900,000	Acquisitions, additions	100	6.00	Birmingham (Ala.) News Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, "A", 1933-42. Offered by First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.
2,500,000	Refunding; working capital	100	5.00	Boston Store of Chicago, Inc. Secured 5s, 1938. Offered by Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., A. B. Becker & Co. and Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.
1,650,000	Acquisitions, improvements, &c.	99½	6.57	Brush-Moore Newspapers, Inc. Coll. Trust 6½s, 1937. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., R. T. Mitchell & Co. and Otis & Co.
2,100,000	Finance construction of bridge, &c.	97½	6.75	Cairo-Bridge & Terminal Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1947. Offered by H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc. and Federal Securities Corp., Chicago.
1,100,000	Acquire constituent companies	97½	6.25	Carolina-Georgia Service Co. 1st Mtge. 6s "A", 1942. Offered by Henry D. Lindsley & Co., Inc., Gorrell & Co., Inc. and E. R. Diggs & Co., Inc.
1,250,000	Retire existing debt, wkg. cap'l, &c.	---	5.50-6.00	Clover Valley Lumber Co. (Loyalton, Cal.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6s, 1928-40. Offered by Lacey Securities Corp. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.
1,000,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.	---	5.75-6.00	Consumers Sanitary Coffee and Butter Stores Conv. 6s "A", 1929-39. Offered by Chicago Trust Co. and Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc.
3,000,000	Acquisitions; working capital	99½	6.57	Detroit City Service Co. 1st M. 6½s "A", 1937. Offered by Hoagland, Alum & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and West & Co.
6,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions	99½	5.54	(W. F.) Hall Printing Co. 1st M. & Coll. Tr. 5½s, "A", 1947. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co. and Folds, Buck & Co.
3,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	98½	7.43	Hungarian Central Mutual Credit Institute Land Mortgage 7s "A" 1937. Offered by Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc.
15,000,000	Provide funds for investment purp.	95½	5.40	International Securities Corp. of America Deb. 5s, 1947. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
700,000	Acquisitions; working capital, &c.	101-100	6.06-6.50	Midwest Ice Co. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1929-42. Offered by Harris, Small & Co.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	7.50	National Central Savings Bank of Hungary Secured 7½s, 1962. Offered by F. J. Lisman & Co. and First Federal Foreign Investment Trust, New York.
400,000	Retire mtge. debt; working capital.	100	6.50	New York & Westchester Ice Service 1st M. 6½s, 1928-42. Offered by P. W. Brooks & Co. Inc., New York.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 600,000	Miscellaneous (Concluded)— Acquire predecessor company.....	96	6.48	Ohio River Sand & Gravel Co. (Wheeling, W. Va.) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1939. Offered by Townsend, Scott & Son and Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore.
6,000,000	Refunding, acquisitions, &c.....	100	7.00	Pathe Exchange, Inc., Deb. 7s, 1937. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc.
5,000,000	Acquisitions; wkg. capital, &c.....	99½	6.04	Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp. 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1952. Offered by Brown Bros. & Co.; Edward B. Smith & Co., and Cassatt & Co.
800,000	Retire bank loans; other corp. purp.....	100	6.00	(W. R.) Roach & Co. (Grand Rapids, Mich.) 1st M. 6s, 1937. Offered by Chicago Trust Co.
7,500,000	Refunding; working capital, &c.....	96	6.41	Shubert Theatre Corp. Deb. 6s, 1942. Offered by J. & W. Seligman & Co.; the Equitable Trust Co. of New York; Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Inc., and Kissel, Kinnleutt & Co.
600,000	Acquire constituent properties.....	98½	6.70	Trade Publications, Inc., 6½s, 1937. Offered by Shields & Co., Inc., New York, and Frank Rosenburg & Co., Baltimore.
700,000	Finance construction of bridge.....	100	6.50	West Virginia-Ohio River Bridge Co. 1st M. 6½s, 1952. Offered by McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh, and Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Baltimore.
400,000	Finance construction of bridge.....	100	7.00	White and Black Rivers Bridge Co. (Arkansas) 1st (closed) M. 7s, 1942. Offered by Lawrence Mills & Co., Chicago.
63,500,000				

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Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 600,000	Public Utilities— Acquisitions, additions, extensions	99	6.05	East Coast Utilities Co. 1-Year 5s, April 1 1928. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., N. Y.
1,750,000	Refunding; other corporate purp...	99½	6.00	General Power & Light Co. 6 mos. Sec. 5s, Jan. 1 1928. Offered by True, Webber & Co.; R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., and Hayden, Van Atter & Co.
225,000	General corporate purposes.....	99	6.05	Harrison & Jefferson Telephone Co. 1-Year 5s, May 1 1928. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., New York.
500,000	Refunding; additions.....	100	6.00	Lake Ontario Power Corp. 1-Year 6s, July 1 1928. Offered by J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore.
650,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	99	6.05	Mid-Continent Telephone Co. 1-Year 5s, June 1 1928. Offered by E. H. Ottman & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit.
900,000	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	99	6.05	Texas-Gulf Power Co. 1-Year 5s, June 1 1928. Offered by R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., and Troy & Co., Chicago.
4,625,000				
1,200,000	Motors & Accessories— Acquire plant; working capital....	100	6.00	Bendix Corp. (Chicago) 5-Year sec. 6s, June 1 1932. Offered by Paul H. Davis & Co.; Union Trust Co., and Continental & Commercial Co., Chicago.
200,000	Fund bank debt; expansion.....	---	6-6½	Mercantile Acceptance Corp. of Calif. Coll. Trust 6½s "I," 1927-30. Offered by Bradford, Kimball & Co., and Joseph C. Tyler & Co., San Francisco.
1,400,000				
30,000,000	Oil— Liquidate bank loans; wkg. capital	---	5.30-5.50	Marland Oil Co. 5s, 1929-32. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; First National Bank; National City Co., and F. S. Smithers & Co.
400,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Improvements, working capital, &c	100	7.00	Beach Extension Co. 1st M. & Coll. Tr. 7s, May 1 1932. Offered by Frick, Martin & Co., L. A.
150,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	(James Burgess) Book Jr. 2-Yr. Coll. Tr. 6s, June 1 1929. Offered by Backus, Fordon & Co., Det.
500,000	Finance lease of property.....	100	5.50	Dept. of Labor Bldg. (Washington, D. C.) 1st M. 5½s, June 1 1932. Offered by Love, Van Ripper & Bryan, St. Louis.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes...	100	6.00	Federal Corp. 1st Coll. Tr. 6s, "AA," 1928-32. Offered by Union Bank & Federal Trust Co.; Richmond, Va.
67,500	Finance construction of hotel.....	100	6.00	Hotel Oxford (Oxford, No. Caro.) 1st M. 6s, 1930-32. Offered by Old Dominion Mortgage Corp.; Richmond, Va.
125,000	Finance construction of building...	100½-100	5½-6	Massell Realty Co. (Atlanta, Ga.) 1st M. 6s, 1928-32. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc.; New Orleans.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes...	100	6.00	Security Bond & Mortgage Co. 1st M. Coll. 6s, "H," 1928-32. Offered by J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore.
1,842,500				
325,000	Miscellaneous— Working capital.....	100	6.50	Waukesha (Wis.) Mineral Water Co. Conv. 6½s, April 1 1932. Offered by Hambleton & Co.; Baltimore, and Grossman, Lewis & Co., Milwaukee.

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 63,242,500	Railroads— Refunding; add'ns, betterm'ts, &c.	\$ 67,985,687	107½	---	Baltimore & Ohio RR. common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*5,000 shs	Public Utilities— Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	470,000	94	6.38	Alabama Water Service Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc.
200,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	200,000	98	7.14	Arkansas Missouri Power Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Beverly Bogert & Co.; R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., and A. E. Fltkin & Co.
*75,000 shs	{Provide for advances to subsids.,} acquisitions, wkg. capital, &c.}	6,956,250	92¾	6.47	Cities Service Power & Light Co. \$6 Dividend Cum. Pref. Offered by Federal Securities Corp., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Pearsons-Taft Co., and Henry L. Doherty & Co.
3,580,000	Additions, extensions, &c.....	3,669,500	102½	---	The Cleveland Ry. Co. capital stock. Offered by Hayden, Miller & Co., Otis & Co.; Union Trust Co., Cleveland Trust Co. and Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland.
1,500,000	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	1,500,000	100b	7.00	Dixie Gas & Utilities Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Goddard & Co., Inc., and Moore, Leonard & Lynch, N. Y., and Hutchins & Co., Providence, R. I.
*20,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	1,930,000	96½	7.25	Electric Public Utilities Co. \$7 Dividend Pref. Offered by Stanley & Bissell, Inc.; and A. L. Chambers & Co., Inc.
1,935,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes...	1,935,000	99½	6.03	Greenwich (Conn.) Water & Gas Co. 6% Pref. Offered by Putnam & Storer, Inc.; Hartford.
5,000 shs	General corporate purposes.....	480,000	96	6.24	Memphis (Tenn.) Pr. & Lt. Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by company to customers.
2,000,000	Capital expenditures.....	2,000,000	91½	6.55	Midland Utilities Co. 6% Cum. Class "A" Pref. Offered by Utility Securities Co.; Chicago, and Central States Securities Corp., N. Y.
500,000	Acquisitions; additions, &c.....	500,000	95	6.32	New York Water Service Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co.; Inc., and Janney & Co.
*7,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	644,000	92	6.52	Oregon-Washington Water Service Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., and Janney & Co.
3,000,000	Acquisitions; reduce cur. debt, &c.	3,000,000	98	7.14	Utilities Power & Light Corp. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Pynchon & Co., West & Co., Federal Securities Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., John Nickerson & Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co.
1,500,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Acquire constituent companies.....	1,500,000	25c.	7.00	Bahia Corp. (Md.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by J. R. Bridgeford & Co., New York.
*40,000 shs	Development; improvements, &c.....	2,920,000	73	---	(A. M.) Byers Co., Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
800,000	Motors and Accessories— Additional capital.....	1,200,000	150	---	Pacific Finance Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*49,149 shs	Working capital; other corp. purp.	491,490	10	---	Faig-Detroit Motor Car Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
327,300	Working capital; other corp. purp.	327,300	100	7.00	Faig-Detroit Motor Car Co. 7% Cum. 2d Pref. Offered by company to stockholders.
25,000 shs	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Working capital.....	1,100,000	44	---	Buckeye Incubator Co. (Springfield, O.) Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*28,000 shs	Refunding; acquis'ns; wkg. capital.	1,596,000	57	7.02	Cook Paint & Varnish Co. (Del.) \$4 Cum. Pref. Offered by Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., Kansas City, Mo.
470,000	Acquire predecessor company.....	470,000	100	7.00	(J. Frank) Darling Co. (Del.) 7% Cum. 1st Pref. By Mackie, Hentz & Co., Philadelphia.
*30,000 shs	Refunding; retire cur. debt, &c.....	1,470,000	49	8.16	Durham Duplex Razor Co. \$4 Cum. Prior Preference stock. Offered by Hemphill, Noyes & Co., New York.
*35,000 shs	Acquire constituent companies.....	700,000	20	---	General Laundry Machinery Corp. Common. By Bonner, Brooks & Co., New York.
15,000,000	Acquisitions.....	15,000,000	99	7.07	International Paper Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Hayden, Stone & Co., Old Colony Corp., Palne, Webber & Co., Estabrook & Co., Baker, Young & Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co., Bodell & Co. and Parkinson & Burr.
*50,000 shs	{Acquire additional interest in} Lambert Pharmaceutical Co.....}	3,375,000	67½	---	Lambert Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
3,000,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes...	3,000,000	101½	6.40	Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc., 6½% Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.
*125,000 shs	Refunding; other corp. purposes...	3,500,000	28	---	Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc., Common stock. Offered by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.
3,000,000	General corporate purposes.....	3,000,000	100	6.50	Thomaston (Ga.) Cotton Mills 6½% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Citizens & Southern Co., Savannah, Ga.
*4,000 shs	Additions; working capital.....	100,000	25	---	The White Flushing Valve Mfg. Co. (Col.) Class "A" Common. Offered by J. H. Schultze & Co., Inc., Denver.
*12,920 shs	Refunding.....	516,800	40	---	Wilson-Jones Co. (Chicago) capital stock. Offered by Jackson & Curtis.
1,850 cts	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance lease of property.....	1,859,250	1005	5.22	Cleveland Athletic Club Bldg. Site Land Trust Ctls. Offered by Geo. W. York & Co.
1,000,000	Acquisitions; improvements.....	1,000,000	100	6.00	First Holding Corp. (Pasadena, Cal.) 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co. and Wm. R. Staats & Co., San Francisco.
600,000	Finance construc. of building.....	600,000	100	7.00	Fountain Square Bldg. Inc. (Cincinnati) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Stanley, Ashbrook & Co., Cincinnati.
300,000	Improv't & equip't of property....	300,000	100(c)	7.00	New Haven Arena Co. 7% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by De Ridder, Mason & Minton; New York.
*37,500 shs	Additions and improvements.....	562,500	15	---	(J. R.) Whipple Corp. (Boston) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
		4,321,750			

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 216,000	Miscellaneous—Capital expenditures.....	\$ 216,000	101½	7.50	Alexander Hamilton Institute (N. Y. City) 8% Cum. Pref. Offered by Davis; Longstaff & Co., Chicago.
*20,000 shs.	Additional capital.....	300,000	15		Almar Stores (Philadelphia) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
600,000	Acquire predecessor company.....	780,000	1 sh. pref.	For	Capper & Capper, Inc. (Chicago) 7% cum. pref. Offered by Lewis-Dewes & Co.; Inc., Chicago.
90,000	Acquire predecessor company.....				3 shs. com.
100,000	Wkg. capital; other corp. purposes.....	100,000	100	8.00	Colson Stores Co., Inc., 8% cum. pref. Offered by E. J. Howenstein, Cleveland.
*20,000 shs.	Acquire constituent companies.....	600,000	30		Federated Business Publications, Inc., 1st Pref. Cum. \$2½ per share. Offered by Parker, Robinson & Co., Inc., New York.
1,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions, &c.....	1,500,000	15		(W. F.) Hall Printing Co. (Chicago) capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
10,000 shs.	Acquired from abroad.....	340,000	34		Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank American shares representing capital stock; Offered by Bauer, Pond & Vivian, New York.
150,000	Working capital.....	165,000	5 shs. pref.	For	Lee-Chattaway-Jacobs Co. (Pa.) 7% cum. pref. Offered by J. A. Lynch and Joseph T. Aland, Pittsburgh.
*300 shs.	Working capital.....				1 sh. com.
500,000	Working capital.....	500,000	99	7.07	New Process Co. (Warren, Pa.) 7% cum. pref. Offered by Merril, Lynch & Co.
3,500,000	Provide funds for investment purp.....	3,500,000	100d	6.00	Pacific Investing Corp. (Del.) 6% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co.
*10,000 shs.	Acquis.; retire subsid. interests.....	980,000	98	6.63	Roos Bros, Inc. \$6½ Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Schwabacher & Co.; Dean, Witter & Co.; Mitchum, Tully & Co.; Anglo London Paris Co., and Wm. Cavalier & Co.
*80,000 shs.	Acquis.; retire subsid. interests.....	2,480,000	31		Roos Bros., Inc., Common stock. Offered by Schwabacher & Co.; Dean, Witter & Co.; Mitchum, Tully & Co.; Anglo London Paris Co., and Wm. Cavalier & Co.
*50,000 shs.	Retire floating debt; expansion.....	3,000,000	60		(Frank G.) Shattuck Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*184,893 sh.	Refunding; improvements.....	5,546,790	30		South Porto Rico Sugar Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
		20,007,790			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 500,000	Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1937-57 (provide funds for loan purposes).....	103½	4.56	C. F. Childs & Co., New York.
1,250,000	Texas Joint Stock Land Bank (Houston, Texas) 5s, 1937-67 (provide funds for loan purposes).....	103	4.62	C. F. Childs & Co., New York.
1,750,000				

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 20,000,000	Free State of Bavaria 1-Year Ext. Treasury Notes, June 10 1928 (retire floating debt; working capital).....	---	5½	The Equitable Trust Co. of New York and Harris, Forbes & Co.
15,000,000	City of Copenhagen (Denmark) 5s, 1952 (retire internal loan; additions and betterments to public works and buildings).....	97½	5.20	Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and International Acceptance Bank, Inc.
4,000,000	Republic of Estonia (Banking and Currency Reform) 7s 1967 (acquisition of assets; establish new mortgage institution).....	94½	7.40	Hallgarten & Co.
500,000	City of Panama 6½s 1952 (retire bank loans; consolidate floating debt; improvements).....	100	6.50	Redmond & Co.
4,000,000	State of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) 7s, 1967 (acquisitions and construction revenue-producing properties).....	97	7.20	J. G. White & Co., Inc.; Otis & Co., and the Equitable Trust Co. of New York.
5,900,000	City of Sao Paulo (Brazil) 6½s, 1957 (consolidate floating debt; improvements).....	98	6.65	The First National Corp.; Harris, Forbes & Co., and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.
5,000,000	Province of Upper Austria 6½s, 1957 (provide funds for loan purposes; retire floating debt).....	93¾	7.00	Blyth, Witter & Co.
54,400,000				

\* Shares of no par value.  
 a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stocks are computed at their offering prices.  
 b Bonus of 2 shares of common stock given with share of preferred.  
 c Bonus of 1 share of common stock given with each share of preferred.  
 d Bonus of 1 share of common stock given with each 2 shares of preferred.

New Capital Issues in Great Britain During the First Half of 1927.

The following statistics regarding new capital issues in the United Kingdom have been compiled by the Midland Bank Limited of London. The figures exclude all direct borrowings by the British Government for national purposes, shares issued to vendors, allotments arising from the capitalization of reserve funds and undivided profits, issues for conversion or redemption of securities previously held in the United Kingdom, short-dated bills sold in anticipation of long-term borrowings, and loans by municipal and county authorities except in cases where there is a specified limit to the total subscription. They do not include issues of capital by private companies except where particulars are publicly announced. In all cases the figures are based upon the prices of issue.

SUMMARY TABLE OF NEW CAPITAL ISSUES\* IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1920.....	Month of June.		6 Months to June 30.		Year to June 30.	
	£11,540,267	£20,093,859	£241,232,000	£398,474,000	£26,331,980	£21,898,747
1921.....	33,910,000	15,567,790	124,221,000	25,758,587	21,898,747	34,714,108
1922.....	21,990,000	21,737,104	168,147,000	23,901,911	22,267,849	34,516,005
1923.....	34,763,000	9,555,423	128,525,000	13,497,682	22,267,849	34,516,005
1924.....	19,322,000	33,748,426	106,215,000	10,887,531	34,516,005	29,221,949
1925.....	23,652,000	23,651,580	124,354,000	20,222,434	29,221,949	20,163,249
1926.....	29,222,000	23,651,580	131,636,000	20,222,434	29,221,949	20,163,249
1927.....	19,965,000	23,651,580	159,694,000	20,222,434	29,221,949	20,163,249

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES\* IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY MONTHS.

	1924.		1925.		1926.		1927.	
	£11,540,267	£20,093,859	£28,367,583	£26,331,980	£21,898,747	£34,714,108	£22,267,849	£34,516,005
January.....	22,388,347	15,567,790	25,758,587	21,898,747	34,714,108	22,267,849	34,516,005	29,221,949
February.....	13,324,119	21,737,104	23,901,911	22,267,849	34,516,005	29,221,949	20,163,249	20,163,249
March.....	4,804,810	9,555,423	13,497,682	22,267,849	34,516,005	29,221,949	20,163,249	20,163,249
April.....	34,836,124	33,748,426	10,887,531	34,516,005	29,221,949	20,163,249	20,163,249	20,163,249
May.....	19,321,742	23,651,580	20,222,434	19,965,221	20,163,249	20,163,249	20,163,249	20,163,249
June.....								
6 months.....	£106,215,409	£124,354,182	£131,635,728	£159,693,910				
July.....	£21,352,241	£16,536,272	£26,728,861					
August.....	3,648,962	1,564,436	1,479,507					
September.....	7,902,393	2,533,777	15,925,930					
October.....	36,958,810	21,081,195	29,221,949					
November.....	21,401,369	29,424,783	28,111,190					
December.....	26,066,748	24,401,985	20,163,249					
Year.....	£223,545,932	£219,896,630	£253,266,414					

\* Excluding British Government loans raised directly for national purposes.

Increase of \$1,754,842,000 in Market Value of 100 Stocks During First Six Months of This Year Reported by Frazier Jelke & Co.

One and three-quarter billion dollars were added to the market value of 100 listed stocks in the first six months of this year, according to the semi-annual review of Frazier Jelke & Co. In presenting its compilation July 9 the firm says: The total value of these 100 stocks, based upon closing prices on June 30, was \$18,737,744,000, compared with \$16,982,902,000 on Dec. 31 1926. Comparison of the market values by groups for the period follows:

	Dec. 31 1926.	June 30 1927.	Difference.
30 Rails.....	\$4,621,228,000	\$5,007,095,000	\$385,870,000 increase
13 Motors.....	2,127,469,000	2,559,491,000	432,022,000 increase
12 Oils.....	1,937,846,000	1,856,389,000	81,457,000 decrease
45 Industrials.....	8,296,359,000	9,314,766,000	1,018,407,000 increase
Totals.....	\$16,982,902,000	\$18,737,744,000	\$1,754,842,000 net increase

The gain in market value during the first quarter amounted to \$1,212,971,000, while the second quarter showed an additional advance of \$541,871,000.

During the six months, approximately 10,000,000 additional outstanding shares were added to the capitalization of these 100 stocks.

General Motors, Chrysler and Hudson were the only motor shares to show net price advances. Starting the year at 153¾, General Motors sustained the motor group by closing at the mid-year point at 195, increasing in market value on this rise from \$1,239,338,000 to \$1,696,500,000. Both Yellow Truck and Mack Trucks held their same market value at the beginning and end of the period. The remaining eight motor stocks declined \$73,330,000 in market value.

With the exception of Houston Oil, which showed an advance in market value of \$22,748,000, Standard Oil of New Jersey which increased in value \$62,076,000 and Pan American Class B which gained \$13,885,000 in value, stocks in the oil group declined 3180,166,000 in market value. Capitalization of Standard Oil of New Jersey was increased 3,450,000 shares and Pan American Class B, 595,000 shares.

The most general advance during the half-year was made by the rail group. Decline in market value of Nickel Plate shares \$20,188,000, which was due to distribution to stockholders of Chesapeake Corporation stock, was more than offset by the advance of \$27,505,000 in Chesapeake & Ohio, together with advances of \$16,932,000 and \$8,100,000 in Erie and Pere Marquette, respectively, reflecting the status of the proposed merger. Discussion of consolidation continues to buoy values of the low-priced rail shares, while favorable earning reports have contributed increased values to the larger and stronger units in the rail group.

The group of 45 industrials during the half year made a net gain in aggregate value of \$1,018,407,000. General Electric led with a net gain of \$172,864,000 in market value. Du Pont increased \$149,016,000 and A. T. & T. advanced \$144,948,000 during the half-year period. United States Steel showed an advance in market value of \$37,359,000 between Dec. 31 and June 30.

## Indications of Business Activity

### STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, July 15 1927.*

There has been a fair business in some lines, owing to more seasonable weather, with high temperatures in the East and also in some parts of the West. Here in the East there has been a hot wave of some days duration. That has probably interfered to some extent with retail business, but in the main seasonable conditions naturally tend to promote trade in the long run. The grain markets have declined owing to better weather and improved crop prospects. The wheat crop is going to be larger than was at one time supposed. The warmer weather has benefitted the corn crop, not to mention other grains. Moreover the export demand for wheat and rye has been disappointing. At one time Europe bought both more freely, but it was only a brief spurt.

The crop prospects in Europe have improved somewhat. Russia however will not be an important exporter this year judging from present appearances, and the wheat crop in Argentina and Australia appear to be smaller than that of last year. The Southwestern movement of spring wheat in this country has been smaller than expected. Still prices are some 6 to 7 cents lower for the week with general liquidation and fewer reports of black rust. Some decline in corn also reacted unfavorably on prices for wheat. Corn declined  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c. on a better outlook of late. It is believed that the crop prospects are better than those indicated in the latest government report which points to 2,274,000,000 bushels, the smallest in about 25 years. For feeding purposes the big crops of hay and feed grains may make up for a lack of corn, in such States as Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The trouble is that much of the corn area east of the Missouri river was planted after June 1st. It will take very favorable weather to raise a good corn crop something better than fodder in that section. But with high temperatures of late the indications, is already stated, are somewhat more promising. The oats crop will be perhaps 10,000,000 bushels larger than that of last year and in common with other grain prices oats declined. Rye has dropped 7 to 8 cents this week partly owing to a disappointing export demand and partly for the reason that the crop promises to be about 22,000,000 bushels larger than the last one. All the grain markets were down to-day, corn falling 3 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents at one time on heavy liquidation.

Provisions have shown little change during the week. Hogs have been up to \$10.65. It looks as though there will be a considerable increase in the stocks of lard and this with the declining prices for corn has dominated the market. Cotton has advanced some \$5 a bale owing largely to very heavy rains in the Southwest and also in Georgia as well as persistent reports of the spread of the boll weevil. There are growing fears that the pest may do considerable damage, although dry hot weather later on could deal it a heavy blow as it did last year. The consumption, however is on an enormous scale. That for June was the largest ever known for that month and next to the largest of any month on record; that is 662,630 bales with the high record touched in March of the present year when it got very close to 700,000 bales. The world's consumption of lint cotton this season it is surmised, will exceed 16,500,000 bales, something unapproached in the annals of the cotton business. A notable incident of the week has been an excited and rapidly advancing cotton market in Alexandria, Egypt, traceable to unfavorable Egyptian crop prospects and to the unfavorable crop accounts in this country and the fear that the yield of long staple cotton in the Mississippi Valley, with which Egyptian cotton competes, will be much smaller than the last one. Liverpool has been very active in the actual cotton trade and Manchester's business shows signs of improving with the Far East. Worth Street in this city has been more active at firmer quotations. A larger business developed in unfinished cotton goods; in fact the largest for some time past. The rapid rise in the price of raw material has given the cotton goods market greater confidence, and the tone to-day was firm at some recent advance in prices. Finished cottons have also sold more readily and prices in some cases have advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. New lines of tropical worsteds were opened for 1928 and prices of the American Woolen Co. were unchanged to 2% higher with an encouraging business. Broad silks have met with a moderate

demand. In rayon and silk mixtures and all rayon sheer fabrics the demand has been better. Raw silk was higher, though trade here was slow. Wool has been steadier, with firm or higher prices paid at the London sales. It is true that receipts of domestic wool at Boston have been large and there is no real activity in this country.

Wholesale trade in general has shown a more hopeful tone, though actual business has not greatly increased. Iron and steel have been quiet with an evident downward tendency of prices. The trade in coal and lumber has been as a rule less active. The sales, moreover, of furniture and shoes have been smaller. Less demand has prevailed for automobiles for the time being. It is a sign of the times that unemployment is rather larger than is usually the case even in mid-summer. But at Detroit for an exception the indications are more encouraging. Employment increased 12,400 over last week, although it is true there is a decrease compared with last year of 35,340. In June retail business showed an improvement over that of May. In July some are hopeful enough to believe there may be some further increase. The sales are larger at this time than a year ago in carpets, hardware, machine tools, leaf tobacco, glass ware and groceries, both wholesale and jobbing. They are holding their own in many other lines. In leather there is a fair business and hides are higher. Buying capacity in the agricultural sections has been increased by recent higher prices for grain and cotton. It is believed that the decrease in the corn crop will be largely offset by an increase in the average price for the season. No. 2 yellow corn is selling at 26 cents a bushel more than a year ago. And cotton, after being very much lower for many months than at the corresponding date of 1926, is now  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 cent higher than a year ago.

Coffee has advanced not only in this country but also in Brazil and Europe, regardless of the oft-repeated predictions of lower prices on the eve of a big Brazilian crop. The truth seems to be that the consumers of this country have been sailing a little too close to the wind and that operators in the market have oversold the position, even though the speculation was admittedly small. Sugar has declined somewhat and one incident of the week was a cutting of prices of refined sugar in a sharp competition for trade, in a season which has thus far been rather disappointing. Rubber has been irregular, but, on the whole, shows little rallying power, indicating that supplies are large enough and that buyers are playing a waiting game.

Stocks have been irregular but to-day again became active at rising prices with the loan situation better and General Motors in the van on a very favorable exhibit for the half year. The railroad stocks also renewed their popularity with Atchison up to a new high level and Erie common also up to an unprecedented peak of 58 $\frac{1}{8}$ . Call money was 4% and plentiful. The tendency of foreign exchange rates was upward. Bonds continue to rise, notably the railroad issues and the general tendency seems to be upward. London was taking industrial issues on a large scale and the general tone there was better. In Paris the market was firm. In fact very generally the world's financial markets are in good shape.

New Bedford, Mass., cotton workers are receiving more wages in the aggregate than for several years at this season. The weekly average for the six weeks ended July 2 was \$634,265, against \$562,886 for the same period last year and \$618,460 in the same period in 1925. The Connecticut Mills have about 13,000 spindles in operation at its Alabama plant and will have the full complement of its 33,000 spindles in operation by fall. The company may dispose of its Fall River plant which at the moment is closed.

It was 86 deg. here and humid on the 12th inst., 88 at Chicago, 94 at Cincinnati, 92 at Cleveland and Kansas City, 80 at Detroit and Pittsburgh, 80 at Minneapolis, and 84 at Montreal.

It was 91 degrees here on the 13th and hot generally in the East. It was 96 degrees in Boston, 94 in Baltimore, 90 in Portland, Me., and 92 in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. There were many prostrations. It was 90 in Chicago, 94 in Cincinnati and Cleveland, 84 in Milwaukee, 76 in Minneapolis and Kansas City, and 68 in Seattle. It continued hot here on the 14th and again the mercury mounted to 91. There was only brief relief late on the 14th, followed to-day by continued hot weather. It was 89 degrees, a drop of only



2 degrees. Showers were predicted, but with continued warm weather. It was 94 in Boston yesterday, 80 in Cleveland, 76 in Chicago, 88 in Cincinnati, 84 in Kansas City, 70 in Detroit, 72 in Milwaukee, and 82 in St. Paul.

**Chicago Tribune Survey Finds Present Period Characterized by Big Business and Modern Profits.**

The present period is characterized as one of big business and moderate profits in the July number of the Chicago Tribune "Survey" which has just been issued. Although the unit margins are smaller in most cases, there is said to be compensation in the large volume of transactions. The analysis, which, it is stated, is based upon a large number of barometers, shows underlying conditions to be strong, particularly in Chicago and the middle west. In making known the results of the analysis, the statement issued in the matter adds:

Commerce embraces three general processes—goods are produced, they are moved to where the consumers are, and if all is well they are bought and paid for by the customers. Continued active business is a question of the three keeping in step.

If all three are large, the period is one of prosperity. If reduction is large, and the others small, there is over-reduction. If cash exchanges are large and the others small, it is most likely a period of forced liquidation. If all three are small, poverty reverts.

Measured by these objective tests, the times are good, 1926 was a peak year and yet:

1. Production was higher in May than it was in recent months, and it has continued steadily above last year.
2. Carloadings by the railroads have been larger in the first half of the year than ever before, although recent weeks have fallen behind 1926.
3. The amount of checks cleared through the banks evidencing payments has been steadily ahead of a year ago, the recent months showing the most gain.

Steel operations have been dropping in recent weeks, and the close of June found the rate of output for the industry less than the year ago. However, while the mills in the Pittsburg were turning out only about 65% of their capacity, the Chicago mills output averaged nearly 80%.

Building the country over is in larger volume than ever, showing a gain for the first five months of 5%. In the five middle western States the gain in construction contracts was 22% over a year ago, in Chicago about 18%.

In trade the cream of the business of the early part of the year has been taken and the period of clearance sales is at hand. Spring business was uneven, being exceptionally good in March and April, poor with the inclement weather of May, and good again in June. The season of relaxation is just ahead. Hot weather, vacations, inventory taking, and overhauling of factories for the fall, will reduce production and trade generally, just as it always does, but without causing the slightest alarm. With stocks of merchandise only moderate, and the hand-to-mouth buying policy continuing, there is nothing at present visible that will prevent the coming fall from being a period of very active trade. Business last fall was abnormally high in the early months, but dropped off precipitately in October and did not revive till early spring. We are unlikely to experience either of these extraordinary fluctuations in the closing half of this year. The present is not a year of abnormalities. There is no reason for expecting either the breathless ascent or the consequent toboggan. The prospect is that the business volume in early fall will be below the same period a year ago, and in the late fall and winter substantially above last winter.

**New York State Food Industries Take On More Workers With Opening of Canning Season.**

The opening of the canning season in June brought a very good increase in employment in the food industries of New York State. Reports from 119 food products factories showed a net increase of 6% from May to June, according to Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton. In summarizing conditions under date of July 12, the Commissioner says:

In the canning industry itself gains were even larger, with several factories reporting forces more than four times as large as in May. Other food industries also reported increased employment. In the bakery group the largest gains were among concerns specializing in crackers or cake. The general bakeries, especially the smaller shops manufacturing for local trade, reported employment even with or only slightly greater than last month. There was also a very considerable increase in employment in firms making beverages, candy and ice cream. Sugar refineries in and near New York City were increasing operations.

*Employment Generally Even With May.*

Considering all the manufacturing industries of the State, said Commissioner Hamilton, there was very little net change in employment during the 30 days from May 15 to June 15. The total number of workers employed by more than 1,600 firms which report regularly to the State Department of Labor was almost as large as in May.

The outstanding decrease for the month was in the manufacture of paper, where employment continued downward after a drop of 4% from April to May.

*Men's Clothing Factories Busier.*

Most of the clothing and textile trades were still reducing their forces. Manufacturers of men's clothing, however, have begun work on fall orders and employment in this group of factories advanced enough to offset, numerically, the losses in the other garment and needle trades. There was also a moderate increase in employment for shoe workers.

*Irregularity in the Metals.*

The tendency in the metal industries was slightly downward, although several industries reported gains. Most of the manufacturers of automobiles and automobile parts were reducing operations, a fact which indicates the close of the season rather than a slump in business. In the machinery group there was a good deal of irregularity, but, in general, the production of manufacturing machinery was reduced while that of electrical apparatus and equipment was increased. The heating apparatus group which reported a slight reduction in employment from April to May showed even greater losses in June. Railroad equipment and repair shops, on the other hand, were busier this month. Employment in the instru-

ment factories and in both sheet metal and hardware, and structural and architectural iron work remained even. There were some reductions in the iron and steel plants.

Most of the wood products factories were operating at a slightly lower rate than in May, but the stone, clay and glass group reported no change.

**Increase in Volume of Industrial Productive Activity Based on Consumption of Electrical Energy.**

The last month of the first half of the year found American industry as a whole in an unusually healthy condition. Based on the consumption of electrical energy by some 2,500 manufacturing plants, using a combined total of approximately 14,000,000,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per annum, the volume of production during June was 8.4% higher than in June of last year, "Electrical World" says. Activity in June was 3.5% under May, after corrections for the number of working days are taken into account. The reduced rate of activity as compared with the preceding month was largely seasonal in character.

The usual seasonal drop in production in industry as a whole appears to have been greatly minimized in comparison with past years. Some industries, such as the textiles and lumber industries, which in the past two or three years have experienced heavy reductions in productive activities from March to July, are operating close to and even above the March rate. June production of general industry for the country as a whole was only 4.4% under March, which is a comparatively low rate of seasonal decrease when it is recalled that in 1926 this curtailment of production during the same period amounted to 13.3% and in 1925 it was fully 7.7%. There seems to be every indication that general production for the summer period will hold up better than in any similar period since the war.

The two branches of the metal industry during June recorded different tendencies. Rolling mills and iron and steel mills operated at a rate of 3.1% above that recorded during June 1926, while the metal fabricating plants, which included both ferrous and non-ferrous metals, operated at 5.8% under last year, based on consumption of electricity. Both of these branches of the metal industry, however, decreased their operations during June as compared with May. The textile plants of the country continued to produce at a high rate, June activity being 1.5% under May, but still about 29% over June of last year. Production in the automobile industry during June was about 20.5% under that of May and 17.2% under June of last year. June production activity in many plants was devoted largely to the manufacture of parts, it being doubtful whether the actual production of automobiles was in excess of 80% of the production reported for June of last year.

Industrial activity in June, based on consumption of electrical energy, adjusted to 25½ working days (monthly average 1923-25 equals 100), with a comparison, follows:

	June, 1927.	May, 1927.	June, 1926.
All industrial groups -----	113.4	117.8	104.5
Metals group -----	105.3	111.3	106.8
Steel plants and rolling mills ----	110.0	117.8	106.7
Metal fabricating plants -----	100.5	104.8	106.8
Leather and its products -----	85.2	92.7	84.9
Textiles -----	121.4	123.4	94.5
Lumber -----	131.6	131.4	106.4
Automotive -----	98.5	126.5	119.2
Stone, clay and glass -----	113.3	125.2	124.8
Paper and pulp -----	123.0	120.0	99.9
Rubber and its products -----	108.4	115.7	105.0
Chemicals and allied products ----	94.6	107.4	108.8
Food and kindred products -----	122.4	110.4	96.8
Shipbuilding -----	131.2	129.3	126.2

**Bank of Montreal's Crop Report.**

In its crop report dated July 14, the Bank of Montreal thus summarizes the telegraphic reports received at its head office from its branches;

Ideal growing weather has prevailed in practically every part of the Dominion during the past week, and crops generally are making excellent progress. This is particularly the case in the Prairie Provinces, where with ample moisture available, all grain crops are making rapid growth. The only untoward features have been some scattered losses from hail in Alberta and damage from the same cause in several fairly extensive belts of territory in Saskatchewan. In Quebec the outlook for all crops is now favorable, while in Ontario heavy grain crops are ripening fast, and the gathering of a large hay crop is in full swing. In the Maritime Provinces all crops are doing well. In British Columbia continued wet weather has retarded haying operations and berry picking, but crops are making satisfactory growth.

**A. H. Swayne of General Motors Corporation on the Business Outlook—Automobile Production.**

Alfred H. Swayne, Vice-President of General Motors, sailed July 8 on the S. S. "Olympic" for a business trip to England, France, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Sweden and

Denmark. Upon arrival overseas he will be joined by a group of General Motors executives who will make a study of business conditions and a survey of the General Motors export operations in those countries. Subsequently the General Motors party will sail from England to study conditions in South America and look into General Motors operations in those countries. When interviewed on the outlook for business in this country, Mr. Swayne said in part:

Although we had a very backward spring, with unfavorable weather in many sections of the country, trade has been in good volume, and most industries have been operating at a pretty satisfactory rate. We have now entered the summer period of seasonal quiet, and not much change in the level of general business is likely to occur during the next month or two. The outlook for the latter part of the year will, of course, be affected to an important degree by the crops and by autumn developments in the building situation, and it is too early to make predictions regarding either of these. For the immediate future, however, no radical change in the general business trend seems to be in prospect.

Construction activity in the aggregate promises to continue at a high level during the summer, at least; labor is pretty fully employed, at high wages; commodity prices, although still somewhat unsettled, have been showing a lessened tendency to decline; and money continues to be easy. Moreover, inventories have in general been well controlled and appear at present to be rather low; a condition which has been made possible to a large extent by the extremely efficient transportation service the railroads are furnishing to industry.

On the whole, business is in a sound and fairly well stabilized condition and has been so for a considerable period; and unless the agricultural and building situations should prove to be distinctly disappointing, there seems to be good reason for expecting the usual seasonal expansion of activity in the autumn.

Automobile production in the United States and Canada by the industry as a whole during the first six months of this year totaled about 10% less than during the corresponding period of 1926, which, however, was the record year in the industry's history. The past six months' output was approximately the same as that of the first six months of 1925, totaling about 2,000,000 vehicles. General Motors business, in spite of the smaller volume of the industry, has consistently run much ahead of last year. So far as can be judged from present indications, the outlook for the automotive industry, and for General Motors, is very favorable.

### Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank's Review of Business Conditions—Seasonal Slowing Up.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reports that "general business conditions in the Fourth District have undergone the normal early summer slowing-up during the past month, this condition being a little more marked than usual in some lines. On the whole, business is still 'good,' although not quite up to last year's levels," says the Bank, which in its July 1 "Review" adds:

Mill operations remain high in iron and steel, but have declined rather more than seasonally in June. The industry has lately been subjected to price weakness. The coal market continues in a state of lethargy, the strike having had little, if any, effect as yet. Tire manufacturers have reduced prices on certain classes of small tires; factories are still doing a good volume of business, but the tendency appears to be slightly downward. Pronounced weakness in crude rubber prices has recently been manifested. Building in May was about on a par with last year, and an improvement is reported in the lumber trade. Paint manufacturers are doing well. The clothing industry is quiet; retail trade fell behind May of 1926, and all reporting wholesale lines showed a decline in sales from last year. Miscellaneous lines of manufacture in general are experiencing a decline slightly greater than seasonal.

The crop situation, as in other parts of the United States, is not very favorable. The contrary weather—an unusually mild season in February and March, followed by a cold April, excessive rains in May, and persistently cool weather in June—resulted in frost damage to the early crops, such as fruit, and in delay in the later plantings, particularly corn. Hay and pastures, on the other hand, compare very favorably with a year ago.

### Clay Herrick of Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland Finds Business Volume Large—Seasonal Slackening Normal—Comparison of Present Conditions With Those of 1916-1919

Writing under date of June 30, Clay Herrick, Vice-President of the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, comments as follows on general business conditions:

The current volume of business, as indicated by returns for May and for the first three weeks of June, continues large. It shows the seasonal slackening which is normal for the time of year, and in a few lines perhaps a little more than normal, but as a whole indicates no trend different from that of a month ago. Continued cross currents give occasion for satisfaction in some quarters and for disappointment in others. The railroads are prosperous, building construction continues in surprisingly large amount, the outlook is reported good in chemicals, electrical equipment, tobacco products, light and power companies and several other lines. Retail trade, while spotty, is reported good for the country as a whole. The apparel trades, leather and shoes, machinery, coal, fertilizers and others report less hopeful outlooks. The automobile business is running well under last year and just at present is awaiting announcements of new models. Petroleum industries still suffer from overproduction. Industrial employment is estimated at about 2½% less than at this time last year. Aggregate purchasing power continues large.

#### Prosperity—New Kind.

While general measures of business like bank debits, railway traffic, electric power consumption, iron and steel production, building construction, etc., indicate a total volume which is interpreted as showing prosperity for the country as a whole, there are numerous enterprises and individuals who find conditions unsatisfactory and wonder where their share of prosperity may be. Among them the question is again raised as to what constitutes prosperity, and it is suggested that a revised definition may be called for. At any rate what we now have is a different kind

of prosperity from any with which the present generation has been familiar. We have had no periods of prosperity during which absolutely every business and every individual was doing well; but during these periods in the past the vast majority has directly felt the impulse and has found it relatively easy to be prosperous. One can hardly doubt that the present great volume of activity offers more opportunities than would be present if the volume were reduced, and in that sense it benefits all. But conditions are manifestly very different, for example, than those of 1916 and 1919, when nearly every one was automatically carried along on the wave of prosperity. Conditions then were not particularly selective—now they are decidedly selective.

#### Causes of Change.

The primary cause of the change, as we see it, is due to the fact that we were then in a period of rising prices, whereas we are now in a period of falling prices. Meantime a vast and rapidly growing volume of capital presses for an outlet; credit is easy and abundant. These two factors have produced an intensity of competition heretofore unknown, and this is aggravated by numerous other economic changes which are wiping out old lines of business, creating new ones, modifying methods of production and distribution, and making it necessary that every enterprise adapt itself to present conditions if it is to continue in business.

Manifestly the man whose business experience was accumulated prior to 1920 must now unlearn many of the ideas he then acquired. Methods and practices which "got by" in an era of constantly rising prices will not meet the needs of a period of falling or stationary prices, or abundant credit and of fierce competition.

#### Results.

Hence it is that the situation to-day is characterized by an exceptional amount of spottiness and cross currents. The advantage is with those concerns which can best adapt themselves to conditions, and for the most part this means those whose capital and skill are sufficient to provide the means of large production or large distribution at low costs. As a result, in given lines of industry some concerns are doing well, while others are struggling or are dropping out of the race. Meantime the whims of fashion or of changing customs are bringing new lines of business to the fore and are narrowing the field of old lines for which present-day life involves less demand. It is a selective process, unfortunate for many, but apparently inevitable; with adaptation to new conditions as the only apparent remedy.

#### In General.

While there are admittedly some adverse factors in the situation, they are outweighed by the favorable tendencies. Credit supply continues ample, inventories in general are apparently within reason, buying power remains large. We are in the midst of the usual summer slackness, with no visible evidence of any definite trend which would prevent a normal revival of activity in the fall.

### Decline in Employment and Wages in Pennsylvania and Delaware in May.

The completion of the June survey of industrial plants in Pennsylvania, made by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, showed a reduction since May of 1.6% in the number of men employed and a falling off of over 2% in total wage payments. The Bank, under date of July 15, goes on to say:

Metal manufactures, textile products and chemicals and allied products were the groups which reported the largest decreases. Food industries and the construction and contracting group showed considerable gains over May. Among the industries reporting the largest declines were automobiles and automobile bodies and parts, car construction and repair, and petroleum refining. Although there was a general slowing down, some industries showed marked gains over May, among these being electrical machinery and apparatus, and iron and steel forgings.

The special report on the number of man-hours worked showed a decrease of 3.1% over the previous month. Figures for this compilation, however, were furnished by only about half of the total number of reporting firms.

Delaware as a whole also showed a decrease in both employment and wage payments owing chiefly to heavy declines in foundries and other metal plants, for food industries, chemicals, drugs and paints, and leather tanned and products showed gains.

City areas followed the downward trend, with only a few showing increases. The Philadelphia area showed decreases of 1.9% in employment and 4.4% in wage payments.

The compilations follow:

#### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN CITY AREAS.

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

Areas—	Number of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease—		
		June 1927 over May 1927	Total	Average
		Employment.	Wages.	Wages.
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton.....	79	-0.2%	+3.2%	+3.5%
Altoona.....	14	+2.8	+1.3	-1.4
Erie.....	14	+1.5	+2.2	+0.7
Harrisburg.....	36	-3.8	+0.1	+4.0
Hazleton-Pottsville.....	21	-0.6	+1.6	+2.2
Johnstown.....	13	-1.8	+0.4	+2.2
Lancaster.....	31	+0.4	-0.2	-0.6
New Castle.....	10	+0.8	-1.0	-1.8
Philadelphia.....	263	-1.9	-4.4	-2.5
Pittsburgh.....	100	-0.5	-0.3	+0.3
Reading-Lebanon.....	66	-3.1	-7.8	-4.9
Seranton.....	36	-3.6	-0.3	+3.4
York.....	27	-9.3	-11.0	-1.8
Wilkes-Barre.....	21	-1.5	-1.9	-0.4
Williamsport.....	22	-2.3	-1.1	+1.2
Wilmington.....	31	-4.9	-2.9	+2.1
York.....	46	+2.0	+1.4	-0.6

#### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN DELAWARE.

(Compiled by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.)

Industry—	Number of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease—		
		June 1927 over May 1927	Total	Average
		Employment.	Wages.	Wages.
All Industries.....	30	-2.6%	-4.0%	-1.4%
Foundries and machinery products.....	5	-5.5	-7.2	-1.8
Other metal manufactures.....	5	-5.3	-6.7	-1.5
Food Industries.....	3	+7.0	+6.0	-0.8
Chemicals, drugs and paints.....	3	+1.2	+3.0	+1.7
Leather tanned and products.....	3	+1.4	+0.5	-0.9
Printing and publishing.....	4	+0.5	-2.8	-3.3
Miscellaneous Industries.....	7	-2.0	-2.6	-0.6

MAN-HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA' Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]

Table with 5 columns: Group and Industry, No. of Plants Reporting, Increase or Decrease June 1927 over May 1927 (Total Man-Hours, Average Hourly Rates), and corresponding percentages.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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

Table with 5 columns: Group and Industry, No. of Plants Reporting, Employment, Increase or Decrease June 1927 over May 1927 (Total Wages, Average Wages), and corresponding percentages.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Above One Million Cars Per Week, But a Little Below a Year Ago.

For the twelfth week this year, loading of revenue freight exceeded the million mark for the week ended on July 2, according to reports filed on July 12 by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

corresponding week in 1925, which included a holiday. Further particulars follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of July 2 totaled 401,455 cars, an increase of 2,417 cars over the corresponding week last year and 76,196 cars over the same week in 1925.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight for the week totaled 260,579 cars, a decrease of 1,279 cars under the same week last year but 35,559 cars above the corresponding week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 145,000 cars. This was a decrease of 27,385 cars under the same week last year, but an increase of 9,645 cars compared with the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 44,133 cars, a decrease of 6,681 cars under the same week in 1926 but 10,179 cars above the same period in 1925.

In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 31,211 cars a decrease of 5,537 cars below the same week last year.

Live stock loading amounted to 26,260 cars, a decrease of 70 cars under the same week last year but 2,046 cars above the same week in 1926.

In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 19,815 cars, a decrease of 287 cars under the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 67,642 cars, 3,054 cars below the same week last year but 8,880 cars above the same week in 1925.

Ore loading totaled 66,197 cars, 6,707 cars below the same week in 1926 but 11,070 cars above the corresponding period two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 9,996 cars, a decrease of 1,620 cars under the same week in 1926 but 1,488 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 Southern, but all reported increases compared with the corresponding period in 1925.

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

Table with 4 columns: Period (Five weeks in January, Four weeks in February, etc.), 1927, 1926, 1925.

June Volume of Business in Minneapolis Federal Reserve District About Same as Year Ago.

The preliminary summary of agricultural and financial conditions issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis on July 15 says:

The June volume of business in this district was about the same as the June volume a year ago. Debits to individual accounts at 17 reporting cities were 2% smaller than last year, although this year's volume was larger at Billings, Duluth, Fargo, La Crosse, Minot, Red Wing and Winona.

Total carloadings in the northwestern district for the four weeks ending June 25 were practically the same as in the corresponding weeks last year. Carloadings of ore, forest products and livestock were smaller in the four week period this year than last, while the movement of merchandise, grains, and coal was larger.

Shipments of flour in June were smaller than in the corresponding month last year, but shipments of linseed products were larger.

As compared with May, the volume of business in June was 2% larger. Shipments of flour and linseed products and receipts of livestock and grain from our territory all increased.

Building permits at 15 reporting cities were 17% smaller in June than in the same month last year and were slightly smaller than in May of this year.

Business conditions in the rural portions of this district continued to be mixed. Debits to individual accounts in these belt cities and Sioux Falls during June were smaller than in June a year ago, but the Mississippi Valley cities reported the largest volume of check transactions which has occurred in any June since our records began in 1923.

The cash value of June marketings of wheat, rye, barley and potatoes was 9% smaller than the value of marketings in June last year. Farm product prices showed about as many increases as decreases.

Bread wheat, flax, hogs, lambs, hens and eggs sold at lower prices during June than a year ago, while durum wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, butcher steers, butter and milk sold at higher prices.

The price of butcher steers was the highest since 1920, and the price of hogs was the lowest since 1924.

Lumber Orders Equal to Those of One Year Ago.

While reports received by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from 336 softwood, and 131 hardwood, lumber mills show the lumber industry in characteristic seasonal lakedown, there is encouragement in the fact that new business taken last week is equal to that of the corresponding week in 1926.

Almost invariably the order file, week for week, has been less in 1927 than in 1926. It is true that the actual reports show a considerable decrease; but when weighted for mills that are discontinuing reporting, the conclusion is reached that the order file is as large as a year ago.

Similarly, shipments were about the same, while there is a slight decrease in production.

Taking hardwood mills by themselves, however, it appears that that branch of the lumber industry has experienced considerable curtailment, as compared with a year ago, in all three factors. Orders and shipments, and especially production, were ahead of the preceding week, adds the Association's report, from which we quote as follows:

Unfilled Orders Increase.

The unfilled orders of 203 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 550,562,769 feet, as against 527,198,305 feet for 191 mills the previous week.

mills these percentages were respectively 92 and 85; and for the West Coast mills 121 and 147.

Of the reporting mills, the 295 with an established normal production for the week of 205,065,370 feet, gave actual production 71%, shipments, 71%, and orders, 78% 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; 000's omitted:

Table with 6 columns: Past Week (Softwood, Hardwood), Corresponding Week 1926 (Softwood, Hardwood), Preceding Week 1927 (Revised) (Softwood, Hardwood). Rows include \*Mills, Production, Shipments, Orders.

\* Fewer West Coast mills are reporting this year; to make allowance for this add 17,000,000 to production, 21,000,000 to shipments and 25,000,000 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. Sixteen of these mills, representing 48% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 18,298,000 shipments 13,675,000 and new business 12,553,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 95 mills reporting for the week ended July 9 was 47% above production, and shipments 21% above production. Of all new business taken during the week, 51% was for future water delivery, amounting to 38,762,400 feet, of which 27,162,893 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 11,599,507 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 33,718,673 feet, or 44% of the week's new business. Fifty-five per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 34,411,733 feet, of which 28,340,099 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 6,071,634 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 24,840,988 feet, or 39% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 3,553,964 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 107,949,456 feet, foreign 94,299,485 feet and rail trade 117,936,916 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 108 mills reporting, shipments were 8.15% below production and orders were 14.54% below production and 6.96% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 48,278,880 feet (previous week 56,180,936); shipments, 51,889,480 feet (previous week 56,180,936), and production, 56,492,146 feet (previous week 58,779,406). The normal production of these mills is 73,367,404 feet. Of the 107 mills reporting running time, 19 operated full time, 13 of the latter overtime. Five mills were shut down, and the rest operated from three to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' Association of Portland, Ore., with six more mills reporting, shows production about the same and shipments and new business considerably less than that reported for the week earlier.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., reports a heavy decrease in production, a 50% decrease in shipments and a material decrease in orders. (There was no production reported from seven mills.)

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with eight more mills reporting, shows a notable increase in production, shipments about the same and a good gain in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers' Association of Minneapolis, Minn., with one more mill reporting, shows production about the same, a slight decrease in shipments and a heavy decrease in orders.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production), with six more mills reporting, shows some increase in production and substantial increases in shipments and new business.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported from fifteen mills (six more than reported for the week earlier) production and shipments about the same and new business somewhat in advance of that reported for the previous week.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 116 mills (39 more mills than reported for the week before) marked increases in production and shipments and new business about the same as that reported for the preceding week. The normal production of these units is 19,488,000.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

Eighty-three mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended July 2 manufactured 70,432,990 feet, sold 71,428,962 feet and shipped 78,058,166 feet. New business was 995,972 feet more than production and shipments 7,625,176 feet more than production.

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

Table with 5 columns: Week Ended (July 2, June 25, June 18, June 11), and rows for Number of mills reporting, Production (feet), New business (feet), Shipments (feet), Unshipped balances (Rail, Domestic cargo, Exports), Total (feet), and Average number of mills.

Production and Shipments of Lumber During Month of May.

The "National Lumber Bulletin," published monthly by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., on July 7 1927 released the following data on the production and shipments of lumber during the month of May 1927 as compared with May 1926:

LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED MONTHLY BY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS TO NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION FOR MAY 1927 AND MAY 1926.

Table comparing May 1927 and May 1926 production and shipments by association. Columns include Association, Mills, Production (Hardwoods, Softwoods), Shipments (Hardwoods, Softwoods). Rows list various regional associations.

Table comparing May 1926 production and shipments by association. Columns include Association, Mills, Production (Hardwoods, Softwoods), Shipments (Hardwoods, Softwoods). Rows list various regional associations.

\* Includes softwoods.

z Weeks ending May 29 1926.

Total production May 1927, 1,081,359 M ft.

Total production May 1926, 1,429,748 M ft.

Total shipments May 1927, 1,105,822 M ft.

Total shipments May 1926, 1,423,158 M ft.

LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED BY STATES BY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS.

Table showing lumber production and shipments by state for May 1927. Columns include State, Mills, Production (M ft.), Shipments (M ft.). Rows list all states.

\* Includes mostly individual reports, not distributed.

Registration of Automobile Bills of Sale in Ohio—Data Compiled by Bureau of Business Research.

The Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University presents in its June "Bulletin" data which it has collected on the sales of automobiles in Ohio, as indicated by the registrations of new automobile bills of sale. The Bureau finds that the bill of sale registrations data are much more reliable and much more complete than the registrations of licenses. An Ohio law requires the registration or filing of the bill of sale before a license can be granted. The Bureau makes available the 1926 and 1927 record of bill of sale registrations in four of the most populous counties of Ohio, representing over one-third of the population of the State and it also makes available a 1927 record for a fifth county. These five counties bring the percentage representation to something over 40. We reproduce from the "Bulletin" the following:

The reports from fifty-five clerks of courts of Ohio counties covering registrations of new automobile bills of sale in May show registrations of 19,974 passenger car bills and 1,674 commercial car bills. This represents a decrease of 7.2% from April in passenger car bills and a decline of 6.1% in commercial car bills. This is about the normal seasonal change, April as a rule being the peak month in automobile sales.

The index of new passenger automobile sales in Ohio, based on registration of bills of sales in four large Ohio counties, shows a decrease from April of 3.7%. The May-to-May decrease amounts to 13.7%.

It has been found through experience with automobile dealers that while they have a certain interest in the sales by makes according to competitive groups, their chief interest is in the data showing sales of particular makes. The dealer who is handling a particular car is interested in comparing his own sales with the total sales of his make and with the total sales of other makes which are in his competitive field. Consequently, in co-operation with the Ohio Council of the National Automobile Dealers Association, it has been decided to show in the "Bulletin" each month the total registrations of new passenger car bills of sale for the four large counties of Ohio, for which comparable data are available.

TABLE IV—REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOBILE BILLS OF SALE IN THE FIVE LARGEST COUNTIES OF OHIO. In Co-operation with Ohio Council, National Automobile Dealers' Association

County.	May 1927.	Change fr'm May 1926.	Jan.-May 1927.	Change fr'm Jan.-May 1926.
Cuyahoga—Group I	1,731	-26.1%	6,331	-25.2%
II	676	-22.7	2,654	-4.4
III	1,369	+2.0	6,145	-9
IV	273	-5.9	928	+5.6
Total	4,549	-14.8	16,058	-12.3
Lucas Group I	740	+10.4	2,326	-3.4
II	145	-25.3	581	-12.6
III	349	-26.9	1,481	-9.8
IV	59	-4.8	231	+7.9
Total	1,292	-8.0	4,619	-6.3
Hamilton Group I	715	-24.6	3,541	-6.3
II	312	-3.4	1,181	+2.3
III	536	+3.7	1,814	-0.4
IV	79	-7.1	316	-3.1
Total	1,642	-12.3	6,852	-5.6
Summit Group I	716	-20.3	2,608	-13.6
II	214	-13.7	779	+8.6
III	381	-13.2	1,272	-3.1
IV	51	-1.9	146	+1.4
Total	1,362	-16.8	4,805	-7.4
Four Counties—Group I	3,902	-19.7	14,806	-16.1
II	1,347	-17.9	5,195	-2.5
III	3,135	-4.0	10,712	-4.5
IV	462	-5.5	1,621	+3.4
Total	8,846	-13.7	32,334	-9.3
Franklin Group I	670	-27.6	2,595	-40.9
II	221	-42.9	1,002	-31.6
III	399	-----	1,185	-----
IV	57	-----	224	-----
Total	1,257	-----	5,006	-----
Five Counties—Group I	4,572	-----	17,401	-----
II	1,568	-----	6,197	-----
III	3,444	-----	11,897	-----
IV	519	-----	1,845	-----
Total	10,103	-----	37,340	-----

TABLE VI—SALES RANKING OF LEADING MAKES OF PASSENGER CARS BASED ON BILL OF SALE REGISTRATIONS IN FOUR OHIO COUNTIES (CUYAHOGA, HAMILTON, LUCAS AND SUMMIT)

Make of Car.	Percentage of Total Bills of Sale Registrations.			
	May 1927.	April 1927.	May 1926.	Jan.-May 1927.
Chevrolet	24.3	22.7	14.9	24.9
Ford	12.5	11.3	24.9	14.9
Buick	6.5	7.2	6.3	6.0
Whippet	6.4	5.1	2.5	5.3
Chrysler	6.1	6.1	3.2	5.8
Essex	5.2	6.7	5.0	6.4
Pontiac	4.7	4.4	1.6	4.3
Nash	4.6	5.7	4.1	4.7
Willys-Knight	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.8
Dodge	2.9	2.1	7.3	2.9
Studebaker	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.7
Hudson	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.0
Chandler	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.6
Oldsmobile	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.0
Hupmobile	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.6

**Sales of Standard Cotton Textiles in First Half of 1927 Greater than in Same Period of 1926 — June Figures.**

Sales of standard cotton textiles during the first six months of 1927 were 40.8% greater in volume than during the first six months of 1926, according to yardage reports compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. Under date of July 10 the association says:

The volume of unfilled orders on June 30 this year was 163.4% larger than a year ago and 48.1% greater than at the beginning of the year. Stocks on hand on June 30 this year were 39.6% lower than they were on the same date last year and 24.1% lower than on Jan. 1 1927.

Mill reports for June show that it was the first month this year during which sales failed to equal production. Production during the month was 23.7% larger than in June 1926, while sales increased 4%. Sales during the month represented 64.1% of production.

That cotton goods are moving steadily into channels of consumption is indicated by reports that during June shipments were 96.5% of production. It is pointed out in this connection that the summer months have almost without exception been periods of slack business, but this summer the industry is entering this season with the largest unfilled yardage shown for many years; the cotton to fill these orders has been purchased; mills are only buying for new orders, and as their equipment is employed on the average for some seven weeks ahead, purchasing of this crop is likely to be rather light.

Sales of standard cotton cloth during the first half of 1927 amounted to 1,703,401,000 yards, or 114.5% of production, which was 1,487,387,000 yards. During the first half of 1926 sales aggregated 1,209,891,000 yards, or 91.6% of production.

Unfilled orders on June 30 were 481,346,000 yards. On the same date a year ago they were 182,708,000 yards, and on Jan. 1 1927 they were 324,943,000 yards. During the first six months of last year orders decreased more than 30%.

Shipments this year amounted to 1,546,998,000 yards. This represents 104% of production and is 20.7% larger than shipments were during the first six months of 1926.

Stocks on hand June 30 this year were 187,623,000 yards. A year ago they amounted to 310,825,000 yards, and on Jan. 1 1927 they were 247,234,000 yards. Stocks last year increased, while this year there has been a substantial decrease in the first six months.

The reports compiled by the association are based on yardage statistics on the production and sale of more than 200 classifications of standard cotton cloths and represent a large part of the volume of these goods manufactured in the United States.

**Western Cattle Raisers Petition President Coolidge For Government Aid In Organizing Co-Operative Marketing Organizations.**

A delegation of Western live stock raisers called on President Coolidge at the Executive offices in Rapid City, S. D. on July 12 with a view to securing Government assistance

in bringing about the extension of the co-operative marketing system in the interest of cattle raisers. The Rapid City correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" says:

The visitors had no specific plan to offer, but indicated that assistance in organizing the cattlemen into a comprehensive co-operative association "strong enough to meet the packers on an even footing" would be acceptable.

It was the second group of the kind to come to the summer capital and lay its problems before the President with a request for help. The other was a delegation of North Dakota farmers who visited him yesterday, expressing disapproval of the McNary-Haugen farm relief plan and naming cheaper transportation as their primary need and to that end urging the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence canal project.

*President Questions Callers.*

In the delegation to-day were Paul E. Martin, president, and three directors of the Western Stock Marketing Association, including E. W. Martin, a former Representative in Congress from South Dakota. They were with the President more than a half hour. He listened attentively to their complaints and asked many questions.

Seventy-five per cent. of the stock-men in the grass country, taking in part of Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, have "gone bankrupt" since the war, Mr. Martin said, and cattle were gradually disappearing from the ranges.

The stockmen hereabouts ship their cattle at their own expense to Omaha packers and, with the feed bill mounting fast enough to "eat up the cost of the cattle in a week," the stockmen have the choice, Mr. Coolidge was told, of taking what they are offered for their stock or incurring the additional expense and injury to the cattle of shipping them back home again.

"I used to be able to get \$63.50, dressed weight, from the local butcher on a cow," Mr. Martin explained as he was leaving the executive office. "Now I get \$30 for a cow at Omaha and I pay the freight, which comes to about \$7. A hide that we get a dollar for in Hot Springs, S. D. costs the local harnessmaker \$28 when it comes back from the tanneries controlled by the packers. The trouble is that there is no competition in cattle buying and stockmen are at the mercy of the packers."

To the extent that Eastern capital is "heavily interested" in packing corporations, the stockmen consider that their interests conflict with those of the East.

What the stockmen wanted, the delegation told the President was some thing to force the packers to come to them instead of their going to the packers. This they thought could be accomplished only by collective bargaining. They felt that the government ought to help them get organized, owing to their crippled condition, and help restock their ranches; but left it to the President to work out the procedure. They were not strong for the McNary-Haugen plan of relief—stockmen were left out of that bill at their own request—but Mr. Martin did not see why the government could not help stockmen sell cattle surpluses abroad. The nearest they came to being specific was in asking whether the government could establish a bureau to handle the problem of organization.

Forced liquidation of cattlemen's debts after the post-war deflation was blamed for much of their troubles. They felt that "governmental influence through the Federal Reserve System" was an instrument in this liquidation which compelled the stockmen they said, to sell at a loss and resulted in an extra profit to packers of \$1,000,000 a day.

*Find Situation Clearing Up.*

The situation begins to show signs of clearing up, they said, but ranchers are too weak financially to organize their forces. In that the government through the Federal Reserve System, in their opinion, had contributed to their light, they considered that the government had an obligation to help them out of it.

They were favorably impressed with the President. "He seemed to know fully as much as we do about the situation," Mr. Martin said. "I'm sure he'll try to do something to help us."

**Members of Rubber Exchange of New York Vote to Reduce Commissions 40%—Increase in Trading.**

A reduction in commissions of approximately 40% was approved on July 12 by members of the Rubber Exchange of New York, who voted to amend the by-laws at a special meeting held after the Exchange closed. The new rates of commission, which will mean a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to rubber manufacturers who hedge their purchases through the Exchange, went into effect immediately. The meeting was largely attended, and at the suggestion of President F. R. Henderson the proposed new rates were discussed by members before a vote was taken. There were a number of members who opposed the reductions being made at this time. Mr. Henderson said that the Board of Managers felt that the lowered commissions would make the opportunities for trading more attractive to the public and particularly to rubber manufacturers here and producers abroad who could use the market more freely for hedging operations. The amendment makes the following changes in rates of commission for the forward turn on each contract of two and one-half long tons:

For a resident of the United States or Canada, not a member of the Exchange, \$15 instead of \$25.

For a non-member residing outside of the United States or Canada, \$20 instead of \$30.

For members of the Exchange in the United States or Canada, \$7.50 instead of \$12.50.

For foreign members of the Exchange, \$12.50 instead of \$17.50.

For each contract bought or sold by one member of the Exchange for another giving up his principal on the day of the transaction, \$1 instead of \$1.25.

According to a statement issued by the Exchange on July 13, the inauguration of lowered commission rates on trading in crude rubber futures was followed by a marked increase in the volume of business. The statement continues:

The day's turnover was 877 lots, equivalent to 2,192½ long tons, which compared with 401 lots, or 1,002½ long tons on Tuesday, the last trading under the old rates. The new rates of commission are approximately 40%



COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT, AND ON HAND.

Table with 6 columns: Item, Season, On Hand Aug. 1, Produced Aug. 1 to June 30, Shipped Out Aug. 1 to June 30, On Hand June 30. Rows include Crude oil, Refined oil, Cake and meal, Linters, and Hull fiber.

\* Includes 3,532,157 and 12,072,978 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 2,972,229 and 9,530,410 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1926 and June 30 1927 respectively.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR TEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 31.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1927, 1926. Rows include Oil, crude, Refined, Cake and meal, and Linters.

June Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, &c.

Approximate deliveries to American mills during June of 41,312 bales of raw silk are reported by the Silk Association of America, Inc., these figures comparing with deliveries of 45,486 bales in May, and representing a decrease in consumption of 4,174 bales.

RAW SILK IN STORAGE JULY 1 1927.

Table with 5 columns: European, Japan, All Other, Total. Rows include Stocks June 1 1927, Imports month of June 1927, and Total amount available during June.

Approximate deliveries to American mills during June b. 84 37,973 3,255 41,312

SUMMARY.

Table with 7 columns: Imports During the Month, Storage at End of Month. Rows for months January through December, and Total and Average monthly.

Table with 7 columns: Approximate Deliveries to American Mills, Approximate Amount in Transit between Japan and New York. Rows for months January through December, and Total and Average monthly.

\* Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by manifests Nos. 90 to 107 inclusive).

Crude Oil Prices Remain Stable—Gasoline Shows a Few Advances in Certain Localities.

While crude oil prices remained unchanged throughout the week, gasoline prices moved upward in two cities. Reports from Troy, N. Y., on July 12 indicated that a price war was under way in that city, brought about by the Troy automobile club.

On July 13 the Atlantic Refining Co. advanced gasoline in Philadelphia 1 cent a gallon, making tank wagon price 14 cents and service station price 17 cents per gallon.

The strike at Chicago of gasoline filling station operators, mentioned last week on page 161, was brought to a close on July 9 by an agreement granting the strikers half their demands.

Wholesale prices in the Chicago markets stood as follows on July 15: United States motor grade gasoline, 7@7 1/2c.; kerosene, 41 to 43 water white, 4c.; fuel oil, 24 to 26 gravity, 92 1/2@97 1/2c.

Crude Oil Production Falls Off a Trifle.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended July 9 was 2,534,950 barrels, as compared with 2,535,550 barrels for the preceding week.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

Table with 5 columns: (In Barrels), July 9 1927, July 2 1927, June 25 1927, July 10 1926. Rows list various states including Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, etc.

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 July 9 was 1,564,850 barrels, as compared with 1,557,850, for the preceding week, an increase of 7,000 barrels.

The production figures of certain pools in the various districts for the current week compared with the previous week follow:

Table with 7 columns: (Figures in barrels of 42 Gallons.), July 9, July 2. Rows list Oklahoma, North Brame, Tonkawa, etc., and West Texas, East Central Texas, Southwest Texas.

Decrease in Stocks of Refined Copper in June—Shipments Higher and Above Six Months' Average—Total Copper at Refineries Larger.

Stocks of refined copper in hands of North and South American producers and refiners July 1 came to 96,360 short tons, according to American Bureau of Metal Statistics compared with 108,079 tons June 1, decrease of 11,719 tons or 23,438,000 pounds.

While reduction in refined stocks was due partly to greater amount of copper in process and transit, and decrease in refinery output the reduction was due largely to increase in shipments which were above the average for the first six months of the year and materially above average for 1926.

Blister copper in stocks and in process at North and South American plants July 1 came to 257,623 tons against 242,074 tons June 1, increase of 15,549 tons.

Blister production of South American smelters came to 23,032 tons in June against 23,840 in May and for North American plants 84,528 tons against 89,401 tons in May.

Total shipments in June came to 124,952 tons compared with 116,758 up 8,194 tons. Shipments in April came to 129,612 tons, high of the year, while low was 111,254 tons shipped in February.

Domestic shipments in June came to 63,465 tons, low of the year, compared with 69,779 in May, 73,976 in April and 79,537 in March, high of the year.

Foreign shipments of copper in June came to 61,487 tons, high of the year, against 46,479 tons in May, 55,636 in April and 43,690 in February.

Refined output for June was 113,233 tons, low for the year, against 125,581 in May, 125,796 in April and 133,110 tons in January, high of the year.

Mine output of the United States in June came to 69,539 tons of copper and daily average to 2,318 tons compared with 71,613 and 2,310 tons respectively in May.

Following table gives output of United States mines in short tons for the last four months with totals for first five months of 1927 by types of mines:

Table with columns: Month (1927), 1927, 1927, 1927, 1927, 1927. Rows: Prophery mines, Lake mines, Vain mines, Custom ores, Total crude output.

From the "Wall Street News" of July 13 we take the following regarding the figures of the American Bureau of Metal Statistics:

The following table gives the comparison of stocks at the end of the last six months in North and South America, figures in tons of 2,000 pounds each:

Table with columns: Blister Including In Process, Refined, Total. Rows: January, February, March.

Segregated figures show that stocks on July 1 last were divided as follows: blister at smelters, 15,102 tons; blister in transit, 60,946 tons; blister at refineries, 26,901 tons; in process at refineries (including mineral at Lake plants), 154,673 tons; refined, 96,360 tons; total, 353,983 tons.

On June 1 the surplus was distributed as follows: blister at smelters, 15,707 tons; blister in transit, 56,829 tons; blister at refineries, 18,544 tons; in process (including "mineral" at Lake plants) at refineries, 150,994 tons; refined, 108,079 tons; total, 350,153 tons.

The production of refined copper in North and South America during the month amounted to 113,233 tons or 226,466,000 pounds, compared with 125,581 tons, or 251,162,000 pounds in May.

In the following table is given a comparison of the production of refined copper, figures in tons of 2,000 pounds each:

Table with columns: Primary, Scrap, Total. Rows: January, February, March.

Production of blister copper in North America during June amounted to 84,528 tons, compared with 89,041 tons in May and 87,822 tons in April.

There was an increase of 16,408,000 pounds in the shipments of copper during the month, the total being 249,904,000 lbs., compared with 232,516,000 in May.

In the following table are given the shipments, with comparisons, figure in short tons:

Table with columns: Domestic, Export, Total. Rows: January, February, March.

Copper Consumption Exceeds Output World Demand to Increase in Output Statement by W. R. Ingalls.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of July 15 W. R. Ingalls, director of American Bureau of Metal Statistics and leading world authority on copper statistically, in explaining a recent error in copper figures due a mistake in inventory at one of the refineries, states that world's copper consumption in first half of 1927 was slightly greater than production and that while world production in the first half of 1927 increased about 3.75% consumption increased at somewhat higher rate.

Mr. Ingalls points out that production of refined copper in North and South America in the first six months of 1927 was 747,368 tons. World production of refined copper for this period is not known as yet, but in 1925 the refiners in North and South America accounted for 8.7% of the total, and in 1926 for 8.5%, and in all probability their ratio in first half of 1927 was about the same.

Average production by North and South American refiners in first half of 1927 was 124,561 tons a month compared with about \$20,000 tons in the 12 months of 1926. Average of world's production in 1926 was 141,262, and in all probability average for the first six months of 1927 was about 146,500.

Computation on this basis, he adds takes into account to a large extent movement and position of secondary copper, a large part of which passes through hands of primary refiners.

In regard to the error in May figures Mr. Ingalls states: "A revision of our report of copper stocks at smelters and refineries in North and South America at the end of May, 1927, became necessary when in making its June

report one refinery made a large correction in respect of what it had previously reported as "in process" at the end of May.

"The statistical effect of this has produced some confusion, wherefore this explanation. Our report under date of June 13 showed an increase of 9,744 tons in the total stock. Correction of the error in respect of May showed that the total stock actually increased during May by only about 1,000 tons. Total stock at the end of June was 353,983 tons, increase of 3,830 tons from end of May.

"Total stock of 353,983 tons July 1 correlates with present American monthly production of about 120,000 tons and major part of the stock (about 60) is in transit from smelters to refiners and in process of refining, and consequently a part of the capital account of the industry.

"Total stock of copper in and at smelters and refineries in North and South America and in transit between them, including what was in process of refining, was 358,636 tons at beginning of January, 1927, and 353,936 tons at end of June, decrease of 4,653 tons. At the same time the stocks in Great Britain were 38,792 and 24,676 tons, decrease of 14,116 tons, some of the British accumulation of crude copper having been brought to the United States for refining.

Increase in United States Zinc Stocks During June.

The American Zinc Co. reports zinc stocks on hand in the United States on June 30 of 43,858 tons, as compared with 42,046 tons June 1, an increase of 1,812 tons. The following are the details for June, as made public by the Institute July 9:

ZINC, ALL COMPANIES, JUNE 1-30 1927--(TONS, 2,000 LBS.) Stock June 1, Produced, Shipped, Stock June 30, Shipped from plant for export, Metal sold, June retort production, Total retort capacity at end of period, Number of idle retorts available within 60 days, Average number of retorts operating during period, Number of retorts operating at end of period.

Increase in Unfilled Tonnage of United States Steel Corporation During June.

The United States Steel Corporation in its monthly statement issued July 11 1927, reported unfilled tonnage on books of subsidiary corporations as of June 30, 1927 at 3,053,246 tons. This is an increase of 2,305 tons over the orders on May 31 and a decrease of 746,931 tons below the Jan. 31 figures. On June 30 last year orders on hand stood at 3,478,642 tons and at the same time in 1925 at 3,710,458 tons.

Table with columns: End of Month, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922. Rows: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Steel Buying Declines—Pig Iron Price Falls.

One fact developed by this week's surveys of the steel trade is a marked reduction in the volume of contract buying according to observations made by the "Iron Age" in its market review of July 14. In the face of consumer striving for zero inventories and, now, an accenting on minimum purchase obligations, there is nevertheless continued resistance to price concessions, and buyers are finding an increasing confidence on the part of producers that a certain flow of orders must ensue and price is a secondary matter, declares the "Age" adding:

Cheerful views are general as to a sustained demand at fully the present level for some weeks, and signs are observed already of the usual over-adjustment of supply to demand by a swing downward of production below the going rate of sales. The industry is operating at the moment at about 65% of capacity, or 10 points below the 74 1/2% which is averaged in June.

Some measure of the rapid shaping of production to needs is gained by the sharp reduction in the June output of steel ingots and by the slight increase, 2305 tons, in the Steel Corporation's unfilled orders for the month. With an indicated total of 134,000 tons per day, last month showed a drop of 13.7% from the May rate of ingot output. A year ago the recession was not 5%. The Steel Corporation's situation as to orders suggests a close adjustment of shipments to the present scale of close-range buying.

Comparisons point to a larallelism of 1927 with 1925. Then July was the low month in operations, which were some 26% off from the high point of March, that year. June showed a falling off of 23 1/2% from the high, and this year June is 20% under last March. A point to be emphasized is that the production of steel ingots for the six months of this year is only 1 1/2% under the record made in the first half of 1926. The half year of 1925 was 7 1/2% smaller than this record.

Railroads and the building industry contributed prominently to the week's buying. The Pennsylvania and the Great Northern closed on 80,000 tons of heavy section rails, of which 15,000 tons, however, may go into 1928 deliveries. In the railroad car field, if early purchases are made, it is expected some of these will also be for next year's account and contracted for only on the score of securing low prices. The Chesapeake & Ohio is inquiring for 30 locomotives.

Structural steel bookings reached a high total for midsummer—51,500 of which 16,000 tons was for the new Chanin Building in New York and



10,000 tons for a General Motors truck plant at Pontiac, Mich. Among new projects under negotiation are two of outstanding size, 7,500 tons for a bridge at Portland, Ore., and 5,000 tons for a hotel addition in Pittsburgh.

Concrete reinforcing steel awards amounted to 11,000 tons, of which 2,150 tons was for municipal waterwork construction in St. Louis; 1,500 tons for a canal project in Washington State and 1,500 tons for a warehouse in Cleveland. New projects totaling 8,000 tons include 2,000 tons for sewerage work at Stickney, Ill.

Alabama pig iron has declined 75c. a ton in response to pressure by large Southern consumers and a desire to meet competition in border line territory along the Ohio River. New York State furnaces are more aggressive in soliciting business in New England and eastern Pennsylvania, in some cases waiving silicon differentials.

The coal strike is approaching a crisis in southern Ohio. The operators, following the rejection of an offer to recognize the union and to pay wages comparable with the November, 1917, scale, are planning to reopen their mines without a union agreement, July 16. In the Pittsburgh district the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. has successfully opened a mine on an open shop basis without bringing in outside help. Coke prices are unchanged, and coal supplies are more than ample to meet present demands.

Divergent tendencies are to be observed in the scrap market. At Philadelphia heavy melting steel has dropped 50c. a ton, and various grades have been reduced at Boston and Buffalo. On the other hand, advances of 25c. a ton have been made in heavy melting steel at Pittsburgh, Detroit and St. Louis.

Agricultural machinery manufacturers find encouragement in the crop outlook and are preparing for a late summer and fall trade.

The cotton tie pieces for the opening of the season were announced July 11. They are substantially the same as last year, \$1.20 a bundle of 45 lb. at Gulf ports and \$1.21 at Atlantic Coast points.

The decline in cold finished steel bars was not ended by announcing a base of 2.30c. has lately become common and is no longer confined to the Detroit district.

Competition in nickel-chrome and other alloy steels used in considerable tonnages has brought out some deviations from ruling quotations.

Ocean freight rates on steel from Atlantic to Pacific Coast points will be advanced \$3 a ton on Aug. 1, but whether Eastern mills will absorb any of the extra charge is not yet known.

After selling as high as 72.50c. per lb. on Nov. 23 1926, spot Straits tin has touched 63.25c., the lowest since July 22 1926.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price has fallen to \$18.59, compared with \$18.71 last week and the week before. Both figures are the lowest since early April of 1922 and the latest level is only 57c. above the lowest reached since 1926. The usual composite price tables stand as follows:

Table with columns for 'Finished Steel' and 'Pig Iron'. It lists prices for various grades of steel and pig iron from July 12 1927 to 1923, including one-week, one-month, and one-year ago prices, and 10-year pre-war averages.

In contrast with the opinion of the "Iron Age" as reviewed above, the "Iron Trade Review" on July 14 stated that the iron and steel markets have rebounded encouragingly from the interruption early in the month and for some factors bookings in the first half of July will exceed those of the first half of June. Production and consumption are scraping the bottom of the summer low level, it is generally believed, but a month may elapse before the industry hits its accustomed Fall stride, says the "Review" in its summary of conditions affecting the industry, from which we add:

Pig iron is more active in the important market centers but the prices continue weak. Quotations on steel, while still subject to pressure, are holding. Demand for plates, shapes and bars is not so active as that for sheets, strip and other light products. Delay in bringing out the new Ford car is causing many prospective buyers of low-priced cars to hesitate and automotive specifications for steel have not developed the expected improvement. The building outlook, as reflected in structural steel and reinforcing bar business, has taken on a brighter hue for the Fall.

Production of pig iron thus far in July is at the June level and a slight increase in the rate in the latter half of the month is probable. Steel ingot output is more likely to register a gentle decline due to further curtailment at Chicago. June output of ingots was 3,466,168 gross tons, compared with 4,015,192 tons in May and 3,734,153 tons last June.

The Pennsylvania and Great Northern railroads have placed a total of 80,000 tons of rails and 20,000 tons of track fastenings, of which 40% will be rolled by Western mills. Western mills still have 55,000 tons of secondary rails on inquiry.

An important merchant blast furnace interest at Birmingham is taking third quarter business in foundry iron at 17.25, base Birmingham, a reduction of 75 cents.

With the expiration of some first half-year contracts that have not been renewed, production of beehive coke shows a slight surplus and a weaker spot market has resulted. It is easier to do \$2.85 on spot furnace coke.

Shipments of tin plate in the first half of the year were 2.4% heavier than in the first half of 1926. It is probable that shipments in the year ended June 30 will set an annual record. The present prospect is that shipments in the last half of 1927 will not fall more than 10% under the first half. Tin plate now is quoted at \$5.35 to \$5.50.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$36.38. This compares with \$36.19 last week and \$36.50 the previous week.

The market report furnished by Rogers Brown & Crocker Bros., Inc., says that the attractive prices for pig iron that are now ruling have brought into the market a few more large consumers. With numerous small buyers, the total of sales for the week is well maintained for this season of the year. Price of Alabama iron has been reduced 50c.-75c. and now the iron market as a whole is on a lower basis than for several years past. If it were not for the holiday season with so many company officials away on vacations, an active buying movement for the balance of the year would undoubtedly

be already under way. Probably it cannot be held back until August is over. Once the blowing out of furnaces starts this firm says it usually happens that the output is cut below the rate of consumption, especially as to steel making irons, and it looks as though the present would be no exception.

Bituminous Coal Demand Active in a Few Markets—Anthracite Trading Irregular.

While most of the bituminous coal markets of the United States were quiet, here and there industrial consumers showed signs of uneasiness over the future, "the "Coal Age News" reports on July 14 in summarizing conditions in the markets. New York experienced the best volume of business in a month. In Chicago interest has measurably quickened, while Boston was distinctly of the opinion that a broader movement was close at hand. In the Far West weather was against an active demand for domestic sizes. At Cincinnati Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Birmingham watchful waiting was the rule. Suspension of mines in central Pennsylvania had little effect upon the situation, declared the "News", adding:

Spot price levels worked lower last week. "Coal Age News" index of spot bituminous prices on July 12 was 149, and the corresponding weighted average price was \$1.80. Compared with the figures of the preceding week this was a decline of 2 points and 3 cents.

No. 1 buckwheat holds the center of the stage in the anthracite market. The combination of reduced production and the placement of orders by large consumers has created a tight situation. Cheap coal has disappeared from the market and one of the largest retail distributors in New York City has withdrawn all quotations on this size. On the domestic side of the market there is little cheerful to be said. Many shippers are pitting coal into storage and some are quietly shading prices.

The outstanding feature in its effect on the market was the closing of the central Pennsylvania mines for an uncertain period, declares the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" in its weekly review of the markets. In view of this, a lessened tonnage by several hundred thousand tons is looked for, but the actual figures are awaited with great interest and there is much speculation as to how much of the loss will be made up by increased production effort in open-shop mines, observes, the "Journal," from which we add the following:

Even a moderate drop in the total tonnage, anything under eight million tons weekly, will strengthen and make effective modest advances in price, announced during the past week. One railroad is reported as having traded an increase in tonnage for a lower price on the total tonnage taken. This is reminiscent of the "two-at-the-price-of-one sale" in the drug stores. But why worry? It is a railroad sale, and they have to furnish the cars; and railroad coal sales are regarded as close to charity by the average operator and should be deducted from the income tax.

The Pittsburgh section makes a surprisingly good showing on an open-shop basis as to men working and increase in tonnage.

The continued influx of eastern Kentucky and West Virginia coal into the Ohio and Western market is being regarded with increased apprehension as to how much of their market will be recovered if they do not make an immediate effort to start their mines.

"Emperor" Jones, it is reported, has announced trouble at British mines in September, which may mean that all will be running smoothly. There are already ear marks of improvement with probable modifications of French restriction. Germany is reported as having increased her French tonnage in spite of the restrictions.

Production Declines in Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Coke.

Production of bituminous coal and anthracite fell off during the week ended July 2 by around 505,000 net tons of the former and 306,000 net tons of the latter, reports the United States Bureau of Mines. In both instances, the decreases were attributed to the approach of Independence Day, July 4. Coke output also declined, falling from 131,000 to 104,000 net tons, a loss of 27,000 tons. The following data we append from the weekly statistics issued by the Bureau of Mines:

The total production of bituminous coal in the week ended July 2, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 7,974,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 505,000 tons, or 6%. As indicated by the car loadings, the loss was confined to Friday and Saturday, and was apparently due to the approach of Independence Day, July 4.

Table titled 'Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons), Incl. Coal Coked.' It compares weekly production for July 18, 25, and July 2 c. in 1927 and 1926, with columns for 'Week' and 'Cal. Year to Date'.

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 July 2 (approximately 155 working days) amounts to 278,601,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

Summary table showing total soft coal production for 1926 (270,047,000 net tons) and 1925 (233,797,000 net tons) compared to the 1927 total through July 2 (278,601,000 net tons).

WEEKLY PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL BY STATES.

The production of soft coal during the week ended June 25, as already indicated above, amounted to 8,479,000 net tons, a gain of 195,000 tons, or 2.4% over the output in the preceding week.

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

Table with columns: State, Total Production for Week Ended (June 25, June 18, June 26, June 27), and Average (1923, 1925).

a Revised. b Weekly rate maintained during the entire month. c Revised beginning W. C. R. No. 517. d This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended July 2 is estimated at 1,279,000 net tons, a decrease of 306,000 tons, or 19.3%, from the output in the week of June 25.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Table with columns: Week Ended (June 18, June 25, July 2), Week (Cal. Year to Date, Week, Cal. Year to Date), and 1927, 1926.

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.

The production of beehive coke declined sharply in the week ended July 2. The total output for the country is estimated at 104,000 net tons, as against 131,000 tons in the preceding week—a decrease of 27,000 tons, or 20.6%.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Table with columns: Week Ended (July 2, June 25, July 3), Week (Cal. Year to Date, Week, Cal. Year to Date), and 1927, 1926.

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.

The National Coal Association estimates the quantity of bituminous coal produced in the United States during the week ended July 9 at 6,400,000 net tons.

Production of Bituminous Coal During Month of May.

Below are shown the estimates of the production of bituminous coal, by States, for the month of May, as compiled by the United States Bureau of Mines.

There were approximately the same number of working days in May as in April. The total output for the month of May shows a gain of 2% over that in April, but is less by 10% than that in May 1926.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL BY STATES (NET TONS) a.

Table with columns: State, May 1927, April 1927, May 1926, May 1925, May 1923.

a Figures for 1925 and 1923 only are final. b Revised. c This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 13, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows decreases for the week of \$83,100,000 in bills and securities, of \$47,800,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and of \$10,900,000 in gold held abroad.

All of the Federal Reserve banks report smaller holdings of discounted bills except Atlanta, which shows an increase of \$2,600,000. The principal reductions for the week were: Chicago \$31,300,000, New York and St. Louis \$10,300,000 each, San Francisco \$9,300,000, Boston \$6,200,000, and Cleveland \$5,900,000.

Table with columns: Total reserves, Gold reserves, Total bills and securities, Bills discounted, Total deposits, and Government deposits.

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 358 and 359.

Return of Member Banks for New York and Chicago Federal Reserve Districts.

Beginning with the returns for June 29 the Federal Reserve Board also began to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves.

The following is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which will not be available until the coming Monday.



## FRANCE.

There has been a further decline in the volume of business in France due partly to the season, but especially to the high value of the franc which has brought restrictions in domestic buying and keen competition in foreign sales. The Bourse is inactive, short term money is plentiful and there is a continued tendency on the part of companies to take advantage of the easy money market to increase their capital stock. Proposals for the 1928 budget have been presented and have made a favorable impression, especially as they do not include additional taxation. Bank clearings continue low. Unemployment is again lower and living costs are declining. Despite import restrictions, the French mines are still stocking coal and sales are low. Both the domestic and foreign markets for iron and steel are sluggish and a curtailment of production is probable. German and British competition is active in the foreign markets. Sales of textile manufactures are poorly sustained and conditions in general may be described as spotty. Crop prospects are on the whole good, but sunny weather is badly needed. Car loadings are falling.

## GERMANY.

June was marked by continued improvement in German industries with conditions in the iron and steel, machinery, electrical, textile and paper branches especially satisfactory. The improvement, however, is confined to the home market, as there were no gains of importance in export sales. Practically all industries are complaining of an inability to meet foreign competition abroad with profit at the current prices. June industrial reports are perhaps the most satisfactory since the stabilization period. The number of unemployed receiving Government assistance decreased to 600,000 on June 15, representing a decrease of 68% since Jan. 15 1927. Pressure for wage increases is becoming increasingly marked following the recent advances in the chemical, metal, building and coal industries. Government taxation receipts for the first two months of the current fiscal year, April 1 to March 31, are 6% above the estimates, with a notable increase from indirect taxes pledged to reparations payments. May foreign trade figures show an adverse trade balance for the first five months of the year amounting to 1,500,000,000 marks, foreshadowing a total for the year of 3,600,000,000 marks, which is equal to the record adverse balance of 1925.

## ITALY.

The official announcement to the effect that the lira is to be held indefinitely at about 90 to the pound sterling and that work is now proceeding on the promised tax reductions is reported to have somewhat restored the waning confidence in the Italian business situation. Widespread wage reductions approximating 10% which had been effected are not expected to alter materially production costs. Government revenues continue their favorable showing and the statement of the Bank of Italy on May 31 shows a decrease in circulation of 136,000,000 lire which now stands at 17,443,000,000 lire. Banks continue their conservative policy in credit matters, although interest rates are falling. Credit relief is to be offered farmers because of the decline in grain prices. Many Italian industries, especially the cotton, mechanical and silk branches, are suffering from continued stagnation. New building in many centres has practically ceased. The artificial silk, road building machine, and hydro-electrical equipment industries are reported active. The raw cotton industry was quiet in June. Tourist business has fallen off greatly because of present high lira exchange. May imports stood at 1,825,000,000 lire and exports at 1,285,000,000 lire. The corresponding amounts for May last year were 2,473,000,000 lire and 1,346,000,000 lire, respectively.

## POLAND.

Final figures for foreign trade for May, published by the Central Statistical Bureau, show further expansion of imports—to 168,814,000 zlotys (all foreign trade figures in gold zlotys; 1 zloty equals \$0.193), as compared with 148,238,000 zlotys in April. Exports for the month showed a slight decline—to 114,177,000 zlotys from 119,431,000 zlotys in April. Polish foreign trade for the first five months of 1927 shows a marked expansion, as compared with the same period of 1926. Imports in 1927 totaled 659,955,000 zlotys, against 288,416,000 zlotys in 1926, an increase of 130%, while exports increased from 471,650,000 zlotys to 594,518,000 zlotys, respectively, or 25%. The much larger expansion of imports than of exports naturally resulted in an adverse turn in the trade balance—from a favorable balance of 183,234,000 zlotys for the first five months of 1926 to a deficit of 65,347,000 zlotys for the same period of the current year. Imports which consist chiefly of raw materials and some machinery and equipment for productive use in manufacturing industries and agriculture, is a sound reflection of the general improvement in the economic condition of the country and the consequent higher purchasing power of the population.

State revenues for May totaled 209,956,000 (paper) zlotys (1 zloty equals \$0.113), against 189,804,000 zlotys of expenditures, thus leaving a surplus of 20,152,000 zlotys. Revenues for the first five months exceed budgetary estimates by 188,042,000 zlotys, resulting in a surplus over expenditures for the period of 218,759,000 zlotys (revenues 1,117,435,000 zlotys and expenditures 898,676,000 zlotys). This compares with a total of revenues of 644,613,000 zlotys, expenditures of 704,558,000 zlotys and a resulting deficit of 59,935,000 zlotys for the same period of 1926.

## UNITED KINGDOM.

The combination of three large British cement manufacturers, involving \$12,500,000 capital, was announced on July 7. The coal strike is quiet. Prices are at marginal levels and there is in consequence a tendency to close pits rather than further to reduce quotations. Active competition attended the opening of the July 5 series of London wool sales. The number of persons registered for employment was 1,004,600 on June 27; this represents an increase over the figure reported for the previous week, but a decrease from that for June 13.

## AUSTRALIA.

The wheat outlook was slightly improved last week by a moderate rainfall. Money continues tight, due in part to the number of private and governmental loans offered in recent weeks. A 5% Commonwealth loan of £7,000,000 is being underwritten in London and will be offered at 98. General business is reported as steady to quiet, with country purchasers buying cautiously. The Australian Wool Council announces the allocation of 1,220,000 bales of wool for disposal before Christmas; 670,000 bales to be offered at Sydney and Brisbane, and 550,000 bales at southern centres. Opening sales will be held on Aug. 29 at Sydney and at Adelaide, South Australia, on Sept. 9.

## INDIA.

The official India preliminary jute forecast places acreage for the year 1927-28 at 3,382,000 as compared with 3,600,000 acres for the preceding year. This forecast is not expected to affect the market. A 10,000,000 base crop is anticipated in Indian trade circles as compared with the September 1926 forecast of 10,888,600 bales. The actual yield of the 1926-27 crop was over 12,000,000 bales. A cable received from Calcutta on July 3 reported that shellac had advanced 23 points during the preceding 10 days on an excited market. Practically all sales were being made for August delivery, with the United States purchasing heavily.

## JAPAN.

At the special Cabinet meeting held on July 6 it was decided to hold in abeyance the plans for aid to the Kawasaki Dockyard Co. pending settlement of the claim of Ikura & Co. against the dockyard company. This claim arose from a court award of 2,800,000 yen in favor of Okura & Co. against the Kawasaki Dockyard Co. Reorganization of the Fifteenth Bank has also been indefinitely postponed due to the infusion of political issues into the question. All markets are reported dull with no expectation of revival before September. The present high prices for raw silk prove unprofitable to filatures. Heavy rains are greatly improving prospects for a large rice crop.

## NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

General business of Netherlands India continues good. The pepper market, which has been abnormally high and speculative, is now declining. Exports of rubber from the Netherlands East Indies in May are now reported as totaling 25,057 long tons, of which 5,430 tons were shipped from Java and Madura, 5,528 from the Sumatra East Coast and 14,099 tons from the remaining rubber districts of the Outer Possessions.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

Wholesale and retail trade in June was slightly better than in May, apparently due to the stimulating effect of the encouraging outlook in export crops. The citrus season is now under way, with an excellent outlook, and the latest official forecast places the corn crop at 19,510,000 bags. Industrial activity is about normal, although depression continues in a few lines. The leather, shoe and clothing industries are well employed, and construction is being maintained at a record figure. A steady demand in mining and machinery materials continues, sales for the half year just closed being estimated at above the 1926 figure. The automobile trade is fairly good, with prospects for improvement.

It is announced that a special session of Parliament will be called for Oct. 10 to consider the Precious Stones Bill, the Iron and Steel Bill and other measures which failed of passage in the Senate during the legislative session adjourned on June 29.

Total mineral production in May is valued at £5,182,000. The gold output for the month amounted to 860,000 fine ounces, valued at £3,653,000, as compared with 824,000 ounces in April, valued at £3,502,000. Diamond output declined slightly to 406,000 carats, valued at £1,033,000.

### Conclusion of Conferences of Officers of Banks of England, France and Germany With Governor Strong of New York Federal Reserve Bank—Expected Results—Return to Europe of Dr. Schacht, Charles Rist and M. Ricard.

The discussions of the conferences which had been engaged in between officers of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the German Reichsbank and Governor Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have been concluded some of the visiting bankers having returned to Europe. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the German Reichsbank sailed for Berlin on July 13 on the steamer New York of the Hamburg-American Line. Charles Rist, Deputy Governor of the Bank of France, and M. Ricard, also of the Bank of France, sailed a week ago July 9. The other European bankers who participated in the conferences was Montagu C. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England. The statement of Governor Strong, issued on July 8, regarding the discussions, appeared in these columns July 9, page 166. With regard to the results which are expected to follow from the conversations, the "Wall Street Journal" of July 14 had the following to say in advices from its Washington bureau:

Far reaching developments in the fields of international trade and finance are expected in official quarters here to result from the series of conferences just concluded in this country by the chiefs of the central banks of England, France and Germany with the heads of the Federal Reserve System. Something akin to an "Economic League of Nations" appears to be in the making.

Despite the speculative reports which were in circulation during the series of conferences it may be said with authority that no specific program for future activities was adopted. At the same time it develops that a very definite understanding was reached for a community of purpose among the financial heads of the leading nations of the world in attempting the solution of broad problems confronting all countries through their business relations to one another.

*Hint Is Given.*

Governor Strong, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is believed to have given a clear hint of what is contemplated in his formal statement at the close of the meetings. After outlining the general nature of the topics discussed such as the international relationship of discount rates and the operation of the gold exchange standard, he said:

"Methods for dealing with these subjects are not capable of exact definition, but the friendliness and better understanding from these exchanges of views can not fail to be helpful."

In other words the basis of co-operation among the nations in attacking their common difficulties has been reached. It has been ascertained that the money powers of the most important commercial countries see the possibility of greater progress by working together than entirely as individuals.

For instance, the Federal Reserve System is concerned with the continued flow of gold into the United States. The policies of foreign central banks in keeping part of their reserves in this country is one of the factors responsible for the movement. Co-operation among the heads of the central banks may lead to a more equitable distribution of the world's gold supply.

*Continuance Is Expected.*

Although the recent conferences were given something of an air of mystery by the consistent policy of silence followed until Governor Strong's statement, the view in official quarters here is that the meeting would have been of no value if accompanied by publicity. The conferences both in New York and in Washington are likened to the meetings of a board of directors of a business concern which announce its actions but does not report its proceedings.

Continuance of these conferences from time to time is expected in official circles here. Through them a different method of handling world economic



Foreign Minister Briand's draft proposal for peace between the United States and France which Ambassador Herrick is bringing with him to Washington, is understood to be one of the simplest diplomatic documents ever written. It states merely that the two countries herewith agree to abstain from war or threat of war against each other.

It is a compact between two countries only, and while its form may be adapted to an agreement between any two other countries or between either of the contracting parties and a third country, it, in itself, is not capable of extension. It will not be enlarged to include any third party.

The text of the proposal, which is intended as a first basis for discussion, was drafted by M. Briand himself. In one respect it is unique. It does not invoke any principles. All high-sounding sentiment and all generalities have been omitted. It simply outlaws war.

This document, which Mr. Herrick is carrying with him, will be submitted as a memorandum to President Coolidge by the Ambassador himself. Thereafter all conversations and exchanges of notes and opinions will, it is affirmed, be conducted with the utmost secrecy. This is not only Washington's wish but also the desire of M. Briand.

As a preliminary to the peace compact between France and the United States a compact of silence has been decided on between the State Department and the Quai d'Orsay about all future negotiations. For the most part these conversations will take place in Washington, M. Briand leaving to Ambassador Claudel the task of developing his idea in accord with Mr. Kellogg.

The Foreign Departments of both countries have agreed that nothing whatever is to be divulged as to the character of the proposals or the progress made in reaching an agreement until the moment comes when the definite text can be announced and Parliament and Congress asked to ratify it.

The same paper in announcing Premier Poincare's approval of the plan had the following to say in an account from Edwin L. Jones at Paris June 25 (copyright):

Premier Poincare to-day gave his approval to the project of a permanent peace pledge by France and the United States. In an address before the American Club in Paris the head of the French Government indicated that he had told Ambassador Herrick, just before the latter sailed for America this week, that Paris was "ready to enter into negotiations with Washington."

M. Poincare held up the flight of Colonel Lindbergh as a great event which had created new moral bonds between the two peoples. He called the aviator an "angel of love and fidelity."

One gathered that the Premier regarded the proposed pact as a gesture which would put a seal on the friendship already existent between the two republics.

"I do not need to express my sentiments toward you," he said, "in order that you may know them. My sentiments toward America are those of all Frenchmen. I will not let pass this opportunity to give you a new testimonial."

"The other day I had the great pleasure to dine with my good friend Myron T. Herrick and with Nicholas Murray Butler, who plans as does my eminent colleague M. Briand, to concentrate the inalterable friendship of our two countries by a pledge of eternal peace."

"We would all rejoice to see such a compact signed between us. But in any case it exists already before it has been put upon parchment. From the War of Independence up to the morrow of the great European war we have for over a century and a half gathered common memories which nothing can efface."

"No one better than you know how to maintain them. You are all lieutenants of your Ambassador and you collaborate magnificently in the work of fraternity which he carries on with so much tact and devotion for the great benefit of our two countries."

#### *Lauds Americans in Paris.*

"You are our interpreters in America and you are our interpreters of America here. You watch over our intimacy and you protect it against accidental friction. You maintain in the souls of our peoples our sacred tradition."

"When there comes an occasion for them to manifest their mutual sympathies the demonstration immediately takes a wonderful proportions. And so it happens that the splendid exploit of Lindbergh will remain in the history of the two peoples as an episode of revelation."

"This messenger descending from the sky with marvelous precision and punctuality upon an enthusiastic crowd—was he not an angel of love and fidelity. And was he not the personification of valiant America full of youth and of spirit and of physical and moral vigor and knowing how to add to the attentive observation of realities the cult of ideal and sublime inspirations."

"And those arms which stretched out toward Lindbergh, those cries of joy, those acclamations—was not that spirit developed by centuries, but always rejuvenated by its new generations and always as generous, as disinterested and as prompt in acts of faith."

#### *Finds Lindbergh Symbol of Future.*

"This great aerial bridge which your heroic aviator has thrown between our two continents is a symbol of the future to which the continued progress of science invites us. As distances disappear and as means of communication between men multiply, how can nations avoid coming closer together."

"Especially those nations which have always loved each other will feel themselves more neighborly and more united. How much more shall they mingle their thoughts, their interests and their actions. How could it be otherwise than that they will work together for the happiness and prosperity of future humanity."

Premier Poincare then offered a toast for the realization of these hopes and for the friendship of France and America.

At the City Hall in New York, where he was escorted on June 28, following the arrival of the French steamer on which he was a passenger, our Ambassador Herrick, in response to an address of welcome by Mayor Walker, said (we quote from the "Journal of Commerce"):

I have been trying to make the French people understand how America feels toward France, and I have been doing that for years. Some would have us believe there is not the same love, friendship and sympathy there used to be between us. It only takes one or two occasions, such as recently happened, to erase the impression.

The arrival at this port of the *Ile de France* means more than the docking of a steamer. It is symbolic of the return of the Spirit of St. Louis, which brought to France that very fine young man, Colonel Lindbergh at the very moment he was needed by France and the United States.

## French Bank Rate on Reduced Level—Former Rate Was Long Embarrassment to Bank of France and Treasury.

The "Wall Street Journal" of July 8 reports the following from its Paris office:—

The financial world continues to suffer or benefit, according to the nature of its operations, by a plethora of money. The private discount rate has been as low as 2¼%. The rate of interest on the only existing Government short-term bonds subscribable daily by the public—the one-year National Defense bonds—has recently been reduced to 3%. The banks have reduced their interest rate on deposits to around 2% and the Treasury is paying 1.60% net on funds placed on current account with it by the private banks. The carry-over rate on the Bourse has fallen below 2%—which was rare even before the war. Call money runs between 3¼% and 3½%.

Naturally the banks are having a thin time of it. Their deposits and cash are increasing by leaps and bounds, and they are hard put to it to find employment for the money. There is a limit of discountable commercial paper, and capital issues are scarce by reason of the public's hesitation to invest on long term and of the high rates of interest which bonds have to pay—the average has fallen from 9.2% in January to 8.05% in April, but by waiting, far better terms may come. The large funds entrusted to them may be withdrawn and therefore the risks of placing them in long bonds are considerable. It is not altogether certain that they have resisted the temptation, but it is unlikely that they have yielded to it largely on account of their traditional prudence and conservatism. They would like to see the prohibition on the export of capital abolished so that they might send their funds abroad. But that idea does not please the Government.

The Government is the gainer by the plethora of money and its increasing cheapness. The bulk of the idle funds represent inflow of capital from abroad, French or foreign-owned. Nothing proves that better than the astounding growth of the Bank of France's holdings of foreign currencies. Of the 18,000,000,000 francs total of its "sundry assets" on May 19, all but 2,000,000,000 stood for sterling, dollars and so forth bought in the open market, and by far the greater portion has been bought within the past few months. A year ago the total was 3,543,000,000 francs, at the end of December 5,010,000,000, at the beginning of March 8,887,000,000. The Bank certainly possesses more than \$500,000,000 in its sundry assets, besides the \$90,000,000-odd representing the sale of the gold recently surrendered by the Bank of England, some \$5,000,000 representing the gold coins bought from the public and also sold later for dollars, and some \$10,000,000 figuring in the item of liquid assets abroad. With the exchange which the Treasury bought in the last half of 1926, it is reckoned that the total reserves of foreign currencies now amount to at least \$800,000,000.

All this means backing for the franc. But it means more than that, for the exchange thus purchased is not kept idle. It has been contributing notably to the ease with which continental speculators have been obtaining credits in sterling in London in order to buy francs in Paris and invest them in French Rentes or banking, electrical, mining and railroad shares. The rise of the prices of these bonds and shares has been so great as to induce French holders to sell, but the selling has not checked the rise of prices. Owing to the higher quotations of Rentes, moreover, the State's credit has improved slowly but steadily, and this fact, together with the abundance of money, has induced it to set out resolutely on the path of consolidation of its floating and short-term debt.

## France Burns 19,000,000 Francs in Her Bonds, Voluntarily Surrendered to Aid the Franc.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Paris advices July 11 (copyright):

Nineteen million francs in securities to-day went up in smoke on the altar of the recovering franc.

Solemn ceremonies accompanied the burning of these obligations, which took place in the great blast furnace in the Government mint, officials of the State in formal dress officiating. The securities thus destroyed were those turned over to the Government by the holders as a voluntary contribution to aid the recovery of the franc which opened a year ago when the financial crisis was at its worst.

Many people brought to the Government bonds and State securities they owned, voluntarily surrendering the benefits of these holdings to aid the franc on the exchange market. These obligations have been duly canceled from those subscribing to the international debt and it remained only to destroy the documents.

Characteristically, the French Government officials made this into a ceremony and the cremating of these papers was conducted with the greatest solemnity.

At the Mint were Senator Le Brun, head of the National Sinking Fund; Major Desmazes, the representative of Marshal Joffre, who was the chief sponsor of the voluntary contributions; M. Dally, the Director of the Mint, and many bankers, Government and financial officials. In high hats and Prince Albert coats, they watched the flames quickly consume the certificates, whose total value was just over 19,000,000 francs.

## French Gold 8% on Our Market May Be Converted.

The following Paris cablegram July 10 is from the New York "Times":

Through a recent law passed by the French Legislature the Government was authorized to effect all financial operations requisite to convert into another loan the French Republic gold 8 per cents issued in 1920 in America, and maturing in 1945. It is impossible at present to say whether or when the Ministry will make use of the option thus given to it by Parliament.

It is believed in banking circles here, however, that the price at which the loan is quoted makes such an operation feasible. If effected, the conversion would be greatly to the advantage of the French Treasury, which makes possible further consideration of the question.

## French Republic External Gold Bonds Dated Sept. 8 1920 Drawn for Redemption.

J. P. Morgan & Co., as sinking fund trustees, issued July 14 a statement to holders of Government of the French Republic 25-year external gold loan 8% sinking fund bonds, issued under loan contract dated Sept. 8 1920, announcing that \$2,000,000 face amount of the bonds of this issue have

been drawn for redemption at 110 on Sept. 15 1927 out of moneys in the sinking fund. Bonds bearing the serial numbers drawn by lot will be redeemed and paid on and after Sept. 15 at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. on the presentation of such drawn bonds. Interest will cease on all drawn bonds after Sept. 15. Notice is also drawn to the fact that an unusually large amount, \$484,000, of the bonds of this issue called for redemption previously are still outstanding. The holders of these bonds having failed to present them for redemption are therefore losing interest on this amount.

**Redemption of Interim Certificates Representing Bonds of Credit Consortium for Public Works of Italy.**

J. P. Morgan & Co., as fiscal agents, issued on July 14 to holders of interim certificates in respect to Credit Consortium for Public Works, of Italy, external loan sinking fund 7% secured bonds, series A, due March 1 1937, and series B bonds, due March 1 1947, that interim certificates representing \$159,000 principal amount of series A bonds and \$88,000 principal amount of series B bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption at 100 on Sept. 1 1927, out of moneys in the sinking fund. The interim certificates bearing the serial numbers drawn by lot will be paid on and after Sept. 1 upon presentation at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. After Sept. 1 no interest will accrue upon the bonds represented by such certificates nor will any holder of any such certificate be entitled to any rights thereunder except to receive payment.

**Premier Mussolini Sets Lira at 90 to the Pound—Tells Italian Industrialists Exchange Will Stay at That Rate.**

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Rome, July 9 (copyright):

A definite pledge that exchange value of the lira will be kept at its present level was given to-day by Premier Mussolini, who, on receiving representatives of the Italian industries, said: "Exchange will be firmly maintained at 90 to the pound sterling. On this point the Government admits neither discussion nor doubt. The producers to-day have stability of currency as a sure basis for their forecasts and their work."

In past weeks the Finance Minister, Count Volpi, had strongly hinted that the process of revaluation of the lira would not be resumed, at least for a very long time. This is the first time that a definite announcement has been made in official form that the revaluation policy has been abandoned for good and all. The decision, naturally, has been received with much relief by the Italian industrialists, who have been sorely tried by the rapid rise of the lira.

Continuing his address to the industrialists, Premier Mussolini declared that he was fully aware of the difficulties in which many of them find themselves. But it is a good thing, he said, if it will lead to a process of selection, leaving in existence only those concerns which are best equipped to combat foreign competition. Such a process of selection was necessary after a tumultuous war and post-war period, he declared.

The reduction of production costs is at present the most pressing problem, continued the Premier, and the Government intends to contribute toward reducing them by cutting down taxation. These cuts, he said, will be "noteworthy," and in addition the Government intends to lower freight rates on land and sea.

But, he concluded, the industrialists also must contribute by reducing their production costs to the utmost possible limit. The Fascisti Government and regime expected all industrialists to do their duty in this respect and the Premier said doubtless they will not refuse to support the Government's efforts.

**Official Italy's Aims as to Lira Clarified—Trade Movement Forced the Last Declaration—Rise in Lira Possible Later.**

In Rome advices July 10 the New York "Times" (copyright) said:

To Italian bankers it was evident that the purpose of Count Volpi's latest declaration regarding the lira was to give the markets greater tranquility, through positively guaranteeing the virtual continuance of a stabilized value for the currency at the present level. The denial of a plan for continuous appreciation was not necessitated by an unfavorable movement of the commodity markets, of employment, of money rates, or of railway traffic. These indications of trade, as well as the situation of the principal industries and of agriculture, had not developed any abnormal or unforeseen turn of events except those which were considered fully warranted by the existing currency revaluation.

At one moment, however, the effects of the rise in the lira had become more emphatic than was liked, but this was checked in time. The Finance Minister's statement, moreover, corrects the erroneous interpretation placed by many people on his previous declaration. The inference had been drawn in some quarters that the process of upward revaluation would be resumed within a few months. This idea naturally caused a waiting period in business affairs, of stagnation in general trade, and of excited speculation in the lira on foreign markets.

Even with regard to Volpi's latest speech, it is not assumed in the best quarters that it means renunciation of the policy of ultimate further revaluation. It is considered that the Government's actual policy is to wait for the country's economic situation to become fully readjusted to the present status before deciding whether it is advisable to proceed to further deflation and revaluation, and, if so, how and when this should be done.

**Head of Italian Federation Summons Industry to Support Lira.**

The difficulties which confront the Italian industrialists as a result of the rapid revaluation of the lira were stated on July 8 by Signor Benni, President of the Fascist Con-

federation of Italian Industries, to 143 representatives of the confederated organizations. In indicating what he had to say the New York "Times" account (copyright) said:

The Government, he said, had decided to maintain the Italian currency "stably and indefinitely" at present quotations, and it was the duty of the industrialists to adjust their production costs to that level.

He said he recognized that this would spell ruin for some peak industries and losses for others, but he added that the situation was not desperate and must be overcome, first, by scientific organization, and then by applying all other measures to reduce costs.

The costs of raw materials, he said, which were mostly purchased abroad, had been automatically lowered by the rapid revaluation of the lira. This, of course, does not apply to purchases made when exchange was higher. He added:

"It is necessary to have courage to reduce their value to the present level of the lira, thus liquidating once and for all the past situation, even if it involves heavy losses."

*Praises Co-operation of Workers.*

Wages, he continued, had not fallen in proportion to the increased value of the lira, nor was this to be expected, as the cost of living had remained relatively high and it was not fair to expect the workers to bear this sacrifice. He paid tribute, however, to the spirit of co-operation displayed by the Fascist labor organizations. Of these he said:

"Though sometimes displaying resistance, understandable and justifiable by their need to defend the interests of the workers, they have given good proof of the efficacy of the educative action of Fascismo."

Other obstacles to the reduction of costs, said Signor Benni, were taxation, railroad freight rates and the money rate, which still remained higher than they were in 1923, when exchange was roughly at the present level. The Government, he added, however, had announced its intentions of reducing taxation and had given reason to believe that freight rates would be reduced. The money rate also probably could be reduced soon.

Finally, Signor Benni said, there was the problem of reducing overhead expenses. This could be achieved by a better scientific organization of industry.

*Seeks to Eliminate Waste.*

Italy, he said, had not yet reached the perfection of other nations in eliminating all sources of waste, both of materials and human energy. This must be done without delay. It was also necessary for industries producing the same class of goods to come to an understanding to reduce unnecessary effort. Such agreements, he said, would have the full support and encouragement of the Government. Signor Benni concluded:

"Above all, we must have faith in il Duce, who leads us and who has chosen the ground on which Italian productive ability must give a trial of strength to ensure to our country its economic health and political future. We must obey, knowing that the field on which we fight has been chosen by him who saved our nation from the danger of the annihilation of the lira, who has given to us a new measure of monetary value, and who, at the same time, has given to us an assurance of its solidity and firmness.

"We must now act to prove that this confederation merits its appellation of Fascist confederation of integrity, and that the Italian industrialists are doing everything possible with the greatest tenacity and energy to attain a victory in the economic battle."

Writing from Rome July 9 to the "Times," Arnaldo Cortesi, in copyright advices furnished the following information:

The full measure of difficulties with which Italian industry is faced as a result of the rapid revaluation of the lira were bluntly stated by Stegano Antonio Benni, President of the Fascist Confederation of Italian Industries, this week. Signor Benni, himself one of Italy's leading industrialists, in speaking to representatives of almost every branch of industry, said quite frankly that nobody must expect to make any profits this year, but that the most that can be expected is to break even, while every effort is being made to so reorganize Italian industry as to enter into the next year with a certainty of being able to beat foreign competition.

Signor Benni's speech brought out the important point that the Government has given a pledge that the present level of exchange will be maintained "firmly and indefinitely." Assurances to this effect has, as a matter of fact, been given by the Minister of Finance, Count Volpi, in recent public utterances, but never in such explicit form. It may be, therefore, definitely assumed that the Government's revaluation policy has been thrown overboard, at least for a very long time to come.

The battle which for several months past has been raging between the supporters of revaluation and the supporters of stabilization has now ended in victory for the latter. But it is not a final victory. The Government has not yet been definitely won over to the policy of stabilization. All official utterances on the subject state merely that every effort will be made to maintain exchange at its present level "for a very long time," but this reserves to the Government the right to reopen the question when the time is ripe.

The general impression, however, is that the time never will be ripe for a resumption of revaluation. Public sentiment is swinging more and more in favor of stabilization. It is generally believed that exchange will remain at the present level till the proper moment comes, not to force the lira up again, but to effect a conversion and peg it at about 18 or 20 to the dollar permanently.

**Membership of Fascist Party in Italy Totals Over Million**

More than a million persons are enrolled in the Fascist Party, the official organ, "Foglio Ordini," stated on July 7, according to Associated Press cablegrams from Rome, which reports that the membership consists of 960,590 men and 70,081 women. A message to the New York "Times" from Rome (copyright) on the same date—July 7—says:

Membership would probably be very much larger if the Fascist Party had not slammed the door in the face of late-comers by prohibiting any new admissions. It is now impossible to become a Fascist except by graduating from one of the juvenile organizations. This regulation, which went into force just when Fascismo regained all the popularity which it had lost after the difficulties in which it found itself after the Matteotti affair, kept scores of thousands out of the movement.

The region of Italy giving the largest contingent to Fascismo is Lombardy, with 133,000 members. This corresponds to about 2 1/2% of the population. Second comes Tuscany, with 108,000. This region, however, has the highest proportion of Fascisti, in relation to its total population, nearly 4%.

The smallest contingent is in Trento, with under 10,000, or 1 1/2% of the population.

The "Foglio d'Ordini" also publishes a long list of members expelled for refusing to pay their dues to the party. These dues are not fixed,

but are assessed by Fascist authorities according to what they presume are the financial possibilities of each individual. Though the list is a long one, it is small when compared to the total membership of the party. Expulsions, in fact, amount only to about one per 1,000 members.

### Reichstag Passes Bill Embargoing War Goods—Germans Comply with Demand of Allied Control Commission.

The following Associated Press advices from Berlin July 7 appeared in the New York "Times":

The Reichstag by a vote of 309 to 44 to-day adopted a War Materials bill which forbids the export of certain categories of goods which might be used as instruments of war, a problem which has long been a thorny one in Germany's negotiations concerning the Allied control of her armaments.

Under the bill searchlights, special binoculars and other goods which might be used as instruments of war are forbidden exportation.

Various speakers before the Reichstag declared that inasmuch as the bill was imposed upon Germany by the Allied Powers, it was a violation of German sovereignty but admitted that it was a political necessity. By its adoption, they contended, Germany has fulfilled all her disarmament obligations and there was now no further excuse for the continued occupancy of German soil.

### German Tariff Bill Passed—Higher Duty on Foodstuffs Enacted Before Reichstag Adjourns.

Under date of July 9 advices to the New York "Times" from Berlin (copyright) said:

Rushing through the tariff bill according to the schedule of the Government parties, the Reichstag adjourned this afternoon for the summer. The House will be called in an extra session on Sept. 26 to consider the proposed new school law and other measures.

The last session was stormy from beginning to end because the Socialists, Communists and Democrats attacked the increase in the duties on potatoes, sugar and pork, and insisted that a member of the Cabinet appear on the platform to defend "the bread usury."

Food Minister Schiele, who was thrown into the breach by his colleagues, made a speech promising the reductions advocated by the Geneva Conference two years hence and defending the higher duty on foodstuffs as a necessity for the improvement of the condition of the agricultural classes.

The Communists ridiculed the assertion that the higher duties were of benefit to small farmers and agricultural laborers.

The final vote on the bill was 278 for and 134 against.

The same paper in a cablegram from Berlin July 7 (also copyright) had the following to say regarding the tariff proposals:

The German Government is determined to force through a tariff bill maintaining the present walls for two years more and also raising the duty on potatoes 100%, on pork 50% and on sugar 150% before the Reichstag adjourns on Saturday.

The measure passed the committee to-day by sixteen to ten votes, members of the Centre Party voting yea. It will come up for the second reading to-morrow and will be finally passed on Saturday.

The only concession made to its opponents was a 50% reduction of the internal revenue tax on sugar.

Votes against the bill were cast by Democrats, Socialists and Communists. The Centrists, who had threatened to balk, swung into line and will stay there until the final ballot, unless all signs fall.

On July 8, in the face of bitter criticism from the Opposition parties, whose speakers stigmatized its provisions as a cynical contradiction to the decisions of the World Economic Conference, the Government tariff bill was rushed through the Reichstag on the second reading. The Berlin advices of that date to the "Times" (copyright) went on to say:

Save for the formal report of the committee delegate the Government parties did not participate in the debate nor did any Cabinet officer. Spokesmen for the Socialist and Democratic parties denounced the measure as a Nationalist sop to the big agrarian interests and prophesied an increased tariff on industrial products as a result.

"The tariff screw will be used freely now," the antagonists of the bill predicted.

It was also argued that the doubling of the duty on potatoes, which is ostensibly directed against the Polish growers, will cause bad blood between Germany and Holland and Belgium, which supply Western German markets.

Instead of taxing food imports afresh, the Opposition declared the Government ought to help German agriculture by removing the protective duties on fodder.

The Communists, whose orators loudly condemned the Government as "bread usurers," several times tried to break up the debate amid violent tumult, but were controlled by the presiding officer.

### Will Refund German Tax on Foreign Loans—Reichstag Committee Moves to Repay Levy.

Contrary to the express wish of the German Government, the Taxation Committee of the Reichstag on July 8 passed a resolution through which investors in German foreign loans floated between last December and June 2 may have the tax of 10% collected on interest payments during that period refunded to them. A message to the New York "Times" from Berlin (copyright) in stating this, added:

A representative of the Finance Ministry protested against this action on the ground that in the future the imposition of a levy on German securities marketed abroad would not be taken seriously. To this the committee replied by deciding that the tax admittedly had been an error which ought to be rectified.

The Advisory Bureau created by the Reichsbank for passing on the merits of foreign loans came in for severe criticism by committeemen. It was defended by Councillor Norden on behalf of the Government. While the Marx Cabinet, he said, was convinced that German trade still requires an influx of capital from abroad, it was felt that with the total foreign debt more than five billion marks, future loan projects should be carefully scrutinized by experts and only those of productive character approved. The loan of 100,000,000 marks, which it has just been decided to float in New York, he characterized as essential for building workmen's houses,

for which purpose, he added, the same amount will have to be borrowed in the domestic market.

The 10% tax on the interest paid on German foreign loans was lifted last month after it became evident that no credits could be obtained in America as long as it was maintained.

### Reichstag's Gold Policy—Officials Say They Are Preparing to Sell More, If Need Be.

Noting that the Reichsbank has sold over 600,000,000 marks to maintain exchange since the beginning of the year, and its stock of gold and dollars in New York has been spent entirely. The London bureau of the "Wall Street Journal" in advices to that paper July 13 says:

The Reichsbank still has about \$17,300,000 to its credit in banks of issue abroad, mainly at the Bank of England. The recent position of the Reichsbank, in marks, 00,000 omitted shows:

	Gold res.	Holdings of foreign exchange
May 21 1927.....	1,816.5	92.3
May 14 1927.....	1,849.1	106.2
End 1926.....	1,831.4	519.2
End 1925.....	1,208.1	402.5

In 1926 the Reichsbank increased its stock of gold and foreign exchange by 740,000,000 marks. Reasons for the outflow of 600,000,000 marks are the unfavorable exchange position, a passive trade balance of 1,177,000,000 marks the first four months of this year, cessation of foreign security purchases in Germany, heavy German purchases of foreign securities, and the Agent General's transfer of 115,000,000 marks on reparations account.

German banks would not undertake gold sales for a slight margin of profit in that they fear provoking the disapproval of the Reichsbank, and the possibility of having the bank put obstacles to discounting their bills. Reichsbank officials tell Dow, Jones & Co. that their stock of gold became needlessly large, and that they are prepared to sell further gold if need be. In the meantime raising the bank rate to 6% again is attracting foreign money to Germany and relieving the tension.

### Commercial Treaty Signed With Austria—America Gives and Receives Favored Nation Treatment for Period of Eight Years.

For the next eight years American goods shipped to Austria and Austrian goods shipped to America will receive most-favored-nation treatment in matter of tariffs under the terms of a new commercial treaty signed in Vienna yesterday by the authorized representatives of the two countries. Advices to this effect were contained in a wireless message July 10 to the New York "Times" from Vienna, which went on to say:

The treaty provides that each State until 1935 impose on the imports from the other State the minimum duty permitted by its customs laws. The duration of the treaty is the second longest yet negotiated by Austria with any nation—that with Great Britain is ten years, the others only five or less.

From the American standpoint it is one of the most important concluded with an European country. Despite her small size Austria is the strategic centre of American goods. Not only is her own purchasing power increasing steadily as conditions become more normal, but Vienna remains, as she has been for centuries, the ideal transit point for the distribution of American goods destined for consumption by the other States of the pre-war Hapsburg Empire.

Austria's own exports to America are probably the least to be feared by American labor. Primarily they are finely finished goods such as neither American manufacturers nor workmen have the patience even if they have the ability, to produce. Most are luxury articles, in which Austrian workmen possibly lead the world both in finish and technique.

The treaty is the natural out-growth of the trade between the two countries. For several years the exports of each to the other has shown a steady rise. This is especially noticeable in American automobiles and motorcycles, and in Austria leather goods and porcelain ware.

### Harriman Russian Manganese Concession.

In a statement July 8 W. A. Harriman, of W. A. Harriman & Co., confirmed the fact that terms of the concession acquired by his firm to operate Russian manganese deposits had been revised. Mr. Harriman stated:

"We signed a concession agreement in June, 1925, and control of the production of the mines was taken over on July 25, 1925. Soon after we found that competition from Nikopol, situated in one of the republics belonging to the Soviet union was operating against the success of our business, as well as certain other unforeseen conditions.

"We took up with the Soviet Government the question of revising the contract to make it workable and of mutual benefit. In December last, I went to Russia and the Soviet Government gave me every assurance that they were much interested in attracting foreign capital to Russia and therefore would do their best to reach a mutual understanding. When I left Russia in January, notwithstanding my statement to the press that I was satisfied with the result of the negotiations with the Soviet Government, divergent press reports appeared, containing statements contrary to the facts," he continued:

"I am now in position to state that our differences with the Soviet Government have been cleared up and the revised contract was signed in Moscow by my associate, Mr. R. H. M. Robinson, and the Concession Committee of the Soviet Government have ratified it. This confirms predictions made by me that an agreement would be reached and I may add that the Soviet Government has met us in a fair spirit."

### Offering of \$30,000,000 6% Bonds of Central Bank for Agriculture, Germany—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

The National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co. offered on July 11 at 95 and interest to yield over 6.36%, \$30,000,000 Central Bank for Agriculture,



Germany (Deutsche Rentenbank-Kreditanstalt Landwirtschaftliche Zentralbank) farm loan secured 6% gold sinking fund bonds dated July 15 1927 and due July 15 1960. Of the \$30,000,000, over \$11,000,000 principal amount was reserved for sale in various European markets, including \$3,000,000 to be publicly offered in the Netherlands by the Amsterdamsche Bank; De Twentsche Bank; Lippman, Rosenthal & Co.; R. Mees & Zoonen and Internationale Bank, and \$1,750,000 in Sweden by the Stockholms Enskilda Bank. The American syndicate of bankers announced the closing of the books here on the day the offering was made, the portion floated, it is stated, having been largely oversubscribed. The purpose of the issue is to provide funds designed to increase the productivity of German agriculture. This, it is said, is expected to exert a favorable influence on German national economy and on the potential balance of payments available to creditor nations. The bonds, in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, will be registerable as to principal only. A sinking fund will be set up sufficient to pay or redeem the entire issue by maturity. The issue is redeemable in whole or in part, on any interest date prior to maturity, on 30 days' notice, at 100% of the principal thereof. Principal, interest (Jan. 15 and July 15) and sinking fund will be payable in New York City in gold coin of the United States of America of or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future taxes or duties levied by or within the German Reich, at the head office of the National City Bank of New York, trustee. Such principal and interest shall also be collectible, at the option of the holders, either at the City Office of the National City Bank of New York, in London, Eng., in pounds sterling, or at Amsterdamsche Bank, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in guilders, or at the Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Stockholm, Sweden, in Swedish kronor, in each case at the then current buying rate of the respective banks for sight exchange on New York City. The Reichsbank, Berlin, is Germany supervisory trustee. It is announced that the trust indenture will provide for a cumulative sinking fund requiring semi-annual payments to the trustee, commencing Dec. 6, 1927. Payments may be made either in bonds of this issue or in cash, and any cash so paid will be applied to the redemption of bonds. Information supplied by Lipp and Szagun., Managing Directors of the Deutsche Rentenbank-Kreditanstalt, is summarized as follows:

The Central Bank for Agriculture (Deutsche Rentenbank-Kreditanstalt) was organized in 1925 to act as the central bank for the existing German agricultural credit organizations, some of which have been in operation more than one hundred years, and through such existing organizations to use its own resources and loans obtained at home or abroad in making loans or granting credits for the promotion of agricultural production in all its branches. The need of such an institution which should supply German agriculture with the credits urgently needed to remedy its deficiency of working capital was pointed out by the organization committee appointed under the Dawes Plan to recommend detailed provisions in regard to the new German bank of issue (the Reichsbank).

The paid-up capital of the Central Bank for Agriculture amounts to \$73,809,524, which may gradually be increased until the capital and surplus reaches the total authorized amount of \$119,047,619. Such increase is to be effected through payments to the credit of capital account made by the Rentenbank by transfer of its assets during the period of liquidation, and from other sources.

Bond issues are authorized up to six times the paid-up capital, but may be increased to eight times with the consent of the upper house of the German Parliament.

The business operations and policies of the Central Bank for Agriculture are under the supervision of the German Government. The governing Board includes eleven members appointed by the German Reichsrat and two appointed by the Government.

The bonds of this issue will be secured by an equivalent amount of mortgages (or cash in lieu thereof), constituting direct liens on German agricultural, forestal and horticultural lands to an amount which together with all existing prior liens (as defined in the trust indenture) shall not exceed in the aggregate 40% of their assessed value. Temporary security of equivalent nature is provided for a limited period.

The Central Bank for Agriculture covenants that it will not issue any other bonds or contract any indebtedness in any manner sharing in the specific security provided for the bonds of this issue.

The Reichsbank will act as supervisory trustee in Germany and will exercise general supervision over bonded agents appointed by it in conjunction with the German Government to examine and pass upon the security provided for the bonds and to have the custody of the deposited securities.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. Delivery in temporary form is expected about July 27.

**Offering of \$4,000,000 Notes of Hanover State Credit Institute Books Closed.**

Blair & Co., Inc., and Chase Securities Corporation offered on July 11 \$4,000,000 Hanover State Credit Institute (Hannoversche Landeskreditanstalt, Hanover, Germany) 3½-year first mortgage 6% collateral gold notes of the

bank at 98 and interest, to yield 6.65%. The closing of the books was announced early in that day. The proceeds of the 6% notes, it is stated, are to be used by the Institute solely for the purpose of granting to farmers loans secured by first mortgages on improved agricultural properties. The offering was in the form of participation certificates of the Chase National Bank of New York. The notes will be dated July 15 1927 and will mature Jan. 15 1931. They will be redeemable as a whole, or in lots of \$250,000 or multiples thereof, on any interest date on and after July 15 1928 on not less than 45 days' notice at 102 if redeemed on July 15 1928, the premium decreasing ½% for each six months elapsed thereafter to and including Jan. 15 1930, and at 100 on July 15 1930, together with accrued interest in each case. The notes will be in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest payable Jan. 15 and July 15 in United States gold coin at the principal office either of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York or of Blair & Co., fiscal agents, in New York City, without deduction for any taxes or imposts or other Governmental charges, past, present or future, of the German Republic or of any taxing authority thereof or therein. The Chase National Bank of the City of New York is American trustee for notes; the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, is German trustee for notes. Dr. Wolfgang Dreschler, Managing Director of the Institute, and Dr. Martin von Campe, Landeshauptmann of the Province of Hanover, in advices to the bankers state:

The Hanover State Credit Institute was founded in 1840 as the Bank of the Kingdom of Hanover. Under the Prussian law of Dec. 25 1869 the Institute became a public bank under the supervision of the Province of Hanover. The Institute has no share capital and is not operated for profit. As of April 30 1927 the accumulated reserve fund, management fund and the real estate owned (free of lien) aggregated approximately \$800,000. Its primary purpose is to further agricultural development by the granting of loans secured by first mortgages on productive agricultural properties not in excess of 40% of the conservatively appraised value of such properties. As of April 30 1927 the Institute had outstanding the equivalent of approximately \$11,000,000 land mortgage bonds and \$7,464,352 other obligations, all secured by individual first mortgages. Short-term credit obligations against agricultural bills amounted to the equivalent of approximately \$2,127,000. All interest and other payments due to the Institute under the individual first mortgages are enforceable in the same manner as taxes are collected by the Government without appeal to any court, and the Institute's claims rank prior to all other claims with the exception of taxes.

*Security.*—The \$4,000,000 first mortgage 6% collateral gold notes will constitute the direct and unconditional obligation of the Institute and will be secured by pledge with the trustees of 6% gold mark agricultural first mortgage bonds of the Institute, equivalent in principal amount, at the rate of 4.20 gold marks to the dollar, to the principal amount of this issue of dollar notes. By the terms of the Institute's charter the Province of Hanover is unconditionally liable for the obligations of the Institute.

The 6% gold mark agricultural first mortgage bonds of the Institute will be secured by an equivalent amount of individual first mortgages on productive agricultural properties, to the extent of not exceeding 40% of the conservatively appraised value of such properties which have buildings, equipment and livestock. These last three items, however, are not included in the appraised value which is based on appraisals made by the taxing authorities of the State of Prussia for the assessment of the capital tax. Mortgages are granted only on revenue producing property. Such bonds of the Institute constitute legal investments in Germany for trustees' funds. Pending the deposit with the German trustee of said 6% gold mark agricultural first mortgage bonds, the net proceeds of the sale of the notes will be deposited with the American trustee as security for the notes, to be withdrawn pro rata as the said 6% gold mark agricultural first mortgage bonds are deposited in definitive form.

*General.*—The Province of Hanover, the second largest in the State of Prussia, embraces an area of approximately 15,000 square miles and has a population of about 3,215,000. The Province is mainly agricultural, the principal crops including rye, flax and potatoes. The industrial development within the Province includes coal and ore mines, iron and steel works, chemical plants and railroad equipment works.

Delivery was expected to be made about July 15, 1927, in the form of interim receipts or temporary or definitive participating certificates.

**Offering of \$4,000,000 Bonds of Department of Antioquia (Republic of Colombia)— Issue Placed.**

A group headed by the Guaranty Company of New York and the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., formally offered on July 15 \$4,000,000 Department of Antioquia (Republic of Colombia) 7% thirty-and-one-half-year external secured sinking fund gold bonds, first series, to be dated April 1 1927 and due Oct. 1 1957, at 93 and interest, to yield about 7.60%. While public offering was made July 15, it is stated that the bonds were sold July 14. The bonds are part of a total authorized issue of \$12,350,000 to be used for general highway construction and for other purposes. The offering circular says:

The proceeds of the first series are to be used in part for the retirement of internal debt and for road construction, chiefly the first section of a highway to the sea. This highway will be a modern motor road, about 400 kilometers in total length, running from Medellin almost due north to the Gulf of Mraba on the Caribbean Sea. The Colombian Government has agreed to pay a subsidy for this highway approximating one-third of its

cost. The contract for the first 200 kilometers, from Medellin to Dabeiba, was awarded to R. W. Hebard & Co., Inc., New York, and work was started in September 1926.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest, due April 1 and October 1, will be payable in New York City at the principal office of International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co. or Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in United States gold coin or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on April 1 1927, without deduction for any taxes, present or future, levied or imposed by the Republic of Colombia, or by any taxing authority therein or thereof.

A cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum, commencing Oct. 1 1927, is calculated to retire the entire first series of bonds by maturity through purchase in the open market at not over 100% and accrued interest or call by lot at 100% and accrued interest. The bonds will be redeemable (otherwise than through the sinking fund) as a whole only, on three months prior notice, at 102% and accrued interest on April 1 1937, or on any interest date thereafter up to and including Oct. 1 1946, and at 100% and accrued interest on any interest date thereafter. The International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co. is fiscal agent of the loan. The following information obtained from General Pedro Justo Berrio, Governor of the Department of Antioquia, and other official sources, is supplied by the banking group offering the bonds:

#### Security.

These bonds will be the direct obligation of the Department of Antioquia, and will be specifically secured by a first lien on 75% of the gross revenues from the Department liquor monopoly.

The average annual revenues pledged as security for these bonds for the four fiscal years 1923-1926 were equal to four times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements on the \$4,000,000 principal amount to be presently outstanding. For the same period, the average net revenues were equal to 3.3 times such requirements. For the first ten months of the fiscal year ended June 30 1927, the pledged revenues were equal to 5.1 times, and the net revenues equal to four times, such total annual requirements.

The subsequent series of these bonds up to the total of \$12,350,000 authorized will share equally with the present issue in the above-named security, but the Department has covenanted that it will not issue any such subsequent series unless and until for two consecutive years immediately preceding any issue, 75% of the net revenues from the departmental liquor monopoly and for other revenues satisfactory to the bankers, hereafter pledged, shall have aggregated each year an amount equal to at least twice the annual interest and sinking fund charges on all the bonds outstanding and then to be issued.

#### Finance.

Since its creation in 1886 the Department of Antioquia has never defaulted in the payment of principal, interest or sinking fund on any of its debt.

The Department agrees to incorporate each year in the departmental budget the amount necessary for the complete service of the loan.

The budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 1928 estimates receipts at \$7,053,174 and expenditures at \$7,051,967.

The total debt of the Department, including this issue, is approximately \$23,740,620; the value of property owned by the Department including its railways, is estimated at \$33,500,000. Within the last two years Antioquia has borrowed in the American market \$14,500,000 for railway construction. It operates its own railways, the net earnings of which for 1926 were sufficient for the service of the railway loans.

The Colombian peso is equal to \$.9733 United States currency at gold parity. Banco de la Republica has the sole right to issue bank notes and had on Feb. 28 1927 a gold reserve of 87% against notes outstanding and demand liabilities.

It is expected that interim or trust receipts of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York will be ready for delivery about July 27.

#### Offering of \$2,000,000 7% Bonds of Municipality of Cali (Republic of Colombia)—Books Closed.

Priced at 93 and accrued interest to yield about 7.70% offering was made on July 14 of a new issue of \$2,000,000 Municipality of Cali (Republic of Colombia) 20-year 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds by Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc. This is part of an authorized issue of \$5,000,000. A cumulative sinking fund commencing Nov. 1 1927 and operating semi-annually is calculated to retire this issue by maturity through purchases in the open market below par or drawings at par.

The issue will be redeemable (other than for the sinking fund), as a whole or in part on any interest payment date upon thirty days' previous notice at 105 on or before May 14 1932, thereafter the premium decreasing 1% per annum to and including May 1 1936 and thereafter at par, in each case with accrued interest. The placing of the bonds was announced on the day the offering was made, at which time the books were closed. The bonds, dated May 1 1927, and due May 1 1947, will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) payable in New York City at the principal office of the Bank of America, trustee, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any taxes, present or future, levied by the Republic of Colombia or by any taxing authority therein or thereof. Dr. F. M.

Guerrero, President of the Municipal Council of Cali, in a summary of his letter to the bankers as of June 30 1927, says in part:

#### Purpose.

The proceeds of this issue will be used to retire all outstanding indebtedness of the municipality (amounting to less than \$675,000), for enlarging and improving the municipality's water supply, and for other productive purposes.

#### Security.

These bonds will be the direct obligations of the Municipality of Cali and will be specifically secured:

1. By a first lien and mortgage on the water works and on the principal items of improved real and personal property owned by the municipality. This lien and mortgage will also include all improvements and additions to these municipal properties and all other property of a similar character which may be acquired or constructed, whether out of the proceeds of this loan or out of other funds.

2. By a first lien and charge on all present and future revenues and taxes of the municipality except only (a) the municipality's participation in the Departmental revenues; (b) certain revenues allocated by existing laws to public instruction and charitable purposes.

#### Pledged Revenues and Mortgaged Properties.

The properties mortgaged to secure this loan, including new construction and extensions to be paid for out of the proceeds of this loan, will have an estimated value of over \$2,500,000. Revenues specifically pledged as security for this loan in 1926 yielded \$427,000, or 2.3 times the service requirements, and for the first six months of 1927 yielded \$306,000, or at the annual rate of 3.2 times the service requirements of this loan. Pledged revenues for the last three and one-half years have shown a substantial yearly increase: 1924, \$228,170; 1925, \$247,484; 1926, \$427,481; 1927 (first half), \$306,341.

In each of these years the municipality has balanced its budget with a surplus and its present indebtedness has been incurred chiefly for productive improvements. A portion of the proceeds of the present issue will be used to retire all this outstanding indebtedness. The municipality of Cali has never defaulted on any of its obligations.

The municipality by the terms of the trust agreement may only issue part or all of the remaining authorized bonds when the pledged revenues for the fiscal year immediately preceding the proposed issue shall have equalled at least twice the amount of the annual interest and sinking fund charges of the outstanding bonds and the bonds proposed to be issued and when total ordinary revenues shall have equalled at least three times the amount of interest and sinking fund charges on the entire debt of the city.

All conversions to U. S. dollars have been made at par of exchange, \$.9733 per Colombian dollar. Present quotation, Colombian dollar \$.9780. It is expected that temporary bonds or interim certificates will be delivered in the first instance.

#### Offering of \$3,000,000 Saarbruecken 6% Bonds Scheduled for Next Week.

Saarbruecken, capital and leading city of the Saar Basin, has sold a new loan of \$3,000,000 to Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., and Strupp & Co. Public offering is expected next week in the form of 6% external sinking fund gold bonds. The Saar Basin is administered by the League of Nations as trustee and consequently the maintenance of its credit rating imposes a degree of moral responsibility upon many nations. It has no reparations to pay, no war debt, and enjoys unusually low tax rates, it is stated. The city was the first of any of the former or present municipalities of Germany to obtain an American loan after the adoption of the Dawes Plan. Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc. and Strupp & Co. have handled all of its issues and also those of the Saar Basin which lies in the famous coal and iron district of what was formerly Southwestern Germany. Loans brought out to date for the Saar and its municipalities total \$11,000,000 with the present issue.

#### Offering of \$600,000 Bonds of Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank.

Harris, Forbes & Co. and the bond department of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, offered on July 8 at 103¼ and interest, to yield about 4.59% to the optional date (1937) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity, \$600,000 5% bonds of the Greensboro (N. C.) Joint Stock Land Bank. The bonds will be dated June 1 1927 and will become due June 1 1957. They will be redeemable at par and interest on any interest date on and after June 1 1937. The issue will be in the form of coupon bonds fully registerable and interchangeable in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest (June 1 and Dec. 1) will be payable at the Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank, Greensboro, N. C., or through the bank's fiscal agency in New York City. The Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank, which was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on Aug. 16 1922, reports a paid-in capital of \$250,000 and surplus, reserves and undivided profits of \$158,099. Approximately 90% of the capital stock of the bank is owned by the Atlantic Bank & Trust Co. and the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., both of Greensboro, N. C. As of May 31 1927 the bank reports net mortgage loans amounting to \$4,475,793 against property conservatively appraised at \$12,902,084 and average loans per acre of \$20, or about 38% of the appraised value of the property. According to official information,

the net earnings of the bank are at the rate of over 16% per annum and dividends are paid on the basis of 8% per annum. The following statement of the Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank (as officially reported May 31 1927) is taken from the offering circular:

Acres of real estate security loaned	235,517
Total amount loaned	\$4,919,600
Appraised value of real estate security	\$12,902,084
Average appraised value per acre	\$54
Average amount loaned per acre	\$20
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security	38%

**Senators Norbeck and McMaster Present Farm Situation to President Coolidge.**

The farm situation in South Dakota was brought to President Coolidge's attention yesterday (July 15) by Senators Norbeck and McMaster, Republicans, South Dakota. They are both advocates of the McNary-Haugen bill which Mr. Coolidge vetoed. The "Sun" of last night announced this in United Press advices from Rapid City, S. D., which added:

People here expect that Mr. Coolidge will find some solution of the question—a substitute for the bill he vetoed—which will be pressed for adoption at the next session of Congress and bring long-expected relief to this disturbed district.

Mr. Coolidge, however, has given no intimation of his intentions. The United Press has learned that several bankers from the surrounding territory have quietly been called in for conferences, and bankers here confidently expect some early action. Whether or not their expectations are father to their desires remains to be seen.

The plan involved in the McNary-Haugen bill of creating a gigantic Government-fostered corporation for the purchase of farmers' surplus products clashes with Mr. Coolidge's stand that such a method of farm relief is pure price fixing. On the other hand, advocates of the McNary-Haugen bill insist that Mr. Coolidge's sanctioned plan of creating more and better co-operative marketing is unfeasible.

**Secretary Jardine Confers with Agricultural Leaders.**

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine met on June 25, at their request, the representatives of a number of farm organizations and organizations using different agricultural products to listen to their presentations of the need for fundamental research work in agriculture for the benefit of the industries they represent. The following organizations were represented:

- National Grange, Fred Brenckman, Washington representative.
- American Farm Bureau Federation, Chester Grey, Washington representative.
- National Canners Association, C. G. Woodbury, Director of Production Division.
- National Fertilizer Association, C. J. Brand, Secretary.
- Tanners Council of America, E. A. Brand, Secretary.
- American Dairy Federation, A. M. Loomis, Secretary.
- National Lumber Manufacturers Association, T. M. Knappen, representing Wilson Compton, Secretary.
- National Association of Commission Merchants, Edward L. Roberts, Assistant Secretary.
- National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Pyke Johnson, Washington representative.
- Better Understanding Between Industry and Agriculture, Henry H. Lewis, Managing Director.
- American Cane Sugar League, Miss Mary Bromberg, Washington representative.
- American Beet Sugar Manufacturers Association, Harry A. Austin, Washington representative.

**Halt Offerings of Joint Stock Land Bank Issues Here—Milwaukee and Kansas City Institutions Hit Hardest by Local Action—Revival of Confidence Seen by Bankers.**

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of July 12, recent events have resulted in a practical cessation of flotation of new bond issues by member banks of the Joint Stock Land Bank System. The item goes on to say:

The only such issue made since June 1 is one of \$1,250,000 for the Texas Joint Stock Land Bank of Houston, made at the end of last month.

After several years of profitable operation the land banks in the Middle West have met considerable difficulty of late owing to the deflation in land values in many areas. As a result of this deflation, appraisals were conservative a short time ago amount to only one-fourth of recent sales prices in some districts.

*Two Fail.*

The two banks which have been hardest hit are the Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee and the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank. Both these institutions have gone into receivership, and their bonds have declined rapidly in recent weeks. Brokers yesterday reported no firm offers for either issue, but asked \$5 for the bonds they had to sell. Sales at around this level are reported to have taken place during the last few days.

Outside of these two banks in actual receivership, bond quotations have stood up remarkably well in view of the bad news printed about these banks and the state of the market for farm lands in many parts of the Middle West. In fact, as investors realize the inherent strength of the farm loan system, according to bankers interested in this business, there will be a rapid revival of confidence in these issues.

The total amount of bonds sold by the joint stock land banks, which are operated under the supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board, as of May 31 of this year was \$590,440,300.

The joint stock land banks held \$617,220,000 of mortgages and out of the total foreclosure was necessary on about \$11,000,000 of mortgages.

Sale of the farms upon which the foreclosure is being made is expected to practically cover the amounts of the loans, despite the drop in land values.

Most of the joint stock land bank bonds continue to yield about 4½%, at which point they have been for some time past. Several issues have declined during the last few days, however, on the occasion of the passing of the dividend upon the capital stock of the issuing banks. These are the Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank, the Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank of Lincoln, Neb., and the Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank of Charleston, W. Va. The Chicago bank is the largest in the system, having loans of \$57,000,000. The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank has cut its dividend from 10 to 8%.

The bonds of these banks have generally declined about 2 to 4 points.

*Stocks Hurt Most.*

The prices for the stocks of the joint stock land banks have generally suffered far more severely. The two banks which failed have been hurt the most. The Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank quoted at the beginning of the year at 76, has a present quotation of 15@22. The Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee was considered one of the most prosperous a few years ago, and its stock sold as high as 150. The present quote is 2@6, and recently it was thought necessary to give the holders assurance that no assessment might well be called for because reserves appear adequate to meet the bank's indebtedness.

Until June 1 of this year, when the difficulties of several of these banks began to draw general attention, \$38,800,000 of new issues of these bonds were sold. Bankers expect no new offerings will be attempted for some little time, but believe the market will resume its former pace within a very short time.

**Farm Company Passes Dividend—Missouri-Kansas Farms Co. Omits Quarterly Dividend of \$1.50.**

The Boston News Bureau in its issue of July 9 contained the following:

Boston—Another unpleasant event in the history of eastern capital's unfortunate advent into the mid-western land bank field comes with the passing of the July 1 quarterly dividend of \$1.50 on the 9,000 shares of Class "A" no-par value cumulative stock of the Missouri-Kansas Farms Co. of Massachusetts.

This is one of the so-called "farms companies" that was organized late in 1925 to "supplement the efforts of country bankers and certain joint stock land banks in the secondary financing of farmers." This particular company was organized to operate in the territory of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank and its officers numbered some of the officers of that institution. Walter Cravens who was recently indicted in connection with the mismanagement of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank is president of the Missouri-Kansas Farms Co.

Capitalization of Missouri-Kansas Farms Co. is 9,000 shares of \$6 cumulative class "A" common stock and 3,000 shares of \$6 cumulative class "B" common stock. The class "A" stock was publicly sold at \$100 a share and the class "B" stock was purchased by Walter Cravens and his associates at "the same price as the corporation will receive for its class 'A' stock." It seems fair to assume that the corporation netted about \$90 a share for its class "A" stock and this was probably the price at which the class "B" stock was sold to Cravens.

No statements have been issued showing the condition of the company and what business it has transacted. Five quarterly dividends of \$1.50 each have been paid since organization late in 1925.

The formation of the Missouri-Kansas Farms Company was noted in our issue of December 5 1925, page 2702.

**New York State Attorney-General Investigating Methods of Investment Trusts—Will Call Trust Officials to Round Table Conference.**

It is learned from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of July 13 that a comprehensive investigation of current practices in the field of investment trusts is being made by the office of the Attorney-General of New York State, with a view to establishing high standards in the field. The account in the paper says:

The investigation, begun about a month ago by the Securities Bureau of the Attorney-General's office, is under the supervision of Keyes Winter, Deputy Attorney-General, and is based upon the provisions of the Martin Act.

It is expected that the report of the Attorney-General will be ready within the next month or six weeks, after which representatives of the investment trusts will be called into conference and the complaints of the State concerning their methods presented. Only if this round table discussion fails to produce results will the matter be carried further, and judicial and legislative action initiated. The same manner of approach will be tried here as was adopted with success in the investigation of the first mortgage real estate bond situation, which was cleared up in this manner a month ago.

*Aims of Probe.*

The Attorney-General's office is interested in finding out two main points in connection with investment trusts. In the first place, it wants assurance that the deeds of trust under which these organizations operate is being literally followed out by the trustees of others in charge of their affairs. Secondly, it wishes to get assurance that the deeds of trust themselves leave no room for doubtful or fraudulent practices.

The investment trust has been one of the most remarkable developments in American finance during the past six years. More than thirty such trusts have been formed in imitation of the British models, and in addition numerous organizations of the bankers' shares types have been floated, designed to sell to the small investor securities representing fractional equities in a diversified list of securities.

In carrying out this investigation, a study is being made of investment trust practice in England and Scotland, where methods of organization and operation have had the test of a century of experience. The effort will be made to apply the same high standards here. Although no power resides in the Attorney-General to prevent the carrying out of speculative policies by investment trusts if the power to do such is contained in the agreement, an effort will be made to discourage the sale of securities on any false representations of conservative investment policies in cases where speculation is the primary purpose.

*Specific Charges.*

Among the specific charges which have been made from time to time against certain investment trusts, and which will be covered in whole or part in the report of the Attorney-General, are these:

1. That the investment trust may be run in such a manner as to permit trustees and other officials to make an undue personal profit by selling securities to the trust at a higher price than they themselves paid.
2. That several investment trusts, selling securities which they claim are of investment grade, are really blind pools, getting in and out of securities and even commodities for a speculative profit.
3. That officials are not following out literally the terms of the trust agreement.
4. That officials and trustees may be speculating personally on the credit of the investment trust.

These lines of investigation and others are, of course, being followed out without any implications against individual trusts.

The aim of this investigation is primarily constructive. It is not aimed against the principle of the investment trust, but seeks to direct the movement and weed out unsound practices to protect both the better type of institution and the investor.

The scope of the investigation is very broad. The companies already investigated include a number of the largest and most representative trusts, as well as a long list of small ones. Not only has a great deal of information been gathered concerning these companies from outside sources, but questionnaires have been sent out to several of those concerning which doubt exists, which have been filled out and returned to the office of the Attorney-General.

Spokesmen for a leading investment trust, when apprised of the fact that they were one of those concerning which information had been gathered in this investigation, said yesterday that they would welcome such an investigation as the best means of ridding the field of a number of small and doubtful concerns which have entered it during the last few years. They felt that their own methods were so far beyond reproach that the efforts of the Attorney-General would be sure to react favorably upon the field as a whole and their business in particular.

#### Better Business Bureau.

The Better Business Bureau of 280 Broadway has also carried on general investigations into the field of investment trusts. Upon inquiry at this office, it was stated yesterday that the investment trust is a bad thing when it gets into bad hands, and that even the sound trusts constitute, in their opinion, "an unwarranted barrier between the investor and his investment." The investment trust in most cases involves an overhead cost which is too great under present systems of operation, it was further stated.

The Better Business Bureau particularly warns against the entrance into the investment trust field of unscrupulous dealers who foist upon the public in this way securities which they would not buy otherwise.

A spokesman for the Bureau further said that, as a result of their investigation, they believe that the small investor can get supervision over his investments more cheaply in other ways than by buying securities of an investment trust.

#### Economic Soundness of Instalment Selling Defended By O. F. Meredith of Bank of America.

Declaring his belief in the economic soundness of instalment selling, O. F. Meredith, Assistant Vice-President of The Bank of America, New York, urged members of the American Institute of Banking, attending the credits conference in Detroit on July 13 not to condemn instalment selling as a whole, but to think of it from the standpoint of its beneficial effect on business in general. Mr. Meredith said:

"It is a fact that 1926 was not a good year for some companies from an earning standpoint, but the banks share in the responsibility, for making it too easy for finance companies to secure bank credit irrespective of the management. So many companies were organized that the business became somewhat overextended, solely because of the need for volume. This resulted in questionable practice, such as too low cash payments, too many months to pay the balance, too much dependence on dealers' endorsements, and too quick service to enable the proper investigation of the buyer. Perhaps there have been too many finance companies, which for a time found it easy to grow by making their own terms. Within the past year, however, conditions have changed. You have heard of few new companies being formed, but you have heard of consolidations, sales and liquidations, so to-day the situation is materially better and continuing to improve.

Mr. Meredith pointed out that many of the 1926 losses were on 1925 purchases and he called attention to the fact that but few finance companies have become financially embarrassed and they have liquidated to better advantage than the average commercial account in like difficulties. This year will show better results, he thinks, "unless we encounter a period of substantial business recession, and even then the creditors of good companies should not suffer. In a depression new business would be scarce so that excess collections would reduce debts, and only a portion of those out of employment would be owing for merchandise bought on time. Conditions should automatically adjust themselves, assuming, of course, that the finance companies would reduce overhead in line with reduced merchandise."

#### Samuel Untermyer in Further Communication to President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange Regarding Use of Proxies Regrets Failure of Exchange to Require Registry of Stock Transferred—May Seek Legis- lative Measures.

Disappointment is expressed by Samuel Untermyer at the failure of the New York Stock Exchange to require members to register in their names the shares of stock transferred to them within a reasonable time, in a letter which he has addressed to E. H. H. Simmons, President of the Exchange, under date of July 9. The letter takes cognizance of the action taken by the Exchange on July 7 in amending in two particulars its rules governing the use of

proxies, which, as stated in our issue of July 9 (page 172), grew out of suggestions made by Mr. Untermyer, as special counsel to the State Transit Commission. Mr. Untermyer's suggestions were contained in a letter to Mr. Simmons given in these columns June 4, page 3292, and the three reforms he proposed were also urged upon Mr. Simmons, when the latter was called upon to testify on the use of proxies at a hearing before the Transit Commission on June 20. The hearing was referred to by us last week, page 173. In his latest communication to President Simmons Mr. Untermyer argues that without the regulation sought with regard to the registration of stock transferred "stockholders are virtually disfranchised, and in the particular case now under consideration, the efforts of the City to deal with owners are almost paralyzed." In asking that the Exchange reconsider its action with a view to adopting measures for the relief sought, Mr. Untermyer states that in the event that such action is not taken "an appeal will have to be made to the Legislature to remedy the virtual wholesale disfranchisement of stockholders brought about by this situation." Mr. Untermyer in still another note to President Simmons under date of June 9 asks him to take into account in the matter of the reconsideration of the subject of requiring transfers the fact that payment of the United States Government tax on transfers can be better enforced by requiring the stock to be transferred on the books of the company; he furthermore contends dividends now paid to registered owners of stock who have parted with their interest would be paid to the true owners. The following are Mr. Untermyer's two letters of July 9:

July 9 1927.

E. H. H. Simmons, Esq., President New York Stock Exchange.

Dear Sir: I duly received your letter advising me of the action of the Governors of the Exchange upon the three demands made by me on behalf of the Transit Commission upon the Exchange in connection with the pending investigation, for the enactment by the Exchange of regulations safeguarding the voting upon shares of stock of corporations registered in the names of your members and requiring that stock transferred to a member shall be promptly registered in the name of the transferee. I cannot agree with your view that the law permits the voting of stock by your members or by any other persons who have parted with the possession of all interest in the stock, merely by reason of the fact that the registry of the stock continues in the name of such member or person. Inasmuch as the Exchange has, however, removed that objection by the rule now promulgated by you, which seems to meet that situation, the question discussed by you has become purely academic and requires no further comment.

The second rule, requiring your members to designate upon every proxy the number of shares with respect to which the proxy is issued would have been more satisfactory if it had been made more comprehensive by adding the proviso that the number of shares with respect to which the proxy is issued shall be limited to the stock then in the possession of the member or in which he retains an interest. Perhaps that may, however, be implied by reading the two rules together and I accordingly make no point of that apparent omission.

My objection to the action or non-action of the Exchange in refusing to comply with the third demand that would require your members to register in their names the shares of stock transferred to them within a reasonable time after such transfer is fundamental, and I am greatly disappointed and embarrassed by the attitude of the Exchange. Without such a regulation stockholders are virtually disfranchised and in the particular case now under consideration the efforts of the City to deal directly with the owners are almost paralyzed, as you will note from what I shall later have to say. The reason given by you that such a regulation would hamper dealings in the stock because it may change hands frequently seems to me inadequate and unsound and as solely in the interests of "room traders" and other stock speculators at the expense of the rights and security of the bona-fide investing stockholders. A rule that required your members to register stock in their names that has been transferred to and held by them for five or ten days after it comes into their possession would obviate the objection urged by you in favor of the mere speculator, and still assure to the investors the opportunity to identify and communicate with their associate stockholders, which is now denied them by permitting your members to retain indefinitely the undisclosed possession of stock in the names of members who have parted with all their interest. In that way the Exchange permits its members to obstruct and defeat the right of stockholders to communicate with one another.

The problem that the Commission has now under consideration offers a concrete illustration of the oppressiveness and injustice of the present situation which we are seeking to have you remedy in the interest of the City of New York in this particular instance and generally in the interest of all stockholders, and which you have refused to remedy for no reason apparent to me except that it might be inconvenient with respect to stock that is frequently changing hands, which means that the transactions in it are purely speculative.

The Commission is acting under a mandate of the Legislature requiring it to formulate a plan for the unification of the traction lines of the City of New York. The two existing companies mainly concerned are the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and the Brooklyn-Manhattan Co. The securities of both of these companies are listed on your Exchange. It appears that about 90% of the stock of the first named company and almost if not quite as large a proportion of the other are registered in the names of members of your Exchange and that a large part of the stock so registered has long since passed out of the possession of the persons in whose names it has been registered and has presumably been frequently changing hands among your members without change of registry, although one of the companies pays dividends. Owing to the absence of a regulation requiring your members who hold the possession of the stock to transfer it into their names, the identity of the holders cannot be traced. In one of the companies the officers and members of the board of directors together hold only a nominal or negligible interest in the company and they frankly admit that they do not know and have no means of identifying the real owners of the company. In a qualified sense this is true also of the other.

The Commission and the City may, and probably will, at least as to one of the companies, find it necessary to deal directly with the stockholders if it can locate them. Your failure to require disclosure by compelling transfer into the names of your members who actually hold the stock renders this impossible. It likewise prevents stockholders who are dissatisfied with an existing arrangement from communicating with their associates with a view of bringing about a change of management and thus tends to perpetuate bad or dishonest management. It tends to paralyze the voting power of the stockholders by obstructing concerted action for their protection.

And why? Because, as you say, it might possibly inconvenience the free and frequent transfer of the stock from hand to hand which applies only to speculative transactions. Your implications that the stock transfer books of corporations are occasionally closed preceding an election presents no shadow of an argument by way of defense or excuse for the action of the Exchange or that it has the slightest bearing on the question can hardly be seriously advanced, as everyone would agree that the five or ten-day limitation for transfer into the name of the real owner should exclude the time when the transfer books are closed. In order to dispose of this tenuous argument, the rule might so provide. It is to be hoped that the Exchange will find a more plausible excuse than that for denying the relief sought.

I trust that your Exchange will reconsider its action. If not an appeal will have to be made to the Legislature to remedy the virtual wholesale disfranchisement of stockholders brought about by this situation, since neither the courts nor any administrative or governmental body has as yet been able to secure supervision or regulatory power over your Exchange either from Congress or the State Legislature. Nothing could better illustrate the necessity for such regulation than the present complication and your refusal to remove it.

Very truly yours,  
SAMUEL UNTERMYER.  
July 9 1927.

E. H. H. Simmons, Esq., President New York Stock Exchange.

Dear Sir: Supplementing my to-day's letter to you, there are two further factors I would like to have the Exchange take into account in connection with my request for the reconsideration of the subject of requiring transfers: (1) The fact that the payment of the United States Government tax on transfers can be better enforced and the evasion of such tax minimized by requiring the stock to be transferred on the books of the company, and (2) the dividends that are now paid to registered owners of stock who have parted with their interest, which at times never reach the persons entitled to them. would be paid to the true owners who would then be the registered owners. In that way the accounts of unclaimed dividends that are now carried by many of your members, and to which they have no shadow of right, and that in some cases amount to very substantial sums, would be dispensed with. The practice, which is now made necessary by the failure to require transfers to be registered, is vicious and should and would be discontinued. Your statement on the witness stand that it does not exist with respect to dividend-paying stocks is incorrect. The case of the Brooklyn Transit stocks is an illuminating instance of its existence. The United States Steel Co. and General Motors are others. There are many more.

Yours very truly,  
SAMUEL UNTERMYER.

**Short Bond Sales Arouse Criticism—Methods to Guard New Issues from Short Sellers Proposed in Financial Circles—London System Advocated.**

The rapid decline in price of recent issues of bonds following the dissolution of the syndicates that offered them caused discussion and suggestions for meeting such situations in financial circles on July 14, it was stated in the New York "Times" of yesterday (July 15), which went on to say:

Some commentators called for restrictions to curb the activities of sharpshooters who make short sales against these issues a few days before the expiration of the offering syndicate with a view to depressing the market value of the bonds and picking them up at bargain prices. Others held that the members of syndicates would be better off if they followed London's method of promptly terminating syndicates and announcing the number of bonds unsold.

While the adoption of the London method might cause an easing in bond prices in the case of issues selling indifferently, it was held, the method would bring prices to correct levels and aid to minimize the efforts of sharpshooters. Instead of prolonging a syndicate, its members could accept any losses and devote their capital to new undertakings. Another argument for the London method is that it would encourage caution and make for a better distribution of bonds.

One method suggested to make their present tactics difficult for the sharpshooters would make it compulsory for sellers of bonds on the Stock Exchange to designate on comparison slips delivered to the buyer the numbers of the bonds delivered. This would entail clerical labor, but it would hamper the efforts of the sharpshooter. He would hesitate before contracting to deliver designated bonds of an issue protected by a syndicate agreement, since it would be practically impossible to locate individual bonds on completion of the contract.

**New York Stock Exchange Warns Members that Prompt Settlement Must be Made for Differences Between Contract and Market Price.**

The following notice to members was issued under date of July 1 by E. V. D. Cox, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange:

To the Members of the Exchange,

The Committee of Arrangements having been informed that certain firms have been lax in complying with requests for marking to the market, the attention of members is directed to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter V of the Rules which provide that all demands for mutual cash deposits or for differences between the contract price and the market price shall be made during the hours for which the Exchange is open for business and that demands for deposits to secure contracts and demands for differences pursuant to said Chapter must be complied with immediately. Failure to comply with the foregoing will make the offender liable to the imposition of a fine of not to exceed \$250.

New York, July 1 1927.

E. V. D. COX, Secretary

**New York Stock Exchange Extends Time for Deliveries on July 18 in View of Expected Congestion in Financial District Incident to Reception to Commander Byrd.**

The New York Stock Exchange announces the adoption of the following resolution at a special meeting of the Governing Committee of the Exchange on July 14:

In view of the difficulty in making prompt deliveries of securities that may result from the congestion in the financial district on Monday July 18 1927, owing to the reception to be tendered to Commander Byrd, the Governing Committee deems it to be the public interest that the time for deliveries of securities deliverable under Exchange contracts on Monday July 18 1927 shall be, and such time hereby is, extended to 3 o'clock p. m. upon such date.

**Appellate Division of Supreme Court Confirms City's \$9,800,000 Valuation of New York Stock Exchange Building and Site Deduction Refused.**

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court ruled on June 24 that the building and site of the New York Stock Exchange were worth \$3,600,000 more than the Exchange admitted was their value; upheld the assessment of \$9,800,000 made by the New York City Board of Taxes and Assessments and refused a reduction to \$6,200,000. The New York "Times" from which we are quoting, reports further as follows regarding the court's conclusions:

The court heard appeals from both the Tax Board and the Stock Exchange because the lower court had reduced the assessment to \$8,900,000. The assessment was for 1921, the case having been pending six years.

The reduction ordered by the lower court was from \$7,750,000 to \$6,850,000 as the value of the land on which the Exchange building is situated. The Stock Exchange asserted that the building, although of somewhat ornate character and of fairly recent construction, having been completed in 1903, added nothing to the value of the land as unimproved. It contended that the total assessment should be only \$6,200,000, or its valuation of the land unimproved.

The opinion of Justice Funch says that the land covers 31,473 square feet, running from Broad to New Street in the south side of Wall, with an eight-story building on the southerly part. An addition was being erected on the north side to form offices for the members, but this was not assessed because it was in course of building. The Exchange building itself was assessed originally at \$2,050,000.

In seeking to prove its contention that the building added nothing to the value of the land, the Stock Exchange asserted that it was a "tear-down proposition" and that it constituted "an encumbrance which diminishes the value of the land to a greater extent than such value is increased by the construction cost of the building," because a purchaser of the property would be forced to raze the building as useless for general purposes and construct one of an entirely different type. Two real estate experts testified for the Exchange that the land was worth \$6,000,000 and another placed its value at \$6,144,199. All said that the building, suitable only as the home of the Stock Exchange, added nothing to the land. The city's experts valued the land unimproved at from \$8,100,000 to \$8,360,000.

The trial court which had reduced the assessment to \$8,900,000, found that when the building was constructed, between 1900 and 1903, it cost \$3,250,000, and that there was evidence, not combated, that the value on Oct. 1, 1920, was \$4,816,000. The trial court also found that the building added \$2,050,000, as fixed by the assessors.

The Appellate Division ruled that the assessors were right in valuing the land at \$7,750,000, since the Exchange had admitted it to be worth \$7,500,000 in making its original application for a reduction. In holding that the building increased the value of the land in the amount for which it was assessed, the opinion said:

"It is peculiarly adapted to the purposes of its use, and is in the best possible situation in the financial district."

**Criticism of Federal Reserve System by Senator Brookhart—Characterizes it as Money Trust—Declares It Inadequate to Meet Agricultures Needs—Increase in Speculative Loans Since Enactment of Reserve Law.**

Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, addressing on July 4, at Beloit, Kansas, an inter-county celebration, criticised the Federal Reserve System and the President's veto of the McNary-Haugen bill and called upon the people of the West and South "to unite in a common program and end the financial rule that dominates both parties." The Senator asserted that the Federal Reserve system "is acting as a money trust that lowers the rate of interest to speculators by furnishing them a vast supply of credit, and raises the rate of interest to the rest of the country." Senator Brookhart also referred to the increase in the volume of brokers' loans and said that "it appears that the Federal Reserve law and its Administration, by refusing to pay for the re-deposit business of its member banks, has driven nearly all the surplus banking credit of the country into Wall Street speculation. In that part of his speech relative to the Federal Reserve Act and the McNary-Haugen bill the Senator, said:

The last subject I will mention to-day is the cost of credit. The laws of the States and of the United States have given a monopoly of the deposit business of our country to the present banking system, and a law of Congress has created the Federal Reserve system, which is administered by a Governmental board. It is this Federal Reserve system that I desire to discuss somewhat in detail. Many times I have presented the deflation policy of this system as outlined in its secret meeting of May 18 1920. I call this

meeting secret because its vital policies were sealed up in secrecy, although other matters were given publicity. There are still those who say there was no secrecy about this meeting, but they are primarily the ones who are to blame and are trying to defend themselves against their own shortcomings. To-day I want to present the merits of the Federal Reserve system in its broadest sense.

What is a Reserve bank system? What are its functions; 1. To the member banks, and 2. To the public.

A Reserve bank has two functions to perform for its member banks. These banks at times will have a surplus of funds which they like to re-deposit in their Reserve bank for temporary investment and earning. This is probably the biggest item of Reserve bank business. At other times these member banks are short of funds. They have a legitimate demand for loans which they cannot meet with their own funds. They would like to rediscount their paper in their Reserve bank, or to borrow money on a secured loan to meet and carry this legitimate business. This is the rediscount function of the Reserve bank for its member banks, and is the other big purpose for which a Reserve bank is established. So far as the public is concerned a Reserve bank should provide an elastic currency to meet the public demands. It should also supply funds to care for the transaction of business too big for the member banks, and it should mobilize the supply of credit and reduce the interest rate to the public generally. I now wish to inquire if the Federal Reserve Bank has met these requirements.

In the first place the Federal Reserve law does not authorize the Reserve banks to pay anything to member banks for the use of re-deposits. It requires the member banks to re-deposit their reserves with the Federal Reserve, but no compensation is paid. If the banks have a surplus over and above their reserve, which they all do at various times, they have the right to deposit it with the Federal Reserve but without any compensation. This enables the New York banks to put on a re-deposit rate and take this biggest item of reserve business away from the Federal Reserve banks and divert most of this surplus credit to the field of speculation. When the author of the Federal Reserve law presented his bill to the lower House of Congress, he said the great cancer in our banking system was the accumulation of surplus credit in New York for speculative purposes, and this cancer must be cut out. The operation was to be performed by denying speculative loans the re-discount privilege. I looked up the record to see how much the cancer had been reduced. In November 1912 these speculative loans to the Stock Exchange amounted to 766 million dollars. On Jan. 5 1927 I found these loans had increased 2 billion 818 million 561 thousand dollars by member banks only. A more recent report of the Federal Reserve Board shows these loans by member banks had increased to 3 billion 118 million and the loan of outside banks would probably raise the total to 3 billion 400 million. Therefore instead of cutting out the cancer, it has been multiplied more than fourfold. The average was over 3 billion dollars during 1926, and reached 4 billion dollars at one time in 1925. Therefore, it appears that the Federal Reserve law and its administration, by refusing to pay for the re-deposit business of its member banks, has driven nearly all of the surplus banking credit of the country into Wall Street speculation. This accounts largely for the great booms in railroad and other stocks since the last election. In addition to the multiplication of this evil many-fold, this Federal Reserve law is acting as a money trust that lowers the rate of interest to speculators by furnishing them such a vast supply of credit, and raises the interest rate to the rest of the country. I presented this question to the author of the law, and he denied such was the fact. He said the fault was with the member banks, that they would re-discount their paper in the Federal Reserve at 3½% and then lend it to the farmers or other people at 7, 8 or sometimes 10 and 12%. They were profiteers upon their privileges in the Federal Reserve System. I was not satisfied with this answer, and secured from the Federal Reserve Board its official book of "Questions and Answers on the Federal Reserve System." On pages 135 and 136 this book explains why interest is not paid on reserve deposits, in the following language:

"170. Why is interest not paid on the reserve balance carried with the Federal Reserve Banks?

"Because it is wrong in principle and would defeat one of the most important objects for which the Federal Reserve System was established, namely, 'to afford means of rediscounting commercial paper.' If a Federal Reserve bank were compelled to use at all times a large percentage of its resources to purchase paper in the open market for the purpose of earning interest to be paid to member banks on their reserve deposits, it is manifest that this would absorb funds to such a degree as to leave it without adequate resources to meet the needs of its member banks in case of sudden emergency or for heavy seasonal requirements.

"Moreover, even if this were not the case, member banks would probably lose far more than they would gain if Federal Reserve banks should pay them interest on their reserve deposits. The reserve deposits held by all Federal Reserve banks amount to approximately \$2,200,000,000. The payment of interest at 2% on this amount would require the Federal Reserve banks to keep invested at all times at least \$1,100,000,000 at 4% for this purpose. If this sum were invested by the Federal Reserve in Government securities, it would not only dissipate the reserve as above specified, but would have the effect of increasing the supply of credit to such an extent as to force down interest rates. If the amount were used in the open market in the purchase of bankers' acceptances and bills of exchange, it would come in direct competition with member banks and by increasing the supply of credit would likewise tend to force down interest rates under ordinary conditions, and the loss to member banks on all their loans would doubtless far exceed the income they would derive from the 2% interest on reserve deposits."

The first reason given for paying nothing for the use of deposits by members in the Federal Reserve banks is that it would require investment of the funds to earn the necessary money, and therefore tie up these deposits so that they could not be used in a sudden emergency or heavy seasonal requirement. The right to issue Federal Reserve notes is the complete answer to this suggestion.

From the language of the second paragraph quoted, it clearly appears that the Federal Reserve bank describes itself as a money trust for the purpose of maintaining higher interest rates upon the public generally while diverting this vast sum of re-deposits into New York at a low rate of interest for speculation. A more sinister or evil device could not be arranged for using the people's savings to their own injury and the destruction of their property values. Therefore I conclude that the Federal Reserve System upon its merits is against agriculture and against every legitimate business. It has been said that it prevented a panic, but it handed the farmers the greatest panic in the history of agriculture, and I have already given the figures of that deflation. It has saved the big banks of New York, but it has sent the little banks of Iowa into receiverships.

Besides all of these things, it is admitted in the law to be inadequate for agriculture, and there was established another reserve bank for agriculture, commonly called the Intermediate Credit bank. All the business of this bank is reserve bank business. It does no direct banking business for the farmers. However, it is a dehorned and denatured bank, and is wholly inadequate to meet agricultural needs. It has been and is my demand that as a remedy for this credit situation, this Intermediate Credit bank be enlarged into a complete co-operative reserve bank with all the powers of the Federal Reserve bank, including the right to issue notes, and including the right to transact the re-deposit business for the farmers and laborers of the country, and with permission for the labor and country banks to become members of it instead of the Federal Reserve.

From this review it is evident that transportation, industry, credit and public utilities of every kind have had the assistance and protection of the law. It is therefore only common justice that agriculture should receive equal consideration. So long have these advantages been given by the law that legislative enactment is now necessary to restore agriculture to its rightful position, and this is demanded by the platform of all the great political parties. Following out this idea the farm organizations and the business organizations assisting them formulated the McNary-Haugen Bill. They trimmed it down to a minimum of their demands in order to ask as little as possible from the Congress. Then when it was passed it was vetoed because it was said to be inadequate. A single suggestion from the President for strengthening it would have made it adequate in every point he has criticized. He says it omitted part of the agricultural products. A suggestion from him would have put them all in. He objected to it because it is a price-fixing bill, but the tariff is also a price-fixing law; and about the same day he vetoed this bill, he raised the tariff on pig iron by about 50% to assist the steel trust in its price-fixing. He also objected to this bill as a tax collecting agency that is unconstitutional. Even if this were true, there was an appropriation of 250 million dollars that was not unconstitutional and would have started the operations. In one paragraph he suggests that the bill would injure the farmers by causing over-production and a reduction of prices. In another paragraph he says it would violate the anti-trust laws because it would advance prices. He says it would put the Government in business, but he has never objected to putting the Government into business for the railroads and taking 529 million dollars during the first six months after they were back nor did he object to lending them 350 million dollars more since that date. He has not objected to putting Government into the banking business by establishing a Government Federal Reserve Board, and on the same day he vetoed the bill for the farmers, he signed another to give the Federal Reserve system an indeterminate charter and to give national banks the right to establish branches where permitted by state laws. The veto message also claimed that 250 million dollars was not enough to handle the surplus of cotton alone. If this be true, the President could have had the amount raised to 1,500 million dollars by a mere suggestion. When we think of what was taken from the Treasury for the railroads, 1,500 million dollars is only about one-third as much in proportion for agriculture.

Therefore, the veto of the McNary-Haugen Bill is a veto of the Republican platform, a veto of the right of the farmer to economic equality, a veto of the West and the South with an underwriting of Wall Street speculation.

It was the West and the South that united to pass this bill. For the first time since the Civil War these two sections found their economic interests to be the same in reference to their greatest problem. This impelled them to override their party leaders in both houses of Congress and pass the McNary-Haugen Bill by a substantial majority. Their interests are also identical upon all kindred problems, upon transportation, credit, tariff, patent laws, taxes, waterways, hydro-electric power, clean government and law enforcement. These two great sections of the country can unite in a common program and end the financial rule that now dominates both party machines. A concrete and effective way to begin would be to organize both the House and the Senate in the next session for the purpose of considering this program of economic freedom.

In his remarks leading up to the above Senator Brookhart had the following to say:

About one-third of the American people are farmers.

These farmers own about one-fifth of the property of the United States.

They get about one-tenth of the national income.

Since the deflation of agriculture in 1920 there are about 60 billions of capital investment and about 12 million workers. This capital and these workers produce a gross value of about 12 billion dollars.

Less than one-third as much capital is invested in the railroads, and only about one-seventh as many workers, but they produce over six billion dollars of gross revenue.

The National City Bank "Bulletin" of New York shows that in 1925 national banks earned 8.34% upon capital, surplus and undivided profits. The National Industrial Conference Board shows that from 1920 to 1925 agriculture earned only 1.7% upon its capital investment, and then no adequate allowance was made for either labor or depreciation.

The latest figures show about 40 billion dollars of capital is invested in manufacturing, or only about two-thirds as much as in agriculture, and there are less than three-fourths as many workers. After making due adjustment of raw material costs for comparison with agriculture, this smaller amount of capital and smaller number of workers, produces 44 billion dollars a year in value in comparison with about 12 billions for agriculture.

The public utilities of the country as a whole are earning more than 7% upon their actual investment, while agriculture earns about 1.7%, and that without adequate allowance for labor or depreciation.

According to the "Manufacturers' Record," the deflation policy of the Federal Reserve Bank in 1920 reduced agricultural values by 32 billion dollars, and other business only 18 billions, which means that agriculture was deflated about six times as much in proportion as other business.

From 1920 to 1925 New York had 9.83% of the population of the United States. It produced 9.81% of the wealth increase in the United States, but it got 14.79% of the national income. At the same time Iowa had 2.27% of the population, produced 3.48% of the wealth increase, and got only 1.99% of the national income. Therefore, although the people of Iowa were about 50% more efficient in wealth production than the people of New York, still their percentage of the income was only about one-half as much. Iowa is only typical of the agricultural States. They all suffered a like discrimination.

According to the census of 1920 as compared with that of 1925, Iowa land declined from \$227 an acre to \$149 per acre, or over 2½ billion dollars. At the same time railroad stocks advanced more than that amount upon the New York Stock Exchange. Again Iowa is only typical of the agricultural States, and railroad stocks are only typical of stocks in general.

Farm lands have declined about 20 billion dollars in the United States, while real estate in industrial cities has advanced more than that amount, with a like advance for both stocks and bonds.

Since 1910 farm bankruptcies have increased by more than a thousand per cent, while commercial bankruptcies remain about the same. The statement of these facts disclose the most serious problem of our country since the abolition of slavery. Shall agriculture in the United States be driven back to peasantry?

It is the highest duty of the statesmanship of this time to determine accurately the causes of this great discrimination against agriculture and to prescribe an efficient remedy. As we scan the laws that protect and develop other interests, we are led to the inevitable conclusion that the causes of this agricultural depression are not transitory. They are permanent as the laws themselves. This discrimination against agriculture will therefore continue until these laws are modified and until agriculture receives an equal protection from the law.

When the law gives an industry a special protection, it has the right to determine and to regulate its profits. Many of our laws have been passed without reference to this idea. Congress has scarcely considered the question of a reasonable return, and I want to present my theory of it to you as a basis of my argument. According to Secretary Hoover's bulletin, the American peoples with all their capital, all their labor, all unearned increment and all depreciation of the dollar, are producing only 5½% a year in new wealth. This is all there is in the American pool after the expenses of operation and of living. It will scarcely be claimed by anyone that capital is entitled to all this wealth increase as its rate of return. Labor is entitled to some just portion; but I will not stop to discuss that division to-day. In order to be more than just, I shall assume that capital is entitled to two-thirds of the wealth increase of the country as its rate of return, and then I claim that agricultural capital is entitled to an average return equal to the average of other capital.

Under the Transportation Act, there was set up machinery to determine the value of the railroads and it was fixed at over 7 billion dollars more than their market value at the time. The Inter-State Commerce Commission was then by law commanded to levy rates upon the people of the United States to finally pay a return of 5¼% upon all this value, water and all. This means over 9% upon the railroad values as measured in terms of farm values. This is more than twice as much as they are entitled to earn under the rule I have just stated, and more than five times as much as the farms have actually earned since the law was passed. Other items of capitalized unearned increment, excess profits of subsidiary companies on supplies furnished to the railroads, waste of competition and excess return allowed on bonded capital above the rates of the bonds, all produce an enormous discrimination under this law in favor of the railroads and against the farms.

The tariff laws are another example of special power given to individuals to fix the price of their protected products at their factories, while the farmers' price is fixed by his surplus sold in the competitive market of the world. The return earned by most of these industries is far above the power of the American people to produce wealth.

The patent laws are another example of special protection. They also yield a monopoly return.

All the public utilities of the United States have a guarantee of the law for a reasonable and adequate return upon their prudent investment. They have a right to charge rates to the public that will yield this return and the public is compelled to pay. Under the present holdings of the courts, this return is never fixed at less than 7%, which we have seen is far above the ability of the American people to produce.

**Bill Proposed by Senator Thomas to Give Federal Reserve Board Same Standing as Supreme Court—Longer Tenure of Office and Greater Compensation Sought for Members.**

Declaring that the Federal Reserve Board "is the most important Government establishment in the world," Senator Thomas (Democrat), of Oklahoma, announced his intention July 4 to introduce a bill at the next session of Congress to amend the Federal Reserve Act so as to provide for a longer tenure of office and larger compensation for members of the Board. Under Senator Thomas's plans, members of the Board whose salary now is \$12,000 a year, would receive \$25,000 yearly. The statement of Senator Thomas appeared as follows in the "United States Daily" of July 5:

*Importance of Function.*

In the scheme of the American Government the Federal Reserve Board is more important to the individual American than all the other functions of the three divisions of Government—the legislative, executive and judicial. I believe the Board is the most important Government establishment in the world.

It can effect the issue or restriction of money in circulation, and the prices reflected on the purchasing activities of the American public go up or down accordingly. It has power to help or to injure anyone or any group of American business any time.

Its members should be the best financiers in America. I shall introduce, at the coming session of Congress, a bill for the purpose of recognizing the great importance of this tribunal, which so few people in this country realize. The purpose of the legislation which I shall propose may be stated to be three-fold:

1. To give the Federal Reserve Board an added standing so as to make it comparable to the Supreme Court of the United States. People do not realize that the Federal Reserve Board is the most powerful Government body anywhere in the world.

*Stepping Stone to Bank Service.*

Comparatively few seem to know much about it, although, in fact, every time a man or woman in this country spends a dollar the Board's influence is left. As it is now, the Board seems to be a stepping stone for those who aspire ultimately, as a result of such service, to the more lucrative positions in the great banks of the Eastern cities.

To say that that should not be is too trite. To use the affiliation with the Board as a stepping stone to connection with the great banks would be on the same principle as to have men aspire to the Supreme Court so that afterward they might secure a more lucrative connection with great law firms. That is not the American spirit.

An appointment to the Federal Reserve Board should be coveted by the greatest of American financiers, and until there is recognized the great importance of such a tribunal, such as is recognized with the Supreme Court, it will be impossible to get the best financial minds of the country on the Board. I would therefore hope to convince Congress that it should legislate with a view to increasing the standing and public estimation of the Board.

*Longer Tenure, Higher Pay.*

2. My bill will propose a longer tenure of office and larger compensation to the members of the Board. They now receive \$1,000 a month, \$12,000 a year.

Presidents of regional banks who take orders and directions from the Federal Reserve Board receive salaries far in excess of those of the Board, these regional bank salaries ranging from \$18,000 to \$50,000 a year. It is ridiculous that men who are under the orders and control of the Board should receive salaries so far in excess of that paid to members of the

tribunal charged with the control of the finances of the country through these banks.

The salary of a member of the Board should be at least sufficient to enable him to maintain the manner of living to which he had been used before joining the Board. I have previously proposed, when I was a member of the House, in House Bill 254, 69th Congress, 1st Session, that the members of the Board shall receive a salary of \$25,000 each.

I am studying this and other details before final formulation of the proposed amendment to the Federal Reserve Act and its amendments.

3. To so safeguard the selection of the membership of the Board that its personnel may be beyond criticism.

The members of the Board should be men who have had experience not only in banking but in other outstanding American activities. The membership should be representative of banking, transportation and other industrial fields, labor, agriculture and of the average business man of to-day.

The members should be of the very highest calibre of successful and outstanding Americans, of broad vision, ability and fairness. This is a matter vital to the economic future of this country.

The Federal Reserve Board, it must be remembered, exercises a broad supervision over the affairs and conduct of the twelve Federal Reserve banks established in different parts of the country, and is invested with authority to discount paper for the member banks, issue Federal Reserve notes to member banks, and to perform various banking functions set out in the Federal Reserve Act.

It is authorized to suspend reserve requirements, to regulate the issue and retirement of Federal Reserve notes, to suspend Federal Reserve banks, to supervise the liquidation of banks and has other very wide discretionary powers.

Let it order that \$100,000,000 be taken out of circulation, and every storekeeper, every salaried person, every individual taxpayer, feels, directly or indirectly in some way, the effect of the decision of the Board. Its actions affect the man on the street, the farmer in the production of raw material, by the inflation or deflation that may result from the mandate of the Board.

When the Board has such an all-powerful influence on the happiness and prosperity of every American citizen, safeguard should be provided to make it a great, fair, representative tribunal.

**Business Organizations Asked to Co-Operate With Congressional Tax Committee in Perfecting Federal Tax System.**

An appeal to business organizations in the United States to co-operate with the Congressional Joint Tax Committee in the involved task of overhauling and perfecting the Federal tax system was made on July 8 by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in a communication sent to its 1,500 member organizations. Business, the National Chamber asserts, has a direct interest in the systematic revision of the Federal revenue system. It adds:

The existing system is essentially a war product and the revisions since the close of hostilities have been made in a more or less haphazard manner as existing circumstances might determine, and little provision has heretofore been made for securing the opinion of the most vitally interested section of the public—the taxpayers. The present situation, however, is quite different. The Congressional Joint Tax Committee is a continuing body and is very anxious to secure criticisms, comments and constructive suggestions from the taxpayers.

The Chamber points out that the work of the Joint Committee has nothing to do with immediate tax reduction nor primarily with rates, but that it will deal rather with questions of administration and simplification, such as interest provisions, statutory time limits, installment sales, capital gains and losses, earned income credit. It points out that the program of immediate tax reduction will be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee and reiterates its demands for a reduction of the corporation tax to not more than 10%, repeal of the Federal estate tax and elimination of the remaining war excise taxes. The announcement is also made that the Committee on Taxation of the Chamber will prepare and make public some proposed reforms which should be considered, but stress is laid upon the complexity of the task. Continuing, the Chamber says:

It is to be remembered that the formulation of a satisfactory internal revenue law is a difficult matter and can only be accomplished by means of a thorough study, necessarily extending over a considerable period of time. All business organizations, corporations and individuals are strongly urged to point out the defects which they have found in the present internal revenue system in as specific a manner as possible and to submit well-considered suggestions to improvement.

Regarding the corporation income tax, the Chamber asserts that the reduction of this should not be made contingent upon the available surplus. "The Chamber's Committee on Taxation," the statement concludes, "has reached a tentative decision that the reduction of the corporate income rate should not be wholly dependent upon available surplus, but as a matter of equity and justice there should be a reduction to at least 10% when the revenue statute is revised in the next session of Congress."

**Federal Income and Miscellaneous Tax Collections in Fiscal Year 1927 Reach \$2,865,695,510—Gain of \$29,695,618 Over 1926 Figures.**

The yield from Federal income and miscellaneous taxes for the fiscal year 1927 amounted to \$2,865,695,510, according to a statement made public July 11 by the Bureau of





Madison Parish presents the same picture of desolation, according to the correspondent. Writing from Tallulah, La., last Tuesday, he said:

The flood torrents of the Mississippi are still surging through the giant crevasse at Cabinet Teele, north of Tallulah, and the river still has seven to eight feet to drop before the rush of waters will be halted. That may be weeks from now.

Of the tenant-farmer sufferers, and they are estimated as being 98% of all, those who are in a position to speak with authority are agreed that at least 95% are absolutely penniless, with nothing in the world but a waterlogged cabin, which belongs to somebody else; the clothes on their backs, and such supplies as Mr. Hoover and the Red Cross have been able to provide. A bad feature is that nearly every tenant is the head of a family, and small families are the exception.

As for the desolation between Delta Point and Tallulah, it is a picture not easily overdrawn. The ruin extends on both sides of the Illinois Central tracks, and the roofs of homes, barns and other buildings are everywhere. In places the water is so deep that it is lapping at the lower branches of giant trees and is within two or three feet of the wire supports of telegraph and telephone poles.

Property damage to the Illinois Central Railway, occasioned by the floods, is estimated at \$2,000,000 by J. L. Blevin, Vice-President of the road. Of present conditions in the zone through which his road runs, Mr. Blevin said:

Conditions in the flood area have improved materially and the water is steadily receding. Of course, it is difficult to say what effect the floods will have on general conditions in our territory. Early indications are that the cotton crop will be slightly less than it was last year on account of the reduced acreage which resulted from the floods.

**Federal Trade Commission Orders Film Companies to Stop Unfair Tactics—Adolph Zukor, Jesse L. Lasky and Famous Players-Lasky Corporation Accused of Restraining Trade.**

The Federal Trade Commission, all Commissioners participating, July 9 issued an order against Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Lasky as individuals, and against the Famous Players-Lasky Corp., which order requires the discontinuance of certain unfair methods of competition in the motion picture industry, which the Commission claims to have been practiced by these parties.

Briefly stated, the order prohibits the corporation and Messrs. Zukor and Lasky (1) from continuing a conspiracy among themselves or with other persons to lessen competition and restrain trade in inter-State and foreign commerce in the production, distribution and exhibition of motion picture films; (2) from the practice of block-booking, i. e., leasing films in a block or group and compelling the picture house which shows the films to take all pictures in the group or block, or none at all, without regard to the character of the pictures or the wishes of the picture house; (3) from acquiring or threatening to acquire theatres for the purpose of intimidating or coercing an exhibitor of films to book and exhibit films of the Famous Players-Lasky Corp.

The complaint has been dismissed as to the respondents Realart Pictures Corp., The Stanley Co. of America, Stanley Booking Corp., Black New England Theatres, Inc., Southern Enterprises, Inc., Saenger Amusement Co., Jules Mastbaum, Alfred S. Black, Stephen A. Lynch and Ernest V. Richards Jr.

It is averred that findings of facts have been made from documentary evidence and testimony of witnesses and that it is upon these findings that the order rests. The findings recite the history and present position of the Famous Players-Lasky Corp. in the industry and give details of the organization and development of the corporation and the part played by Messrs. Zukor and Lasky.

With respect to the conspiracy prohibited by the order, the findings state:

The respondents, Adolph Zukor, Jesse L. Lasky and Famous Players-Lasky Corp., have conspired and confederated together and from time to time with other persons unduly to hinder competition in the production, distribution and exhibition of motion picture films in inter-State and foreign commerce and to control, dominate, monopolize or attempt to monopolize, the motion picture industry.

The findings also set forth the acquisition and ownership of theatre interests of the corporation and state that "on June 30 1926 the interest of Famous Players-Lasky Corp. in 368 theatres were as follows: In 128 theatres, 100%; in 13 theatres, more than 50% and less than 100%; in 128 theatres, exactly 50%, and in 99 theatres, less than 50%.

Further it is found that in the following cities the corporation directly or through subsidiaries has from time to time acquired and enjoyed the control of all or nearly all of the first-class moving picture theatres, including the first-run theatres: Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, Dallas and Philadelphia.

Block-booking is treated in detail in the findings, and the system of the corporation in that respect explained, and the findings conclude with the statement:

The purpose and necessary effect of such distribution policy is to lessen competition and to tend to create a monopoly in the motion picture industry, tending to exclude from the market and the industry small independent producers and distributors of films and denying to exhibitors freedom of choice in leasing films.

A report must be filed within 60 days by the respondents, of the manner in which they have complied with the terms of the order.

The complete text of the order to cease and desist is as follows:

*Docket No. 835.—Order to Cease and Desist.*

This proceeding having been heard by the Federal Trade Commission upon the amended complaint of the Commission, the amended answers of respondents, the testimony and documentary evidence offered and received and the arguments of counsel for the respective parties herein, and the Commission having made its findings as to the facts and its conclusion that the respondents have violated the provisions of an Act of Congress approved Sept. 26 1914, entitled "An Act to Create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes, therefore,

*It is Now Ordered,* That respondents, Adolph Zukor, Jesse L. Lasky and Famous Players-Lasky Corp., and each and all of said respondents, their officers, directors, agents, representatives and employees, cease and desist:

1. From continuing in force, recognizing, complying with, carrying into effect or enforcing, or attempting to comply with, carry into effect or enforce the conspiracy heretofore made or entered into by and among the respondents or any of them, or by and among the respondents or any of them and any other person or persons, for the purpose of lessening and restraining competition, and restraining trade or commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations, in the business of producing, distributing and exhibiting motion picture films for profit or the business of producing and distributing such films, and from making or entering into any like conspiracy among themselves or any of them, or among themselves or any of them and any other person or persons, for any of the purposes above set forth and enumerated in this paragraph of this order.

2. From leasing or offering to lease for exhibition in a theatre or theatres motion picture films in a block or group of two or more films at a designated lump sum price for the entire block or group only and requiring the exhibitor to lease all such films or be permitted to lease none; and from leasing or offering to lease for exhibition such motion picture films in a block or group of two or more at a designated lump sum price for the entire block or group and at separate and several prices for separate and several films, or for a number or numbers thereof less than the total number, which total or lump sum price and separate and several prices shall bear to each other such relation as to operate as an unreasonable restraint upon the freedom of an exhibitor to select and lease for use and exhibition only such film or films of such block or group as he may desire and prefer to procure for exhibition; or shall bear such relation to each other as to tend to require an exhibitor to lease such entire block or group or forego the lease of any portion or portions thereof; or shall bear such relation to each other that the effect of such proposed contract for the lease of such films may be substantially to lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in any part of the certain line of commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations, involved in said proposed sale, to wit: the business of the production, distribution and exhibition of motion picture films to the public, or the business or production and distribution or of production or distribution of moving picture films for public exhibition.

3. From building, buying, leasing or otherwise acquiring, or threatening so to do, any theatre building or buildings or theatre or theatres, for the purpose and with the intent or with the effect of intimidating or coercing an exhibitor or exhibitors of motion picture films to lease or book and exhibit motion picture films produced or offered for lease or leased by respondent Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.

*It is Further Ordered,* That the said respondents, within sixty days from and after the date of the service upon them of this order, shall file with the Commission a report or reports in writing setting forth in detail the manner and form in which they are complying and have complied with the order to cease and desist hereinabove set forth.

*It is Further Ordered,* That the charges in the complaint herein as against the respondents, Realart Pictures Corp., The Stanley Co. of America, Stanley Booking Corp., Black New England Theatres, Inc., Southern Enterprises, Inc., Saenger Amusement Co., Jules Mastbaum, Alfred S. Black, Stephen A. Lynch and Ernest V. Richards Jr., be, and the same are, hereby dismissed.

*It is Further Ordered,* That so much of the charges in the complaint herein as against the respondents, Adolph Zukor, Jesse L. Lasky and Famous Players-Lasky Corp. as are not embraced in the findings of fact heretofore made by the Commission in this cause, or in the above and foregoing order to cease and desist, be, and the same are, hereby dismissed.

*By the Commission;* Commissioner Nugent concurring as to paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereof and dissenting as to paragraphs 5 and 6 hereof.

**Howard Elliott and Hale Holden Visit President Coolidge in Black Hills, S. D.—Railroad Consolidation and Crop Conditions.**

The view that good crops are now in prospect was expressed by Howard Elliott, Chairman of the Board of the Northern Pacific RR., following a visit with President Coolidge at the Summer White House in the Black Hills, S. D., on July 9. Mr. Elliott was accompanied by Hale Holden, President of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy, and Charles E. Perkins, a director in both the Northern Pacific and C. B. & Q. In addition to commenting in their talk with the President on the farmers' prospects, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Holden are understood to have alluded incidentally to the subject of railroad consolidation. Mr. Elliott, in a statement relative to his observations on crop conditions, given out after his visit with the President, commented on the application made to the Inter-State Commerce Commission to consolidate the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems, and mentioning the benefits which would accrue therefrom, said a consolidation would, in his opinion, make it possible to postpone advancing rates. Mr. Elliott's state-

ment, as given in a Rapid City (S. D.) dispatch to the New York "Times," follows:

I left New York on July 4 and have made a daylight trip across the country to observe the crop conditions. I found things rather backward east of the Mississippi. The rains had retarded the growth of corn in Illinois. West of the Mississippi all the crops seemed very flourishing, especially in Iowa and Nebraska. The latter State will have the best wheat and corn crops in years, and I think the entire West will have bumper crops if the frosts do not appear too early.

Things have been pretty dull in the West in the last few years. It is apparent among the bankers and from our own returns that good crops are now in prospect, and every one feels hopeful of an improvement that will be lasting and lift the West out of its economic distress. We have had seven bad years in the West. We are now going upward again and are on the eve of seven good years.

We made application to the Inter-State Commerce Commission this week to consolidate the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems. Such a consolidation, in my opinion, would be for the interests of the shippers and the people of the West. We have asked the Inter-State Commerce Commission to sanction such a consolidation.

If it is not a good thing for the country to effect such a consolidation, it is not good for any one and we do not want it. That is the question for the Commission to decide. Railroad consolidation is absolutely necessary for this and other sections of the country. Better service is demanded and this service cannot be given unless the railroads receive greater returns.

A consolidation, in my opinion, will make it possible for the railroads to postpone advancing rates. They cannot live at the present rates and give adequate service unless by some system they can reduce their operating costs.

As the country grows, greater railroad facilities are needed; more railroad lines, more cars and quicker transportation.

#### *No New Capital Required.*

There is no danger in the consolidation we now propose. No new capital will be required and no new bonds issued. The capital stock of each road is approximately \$250,000,000. The capital stock of the proposed consolidation would be \$500,000,000 and the stockholders would be given a share of stock in the consolidated corporation for each share of stock they hold at present. The consolidation would give us better credit facilities and enable us to give better service than at present. This better service means more lines, more cars, more equipment. That means money, and in order to get money we must have credit and the consolidation would increase our credit.

The railroads are greatly interested in the betterment of farm conditions. Naturally, what benefits the farmers, benefits the railroads. We are not supporting or opposing any legislation the farmers may agree upon. It is clear, however, that the farmer must increase his production and lower his costs.

In my opinion, improved farm conditions, diversification, better cost accounting systems and co-operative action will do more to solve the farm problem than any form of legislation. It is clear that when one farmer can raise fifty bushels of corn to the acre, while his neighbor raises only 35, the first man will gain and the other will not. Better bred stock, a better feeding system, utilizing of dairy possibilities and anything and everything that will reduce costs and increase production will benefit the farmer with certainty, while any legislation would be problematic.

In the same account Mr. Holden was quoted as saying:

Business on the Burlington system has been under that of a year ago. This has been due partly to the coal strike in April and the late spring which is reflected in our business. The sun has been shining the last few days and this has produced a better outlook among the farmers west of the Missouri. Some of the crops, of course, are backward but all are in good condition and give promise of an abnormal production if the fall weather is favorable.

Crops, as I observed them, are much beyond the average in the last three years in Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska.

The railroads are willing to support the farmers in getting legislation that will help them, provided they agree upon something that is sound. It is more to the interest of railroads than any other industry that the farmers should enjoy prosperity.

The farm problem is naturally very complex and there does not seem to be any agreement as to the best solution of the question.

The railroads are not taking part in these controversial matters, but are hopeful that sound economic laws will be enacted for the improvement of the farmers' condition. The prosperity in agriculture is the foundation of national prosperity, and unless the farmer is prosperous the country cannot hope much longer to continue its prosperity.

Improvements have been made in farming as in other industries. The costs of production have been greatly reduced and I think the farmers are making great advances along this line. The combines which reap and harvest the crops in one operation and bring it to the railroads for shipment have greatly reduced the cost of farming in the Southwest.

These combines cost \$2,000, and farmers are rapidly replacing their other machinery with them. They reduce the operating cost greatly and they shorten the time in getting the wheat to the railroads. The result has been that these farmers not only reduce their cost of production but get their product in shipment much earlier. This means that they do not have to wait long for their money.

Railroad consolidation is a natural development. It was going on steadily until the Sherman Act was enacted in 1890 and it grew up through a natural course until it was stopped. Now the public has come to realize that consolidation reduces cost and makes improvement in service possible.

With great hauls and great distances it is necessary to reduce the costs of operation, and the only way this can be done is by reducing the overhead through consolidations. Railroad men now generally believe this can be accomplished under a national law that will bring about better standards of service and lower costs. We are now attempting to accomplish this, but cannot do it fully without legislation by Congress.

The railroads are thoroughly regulated. There is no danger of monopoly resulting from consolidations. Effective consolidation cannot be brought about except by national legislation. The present laws are deficient in that State laws still are effective and Congress should pass laws defining how consolidations should be brought about and for the added protection of minority stockholders, but thoroughly safeguarded so these minority stockholders cannot obstruct and prevent consolidation.

### **Erie RR. Not to Raise Wages—Report from Hornell of Increase for 5,000 Clerks Declared Erroneous.**

In its issue of July 15 the New York "Times" said:

Reports from Hornell, N. Y., on Wednesday that the Erie RR. had granted wage increases ranging from 7 to 17% to about 5,000 clerical employees were erroneous, it was stated at the Erie offices yesterday. It

is believed a misunderstanding occurred in connection with a survey of the rate schedule affecting clerks which the road is making.

No wage increase has been granted to the clerical forces of the Erie, it was emphasized, and the study, which is being directed to the conditions surrounding each type of clerical work, probably will not be ended until the middle of August. At that time some announcement is expected concerning such increases as may be made.

### **Mediation Sought in Wage Dispute on Fifty Railroads—Employees in West Demand 15% Advance in Basic Scales.**

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of July 12:

Officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Enginemen and a committee representing fifty Western railroads have invoked the assistance of the United States Board of Mediation for settlement of the dispute arising from the demands of the men for a raise of 15% in the basic scales of pay.

At the same time it was announced in Chicago that employees of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR. had joined those of the Chicago elevated and surface lines in asking increases of 15 cents an hour.

Arbitrators have begun hearings in the case of 13,000 maintenance of way employees of the Chicago & North Western Ry. on demands which would involve an addition of \$1,750,000 to the yearly payroll of the railroad, and in the case of the 9,700 clerks and station employees on the Illinois Central RR., whose requests call for \$3,066,000 more in their annual wages.

According to the "Wall Street Journal" of July 14, the officials of the Chicago Surface Lines and union representatives, seeking solution in wage controversy in which conductors and motormen are seeking a 15-cent an hour increase, have decided to submit their difficulties to arbitration.

### **Inter-State Commerce Commission Denies Petition of New England Roads for Rate Advance—Exception for New Haven.**

The following Associated Press advices from Washington, July 11, appeared in the New York "Evening Post":

The Inter-State Commerce Commission refused to-day to increase substantially the proportionate amount of joint rates going to New England railroads on traffic handled in conjunction with railroads in other parts of the country.

New England lines sought an increase which would have given them about \$5,000,000 a year in additional earnings. No increase in rates to shippers was sought.

#### *New England Favored.*

The Commission authorized some changes, but declared that "the trend in New England railroad earnings since 1922 has been more favorable than in the remainder of the Eastern groups and the record affords no basis for giving greater weight to the financial needs of the New England lines."

At the same time some slight changes in the joint rate division on merchandise traffic was allowed, and the New England roads were given an additional proposition of the rates on atracite.

In the joint rates on bituminous coal, the decision said that the Boston & Maine, Maine Central and Central Vermont should not receive any additional portion of the joint rates.

#### *New Haven Gains.*

The New Haven road, however, was given a slight increase in its division of joint bituminous coal rates except for such coal business as it handled in conjunction with the New York Central, upon which no increase was authorized.

The railroads were instructed to make the detailed changes effective Sept. 1.

### **Inter-Coastal Rates Up—Higher Westbound Freight Tariff is Announced at Seattle.**

The following Seattle advices July 8 are from the New York "Times":

A substantial increase in westbound freight rates in the inter-coastal trade to Seattle and other ports on the Pacific Coast from ports on the Atlantic seaboard, effective Aug. 1, were announced here to-day by H. E. Rhoda, district freight agent of the Luckenbach Steamship Co.

Mr. Rhoda made the announcement as Secretary of the Sub-Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee of the Intercoastal Conference.

In the new tariff, the inter-coastal lines are divided into two classes, known as the A lines and the B lines. The American Hawaiian Steamship Co., Luckenbach Steamship Co., Dollar Steamship Line (passenger ships) and Panama Pacific Line comprise the A class of services in the inter-coastal trade.

The Arrow Line, California & Eastern Steamship Co., Dollar Steamship Line (freight ships), Munson McCormick Line, Ocean Transport Co., Quaker Line, Transmarine Corp. and Williams Steamship Co. comprise the B class lines.

### **Major-General Crowder to Retire as Ambassador to Cuba Sept. 1—Completes Fifty Years Service to Government.**

Major-General Enoch H. Crowder, retired, has tendered his resignation, effective Sept. 1, as Ambassador to Cuba. In a letter under date of June 17, made public July 8, President Coolidge accepts with regret Ambassador Crowder's resignation, which, says the President, means the Ambassador's retirement from active service of the United States after fifty years of distinguished service to his country. The following is the President's letter:

June 17 1927.

My dear Mr. Ambassador: With great regret and reluctance I accept your resignation as Ambassador of the United States to Cuba, effective Sept. 1 1927. The acceptance of your resignation means your retirement from active service of the United States after fifty years of distinguished service to your country. You first had a splendid military record extending over forty-five years. You entered the service as a cadet to the United States Military Academy and you retired from military service as a Major-

General. Throughout this time you showed great ability in executing all the tasks assigned to you. Your work in the Philippines and in Cuba was of an outstanding character, and as Provost Marshal and Judge Advocate General your great experience, knowledge and character resulted in your able handling of the draft law, one of the most difficult tasks that it would have been possible to have assigned to you.

You followed up this distinguished career in the military service by more years of active service, representing at first the President of the United States in Cuba and then the United States Government as first Ambassador to that republic. As a result of your endeavors our relations with the Cuban Government and people have never been more intimate or friendly.

After such a distinguished career you have well earned the right to retire into private life, where by best wishes follow you.

I am, my dear General Crowder, with high esteem,  
Very sincerely yours,  
CALVIN COOLIDGE.

*The Honorable Enoch H. Crowder, American Ambassador, Havana.*

Major-General Crowder was appointed Ambassador Feb 10 1923. He is at present in the United States on a leave of absence.

**Period from July 18 to Aug. 6 Proclaimed as Public Safety Period by Governor Smith of New York—Free Inspection of Automobile Brakes, Steering Mechanism, &c., Arranged.**

In proclaiming the three weeks from July 18 to Aug. 6 as "Public Safety Period," Governor Smith of New York announced that under an arrangement made by the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Charles A. Hartnett, all garages and service stations are to make free inspections of automobile breaks, steering mechanism, etc. The following is the proclamation:

*State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany, July 15.*

Whereas, Experience has demonstrated that a considerable portion of the accidents involving motor vehicles is directly chargeable to defective mechanism or equipment; and

Whereas, These accidents leave in their wake untold suffering and loss of human life and limb, entirely aside from wanton waste of and damage to property; and

Whereas, It is believed that careful and frequent inspection of this mechanism and equipment will eliminate, if not all, accidents chargeable to such defects; and

Whereas, The Honorable Charles A. Hartnett, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York, in conjunction with and ably aided by the automobile industry and all garages and service stations, has arranged for such inspection, free of charge, to include examination of brakes, horns, lights, steering mechanism and mirrors during the period July 18 to Aug. 6 1927;

Now, therefore, I, Alfred E. Smith, Governor of the State of New York do proclaim the three weeks beginning July 18 1927 as

**PUBLIC SAFETY PERIOD.**

And I earnestly urge that all owners of motor vehicles avail themselves of this opportunity of free inspection of such vehicles and the elimination of all defects.

I respectfully commend to the teachers in our schools the importance of stressing the significance of this safety movement, and I further recommend the subject of public safety as an appropriate theme for clergymen and public speakers during the public safety period, to the end that greater success will attend the effort to reduce our accident hazard.

ALFRED E. SMITH.

**\$45,000,000 for Greece for Stabilization, Refugee Work, &c., Sought Through League of Nations.**

A report which proposes a loan of approximately \$45,000,000 for Greece through the assistance of the League of Nations has been approved by the Council of the League. In the report, which was drafted by the Financial Committee on the Refugee, Currency and Budgetary Situation in Greece, the committee states that it thinks "that the definite equilibrium of the budget and the stabilization of the currency of Greece should be practicable in conjunction with a loan of some £9,000,000, of which £3,000,000 would be available for refugees, £3,000,000 for budget arrears and £3,000,000 for strengthening the bank (National Bank of Greece). Documents in the matter were received by the State Department at Washington on July 11, according to the "United States Daily," from which we take the following:

The full text of the request for the loan, made to the Secretary-General of the League by the Minister of Finance of Greece, M. G. Caphandaris, is as follows:

"The Greek Government is desirous of bringing to a conclusion the work of refugee settlement which was undertaken under the auspices of the League of Nations, whose assistance has had such fruitful and happy results, and is firmly resolved to reform the financial situation as soon as possible: it would be glad to obtain the assistance and support of the League of Nations in this task. It would be impossible to continue the refugee settlement work with any hope of rapid and successful completion without concluding a supplementary loan abroad, and thus make it possible to adopt a far-reaching plan of systematic reform.

Financial reform necessitates currency stabilization, and also settlement of budget deficits from previous years. Again, these two objects could not be obtained without the conclusion of an external loan of a sufficient amount.

It would be possible to meet this three-fold requirement by a single loan intended to finish the settlement work, stabilize the currency and liquidate the deficits.

The Financial Committee has at its disposal all the necessary information, which has been obtained on the spot through competent members of the General Secretariat of the League of Nations, and in the course of the discussions which have taken place at Geneva between the Committee and the members of the Greek delegation.

The Greek Government would be glad if the Council would approve in principle a loan amounting to an effective sum of nine million pounds sterling (about \$45,000,000) and authorize the Financial Committee to give its assistance to Greece with a view to drawing up a complete plan of monetary and banking reorganization.

*Council Approves Report.*

Upon receipt of the requests from the Greek Finance Minister and the report of the Finance Committee, the Council of the League adopted resolutions as follows.

The Council, takes note of the Fourteenth Quarterly Report of the Refugee Settlement Commission;

Approves and adopts the report of the Financial Committee, and, on the conditions therein stated, agrees in principle with the proposals of the Greek Government; as requested, it authorizes the Financial Committee to continue to collaborate with the Greek Government on the lines recommended in the Committee's report, with a view to the Council's being able to approve at its next session a detailed scheme permitting the issue of a comprehensive loan under the auspices of the League of Nations.

The full text of the report of the Finance Committee on the refugee, currency and budgetary situation in Greece, with suggestions concerning the combine loan scheme, follows:

The Financial Committee has examined the Fourteenth Report of the Refugee Settlement Commission, with the advantage of the presence of Mr. Eddy and Sir John Simpson, attended by M. Karamanos, the Director-General of the Colonization in Macedonia.

In particular, the Committee considered the question of the additional sum necessary for the completion of the work of settlement.

*Funds Needed for Refugees*

The Committee came to the conclusion that, while the sum of £5,000,000 (about \$25,000,000) mentioned in the report of the Commission of May 25 is, in view of the considerable number of additional refugees who have come into Greece since the original scheme was drawn up, a reasonable estimate for the completion of the work of settling all the refugees, both agricultural and urban, under satisfactory conditions, such a sum is not essential for the urgent work of establishment which it is important to carry through in the next two years. The Committee considers, however, that for this purpose a sum of £3,000,000 (in addition to what remains of the original loan) is necessary, and that without this sum the work of the Commission must cease before its task is completed.

The Committee considers that this problem must reach some solution in the course of this year as the present finances of the Commission do not enable it to undertake any new work.

It is obvious that, as indicated in the Committee's last report, the possibilities of raising a new loan for this purpose under satisfactory conditions depend very largely indeed upon the general financial position in Greece—upon the prospects of the stability of the currency and the equilibrium of the budget.

The Committee is therefore glad to learn that the Greek Government has asked the Council of the League for its assistance in connection with a comprehensive scheme designed to secure financial stabilization and reform as well as to meet the needs of the refugee work.

*Information Supplied on Budget*

The Committee has had the advantage of detailed information upon the present banking and budget position collected by members of the Secretariat, the Greek government providing all the necessary facilities in the course of a visit to Athens. The Committee also appreciated further information given to it in the course of its present discussions by representatives of the Greek Government, in particular by M. Caphandaris, the Minister of Finance, as to the program prepared by the equilibrium in the budget, and by M. Tsouderos, the Sub-Governor of the National Bank of Greece, as to the bank.

The Committee has studied the proposals and estimates with regard to both receipts and expenditure in the light of the above information. The budgets of recent years have left deficits, and the arrears now due amount to about £3,000,000. But the provisions for the current year appear to the Committee to have been made on a prudent and careful basis and to give a prospect of securing an equilibrium this year at a level not exceeding the capacity of Greece, provided that steps could be taken to liquidate the arrears of the past. Subject to the final consolidation of past debts, the Greek Government further contemplates a budget equilibrium in the next two years at a slightly lower figure. The Committee is impressed by the substantial improvement in the budget situation during the term of office of the present Finance Minister, M. Caphandaris, and expresses its congratulations to the government on the important progress which this position represents.

*Gold Standard Proposed*

The Committee has learnt also with equal satisfaction the intentions of the government and the National Bank to stabilize the drachma on a gold exchange basis. It has studied the monetary position, and considers that it is such as (in conjunction with the budget program) to make the present a suitable time to proceed to this stabilization.

A National Bank necessarily assumes a heavy responsibility in relation to the establishment and maintenance of monetary stability, and the Committee is glad to note that the necessity of revising the functions of the National Bank of Greece, so as to bring it into closer conformity with those of other Central Banks, is fully recognized.

The Committee confines itself to recalling in general terms the main principles which have been found valuable to secure the satisfactory operations of a Central Bank of Issue, on which the responsibility for maintaining a stable value of the currency falls. These include: (a) The independence of the bank, (b) the sole right to note issue, (c) the limitation of the bank's operations to loan and discount transactions of a short-term and self-liquidating character, (d) the reduction of the State debt to the bank and the well-defined limitation of new advances to the State, (e) the centralization of the money transactions of the State and of State enterprises in the National Bank, (f) the provision of adequate and appropriate cover for a unified note issue.

The Committee, on present information, is disposed to think that a provision of £3,000,000 would strengthen the bank sufficiently for its enhanced responsibilities. This sum to be devoted to the reduction of the Government debt to the bank.

Subject to satisfactory measures being taken on the points mentioned above and to the exchange of views which has taken place between the Committee and the representatives of the Government and the bank, the Committee thinks that the definite equilibrium of the budget and stabilization of the currency of Greece should be practicable in conjunction with a loan of some £9,000,000 (effective), of which £3,000,000 would be available for refugees, £3,000,000 for budget arrears and £3,000,000 for strengthening the bank. If the Council, at the request of the Greek Government, so authorizes it, the Committee would be glad to continue its collaboration with a view—after settlement of the outstanding points with regard to the banking and monetary reform—to the definite association of the League with the loan scheme described above, to be agreed in its full details at the next session in September.

**Address of J. A. Bacigalupi of Bank of Italy National Trust Co. Association Before Convention of American Institute of Banking—Essentials in Building of Successful Career.**

"Building a career" was the subject of an address by James A. Bacigalupi, President of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, before the annual convention of the American Institute of Banking at Detroit on July 12. "As I view it," said Mr. Bacigalupi, "the essentials in the building of a successful banking career are very much the same as those involved in the attainment of success in any other walk of life." In part he added:

I say this not alone because American banking to-day touches every field of human activity, requiring more than a passing familiarity and proficiency on the part of the successful banker in problems agricultural, horticultural, industrial, commercial and even legal, which he is called upon almost daily to help solve; but also because I believe that a successful statesman, lawyer, doctor, engineer, farmer, business man or executive would have been equally as successful in any other line had he elected to pursue it.

This leads us to a brief reflection upon the common foundation necessary to the proper and adequate support of a successful superstructure.

The broad base upon which every successful career must rest, in my humble opinion, is a comprehensive and unprejudiced view of our status and of our obligations as members of human society.

Success in any average career does not depend alone upon one's own internal preparation and individual attainments, but very largely upon the degree in which he or she is successful in inviting and commanding the approbation, the confidence and the co-operation of his or her fellows in his or her efforts to forge to the top. In other words, I do not believe that any average man or woman has ever attained the pinnacle of success without the pleasure and assistance of his or her associates, or whose frame of mind has been: "What can I get," to the exclusion of "What can I give."

Upon this broad foundation—according to my old-fashioned philosophy—must be superimposed several essential qualities, if the man or woman of average intelligence, imagination and health would build a truly successful career.

The necessary qualifications in my opinion, are character, education, work, common sense, balance and an abiding sense of humor.

As to the necessity of work in the march toward success, little, if any, proof should be required. History is replete with the romance of achievement under difficulties of obscure beginnings and triumphant ends; with narratives of how great men started, their struggles, their long waitings, amid want and woe, the obstacles overcome, the final triumphs; with examples, which explode excuses, of men who have seized common situations and have made them great; with a myriad of citations of those of only average capacity who, with heads determined, hands of steel and hearts of gold, have succeeded by use of ordinary means, by dint of indomitable will, inflexible purpose and unflinching toil.

Nothing in life that is really worth while is cheap or easily acquired. If we would win, we must work and work and work unto the very end.

Our late lamented industrial leader, Edward H. Harriman, once said: "To achieve what the world calls success a man must attend strictly to business and keep a little in advance of the times. The man who reaches the top is the one who is not content with doing just what is required of him. He does more."

Anyone, then, who prudently cultivates the work habit, has already won half the battle of success.

In my rough recital of the qualities essential to a successful career, I have cited "balance" and "an abiding sense of humor" at the very end of the list. I have done so deliberately; not because I believe them or either of them more or less important than the others named, but because I wish to emphasize them. In my brief experience with men of good character, fair education, industry and common sense, who have not attained the heights which they otherwise would have richly merited, I have invariably found them lacking in "balance" and "an abiding sense of humor." Perhaps "balance" implies and includes a proper "sense of humor," but here, again, it is my desire to emphasize by separately naming it.

As I see it, the man or woman, no matter how potentially predisposed he or she may be to success by virtue of the possession of all other admirable qualities, cannot attain final victory unless these qualities are properly and evenly balanced. If one work or play too much or too little; if one over-specialize; if one be too strong on theory and too weak on practice; if one be too forward or too timid; if one be short in patience or perseverance; in fine, if one be too long or too short in any of the essentials, he or she must inevitably grow one-sided and lack the finishing punch that is necessary to floor the many remaining obstacles that still beset the path which leads to true and complete success.

Every organization—particularly the larger ones—in our country to-day need all the good and competent men and women they can develop or find; so that it may be safely set down as a general rule that if any officer or employee think that proper recognition or advancement is not being accorded him or her, it is very likely to be his or her own fault.

In no other land on earth is the contest more important, more open or fairer to the worthy and able aspirant for distinction in the pivotal profession of banking; in no other country are the sons of the poor and the humble more welcome to fairly and squarely match their character and their ability with the scions of the rich and the influential for supremacy in the fertile field of finance; and nowhere else are the banks closer and more helpful to the rank and the file of the nation, than here in our own great and glorious republic.

Ours is indeed a great opportunity and we should seriously endeavor to be duly appreciative and make the most of it.

In the nature of things it may not be given to all, who are qualified and who labor, to achieve position, wealth or fame, but, fortunately, worldly honors, riches and the empty plaudits of the fickle multitudes are not the measures of true and lasting success.

Let us do our work intelligently and conscientiously, and to the best of our ability; let us be constant; let us make liberal use of our common sense; let us be brave and not shun responsibilities when they confront us; let us think and plan for to-morrow while the other fellow is playing, idling or asleep; let us preserve our sense of humor; let us continue to co-operate in further taking the "high hat" out of American banking, and let us so live as to radiate a little sunshine and bestow a little kindness and helpfulness during each day of our pilgrimage through this vale of tears, and then rest fully and serenely confident that whatever may betide, our lives and our careers shall have been enduringly blessed and successful, for we shall have merited the highest prizes within the gift of the world: our own self-respect and the priceless esteem of our fellowmen.

### Organization of International Germanic Trust Co. Under Laws of New York State.

Prompted, it is stated, by the need and desire for an institution whose facilities would be of special interest and value in the financial and commercial relationships of Central Europe and America, a group of American financiers and business men has undertaken the organization of the International Germanic Trust Co. The scope and purpose, as well as some of the details of the project, are made known through the publication on July 11 of the notice of intention to organize as required by the Banking Laws of the State of New York. According to Harold G. Aron, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Organization Committee, who will go abroad this month to arrange for the representation of the trust company in Berlin, the institution will have its main office at 26 Broadway, on the ground floor of the Standard Oil Building. The authorized

capitalization of the International Germanic Trust Co. will consist of 30,000 shares and provide a capital of \$3,000,000 and a surplus of \$2,000,000. Mr. Aron said that plans for the trust company had been discussed informally with important interests in this country and abroad with a most favorable reception from all quarters. He adds:

There appears to be a real need for an institution of sufficient size and backing to take the place of those institutions which existed before the war and were primarily concerned in financing commercial intercourse between America and the Central European business world. Through its incorporators the trust company will have and develop relations both with Americans of German descent throughout this country and with business and banking institutions in Germany. It is the intention of the company to stress particularly the development of its foreign and trust departments, and to provide an effective fiscal agency in the expected liquidation of German properties and trusts still in Government custody.

The company will, from the outset, be assured the support of important organizations and societies in this country, and the small depositor both in and outside of New York City will be welcome. It will aim to distribute its shares widely and in comparatively small amounts. There will be no voting trust nor individual or group control.

Many months of surveys and consultations have been devoted to the working out of the plans for the new institution, and the organizers believe that the formation of the International Germanic Trust Co. will accomplish much in uniting effectively American and German capital resources in the development of financial and commercial relations between the two countries.

The organizers, who have been approved by the Banking Department, include:

C. E. Albright, of Milwaukee, director Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. and First Wisconsin National Bank.

Harold G. Aron, President National American Securities Co. and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the National American Co.

Marcus Daly, director Montana Power Co.

Oscar Dressler, President Continental Textile Co., Ltd.

J. Taylor Foster, Vice-President and director Marshall Field, Glorie, Ward & Co.

E. Roland Harriman, of W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., international bankers.

William O. C. Kiene.

Theodore H. Lamprecht.

Jeremiah D. Maguire, director Maguire Rubber Co. and Garfield National Bank.

Kenneth O'Brien, director of Postal Telegraph Co. and Commercial Cable Co.

Rudolph Pagenstecher, director of International Paper Co. and Central Paper Co.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vice-President Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland.

Woolsey A. Shepard, attorney.

Max W. Stoeber, President Botany Consolidated Mills.

William L. Wirbelauer, President Royal Piece Dye Works, Inc.

The organizers have been represented in their application to the Banking Department by Senator Robert F. Wagner and Ferris, Shepard, Joyce & McCoy, as counsel.

### Trust Company Responsibility—Officials of Guaranty Trust Company and Bankers Trust Company on Measures for Safeguarding Investment of Trust Funds.

Under the head "Trust Company Responsibility" the "Wall Street Journal" printed the following editorial in its issue of July 13 with reference to a previous discussion in its columns relative to the handling of trust funds:

More than one trust company officer has criticized adversely an editorial discussion on the position of a banking and trust company as executor under a will, which appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" recently under the caption of "In and Out." These officers correctly point out that the company as trustee does not benefit by commissions on changes of investment. They also quote the strict laws which govern such trustees, and the high character banking and trust companies have always shown in their compliance with the law.

While the editorial discussion was not designed to be of general application or to refer to more than a necessarily and obviously limited few, it is as well to explain what was intended. In fact, it is fairly clear that two different things are being discussed—one of them the editorial's comments on an executorship under a strictly limited will, and the other the broad trusteeship with all its limitations and safeguards. The remarks of the "Wall Street Journal" applied to the former class and not to the latter.

A continuing organization, like a trust company or a bank which undertakes that kind of business in one of its departments, is, for any business man desiring to protect his family, far better, safer, more equitable and more uniformly intelligent than the best possible trustee he could name, however excellent that individual's qualifications might be. The private trustee may die, or his powers of discrimination may deteriorate. His financial position may, in a short space of time, be widely different from what it was when he was nominated in the will.

Indeed, the better he is personally qualified the more certain it is that he will have so much business of his own to attend to that his service may become, if not perfunctory at least spasmodic, especially as a great part of the trustee's responsibility is in minor matters of detail for which the bank or trust company has every possible trained facility.

Since more than one trust company officer, most properly desiring to avoid even the appearance of evil, misinterpreted the comment here on a specific and limited class of cases, this explanation is only fair. Elsewhere Kingsley Kunhardt, of the Guaranty Trust Co., interestingly sets forth the broad duties of a trust officer acting under the law and, what is even more important, the stringent limitations any well conducted trust company imposes upon itself.

Misunderstanding will have worked usefully and to the public advantage if these facts become more generally appreciated.

The following comment on the editorial, "In and Out," from Kingsley Kunhardt, the Investment Trust Officer of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York also appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of the same issue:

The editorial "In and Out" which appeared July 8th in the evening edition of the "Wall Street Journal" seems to evidence ignorance of our laws and the practice of trustees as a whole and corporate trustees in particular, for I am sure you are not intentionally accusing the New York trust companies and national banks of breaking the law, acting unethically and betraying their trusts. Your newspaper, which depends for its success upon the publication of accurate information, has in this editorial created an entirely false impression.

One of the larger trust companies advertises that "both law and ethics forbid our purchasing securities for trust funds from ourselves or any affiliated company." To anyone at all familiar with the laws governing trustees and executors, a statement of this nature should be superfluous, for should a trustee profit directly or indirectly due to the purchase or sale of securities for any trust or estate which is under his care, he would be acting contrary to law, and if damage should result he would be liable to the trust.

No bond house could exist if it were required to guarantee against market fluctuations every bond issue it initiated and, just so, no trust company or national bank acting as trustee could afford to make itself liable for the market fluctuations of securities purchased for its trust accounts. This, in effect, it would do if a commission were taken or a profit made when the securities were purchased. It is true that when a bond or stock is sold or bought for a trust account a commission is generally paid, but this commission is not paid to the trustee. It goes to the broker who executes the transactions on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, and is exactly the same commission as any private investor pays when purchasing or selling securities.

I know of no rule more strictly enforced by corporate executors and trustees than that no profit shall be made directly or indirectly because of any purchase or sale of securities for its trusts or estates. It is often true that corporate trustees initiate more changes in their trust investments than do individual trustees. Neither profit thereby, in fact, and they are an item of expense, requiring bookkeeping entries and physical handling of the securities themselves. Almost all corporate trustees having large trust departments have a special division which follows the investments in their trusts and estates. It is natural that this division, having under its are many hundreds and in some cases thousands of individual. Also, a change in one account, either initiated by the trust company or suggested by some one else, is often the advantage of many other trusts, and so it is that transactions, which might never occur to an individual or might not be considered worth while, are made or suggested by the corporate trustee.

In your editorial you criticize a trust company for having recommended the sale of a stock which subsequently advanced in price. The mere fact that the stock advanced does not prove that the trustee was incorrect in recommending its sale, for if this were true, during the past few years the more speculative common stocks would have been more suitable investments for trust funds than well-secured bonds or investment stocks. If everyone had as much foresight as hindsight there would be no need of trustees.

A trustee's duty is to maintain the principal of his trust and to provide as large an income as possible uncompatible with safety. Under certain circumstances it may be that common stocks are suitable investments for trust funds, but the question has never to my knowledge been judicially settled, and is of a nature that does not lend itself to newspaper discussion. I am not familiar with the case you cite, nor do I know to what trust company you refer, but it appears quite possible that a rather large proportion of the total estate was in one common stock. This certainly would not be recognized as prudent, so that if such were the case the trustee unquestionably should have recommended selling this stock or at least a part of it almost regardless as to market. The testator probably realized that the trust company would take some such action, and therefore provided under his will that no changes were to be made without the approval of his wife. This is a very wise provision under certain circumstances, as it permits actions contrary to the usual rule of prudent investment, but justified because of information or special knowledge of the individual having power of approval. The fact that the trust company has more than once recommended the sale of this stock indicates that it carefully follows investments in its trust accounts and frequently brings them to the attention of those interested. The security which has been held probably contrary to ordinary prudent procedure having advanced in price, the widow will receive a large income and the trust company, whose fees are based on the principal and income, will receive larger commissions, so that everyone should be pleased.

The example you cite is merely another one of those cited by the trust companies themselves when they point out the advantages of their service, but the advisability, when conditions out of the ordinary exist, of appointing an individual co-trustee, or granting to some interested party the power to approve purchases and sales.

No corporate trustee claims to be more efficient or more satisfactory than the ideal individual trustee, but the ideal individual trustee is difficult to find. He must be familiar with investments; experienced in legal procedure; must live as long as the trust exists; and must continue to give careful attention to the trust each year of its existence. There have been such individual trustees, but who is to choose one? What friend that you might have selected ten years ago as your executor or trustee do you still consider as suited for this responsibility? Whom do you know to-day with sufficient experience to handle your estate and trusts, will live long enough to administer the trusts until their termination, which may be upwards of fifty years. You may know individuals who comply with some of these requirements who would be ideal to act with a trust company as co-trustee or co-executor, and thus you would obtain the opinion of the individual as to any investments or situations that are out of the ordinary, and the advantage of the experience and responsibility of the corporate trustee, which will continue to exist as long as your trusts.

Incidentally it may be noted that the "Investment of Trust Funds—Principles and Methods of Distribution" was the subject of an address by H. F. Wilson, Jr., Vice-President of the Bankers' Trust Co. of this city, at the Mid-Winter Trust Conference of the American Bankers Association in New York on Feb. 17 1926. The following pertinent paragraph is taken from Mr. Wilson's remarks on that occasion.

*Policy of Not Dealing With Itself.*

I would also like to read the following from our office rules and regulations: "Under no circumstances shall the policy which is as old as the bank itself be deviated from: namely, securities in which we are interested shall not be sold to our trust funds, but must be purchased in the open market and under no circumstances shall any commission be charged."

In other words, we believe in the principle that a trustee shall not deal with itself, himself or herself, and should not make a personal profit in the purchase or sale of trust investments at the expense of the trust estate.

### Special Travel Plans, Hotel Arrangements, &c., for American Bankers Association Convention at Houston, Texas.

Details as to reduced railroad fares, hotel reservations and other arrangements for the American Bankers Association convention to be held at Houston, Texas, Oct. 24 to 27, were announced by W. G. Fitzwilson, Secretary of the association, as follows on July 11:

Round trip tickets on the identification certificate plan will be sold at one and one-half fare to delegates to American Bankers Association convention and immediate members of their families. Tickets will be good only via the same route in both directions. Stop-over privileges will be allowed going and returning or both. The name of the person to whom the certificate is issued, also the names of the dependent members of immediate family, if more than one ticket is purchased, should be filled in before the identification certificate is presented and surrendered to the ticket agent. This is a requirement and it is important to comply; also by so doing, congestion at the ticket offices before train time will be avoided.

Non-members of the association will not be entitled to the privilege of these reduced fares. Reduced fares will not be granted unless members present their identification certificate to ticket agent when purchasing their tickets. Round trip tickets require validation by ticket agents of the terminal lines at Houston on any date to and including final return limit, but passengers must arrive back at original starting point prior to midnight of the final limit. An identification certificate will be sent to each member of the American Bankers Association in full time and if more than one person will attend from a member bank, additional certificates will be required and will be furnished upon application to W. G. Fitzwilson, Secretary, American Bankers Association, 110 East 42d Street, New York City.

The passenger associations granting reduced fares and the dates of sale of tickets are as follows:

*Chicago and East Thereof.*—From the territories of the Trunk Line Association, the New England Passenger Association, the Canadian Passenger Association, eastern lines, tickets will be sold from Oct. 19 to Oct. 25 for going trip with final return limit to original starting point not later than midnight of Nov. 2. From the Central Passenger Association, tickets will be sold for going trip from Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, except in the State of Illinois, where the dates are Oct. 20 to Oct. 26; in both cases the final return limit is midnight, Nov. 2. From the Southeastern Passenger Association, the tickets will be sold Oct. 20 to Oct. 26 for going trip, to return to original starting point prior to Nov. 2.

*West of Chicago.*—From the territories of the Trans-Continental Passenger Association and the Western Passenger Association, the following applies: Colorado, Arizona, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico and Utah—dates of sale, Oct. 20 to Oct. 26; return limit midnight Nov. 2. Iowa, Idaho (Oregon Short Line), Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, northern Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming—dates of sale Oct. 19 to Oct. 25; return limit Nov. 3. British Columbia, California, Idaho (except Oregon Short Line), Nevada, Oregon and Washington—dates of sale, Oct. 17 to Oct. 22; return limit Nov. 7. For those attending from the territories of the Trans-Continental Passenger Association and the Western Passenger Association the same routes must be used in both directions, except that from stations in Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia the usual diverse routes west of Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg and New Orleans will apply.

*Southwestern Passenger Association.*—Dates of sale, Oct. 20 to Oct. 26; return limit Nov. 2. The following Southwestern lines are not parties to the reduced fares: Arkansas & Louisiana Missouri Ry.; Ft. Smith & Western RR., Graysonia Nashville & Ashdown RR., Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf RR., Mississippi River & Bonne Terre RR., Louisiana & Arkansas Ry., and National Railways of Mexico.

Members of the American Bankers Association will receive from the Hotel Committee at Houston full information regarding hotels, their rates as well as registration form. To facilitate the work of the Hotel Committee, delegates and guests contemplating attending the convention are urged to make early application for accommodations. Assurances have been given that there will be no increases in hotel rates at Houston. The Chairman of the Hotel Committee is A. D. Simpson, care of National Bank of Commerce, Houston, Texas.

As heretofore, it is contemplated that special trains will be arranged by railroads from various sections of the country, and when details are received announcement will be made.

It has been decided that on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 27, after the adjournment of the convention at Houston, a boat ride down the ship channel will be taken. A large ocean-going vessel will be provided. Those going on this trip will leave Houston not later than 2 o'clock by automobiles and will be aboard the ship by 3 o'clock, returning to Houston in time for dinner. Members will also be given a choice of two side trips, each leaving Houston midnight Thursday, returning early Sunday morning. The first trip includes Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin; the second trip includes Rio Grande Valley points and Old Mexico.

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

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, that of Gayer G. Dominick to William Burt Beckers, consideration stated at \$218,000; and that of Harold Tobey to Arthur J. Vogel for \$210,000. The last preceding sale was at \$210,000.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Sidney W. Harris was reported sold this week to Edward K. Cone, for another, for \$29,000. The last preceding sale was for \$28,500.

John W. Platten, President, stated yesterday (July 15) that rumors concerning a merger of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of this city are entirely without foundation in fact.

Robert W. Daniel, President of the Liberty National Bank in New York, announces the appointment of H. M. Olney

as Trust Officer. Mr. Olney, for a number of years past, has been associated with the Empire Trust Co.

Announcement was made by the American Exchange Irving Trust Co on July 14 that on August 1 the Lincoln office of that company will be transferred from 60 East Forty-second street to larger quarters in the Pershing Square Building at Forty-second Street and Park Avenue. The change will mark a milestone in the history of banking in the Grand Central Zone, since the office—originally the Lincoln National Bank—has occupied its present home since the summer of 1884, forty-three years ago. It also will make possible the expansion of the Company's activities in the Grand Central Zone. The Lincoln was opened January 12 1882, less than eleven years after the completion of the first Grand Central Station. At that time Forty-second Street was in a modest residential section. There were a few large buildings in the neighborhood and no first-class hotels nearer than Twenty-third Street. In making the change, the business of the Lincoln Office will be combined with that of the Company's Office which is already established in the Pershing Square Building. The new Lincoln Office will be opposite the principal entrance of the Grand Central Terminal, only half a block east of its present location. In its new surroundings it will have more than twice its present space, and will be one of the largest and most completely equipped banking establishments in the Grand Central Zone. The official staff of the Lincoln Office includes: Charles Elliot Warren and Claude V. Allnutt, Vice-Presidents; Carl A. Miller, Assistant Vice-President; Edward L. Bishop, Allen R. Cobb and Henry E. Stubing, Assistant Secretaries. The officers enjoy the counsel of an Advisory Board composed of Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Harry E. Ward, President; Walter H. Bennett, Vice-Chairman; O. H. Cheney and Charles Elliott Warren, Vice-Presidents—all of the American Exchange Irving organization—Pierre C. Cartier, of Cartier, Inc.; James S. Cobb, Vice-President of Abercrombie & Fitch Company; Henry Fletcher, Vice-President of Shreve & Adams, Inc.; William S. Gray, President of William S. Gray & Co.; Eben E. Olcott, President of the Hudson River Day Line Company; Stanley Resor, President of the J. Walter Thompson Company; William R. Rose, of Rose & Paskus; William Skinner, President of William Skinner & Sons; William H. Vanderbilt, J. H. Walbridge, and Daniel W. Whitmore, First Vice-President of the East River Savings Bank.

Eugene T. Ragan was made an Assistant Secretary of the American Trust Co. at a meeting of the board of directors on July 12. Mr. Ragan has been with the company for a number of years, and has recently been Loan Teller at the Broadway and Cedar Street office. He will be connected with the new Bronx office of the American Trust Co., which is to open this fall at 373 East 149th Street.

Charles J. Caggiano, formerly with the National City Bank of New York, has become associated with the American Trust Co., of New York City. He will manage the new branch office of this company, which is affiliated with the New York Title & Mortgage Co. Mr. Caggiano, whose experience has been extensive in organization and new business work, will be located at the main office of the American Trust Co. (Broadway and Cedar Street) until the establishment of the new branch office in the Bronx at 373 East 149th Street.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors, this week, A. Suehsdorf, Jr., was elected an Assistant Secretary of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc.

Joseph S. Marcus, President and director of the Bank of United States of this city, died on July 3. Mr. Marcus was 65 years of age. He founded the Public Bank of New York in 1906 and was its first President, and in 192 he withdrew from the Public Bank and in July of that year founded the Bank of United States.

The National Park Bank of this city leased on July 11 the ground floor of the new office building which the New York Life Insurance Co. is erecting on the site of the old Madison Square Garden. The lease is for a term of 21 years and will become effective Jan. 1 1929.

George W. Simmons resigned on July 13 as Second Vice-President of The Chase National Bank of this city to accept the Presidency of the Plee-Zing Brand Corp. Mr. Simmons will assume his new duties about Aug. 1.

The National City Bank of this city on July 12 purchased a plot of land 78 by 185 feet at 85 to 89 Main St., Flushing, L. I., where it will erect a building and establish its first Queens branch office. The land is valued at \$400,000.

The Commercial Exchange Bank of New York, located at 63 Wall Street and operating one branch in Manhattan and three in Brooklyn, reports total assets as of June 30 1927 of \$24,751,871 compared with a total of \$19,002,219 as of March 23 last, an increase of more than \$5,000,000. Deposits aggregated \$21,382,646 on June 30 as compared with deposits of \$15,691,238 on March 23.

Suggestions for the conservation and disposition of estates are offered in a pamphlet issued by the Central Union Trust Co. of New York. The nature of information required by a lawyer in drawing up a will is specifically indicated, the topics treated including personal effects, cash bequests, real estate, life insurance, business interests, investments, the creation of trusts, contingent bequests, inheritance taxes, charitable bequests and the duties of an executor and trustee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Empire Trust Co. of New York on July 12 Philip Scheuerman was appointed an Assistant Secretary.

The proposed consolidation of the Merchants' National Bank of Worcester, Mass., and the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co. of Fitchburg, Mass.—noted in the "Chronicle" of May 28, page 3165—was effected on June 27. The resulting institution, which is known as the Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, is capitalized at \$1,875,000. It has one branch located in Fitchburg. Walter Tufts, former President of the Merchants' National Bank, heads the new organization.

At the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y., on July 8, George G. Kleindinst, formerly Executive Vice-President of the institution, was elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of John A. Kloefer. Nine other promotions made necessary by the advancement of Mr. Kleindinst, were also announced by Oliver G. Cabana Jr., Chairman of the board of directors. These were: Bert H. White, heretofore Comptroller, and Edward D. Reed, Frederick A. Heron, Allen L. Schnitter, Harvey C. Halliday, Frank C. Deim and Miss Katherine A. McInerney, formerly Assistant Cashiers, were made Assistant Vice-Presidents; Albert J. Winkler, heretofore Auditor, was made Cashier, while L. Robert Arthur, former head of the bookkeeping department, was elected an Assistant Cashier. The post of Executive Vice-President was not filled. In announcing the election of Mr. Kleindinst as President, Mr. Cabana was reported in the Buffalo "Courier" as saying:

The election of Mr. Kleindinst as President is, first of all, a just reward for the admirable manner in which he has served the bank over a long period of years in various executive capacities, and is a recognition of his ability and unflinching energy in carrying on the bank's affairs. The board of directors recognize in him just the man to head the institution. He is a banker of long experience with character above reproach; is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business and is of sound judgment and tempered with the proper degree of conservatism. Having occupied the position of Executive Vice-President under our late President, John A. Kloefer, Mr. Kleindinst is entirely familiar with the policies of the bank, policies that have largely been responsible for its remarkable growth, and his election as President is also an expression of the confidence of the board in his ability to carry out these policies and further the growth of the bank through his administration.

The personnel of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo is now as follows: Oliver Cabana Jr., Chairman of the Board; George G. Kleindinst, President; Henry C. Zeller, Jacob G. Lang, Charles C. Theobald, George J. Kloefer, John M. Kinney and Morris G. Perlestein, Vice-Presidents; Bert H. White, Edward D. Reed, Frederick A. Heron, Allen L. Schnitter, Harvey C. Halliday, Frank C. Deim and Miss Katherine A. McInerney, Vice-Presidents; Albert J. Winkler, Cashier; James H. Ives, John J. Copsy, Carl A. Westhauser, Henry B. Ernsberger and L. Robert Arthur, Assistant Cashiers, and S. Grove McClellan, Trust Officer.

Several important changes were made in the executive personnel of the Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. of Philadelphia on July 7, according to Philadelphia newspapers of July 8. John S. Bowker, formerly President of the institution, was elected Chairman of the board of directors, and was succeeded in the presidency by J. Edward Schneider, heretofore Vice-President and Treasurer; James P. Pinkerton, formerly Title Officer, was given the additional

title of Vice-President; Harry Marshall, formerly an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, was elected Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer; Carl A. Hoyer, heretofore an Assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary, was chosen Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary, while Harold W. Frame was advanced from Paying Teller to an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. These promotions, the officials of the bank were reported as saying, were in line with the company's policy of filling all of the higher positions with men trained in the organization.

At the same meeting the directors declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 10% and an extra dividend of 5%, both payable July 15, and added to surplus the sum of \$50,000, making that fund \$1,700,000. The capital of the institution is \$500,000 and undivided profits stand at \$351,848.

The stockholders of the Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., at a special meeting on July 6 ratified the plans to increase the capital of the institution from \$2,000,000 to \$3,200,000 and at the same time approved the agreement for the purchase of the Commonwealth Title Insurance & Trust Co. of Philadelphia by the Provident Trust Co. These plans have heretofore been referred to in these columns April 16, page 2235, and June 25, page 3728.

Advices by the Associated Press from Fayette City, Pa., on July 7, appearing in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of the following day, stated that the Fayette City National Bank, with deposits of \$1,600,000 and assets of \$2,000,000, had been closed on that day (July 7) by its directors and placed in the hands of the National Bank Examiner. The directors decided to close the bank, it was said, because of heavy withdrawals of deposits during the last several months. The dispatch furthermore stated that the directors expressed the belief that no one would lose because of the closing and announced they were considering plans for reorganizing. Andrew Brown was President of the institution.

John H. Evans, of Pittsburgh, was recently elected a Vice-President of the McDowell National Bank of Sharon, Pa., and assumed his new duties on July 15, according to the Sharon "Herald" of July 7. Mr. Evans is a graduate of Duquesne University Law School and for the past fourteen years has been identified with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh in the administration of trust properties and estates. The rapid increase and diversification of the trust business of the McDowell National Bank made it necessary to increase the personnel of its trust department, hence the election of Mr. Evans as Vice-President. George H. Allen will continue as Trust Officer of the institution. The McDowell National Bank is capitalized at \$300,000 with surplus of like amount, and has total resources of approximately \$7,800,000.

The Baltimore "Sun" of July 7 reported that Rufus K. Goodenow Jr. was on July 6 elected President of the Old Town National Bank of that city, following his election the previous week as a member of the directorate of the institution.

The Sheridan National Bank, Sheridan, Ind., on July 2 changed its name to the Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Sheridan.

According to advices by the United Press on July 7 from Terre Haute, Ind., appearing in the Indianapolis "News" of the same date, it is proposed to amalgamate the United States Trust Co. of Terre Haute and the Terre Haute Bank to form a new institution with resources of \$12,000,000 under the title of the Terre Haute National Bank & Trust Co. The new bank is expected to open about October 1, next, with Wilson Naylor Cox, now head of the Terre Haute National Bank, as President.

A special dispatch from Wabash, Ind., on July 7 to the "Indianapolis News" stated that Charles S. Haas, former President of the Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Wabash, had been chosen to head a new institution—the Farmers' & Wabash National Bank—formed by the union of the first named institution and the Wabash National Bank. Continuing the dispatch said:

The board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants National elected to the new board four members of the Wabash National, including Wilbur A. McNamee, former president of the Wabash National.

The capital stock of the combined bank was increased from \$150,000 to

an amount not in excess of \$200,000, the new stock to be allotted to Wabash National stockholders.

The resignation of Edward R. Naar, as a Vice-President of the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, was reported in a special dispatch from that city on July 8 to the "Wall Street Journal" which said in part:

Coming to the Guardian Trust Co. as head of its industrial department, at the insistence of William Robert Wilson, shortly after the company was appointed receiver for the Murray Body Corp., Mr. Naar won recognition for his handling of the Murray Body receivership.

For several years Mr. Naar was an official of the National City Bank of New York. Prior to that he actively engaged in manufacturing and merchandising, and later, as a partner in the firm of S. D. Leidesdorf & Co., certified public accountants, he successfully established that company's Chicago office. Mr. Naar will maintain offices in Chicago and Detroit.

On July 9 the new bank and office building of the Second North Western State Bank of Chicago, at Milwaukee Avenue and Central Park, that city, was formally opened. John F. Smulski is Chairman of the Board of Directors and F. E. Lackowski President of the institution.

Richard Wagner was elected Second Vice-President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago at a meeting of the board of directors on July 5. Mr. Wagner has been in the bank since 1910 and since 1915 has been secretary to Arthur Reynolds. Thurman S. Robinson and John T. Gallagher were elected Assistant Cashiers.

From the State Bank of Chicago this week comes the following in regard to a proposed increase in the capital of the institution from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000:

Directors of the State Bank of Chicago adopted a resolution recommending an increase in the capital stock of the bank for \$2,500,000, its present capital, to \$5,000,000. A meeting of all the shareholders will be held on August 16 to vote upon this proposition. It will be suggested that the increase of \$2,500,000 be offered the stockholders at par (\$100).

This proposed action has really been under consideration for some time but has been held in abeyance until the building program was well under way. Early in the coming year the bank expects to be in its new quarters in the building now being erected at La Salle and Monroe Streets. Anticipating as the directors do an expansion in business, it seems advisable to increase the capital sufficiently to meet the requirements of its customers.

From its organization the bank has shown good earnings in excess of the dividends paid, until now it has accumulated a comparatively large surplus and undivided profits account, all earned, which it is believed fully warrants this increase in capital and on such terms as will mean favorable rights to the stockholders.

Under the proposed plan the bank will have a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of over \$8,000,000, besides valuable equity in its bank premises.

It is hoped to maintain on the increased capital the usual dividend of 4% quarterly or 16% per annum.

As of July 1 the title and location of the First National Bank of Willisville, Ill., was changed to the First National Bank of Ava, Ill.

A new financial institution, the Fordson State Bank, opened for business at Michigan and Neckel avenues, Fordson, Mich., on July 6. The bank has been organized with a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$40,000. The officers of the bank are Clarence H. Booth, President; C. H. Haberkorn Jr., and Frank E. Quisenberry, Vice-Presidents; Emanuel C. Lindman, Cashier, and Walter H. Bell Jr., Assistant Cashier. The following are the directors of the bank:

George R. Andrews, Vice-President Highlands Park State Bank; Clarence H. Booth, Chairman of Board Motor Bankers Corporation, director Highland Park State Bank; H. C. Bulkley, attorney (Campbell, Bulkley & Ledyard); A. L. Couzens, Vice-President Highland Park State Bank; L. J. Craig, Vice-President Parker, Webb & Co.; G. Ogen Ellis, publisher "The American Boy"; W. A. Fisher, President Fisher Body Corporation; C. H. Haberkorn Jr., Chairman of Board Bank of Detroit; George B. Judson, President Bank of Detroit; Frank J. Maurice, Vice-President Highland Park State Bank; A. J. Peoples, Treasurer Detroit Copper & Brass Rolling Mills; F. E. Quisenberry, Vice-President Highland Park State Bank; James T. Whitehead, President Whitehead & Kales Iron Works; Clarence E. Wilcox, attorney (Anderson, Wilcox, Lacy & Lawson).

A new institution—the Minnehaha National Bank—was formed in Minneapolis on June 30 as the result of a merger of the Minnehaha State Bank at 27th Avenue S. and 25th Street, and the Lake Street State Bank, according to the Minneapolis "Journal" of that date. The new national bank, which will conduct business in the former quarters of the Lake Street State Bank at Lake Street and 27th Avenue S., is affiliated with the First National group of banks in Minneapolis. The former Minnehaha State Bank was organized in 1910 and became affiliated with the First National group in 1922. The new institution is capitalized at \$100,000, with surplus of \$20,000. J. G. Byam, a Vice-President of the First National Bank, has been made President, while Guy W. La Lone, heretofore managing officer of the Minnehaha State Bank, has been made one of the Vice-Presidents. Other officers of the institution are: Alexander Cardle

(former President of the Lake Street State Bank), Vice-President; A. H. Elmquist, Cashier, and Arvid A. Lund and T. E. Lewis, Assistant Cashiers. In announcing the consolidation of the institutions, L. E. Wakefield, President of the First National Bank, was quoted by the Minneapolis paper as saying that the merger was necessary because the Minnehaha State Bank had outgrown its quarters, and it was desirable to establish a national bank to serve the growing needs of the south side.

The Comptroller of the Currency on July 1 granted a charter to the West Side National Bank of Denver, Col., a conversion of the West Side State Bank of that city. The new bank is capitalized at \$100,000. Emile Desserich heads the institution and Charles A. Land is Cashier.

Effective June 21 the Chickasaw National Bank of Purcell, Okla., with capital of \$100,000, went into voluntary liquidation, the institution being taken over by the McClain County National Bank of Purcell.

The Deposit Guaranty State Bank of Ponca City, Okla., was closed on July 8 and placed in the hands of the State Banking Department, according to a special dispatch from that city on that day (July 8) to the "Oklahoman." The bank, whose closing, it was said, was due to "frozen paper," was capitalized at \$35,000 and had deposits of \$303,951 at the close of business June 30. The dispatch, furthermore, stated that representatives of other banks in the city held a conference late on the day of the closing to discuss means whereby the institution could be reopened. But no announcement as to an agreement was made.

On July 8, L. W. Hughes, head of the L. W. Hughes & Co. insurance agency of Memphis and well known in that city, was elected active Vice-President of the Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, as reported in the Memphis "Appeal" of July 9. Officials of the institution were quoted as saying that the increasing volume of business necessitated the addition of Mr. Hughes to the bank's roster. Mr. Hughes was formerly a vice-president of the National City Bank of Memphis. J. P. Norfleet is Chairman of the board of the Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co. and J. R. Buchignani is President. Reference was made to the affairs of the institution in our issue of July 9, page 204.

On July 2 the First National Bank of Mayfield, Ky., with capital of \$150,000, and the City National Bank of Mayfield were merged to form the First National Bank of Mayfield, with capital of \$500,000.

Organization of the new Third National Bank of Nashville, to which reference was made in these columns in the "Chronicle" of May 21 and subsequent issues, has now been completed, according to the Nashville "Banner" of July 3. The stock of the new bank, which is capitalized at \$600,000, with surplus of \$120,000, has already been oversubscribed, there being more than 450 stockholders who "represent the widest possible distribution of business and industrial interests." The first floor of the Independent Life Building at the corner of Church Street and Fourth Avenue has been renovated and remodeled as a home for the new bank and the officers expect to formally open the institution between July 10 and July 15. The personnel of the Third National Bank is as follows: C. A. Craig (President of the National Life & Accident Insurance Co., Chairman of the Board; Watkins Crockett (former President of the Central National Bank of Nashville), President; N. A. Crockett, Honorary Vice-President (Agent for the Prudential Insurance Co. of America); F. M. Farris (former Cashier of the American National Bank of Nashville), Executive Vice-President; S. S. McConnell (former State Superintendent of Banks for Tennessee), Vice-President and Cashier, and W. J. Diehl, Assistant Cashier.

Burton Wilkerson, President of the Nashville Pure Milk Co., was elected a director of the Fourth & First National Bank of Nashville and its affiliated institution, the Nashville Trust Co., at a meeting of the respective boards of these banks on July 8, according to the Nashville "Banner" of July 9. The election of Mr. Wilkerson, who is one of the successful younger business men of Nashville, fills the vacancy in the directorates of the institutions caused by the recent death of Percy Warner.

On July 11 the American Trust & Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala., and the Traders' National Bank of that city,

were consolidated under the name of the American-Traders' National Bank of Birmingham. The new organization has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$4,900,000, and total resources of approximately \$25,000,000. It is located in the enlarged quarters of the American Trust & Savings Bank in their building at First Avenue and 20th Street. W. W. Crawford, heretofore Chairman of the Board and President of the American Trust & Savings Bank, is active Chairman of the Board and President of the consolidated institution, while J. C. Persons, former President of the Traders' National Bank, is Executive Vice-President. The directorate includes the former directors of both institutions. Reference to the proposed amalgamation of these banks appeared in our issues of June 11 and June 25, pages 3456 and 3730, respectively.

The board of directors of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., of New Orleans, at their meeting on July 6 appointed John A. MacLaren Manager of the Atlanta office of the company and Miss W. M. Ivey as Assistant Manager. The board also appointed E. Cavanaugh Assistant Manager of the Chicago office. Mr. MacLaren is a native of Wisconsin. During the war he served in the United States Navy as an Ensign. After the war he entered the University of Wisconsin, graduating from the School of Commerce of that university in 1921. He entered the employ of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. the same year and was later transferred to the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc. Miss Ivey has been associated with the Atlanta office of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., for several years.

A consolidation was consummated on June 30 of the First National Bank of Orange, Cal. (capital \$150,000) and the National Bank of Orange of that place (capital \$150,000) under the charter and corporate title of the First National Bank of Orange, with capital of \$300,000.

Sale of the stock of the Lumbermen's Trust Co. Bank of Portland, Ore., formerly entirely owned by the Lumbermen's Trust Co., an affiliated institution, was announced on July 6 by Robert E. Smith, President of both institutions, according to the Portland "Oregonian" of the following day. The stock was acquired by a group of local capitalists, including some of the stockholders of the Lumbermen's Trust Co. and persons not heretofore identified with the institution. The name of the bank, it was stated, will be changed to the American Exchange Bank, and together with the Lumbermen's Trust Co. it will shortly occupy the quarters formerly used by the Northwestern National Bank at 6th and Morrison streets, a 20-year lease having been procured of this location. Availability of the excellent banking facilities in the heart of the city abandoned by the Northwestern National Bank, coupled with the desire for expansion of the institution, which is rapidly outgrowing its present quarters at Broadway and Oak St., led to the move. The change in the name of the bank, the stockholders stated, is to accentuate the individuality of the institution. At present the combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the bank stand at \$292,372 and it will be increased from time to time, Mr. Smith was reported as saying. In its report of June 30 the institution had deposits amounting to \$2,863,180 and total resources of \$3,174,572. Mr. Smith will continue as President, while Joseph P. Jaeger, a retired capitalist, will be Chairman of the Executive Committee. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Jaeger are included among the purchasers of the capital stock.

A later issue of the "Oregonian" (July 10) stated that the American Exchange Bank and the Lumbermen's Trust Co. would open for business in the Northwestern National Bank Building on Monday (July 11) and that in addition to Mr. Smith and Mr. Jaeger the following officers had been chosen for the American Exchange Bank on July 9: C. F. Wright, Carl Detering, Frank O. Bates and Henry A. Freeman (who will also serve as Cashier), Vice-Presidents, and V. O. Steenrod, Assistant Cashier. Chriss A. Bell, a member of the purchasing group, it was said, will be general counsel for the bank. It was furthermore stated that the Lumbermen's Trust Co. will retain its close affiliation with the American Exchange Bank.

The directors of Lloyds Bank Ltd. of London, announce that W. G. Johns, D.S.O., hitherto an Assistant General Manager, has been appointed General Manager (Administration).



**THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.**

The stock market has been fairly buoyant the present week, and many stocks among the railroad issues, industrial shares and specialties have reached new high levels for the year and in all time. During the half-day session on Saturday the market was again unsettled, some of the leading stocks showing losses at the end of the day, while other issues not previously prominent in the trading moved confidently forward to higher levels. Commercial Solvents "B" moved up 18 points to 372 in anticipation of a special stock dividend and Houston Oil made a further advance of 2 points to a new top at 174½, though this gain turned into a loss before the closing hour. Air Reduction also bounded forward to a new high at 194¾, as compared with the previous close at 190. Mathieson Alkali was particularly active and moved forward about 9 points, followed by Union Carbide & Carbon, which made a net gain of 3¼ points. On Monday stock prices generally moved upward. The improved tone was due in part to the report of the United States Steel Corp. indicating a trifling increase in unfilled orders and to highly optimistic statements relative to the crop situation in the Northwest by Chairman Elliott of the Northern Pacific and President Holden of the Burlington. United States Steel com. opened at 122½ and moved up over a point, and the independent steels, including Bethlehem, Crucible and Colorado Fuel & Iron, were in strong demand at advancing prices. Railroad stocks were strong, Atlantic Coast Line having a spectacular run up of 7½ points to 198½, and gains ranging from 1 to 3 points were made by Northern Pacific, Great Northern pref. and Chicago & North Western. Kansas City Southern reached its highest price in all time and Missouri-Kansas-Texas and St. Louis Southwestern moved to higher levels. Industrial stocks were in active demand all day, Baldwin Locomotive rising to its highest in all time at 241, followed by American Can with a new top for 1927 and such issues as Air Reduction, General Electric, Otis Elevator, Union Carbide & Carbon and United Drug with advances of 1 to 2 points. Oil shares displayed a stronger tone, Atlantic Refining advancing 3½ points and Houston Oil bounding forward nearly 5 points.

The market held its upward trend during the greater part of the day on Tuesday and numerous new tops for 1927 were scored among the more active stocks. Allied Chemical & Dye was especially prominent in the industrial group and advanced to its highest top since 1920. Among the railroad stocks Atlantic Coast Line shot upward 4 points and Norfolk & Western did equally well. Many of the speculative favorites had particularly wide movements, such as a gain of 6 points in Timken Roller Bearing. Commercial Solvents "B" made another new high record at 384, but reacted 3 points in the closing hour. On Wednesday interest centered largely in the railroad stocks, Atlantic Coast Line making a further advance of 4 points to 203, while Atchison, Balt. & Ohio, Ches. & Ohio and New York Central moved briskly forward to higher levels. Low-priced railroad stocks also shared in the improvement, Western Maryland gaining 4 points, Great Western 3 points, Bangor & Aroostook 3 points, while Wabash crossed 75. One of the notable features in the upswing was Colorado Fuel & Iron, which advanced to 95, the peak since 1902. Baldwin Locomotive moved into new high ground at 244, Westinghouse Electric sold at its top since 1925 and Timken Roller Bearing moved to its highest peak since it was listed on the New York Stock Exchange. In the specialties group Commercial Solvents "B," American Can and Union Carbide & Carbon were all at their highest for the year.

The upward movement was less pronounced on Thursday, though most of the high-priced dividend-paying stocks and many of the more important issues in the general list closed the day with substantial gains. United States Steel com. moved into new high ground above 126, though part of the advance was lost late in the day. Railroad stocks were again in demand, Wabash shooting forward to a new top in all time at 75¾, though the stock closed with a fractional loss. Other active issues included Collins & Aikman, General Railway Signal, Du Pont, Union Carbide & Carbon and American Smelting. Speculative activity centered around the motor stocks during the greater part of the session on Friday. General Motors led the upswing with a new top at 205½, the spirited buying of this stock stimulating the entire list and carrying many prominent stocks into new high ground. Baldwin Locomotive was another spectacular feature as it shot upward more than 7 points to a new top at 247½. Railroad shares moved up with the market

leaders, Atchison com. reaching new high ground at 188. Erie com. also reached a new peak at 58¾. Other stocks noteworthy for unusual strength included Texas Gulf Sulphur, Brooklyn Union Gas, American Smelting & Refining, Amer. Tel. & Tel., Lehigh Valley, General Railway Signal and Postum Cereal. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended July 15.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Shares.	State, Municipal and Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	627,660	\$3,487,000	\$1,235,500	\$503,750
Monday	1,545,330	6,657,000	2,115,000	804,000
Tuesday	1,708,290	6,568,000	2,630,000	963,300
Wednesday	1,605,270	6,421,000	2,644,000	1,307,300
Thursday	1,611,320	7,441,000	1,767,000	136,400
Friday	1,785,300	5,282,000	1,195,000	269,000
Total	8,883,170	\$35,856,000	\$11,586,500	\$3,988,750

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended July 15.		Jan. 1 to July 15.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	8,883,170	8,490,658	288,987,915	237,542,265
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$3,988,750	\$4,518,900	\$186,074,200	\$165,239,800
State & foreign bonds	11,586,500	12,394,900	471,754,900	358,104,450
Railroad & misc. bonds	35,856,000	38,001,500	1,242,384,050	1,199,803,200
Total bonds	\$51,431,250	\$54,915,300	\$1,900,213,150	\$1,723,147,450

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended July 15 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*8,654	\$3,650	5,992	\$17,200	513	\$11,400
Monday	*18,309	14,050	14,738	30,900	1,236	45,600
Tuesday	*23,734	1,750	8,315	58,200	2,206	26,000
Wednesday	*22,380	14,900	12,225	55,500	a1,525	12,200
Thursday	*28,943	9,200	10,525	13,000	a1,289	10,000
Friday	11,339	7,000	7,888	19,000	2,956	8,000
Total	113,359	\$50,550	59,483	\$193,800	9,725	\$113,200
Prev. week revised	83,381	\$100,600	54,355	\$128,350	6,558	\$87,500

\* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 265; Monday, 554; Tuesday, 772; Wednesday, 984; Thursday, 2,027.  
a In addition, sales of rights were: Wednesday, 338; Thursday, 664.

**COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.**

Bank clearings this week will show a decrease 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, July 16), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 4.4% smaller than those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,671,165,927, against \$10,119,355,358 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a loss for the five days of 2.8%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended July 16.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,439,000,000	\$4,566,000,000	-2.8
Chicago	600,280,042	590,408,474	+1.7
Philadelphia	442,000,000	476,000,000	-7.1
Boston	406,000,000	409,000,000	-0.7
Kansas City	139,480,383	142,812,741	-2.3
St. Louis	128,700,000	134,700,000	-6.7
San Francisco	154,175,000	175,892,000	-12.3
Los Angeles	163,714,000	158,779,000	+3.1
Pittsburgh	151,908,795	157,492,443	-3.5
Detroit	153,961,898	156,574,457	-1.7
Cleveland	116,462,248	117,379,585	-0.8
Baltimore	87,749,987	101,000,000	-13.1
New Orleans	58,894,668	54,712,703	+7.6
Total 13 cities, 5 days	\$7,039,327,021	\$7,240,751,403	-2.8
Other cities, 5 days	1,021,672,345	1,167,205,305	-12.5
Total all cities, 5 days	\$8,060,999,366	\$8,417,956,708	-4.2
All cities, 1 day	1,610,166,561	1,701,398,650	-5.4
Total all cities for week	\$9,671,165,927	\$10,119,355,358	-4.4

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 July 9. For that week there is an increase of 10.2%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$9,052,106,185, and the 1926 aggregate \$8,213,853,126. Outside of New York City the increase is only 4.2%, the bank exchanges at this centre having increased 15.2%. 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 an improvement of 22.2%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 15.2% and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 8.1%. The Richmond Reserve District shows a gain of 19.5%, but the Philadelphia Reserve District







Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Finance Service, Hender Creamery, and Banks.

Table titled 'By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York' listing various stocks and their prices per share, including 10 Mine Mount Land Co. and 50 Linsen Products Corp.

Table titled 'By R. L. Day & Co., Boston' listing various stocks and their prices per share, including 3 National Shawmut Bank and 15 Heywood Wakefield Co.

Table titled 'By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston' listing various stocks and their prices per share, including 20 Atlantic Natl. Bk. and 14 Edison Elec. III. Co.

Table titled 'By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia' listing various stocks and their prices per share, including 15 Integrity Trust Co. and 10 Northeastern Title & Trust Co.

Table titled 'By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo' listing various stocks and their prices per share, including 1 Buff. Niag. & East. Pow. and 100 New Sutherland Divide.

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

Table showing National Bank Circulation, Afloat on— with columns for Bonds, Legal Tenders, and Total. Includes monthly data from June 30 1927 to July 31 1925.

\$4,854,238 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding July 1 1927, secured by awful money, against \$5,713,148 July 1 1926.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on June 30.

Table titled 'U. S. Bonds Held June 30 1927 to Secure—' showing amounts on deposit to secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes and National Bank Notes.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits June 1 1927 and July 1 1927, and their increase or decrease during the month of June:

Table showing National Bank Notes—Total Afloat— and Legal Tender Notes— with columns for Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes and National Bank Notes.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

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.

Table titled 'DIVIDENDS.' with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists companies like Gulf Mobile & Northern, Public Utilities, and Amer. Dist. Teleg.



Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. The table is divided into sections: Public Utilities (Concluded), Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, and Miscellaneous (Continued). It lists various companies and their financial details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists various companies and their financial details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Continuation of the list of companies and their financial details.

\* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

† The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. m Payable in preferred stock.

† Cushman & Sons common stock dividend is payable in \$8 preferred stock on the valuation of \$100 for preferred stock.

k Payable 30c cash or 2 1/2% in stock, at option of stockholder.

l Payable either in cash or class A stock.

l Payable either in cash or class A stock at rate of 4-100 of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6 pref. and 4.33-100 for each share of \$6 1/2 pref.

w Payable also on increased capital.

y Subject to approval of Inter-State Commerce Commission.

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 July 9. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: Week Ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit-tories, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Contains financial data for various banks and trusts.



Table showing combined results of banks and trust companies in New York City, including columns for New Capital, Profits, Loans, Reserve, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, and Bank Circulation.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total July 9, \$11,462,000. Actual totals, July 9, \$10,126,000; July 2, \$12,207,000; June 25, \$21,619,000; June 18, \$23,763,000; June 11, \$11,494,000; June 4, \$17,346,000.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings, as follows: National City Banks, \$247,326,000; Chase National Bank, \$12,489,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$37,419,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$75,679,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,139,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$96,605,000.

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.

Large table comparing averages and actual figures of reserve positions for clearing house banks and trust companies, with columns for Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. Table showing figures for July 9 and differences from the previous week.

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

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table showing combined results of banks and trust companies in Greater New York, including columns for Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, and Reserve in Depositories.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

Table showing returns of non-member institutions of New York Clearing House, including columns for Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve, and Net Demand Deposits.

a United States deposits deducted, nil. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$3,702,000. Deficit in reserve, \$102,730 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table showing Boston Clearing House members' returns, including columns for July 13 1927, Changes from Previous Week, July 6 1927, and June 29 1927.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending July 9, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below.

Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Table showing Philadelphia banks' returns, including columns for Two Cities (00) omitted, Week Ended July 9 1927, July 2 1927, and June 25 1927.

\* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 13 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 326 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 JULY 13 1927.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of Federal Reserve banks from July 13 1927 to July 14 1926. Includes categories like RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Securities) and LIABILITIES (Deposits, Liabilities, 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 JULY 13 1927

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve banks (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) as of July 13 1927.

RESOURCES (Concluded) - Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include other securities, total bills and securities, deposits, total resources, liabilities, and various sub-categories.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 13 1927

Table showing Federal Reserve Agent accounts across various cities (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) for various categories like F.R. notes, collateral, and other items.

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 663 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 6, 1927. (In thousands of dollars).

Table showing principal resources and liabilities of all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) for July 6, 1927. Categories include loans, investments, deposits, and borrowings.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business July 13 1927 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table comparing the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for July 13 1927, July 6 1927, and July 14 1926. It details resources (gold, securities, etc.) and liabilities (deposits, bills, etc.) with dollar amounts.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made of Federal Intermediate credit bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the dis-

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 349.

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 July 15, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock listings.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates and their market rates.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

All prices dollars per share. \* Banks marked (\*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-div. § Ex-stock div y Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

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.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Date. Includes sections for First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

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

Table showing transactions in registered bonds with columns for bond name and quantity.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.85 3-16 @ 4.85 1/2 for checks and 4.85 9-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.85 1/2; sixty days, 4.81 5-16; ninety days, 4.79 1/2; and documents for payment, 4.81 3-16. Cotton for payment, 4.85 1/2, and grain for payment, 4.85 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.91 1/2 @ 3.91 1/2 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.04 @ 40.06 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 124.02 francs; week's range, 124.02 high and 124.02 low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

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); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Par, etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols like 180, 181, 182, etc., and company names like Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices. # Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-div. 1 1/2 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: Saturday, July 9; Monday, July 11; Tuesday, July 12; Wednesday, July 13; Thursday, July 14; Friday, July 15. Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

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\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page price

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, July 9 to Friday, July 15); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Lists various stocks like Indust. & Miscell., Central Alloy Steel, etc.

\*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 days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices per share.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Ranges for Previous Year 1926' (Lowest, Highest). It lists numerous stock companies and their price ranges.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day Ex dividend \* A-Rights



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To 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 to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Sales for the Week

Table listing stock companies and their sales figures for the week.

PER SHARE

Table listing stock companies and their price ranges for various periods (Jan 1927, 1926, 1925).

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; a Ex-dividend, d Ex-rights, e Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new.

† Distributed one-half share common stock and one-half share preferred B stock.

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, July 9. to Friday, July 15.) and STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Range Since Jan. 1 1927, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926). Includes stock names like Simms Petroleum, Standard Oil, and various industrial companies.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend and ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-dividend.



Table of New York Bond Record with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, July 15), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data. Includes sections for Bonds N.Y. Stock Exchange and N.Y. Stock Exchange Bonds.

Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for Bond Description, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for issuer, price, date, and range. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

Due May. Due June. Due Aug.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS Week Ended July 15.'.

\* Sales of Goodyear Tire & Rub 55 this week were as follows: regular delivery 92 low-96 1/2 high; delayed delivery 92 low-92 1/2 high, for cash 93 1/2 low-93 1/2 high.

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Table with columns: BONDS, W. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 15, Interest Period, Price Friday, July 15, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Prod & Refs f 8s, Pub Serv Corp of N J, etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, Other Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Short Term Securities, Indus. & Miscellaneous. Includes entries like Anglo-American Oil, American Gas & Electric, etc.

\* Per share. † No par value. % Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. New stock. † Flat price. ‡ Last sale. n Nominal. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. † Canadian quotation. ‡ Sale price.



HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, July 9 to Friday, July 15) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and shares.

Shares for the Week. Lists the number of shares traded for each stock entry.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE. Table listing various stock categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and specific stock names with their prices.

Range Since Jan. 1. Table with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices since January 1st.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Table with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices for the previous year.

\* 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, July 9 to July 15, 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 Amer Ag Chem 7 1/2s, East Mass Street RR, 5s Series B, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 9 to July 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large 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, Am Fur Mart Bldg, Amer Multigraph, 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 Q-R-S Muske Co, Quaker Oats Co, Preferred, Real Silk Hos Mills, etc.

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange July 9 to July 15, 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 American Trust Co, Anglo Calif Trust Co, Bancitaly Corp, Bank of California, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Spring Valley Water, Standard Oil of Calif., Telephone Invest Corp.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange July 9 to July 15, 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 (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Amer Laundry Mach, Ex-rights, Amer Products pref., Amer Rolling Mill com.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, July 9 to July 15, 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 (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Amer Vitriol Prod pf., Am Wind GI Mach com, Preferred, Am Wind Gas Co pref.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange July 9 to July 15, 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 (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Bank—, First National Bank, Nat Bank of Commerce, Trust Company.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange July 9, to July 15, 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 (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes items like Aetna Rubber com, Amer Multigraph com, Amer Ship Building com, Allen Industries.

\* No par value. Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 220 United States Glass at 12.

\* No par value.



Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Public Utilities (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes various stock listings such as Savannah Sugar, Schulte Real Estate, and Public Utilities like Amer Gas & Elec.





The production of steel ingots both in Canada and by the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. in 1926 was practically the same as in 1925. The output of the principal products of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. in the last two years was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Product (Coke, Pig iron, Steel ingots, Rails, Other steel products) and Year (1926, 1925). Values are in tons.

Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.—In the report of directors made June 3 1926 and in the President's address at the annual meeting of the British Empire Steel Corp., the serious situation in respect to the financial condition and earning power of this subsidiary was fully explained, and shortly afterward an application was made to the court for the appointment of a receiver and manager on the ground that the undertaking was in jeopardy.

At the time the receiver was appointed and took possession the company owed its bankers about \$2,350,000, payment of which was secured by receipts under Section 88 of the Bank Act, giving the banks a first lien on inventories, bills and accounts receivable, &c., and guaranteed by the Dominion Steel Corp. Although the National Trust Co. as trustee for the bondholders have not made a definite claim upon these inventories and receivables, they have refused to admit that the banks have a claim prior to that of the bondholders.

In order to avoid the closing down of the steel plant, which might have occurred if the settlement of this question had been referred to the courts, the receiver requested the banks and the Dominion Steel Corp. as guarantor to enter into an agreement to apply to the court for an order to create a fund sufficient to cover the company's indebtedness to the banks, to be held as a special deposit until the ownership could be determined.

Directors are convinced that this fund belongs to the banks and should be applied to the liquidation of the company's indebtedness. They have repeatedly urged the National Trust Co. to assist them in having the liability, if any, of the Dominion Steel Corp. under its guarantee determined, but without success.

No foreclosure under any mortgage or deed of trust has occurred, but the 1st mtge. bonds, consolidated mtge. bonds and income bonds are in default and the principal and interest of all are due, together with indebtedness of the company to its unsecured creditors.

The steel plant, iron ore mines, quarries and other property is operating satisfactorily under what your directors believe to be the best working organization that has ever been in charge. There has been continuous improvement in production costs beginning with the mining of iron ore and going through to each finished steel product.

The value of the company's sales in 1926 has shown a material increase over 1925. This increase was approximately 2% in the Maritimes, 5% in Ontario, 9% in Western provinces, 13% with Canadian Pacific Ry., 17% in export business and 35% with Canadian National Ry.

The first 5 months of this year show improved steel business in Canada. Steel ingot production for Canada has increased over 25% as compared with the same period in 1926 and the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. is obtaining its share of the increased business.

The Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.—The operations of this company in 1926 were fairly satisfactory. It shipped more coal up the St. Lawrence than in any year since 1914. The working capital of the company during 1926 improved \$1,972,122 and the net profit after bond interest, income bond interest and depreciation was \$1,259,182.

The output of this company's coal mines for the balance of 1927 is practically solid and 1927 earnings should equal or exceed 1926 with a relative improvement in the working capital.

The Dominion Iron & Steel Co. Bonds.—In 1922 it was necessary for the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. to sell \$4,639,000 of its consolidated mortgage bonds. The bonds were only salable if guaranteed by the Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., and after negotiating with Canadian bankers directors found it advisable and advantageous to sell them to an American banking house [Hayden, Stone & Co.] that had previously furnished a substantial amount of capital to the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co.

The Dominion Steel Corp. agreed to take up these bonds at par if Dominion Iron & Steel Co. defaulted and in accordance with that undertaking the Dominion Steel Corp. in Dec. 1926 became liable for the amount of these bonds, \$4,639,000 and interest. This obligation it has not been able to meet.

Disputes with National Trust Co.—The Dominion Iron & Steel Co. obtains its supply of coal, at present about 800,000 tons per year, from the Dominion Coal Co., Ltd., under a contract which provides for a revision of price at certain intervals. That contract as interpreted by the National Trust Co. would fix the price of coal at some figure between \$1 and \$2.50 per ton less than the cost of production, while the Dominion Coal Co. interprets the contract to mean that the price shall be the cost of coal and something in addition.

There is owing to the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., by the Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., an amount between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, against which Dominion Steel Corp. claims the right to set off \$3,500,000 of income bonds of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. which are due, and any loss it may suffer from its guarantee on \$4,639,000 of the consolidated mtge. bonds which is still undetermined.

Petition for a Receiver.—Recently the National Trust Co., having for that sole purpose purchased one of Dominion Steel Corp.'s preference shares, petitioned the court to appoint their nominee, Royal Trust Co., as liquidator for Dominion Steel Corp. so that the corporation might be wound up. The petition claimed many things, but the only material ground was that they desired to prevent the possibility of the assets of the corporation being sacrificed and dissipated as a result of proceedings that might possibly be taken by holders of the bonds of Dominion Iron & Steel Co. that are guaranteed by your corporation.

At the same time they petitioned the court that the British Empire Steel Corp. should be forthwith wound up.

The court in a reasoned judgment dismissed the petition to wind up the British Empire Steel Corp. and on July 11 rendered judgment upon the petition to wind up the Dominion Steel Corp. See that company under "Investment News" below. The only distinction between the two cases arises out of the liability of your corporation to the holders of the guaranteed bonds of the steel company and your directors believe that a satisfactory settlement with them is possible.

Committee Representing Preference Shares of Dominion Steel Corp.—This committee was formed and solicited the deposit with them of preference shares of the corporation. On March 24 they stated there was on deposit with them 24,722 shares, so that the preference shares would be represented as follows: Deposited with committee, 24,722 shs.; owned by British Empire

Steel Corp., 22,945 shs.; free and not deposited, 22,333 shs.; total issue, 70,000 shares.

British Empire Steel Corp. Reorganization.—See details under "Investments News" below.

Government Assistance.—The Dominion Iron & Steel Co. shortly before the appointment of a receiver presented a case to the Tariff Board with reference to increased duties on steel. Since the appointment of the receiver the services of your officials have been offered to the receiver in connection with Tariff Board and other governmental matters if required.

For several years past the management has been urging upon the Government of Canada the necessity of assisting the companies controlled by the corporation. Resulting from such efforts the Customs Tariff has been amended to provide for an import duty of 50 cents per ton on slack coal as compared with 14 cents previously in effect. Customs regulations have been changed discontinuing the payment of rebate of duty on foreign coal imported for bunkering of ships at certain ocean ports.

Your management has at all times received a welcome and sympathetic consideration from the Government at Ottawa and your directors have confidence that further adjustments will be made in the near future that will make it possible to reorganize the steel industry.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEAR END, DEC. 31 1926. (Excluding operations of Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.)

Table showing consolidated income statement details for Dec. 31 1926, including combined profits, provision for sinking fund, net profit for year, and balance surplus at Dec. 31 1926.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1926. [Excluding assets and liabilities of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. the common stock and income bonds of that company which are owned by the corporation being carried as investments.]

Table showing consolidated balance sheet details for Dec. 31 1926, categorized into Assets (Plants, coal areas & equip., Dom. Ir. & St. Co. inc. bds., etc.) and Liabilities (Preference stock, Common stock, etc.).

a After reserve for depreciation of \$13,481,966. b 7% 2d preference stock, \$1,386,000; common stock, \$616,000; carried at a value of \$574,904. Contingent Liabilities.—Guarantor on \$4,639,000 Dominion Iron & Steel Co. mtge. bonds now in default; guarantor on Dominion Iron & Steel Co. bank loans, \$2,400,347.

\*CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEAR END, DEC. 31 1926.

Table showing consolidated income statement details for Dec. 31 1926, including combined profits, provision for sinking fund, net profit for year, and balance surplus at Dec. 31 1926.

Note.—The above results are subject to the sufficiency of the provision for depreciation of plants and equipment of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. \*Includes Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., operated since July 2 1926 by National Trust Co., Ltd., receiver and manager.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1926. (With which are incorporated the assets and liabilities of Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., whose affairs are presently being managed by National Trust Co., Ltd.)

Table showing consolidated balance sheet details for Dec. 31 1926, categorized into Assets (Cost of properties, Brit. Emp. St. Corp. stocks, etc.) and Liabilities (6% preference stock, Dominion Coal Co. pref., etc.).

Total—\$105,453,452 Total—\$105,453,452 a After reserve for depreciation of \$24,074,036. b 7% 2d preference stock, \$7,391,425; common stock, \$3,144,600. \*Guaranteed by Dominion Steel Corp.—V. 123, p. 211.

Southeastern Power & Light Company. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926).

President Thomas W. Martin reports in substance: Georgia Power Co.—The acquisition of practically all the common stock and certain other securities of the Georgia Railway & Power Co. and its subsidiary companies was completed early in the year.

In addition to these companies a substantial block of the common and preferred stock of the Georgia Railway & Electric Co., all the common stock and certain other securities of the Rome Railway & Light Co., all the common stock and certain other securities of the Athens Railway & Electric Co. and other utility properties in Georgia were acquired.

A plan to merge and consolidate these properties into one operating company under the name of Georgia Power Co., was formulated, duly approved by the various companies parties to the plan and by the Georgia Public Service Commission, and was completed in the early part of 1927 (see V. 124, p. 1509).



As a part of the above mentioned plan, a substantial majority of the common stock and certain other securities of Georgia Light, Power & Ry., which, through its subsidiary companies, serves the Macon District, was also acquired and vested in the Georgia Power Co.

**South Carolina Power Co.**—The common and a substantial number of preferred shares of the electric, gas and street railway companies serving the City of Charleston, S. C., were also acquired and a plan formulated for the consolidation of these companies into the South Carolina Power Co. under the laws of South Carolina, which was completed in the early part of 1927 (see V. 124, p. 648).

**Capital Increase.**—To provide for the capital requirements of your company, your authorization was given at the last annual meeting of the company held in July 1926, for an increase in the number of shares of the company and the authorized capital was accordingly increased to 250,000 shares of \$6 preferred stock, 750,000 shares of \$7 preferred stock, 1,000,000 shares of participating preferred stock, and 5,000,000 shares of common stock (V. 123, p. 207, §26).

**Issuance of Bonds and Stocks.**—In the acquisition of the Georgia Railway & Power Co. and the purchase of miscellaneous securities of other companies and properties in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, and to provide funds for other corporate purposes, company issued during the year \$16,988,800 of its 100 year gold debentures series A and the following stocks: 20,945 shares of \$6 preferred stock, \$1,625 shares of \$7 preferred stock, 428,590 shares of participating preferred stock and 417,088 shares of common stock.

**Consolidations not Completed Until 1927.**—Under the reorganization plan of the Georgia companies, provision was made for the issuance of bonds and of preferred and common stocks of the Georgia Power Co. and for the retirement of certain divisional bonds and of all the preferred and common stocks of the constituent companies. The consummation of the plan, however, was subject to delays by reason of formal legal requirements and in March 1927, the issuance and retirement of the securities was carried out in all respects as agreed upon.

The reorganization plan, involving the consolidation of the utility companies in Charleston, S. C., into the South Carolina Power Co. was likewise in course of completion at the end of the year, but was not consummated until early in 1927.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet.**—The consolidated balance sheet of company and its subsidiaries as at Dec. 31 1926, gives effect to the consummation of the organization of the Georgia Power Co. and the South Carolina Power Co. While the reorganization and the agreements of consolidation of the several companies were in course of completion at the end of the year, but not consummated until after the directors feel it desirable that the balance sheet should be submitted, giving effect to the financing and other details of these consolidations as if consummated at Dec. 31 1926. Upon the consolidated balance sheet presented is shown bank loans and notes payable amounting to \$11,897,777. This debt, with the exception of \$302,967 which was not then due, was paid on March 31 1927.

**Need of Capital Financing.**—These companies will require from year to year very substantial capital financing in order to develop their facilities for adequate public service not only to meet the present demands of the communities they serve, but also to anticipate the growth of such communities in order that they may meet any demand for service, however large. Only in this way will the company adequately meet its public duties, and its securities continue to maintain proper rank as investments for the funds of the public.

The several operating companies issued and sold to the public during the year their bonds in the amount of \$12,750,000; and \$7,017,502 of their preferred stock (no par value) making a total of \$19,767,502, in addition to the financing of your company mentioned above.

**Mississippi Power Co.**—An important step was taken in respect to the Mississippi Power Co. by the acquisition of the electric power service and transmission lines supplying the City of Columbus and several other communities in Northeastern Mississippi. The company now serves practically all of the important cities and communities in eastern half of Mississippi, including the entire Gulf Coast, and its system is inter-connected at three points with the hydro-electric system of Alabama Power Co. Already the benefit of having power sufficient to adequately serve industrial and other demands for electricity in Mississippi is being reflected by substantial growth in the territory. The Mississippi Power Co. now serves 24,602 customers as compared with 18,381 in 1925.

**Construction.**—A very important 110,000 volt transmission line, having a capacity of 30,000 kilowatts, extending from Lock 18 on the Coosa River in Alabama across central Alabama to Mississippi, was completed to serve large industrial plants at Demopolis in Alabama and at Meridian, Laurel and Hattiesburg in Mississippi.

The construction of a 110,000 volt transmission line was completed from Montgomery southward through Greenville and Flomaton to Mobile Alabama, and to Pensacola in Florida; and the large steam electric plants previously serving these cities are now operated as reserve steam plants in co-ordination with the inter-connected systems of the subsidiaries of your Company.

Other transmission lines and local distribution lines were constructed to interconnect different units of the operating companies of the system with one another and with the main transmission system.

By the construction of approximately 480 miles of transmission lines several of the isolated steam electric power plants and local distribution systems obtained through the Georgia acquisition have been inter-connected with the power system of the Georgia Power Co. and their operations co-ordinated and directed by that company.

To better interchange surplus power between systems and to relieve shortages and interruptions in emergencies, an additional transmission line was erected with an initial capacity of 30,000 kilowatts between the Atlanta district and the generating units of the Alabama system on the Tallapoosa and Coosa Rivers.

The total mileage of lines of all classes constructed during the year exceeds 2,000 miles and was the most extensive program thus far completed in any year of the history of your operating companies.

**Martin Dam.**—In Alabama, the Cherokee Bluffs hydro-electric development, recently named Martin Dam, was completed at the end of the year. Each of the three 45,000 h.p. generating units has been fully tested under service conditions and the completed station has fully realized the expectations of the operating company.

Martin Dam, situated about 90 miles southeast of Birmingham, on the Tallapoosa River, and about the same distance southwest of Atlanta, to both of which important centers it is connected by 110,000 volt transmission lines, is the first and principal station of a series of developments to be built on this river. The top of the spillway gates on the crest of the dam is 150 ft. above the river bed, and an operating head of 150 ft. down to 90 ft. will be obtained, depending upon the elevation of stored water. The usable storage amounts to sixty billion cubic feet of water and permits the plant to run at a maximum capacity throughout the dry seasons of the year.

Provision has been made for the installation of a fourth unit when required to bring the installed capacity of 135,000 h.p. to 180,000 h.p.

An interesting feature of Martin Dam is the stilling pool formed by an auxiliary dam 22 ft. high. Twelve spillway gates, 18 ft. by 30 ft. in size, discharge into this basin where the energy of the waste waters is dissipated. Should an exceptional flood occur when the lake is full, eight additional gates may be opened which discharge below the auxiliary dam. This water, flowing at right angles to the water pouring over the auxiliary dam, creates a second water cushion where the energy is dissipated through internal friction. The flood waters consequently flow quietly away instead of scouring out the river channel below the dam.

Following the completion of Martin Dam, the next step in the development of the Tallapoosa River is to raise the two Tallassee Dams below Martin Dam and at the same time increase their power installation. When completed, all of the available head in the lower river will have been utilized and, what is of utmost importance, the regulated flow resulting from Martin Dam will be utilized under a total head of 300 ft. in the three plants during the dry seasons when the run of river plants will be operating at their minimum capacity.

**Tallassee Dams.**—The first development undertaken is at the Upper Tallassee Dam, the height of which is now being raised from 36 ft. to 57 ft. and the generating capacity of the plant increased from 8,500 h.p. to 50,000 h.p. in two units. Provision will be made for the installation of a third unit of 25,000 h.p. when it is found necessary. This dam is located about eight miles below Martin Dam, and the construction program calls for its completion early in 1928, to meet the greatly increased demands for power.

Following this project, the crest of the Lower Tallassee Dam will be raised from 60 ft. to 105 ft. and a generating station constructed with an initial capacity of 95,000 h.p. and an ultimate capacity of approximately 145,000 h.p.

**Alabama Power Co.** in 1926 began the construction of Lock 18 Dam located on the Coosa River at a point about 18 miles below Mitchell Dam, or completion in 1929. The plan, as finally approved, calls for a develop-

ment similar to the first dam built on the Coosa River at Lock 12. Primary work has been well advanced and excavation for the foundation is progressing according to schedule and concrete is now being poured. Contracts have been placed for the principal machinery, and the program for completion of the project has been advanced to Dec. 1928, to meet power requirements.

The top of the spillway gates on the crest of the dam will be 100 ft. above bed rock and the power house will contain 4 units to operate under a head of 93 ft. with an initial generating capacity of 144,000 h.p. Provision will be made for two additional generating units, making an ultimate installation of 216,000 h.p. capacity.

The output of this plant and of the Upper and Lower Tallassee plants will practically be absorbed in the industrial and municipal demands for electric power in the territory served by your operating companies in Alabama.

**Additional Hydro-Electric Plants.**—To supply the demands for power service in Georgia and South Carolina, plans are under way for the construction of several additional hydro-electric plants; one on the Savannah River and at least two on the river systems north of Atlanta.

The supply of power from the various systems of your operating companies has brought to communities not previously served, and has maintained in other places already served, a growth of industry and expansion of local resources that is most satisfactory.

**General.**—A total of 462 communities are now served from the systems of your operating companies, of which 351 are served directly; the number of wholesale and retail customers totalling 206,398. In the remaining communities, including the City of Birmingham, electric service is obtained from the lines of your operating company, supplying approximately 80,000 customers, making a total of 286,398 consumers served directly and indirectly.

The hydro-electric station capacity owned is 506,900 kva; and leased hydro capacity is 132,100 kva, a total of 639,000 kva; steam station capacity owned is 190,975 kva, and leased 134,805 kva; a grand total generating capacity of 964,780 kva, an increase during the year in the combined systems of 210,000 kva.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1926, 1925, 1924), and rows for Operating revenue, Oper. exp., Net operating income, Other income, Gross income, Int. on fund. debt of subs., Int. on notes & accts pay, Amortization of bond discount and expense, Amortization of cost of devel., Miscell. deductions, Pref. divs. of subsidiaries, Common dividends of subsidiaries, Min. interest in earnings of subs., Interest on fund. debt of co., Pref. divs. of company, Balance (subject to Fed. tax), Less \$1,940,910 allocated to new construction, Income, Including other income, Including interest on notes & other charges, Paid to public for period prior to exchange of securities.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1926, 1925) and rows for Assets (Invest. in securities, Other invest., Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 6% deb., Notes payable, etc.).

x Represented by \$7 cumulative preferred stock, no par value (preferred on dissolution at \$100 per share), authorized 750,000 shares, outstanding 101,000 shares. \$6 per share cum. pref. stock, no par value (preferred on dissolution at \$100 per share), authorized 250,000 shares, outstanding 20,945 shares; \$4 per share cum. part. pref. stock, no par value (preferred on dissolution at \$100 per share), authorized 1,000,000 shares, issued 428,590 shares; common stock, no par value, authorized 5,000,000 shares, issued 2,117,088 shares; option warrants at \$50 per share, authorized and issued 479,378.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DEC. 31 1926.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1926, 1925) and rows for Assets (Properties, Other investments, Cash on hand & in banks, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Preferred stocks of sub. cos., Min. stockholders' int., etc.).

Total 442,632,989 Total 442,632,988 x All this indebtedness with the exception of \$302,966 which was not then due, was liquidated March 31 1927.

a \$7 per share cumulative preferred stock, no par value (preferred on dissolution at \$100 per share); authorized, 750,000 shares, issued, 101,000 shares; \$6 per share cumulative preferred stock, no par value (preferred on dissolution at \$100 per share); Authorized, 250,000 shares, issued 20,945 shares; \$4 per share cumulative participating preferred stock, no par value (preferred on dissolution at \$100 per share); Authorized, 1,000,000 shares, issued, 428,590 shares; common stock, no par value; authorized, 5,000,000 shares, issued, 2,117,088 shares; common stock warrants at \$50 per share; Authorized, and issued, 479,378.—V. 124, p. 3497.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Wage Increases Sought by Employees of Two Roads.—13,000 maintenance of way employees of Chicago & North Western Ry. and 9,700 clerks and station employees of Illinois Central R.R. seek wage increases totaling \$4,810,000 a year. "Wall Street Journal" July 12.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 9.—(a) Loading of revenue freight for half-year is heaviest on record, p. 156. (b) R. H. Aishton, President American Railway Association, on the efficiency of the railroads, p. 192. (c) Report of special committee of Association of Railway Executives on desirability of stability of employment on railroads; adequate rate of return essential factor, p. 199.

Belt Railway of Chicago.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$17,640,340 on the property of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 124, p. 2275.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,936,000 additional consol. mtge. 4 1/2% bonds due May 1 1957, making the total amount applied for \$29,114,000.

Statement of Income.—For the four months ended Apr. 30 1927 the company reports: Gross earnings, \$6,162,997; net earnings, \$927,603; gross income, \$994,262; interest charges, \$548,279; taxes, \$200,000; depreciation, \$170,099; net income, \$166,215.—V. 124, p. 3625.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Review of Properties, &c.—Wood, Struthers & Co., investment bankers, 5 Nassau St., N. Y. City, have issued a report on the above company. It contains an analysis of the present conditions and physical standards of the railway properties, the history and financial position of the company, freight statistics, and outlook, together with comments and criticisms by Edward W. Beatty, Chairman and President of the Canadian Pacific Ry.

Earnings for the first 4 months (000 omitted) were as follows:

Table with columns: Month, Gross Earnings, Wkg. Exps., Net Profits, and Total for 4 months.

Charlotte Harbor & Northern Ry.—Tentative Value.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$2,861,200 on the property of the company as of July 1 1918.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$650,000 additional 1st & gen. mtge. 5% bonds, series A, due May 1 1966, making the total amount applied for: Series A, \$4,911,000, and Series B, \$4,000,000.—V. 124, p. 3491.

Chicago Union Station Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Chicago Union Station Co. with columns for Period, Year End, 10 Mos. End, and Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a valuation of \$55,940,971 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 124, p. 2584.

Colorado & Southeastern RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$272,950 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.

East St. Louis Junction RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$432,746 on the property of the company as of June 30 1919.

Hill City Ry.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$301,104 on the property of the company as of June 30 1916.

Live Oak Perry & Gulf RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$699,400 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 122, p. 3335.

Lorain Southern RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$65,833 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 82, p. 805.

Manufacturers Junction Ry. (III).—Tentative Val'n.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$797,500 on the property of the company as of July 1 1919.

Montana Southern RR.—Plan.—See Boston-Montana Mining Corp. under "Industrials" below.—V. 118, p. 2949.

Mount Hope Mineral RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$108,300 on the property of the company as of June 30 1918.

New York Central RR.—Electrification.—Ultimate extension of electrification on the New York Central Railroad main line as far West as Buffalo is mentioned as a possibility in a review of the road's position by Colvin & Co.

On the subject of earnings, the review says: "The company maintains its property in excellent condition and has handled its growing traffic with

increasing speed and efficiency. By plowing back a large proportion of its earnings into the property in the past, New York Central is to-day reaping the benefits of efficient financial management, and though it is handling a heavy traffic it nevertheless had the lowest operating and transportation ratios in 1926 of any of the larger Eastern trunk lines. The trend of earnings for a number of years has been generally upward."—V. 125, p. 51, 244.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Issuance of 500,000 Shares of 7% Cumulative Convertible Preferred to be Voted on Aug. 17.—

The stockholders will vote Aug. 17 on approving the issuance of not to exceed 500,000 shares 7% cumulative preferred stock convertible at par (\$100) into common stock. The stockholders will also fix a price and time at which this preferred stock may be called and retired.

The stockholders will also be asked to authorize an underwriting to purchase such preferred stock as shall not be taken by those entitled to subscribe.

It is expected that the company will make announcement in the near future regarding the refunding of a portion of its indebtedness to the Federal Government.—V. 124, p. 3768.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Construction & Abandonment.—The I.-S. C. Commission on June 25 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon the portion of its Bitter Root branch extending from milepost 20 plus 3,200, near Florence, southerly to milepost 46 plus 2,000, near Hamilton, approximately 25.77 miles; and (2) to construct a line of railroad between the same points, of approximately the same length as the present line and 2 1/4 or 2 1/2 miles therefrom, on the east or opposite side of the Bitter Root River; all in Ravalli County, Mont.—V. 124, p. 3768.

Northern Railroad Co. of New Jersey.—Bonds Offered.—Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 90 3/4 and int., \$707,000 gen. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1900; due Jan. 1 2000. Int. payable J. & J. at the office of the company, N. Y. City, without deduction for taxes. Red., all or part, on any int. date at 105. Denom. \$1,000\* and r. United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Company was incorporated in 1854 in New Jersey. Owns about 22 miles of railroad, practically all double tracked, extending in a northerly direction from Jersey City, N. J., to Sparkill, N. Y. It also leases and owns all the capital stock of the Nyack & Southern RR., with 4.51 miles of road connecting Sparkill and Nyack, N. Y. These properties form one of the chief suburban lines of Erie R.R. System and furnish the only railroad facilities to Englewood, Tenafly, and Closter, N. J., and Nyack, N. Y., and other suburban communities.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied to the payment and retirement at maturity of the outstanding \$654,000 1st mtge. extended 4 1/2% bonds due July 1 1927.

Lease.—Company is leased for the period of its charter and any extensions thereof to Erie RR. Under the terms of the lease dated June 1 1899, the latter agrees to pay the interest upon the gen. mtge. bonds of the lessor and dividends of 4% upon its capital stock, as well as all organization expenses and taxes.

Security.—Authorized issue, \$1,000,000, of which there will be outstanding \$861,000 upon completion of this financing. The bonds upon payment of the outstanding 1st mtge. 4 1/2% due July 1 1927, will be secured by first mortgage upon the property of the company and will constitute its only funded debt. Bonds are also secured by pledge of all the capital stock of the Nyack & Southern RR., which has no bonded debt, and all the bonds of Nyack & Northern RR., the predecessor of Nyack & Southern RR. See also V. 125, p. 244.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR.—Trustee.—The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for an issue of \$2,044,350 6% 2-year receivers certificates.—V. 125, p. 91.

Prescott & Northwestern RR.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on June 30 authorized the company to issue \$76,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds; said bonds to be negotiated at not less than par and interest.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant shows that during the period from Jan. 1 1926 to June 1 1927 it expended for additions and betterments \$79,679 and that projects and that projects are now under way, the cost of which will aggregate \$13,617 a total of \$93,297, not heretofore capitalized. It is represented that the expenditures made have so depleted the applicant's treasury that it had not sufficient funds with which to pay claims of \$50,000 for damages to fruit shipments during the year 1926 and thereafter, to pay for the prospective improvements to its property, and to meet operating expenses until such time, about Sept. 1 next, when additional funds will be available from interim settlements.

The proposed bonds will be issued under a mortgage to be made by the applicant to the Liberty Central Trust Co., of St. Louis, Mo., as trustee, providing for a total of \$100,000 of bonds. The bonds will be dated June 1 1927, will mature Oct. 1 1932, and will bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable annually on Oct. 1 in each year, the first interest period to cover the 4 months from June 1 to Oct. 1 1927. They will be redeemable as a whole or in part on any interest date. No binding arrangements have been made for the sale of the bonds, but the applicant proposes to sell them at not less than par and int. The Missouri Pacific R.R. has agreed to bid that price for the issue.—V. 121, p. 3001.

Raleigh & Charleston RR.—Protests Valuation.—The tentative valuations of this road and the Tampa Union Station Co. as of June 30 1918 by the I.-S. C. Commission were contested in briefs filed with the Commission on July 13. It was stated that the properties of the two companies were valued on a unit basis of June 30 1914 and that proper allowances had not been made for increased cost in equipment, labor, &c., up to June 30 1918, and a rehearing was asked.—V. 124, p. 3626.

Rock Island-Frisco Terminal Ry.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on June 29 authorized the company to issue \$3,390,000 1st mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, said bonds to be sold at not less than 94 and int.

Authority was granted the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway and the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. to assume, jointly and severally, obligation and liability as guarantors in respect of such bonds. See offering in V. 124, p. 3348.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—W. E. Meyer Loses Appeal.—A petition to invalidate a recent election of directors of the company was denied July 8 by Circuit Judge Hall at St. Louis. Walter E. Meyer of New York, an opponent of the proposed Lorette Southwestern railroad merger, including the Cotton Belt, Katy and Kansas City Southern, declared he was re-elected to the board and said he had received more votes than F. W. Green, whose election was recognized. As a State law requires three members to be residents of Missouri, Meyer was held ineligible.

Mr Meyer issued the following statement July 8: The Circuit Court of St. Louis has entered an order without opinion dismissing my application to be seated on the board of the St. Louis Southwestern, in which I claimed that, having admittedly received votes on 48,741 shares, an amount greatly in excess of one-ninth of the total votes cast for the majority control, by reason of such votes I was entitled to be seated on the board of directors of the St. Louis Southwestern in order to represent the independent stockholders.

In the decision of the I.-S. C. Commission made public on May 19, denying the applications of the Kansas City Southern and Missouri Kansas & Texas, it was stated that the effective control of the St. Louis Southwestern by the Kansas City Southern "is shown in the stockholdings of the Cotton Belt directors, no one of whom seemed to own any stock on his own account" with the exception of the representative of the independent stockholders. . . . Since the hearings before the Commission two new directors have been placed on the St. Louis Southwestern board. It is believed, however, that both of these gentlemen are closely identified with the Kansas City Southern control. In my opinion the stockholders of the St. Louis Southwestern may regard the present entire absence of independent representation on the board of the St. Louis Southwestern as but temporary, and may look forward with a certain degree of confidence to an amelioration of this condition.—V. 124, p. 3768.

St. Louis Transfer Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$218,000 on the property of the company as of July 1 1919.—V. 121, p. 1786.

St. Louis Troy & Eastern RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$1,283,838 (not \$1,460,788 as previously reported) on the property of the company, as of June 30 1919 (not 1918).—V. 12., p. 244.

Tampa (Fla.) Union Station Co.—Protests Valuation.—See Raleigh & Charleston RR. above.—V. 124, p. 3626.

Tavares & Gulf RR. (Fla.)—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$301,819 on the property of the company as of July 1 1918.—V. 122, p. 746.

Tuskegee RR.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$100,000 on the property of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 124, p. 3204.

Wilmington Brunswick & Southern RR.—Final Val'n.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$287,500 on the owned and used property of the company as of July 1 1917.—V. 123, p. 109.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR. Increases Passenger Rates, Effective Aug. 1, to Same Level as Rates of Steam Roads Serving Same Territory.—New York News Bureau Association, July 15.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 9.—(a) William L. Butler of Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton Ry. on relation of track maintenance to revenues, p. 191.

American Commonwealths Power Corp.—Permanent Debentures.—

The New York Trust Co. is now prepared to exchange permanent 6% bonds. (For offering, see V. 124, p. 641, 2745).—V. 124, p. 2904.

Amer. Water Works & Elec. Co. Inc. (Va.)—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit issued by Bankers Trust Co., as depository, for \$13,490,980 common stock (par \$20), on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding common stock certificates.

The certificates of deposit are to be issued pursuant to the terms of the plan dated June 16 1927, which purposes, among other things, to change the company's domicile from Virginia to Delaware, thus effecting the saving of franchise and inheritance taxes; to change the common stock to stock of no par value and issue 2 shares of new stock for one share of old, and to permit the reincorporated company to issue and sell preferred stock bearing a lower dividend rate than that borne by the company's present preferred stock, which is not possible under the company's present charter.

Consolidated Income Account.

Table with columns: Years Ended, May 31 '27, Dec. 31 '26. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., Interest, Preferred dividends, Minority interests, Balance, Net income, and Net income for year ended Dec. 31 1926.

To Reincorporate in Delaware and Change Capital Structure. The stockholders will vote July 25 on approving the recommendation of the directors to retire the outstanding 7% cum. 1st pref. stock and to reincorporate under the laws of Delaware.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Divs. on \$6 and \$6.50 Div. Series Pref. Stock Payable in Cash or Class A Stock.—

The directors recently declared the following quarterly dividends payable Sept. 1 to holders of record July 30: \$6 Dividend Series Pref. Stock.—\$1.50 per share in cash or 4-100ths of a share of class A stock for each share of pref. stock held.

Status & Outlook.—The security holders of the Associated System are in receipt of a letter dated July 7 giving a brief resume of transactions so far in 1927.

The doubt expressed in the early winter as to the continuation throughout 1927 of the prosperity of 1926 caused officials to watch with great interest the principal barometers afforded by our own industry, namely, the output of gas and electricity, particularly the latter, as compared with the same period of last year.

The use of gas for water heating furnishes an immediate and continuous supply of hot water at all times without labor or inconvenience, and is rapidly increasing. Another remarkable opportunity for gas lies in its use for heating homes, especially because of its cleanliness, convenience and economy.

While the complete benefits of group management can be secured for independent utilities only through ownership and control of a majority of the capital stock of the operating companies, nevertheless considerable benefits may be secured through mere affiliation in operation and management, where ownership or control may for some reason be impracticable.

voluntary association ("Massachusetts Trust") called the New England Gas & Electric Association. This Association, which has been given a separate and distinct financial set up, has acquired stocks of the Cambridge Electric Light Co., Cambridge Gas Light Co. and the Worcester Gas Light Co., and has also acquired or is in process of acquiring the Cape & Vineyard Electric Co. and the Portsmouth Power Co. (both of which have for some time been a part of the Associated System) thereby receiving all the benefits of group operation.

"Savings in connection with purchases alone for one of the large group systems have recently been estimated by an authority at as much as 10%. The savings, considering the aggregate purchasing power of the Associated System, should, therefore, amount to considerable. In addition there should also be substantial savings in connection with construction, engineering, blanket insurance, new business campaigns and studies, etc., all of which are ultimately reflected in the operating costs of the individual properties."

"As a general policy of the company it has not been deemed wise to invest any substantial proportion of its assets in properties of which there was not a reasonable prospect of acquiring in due course sole ownership and control. There is, however, a form of organization commonly known as an investment trust which, when properly organized and managed, affords one of the safest forms of investment which has yet been devised."

"The advantage of having such an organization holding the better grade of public utility stocks and other utility securities associated with a large public utility system is obvious. Furthermore, such a relationship brings with it the support of bankers of international standing and many years of experience, whose valuable advice and assistance are freely available."

Beaverton (Mich.) Power Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding \$130,000 1st mtge. 6% series A gold bonds, due Oct. 15 1944, at 102 and int. of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, trustee.

Berlin Electric Elevated & Underground Rys.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—Speyer & Co. announce that the definitive 30-year 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds are now ready for delivery at their office.

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1926. 1925. 1924.

Table with columns: 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Amount of gas sold, Total receipts from sale of gas, Operating expenses, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Total income, Int. on bonds, taxes, retire. expense, Income tax, and Surplus for the year.

President Mary E. Dillon says: "The year 1926 brought company final success in its efforts to prevent the taking effect of the \$1 rate and 650 b. t. u. standard imposed by Chapter 899 of the Laws of 1923."

"It is difficult to estimate fully at this time the beneficial effects of the findings obtained from the Federal Court. The reasonableness and propriety of the company's actual operating expenses were upheld, and its management was pronounced to be above the average."

Carolina Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—W. C. Langley & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Old Colony Corp. are offering at 100 3/4 and int., to yield 4.95%, \$10,000,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series of 1956.

Data from Letter of E. W. Hill, Vice-President of the Company. Company—Supplies, directly or indirectly, electric power and light service in 157 communities in North Carolina and South Carolina, including Raleigh, Asheville, Goldsboro, Henderson, Rockingham, Canton, Hamlet, Oxford, and Sanford, No. Caro., and Florence, Sumter, Darlington, Marion, Hartsville and Cheraw, So. Caro., and also supplies the electric













**American Home Products Co.—Earnings.—**  
The company reports for five months ended May 31 1927, net profit of 493,642 after Federal taxes, equal to \$1.64 a share earned on 300,000 net shares of stock.

Current assets as of May 31 1927 were \$2,486,000, including cash and securities of \$1,610,000; current liabilities were \$528,000.—V. 124, p. 1069.

**American International Corporation.—Earnings.—**

Period	Quar. End. June 30—1927.	June 30—1926.	6 Mos. End. June 30—1927.	June 30—1926.
Interest revenue	\$137,168	\$115,621	\$270,347	\$262,749
Divs. on stocks owned	250,463	223,230	444,976	353,580
Profit on sale of securities	280,719	95,349	535,082	374,792
Profit on syndicate and credit participations	17,743	18,709	59,898	113,952
Miscellaneous	1,699	1,538	3,430	2,630
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$687,791</b>	<b>\$454,445</b>	<b>\$1,313,733</b>	<b>\$1,107,704</b>
Expenses	67,057	71,379	162,852	141,095
Interest	1,128	558	2,047	3,428
Taxes	4,179	6,630	6,907	13,286
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>\$615,447</b>	<b>\$375,879</b>	<b>\$1,141,927</b>	<b>\$949,895</b>
Shares com. out. (no par)	490,000	490,000	490,000	490,000
Earn. per share on com.	\$1.26	\$0.76	\$2.33	\$1.93

—V. 124, p. 3355.

**American Laundry Machinery Co.—Rights, &c.—**  
The common stockholders of record July 9 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Sept. 15 for additional common stock (par \$20) at \$80 per share, on the basis of one new share for each 20 shares held. Payment may be made to the Central Union Trust Co., transfer agent, Cincinnati, O.

The stockholders on July 2 increased the authorized common stock from \$12,000,000, par \$25 to \$18,000,000, par \$20, five new shares to be issued in exchange for each four shares held, new certificates will be ready on and after July 20.

The pref. stock has been redeemed or retired.—V. 124, p. 3212.

**American Railway Express Co.—Earnings.—**

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	
Gross revenue	\$65,227,568	\$67,233,109	\$66,279,185	\$67,525,841
Other income	1,123,496	983,680	1,004,892	1,132,719
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$66,351,064</b>	<b>\$68,216,788</b>	<b>\$67,284,078</b>	<b>\$68,658,560</b>
Payments to carriers	29,236,500	31,346,374	30,415,372	29,958,814
Operating expenses	36,046,724	35,803,817	35,844,332	37,613,343
Uncollectible revenues	3,666	4,396	8,342	14,477
Express taxes	514,927	517,879	513,478	511,484
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$549,248</b>	<b>\$544,321</b>	<b>\$502,553</b>	<b>\$560,441</b>

Balance Sheet March 31.  
(As Filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.)

1927.	1926.	Liabilities—1927.	1926.
Real estate bldgs.		Capital stock	\$34,642,000
Equip., &c.	25,732,669	Current liabilities	24,365,070
Cash	18,809,663	Unadjusted credits	4,891,789
Securities	9,504,688	Deferred liabilities	1,641,889
Other current assets	12,671,991	Surplus	3,248,487
Unadjusted debits	1,714,363		2,891,376
Deferred charges	355,861		
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,789,235</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>68,789,235</b>

\* Less depreciation.—V. 124, p. 2752.

**American Seating Co.—Unfilled Orders on July 1.—**  
Orders booked by the company for the first 6 months of 1927 aggregated 4,493,783, an increase of 107,380 compared with orders booked amounting to 4,386,403 in the same period last year, President Thomas M. Boyd announced. Unfilled orders on hand July 1 1927, totaled 2,120,525, an increase of 103,989 compared with unfilled orders of 2,016,536 reported on July 1 1926.

President Boyd states that current operations are at the largest volume in the history of the company. While the earnings statement for the first 6 months of 1927 has not been completed, it is known that despite charges for moving plant which will be absorbed in this statement, the net for the period will be approximately the best first half year result operated.—V. 124, p. 3499.

**American Steel Foundries.—Earnings Below 1926.—**  
President Robert P. Lamont says: "With only estimates available for June earnings, indications are that the net income for the first 6 months of this year will not be as good as for the same period of 1926. Railroads are not buying. In order to show improvement in the second half the crops will have to be favorable. Even though this situation is brought about, it will come too late to help earnings in the third quarter."

"So far as our dealings with Timken Roller Bearing Co. is concerned in connection with the manufacture of roller bearing equipment for railroads, I can only say that operations are still in the experimental stage. We have been working along these lines for the past two years."—V. 124, p. 2752.

**American Tobacco Co.—New Director.—**  
Frank W. Harwood, advertising director of the company, and Vincent Riggio, sales manager, have been elected members of the board of directors.—V. 124, p. 1826.

**American Wholesale Corp.—Earnings.—**

Estimated Results for 6 Months Ended June 30 1927.

Sales	\$10,640,124
Net after charges	371,036
Federal taxes	50,100
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>\$320,936</b>
Preferred dividends	210,833
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$110,103</b>
Earns. per share on 96,679 shs. common (no par)	\$1.14

—V. 124, p. 510.

**Arco Co., Cleveland.—Proposed Merger.—**  
Consolidation of 8 paint, varnish and lacquer manufacturing concerns with a total capital investment of \$2,500,000 was announced on July 7 by S. D. Wise, President of the Arco Co. of Cleveland, the parent organization. Firms involved in the consolidation include the Arco Co., Ltd., of Toronto, the Sterling Service Co. of Pittsburgh and five other concerns, all of Cleveland. The new organization will retain the name of the Arco Co.—V. 116, p. 179.

**Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Smaller Dividend.—**  
The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 25c. per share, payable July 30 to holders of record July 18. Previously 50c. per share was paid semi-annually.  
The company during the first half of this year, according to an official, earned more than enough before depreciation and depletion to pay the current declaration of 25c. per share. The company, it is said, is not depleting its accumulated surplus.—V. 124, p. 1827.

**Auburn (Ind.) Automobile Co.—Production.—**  
Production reached a new high for June with 1,422 cars, as compared with 546 for the same month last year, an increase of more than 160%, according to President E. L. Cord.  
Total production for the second quarter of the present calendar year reached 4,731 cars, as compared with 2,491 cars for the same period of 1926, an increase of approximately 90%.—V. 125, p. 98.

**AutoStrop Safety Razor Co., Inc.—Class A Stock Offered.—**A. G. Becker & Co., New York, are offering at \$43 a share plus div., to yield about 7%, 87,500 shares convertible class "A" stock (no par value).  
Preferred as to assets and as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum. Dividends payable Q-J. Red., all or part, on

any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$55 a share and divs. Stock called for redemption will be convertible up to the redemption date. Entitled in event of liquidation to \$55 a share and divs. before anything shall be payable on the class "B" stock. Transfer agents, Central Union Trust Co., New York; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Registers, Chase National Bank, New York; Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Convertible at the option of the holder into class "B" stock, share for share. Equal voting rights, share for share, with class "B" stock.

**Capitalization.—** Authorized. Issued.  
Convertible class "A" stock (no par value)....\$7,500 shs. 87,500 shs.  
Class "B" stock (no par value).....\$310,000 shs. 222,500 shs.  
\*Includes 87,500 shares reserved for conversion of class "A" stock.

**Data from Letter of H. J. Gaisman, Chairman of the Board.**  
Company.—Incorp. in June 1927 in New York to continue a business originally founded in 1906. Is one of the three largest manufacturers of safety razors and blades in the world and the only producer of a safety razor having a stropping device as an integral part of the razor. The distribution of Valet AutoStrop razors and blades is world wide. Company's products are sold through approximately 250,000 retail outlets throughout the U. S. and also wherever razors and blades are sold in every country throughout the world. Over 21,000,000 Valet AutoStrop razors have been distributed, thus creating an extensive and ever-growing market for the company's blades from which most of its net earnings are derived. Approximately 4,000,000 razors sets and over 50,000,000 blades were sold last year as contrasted with sales of less than 200,000 razors and approximately 3,500,000 blades in 1916.

Company's factories are located in New York, Newark, N. J., Toronto, Can., London, Eng., and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In addition to these manufacturing and sales headquarters, it maintains offices in a number of American and European cities and is represented by agents in practically every country throughout the world.

**Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31—** 1922. 1923. 1924. 1925. 1926.  
Earnings per share class "A" stock....\$4.25 \$5.30 \$7.65 \$6.22 \$11.69  
The maximum annual dividend requirement on the 87,500 shares of convertible class "A" stock authorized and to be presently outstanding is \$262,500. Earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1926 as shown above, were equivalent after allowing for a full year's dividend on the class "A" shares to be presently outstanding to \$3.41 a share on the 222,500 shares of class "B" stock to be outstanding. During 1925 operations were burdened with extraordinary expenses incident to the development of improvements in the company's products and in methods of production and distribution the effect of which became evident in the results for 1926.

For the first 4 months of 1927 net earnings after all charges, including provision for taxes, as shown on the company's books, were \$269,748, or more than the annual dividend requirement on the convertible class "A" stock. Company has now started distributing a new greatly improved blade which bears the distinctive trade mark "Valet" cut through the steel. This improvement, it is felt, will add materially to earnings.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash.....\$128,491	Accounts payable.....\$185,473
Marketable securities.....1,213,451	Accr. accts. incl. inc. tax. 145,017
Accounts receivable.....602,683	Reserve for contingencies. 250,000
Merchandise inventories....838,550	AutoStrop Safety Razor
Land, buildings, ma- chinery, &c.....1,819,103	Co. (London).....493,954
Deferred charges.....81,364	Class "A" stock.....437,500
	Class "B" stock.....1,112,500
	Surplus.....2,059,199
<b>Total</b> .....\$4,683,643	<b>Total</b> .....\$4,683,643

The above balance sheet is after giving effect to following transactions: (a) Organization of AutoStrop Corp. (New York) and issuance of 87,500 shares of its convertible class "A" stock and 222,500 shares of its class "B" stock for the outstanding capital stock of AutoStrop Patents Corp. and the outstanding common capital stock of AutoStrop Safety Razor Co.; (b) redemption of outstanding pref. stock of AutoStrop Safety Razor Co.; (c) acquisition by AutoStrop Safety Razor Co. and AutoStrop Patents Corp. of assets of AutoStrop Co.; (d) merger by AutoStrop Corp. of AutoStrop Safety Razor Co. and change of name of the first mentioned company to AutoStrop Safety Razor Co., Inc.; (e) appreciation of \$437,546 in book value of machinery and equipment acquired by new company through merger based on Dec. 31 1926 appraisal by American Appraisal Co.; (f) providing reserve of \$250,000 for contingencies; (g) elimination of book values for patents, license agreements and good-will.

**Barker Bros., Inc.—Common Stock Increased.—**  
The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized common stock (no par value) from 100,000 shares to 125,000 shares.—V. 124, p. 1671.

**Bastian-Blessing Co.—Initial Dividend.—**  
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. See also V. 124, p. 3072, 3634.

**Bates Valve Bag Corporation.—New Financing.—**  
Blyth, Witter & Co., and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. will shortly offer an issue of debentures. The corporation is the largest manufacturer in the world of paper valve bags and filling machines used for the packing of cement, plaster and other rock products. Practically the entire cement production in the United States, which in 1926 amounted to 650,000,000 bags, was packed by the Bates filling machines. The business was started in 1901 with an initial paid-in capital of \$250,000 and with the exception of a few further investments totaling \$160,000, has been built up entirely out of earnings. Assets of the corporation are in excess of \$7,000,000. The business has been operated at a profit every year since its inception.

**Bath (Me.) Iron Works.—Sale of Plant.—**  
See Central Maine Power Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 122, p. 2046.

**Benjamin Electric Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—**

\*Results for 15 Months Ended March 31 1927.

Profit for period	\$557,417
Depreciation	180,797
Interest, including bond interest	186,683
Federal taxes	32,880
2% Federal tax on bonds	1,793
Commission and discount on first preferred stock	4,856
Refund of Federal taxes of prior years (Cr.)	3,026
Life insurance dividends (Cr.)	4,857
<b>Dividends paid and accrued on first preferred stock</b>	<b>48,026</b>
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$110,265</b>
Previous surplus	655,297
<b>Profit and loss, surplus</b>	<b>\$765,562</b>
* Close of fiscal year changed from Dec. 31 to March 31.—V. 120, p. 1884.	

**Best & Co., Inc.—Listing—Earnings.—**  
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 shares of common stock, without par value.

Period	4 Mos. End. May 31 '27.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$4,117,294	\$11,582,895	\$10,675,598	\$9,828,415
Cost of sales	2,712,036	7,480,444	6,932,772	6,407,775
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>\$1,405,258</b>	<b>\$4,102,450</b>	<b>\$3,742,826</b>	<b>\$3,420,640</b>
Other income	4,089	20,202	9,401	19,361
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,409,347</b>	<b>\$4,122,652</b>	<b>\$3,752,227</b>	<b>\$3,440,001</b>
Oper. exp., excl. of depr.	1,056,704	2,989,289	2,702,049	2,570,855
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>\$352,643</b>	<b>\$1,133,363</b>	<b>\$1,050,177</b>	<b>\$869,145</b>
	34,488	93,229	113,497	103,430
Provision for Fed. tax.	45,897	139,927	121,119	91,926
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>\$272,257</b>	<b>\$900,207</b>	<b>\$815,561</b>	<b>\$773,789</b>

Sales.—In June sales reached a total of \$1,073,426, compared with \$890,045 in the same month last year, a gain of 20.6%. In the 5 months period to June 30 the company did a gross business of \$5,190,780, contrasted with 4,783,199 in the same months of 1926, the comparative increase of \$407,581 being equal to 8½%. The gain in sales has been accompanied by a fairly satisfactory increase in profits.

In the 12 months to Jan. 31 1927, the company did a gross business of \$11,532,895, an increase over the previous year of \$907,297 or 8 1/2%. The company on July 1 was in excellent cash and financial position. Cash balances on that date amounted to \$618,291 compared with \$440,152 on July 1, 1926. It turned its inventory over fully 5 times during the 1926 year and, it is stated, this rapidity of conversion is greater during 1927. Company's working capital continues at about \$2,500,000. For the past 2 years the corporation has been entirely free from any bank loans.—V. 124, p. 3500.

#### Bingham Mines Co.—Earnings.—

(Including Eagle & Blue Bell Mining Co.)  
 Period End. May 31— 1927—Month—1926. 1927—5 Mos.—1926—  
 Operating profit.----- \$34,831 \$17,118 \$219,479 \$108,844  
 —V. 124, p. 2912.

#### Bohn Aluminum & Brass Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1927, net income of \$324,237 after charges and taxes, equal to 93 cents a share on the 347,684 no par capital shares outstanding.—V. 125, p. 250.

#### Boston & Montana Milling & Power Corp.—Plan.—

See Boston-Montana Mining Corp.—V. 118, p. 2954.

#### Boston-Montana Mining Corp.—Reorg. Plan Operative.

The Boston-Montana readjustment committee, being of the opinion that the amount of deposits and subscriptions made under the plan of readjustment dated May 10 1927 warrants such action, declared the plan operative on and as of July 1 1927.

In order to afford those who have not yet deposited their bonds, notes or stock under the plan a final general opportunity to do so, the time within which deposits and subscriptions (including subscriptions for additional common stock, as provided in the plan) may be made has been extended to and including July 15 1927.

In accordance with the plan the price payable by depositors of stock and for additional stock on subscription agreements shall be paid to the depository in three equal installments of 5 cents each for each share subscribed for, on Aug. 1 1927, Sept. 1 1927 and Oct. 1 1927, respectively.

The price payable by depositors of Series B notes on subscription agreements shall be paid to the depository in two equal installments of 5 cents each for each share subscribed for, on Aug. 1 1927 and Sept. 1 1927, respectively.

Any subscriber will be permitted to pay in full at the time of the first payment the entire amount payable by him. All payments shall be made to the depository, American Trust Co., 50 State St., Boston, Mass.

Readjustment Committee.—Arthur B. Chapin, Leo Wm. Huegels, Walter C. Wrye.

The committee in a circular letter to the security holders of the several companies stated in substance:

The properties of the companies are extensive, but their value depends largely on the ability of the mine to produce ore of paying value and quantity. There appears to have been expended altogether on the mine, mill and railroad for development, construction and equipment between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

A number of mining engineers have from time to time examined and reported upon the mine. Most of these reports express the opinion that the ore bodies are large and can be worked profitably under proper management supplied with sufficient working capital, but as might be expected, there is some conflict of opinion on this point. Attempts to operate in the past have not been successful owing to a number of causes, one of the principal ones being the lack of cash and credit required, according to the engineers, during the period when the tonnage mined and milled was being increased and the average cost per ton lowered. The committee does not feel that it is qualified at the present time to express any opinion of its own as to the results that may be obtained from mining operations.

The sentiment of such of the security holders as the committee had heard from substantially preponderates in favor of freeing the companies from the existing receivership and putting the property into operation.

The properties cannot be operated under existing conditions. Holders of receivers and other preferred obligations remaining unpaid are pressing for payment and the Montana Court has power to sell the properties to satisfy these demands at any time. In the opinion of the committee it would be unwise to spend any considerable amount of money on development work and operations until these preferred obligations are liquidated, and the receivers are fully discharged. The reorganization committee made substantial reductions in these claims in 1925 but did not have money enough to complete the work.

There are also certain obligations and claims against the companies, as collateral security for which substantial amounts of securities are held. Litigation is pending concerning some of these claims. These should be compromised or adjusted for securities of the new company.

It is essential to reduce fixed charges to a minimum for several years in the future, in order to give the company a freer hand, by the elimination of bond interest and preferred dividends, and to simplify the somewhat complicated capital structure of the mining corporation now existing by substituting preferred stock for bonds and Series A notes, and common stock for Series B notes and unsecured creditors' claims.

Property maintenance and interim expenses must be provided for.

It goes without saying that it is desirable, before any substantial amount of new money is spent on operations, that a thorough examination of the mines and workings be made by the best mining talent procurable to determine and outline future operations.

Accomplishment of the foregoing should be begun as soon as definite subscriptions for the amount required shall be in hand. Such subscriptions should be payable on call as outlined in the plan.

To carry out the program outlined above the committee has adopted and filed with the depository a readjustment plan dated May 10 1927, which provides in substance as follows:

**Securities Which May Participate.**  
 Boston-Montana Mining Corp.—1st mtg. 6% gold bonds due Mar. 1 1945, with Mar. 1 1927 and subsequent coupons.  
 Series A convertible gold notes, due Mar. 1 1931.  
 Series B gold notes due Mar. 1 1940.  
 Capital stock.

Boston & Montana Milling & Power Corp.—1st mtg. 6% gold bonds due April 1 1945, with Oct. 1 1925 and subsequent coupons or certificates of deposit of New England Trust Co., depository, for bonds of Boston-Montana Milling & Power Co.

Preferred stock, or participation warrants, of New England Trust Co., depository, for preferred stock of Boston-Montana Milling & Power Co. Montana Southern RR.—1st mtg. 6% gold bonds, due Apr. 1 1945, with Oct. 1 1925 and subsequent coupons, or certificates of deposit of New England Trust Co., depository, for bonds of Montana Southern Ry. Co.

Preferred stock, or participation warrants, of New England Trust Co., depository, for preferred stock of Montana Southern Ry.

**New Company.**—The organization of a new corporation to receive title through conveyance, foreclosure proceedings, receivers' sale or such other method as may be hereafter selected, to the properties of Boston-Montana Mining Corp., with the following capital structure:

**Capital Structure.**—\$3,500,000 6% non-cumulative preferred stock (par \$1), preferred as to assets and dividends and participating equally from the earnings in any year in dividends with the common stock after 6% in dividends has been paid for such year on the common stock, i. e., 6% in dividends is first paid on the preferred stock, then 6% in dividends on the common stock, and then the preferred and common stocks share equally in further dividends.

\$6,000,000 common stock, par value \$1 per share.

**Exchange or Readjustment of Deposited Securities and Payment for Such Privilege.**

(a) Bonds of Boston-Montana Mining Corp. with Mar. 1 1927 and subsequent coupons attached, to be exchanged, without payment, for preferred stock of the new corporation of a par value equal to the principal amount of the bonds deposited, and the amount of interest thereon from Sept. 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1927.

(b) Bonds of Boston & Montana Milling & Power Corp. and Montana Southern RR. to be delivered, without payment, equal in amount to the bonds or certificates of deposit therefor deposited but with coupons for interest payable on or before April 1 1930 detached and canceled; and in exchange for such interest and the interest accrued and unpaid to May 31 1924 on the bonds of the predecessor companies for which such bonds were exchangeable, preferred stock of the new corporation of a par value most nearly equal to the amount of such interest.

(c) Series A Notes of Boston-Montana Mining Corp. to be exchanged without payment, for preferred stock of the new corporation of a par value most nearly equal to the principal amount of the notes deposited; and interest from Mar. 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1927 accrued and unpaid thereon for pre-

ferred stock of the new corporation of a par value most nearly equal to the amount of such interest.

(d) Series B Notes of Boston-Montana Mining Corp., on payment of 10% of the principal amount thereof in installments as follows: 5% on or before the expiration of 30 days from the date when the committee declares the plan operative, and 5% on or before the expiration of 60 days from such date, to be exchanged for common stock of the new corporation of a par value most nearly equal to the principal amount of the notes deposited.

(e) Stock of Boston-Montana Mining Corp., on payment of 15 cents per share in installments as follows: 5 cents on or before the expiration of 30 days from the date when the committee declares the plan operative; 5 cents on or before the expiration of 60 days from such date, and 5 cents on or before the expiration of 90 days from such date, to be exchanged for common stock of the new corporation share for share.

(f) Participation Warrants for Preferred Stocks of Boston & Montana Milling & Power Corp. and Montana Southern RR., on payment of 15% of the par value of such stocks in installments as follows: 5% on or before the expiration of 30 days from the date when the committee declares the plan operative; 5% on or before the expiration of 60 days from such date, and 5% on or before the expiration of 90 days from such date, to be exchanged for preferred stock of the new corporation equal in par value to the stocks deposited.

(g) Creditors of any of the companies, on payment of 10% of their debt or claims in installments as stated in (d) above, to be exchanged for common stock of the new corporation of a par value most nearly equal to the principal amount of such debts or claims.

Participating security holders of all classes shall have the additional privilege of subscribing at the price of 15 cents per share on or before June 1 1927 for the shares of common stock of the new corporation available for sale but not required under the previous provisions of the plan by other depositors. Subscriptions therefor will be filled pro rata in excess of the number of shares available and payment therefor shall be made in installments as stated in (e) above.—V. 120, p. 1093.

#### British Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.—Plan Defeated.

The plan for recapitalization of the company failed to carry at the meeting of stockholders July 11. A 75% vote was needed and this was reached by the first pref. and common stockholders, but the vote of the second preferred holder defeated the plan. Shares of all classes voting for the plan totaled 230,107 and those against 213,543.

The plan proposed the changing of the authorized capital stock from 600,000 shares of cumul. 6% preference stock, series A first preference shares, 400,000 shares of cumul. 7% preference stock series B first preference shares, 750,000 shares cumulative 7% 2d preference shares and 750,000 common shares, all of \$100 par value, into 1,000,000 capital shares without par value, each first preference share series B to be exchanged for 3 1/2 new shares, each 2d preference share to be exchanged for 1-10th new share and each share of common stock to be exchanged for 1-30th new share.

At the general shareholders' meeting held following the meeting of the various groups of shareholders, President Wolvin made the following statement:

"I regret that the scheme of arrangement submitted to you has apparently not received approval by the majority required by law, but I wish you to take notice that, although 75% of the poll has not supported the management by such approval, it was supported by a majority of each class of share and that the proxies given to the management exceeded those given to Sir Joseph Flavell, Bart., H. B. MacKenzie, J. M. MacDonnell and F. R. MacKeehan (which included 80,000 shares owned by Dominion Iron & Steel Co.) by over 116,000 shares. I take this as an emphatic repudiation by the shareholders of the attempt to wind up the Dominion Steel Corp., the most important unit in the corporation, and an instruction to the management to continue to protect your interests by opposing that attempt.

Your board of directors remains charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the corporation, of continuing its opposition to the liquidation of Dominion Steel Corp. and of keeping the properties intact, and of developing some other solution of your difficulties, which they will endeavor to do.

Hayden, Stone & Co. in an open letter to stockholders advocating the plan put before them, their views as to why it was in the stockholders' interest that the proposed reorganization plan should be adopted. The proposed plan was worked out and agreed upon by committees representing all three classes of stock as fairly reflecting the equities of each class. The bankers stated that they were confident that the adoption of the plan would put the British Empire Steel Corp. in a position to take care of the pressing financial needs of its enterprises and to continue them with maximum benefit to its shareholders and the public. They further stated in part: If the stockholders give their approval to this plan a group of Canadian interests of unquestionable standing and financial responsibility stands ready to assume control and to become responsible for management, with a view to the continuing and development of these industries as great Canadian enterprises.

The National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal, opposed the adoption of the plan.

Within the past 3 months the National Trust Co. has applied to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for a winding up of the British Empire Steel Corp. and of Dominion Steel Corp. This winding up would have yielded nothing to the Second Preferred Stock and would have wiped out not only their equities but any voting control as well. We submit that the trust company which has sought to end the existence of your company without prospect of securing anything for the holders of the only class of stock which it represents is in no position to advise stockholders as to the working out of their difficulties, much less in a position to act for them. The National Trust Co., has never provided a cent of capital for the corporation or any of its enterprises. So far as we know they have no plan for assisting the company out of its difficulties. Instead they are opposing a constructive step which is essential to the securing of capital.

In 1917 our firm underwrote for the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. \$5,000,000 of its common stock which is to-day represented by \$4,500,000 of 2d preferred and \$2,000,000 common stock of British Empire Steel Corp. In 1922 we purchased from the Dominion Steel Corp. \$4,645,000 of Dominion Iron & Steel Co. consol. 5% bonds guaranteed by the Dominion Steel Corp. We undertook these commitments at times when these securities could not be sold in the Canadian markets. In each case we supplied these enterprises with much needed funds. We believe in the future of these enterprises and stand ready to co-operate financially in any sound plan for meeting the difficulties of your company.

We believe that the National Trust Co. as trustee and as receiver and manager of Dominion Iron & Steel Co. is attempting to place its group in a controlling position as to the Dominion Steel Corp. and its subsidiary, the Dominion Coal Co., in which the National Trust Co. has no interest whatever. We believe that the activities of the trust company are directed to that end rather than to working out the financial situation of the British Empire Steel Corp. and its subsidiaries in a constructive manner calculated to protect the interests of the security holders and to assure the continuance of these important enterprises.

The National Trust Co. seeks control and does not propose to furnish capital. We stand ready, in co-operation with strong Canadian bankers, to furnish capital and we do not seek control.

We repeat that Hayden, Stone & Co. have in recent years placed over \$9,000,000 in these enterprises, enabling them to continue operations. We not only believe in them, but are earnestly working for their continuance. See also Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd. below.—V. 125, p. 250.

#### Brunner Turbine & Equipment Co.—Protective Comm.

The committee (below) owning and representing a substantial amount of the 1st 7 1/2 due 1955, have consented to protect the interest of all depositing bondholders. The prompt deposit of bonds with the depository, the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is urged.

Committee.—Sir Phillip Dawson, M.P., London; Arthur B. Headley, Rochester, N. Y.; Minor C. Keith (Pres. Int. Rys. of Central America), and Gen. Wm. Barclay Parsons, New York, with Wm. G. Edinburg, 11 Broadway, New York, Secretary, and Hines, Reardon, Dorr, Travis & Marshall, 61 Broadway, New York, counsel.—V. 124, p. 2913.

#### Bucyrus Co.—Merger with Erie Steam Shovel.

Final adjustments of terms for an exchange of securities in connection with the merger of the Erie Steam Shovel Co. with the Bucyrus Co. are expected to be announced shortly. So far as now arranged, the plan, it is stated, calls for an exchange of preferred stocks of both companies for a new first preferred on a share-for-share basis, the creation of a new second preferred convertible into the common, which would represent

The Erie common stockholders' equity in the new company, and the establishment of a new common stock to be exchanged for Bucyrus common.

**Bule Mountain Lumber Co.—Receiver.**—George L. Townsend, Jr., of Wilmington, Del., has been appointed receiver by the Court of Chancery.

**Bush Terminal Co.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 9,745 shares of common stock without par value.

**By-Products Coke Corp.—Earnings.**—Quarterly earnings summary for the period ending June 30, 1927.

Table with 5 columns: Quarter, 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include operating profit, other income, Total income, Depreciation, Interest, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Earnings per share, and tax information.

**California Dairies, Inc., Los Angeles.—Debentures Offered.**—Spencer Trask & Co., New York, Bond & Goodwin, Inc., Boston, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco, and Smith, Strout & Eddy, Inc., Seattle, are offering at 98 and int., to yield 6.70%, \$1,725,000 15-year 6 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures.

Dated May 1 1927; due May 1 1942. Interest payable M. & N. at Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee, or at Wells, Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco, or Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, Los Angeles.

Indenture Provisions.—Direct obligations of the company. Indenture provides, among other things, that the company will not create any mortgage or lien upon its fixed or permanent assets (other than purchase money mortgages or mortgages upon after acquired property at the time of acquisition) unless this issue of debentures, together with the purchase money note given in payment for the purchase of the property, shall be equally and ratably secured.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to pay to the trustee as a sinking fund each May 1 and Nov. 1 beginning Nov. 1 1927 an amount sufficient to retire 1-2-3% of the greatest aggregate principal amount of debentures which shall thereafter have been issued whether or not the same be then outstanding.

Preference Stock Offered.—The same bankers are offering at \$96 per share and div., to yield 7.29%, 15,000 shares preference stock (no par value). Preferred as to assets and as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per ann.

The entire common stock of California Dairies, Inc., has been acquired by Western Dairy Products Co. and provision has been made for the exchange at the option of the holder at any time until May 1 1937.

Transfer Agents.—Seaboard National Bank, New York; Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles; Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco. Registrars: The Bank of America, New York; Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles; American Trust Co., San Francisco.

Company.—Incorp. in Maryland to acquire the businesses and assets of Crescent Creamery Co. and L. J. Christopher Co. (except in the case of the former company certain non-producing property and certain real estate which will be leased for a term of years).

Table with 3 columns: Authorized, Outstanding, and a third column for 15-year sinking fund debentures, 6 1/2% pure money notes due 1944, and preference stock. Rows include 15-year 6 1/2% sinking fund debentures, 6 1/2% pure money notes due 1944, Preference stock (\$7 dividend), and Common stock.

Earnings.—The following is a summary of the combined sales and net earnings available for interest for the four years ended Dec. 31 1926 of the properties which will constitute California Dairies, Inc., as certified by Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., after adjusting depreciation to rates furnished by American Appraisal Co., and after certain adjustments for officers' salaries eliminated, non-recurring charges and credits, and other items, which adjustments averaged \$116,216 per annum in the period covered:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Sales, Net Earnings. Rows for 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, and Annual average.

Annual requirements for int. and discount on \$1,725,000 15-year 6 1/2% sink. fund gold debts. and \$1,038,798 purchase money note.

Balance.—Annual requirement for the \$7 cumul. div. on 15,000 shares preference stock.

Purpose.—The issuance of \$1,725,000 15-year 6 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures, 15,000 shares of preference stock, 50,000 shares of common stock and a purchase money note for \$1,038,798 has provided for the acquisition of the businesses and assets of Crescent Creamery Co. and L. J. Christopher Co. as provided above and for working capital.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31 1926. Assets: Cash, Notes and accounts receivable, Inventories, Prepaid expenses, Investments, Good-will and equipment, Deferred charges. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Customers' & drivers' deposits, Res. for Federal taxes, 15-yr. 6 1/2% s.f. gold debts., 6 1/2% purchase money note, Preference stock, Common stock.

**California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp.—Issue Withdrawn.**—We have been officially informed that the arrangements to refund the outstanding \$7,000,000 7% bonds through the sale of \$7,500,000 5 1/2% bonds have fallen through.

**Carolina-Georgia Service Co.—Bonds Offered.**—E. R. Diggs & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield over 6 3/4%, \$500,000 5-year secured 6 1/2% sinking fund gold notes (with detachable stock purchase warrants).

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 note is accompanied by a detachable stock purchase warrant, entitling the holder thereof to purchase a block of 10 shares of common stock (without par value) at \$10 per share on or before June 1 1932.

Security.—These notes are a direct obligation of the company, and are further secured by pledge with the trustee under the agreement securing the same, of \$750,000 gen. mtge. gold bonds, due June 1 1932.

Sinking Fund.—The agreement securing these notes provides for a sinking fund calculated to retire about 70% of these notes at or before maturity.

Consolidation Effected.—A recent announcement states that all plants upon which options had been obtained by the company several months ago are now being taken over. These embrace 22 ice plants and 4 oil mills located in 20 Georgia and South Carolina cities within a radius of 100 miles of Anderson, S. C.

By a recent amendment to its charter the company changed its name from the Georgia-Carolina Ice & Fuel Co. to the Carolina-Georgia Service Co.

**Certain-teed Products Corp.—Stock Increased.**—The common and second preferred stockholders on July 12 increased the authorized common stock (no par value) from 500,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.

**Certo Corp. (Formerly Douglas-Pectin Corp.)**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of permanent certificates for 300,000 shares of common stock, without par value, on official notice of issuance of such certificates bearing the corporate title "Certo Corporation."

**Chamberlin-Vanderbilt Hotel (Old Point Comfort Hotel Corp.)—Bonds Offered.**—Robert Garrett & Sons,

Baltimore, are offering at 100 and int. \$750,000 1st mtg. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c\*. Callable, all or part, on any int. period upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. July 1 1930, with a reduction of 1% in premium each succeeding three years until maturity of these bonds.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the Baltimore, Richmond and Washington Stock Exchanges.

Sinking Fund.—The rental contract provides, among other rentals, for payment by the lessee—The Old Point-Vanderbilt Corp.—to the trustee of \$24,375 on Jan. 1 1929 and thereafter semi-annually at the rate of \$71,250 per annum, which shall be used for the payment of semi-annual interest on these bonds, to provide for tax refunds and trustee's service charges, and to create a sinking fund to be used to retire bonds by purchase in the open market up to the then callable price, or by call by lot.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include 1st mtg. 6 1/2% bonds, 7% income deb. bonds, and Common stock.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include 8% non-cum. pref. stock and Common stock (no par value).

\* The remaining \$250,000 bonds can be issued at not over 50% of the cost of new construction, and then only when earnings for the previous fiscal year have been equal to three times combined interest and sinking fund requirements, including those on such additional bonds to be issued.

Old Point Comfort Hotel Corp has been incorporated for the purpose of erecting, owning and operating or leasing for operation, a modern hotel on the U. S. Military Reservation at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Old Point Vanderbilt Corporation has been organized by Walton H. Marshall and associates (who control and operate the Vanderbilt Hotel, N. Y. City; Bon-Air-Vanderbilt Hotel, Augusta, Ga.; and Condado-Vanderbilt Hotel, San Juan, Porto Rico) for the specific purpose of managing the Chamberlin-Vanderbilt Hotel and closely affiliating it with their other successful hotel operations.

Terms of Lease.—The period of the lease by the operating company is for 21 years with renewal privilege for an additional 21 years. Under the terms thereof the lessee will pay (in addition to the \$71,250 per annum above referred to for interest on and amortization of first mortgage indebtedness) 7% on the \$350,000 income debenture bonds, when earned, and 7% on the \$410,000 common stock, when earned, of the Old Point Comfort Hotel Corp., or any increase in the amount thereof up to \$500,000, before receiving any dividends on its own capital stock.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the fixed assets of the corporation, including the hotel building, together with all furniture and furnishings, and together with the rental payable under the above-mentioned lease in an amount equal to the interest and sinking fund on the bonds. The hotel, now in course of erection, is a modern fireproof structure of colonial design, of brick and reinforced concrete.

Table with 4 columns: Period End, June 30, 1927, 1926, 1927, 6 Mos., 1926. Rows include Shipments (No. of cars) and V. 125, p. 250, 100.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1927, 1926, 1927, 6 Mos., 1926. Rows include Profits, Other income, Total income, Interest, Net profit, Shs. stk. outst'g (par \$100), Earnings per sh. on cap. stk., and V. 124, p. 2434.

Collins & Aikman Co.—To Sell Assets to New Corporation—Other Companies to Be Acquired.—

Formation of a new company, the Collins & Aikman Corp., to take over the business and assets of the Collins & Aikman Co. and three other concerns engaged in the same or related lines of business, was announced July 9 in letters sent to the stockholders of the Collins & Aikman Co.

The new corporation has an authorized capital stock of \$12,000,000 of 7% cumulative preferred stock, and 650,000 shares of common stock without par value. A large part of both issues will be delivered to the present Collins & Aikman Co. in exchange for the transfer of its assets to the new corporation.

In his letter to the stockholders of the Collins & Aikman Co., M. G. Curtis, Pres., says: "The business of the company has increased rapidly, necessitating additional manufacturing facilities. In Feb. 1927, the company acquired an interest in A. T. Baker & Co., Inc., makers of pile fabrics, with mills located in Philadelphia, Pa., and near Roxboro, N. C., and certain of its facilities have since been available in the business of the Collins & Aikman Co.

There is now presented, subject to stockholders approval, the opportunity of bringing together into one company all of the assets, including the business as a going concern and the good-will of this company and of the following companies, as noted below, viz: Fred Pearson & Co., Cranston Worsted Mills, A. T. Baker & Co., Inc.

"Your directors believe that the bringing together of this company and of the other companies above-mentioned, under the administration of the executives of this company and certain of the executives of the other companies concerned, is desirable in view of the present demands of the business."

Meetings of the stockholders of the Collins & Aikman Co., to act on the proposed sale of its assets and on the dissolution of the company, upon the transfer of its assets to the new corporation, have been called for July 25 1927, at the principal office of the company, in Wilmington.—V. 124, p. 2434.

Collins & Aikman Corp., Philadelphia.—Preferred Stock Sold.—Offering was made Wednesday by Lehman Brothers of \$5,500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock at \$103 per share and dividends. The issue has been oversubscribed. Announcement was made July 9 in a letter to

stockholders of the company of the formation of this new company to take over the business and assets of the Collins & Aikman Co., as well as of three other concerns engaged in the same or related lines of business.

Preferred as to dividends and as to assets to the extent of 110 and dividends on liquidation. Dividends payable quarterly, cumulative from June 1 1927. Red., all or part, at 110 and div. Corporation agrees on or before Dec. 31 1929 and on or before Dec. 31 of each year thereafter to acquire by redemption or purchase at not exceeding the redemption price out of surplus or net profits at least 3% of the largest amount in par value of the pref. stock which shall ever have been issued and outstanding.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include 7% cumulative pref. stock and Common stock.

Data from Letter of President Melville G. Curtis, July 11 1927

Corporation.—Has been recently organized in Delaware to take over (subject to approval of stockholders July 25) the business and assets of the Collins & Aikman Co., a leading producer of pile fabrics, as well as of its subsidiary, A. T. Baker & Co., Inc., and also to acquire the business and assets of the Cranston Worsted Mills and Fred Pearson & Co., not including certain cash and securities of the last named company.

History.—Development of the Collins & Aikman business has progressed rapidly in the past decade. The markets for its products have grown and widened continuously with the change in pile fabrics from an expensive luxury material, limited in its applications, and therefore in its production, into an article used in many important industries, thus necessitating quantity production.

The business was founded about 1840 by G. L. Kelty under the title of G. L. Kelty & Co. and upon the death of Mr. Kelty in 1899 was carried on by his son, William Kelty, and his nephew, Charles M. Aikman, who will be an officer and member of the board of directors of the Collins & Aikman Corp. The first plant was located at Astoria, L. I., with a store in Chatham St., New York, but in 1891, upon the incorporation of the Collins & Aikman Co. in N. J., the plant was moved to Philadelphia.

Recent Development.—During 1926 both sales and advertising activities were vigorously developed. The trade name "Ca-vel" in conjunction with the phrase "Velvets of Enduring Beauty" was first applied to the company's products and advertised extensively in publications of national circulation and in trade papers. The demand for the company's products continued to increase throughout 1926 to the point where continued efficiency of service made necessary the acquisition of additional production facilities.

The demand for company's products has grown to such an extent that it has again created the necessity of an increase in capacity. This expansion will be accomplished by the acquisition of the mills of Fred Pearson & Co. These modern and well equipped plants, located at Manayunk (Philadelphia) and Bondsville, Pa., have facilities to take care of their valuable upholstery and drapery goods business, and in addition the volume of production can be at once enlarged without further capital expenditure.

With the increased weaving capacity it was deemed sound and profitable to acquire facilities for the spinning of a large part of the yarn required by the weaving mills of the corporation. Therefore, in order to obtain a better control of our most important raw material and to take advantage of substantial economies to be effected, the Cranston worsted spinning mills are to be acquired. The Cranston company, founded in 1886, has been in operation for 41 years and has an excellent reputation in the trade for the fine quality of its yarns.

Earnings.—The combined net profits of Collins & Aikman Co. and its subsidiaries, including A. T. Baker & Co., Inc., and of Fred Pearson & Co. and Cranston Worsted Mills, and their predecessors, after (1) making adequate provision for depreciation, (2) deducting the earnings computed on profits, as accrued, of Fred Pearson & Co., now to be withdrawn, and (3) deducting Federal income taxes on the adjusted profits at the rate of 13 1/2% per annum in lieu of Federal income taxes and capital stock taxes actually paid, as certified by Lawrence E. Brown & Co., certified public accountants, have been as follows:

Table with 5 columns: 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926. Rows include Net profits, Pref. div. req., times earned, and For the first three years shown above, fiscal years ending Dec. 31 are combined with fiscal years ending the following Feb. 28; for 1925 only the 11 months ending Jan. 31 1926 are included.

Consol. Balance Sheet as of May 31 1927 (Giving Effect to Present Transaction).

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Marketable securities, Accts. rec. less res., Notes receivable, Inventories, Capital Assets, Land, building, machinery and equip., Prepaid ins., exp., etc., and Total.

Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—Organizes Distributing Co.—

The company has organized the Colorado Fuel & Iron Products Co. to act as a distributor of its products. The company heretofore has not operated warehouses for the benefit of jobbers in its trade territory, but has confined itself largely to mill shipments.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has acquired through purchase the business of the Chicago Acceptance Corp. of Chicago, which operates in the finance field in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Total assets of approximately \$4,000,000 of the Chicago corporation have been transferred to the Commercial Investment Trust Corp., whose Chicago subsidiary will carry on the business of the Chicago corporation.

Consolidated Dairy Products Co., Inc.—Bonds Sold.—

Strabo V. Claggett & Co., Inc., New York and Boston, have sold \$500,000 10-year 7% gen. mtg. conv. sinking fund gold bonds at 100 and interest.

Dated Dec. 15 1926; due Dec. 15 1936. Interest payable J. & D. at Trust Company of North America, New York, trustee, without deduction

for the Federal normal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100 e\*. Redeemable, all or part, at any time on 15 days' notice, at 105 and interest.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. 10-year 7% general mortgage convertible bonds— \$500,000 \$500,000. Common stock (no par value) ————— \*400,000 shs. 290,506 shs.

\* Including 100,000 shares deposited in escrow against exercise of conversion privilege in bonds.

Data from Letter of George K. O'Donnell, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. Jan. 13 1925 in Delaware. Owns 93% of the pref. stock and 98% of the common stock of the Chapin Dairy Stores, Inc. Company serves a carefully selected trade in New York City and State, New Jersey and Connecticut. It manufactures the well-known and popular trade-marked brands of Vogue ice cream and Newbrook ice cream.

Sales and Net Earnings, After All Expenses, but Before Federal Taxes.

Table with 3 columns: 1925, 1926, 1927. Rows: Sales, Net earnings.

Purpose.—Proceeds of the sale of these \$500,000 bonds will be used to extend the business through the acquisition of 500 additional customers, and allow adequate working capital for this expansion.

Sinking Fund.—Provisions are made in the mortgage for a sinking fund whereby the company is required to redeem each year 5% of the largest aggregate amount of bonds at any time issued and outstanding.

Conversion Privilege.—Bonds may be converted at any time prior to maturity, or if called, then prior to the redemption date, into common stock, without par value, of the company during the first three years of the life of the bonds at the rate of \$5 per share; during the fourth year at the rate of \$6 per share; during the fifth year at the rate of \$7 per share; during the sixth year at the rate of \$8 per share; during the seventh year at the rate of \$9 per share; and during the next three years at the rate of \$10 per share.— V. 124, p. 3501.

Consolidated Properties, Sioux City, Iowa.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$300,000 2d mtge. & coll. trust 6 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Dated April 15 1927; maturities 1 to 6 years. Bonds and coupons (A. & O.) payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Chicago and New York. Callable at 101 and int. Federal income tax 2% paid by borrower.

Security.—The bonds are secured by a direct closed mortgage, subject to closed first mortgage bond issue reduced by payment to \$835,000, on: (a) Sioux Apartment Hotel, a 6-story fireproof reinforced concrete 101-apartment building, furniture, furnishings and equipment installed therein, and land owned in fee, described below. (b) Bellevue Apartment Building, a 6-story reinforced concrete fireproof building, furniture, furnishings and equipment installed therein, and land owned in fee, described below.

Earnings.—The actual net earnings of the Sioux Apartment Hotel for the year 1926 were as follows: Gross income, \$92,504; operating expenses, taxes and insurance, \$38,495; net earnings, \$54,009.

Based on existing leases and for operations during the first five months of this year, earnings for the Bellevue Apartments for the year 1927 are estimated as follows: Gross income, \$67,620; operating expenses, taxes and insurance, \$32,355; net earnings, \$35,265.

The total of these two sums is \$109,274, which is \$58,996 in excess of the interest charges on the first mortgage bond issue for the year 1927 and \$41,991 in excess of the total combined interest and principal charges on that issue for the year 1927.

Purpose.—To retire present outstanding indebtedness and to provide for additional working capital and for general corporate purposes.

Borrowing Corporation.—The bonds are the direct obligation of the Sioux Apartment Hotel Co.

Continental Steel Corp., Kokomo, Ind.—Bonds Offered.—Continental & Commercial Co., Chicago, recently offered \$1,200,000 1st & gen. mtge. 10-year sinking fund 6% gold bonds at 99 1/2 and int., yielding 6.05%.

Dated June 1 1927; due June 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e\*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of 2 1/2% if red. on or prior to June 1 1929; 2% thereafter to and incl. June 1 1931; 1 1/2% thereafter to and incl. June 1 1933; 1% thereafter to and incl. June 1 1936; and 3/4% thereafter and prior to June 1 1937.

Data from Letter of Chairman John E. Frederick, Dated June 25.

Company.—Organized in Indiana in 1927. Has acquired substantially all of the common shares of Kokomo Steel & Wire Co., Kokomo, Ind.; Superior Sheet Steel Co., Canton, Ohio, and Chapman Price Steel Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Kokomo Steel & Wire Co., Incorp. in Indiana in 1901, is engaged in the manufacture of ingots, billets, rods, wire in all standard size, and a full line of wire products, including farm fence, ornamental fence, wire gates, barbed wire, wire nails and staples.

The Superior Sheet Steel Co., Incorp. in Ohio in 1919, is engaged in the manufacture of a full line of steel sheets, including black, galvanized, blue annealed, Long Ternes and special coated material.

Chapman Price Steel Co., Incorp. in Indiana in 1910, manufactures black steel and galvanized sheets, various types of galvanized roofing, all sizes of conductor pipe, ornamental ceiling and various sheet steel specialties.

Kokomo Steel & Wire Co. owns 2 principal tracts of land in Kokomo, Ind., aggregating approximately 120 acres, about 56 of which are occupied by the company's plant, served by three large railway systems.

Steel Co. owns a tract of approximately 45 acres of land at Indianapolis, Ind., improved with a modern plant erected in 1920, which is similar and comparable to that of the Superior company.

Purpose.—Approximately \$600,000 of the proceeds of these bonds will be used to construct a modern continuous sheet bar mill at the Kokomo plant, together with additional open hearth capacity.

Security.—These bonds are the joint and several obligations of Continental Steel Corp. and its subsidiaries and are secured by a closed first mortgage on the sheet bar mill to be constructed and on all of the fixed properties of the Superior Sheet Steel Co. and Chapman Price Steel Co., which, upon completion of the sheet bar mill, will have a combined value as shown by the report of the American Appraisal Co. in excess of \$3,000,000.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926. Table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Assets include Cash and Liberty bonds, Cash surrender val. of life ins., Notes & accounts receivable, etc. Liabilities include Notes payable, Accounts payable, etc.

Total \$10,387,383. a As follows (1) 7% cumulative preferred stock—25,416 shares Continental Steel Corp., \$2,541,600; 6,446 shares Superior Sheet Steel Co., \$644,600; 4,250 shares Chapman Price Steel Co., \$425,000. (2) Common stock, 171,589 shares of no par value, \$3,262,591.

Copeland Products, Inc.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the 5 months ended May 31 1927, net profits of \$185,645 after charges, equivalent to \$1.82 a share on the 102,053 shares of class "A" stock outstanding.

Shipment of Copeland units for the first 6 months were 207% greater than for the same period of 1926.—V. 123, p. 848.

Courtauld's, Ltd. (England)—Dividend.—

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 1s. 6d. a share on the ordinary stock, payable July 29. The dividend is free of tax.—V. 124, p. 1516.

Crocker Wheeler Electrical Mfg. Co.—Resumes Divs.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, payable July 23 to holders of record July 12. This is the first dividend on the issue since Oct. 1921.—V. 124, p. 2286.

Crown Cork & Seal Co.—Directors Resign.—

Thomas J. Cottman and E. J. Smead have resigned as directors. No successors have been appointed. Carl Rood of New York succeeded Walter W. Abell as a director. See also V. 125, p. 252.

Crown Reserve Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—Acquisition.

See Crown Reserve Mining Co., Ltd., below.

Crown Reserve Mining Co., Ltd.—To Wind Up Affairs.

The shareholders on June 27 ratified the by-laws providing for the winding up of the company and the distribution of its assets.

(Wm.) Davies Co., Inc.—Capital Reduction Approved.— At a special general meeting of the shareholders on June 22, a resolution dealing with the reduction of the capital stock of the company was carried unanimously.

Denver Rock Drill Mfg. Co.—Proposed Merger.— Negotiations have been completed for a merger of this company and the Gardner Governor Co. of Quincy, Ill., into a new corporation to be known as the Gardner-Denver Co., with an authorized capital of \$8,000,000.

Detroit Alden Park Manor.—Bonds Offered.—

Bond & Mortgage Co. recently offered at par and int. \$1,875,000 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds.

Dated April 30 1927; due semi-annually, Nov. 1 1929 to May 1 1939. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at offices of American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc. Callable at 101 and int., except if redeemed on or after May 1 1938, no premium shall be paid thereon.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on the land (approximately 914 by 150 feet) owned in fee simple containing 135,000 square feet and four 8-story apartment buildings of fireproof construction, known as Alden Park Manor, located at 8100 Jefferson Ave. East, Detroit, Mich.

Chapman Price Steel Co., Incorp. in Indiana in 1910, manufactures black steel and galvanized sheets, various types of galvanized roofing, all sizes of conductor pipe, ornamental ceiling and various sheet steel specialties.

Kokomo Steel & Wire Co. owns 2 principal tracts of land in Kokomo, Ind., aggregating approximately 120 acres, about 56 of which are occupied by the company's plant, served by three large railway systems.

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Chapman Price Steel Co., Incorp. in Indiana in 1910, manufactures black steel and galvanized sheets, various types of galvanized roofing, all sizes of conductor pipe, ornamental ceiling and various sheet steel specialties.

**Purpose.**—The purpose of this issue is to redeem and retire the outstanding bonds of the present authorized \$2,000,000 7% first mortgage issue secured by this property.

**Income.**—The total net income is estimated at \$281,813, or over 2.5 times the largest annual interest charge on this issue.

### Detroit International Bridge Co.—Largest Privately Owned Toll Bridge Loan to be Offered Next Week.

Offering of \$20,000,000 of bonds of the Detroit International Bridge will be made next week by a nation-wide banking syndicate which Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., will head. The loan will be the largest ever floated for a privately owned toll bridge. Proceeds will be used for the construction of the new international bridge across the Detroit River, linking the United States and Canada. One span of the bridge, approximately 1,850 ft., will be the longest ever constructed—approximately 250 ft. longer than the Brooklyn Bridge span and 100 ft. longer than that of the Philadelphia-Camden Bridge.

Associated with Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., in the transaction are W. R. Compton & Co.; Eastman, Dillon & Co.; Mitchell, Hutchins & Co.; the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto; the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo; the Fifth-Third-Union Co., Cincinnati; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.; Royal Securities Corp., and McLeod, Young & Weir.

The new financing will take the form of two issues—\$12,000,000 25-year 1st mtge, sinking fund 6½% gold bonds and \$8,000,000 25-year participating sinking fund 7% gold debentures. Through sinking fund operation, the first mortgage bonds will be retired over 89% and the participating bonds in toto by maturity. The debentures will bear warrants entitling the holders to a participation in profits accruing from the operation of the bridge.

All enabling legislation necessary to the successful building of the bridge has been obtained from the United States Government, the city of Detroit, and the Dominion of Canada and political subdivisions.

### Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Semi-Annual Statement.—President Edward G. Wilmer says:

During the first 6 months the company sold 107,115 cars and trucks valued at \$87,516,173. Included in this total were 29,677 commercial vehicles sold by the Graham Bros. division which produces and sells trucks, buses and commercial vehicles.

As of June 30 1927, cash and marketable securities were \$25,285,264, accounts receivable were \$9,684,462, inventories were \$16,493,489, and total quick assets were \$51,463,216. Current liabilities including Federal taxes were \$21,699,596.

During the 6 months property account was increased by \$6,248,603 largely accounted for by plant facilities for production of the new Senior line, and equipment for the four-cylinder model markets. Cash account has taken care of this additional investment and has also retired \$2,750,000 of 5% serial notes issued in connection with the purchase of the stock of Graham Bros.

The past 6 months have been occupied by major preparations of large consequence to the business. The Senior line of six-cylinder cars has been completed and these cars are now being delivered by dealers in quantity. Our standard line of four-cylinder cars as well as Graham trucks and commercial vehicles have been undergoing important revision.

#### Results for First Six Months of 1927.

	Quar. End. June 30'27.	Quar. End. Mar. 31'27.	6 Mos. End. June 30'26.
Total earnings.....	\$5,912,526	\$3,623,546	\$9,536,072
Deprec. of plant & equip.....	1,180,410	1,098,855	2,279,264
Net earnings.....	\$4,732,116	\$2,524,692	\$7,256,808
Other income credits (net).....	206,958	240,412	447,370
Net income.....	\$4,939,074	\$2,765,103	\$7,704,178
Int. on 5% serial notes & 6% gold deb.	951,807	979,208	1,931,015
Prov. for Fed. income taxes.....	511,644	240,547	752,192
Net inc. carried to surplus.....	\$3,475,623	\$1,545,349	\$5,020,971
Prov. for divs. on pref. stock.....	1,465,625	1,465,625	2,931,250
Remain. of earns. for com. stock.....	\$2,009,998	\$79,724	\$2,089,721
Earn. surp. at beginning of period.....	25,651,112	25,571,389	25,571,389
Earned surplus.....	\$27,661,110	\$25,651,112	\$27,661,110
Shs. of cl. A & B stk. outstanding (no par)	2,435,023	2,435,023	2,435,023
Earns. per sh. on class A & B stks.....	\$0.82	\$0.82	\$0.85

× Includes earnings of Graham Brothers (wholly owned subsidiary), expenses of manufacturing (incl. maintenance), selling and administration, as well as ordinary taxes and insurance, and incl. net earnings of foreign subsidiaries, after their depreciation, income taxes and all other charges.

### June Graham Truck Sales.

June shipments of Graham Bros. trucks and commercial cars to Dodge Bros. dealers here and abroad were the highest of any month this year. The company announces. The total of 5,730 Graham Bros. units produced and shipped during the 24 working days of June exceeded the record month of May and brought Graham sales for the first 6 months of the year to the total of 29,677 trucks and commercial cars.—V. 124, p. 3636.

### Dominion Radiator & Boiler Co., Ltd.—To Retire Preferred Stock.

It is announced that on Sept. 1 next all of the outstanding 15,484 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock will be retired at par and int.—V. 124, p. 3074.

### Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd.—Liquidator Appointed.

Application by the National Trust Co., Ltd., for winding up of the Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., was granted July 12 in a decision handed down by Justice Chisholm at Halifax, N. S.

The petition was filed by the National Trust Co. on March 26 last, and asked for the appointment of the Royal Trust Co. as liquidator of the corporation. The Dominion Steel Corp. is a subsidiary of the British Empire Steel Corp.

In concluding his judgment, Justice Chisholm said in part: "I have formed the opinion that it is just and equitable that the corporation should be wound up, as prayed for in the petition. Some objections were made to the appointment of the Royal Trust Co. as liquidators, but I see no valid reason for giving effect to the objections."

A previous application for the winding up of the British Empire Steel Corp. was dismissed on April 18. The decision, it is announced, will be appealed.

In a circular letter to the shareholders of British Empire Steel Corp., asking their approval of the plan defeated July 11, R.M. Wolvin, President of Besco, said in part:

At the general meeting of April 14 last, you took, with practical unanimity, a strong stand against the winding up proceedings instituted against your company by the National Trust Co., Ltd. The court has dismissed these winding up proceedings. It was unheard of that control of a company, without creditors, should be taken from its owners. But the National Trust Co., as you are aware, has also applied for a winding up of the Dominion Steel Corp. and the appointment of their nominee, the Royal Trust Co., as liquidator. Dominion Steel Corp. is the subsidiary through which you hold your most valuable asset.

Unlike the British Empire Steel Corp., the Dominion Steel Corp. has debts, mainly through its endorsement of Dominion Iron bonds. If the Dominion Steel Corp. is wound up, then its valuable assets, and, in particular, the common stock of the Dominion Coal Co., pass out of your control forthwith and most likely out of your possession forever.

To ward off this second attack against their property by the National Trust Co., your own selected committees, representing the three classes of British Empire Steel Corp. stocks, have agreed, unanimously, upon a compromise agreement.

The National Trust Co. is strenuously opposing this compromise agreement. They suggest nothing in its stead, but continue to press their demand for liquidation of the Dominion Steel Corp. They warn the second preferred shareholders that their quote of the new issue allotted to them is insufficient, and, besides, that their control of the company will pass to the first preferred shareholders. But, of liquidation and its consequences, they say nothing.

Was it not to avoid the total loss of their voting control and their investment, through a winding up process, that your committees have recommended the compromise.

To the first preferred holders, the trust company appeals in the interest of the industries themselves. They do not explain their claim for better treatment of the second preferred, although, of necessity, whatever is added

to the quota of the latter must be deducted from the allotment of the first preferred. But it cannot be denied that, if not otherwise, the trust company is logical and practical in its policy. If its campaign results in the rejection of the proposal submitted, then their contention that the company is unable to extricate itself from its entanglements and that liquidation is the only solution, will be strengthened. See also British Empire Steel Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 211.

### Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Sales.

First Six Months of—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales.....	\$8,595,000	\$7,062,000	\$5,766,000

The company now has 485 stores in operation.  
Average of sales per store for the week ending June 25 1927 was \$840.50. For the week preceding \$826.39. Corresponding figures for 1926 for the same weeks were \$728.67 and \$741.15, respectively.—V. 124, p. 3779.

### Donner Steel Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. June 30—		6 Mos. End. June 30—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Operating profit after expenses, taxes, &c. ....	\$471,077	\$543,913	\$871,691	\$1,134,395
Interest.....	104,265	135,308	231,243	278,912
Provision for deprec'n....	205,340	205,465	410,715	410,306
Net income.....	\$161,472	\$203,141	\$229,733	\$445,177

—V. 124, p. 2435.

### Douglas-Pectin Corporation.—New Name.

See Certo Corporation above.—V. 124, p. 3074.

### Dow Chemical Co.—Earnings Favorable.

Earnings for the half year ended June 30 show up favorably, according to official information made public this week. Net profits totaled more than \$700,000, equal to approximately seven times the dividend requirements on the \$3,000,000 preferred stock. The company has no funded debt, and the preferred stock is the only security widely distributed as the common stock has been closely held since organization.

The Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, in an illustrated booklet describing the growth of the Dow company, states that its success is based upon the fact that it is now making use of materials which formerly were considered waste. The conversion of these materials into products of value is the result of inventions of Dr. Herbert H. Dow, founder of the company.

One of the latest developments is the manufacture of a substance known as Dow-metal. This is an alloy approximately 90% magnesium, which is one-fourth the weight of cast iron and two-thirds the weight of aluminum. This metal is being used extensively in the manufacture of aeroplanes and automobiles.—V. 124, p. 2126; V. 123, p. 2145.

### Dow Drug Co.—Acquisition.

This company, operating about 30 retail stores, has purchased the McCulloch Drug Stores Co. of Pittsburgh, which owns 11 stores in Pittsburgh and does an annual business of about \$2,000,000. F. W. McCulloch, founder of the business which bears his name, will become a Vice-President of the Dow Drug Co., and will direct its Pittsburgh enterprises. While no details were given, it was reported unofficially that the deal involved more than \$1,000,000.—V. 121, p. 3136.

### Dunhill International, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 125,000 shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates. All of the said stock is fully paid and non-assessable, and no personal liability attaches to the shareholders.

Company was organized on Oct. 27 1923 in Delaware. On Nov. 15 1923 the directors authorized the issue of 125,000 shares of common stock without par value, for the purpose of acquiring a controlling interest in the various Dunhill companies located in Europe and the United States. These 125,000 shares have been issued as follows: Nov. 15 1923, 100,000 shares (for \$715,000 cash); Nov. 15 1923, 5,000 shares exchanged for 10,000 ordinary shares Alfred Dunhill, Ltd. (Eng.); Nov. 21 1923, 20,000 shares exchanged for entire issued capital stock of the "1924 Corporation." Company has an authorized issue of 20,000 shares preferred stock (per \$100), of which none outstanding.

The directors on June 15 1927 declared a dividend on the common stock of \$4 per share for the year ending April 1 1927. The first dividend of \$1 was paid July 15 1927 and \$1 quarterly thereafter.

The subsidiaries of the corporation, except the "1924 Corporation," are engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sale of the Dunhill smoking pipes, Dunhill pocket lighters, Dunhill smoking tobaccos, cigars, cigarettes, and many other smokers' accessories of the highest grade. Corporation has five subsidiary companies. Its interest therein is as follows:

	Per Cent Owned.
Alfred Dunhill of London, Inc. (American operating company).....	100%
Alfred Dunhill of London, Ltd. (Canadian operating company).....	100%
Societe Anonyme Francaise Alfred Dunhill (the French company).....	100%
"The 1924 Corporation" (American investment company).....	100%
Alfred Dunhill Ltd. (English operating company).....	58 2-3%

#### Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1926.	1925.
Total sales.....	\$2,723,997	\$3,543,540
Income on trading companies.....	218,164	23,575
Total income.....	\$2,942,162	\$3,567,116
Cost of sales, administrative, selling & general exp.....	2,210,708	3,047,080
Net profit before depreciation and Federal taxes.....	\$731,454	\$520,036
Depreciation.....	\$28,397	\$37,562
Federal income taxes.....	68,125	67,739
Balance.....	\$634,930	\$414,734
Less net profit for minority interest.....	—	114,089
Net profit.....	\$634,930	\$300,645

For the year 1926 the income, surplus, assets and liabilities of Alfred Dunhill, Ltd., the English co., have not been included in the consolidated figures for the reasons that the capital stock of the English co., which is owned by Dunhill International Inc., is carried as an investment, and only the dividend received on the capital stock of the English co. has been treated as income of the consolidated group.—V. 124, p. 3636.

### Eastman Kodak Co.—U. S. Supreme Court Holds Company Need Not Dispose of Three Laboratories.—See under "Current Events and Discussions" in our issue of July 9, page 189.—V. 124, p. 3357.

### 888 Park Avenue, New York City.—Certificates Offered.

Legal for trust funds in State of New York, interest payable A. & O. The purchase of one of these certificates makes the certificate holder the owner of a participation equal to the amount of his certificate in a first mortgage made by the Jatison Construction Co., Inc., on the newly completed apartment house. The mortgage is a first lien on the land and 14-story and pent house apartment known as 888 Park Avenue, located on the northwest corner of East 78th St., Manhattan, fronting 102.2 ft. on Park Ave. and 157 ft. on East 78th St. The building contains 47 apartments of 10 and 12 rooms with 4 bath rooms each.

Earnings.—That there is a demand in this desirable neighborhood for such a high class apartment is evidenced by the fact that the building is already 75% rented. The owners have estimated the gross annual rentals at over \$415,000.

### Electric Household Utilities Corp.—No Dividend.

At the regular meeting of the directors held on June 28 it was decided to omit the payment of any dividends at this time. The last distribution was 50 cents in stock made in October last.—V. 124, p. 2287.

### Endicott-Johnson Corp.—New Director.

The corporation has announced the election of William F. Dickson as Treasurer and member of the board of directors, succeeding the late J. D. Caden. It was also announced that William C. Tobin, manager of the Boston office has been elected to the board of directors, succeeding Chester B. Lord, resigned.—V. 124, p. 1517.

English Sewing Cotton Co.—Final Dividend.—The directors have recommended the disbursement of the final dividend of 10%, making 15% for the year. The company reports a net profit for the year of \$269,000.—V. 119, p. 699.

Erie Steam Shovel Co.—Merger.—See Bucyrus Co. above.—V. 124, p. 1985.

Estey-Welte Corp.—Reorganization.—The stockholders on July 7 approved the plan of reorganization and change in name to Welte Co. (not Welte Corp.). See V. 125, p. 252.

Evening American Publishing Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

The following is the balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926 as it would appear after giving effect to (a) the issuance and sale of \$9,000,000 6% debenture bonds (see Chicago Evening American, V. 125, p. 250); (b) the application of the proceeds thereof to the liquidation of notes payable, the retirement of the outstanding mortgages and gold notes, and to the increase of working capital; (c) the liquidation of certain advances made by this corporation to affiliated companies prior to Dec. 31 1925 by contemplated distribution thereof as dividends; (d) the inclusion of good-will at an appraised value of \$10,000,000.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash in banks and on hand (\$5,013,553), Notes receivable (13,390), etc. Liabilities include Accounts payable (\$78,393), Accrued expenses (46,507), etc.

Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc.—June Sales.—

Table with 2 columns: 1927-June-1926 and Increase. Columns show sales figures and percentage increases for various months.

Federated Metals Corp.—Earnings.—

The report of the corporation for the six months ended May 31 1927 shows a profit of \$108,306, and a surplus after depreciation of \$10,732. Net operations for the same period a year ago resulted in a loss, after depreciation of \$729,729. Total current assets as of May 31 1927 were \$11,214,681 and net current assets \$7,802,772.

Flour Mills of America, Inc. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.

Table with 2 columns: Earnings of subsidiary companies and Balance Sheet May 31 1927 (Including Subsidiary Companies). Includes assets like Real est., land sites, etc. and liabilities like Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.

a At appraised sound values as of Nov. 30 1925, with additions and deductions at appraisal or cost values, less depreciation reserve to May 31 1927. b Authorized, 80,000 shares without par value; issued and outstanding, \$25,000 shares \$8 cumulative and participating up to \$2 additional, series A, callable and voluntary liquidation value of \$130 per share and involuntary liquidation value of \$100 per share.

Foster Wheeler Corp.—Financing—Consolidation.—

See Wheeler Condenser & Engineering Co. below.

430-432 N. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis.—Land Trust

Certificates Offered.—Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, are offering land trust certificates representing 150 equal undivided parts of the equitable ownership in the fee simple title to land located at 430-442 N. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis: Price, \$1,000 plus accrued rental for each share, or 1-150th part, to yield 5.25%.

Certificates issued by Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis, trustee, holding legal title to the land. Certificates will be dated as of June 1 1927. Rental under the lease is payable to the trustee quarterly and as received by the trustee is payable by check to the registered holders of certificates Q.-M. in the annual amount of \$52.50 for each share. Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, registrar.

Property.—The property conveyed in fee simple to the Fletcher American National Bank, as trustee, for the benefit of the holders of these certificates, consists of ground and improvements comprising two contiguous reinforced-concrete mercantile buildings of modern fireproof design of three and four stories respectively located at Nos. 430-442 N. Capitol Ave. The ground, known as Lots 7 and 8 in Robert Brown's Subdivision of Square 13 in the city of Indianapolis, fronts 135 ft. on Capitol Ave. and has a depth of 202 1/2 ft to the alley in the rear.

Values.—The land has been appraised at \$150,000, and the buildings at \$315,000 (the lower of two appraisals), by L. H. Trotter and H. L. Richardt, making a total valuation of \$465,000 securing the payment of the leasehold rental to the certificate holders.

Lease & Agreement.—The ownership of the land will be vested, through the trustee, in the holders of these certificates, subject to a lease dated as of Jun 1 1927, for 99 years, renewable forever, to 430-442 North Capitol

Avenue Realty Co. Under the terms of the lease, the lessee will agree to pay all taxes, assessments and charges on the leased premises, the administration fees and expenses of the trustee, and in addition, annual rental of \$7,875, payable in quarterly installments in advance, which will be distributed quarterly to the registered certificate holders.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement under which the certificates are to be issued, the Fletcher American National Bank, as trustee, subject to the lease will reserve the right among others under certain contingencies, to manage and control the property, to collect and distribute the rentals, to receive the option or sale price and give a deed conveying the entire interest in the property, and to exercise the rights of the lessors under the lease for the benefit of the certificate holders.

Purchase Option.—Under the terms of the lease the lessee will have an option at any rental payment date, upon 3 months' written notice, to purchase the entire property by the payment to Fletcher American National Bank, trustee, of an amount which will be sufficient to distribute to certificate holders, in respect to each share, the sum of \$1,066.66 if the option is exercised prior to June 1 1933; \$1,133.33 if exercised between June 1 1933 and May 31 1938; \$1,166.66 if exercised between June 1 1938 and May 31 1943, and thereafter \$1,233.33.

Gabriel Snubber Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Period End. June 30 and 1927-3 Mos. 1926. Shows Net income after deprec., Federal taxes, &c., Shares of class A and B, etc.

General Baking Corporation.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: 27 Weeks Ended July 2 and 1927. Shows Net income after deprec., Federal taxes, &c., Earnings per share on class A & B stock.

General Electric Co.—Orders Received.—

Table with 2 columns: Period Ended June 30 and 1927. Shows Three months and Six months figures for various years.

Burton L. Delack, Assistant Manager of the company's Schenectady works since Dec. 1 1926, has been appointed acting Manager, effective July 1, according to an announcement by Vice-President C. C. Chesney.

Edward A. Wagner, formerly of the Fort Wayne works, but since July 1926 Managing Engineer in charge of all distribution transformers, with headquarters in Pittsfield, has been made Acting Manager of the Pittsfield works, succeeding Mr. Chesney who has been a Vice-President in charge of manufacturing since the retirement of F. C. Pratt.

Giuseppe Faccioli, Works Engineer of the Pittsfield works, has been appointed Associate Manager and Works Engineer of the Pittsfield works, Mr. Chesney announced. These appointments are also effective July 1.—V. 125, p. 103.

General Fireproofing Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Period End. June 30 and 1927. Shows Surplus after deprec. and pref. divs., Shares of common outstanding, Earnings per share on common.

General Motors Corp.—June Car Sales.—Commenting on the June sales of cars, President Alfred P. Sloan Jr., said:

The retail sales by our dealers to consumers in June were 159,701 cars, an increase of 42,525 cars or over 36%, as compared with June 1926, at which time such sales were 117,176. This also compares with 75,864 cars in June 1925.

In June the sales by our car divisions to their dealers totaled 155,525 cars, compared with 111,380 in June 1926, an increase of 44,145 cars or 39.6%. This compares further with 71,088 cars in June 1925. The following tabulation shows monthly sales of General Motors cars by dealers to ultimate consumers and sales by the manufacturing divisions of General Motors to their dealers:

Table with 2 columns: Dealers Sales to Users and Divisions Sales to Dealers. Shows monthly figures from January to June for various years.

6 months—\$40,481 620,190 396,360 883,447 636,087 389,209 These figures include passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States, Dominion of Canada and overseas by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac manufacturing divisions of General Motors.—V. 124, p. 3781.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Debentures Ready.—

Holders of temporary ten-year sinking fund 6% gold debentures, dated Feb. 1 1927, have been requested to present them to the Bankers Trust Co. in exchange for the definitive debentures. (For offering see V. 124, p. 798.)—V. 124, p. 3781.

General Railway Signal Co.—Unfinished Contracts.—

Company reports that in view of several large orders obtained recently, the amount of unfinished contracts on its books as of July 1 1927, is the largest for a similar period in the company's history, being as follows: 1.38 times that on hand on July 1 1926; 1.90 times that on hand on July 1 1925; 2.28 times that on hand on July 1 1924.—V. 125, p. 103.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Extra Dividend of 12 1/2c.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 12 1/2c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 2,000,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 1. Like amounts were paid on March 1 and June 1 last, while in Dec. 1926 an extra dividend of 50c. per share was paid in addition to a regular quarterly of \$1. From Sept. 1 1925 to Sept. 1 1926, incl. extra dividends of 25c. per share and regular divs. of 75c. per share were paid quarterly.

Table with 2 columns: Period End. June 30 and 1927-3 Mos. 1926. Shows Net income after taxes, deprec., &c., Shares of capital stock, Earnings per share on cap. stck.

Gimbel Brothers.—Outlook Good.—

Vice-Pres. F. A. Gimbel is quoted in substance as follows: "We estimate our sales for the year at about \$130,000,000. Net sales in the fiscal year ended Jan. 31 1927 were \$122,679,532. Earnings are running well ahead of last year and the policy of plowing earnings back into properties is beginning to bear fruit. The Saks store on Fifth Ave. has exceeded expectations and from the standpoint of earnings has developed rapidly. The outlook for fall business is good."—V. 124, p. 1986.

Gladding, McBean Co. (Tile Manufacturers), San Francisco.—Stock Split Up.—

The stockholders recently voted to increase the authorized capital stock from 52,000 shares (all outstanding) to 500,000 shares, and to exchange the present outstanding stock for new stock on the basis of four new for one old.

Dividends on the new stock will be at the rate of 25c. per month, equivalent to \$1 per share on the old capital stock, the rate paid on that issue.  
 The company has its plants located at Lincoln, Calif., Glendale, Calif., and Auburn, Wash.  
 It is stated that the company expects to retire on Jan. 1 1928 all of the outstanding Tropic Potteries, Inc., 7% bonds at 105 and interest.  
 Atholl McBean is President, with H. B. Potter as Secretary.

**Glenwood Apartments (Glenwood Realty Corp.).**  
 Yonkers, N. Y.—*Bonds Offered.*—Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York, recently offered at 100 and int. \$220,000 guaranteed 6% 1st mtge. gold loan.

Dated July 1 1927, maturing July 1 1929-1938. Central Mercantile Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the trustee or at the office of Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Callable at 103 after July 1 1933 and at 102 on or after Jan. 1 1936. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% will be paid at the source. The income tax of any State up to 6% and the personal property tax of any State up to 5 mills will be refunded, if requested within 60 days after payment.

*Security.*—The security for this loan is a closed first mortgage on land owned in fee fronting 178 ft., 9 in. on Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., and 119 ft. 4 in. on Glenwood Ave., extending to a depth of 124 ft. 10 in. on the westerly boundary line and 100 ft. 7 in. of its northerly side; together with a 5-story apartment building under construction thereon. The building will contain 60 apartments consisting of 193 rooms exclusive of baths and janitor's quarters. The apartments will be arranged in suites of 2, 3 and 4 rooms attractively laid out and incorporating the latest housekeeping conveniences and appointments.

*Guaranty.*—In addition to the security of the mortgaged property, the payment of principal and interest of these bond certificates is unconditionally guaranteed by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York, whose resources exceed \$12,500,000.

*Earnings.*—Glenwood Apartments are being erected to provide attractive and modern apartments at an average rental of \$20 per month per room. There is a great demand for this type of apartment in Glenwood and the owners should find no difficulty in quickly leasing the building. It will draw its tenants both from N. Y. City workers and those employed in the city of Yonkers, which is a leading manufacturing centre with a population in excess of 113,000.

The annual net earnings from the building, after deducting operating expenses, insurance and taxes, have been estimated at \$36,320. This is equivalent to more than 2½ times the greatest interest charges and approximately 1¼ times the combined interest and amortization requirements.

**(Adolf) Gobel, Inc.—Acquires \$10,000,000 Business of George Kern.**

George Kern, who came to America in 1888 from Stuttgart, Germany, has sold his \$10,000,000 business to Adolf Gobel, Inc. This business operated under the name of George Kern, Inc. owns the largest plant operating in New York's dressed and processed meats business. In processed meats, the Kern company ranks second only to Adolf Gobel, Inc., in size, and in dressed meats it is also a large factor. No statement was made regarding the amount paid for the assets, good-will and business of George Kern, Inc.

George Kern started his career in New York about the same time that Adolf Gobel, founder of the business bearing his name, began the operation of his company. Like Adolf Gobel who began his sudden rise carrying a wicker basket on one arm and peddling among neighborhood butcher shops, George Kern likewise started from modest beginnings. After landing on New York's famous Battery, Mr. Kern immediately started to look for work in a strange country. His first job was as a blacksmith. From there he branched into the business of selling meat to butcher shops and in 30 years he built up his business to its present volume of over \$10,000,000 annual sales. So short a time back as 18 years ago his sales amounted to only \$80,000 a year.

The transaction whereby Adolf Gobel, Inc., acquires control of George Kern, Inc., was handled by Hitt, Farwell & Co., investment bankers. All but a small percentage of the stock of George Kern, Inc., figured in the deal. Of the total, Adolf Gobel now holds 51%. The remainder of the stock has been placed privately by the bankers. The Gobel company, which in the first 6 months of this year has been operating at record levels in both sales and net profits, purchased its interest in George Kern, Inc., from surplus money which the company was placing in the call loan market. No bank loan was necessary.

Management of Adolf Gobel, Inc., of which Frank Firor is President, stated that the name of George Kern, Inc., would be retained. There is no intention at present to merge the two companies.

Mr. Firor, of the Gobel company, to whose management is ascribed in large measure the Gobel earnings record of the first 6 months of this year, was for 18 years actively in charge of George Kern, Inc. During his association there George Kern, Inc., erected the most modern plant of its kind in New York City. This new plant has been in operation for about a year and, with all other assets, figured in the passing of control of George Kern, Inc., to its former principal competitor, Adolf Gobel, Inc.—V. 124, p. 2917.

**(The) Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati.—Bonds Offered.**—W. E. Fox & Co., Fifth Third Union Co., First National Bank, Brighton Bank & Trust Co., Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Central Trust Co., Second National Bank, Atlas National Bank and Western Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, are offering at par and int. \$2,000,000 5½% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1927, due serially July 1 1930-1954. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and interest payable J. & J. at Fifth Third Union Trust Co., Cincinnati, trustee. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice, in the reverse order of maturities at a premium of ¼% a year or portion of a year of anticipated maturity but not to exceed 105 and int.

*Good Samaritan Hospital* is owned and has been operated for 75 years by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, a corporation under the laws of Ohio. The replacement value of the hospital plant and its equipment is over \$4,500,000. These bonds are signed by the Sisters of Charity and in the opinion of counsel will constitute direct, valid and binding obligations of the corporation.

*Security.*—Bonds are secured by a first mortgage (closed) and the property of the hospital under the mortgage consists of 12 and a fraction acres of land at the southwest corner of Clifton and Dixmyth avenues (fronting 760.24 ft. on Clifton Ave.), together with all the present hospital buildings, nurses home, power house, laundry, &c., and their furnishings and equipments as well as any and all future buildings or improvements that may hereafter be located on this real estate.

*Purpose.*—Proceeds of this issue completes and equips the two new wings of the hospital and Victorian Hall, the new nurses home. The additional wings give the hospital a total capacity of 600 beds.

This issue of bonds has been approved by Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati.

**Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Recapitalization Plan Approved.—To Refund Dividend Arrears—Redemption of 8% Debenture Bonds.**—The stockholders and directors on July 12 wound up all details necessary to the final adoption of the recapitalization plan announced several weeks ago (V. 124, p. 3218).

The stockholders authorized the creation of a new preferred stock issue of 1,000,000 shares. This will make it possible for the company to fund accumulated dividends on the present preferred stock. On July 11 the shareholders had ratified the issuance of \$60,000,000 1st mtge. 5s, which were sold after the Goodyear settlement by Dillon, Read & Co. (V. 124, p. 3075).

The company's plan for funding dividend arrears of \$25 a share on the referred stock provides for an exchange on the basis of 1¼ shares of new referred for one share of the old. Consumption of this proposal, however,

will be conditioned upon the acceptance of this proposal, however, will be conditioned upon the acceptance of the exchange offer by such percentage of existing preferred shareholders as the directors shall determine.

The new preferred stock, which will rank senior to the existing preferred, will be without par value and entitled to cumulative dividends of \$7 a share annually. It will be redeemable at \$110 a share, entitled to \$110 a share on voluntary liquidation or dissolution and \$100 a share in case of involuntary liquidation or dissolution, and have a sinking fund of 10% of the company's net earnings after deducting all charges, income taxes and purchase fund requirements on the new bonds and dividends on all preferred stocks. In the event of a default in dividend payment, the stock will be entitled to one vote per share.

The proceeds derived from the sale of the new bonds will enable the company to retire its outstanding 8% 1st mtge. bonds and debentures, 8% prior preference stock and its management shares, all of which were issued in connection with the reorganization of 1921.

All of the outstanding \$15,911,600 10-year 8% s. f. gold debenture bonds, due May 1 1931, have been called for redemption on Aug. 12 next at 110 and int. at the Central Union Trust Co., trustee, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.

**Elect New Board of Directors and Executive Committee.**—The shareholders on July 11 elected a new board of 17 directors, which in turn elected an executive committee of 7 members.

The new directors, elected for 3-year term, are: Clarence Dillon (President of Dillon, Read & Co., New York); John Sherwin (Chairman of the board, Union Trust Co., Cleveland); P. W. Litchfield (President of the Goodyear company, Akron); Grayson M.-P. Murphy (of Grayson M.-P. Murphy & Co., New York); Elton Hoyt, 2d (of Pickands, Mather & Co., Cleveland); E. B. Greene (Chairman of the board, Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland); Robert C. Schaffner (President of A. G. Becker & Co., Chicago); Walter B. Mahony (publisher of the North American Review, New York); G. A. Tomlinson (President of G. A. Tomlinson Steamship Co., Cleveland); Samuel L. Smith (Vice-President and Sales Manager, National Malleable Steel & Castings Co., Cleveland); Fayette Brown (President of Stewart Furnace Co., Cleveland); George B. Durrell (President of American Fork & Hoe Co., Cleveland); Dr. Robert H. Bishop, Jr., of Cleveland; Henry B. Manton (President of Robinson Clay Products Co., Akron); Russel L. Robinson (Vice-President of Robinson Clay Products Co., Akron), and Francis Seiberling, lawyer, Akron.

President P. W. Litchfield also was elected for a term of three years, during which time it is contemplated that the management will remain unchanged. Messrs. Sherwin, Greene, Litchfield, Tomlinson, Smith, Seiberling and Mahony were named members of the new executive committee.

**To Manufacture Tires in England.**—

Owing largely to the recent duty imposed upon tires imported into England, the company has made arrangements to start manufacturing tires in England as early as possible, it is announced by President P. W. Litchfield. A model plant and 70 acres of land have been acquired at Wolverhampton, England, for this purpose. The present buildings have a capacity of 2,000 tires and tubes daily and additions will be made as the business warrants. The factory is a strictly modern structure over 1,000 ft. long, well designed to be adapted for use as a tire factory. Wolverhampton has a population of 150,000 and is 16 miles from Birmingham, the centre of the English industrial district.

The entire building equipment will be shipped promptly from the tire plant at Akron and the factory should be in production by the end of this year. An option on the factory was closed this week.

This plant with the new Australian factory which will be in operation in October, gives the Goodyear company 6 tire factories in various parts of the world.

**Termination of Common Stock and Preferred Stock Voting Trust Agreements.**—

The present voting trustees under the voting trust agreements have terminated the trusts and have filed an order with the depositary directing the delivery of stock certificates representing common and preferred stock of the company in exchange for stock trust certificates under the agreement, representing such common or preferred stock.

Distribution of stock certificates will be made to the registered holders of stock trust certificates, on and after July 31 1927 at the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O., or, at the option of the common stockholders at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, or the preferred stockholders at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, in exchange for and upon surrender of their stock trust certificates.

Henry B. Manton, E. E. Mack, Russel L. Robinson and F. A. Seiberling are the present voting trustees under the company's common stock voting trust agreement, dated as of May 1 1921.

E. G. Wilmer, A. H. Scoville and W. A. Phillips are the voting trustees under the preferred stock voting trust agreement, dated as of May 1 1921.—V. 125, p. 103.

**Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.—Earnings.**

	—Quar. End. June 30—		—6 Mos. End. June 30—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Net profit (est.) after deprec'n, dep'n. Federal taxes, &c.	\$1,012,000	\$947,000	\$1,991,000	\$1,901,000
Shares of common outstanding (par \$100)..	360,000	360,000	360,000	360,000
Earns. per share on com.	\$2.69	\$2.51	\$5.28	\$5.03

—V. 124, p. 2599.

**Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Net Sales.**

	1927—June—	1926.	Decrease.	1927—6 Mos.—	1926.	Decrease.
\$1,270,127	\$1,447,337	\$77,210	\$8,692,093	\$9,225,771	\$533,678	

The 12 Chicago retail stores showed an increase in net sales for June and for the six months, it is announced.—V. 124, p. 3504.

**Haymarket Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—An issue of \$250,000 6½% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds was recently offered at 100 and int. by Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Dated June 14 1927; maturing serially, 1928-1934. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Callable in lots of \$10,000 on any int. date at 102 and int.

*Security.*—This issue is the direct obligation of Warren B. Irons and Pearl Irons, his wife, owners of this building and other real estate. The entire issue is further secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and Haymarket Bldg., located at 716 to 726 W. Madison St., Chicago. The property is improved with a six-story and basement stone and brick building. The first floor is occupied by five stores and the theatre lobby. The upper floors are used for offices, lofts and light manufacturing. The well-known Haymarket Theatre, located on part of the lot, has been very profitably operated by Warren B. Irons for the past five years.

*Earnings.*—During the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 the Haymarket Bldg. and theatre was operated by Warren B. Irons for the owners, the Chicago-Haymarket Co. of New York, on a commission basis and it netted the owners during these years, after payment of interest, taxes, insurance, commission and all expenses an average income in excess of \$39,000 annually, which is equivalent to approximately 3½ times the interest charge on \$250,000 at the rate of 6½%. During the past year, beginning June 1 1926, the theatre and building have been under lease to Warren B. Irons at a net annual rental to the owners of \$45,000 which is approximately 2¼ times the annual interest charge on the entire bond issue.

**Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.**—Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans, are offering at prices to yield 5¼% \$100,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 6% gold notes, series F-1927.

Dated July 1 1927, due July 1 1930-1933. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Int. payable J. & J. at Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La., trustee. Callable on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 101 and int. These notes are the direct and unconditional obligations of the company, and in addition are secured ratably and without preference by the assignment to the trustee of first mortgages on improved city real estate. Such mortgages will in no case exceed 60% of the appraised value of the property as determined by the company's appraisers, and the average amount of the mortgages pledged as security for this particular series of notes is below that figure.—V. 124, p. 2599.



(A.) Hollander & Sons, Inc.—Earnings.—  
Results for Six Months Ended June 30 1927.

Gross income	.....	\$882,193
Deductions	.....	231,633
Interest, \$44,014; depreciation, \$52,000; Federal taxes, \$74,863	.....	170,877
Subsidiary preferred dividends	.....	17,500
Net income	.....	\$462,183
Earnings per share on 200,000 shares (no par) capital stock	.....	\$2.31

—V. 124, p. 2600.  
**Hope Engineering & Supply Co.—Completes Contracts.**  
Construction of 171 miles of pipe line by the above company, under the \$4,150,000 contract with the Rio Grande Valley Gas Co. to supply the Rio Grande Valley in Texas with natural gas, is approximately 50% completed. To date 6 miles of 10-inch and 29 miles of 12-inch pipe have been laid on the main transmission system from the gas fields in Jim Hogg County to the lower end of the valley. On the main line between San Benito and Brownsville 20 miles of 8-inch pipe have been laid. Work on construction of the city distribution systems is now under way in McAllen, San Juan, Pharr, San Benito and Brownsville. It is anticipated that gas will be supplied to McAllen on or about Aug. 1.  
See also Houston Gulf Pipe Line Co. below.—V. 124, p. 3781.

**Houston Gulf Pipe Line Co.—Completes Extension.**  
The company has completed its 30-mile 16-inch high-pressure gas line from the Refugio field in South Texas to the White Point and Corpus Christi fields. In these two fields and attached to the line are 11 large gas wells with daily open flow capacity of over 600,000,000 cu. ft. of gas. This gas is delivered into the lines of the Houston Gulf Gas Co. at Refugio and gives this company a supply from two new and virgin gas fields, the proven acreage of which is several times greater than in the Refugio field.  
The Houston Gulf Gas Co. now has attached more than 40 producing gas wells in five separate fields with a combined daily open flow capacity of approximately 2,000,000,000 cu. ft., or 40 times the amount necessary to fill its lines to capacity. The Refugio field, which has been the mainstay of both the Houston Gulf Gas Co. and the Houston Pipe Line Co., has shown no appreciable dropping off in either flows or pressures in the past half-year and it appears reasonable to expect a large production from this field for several years to come.  
The new line was completed by the Hope Engineering & Supply Co. of Mount Vernon, Ohio. It was turned over to the company complete on July 6.

**Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Night Line.**  
This corporation, which operates the Night Line boats to Albany and Troy, N. Y., reports an increase in gross revenue for June of \$15,920. Passengers carried totalled 464 more and automobiles 331 more than in June 1926. Comparative figures follow:  
June 1927.     June 1926.     1926 to Date     1927 to Date  
Gross revenue..... \$221,924     \$206,004     \$510,081     \$452,441  
Passengers..... 19,492     19,438     45,585     39,205  
Automobiles..... 1,024     693     1,983     1,268  
—V. 125, p. 254.

**Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Estimated Earnings, &c.**  
An authoritative statement says:  
Net earnings after all charges in the 6 months ending June 30 are estimated at \$1,000,000, or about \$2 a share on the 500,000 outstanding no par shares. In the first quarter of this year net was \$634,530, equal to \$1.26 a share. In the first 6 months of 1926 net was \$929,429, equal to \$1.86 a share.  
The present crude output of the company is over 18,000 barrels daily, compared with about 7,500 daily a year ago. The outlook is good for maintenance of earnings during the remainder of the year at the same rate as in the first 6 months. In view of the prospect for continuance of production at a high rate. New wells drilling in the Seminole area which are nearing completion are expected to considerably augment flush production. The dividend of 25 cents was declared late in June, although action was due in April. This distribution will be made on Aug. 1 to holders of record July 18.—V. 125, p. 104.

**Indiana Oolitic Realty Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**  
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis, is offering at par and dividend \$300,000 6% cumulative preferred stock.  
Dated July 1 1927; due serially Dec. 15 1928-1939. Exempt from all State and local taxes in Indiana (except estate and inheritance taxes) and from normal Federal income tax. Dividends payable Q-M. Callable all or part at 102 on any div. date upon 30 days' notice. Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis, registrar and transfer agent.  
Data from Letter of Walter C. Ely, President of the Indiana Oolitic Realty Co., follows:

**Property.**—Company owns in fee approximately 524 acres of proved stone land in Monroe County, Ind. The land owned contains some of the richest and most valuable deposits of oolitic limestone to be found anywhere in this entire district. The stone is of excellent quality and the deposits of unusual depth.  
The company owns 40 acres of land at Ellettsville on which it has a practically new, completely equipped and thoroughly modern fire proof mill for sawing, milling and finishing limestone. An addition now being built will double its capacity. Upon completion of this addition the company will be one of the largest independent stone operations in the entire district.

**Security.**—This issue of preferred stock is secured by the land, buildings and equipment appraised at \$2,448,171. This issue of preferred stock therefore represents but 12 1/2% of appraised values or \$816 in values for each \$100 share of stock.  
**Purpose.**—Cash proceeds from the sale of the preferred stock have been deposited with the Inland Investment Co. and will be paid out under its direction (1) to reimburse the Indiana Oolitic Limestone Co. for moneys expended in construction of additions to the company's mill and (2) to retire and fund certain outstanding indebtedness and for no other purposes.  
**Lease.**—The property is leased for a period covering the life of the preferred stock to the Indiana Oolitic Limestone Co. at a sufficient rental to pay all dividends and maturities on the preferred stock, all taxes, insurance premiums and all other expenses. Through the lease this preferred stock will be guaranteed by the Indiana Oolitic Limestone Co. and senior to \$300,000 of preferred stock and 16,000 shares of common stock of that company.

**International Cement Corp.—Earnings.**  
—3 Mos. End. June 30 — 6 Mos. End. June 30 —  
1927.     1926.     1927.     1926.  
Gross sales..... \$7,868,402     \$6,856,967     \$13,842,127     \$11,705,169  
Less pks., disc. & allow.     1,527,427     1,265,479     2,644,684     2,123,826  
Net sales..... \$6,340,975     \$5,591,488     \$11,197,443     \$9,581,343  
Manufacturing costs.... 3,383,237     2,757,880     5,910,656     4,761,297  
Depreciation..... 470,942     465,286     794,404     717,701  
Shipping, selling & administrative expenses... 1,040,756     1,015,363     1,945,023     1,821,892  
Net profit..... \$1,446,041     \$1,352,959     \$2,547,362     \$2,280,454  
Int chgs. & financial exp.     4,172     32,367     1,300     33,585  
Reserve for Fed'l income taxes & contingencies.. 299,615     261,805     497,516     441,911  
Net to surplus..... \$1,142,254     \$1,058,787     \$2,048,546     \$1,804,959  
Shs. com. outst. (no par)     562,500     500,000     562,500     500,000  
Earns. per sh. on com.     \$1.74     \$1.77     \$3.04     \$2.92  
—V. 124, p. 3781.

**International Harvester Co.—Supreme Court Dismisses Action Against Company—Competitive Conditions in Harvester Machinery Trade Are Found to Have Been Restored—Corporation Held to Have Abided by Terms of Consent Decree—Government's Contentions Alleging Inadequacy of Agreement Made in 1914 Are Not Sustained.**—See "Chronicle" of June 9, page 187.  
President Alexander Legge regarding the decision said: "A quarter of a century after the company was formed and 14 years after the Government began its prosecution, it has now been definitely determined that the com-

pany has the right to live. During all this period of searching investigation the courts have found nothing in the company's conduct to censure or criticize.

"In its final phase, the issue was whether or not effective competition existed in the harvesting machine industry. The Supreme Court answers that question in the affirmative.  
"This decision will bring no change in the company's policies or methods. The principles which it has followed for 25 years will be continued—to deal fairly with customers and competitors and render the best possible service to agriculture."—V. 124, p. 3078, 1813.

**International Mercantile Marine Co.—Recapitalize'n.**  
The directors, it is reported, have reached accord on a plan for recapitalization of the company. Three provisions of the plan as stated in the press are as follows:  
For accumulations on present preferred stock now totaling 73 1/2% on May 1 last, each share of present preferred will receive one-fifth of a share of new 6% preferred stock. Present preferred will receive one share of new no-par common stock for each share held. Each share of present common will receive one-fifth of a share of new no-par common stock.

Gross earnings for the first six months of 1927, it is reported, were approximately \$1,500,000 in excess of gross for first half of 1926 and it is understood that the second half of the year gives promise of duplicating this performance. The gain in the first half this year, however, is due not entirely to accelerated business or to a saving in fixed charges resulting from sale of the White Star Line, transfer of which was made Jan. 1 1927, but to lower operating expenses.—V. 125, p. 241.

**International Securities Corp. of America.—Tr. Agent.**  
The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed transfer agent of the cum. pref. stock and class A common stock.—V. 125, p. 254.

**International Shoe Co.—Company's Proposal to Dispose of McElwain Properties Not Fully Acceptable to Federal Trade Commission.**

The company's plan presented to the Federal Trade Commission on June 27, offering to sell in bulk, or on sealed bids, all assets acquired by it from W. H. McElwain Co. in 1921, provided that the price were not less than the appraised value of the properties or not less than the present sound value thereof, has not met with the approval of the Commission. The plan has neither been rejected nor accepted and the points of disagreement are now being ironed out by the officials. This plan was offered in compliance with an order by the Commission, dated Nov. 25 1925, directing the company to divest itself of the properties, on the ground that the possession of them constituted violation of the Clayton Act, in that it tended toward unlawful restraint and monopoly in the shoe trade.  
The plan presented to the Commission by the company for compliance with the order in part follows:

On April 30 1926 respondent filed a second motion for reconsideration, upon which no action was taken, as at about the same time, on motion of respondent, the Commission suspended the execution of said order pending the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Thatcher Manufacturing Co. vs. Federal Trade Commission; that said decision was announced Nov. 23 1926, whereupon respondent, on Jan. 20 1927, renewed its request for a reconsideration on the merits of said order of Nov. 25 1925, and asked for a rehearing of the case before the Commission; that said request for a rehearing was granted Feb. 7 1927, and that pursuant to such rehearing July had on April 8 1927, the Commission did, on May 10 1927, overrule respondent's petition, thereby making its order final.  
That by the fourth paragraph of said order respondent is commanded within sixty days from the date thereof to submit "for the consideration and approval of the Federal Trade Commission, a plan for the performance of this order in a manner which shall restore in harmony with the law the competitive conditions which existed with respect to the respondent and such assets, properties, rights and privileges prior to the acquisition by International Shoe Co. of the stock or share capital of W. H. McElwain Co."

That the identity of the properties and assets so acquired has been materially changed since 1921, and, among other respects, in these: (a) the finished products, raw materials and shoes in process at the date of acquisition were sold in the course of business; (b) some of the distributing agencies have been sold and some have been closed out; (c) one tannery has been abandoned; (d) the lasts, patterns and dies were discarded and were replaced by others for the manufacture of International shoes; (e) some of the machinery has been worn out and replaced by equivalents; (f) a large portion of the factory capacity has been changed from the production of men's to women's shoes with resulting changes in equipment and machinery; (g) leasehold interests that were held by the McElwain Co. have expired by limitation and in some instances have been negotiated anew by the respondent; (h) certain intangibles, such as trade marks and trade names (including the name McElwain), have been held in non-use by respondent.  
That to identify, segregate and aggregate the vast number of items, tangible and intangible, acquired from the McElwain Co. and now held by respondent, together with additions, improvements and alterations, will require a resort to the books and records of respondent, which are at the disposal of the Commission or its accredited representatives.

That a vast number of machines used by respondent in the production of shoes in the McElwain plants are held under written leases from the United Shoe Machinery Corp. and other shoe machinery companies; such leases cannot be terminated or assigned without the written consent of such shoe machinery companies. Moreover, in the instances where machines are returned before the expiration of the respective leases, the lessee is obligated to pay substantial sums designated as "return charges." Hence if these plants are sold to a purchaser who does not take over these leases, the aggregated "return charges" would constitute a very considerable liability against respondent in favor of the said shoe machinery companies.  
That respondent does, or know on what terms or conditions said shoe machinery companies would consent to an assignment of such leases.

Respondent represents and shows that (a) during the latter part of 1921 and the year 1922 extensive changes took place incidental to changing factory capacity from men's to women's shoes, which entailed discarding worn-out equipment and replacing it with other adapted to the new use intended; (b) included in the assets purchased were minority stock interests in several subsidiary corporations; in the period from 1921 to 1923 the majority stock interests were acquired and in 1924 the assets, whereupon the corporations were liquidated; (c) included in the securities owned by the McElwain Co. was the entire capital stock of the Nashua Realty Co., which, in turn, owned the land and building occupied by the McElwain Co. in Nashua, which was subject, however, to a mortgage for \$67,000, which respondent paid off in 1922.  
That in 1925 respondent had the value of all of its assets, including the former McElwain plants and assets, appraised by the American Appraisal Co. of Milwaukee, Wis., as of April 30 1925. That the appraised value of the McElwain assets as so made was entered upon respondent's books and this appraised sound value, plus the cost of additions since made, less the usual depreciation, represents the present "book value." That this is the only "book value" that is accurately to be computed from respondent's books and records. Said appraised sound value as it appears upon respondent's books and records is as follows:  
Appraised sound value, April 30 1925:

Eastern selling branches	.....	\$113,721
Eastern shoe factories, tannery and other manufacturing departments	.....	5,755,998
Subsidiary companies (Merrimack Co. and Nashua Realty Co.)	.....	463,357
Total appraised sound value April 30 1925, per American Appraisal Co.'s summary	.....	\$6,333,076
Plus—Additions at cost April 30 1925 to April 30 1927	.....	\$207,700
Lasts, dies and patterns; value as of April 30 1927	.....	550,768
Misc. secs. acquired from McElwain Co. and still owned, at cost	.....	35,085
Total	.....	\$7,126,629
Less—Eliminations April 30 1925 to April 30 1927, \$79,252; and depreciation April 30 1925 to April 30 1927, \$564,348.	.....	645,600
Total depreciated sound value, April 30 1927	.....	\$6,481,029

That the respondent will offer for sale in bulk or on sealed bids, as the Commission may designate, all the properties and assets acquired by respondent from W. H. McElwain Co. and now held by respondent either (a) at a price not less than the value as appraised by the said American Appraisal Co., brought down to a date to be designated by the Commission and such value to be checked, verified and approved by the Commission, or at a price not less than the present sound value thereof, such sound value to be established by a reputable appraisal company to be selected by the Commission, whichever is lower, on the terms and conditions following:

1. The manner, date and place of such offering shall be designated by the Commission, but the date shall not be set more than three months after the Commission shall have approved the offering price.

2. The purchase price to be paid 5% in cash when the bid is accepted and the balance to be paid six months later upon delivery of possession by respondent.

3. The respondent shall deliver possession on a date approximately six months after the bid is accepted and approved by the Commission and shall convey the properties sold by deeds, transfers and conveyances of like tenor, form and effect with those by which the same properties were transferred to it by the W. H. McEilwain Co., and the respondent will warrant and defend the title to said properties and assets against all claims or encumbrances preferred or suffered by or through respondent.

4. The offering for sale of such properties under the circumstances and on the terms stated, whether resulting in a sale to another or not, shall be taken by the Commission as a compliance with its order heretofore entered, and this proceeding shall thereupon forthwith abate.

In tendering for the consideration and approval of the Commission its plan for the performance of the order, the respondent respectfully requests that the record shows (a) that it has done so solely for the purpose of attempting to meet the views of the Commission and thereby putting an end to the harassment, trouble and expense of this proceeding most wrongfully sustained; (b) that respondent solemnly asserts its innocence of any violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act; and (c) that it does not waive or prejudice (but expressly reserves) its right to have the complaint, findings and order of the Commission adjudicated by the courts, if the Commission after a hearing shall reject said plan of compliance.—V. 124, p. 3360.

**Joske Bros. Co., San Antonio, Tex.—Stock Sold.—**Lehman Brothers, New York, have sold at \$41 per share, voting trust certificates for 49,500 shares capital stock (no par val.)

Application will be made to list the voting trust certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Capitalization.**—To be presently authorized and issued, 100,000 shares (no par value).

**Data from Letter of Dr. Frederick G. Oppenheimer, Pres. of the Co. Company.**—The business of company, the outstanding department store in southwestern Texas, was founded in San Antonio in 1873 by Julius Joske.

Thirty years later the present company was incorporated in Texas. Alexander Joske, a son of the founder, became the active head of the business, continuing as such until his death in 1925, when the executives previously associated with him assumed the management.

The portions of the business have grown with successive purchases of real estate and extensive enlargements of the store. To-day the company owns and occupies premises containing over 220,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The store site includes a prominent corner, by official count one of the two busiest in the city. It is approached from all directions by main traffic arteries and past it run practically all the principal street car lines. The main store building consists of four stories and basement, fronting 256ft. on North Alamo St. and 197 ft. on East Commerce St.; the annex adjoining comprises five stories and basement. Other property owned allows ample room for future expansion.

**Profits.**—The business has shown a substantial profit in each of the past 18 years.

The net profits for the three years ended Dec. 31 1926, after in each year (1) deducting income earned on securities and secured bills receivable, and interest on a mortgage of \$60,000 (proceeds of such mortgage and of the sale of the securities and secured bills receivable on hand April 30 1927 now being withdrawn from the business); (2) giving effect to the non-recurrence of certain items, and (3) deducting the Federal income tax at the rate of 13 1/2% per annum on the adjusted net profit for each year, in lieu of the Federal income tax and capital stock tax actually paid, as certified by S. D. Leidesdorf & Co., were as follows:

	1924.	1925.	1926.
Net profits	\$403,090	\$381,892	\$520,583
Net profits per share	\$4.03	\$3.81	\$5.20

Company is making agreements with four of its officers to pay each of them 5% of the excess of net profits in each of the years 1927, 1928 and 1929 over the net profits for the year 1926, as shown above.

**Sales and profits** in the period from Jan. 1 1927 to June 20 1927 were greater than sales and profits in the corresponding period of 1926.

**Dividends.**—It is expected that dividends on the new capital stock, payable quarterly at the rate of \$3 per annum, will be inaugurated in the near future.

**Management.**—The present management and other important executives will continue to direct the company's operations. The majority of these men have grown up in the business, and for some time past have, through part ownership therein, shared in its profits. The continuity of management and organization is to be insured by means of a voting trust, created for the term of three years, beginning July 21 1927. The deposit thereunder of over 95% of the capital stock of the company is already assured.

**Prospects.**—In view of the sound growth of the business to its present outstanding position and of the high regard in which it is held by the community, the management looks to the future confident that the store will share proportionately in the growth of which San Antonio and the surrounding sections give promise.

**Balance Sheet as of April 30 1927 (Giving Effect to Recapitalization).**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$146,537	Notes payable to banks	\$200,000
Accounts & notes receivable	532,839	Accounts payable	89,943
Merchandise inventory	1,021,591	Accrued salaries & exp.	16,026
Land and buildings	a697,349	Res. for Fed'l. & c., taxes	134,018
Deferred charges	127,844	Reserve for dividend to former stockholders	195,235
Goodwill and trade name	84	Capital stock and surplus	1,890,937
Total	\$2,526,160	Total	\$2,526,160

As appraised by the San Antonio Real Estate Board, less depreciation, \$1,696,149; less mortgages owing by the company, \$1,118,375; furniture, fixtures and equipment at cost less depreciation, \$119,575.

**Kelsey Hayes Wheel Corp.—Initial Dividend.**—The directors have recently declared an initial quarterly cash dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 21 (not July 25, as previously reported).—V. 124, p. 3640.

**(George) Kern, Inc.—Control Passes to Gobel.**—See Adolf Gobel, Inc., above.

**Kokomo (Ind.) Steel & Wire Co.—New Control.**—See Continental Steel Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 222.

**Koloa Sugar Co., Hawaii.—Annual Report.**—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profits	loss\$21,495	loss\$23,080	\$206,395	\$96,811
x Before deducting	\$34,823 for 1924	accrued territorial and Federal income taxes.		

**(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Earnings.—**

Period—	Quarter		Six Months	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$30,453,209	\$26,418,170	\$55,900,987	\$49,837,324
Profit	3,754,244	2,970,981	6,654,377	5,853,730
Federal tax	506,823	401,083	898,338	790,254
Net income	\$3,247,421	\$2,569,898	\$5,756,039	\$5,063,476
Preferred dividends	35,000	35,000	70,000	70,000
Surplus	\$3,212,421	\$2,534,898	\$5,686,039	\$4,993,476

**Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Earnings.—**

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$2,053,467	\$1,844,175	\$1,549,220
Expenses	788,905	725,290	600,384
Net profits	\$1,264,562	\$1,118,885	\$948,836

**Lambert Company.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 additional shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issuance as follows: 50,000 shares to the stockholders of this company and (or) to the underwriters and 50,000 shares as consideration for the

acquisition by this company of all of the capital stock of Lambert & Feasley, Inc. (New York) making the total amount applied for 481,250 shares of common stock, (authorized 1,000,000 shs.) Compare also V. 124, p. 3782.

**(The) LeMur Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Pref. Stock Sold.**—George B. Robinson & Co., Inc., New York, have sold in units of 1 share of pref. stock and 1 share of common stock at \$115 per unit (and pref. div.) \$200,000 8% cum. conv. pref. stock.

Dividends payable quarterly. Red. on July 1 1929 or any div. date, in whole or in part at \$110 per share and div. Preferred in liquidation to extent of \$100 per share and divs. Transfer agent, Bankers Trust Co. Registrar, New York Trust Co.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized. Issued.  
8% cumulative convertible preferred stock----- \$200,000 \$200,000  
Common stock (without par value)-----\*100,000 shs. 65,000 shs.  
\*10,000 shares reserved against conversion of the preferred stock.

**Data from Letter of J. C. Murray, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Business was established Jan. 1 1925 to engage in the distribution of the LeMur machine for the permanent waving of hair. Sales to May 1 of this year have been 5,610 machines for a volume of business of \$705,984. The business of furnishing these machines with the necessary supplies for operation has amounted to an additional \$420,271. It has been found that the average requirement of supplies per machine is approximately \$100 per annum, suggesting a volume of over \$500,000 from this source alone during the next twelve months.

**Earnings.**—The results for 1925 were a volume of business of \$207,115 and a net operating profit of \$1,856, after charging off organization and development expenses. During 1926 the volume of business increased to \$722,000, which was done at a net operating profit of \$132,060. The volume for the first four months of 1927 was \$292,055, against \$227,339 in the same period of 1926. It is believed that this percentage of gain will be held throughout the year inasmuch as the company now has over 5,610 machines installed and using supplies, as against 2,841 at this date last year. The net earnings after taxes for 1926 were \$114,310, equal to seven times the dividend requirements of the preferred stock.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds of this issue will be used to finance the company's rapidly growing business in permanent waving machines and supplies, and to permit also the expansion of business into the closely allied field of cosmetics, in which company now has a business of profitable though small proportions.

**Conversion Feature.**—Preferred stock is convertible at the option of the holder on or prior to July 1 1929, on ten days' notice, into common stock in the ratio of five shares of common stock for each share of pref. stock.

**(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—Sales.**—

Period end.	June 30—	1927—Month—	1926.	1927—5 Mos.—	1926.
Sales	\$4,628,769	\$4,117,354	\$28,475,654	\$24,711,111	

—V. 124, p. 3641, 2918.

**Lincoln Mtge. & Title Guaranty Co.—Stock Increase.**—The stockholders on July 11 voted to increase the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and surplus from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The new stock will be offered at \$30 a share to stockholders of record July 16 and they will be given 15 days in which to purchase.—V. 124, p. 3220.

**Mack Trucks, Inc.—Vice-Pres. of M. I. M. T. Corp.**—Roy A. Hauer has been elected a Vice-President of the Mack International Motor Truck Corp., and will continue as General Manager of the business department of that corporation.—V. 124, p. 2918.

**Madison & Kedzie Bldg., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering \$800,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% serial gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated June 15 1927; due semi-annually Dec. 15 1928 to June 15 1942. Int. payable J. & D. at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., New York or Chicago. Callable at 102 and int. Straus Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

**Land and Building.**—The building which has been in successful operation since its completion, approximately 3 years ago, is three stories and part basement in height, of semi-fireproof construction, with an attractive exterior of terra cotta. It contains 14 stories and approximately 26,100 sq. ft. of rentable space. The building is now 95% rented to high grade responsible tenants, among whom are the Walgreen Drug Co., the Singer Sewing Machine Co. and the Martha Washington Candy Co.

**Earnings.**—The earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1926 were as follows: Gross \$114,596.09 Operating expenses 35,195.67

Net income available for int., depreciation & Federal taxes. \$79,400.42

This is over 1.8 times the greatest annual interest charges on this issue. Based on present rentals and leases now in effect, the net income available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes for the year 1927 is estimated at \$94,410 which is over 2 1/2 times the greatest annual interest charges. Owing to the fact that many leases now in effect are on a graduated scale of rentals, the net income in years subsequent to 1927 should show a further substantial increase.

**Borrowing Corporation.**—The bonds are the direct obligation of Madison & Kedzie Building Corp.

**Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Issues Statement on Stock Operations.**—

President Richard H. Brown has issued the following statement: "Respecting the upward movement of the company's stock, I had hoped it might attain a deserved price more slowly. The earnings of the company for the first 6 months of 1927 show little more than dividend requirements. It may therefore be assumed that the speculation bringing about the advance rests on the company's future prospects, which may be regarded as good though I regret the market's tendency to discount them in advance. However, I have very little concern in stock movements, the Presidency of the company requiring and receiving practically all of my attentions." [The stock sold at 93 1/4 July 11, the high for the year, against 53 1/4 Jan. 25, the low for the year.]—V. 124, p. 3506.

**Maryland Credit-Finance Corp.—Notes Offered.**—J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore, are offering \$300,000 one-year 6% collateral trust notes, series D, on a 6 1/4% discount basis.

Dated July 1 to Aug. 15 1927 and maturing July 1 to Aug. 15 1928 at the purchaser's option. Issued in denom. of \$500 or multiples thereof in registered or bearer form and sold on a discount basis. Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore, Maryland, trustee.

**Company.**—Incorp. in Maryland in May 1920 and has shown a steady growth throughout its 7 years of operation. Corporation operates in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The business is the purchasing of commercial paper secured by liens on automobiles on which, in most cases, the purchaser has paid a minimum of one-third in cash the balance generally being distributed over the period of a year, in 12 equal instalments.

**Security.**—Notes, are direct obligations of the corporation and are additionally secured by deposit with the trustee of motor lien notes, in principal amount of not less than 125% of outstanding collateral trust notes. The security of these collateral notes consists of: (1) The deposit of receivables as collateral at the rate of \$125 for each \$100 of collateral trust notes outstanding. (2) The paid-in capital, surplus and undivided profits of the corporation amounting to \$583,416 as of May 31 1927. (3) The obligations of the purchasers, widely diversified as to localities and occupations.

The corporation agrees to eliminate promptly collateral on all motor lien notes 60 days' past due and deposit other collateral in its place.

**Milk Dealers' Bottle Exchange, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—Bacon, Whipple & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 6%, according to maturity, \$300,000 first (closed) mortgage serial 6% gold bonds.

Date June 1 1927; due serially Dec. 1 1928-1937. Int. payable J. & D. at Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c's. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 plus a premium of 3/4 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof unexpired to maturity, but in no event below 101.

### Data from Letter of W. B. Wanzer, President of the Company.

**Company.**—Organized in Illinois in 1919, by the milk dealers of Chicago, for the purpose of providing a clearing house for the recovery of milk bottles which in the normal course of business do not return to their owners. The number of bottles returned through the Exchange has increased from 11,500,000 in 1920, to 48,500,000 in 1926. The stock of the company is owned by 387 milk dealers, who represent practically the entire industry in Chicago.

**Security.**—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the entire fixed property of the Milk Dealers' Bottle Exchange, which includes its plant at 47th and Throop Sts., and a new plant to be built on a tract of land which it owns in fee on Blue Island Ave., between Lincoln and Robey Sts., and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy tracks. The present plant and equipment has been appraised as having a depreciated value of \$245,101. In order to provide funds for the construction of the new building, cash in the amount of \$346,948 will be deposited with the trustee.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1926, after depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes and discount not exceeding 5% of sales, were \$108,262, which is equal to 6 times annual interest charges on these bonds. On the same basis, average annual earnings for the 3 years and 5 months ending May 31 1927, were \$65,779, or more than 3½ times such interest requirements.

**Contract.**—Company and certain of the larger dairy companies of Chicago, including the Bowman Dairy Co., Borden's Farm Products Co., the Wieland Dairy Co., Sidney Wanzer & Sons, Inc., and others, have entered into a contract containing provisions for the continued use of this Exchange by the above companies, on the present basis and with no reduction of the present schedule of service charges so long as any of these bonds remain outstanding and unpaid. This contract will be deposited with the trustee as additional security for the bond issue.

### Missouri-Kansas Farms Co.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have decided to defer payment of the July 1 quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 9,000 shares of \$6 cumulative class A stock, no par value.

This is one of the so-called "farm loan companies" that was organized late in 1925 to "supplement the efforts of country bankers and certain joint stock land banks in the secondary financing of farmers." This company was organized to operate in the territory served by the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank. Walter Cravens, who was recently indicted in connection with the mismanagement of the bank is president of the Farms company.

See also under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page of this issue.—V. 121, p. 2761.

### Mond Nickel Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years Ended April 30—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross profits incl. int. & divs. received, &c.	\$528,730	\$574,371	\$490,244	\$460,218
Debiture interest	73,750	96,393	122,750	122,750
Genl. chgs, incl. salaries	60,267	52,943	51,955	56,477
Bad debts	-----	-----	-----	284
Reserve for corporate profits tax	-----	-----	2,500	4,249
Balance at credit at end of year	\$394,713	\$425,035	\$313,039	\$276,458
Balance brought forward	48,212	50,290	40,403	65,268
Total	\$442,925	\$475,325	\$353,442	\$341,726
Directors' fees	19,736	21,252	15,652	13,823
Divs. on pref. shares	262,500	236,370	175,000	175,000
Divs. on ordinary capital	112,500	112,500	112,500	112,500
5½% mtge. deb. stock reserve account	15,000	-----	-----	-----
Exp. of cap. issue to be written off	-----	56,992	-----	-----
Bal. to be carr. forward	\$33,189	\$48,212	\$50,290	\$40,403

### Motor Products Corp.—To Retire Debentures.

The corporation has offered to purchase at any time to Jan. 1 1928 any of its outstanding 6% sinking fund 20-year gold debentures at par, plus accrued interest, since the last interest payment, upon presentation of any such debentures, with all unpaid coupons attached, at its office in Detroit.—V. 124, p. 1522.

**Nash Motors Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.**—The directors on July 9 declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 2,730,000 shares of common stock, no par value, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. In February and May last the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share with no extras (compare V. 124, p. 382).

Period end. May 31—	Quarter	6 Months			
	1927.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Net income after taxes, depreciation, &c.	\$5,566,281	\$6,010,824	\$9,491,735	\$10,148,322	

### National Cottonseed Products Corp.—Transfer Agent.

The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed transfer agent of preferred and common stock of the corporation, and agent to exchange old preferred and common for new stock.—V. 123, p. 591.

### National Enameling & Stamping Co.—Offers to Retire 25% of the Outstanding Preferred Stock.

This company, which sold its holdings in the St. Louis Coke & Iron Corp. for \$2,892,040, or \$171.170 more than the price at which the stock was carried on its books, decided on July 11 to purchase 25% of its 100,000 outstanding \$100 par preferred shares at a price not to exceed \$95 a share. This represents an outlay of \$2,375,000.

Offers of preferred stock will be received from stockholders up to 3 p. m. on July 28 at the office of Hayden, Stone & Co.—V. 125, p. 256.

### National Manufacture & Stores Corp., Atlanta, Ga.—Preferred Stock Offered.

Hayden, Stone & Co., and Watson & White, New York, are offering at 100 and dividend, \$1,600,000 7% convertible first preferred (a. & d.) stock.

Transfer agent, Fidelity Trust Co. of New York. Registrar: National City Bank, New York. Dividends payable Q.-J. Red., all or part, at 110 and divs. on 30 days' notice. Annual sinking fund commencing July 1 1928 of 15% of net earnings after 1st pref. and class A divs., with a minimum of \$50,000 per year.

**Convertibility.**—First pref. stock will be convertible into common stock at any time at the option of the holder on the basis of three shares of common for one share of 1st pref.

**Common Stock Offered.**—The same bankers are offering at \$22 per share, 46,000 shares common stock (no par value).

### Data from Letter of President Alfred Fox, dated July 7.

**Company.**—Has been incorporated in Delaware and will acquire Fox Mfg. Co. and 18 retail furniture stores.

The business of Fox Mfg. Co. was started by Alfred and Lawrence M. Fox in 1907, with a capital of \$5,000 and has been successfully operated during the past 20 years, in every year of which a profit has been realized from the business. No additional capital has been injected but the business has been built up entirely out of earnings, until it did a net business of \$1,900,000 during 1926.

Fox Mfg. Co. manufactures medium priced living-room, bedroom and wicker furniture. It has three factories in Atlanta, Ga., where it is strategically located with reference to the source of raw materials, especially hard wood. Company has over 1,100 employees and is the largest and oldest manufacturer of upholstered furniture in the South. It maintains sales offices in New York and Chicago and its furniture is sold all over the United States except the West Coast. It includes as its customers such stores as John Wanamaker, R. H. Macy & Co., Gimbel Bros., &c.

Outside of Atlanta 90% of its business consists of carload shipments, made possible by the diversified character of its products. The bulk of the distribution (65%) is throughout the South so that the factories are advantageously located to serve this growing market. On the other hand, it is able to compete in the Northern markets due to its very low cost. Company maintains an open shop and has never had a strike among its workmen.

The 18 retail stores are located in the large cities of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. With one exception they have all been established from 10 to 49 years and are among the leading furniture stores in their respective cities. The total net sales of these 18 stores in 1926 amounted to over \$3,900,000.

**Acquisition.**—The owners of Fox Mfg. Co. are accepting part of the common stock of the National Manufacture & Stores Corp. in full payment for 100% of the stock of their company. They will have a majority control of the new corporation.

In acquiring the retail stores nothing will be paid for their very valuable good-will or leaseholds and in every case a substantial portion of the price will consist of class A cumulative stock of this corporation, all of which will be issued to the former store owners.

**Earnings.**—Haskins & Sells certify that the summary of the consolidated sales and earnings by years for the three years ended Dec. 31 1926, adjusted to give to the new capital structure and to the operation of the new corporation are as follows:

Year	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$5,833,250	\$5,135,613	\$4,840,669
Earnings avail. for 1st pref. dividends	504,241	442,540	395,828
Times 1st pref. dividend earned	4.5	3.9	3.5
Earnings for common stock	344,221	282,520	235,808
Earned per share on common stock	3.15	2.59	2.16

**Purpose.**—The proceeds of the pref. and common stock, together with the class A cumulative stock will be used in the acquisition of the 18 retail stores.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% conv. 1st pref. stock (par \$100)	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
7% class A cum. stock (par \$100)	1,800,000	686,000
Common stock (no par)	x157,000 shs.	109,000 shs.
x 48,000 shares of common stock are reserved for conversion of 1st pref. stock.		

### Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31 1927 (Giving Effect to Organization of Co.)

Assets—	Liabilities—	
Cash	Accounts payable	\$58,840
Accounts receivable	Notes payable	215,660
Notes & trade accepts, rec.	Accrued payroll	5,378
Inventories	Accr. int. on notes payable	8,265
Due from off. & employees	Federal tax for 1926	1,920
Fixed assets (depr. value)	Due to officers	8,918
Good-will of Burnett-Klapper Co.	Note payable for purch. of Burnett-Klapper Co.	45,661
Leasehold & impts. to leased buildings	Reserve for taxes	2,500
Prepaid int. & ins. prems.	7% conv. 1st pref. stock	1,600,000
	7% class A cum. stock	686,000
	Common stock & surplus	1,786,727
Total	Total	\$4,419,870

V. 125, p. 256.

### National Surety Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Aug. 5 of \$5,000,000 additional capital stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for to date \$15,000,000.—V. 124, p. 3643; V. 125, p. 106, 256.

### National Tile Co.—Dividend No. 2—Earnings.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the capital stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 18. An initial distribution of like amount was paid on May 1 last.

The company reports for the six months ended June 30 1927 net profits of \$281,850 after depreciation, Federal taxes, &c., equivalent to \$3.13 a share on 90,000 capital shares issued.—V. 124, p. 658.

### New England Investment Trust, Inc.—Changes Capitalization—Acquisition—Voting Trust.

H. E. Schaefer, Treasurer of the New England Collateral Shares Corp., local representative of New England Investment Trust, Inc., on July 13 made the following statement:

The New England Investment Trust, Inc., has filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation increasing the authorized capitalization from \$100,000, divided into 4,000 shares of capital stock of \$25 par value, to \$500,000, divided into 2,500 shares of 8% cum. pref. of \$100 par and 25,000 shares of common, \$10 par. The preferred stock will all be issued as will 15,000 of the authorized 25,000 shares of common stock.

The Discount Co. of New England, which formerly held a controlling stock interest in the New England Investment Trust, Inc., has relinquished control. Holders of Discount Co. preferred and common have been offered the right to exchange for new preferred and common of New England Investment Trust, Inc., on a share-for-share basis. The bulk of outstanding Discount Co. stock has already been exchanged under this offer.

It is announced that holders of 14,990 shares out of the outstanding 15,000 shares of New England Investment Trust common have placed their stock in a voting trust with Clifton K. Wells, President of New England Investment Trust, Inc., sole voting trustee.—V. 125, p. 107.

### New Process Co., Warren, Pa.—Initial Pref. Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. See V. 124; p. 3363.

### N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2¼% and an extra dividend of 2¼% on the capital stock, payable July 30 to holders of record July 19. An extra dividend of like amount was paid in each of the previous ten quarters.—V. 124, p. 3222, 2291.

### North Butte Mining Co.—Receivership, &c.

F. R. Kennedy in a circular letter to the stockholders dated July 7 says: "On June 8 last, John W. Neukom, of Duluth, Minn., and Matt L. Essig, of Butte, Mont., were appointed receivers by the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota in receivership proceedings brought by Francis H. Hardy, Chicago, a creditor, holding the company's past due note for moneys advanced the company for payroll purposes.

"On June 10 ancillary or supplemental proceedings were had in the U. S. District Court for the District of Montana. Messrs. Neukom and Essig were appointed ancillary receivers of the company's property in Montana.

"Mr. Neukom was one of the vice-presidents of the company and a member of the board, is thoroughly familiar with its affairs and properties and for the past five months has devoted practically his entire time and efforts toward endeavoring successfully to finance the company and place its affairs on a sound financial basis.

"Mr. Essig has been connected with the company at Butte since 1906 as mine and cost accountant, and in charge of its mine office, and for several years preceding the merger with Tuolumne was in entire charge of the company's properties, plants and equipment at Butte.

"These proceedings were instituted in view of the company's financial condition and of its inability to finance its requirements in the face of the continued opposition of certain minority interests. Company voluntarily appeared in the receivership proceedings and consented to the appointment of the receivers. The primary object of the proceedings is to protect and preserve the assets and resources of the company for the benefit of its stockholders, as well as its general and secured creditors and its bondholders and to prevent the filing of numerous suits by its creditors and the creating and filing of adverse and conflicting liens upon its properties. Under the receivership the property and assets of the company will be kept intact, and the way is opened for reorganization of its affairs and the proper financing of its requirements by concerted action on the part of its stockholders, general creditors and bondholders. Steps to that end will shortly be taken and as soon as the necessary committees are formed, all interested parties will be further advised.

"Under the receivership the property has been put on a caretaking basis, all expenses have been cut to a minimum and all unnecessary overhead and employees salaries eliminated, other than wages of necessary watchmen and caretakers and minor charges for upkeep and maintenance.

"Operation at the Granite Mountain mine were discontinued and the mine shut down June 1. The appointment of receivers, therefore, did not materially affect the company's operations. The receivers assented, subject to confirmation and further order of the court, to the continuance of a leasing operation on the 1,200 level of the Speculator mine, the proceeds from which should be sufficient to take care of expenses and upkeep for the next few months.

"On the day the receivers took possession of its properties the company had less than \$500 cash on hand in the mine office account and had collectible accounts receivable of but a very small amount. It was indebted to general creditors in the amount of over \$150,000, much of which was long past due and included a balance of over \$37,000 of accounts payable of the Tuolumne Copper Co. at the time of the Tuolumne merger. Company also had past due notes outstanding amounting to \$51,000 and other notes amounting to \$25,000, maturing in June and up to July 3. One of these notes, for \$40,000, was given to secure an open account of Tuolumne Copper Co., assumed by this company at the time of the merger. At the time of the merger the company assumed payment of a past due bond issue of \$118,800, secured by first mortgage on all properties of Tuolumne Copper Co. The merger contract provided that the Tuolumne interests should use their best endeavors to secure a two-year extension of these bonds, but no satisfactory extension was ever secured. At the time of the receivership \$115,200 of these bonds were still outstanding and unpaid; and certain holders thereof had since last March been threatening to bring suit and foreclosure proceedings.

"In addition to the foregoing indebtedness, the company had outstanding but not matured, bonds as follows: \$2,200 secured by a second mortgage on the Tuolumne properties, \$24,150 secured by a third mortgage on the Tuolumne properties and \$364,700 first mortgage bonds of the North Butte Mining Co. secured by first mortgage on substantially all the properties of the company and also subject to the lien of the three Tuolumne mortgages on the properties acquired from the Tuolumne company. The semi-annual interest on North Butte bonds and Tuolumne bonds is due July 2 and 7 and amounts to over \$14,400.

"Late in February of this year the company faced a financial crisis and in order to meet its payroll requirements \$6,500 was borrowed from Mr. Hardy and \$10,000 from a New York bank. Steps were immediately taken to formulate a financial plan to provide funds for its pressing needs and to enable it to purchase necessary pumping equipment and carry on an 8 months development program in its East Side properties. The estimate of funds required was based on statements of the President and the General Manager as to the amount needed for such equipment and development program plus sufficient money to pay off all its smaller general creditors. The plan contemplated the issuance of short term collateral trust notes secured by bonds of the company, to be underwritten, and provided also for an extension of the past due Tuolumne bonds. The plan was adopted at a board meeting early in March at which all directors and the office of the company were present. After the note issue was practically underwritten and steps were being taken to secure extension of the past due bonds, opposition to the plan unexpectedly and suddenly developed on the part of certain minority interests. No substitute plan was offered and insistent demands were made that such minority interests be given added representation on the board. To avoid factional strife and after numerous conferences, which apparently eliminated existing differences, three directors selected by such minority interests were elected to the board.

"At a board meeting held shortly thereafter, at which all the members were present, a modified plan of financing was unanimously adopted, which contemplated a two-year collateral trust note issue in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to be underwritten and provided for a two-year extension of the past due bonds. The plan was so arranged as to permit the company to sell its bonds while going ahead with a definite East Side development plan, and the plan provided that to the extent that bonds might be so sold, the amount of notes to be taken up on the underwriting would be proportionately reduced.

"Neither plan in the judgment of the directors contemplated that the funds to be so provided would put the East Side properties in production, but that the company would under either of said plans be able to carry out an 8 months development program on the East Side property and reach, under normal conditions on the 2,200 level, the ore bodies previously encountered on the 2,000 ft. level and while carrying on such work be in position further to finance itself by the sale of bonds.

"Shortly after the latter plan was adopted and definite assurance had been given that all interests would work in harmony the same opposition again developed including opposition on the part of certain directors who had voted in favor of the adoption of the plan.

"In an effort to satisfy the opposition and to arrange for making effective a modified or substitute plan, if necessary, conferences were held at Butte and at a general meeting of creditors and local stockholders held there, the plan and its objects and purposes were explained in detail. A committee was appointed to consider the plan, and if deemed advisable, to modify it or offer a substitute therefor. As a result of the committee meeting no modified or substitute plan was offered and an arrangement was suggested for properly financing the company, except the possibility of endeavoring to sell its stock through stock market manipulation, with no definite assurance that such attempt would be successful. The principal demand was for two more directors on the board, giving the opposition six out of nine directors. This demand was made as preliminary to any discussion of a financial plan, and was coupled with threats of receivership and other litigation in event of non-compliance.

"Several days after the appointment of receivers a meeting of local stockholders and bondholders, initiated by certain minority interests, was held at Butte and a so-called stockholders committee was appointed to investigate the affairs of the company. In connection with such meeting much publicity containing misinformation and misstatement of facts has been given out. It is for that reason that this plain statement of the facts is issued and so that all interested parties may be fully informed.

"The receivership is for the purpose of conserving and protecting the rights of stockholders, bondholders and creditors and there is no reason why with proper co-operation the company can not be successfully reorganized and properly financed.

"The company's obligations are substantially as follows:

Bonded indebtedness.....	\$506,250
Notes payable (all of which are past due).....	76,000
Accounts payable.....	81,900
Past due bond interest which matured July 2 and 7.....	14,400
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$578,550</b>

-V. 124, p. 3784.

**Oahu Sugar Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—**

<b>Calendar Years—</b>	1926.	1925.
Total income.....	\$1,300,010	\$1,289,909
Depreciation.....	324,486	297,512
Miscellaneous debits.....	33,464	58,298
<b>Net profit for year.....</b>	<b>\$942,059</b>	<b>\$934,099</b>
Previous surplus.....	4,887,782	4,845,104
Miscellaneous credits.....	4,634	24,576
<b>Total surplus.....</b>	<b>\$5,834,475</b>	<b>\$5,803,779</b>
Dividends paid.....	(10%)600,000	(12)720,000
Territorial taxes accrued.....	40,731	28,401
Reserve for Federal taxes.....	116,385	125,105
Transfer to general insurance fund reserve.....	44,609	42,489
<b>Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31.....</b>	<b>\$5,032,750</b>	<b>\$4,887,782</b>

-V. 123, p. 214.

**Ohio Leather Co.—Minority Seek Receiver.—**  
 Minority stockholders have petitioned the Common Court of Pleas at Youngstown, Ohio, that a receiver be appointed and seek to restrain the company from paying dividends, transferring stock or buying first preferred stock.  
 The company has an option on 936 shares of first preferred stock at \$80 a share and had offers to buy 1,500 shares at that price, all offers to be made prior to July 12.  
 Officials, it is stated, will act immediately to have dismissed a temporary injunction granted to C. H. Kaifer, owning 40 shares of original preferred, restraining the company from paying funds for retirement of outstanding preferred and from transferring any stock.  
 A director of the company is quoted as follows: "Company has reduced its debtore notes by two-thirds in last four years. It has shown a profit every year since reorganization except last year. During the first 5 months this year the company earned preferred dividend requirements, and is absolutely solvent."—V. 125, p. 107.

**Ohio Terminal Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Bonds Offered.—**  
 A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York, and Porter Fox & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at 98½ and int. \$1,325,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds. Dated June 15 1927; due June 15 1947. See further details in V. 125, p. 256.

**Olaa Sugar Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—**

<b>Cal. Years—</b>	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit.....	\$293,834	\$38,851	\$403,978	\$435,202	def\$148,047

-V. 122, p. 2960.

**Osborn Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Injunction Dismissed.**  
 The temporary injunction restraining the city of Fall River from selling the Osborn Mills for non-payment of 1925 and 1926 taxes issued by the Massachusetts Superior Court about three weeks ago was dismissed by the Court on July 11, following a hearing at which Judge Frank M. Silvia represented the city and Attorney Arthur S. Phillips appeared for the receivers of the mill. The sale of the mill for taxes had been advertised when the injunction was secured. The receivers now state that they hope to be in a position to pay the 1925 tax claim of \$20,145 the present week and the 1926 tax of \$14,300 within another week. The Court ruled that the right of the mill to recover for overassessment would not be lost by refusing to grant a permanent restraining order even though the tax sale goes through. The mill has been shut down since the appointment of the receivers and a complete audit of the affairs of the corporation is now being taken. See also V. 125, p. 256.

**Otis Elevator Co.—Earnings.—**

	Quarter	1926.	1927.	6 Months	1926.
<b>Period End. June 30—</b>	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1926.
Net aft. depr. & Fed. tax.....	\$1,498,772	\$1,394,817	\$3,058,564	\$2,833,018	
Pension reserve.....	75,000	75,000	150,000	150,000	
Contingent reserve.....	150,000	-----	250,000	-----	
<b>Net income.....</b>	<b>\$1,273,772</b>	<b>\$1,319,817</b>	<b>\$2,658,564</b>	<b>\$2,683,018</b>	

-V. 124, p. 2603.

**Paige Detroit Motor Car Co.—June Output.—**

<b>Month of—</b>	June '27.	July '27.	June '26.
Number of cars produced.....	1,552	1,507	3,461

-V. 125, p. 257.

**Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—Federal Trade Commission Finds Company Violated Anti-Trust Laws—Ordered to Stop Unfair Practice.—**See under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page of this issue.

Pres. Adolph Zukor issued the following statement with regard to the order of the Federal Trade Commission:

"The formal order and findings of the Federal Trade Commission were served upon us yesterday (July 11). We are glad to find that, after the Commission's searching investigation, begun in 1921, and but recently completed, the only existing business practice of this corporation to which its order purports to apply is the sales method of offering pictures in groups, referred to by the Commission as "block booking." This is the offering of a number of pictures as a unit. It is also the offering of a number of pictures for an aggregate price substantially less than the combined prices for various pictures in the group if purchased separately.

"In other words, it is the offering of a group of pictures at a wholesale price below the retail price of single pictures. It does not prevent exhibitors purchasing pictures singly. The average advance upon the price of single pictures as against the block price of such pictures is only about 25%. This sales method is not peculiar to our company, but is almost universal in the industry. It will thus be seen that the Commission's order, if sustained by the courts, will present a question which will have to be dealt with not alone by the Paramount company, but by the entire motion picture industry. Therefore, no change in our existing sales policies is contemplated at the present.

"The Commission's order does not attempt to interfere with the ownership and operation of the existing theatre holdings of the Paramount company, known as the "Public Circuit," nor with any additions thereto which may be made in the normal development and expansion of our business in the future."—V. 124, p. 3643.

**Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Earnings.—**

	Month of May	5 Mos. End. May 31—
	1927.	1926.
<b>Gross.....</b>	<b>\$355,156</b>	<b>\$381,062</b>
Oper. exp. & taxes (not incl. Federal).....	385,522	415,040
<b>Operating deficit.....</b>	<b>\$30,366</b>	<b>\$33,978</b>
Miscell. income.....	13,968	12,308
<b>Gross income.....</b>	<b>def\$16,399</b>	<b>def\$21,671</b>
Depl. & deprec.....	20,056	21,079
Other charges.....	19,590	20,548
<b>x Balance, deficit....</b>	<b>\$56,045</b>	<b>\$63,298</b>

x Before Federal taxes.—V. 124, p. 3223.

**Penn-Seaboard Steel Corp.—Receivers.—**  
 The temporary receivers recently appointed in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del. for the corporation have been made permanent. They are Alexander F. Crichton and William P. Barba.—V. 125, p. 108.

**Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Stores in Operation.—**  
 As of June 30 1927 the company was operating 47 stores as compared with 33 on the same date of 1926.—V. 125, p. 257.

**Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—Prepayment on Account of Capital—Par Value of Shares Reduced.—**  
 The stockholders on July 13 authorized a decrease in the total capital stock from \$1,600,000 to \$984,375 by a reduction of the number of shares from 40,000 to 39,375, and a reduction of par value per share from \$40 to \$25 by the payment in cash of \$15 per share to the stockholders.  
 The cash distribution of \$15 per share to the stockholders in connection with the recent reduction in par value of the shares is payable on and after Aug. 10 to holders of record July 30. See V. 124, p. 3785.

**Pictorial Review Co., New York.—Tenders.—**  
 The Manufacturers' Trust Co., trustee, 139 Broadway, N. Y. City, will receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 6½% gold bonds due April 1 1939.—V. 123, p. 2531.

**Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Corp.—Rumor Denied.—**  
 Secretary C. F. Bennett states: "The corporation has made no agreement for merger with any other company or companies and has under consideration no change whatever in its present policy."—V. 124, p. 3082.

**Pines Winterfront Co.—Earnings.—**

<b>Results for Fiscal Year Ended April 30 1927.</b>	
Gross operating profit.....	\$916,085
Net operating profit (after depreciation).....	441,732
Other income.....	36,431
<b>Total income.....</b>	<b>\$478,162</b>
Other deductions.....	11,043
<b>Net profit before income tax.....</b>	<b>\$467,120</b>
Provision for income tax.....	62,909
<b>Net profit.....</b>	<b>\$404,211</b>
Class A dividends.....	150,000
Class B dividends.....	150,000
<b>Balance, surplus.....</b>	<b>\$104,211</b>

-V. 124, p. 2762.

**Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.—Sales.**—Sales for the second quarter ending June 30 1927 totaled \$3,391,460, compared with a total of \$1,776,688 for the corresponding period of 1926, which is an increase of 90%.  
The company reports that at the close of June it was operating 161 stores. See also V. 125, p. 257.

**Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc.—Registrar, &c.**—The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar and the Sea-board National Bank as transfer agent for 60,000 shares 6 1/4% cum. conv. pref. stock, and 550,000 shares common stock.—V. 124, p. 3643.

**Pittsburg Steel Co.—Subs. Increases Stock.**—The National Steel Fabric Co., Pittsburg, a subsidiary, has taken out a new charter changing its capital stock from \$100,000 common stock and \$200,000 preferred stock to \$500,000, all common stock. ("Iron Age.")—V. 124, p. 1991.

**Plymouth Garage Building, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—H. O. Stone & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices to yield from 6 1/4% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$250,000 first (closed) mortgage leasehold 6 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1927, due from 2 1/2 to 12 years. Chicago Title & Trust Co., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 and \$100. Bonds and coupons (J. & J.) payable at the office of H. O. Stone & Co., Chicago. Callable at 102 and int. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice. Federal income tax not in excess of 2% and State taxes (not in excess of the following amounts) of Mich. 5 mills, Iowa 5 mills, Minn. 3 mills, and Wisc. 6% of the interest, payable for the bondholders by the mortgagee or at the office of H. O. Stone & Co.

**Monthly Deposits.**—One-sixth of the semi-annual interest charges for each half-year period; one-twelfth of the general taxes levied against the premises for each year; one-third of the next quarterly payment of ground rental; and, beginning Aug. 1 1929, one-sixth of the semi-annual principal payment, are deposited in advance each month by the mortgagee with H. O. Stone & Co. These deposits assure prompt payment of interest and principal to the bondholder and of taxes and ground rent under the leasehold.

**Security.**—This bond issue is secured by a first (closed) mortgage on the Plymouth Garage Building and the leasehold on the land at 701-717 Plymouth Court, fronting west 150 feet and having a uniform depth of 100 feet to an alley. The property is located between Harrison and Polk Sts. The appraisal of the value of the building gives the floor area as 96,200 sq. ft., providing storage for 600 cars. The building is of the semi-ramp type, each floor being divided on half-story levels.

**Earnings.**—The property has been leased to the Dorchester & 63rd Street Garage Co. for a term of 15 years from July 1 1927. The lessee assumes and pays all taxes, insurance, repairs, special assessments and maintenance charges of every kind, excepting ground rent, and the rental of the property is as follows:

Net annual rental under lease ..... \$51,500  
Ground rent (average for the 12-year term of this bond issue) ..... 7,833

Net annual income of property ..... \$43,667

**Postum Co., Inc.—Earnings.**—

Period End. June 30—	Quarter		6 Months	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$14,232,397	\$12,718,478	\$26,937,158	\$24,170,366
Exp., less miscell. inc.	10,295,593	9,276,486	19,134,628	17,136,514
Net earnings	\$3,936,804	\$3,441,992	\$7,802,530	\$7,033,852
Federal taxes	531,554	469,675	1,052,146	955,214
Net income	\$3,405,250	\$2,972,317	\$6,750,384	\$6,078,638
Shs. com. out. (no par)	1,468,627	1,465,000	1,468,627	1,465,000
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$2.33	\$2.03	\$4.59	\$4.15

—V. 125, p. 257.

**Pratt & Lambert, Inc.—Outlook—New Building.**—President A. D. Graves says in substance:  
"The outlook for full business in the paint and varnish industry is excellent, and a good demand for the products manufactured by this company is anticipated. The sale of pyroxylin lacquers has developed rapidly within the past year, necessitating additional manufacturing facilities.  
A large four-story building is in the course of construction. This additional unit will provide facilities for increasing the production of lacquer three times the present capacity.  
The report for the first half of the current year will show sales and earnings in excess of the corresponding period of last year.—V. 124, p. 934, 802.

**Pullman Car & Mfg. Co.—Receives Order.**—The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. has placed orders with the above company for 10 diners, 8 buffet and library cars, and 15 baggage and mail cars, to cost approximately \$900,000.—V. 123, p. 1643.

**Pullman Co.—Reorganization Plan Approved.**—The stockholders on July 12 ratified the plan of reorganization outlined in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 12, p. 934.  
The stockholders approved an agreement between the Pullman Co. and Pullman, Inc., to exchange the stock of the Pullman Car & Mfg. Co. for 675,000 shares, being 20% of the authorized capital stock of Pullman, Inc.  
The directors declared a dividend of this 675,000 shares of Pullman, Inc., stock on the basis of one half share of Pullman, Inc., stock for each share of Pullman Co. stock, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 30.  
More than 90% of the outstanding stock of the Pullman Co. has been deposited with the reorganization committee and will receive the dividend. An offer made by this committee to Pullman, Inc., to exchange one share of Pullman Co. stock for two shares of Pullman, Inc., was also accepted, so that shortly the committee will distribute 2 1/2 shares of Pullman, Inc. stock for each share of Pullman Co. capital stock deposited. Details re exchanges will be announced at a later date. See also V. 124, p. 3785.

**Purity Bakeries Corp.—New Vice-President.**—J. W. Hines has been elected Vice-President.—V. 124, p. 2922.

**Rand Mines, Ltd.—Gold Output (in Ounces).**—

	June	May	April	March	Feb.	Jan.
1927	855,154	859,479	824,014	860,511	779,339	839,000
1926	852,145	849,214	803,303	834,340	753,924	796,270

—V. 124, p. 3785, 3644.

**(Robert) Reis & Co.—Sales.**—

Period End. June 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—6 Mos.—1926.	
Sales	\$2,104,061	\$2,383,371	\$4,114,199
	\$4,473,309		

—V. 124, p. 2292, 1373.

**Remington-Noiseless Typewriter Corp.—Offer Appr'd**  
The stockholders have voted to accept the offer of the Remington Rand, Inc., whereby the latter company would exchange one share of its 7% 1st pref. stock and one share of its common stock for each four shares of Remington Noiseless Typewriter Corp. common stock and 1 1-10 shares of Remington Rand 1st preferred for each share of Remington Noiseless preferred stock.—V. 124, p. 3365.

**Remington Rand, Inc.—Acquisition Approved.**—The stockholders of the Kalamazoo Loose Leaf Binder Co. have approved the sale of the business and the assets of the latter to Remington Rand Inc. It is understood that the Remington company will pay for the Kalamazoo assets with 7% 1st pref. stock.  
See also Remington-Noiseless Typewriter Corp. above.—V. 125, p. 108.

**Rollman & Sons Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—W. E. Hutton & Co., Central Trust Co. and the Fifth Third Union Co., Cincinnati, are offering at 100 and divs. \$1,350,000 6% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Dividends payable Q. J. Callable in whole or in part at 105 and divs. on 30 days' notice. Transfer agent, the Central Trust Co. Registrar, Fifth Third Union Trust Co.

**Capitalization.—Authorized. Issued.**  
6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)..... \$2,500,000 \$1,500,000  
Common stock (no par value)..... 200,000 shs. 200,000 shs.  
**Data From Letter of Henry Rollman, President of the Company.**  
*Company.*—Business was founded in a small way as a men's and women's furnishing store by Isaac Rollman in 1867. In 1878 the business became a partnership and in 1900 it was incorporated under its present name. At the present time the concern does a department store business and has 78 departments. The management and control have continued in the hands of the members of the family since its founding.

**Earnings.**—The average annual net earnings available for dividends on the \$1,500,000 6% preferred stock for the 7 fiscal years ended Jan. 31 1927 were \$204,429 or 2.27 times said dividend requirements; for the 3 fiscal years ended Jan. 31 1927 were \$362,062 or 4.02 times said dividend requirements; for the 2 fiscal years ended Jan. 31 1927 were \$448,307 or 4.98 times said dividend requirements.

**Assets.**—Company as of May 31 1927, after giving effect to the financing, as shown by the balance sheet, showed net assets including the value of leasehold available to preferred stock equivalent to \$3,489,535 against the \$1,500,000 of preferred stock to be outstanding. This is equivalent to over \$232 in net assets per share of preferred stock to be outstanding.

In 1926 company acquired the Havlin Hotel property to protect the business against having boundaries established around it. This hotel property is leased to the Havlin Hotel Co. on favorable terms and is producing revenue and has proven to be a sound business venture.

**Purpose.**—Present public offering of \$1,350,000 of the preferred stock of the total \$1,500,000 to be issued is being sold by individuals, and not by the company for financing purposes as the company does not need money for financing.

**Ross Stores, Inc.—Sales.**—

Sales for Month and Five Months Ended June 30.			
1927—Month—1926.	Decrease.	1927—5 Mos.—1926.	Decrease.
\$482,585	\$496,583	\$2,382,841	\$2,488,678
—V. 124, p. 3785, 3510.			\$105,837

**Roxbury Carpet Co.—Par Value of Common Changed.**—The stockholders have voted to change the par value of the 10,000 shares of common stock from \$100 to non-par. See also V. 125, p. 257.

**Royal Dutch Co.—Final Dividend of 13 1/2%.**—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository of certain ordinary stock of the company under an agreement dated Sept. 10 1918, has received a dividend of 13 1/2% guilders (Fl. 13 1/2%) for each 100 guilders (Fl. 100) par value of ordinary stock held by it; said dividend being a final dividend over the year 1926. The equivalent thereof distributable to holders of "New York shares" is \$1.80 on each "New York share." This dividend will be distributed by the trust company on Aug. 2, to the registered holders of "New York shares" of record July 22. This makes a total of 23 1/2% for the year 1926, compared with 23% for 1925, 23% for 1924 and 25% for 1923.—V. 124, p. 3622.

**Royal Worcester Corset Co.—New President, &c.**—Arthur H. Gray has been elected President to succeed the late George E. Duffy.

**Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—		
July 1 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	July 1 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	
Fixed assets (after depreciation)...	\$702,493	\$711,203	Capital stock.....	\$1,766,655
Cash.....	245,467	77,085	Accounts payable.....	32,875
Accts. receivable.....	507,767	519,254	Accrued items.....	15,417
Inventories.....	450,858	512,393	Surplus in reserve.....	94,101
Deferred charges.....	2,463	1,814		35,591
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,909,048</b>	<b>\$1,821,751</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,909,048</b>

5124p. 3366.

**Ruberoid Co.—Stock Changed—Rights.**—The stockholders on July 11 voted to change the authorized capital stock from 35,180 shares, par \$100, to 150,000 shares of no par value. The stockholders of record July 15 will be given the right to subscribe for 35,142 additional shares at \$50 per share. See details in V. 125, p. 109.

**Safeway Stores, Inc.—June Sales.**—

1927—June—1926.	Increase.	1927—6 Mos.—1926.	Increase.
\$6,649,186	\$4,788,286	\$1,860,900	\$34,942,281
—V. 124, p. 3786, 3082.			\$25,836,831

**Sanford (Me.) Mills.—\$1 Dividend.**—The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 10. The company has no regular dates or amounts for dividends. On Jan. 15 a dividend of \$1 per share and \$1 per share extra was paid.—V. 124, p. 385, 247.

**Savannah Sugar Refining Co.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 50c. per share has been declared on the outstanding 27,500 shares of common stock, no par value, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16. Like amounts were paid on Feb. 1 and May 2 last. Regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share were paid previously on the common stock.  
The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16.—V. 124, p. 3366.

**(B. F.) Schlesinger & Sons, Inc.—Annual Report.**—The report for the year ended Jan. 31 1927 says in part: "The year 1926 has been one of progress for the company, with each store in the chain showing a healthy increase in its individual sales. The volume of sales for the stores in Oakland, Portland and Tacoma increased \$1,200,000, or 10%, while the City of Paris Dry Goods Co. in San Francisco showed an increase of \$900,000, or 4.1%, making a total gain in volume of sales of \$1,500,000. The combined sales of the four stores owned and operated by the company was \$19,048,232.  
The profit and loss account for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31 1927, including the operations of the City of Paris Dry Goods Co., for the period when it was under company's management, showed a gross profit on operations of \$5,744,063, and a net income of \$498,772.  
"After providing all proper reserves including reserve for income tax and for the dividends on the preferred stock as well as the interest of the minority stockholders of the City of Paris Dry Goods Co., there was left a balance of \$393,886 available for the payment of 7% dividend on the outstanding preferred stock and \$1.50 per share on the class A stock of B. F. Schlesinger & Sons, Inc. This was more than twice the amount of preferred dividends paid and accrued during the year, and after the payment of such dividends, left a balance equal to \$2.78 a share on the average amount of class A stock outstanding during the year.—V. 123, p. 2913.

**Schine Chain Theatres, Inc.—May Inc. Pref. Div.**—The holders of the preference stock will vote this month on a proposal to change the charter of the company so as to provide for a higher dividend rate on their stock. At present, the stock receives dividends at the rate of \$2 annually and has a right to participate in an additional dividend of 1/3 a share when earnings reach a fixed figure. Under the terms of the proposal, the stockholders would receive \$3 a year with a right to share in additional dividends to the extent of \$1 a share when earnings reach a stipulated sum. The stock also has the right to conversion into class "A" common at any time prior to Jan. 2 1935.—V. 124, p. 2443.

**Schulze Baking Co.—Earnings.**—

24 Weeks Periods Ended—		
	June 18 '27.	June 19'26
Profit from bakery operations.....	\$265,063	\$179,803
Other income.....	34,302	40,224
<b>Total income.....</b>	<b>\$299,365</b>	<b>\$220,027</b>
Bond discount and interest paid.....	61,800	52,229
Depreciation.....	125,809	125,809
<b>Net profit before Federal income taxes.....</b>	<b>\$111,756</b>	<b>\$41,989</b>

—V. 124, p. 1525.

**Scotten, Dillon Co.—Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% and the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 8. On Feb. 15 last the company paid an extra dividend of 7%.—V. 124, p. 660.

**Security Bankers Finance Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—W. A. Becker & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at par and int. \$250,000 participating debenture bonds.

Debenture bonds, with certificates of profit sharing carry participation up to 4%. Date June 1 1927; callable after June 1 1932, at 105%. Maturities and interest rates: 1937, (7%), \$50,000; 1947, (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ %), \$100,000; 1957, (8%) \$100,000. Interest payable Q-M at County Trust Co., New York, trustee, registrar and transfer agent.

**Participation in Net Earnings.**—A certificate of profit sharing accompanies each bond. This certificate is registered by the same act as the registration of the corresponding bond and ownership of the certificate passes to any new registered owner of the corresponding bond. The certificate entitles its owner, in addition to all rights as owner of the corresponding bond and coupons, to the payment by check of the company, on Feb. first of each year, of an amount not in excess of 4% of the face value of the corresponding bond, and equal, subject to that limitation, to the owner's pro rata share of an amount equal to one half of all amounts paid as stock or cash dividends upon all stock of the company during the preceding calendar year.

**Purpose of Issue.**—The corporation proposes to use its capital and the funds derived from the sale of the present issue of bonds for the purpose of organizing and financing local companies or purchasing all or a controlling interest in the stock of local companies already in existence and operating under the uniform small loan law and similar small loan laws. This law has been adopted and is at present a part of the statutes of 22 States. The State of Missouri, at the session of its legislature just adjourned, enacted the Uniform Small Loan Law to fill a well-defined need in that State. The Security Bankers Finance Corp. is organizing its first two operating companies in St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo. Its program of expansion includes subsidiary companies to operate in the States of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois and Georgia.

**Method of Operation.**—The Uniform Small Loan Law under which subsidiaries of this corporation operate, in Missouri and other States, limits the amount of the loan to \$300 and fixes the legal rate of interest. The law itself fixes the risk of each individual loan in a maximum of \$300. The average loan is about \$100. The security on the average loan is from two and one-half to three for one. These loans are in reality "family" loans and as such constitute a giltedged risk. This form of small loan business has the approval and sanction of nearly all the social and civic organizations of America, some of the States having adopted the law more than 14 years ago.

The Security Bankers Finance Corp. will have supervision of the auditing, management, financing and entire conduct of the business of its subsidiary companies. The local subsidiary companies are under the supervision of the banking commission of the States in which they operate.

**Sefton National Fibre Can Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Waldheim-Platt & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and div. \$200,000 7% cum. prior pref. (a. & d.) stock (par \$100).

Dividends Q-J. Red., all or part, on any div. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and div. prior to July 1 1932, and at 110 and div. thereafter. Registrar and transfer agent, Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized, Outstanding. 7% mortgage bonds, \$250,000 \$250,000 1st mortgage bonds, 200,000 200,000 7% cumulative prior pref. stock (par \$100), 200,000 200,000 Preferred stock (no par value), 4,200 shs., 4,200 shs. Common stock (no par value), 1,500 shs., 1,500 shs.

**Data from Letter of W. P. Hicks, President of the Company.** **Company.**—Incorp. in Delaware. Has recently acquired all of the physical property, assets and business of the St. Louis Paper Can & Tube Co. Business was established in 1900, and has shown substantial and consistent growth since its organization, its present plant occupying approximately 5 acres on Big Bend Boulevard, within the city limits of Maplewood, a suburb of St. Louis. The business comprises the manufacture, sale and distribution of paper cans, tubes and containers of various descriptions, and with the recent installation of additional modern machinery and equipment has an estimated annual production capacity equal to 100,000,000 cans and boxes and 10,000,000 tubes.

**Earnings.**—With the exception of one year, 1921, a year of general industrial depression and the year of the removal of the company's plant to its present location, the company has not failed to earn a substantial profit. The average net earnings as shown by the audit of Ernst & Ernst, adjusted to reflect non-recurring charges, available for Federal taxes, depreciation and dividends, has averaged \$83,721 annually for the past 10 years. Such average for the past 5 years is \$64,585, as against \$68,273 for 1926. Dividend requirements on 7% cumulative prior pref. stock amount to \$14,000 annually.

**Assets.**—Balance sheet of the company as of July 1 1927 shows that the company has no bank loans, and no current liabilities. Current assets, including \$170,000 in cash, aggregate \$256,000. Net tangible assets, exclusive of valuable patents and franchises, are \$796,000, which, after allowance for 1st mortgage indebtedness, is equal to \$546,000, as against \$200,000 par value of prior pref. stock, which is equivalent to \$273 for each share.

#### Seneca Copper Mining Co.—Balance Sheet.

Assets—	May 31'27, Dec. 31'26.	Liabilities—	May 31'27, Dec. 31'26
Property acct.....	\$4,846,505 \$4,846,505	Capital stock.....	\$2,500,000 \$2,500,000
Mill site & right of way.....	36,040 36,040	Bonded debt.....	1,413,600 1,413,600
Dwellings.....	22,500 22,500	Accounts payable.....	165,607 60,437
Const. & equip.....	717,697 722,684	Capital surplus.....	5,000,000 5,000,000
Off. co. stock.....	350,000 350,000		
Cash.....	20,825 125,693		
Accounts received.....	22,146 20,257		
Copper on hand.....	184,786 180,731		
Sup. at mine.....	97,452 96,639		
Deferred charges.....	3,193 2,189		
Develop. explor.....	34,883		
Stk. for conver.....	1,500,000 1,500,000		
Unissued stock.....	750,000 750,000		
Prof. & loss.....	493,270 320,799		
		Total (each side)	\$9,079,297 \$8,974,037

x Represented by 350,000 no par shares. Mining operations were suspended June 1, last.—V. 124, p. 3082.

**Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland.—Extra Div. of 1%—To Replace Present Issue of 7% Pref. by an Issue of 6% Pref.**

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$14,861,125 common stock, par \$25, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 30. Like amounts have been paid quarterly on this issue since No. 16 1925. Extras of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% each had been paid quarterly on the common stock from Nov. 15 1923 to Aug. 15 1925, incl.

The directors have voted to redeem on Sept. 1 the entire outstanding issue of 7% preferred stock at \$105 a share. In its place a new issue of \$12,500,000 cum. 6% 1st preferred stock has been authorized. Holders of 7% preferred have been given the privilege of purchasing one share of new 6% preferred at \$102 a share, for each share of 7% preferred now held. In the event of the acceptance of the offer holders will receive on Sept. 1 the new stock plus \$3 cash and accrued dividend on the 7% preferred stock.

Earnings for the first 10 months of the fiscal year which ends Aug. 31 are in excess of those of the similar period last year and the company anticipates one of the best years in its history, according to President, G. A. Martin.—V. 124, p. 2605.

#### Standard Chemical Co., Ltd.—To Write Down Capital.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 11 on approving a capital readjustment plan under which each share of present pref. stock would be exchanged for one share of new no par value capital stock and each ten shares of common stock of \$100 par would be exchanged for one share of new capital stock. Dividends on the pref. shares are 13 years in arrears, which will be wiped out under the plan. The balance sheet as of March 31 1927 showed a corporate deficit of \$925,808. Outstanding preferred stock amounts to \$3,602,700 and common stock \$1,250,000.

President M. L. Davies, June 23, said in substance: "The directors have instructed me to outline more in detail the object and reasons for the proposed rearrangement. During the World War the company was called upon to make large capital expenditures for the purpose of greatly extending its operations and producing various chemicals for the benefit of Great Britain and her allies. All companies throughout the world which were producing commodities similar to those produced by this company were required to make possibly even greater capital expenditures than your company. The result of the consequent greatly increased

production was that when hostilities ceased the markets of the world were glutted.

"It was several years after the war before business conditions became normal for the disposition of the company's products, and market conditions can now be said to be normal and satisfactory.

"Within the last few years the company has found it necessary to dismantle 4 of its manufacturing plants situate at Sault Ste. Marie, Thornbury, Cookshire and Weedon, respectively, owing principally to the fact that the wood supply for the said plants became exhausted. In consequence said plants could no longer be operated at a substantial profit.

"The directors have given most serious consideration to the question of a reorganization of the company with a view to so readjusting its capital structure that a satisfactory dividend at regular intervals could be anticipated with greatest confidence. The directors and several large shareholders who are not directors support the proposed changes in the capital structure."

#### Stanley Co. of America.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders on July 15 increased the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000 shares, no par value. See V. 125, p. 110.

#### Studebaker Corp.—Sales Increase.

President A. R. Erskine is quoted as saying: "The company sold 33,000 cars in the second quarter of this year against 29,000 in the same quarter last year. Net profits for the quarter will exceed last year's figures, which were \$4,706,940 after depreciation and Federal taxes. Total figures make the total sales for the first six months this year 62,000 cars, against 59,000 last year in the same period.

"Studebaker's exports for the first six months of this year were 16,000 cars, against 6,000 last year. The overseas shipment of the Erskine sixes exceeded 9,000 cars in the first five months, making a record never before equalled by any other new American car."

The corporation has made a price reduction on the Erskine Six ranging from \$30 to \$50, effective immediately. The coupe has been reduced from \$945 to \$895, the touring from \$945 to \$915, and the sedan from \$995 to \$965.—V. 124, p. 3645.

#### Sweets Co. of America.—June Earnings.

Net profits after charges for June 1927 were \$5,460, against \$2,463 in June 1926. Business for the first 9 days of July, according to an official of the company, was more than \$7,000 ahead of same period in 1926. New orders, it is stated, are coming in rapidly and the outlook is satisfactory.

Henry A. Fehn, Vice-President and General Manager, says June sales were 17% ahead of June last year. Installation of machinery in August is expected to reduce operating costs.—V. 124, p. 2765.

#### Thatcher Manufacturing Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (1) 132,000 shares of convertible preference stock (voting) without par value, and (2) 120,000 shares of common stock (voting) without par value, with authority to add 132,000 shares of common stock upon official notice of issuance on conversion of the convertible preference stock.

Earnings for Calendar Years.				
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross sales.....	\$5,541,192	\$5,618,171	\$5,463,808	\$6,326,900
Less: Return sales discounts, &c.....	\$607,977	\$647,443	\$590,732	\$653,051
Cost of sales.....	3,670,298	3,992,904	3,873,383	4,189,132
Depreciation.....	261,757	251,257	287,831	335,700
General, administrative and selling expense.....	376,744	353,568	347,015	304,380
Gross profit.....	\$624,414	\$372,997	\$364,846	\$844,636
Other income.....	65,472	59,996	45,495	97,592
Total income.....	\$689,887	\$432,993	\$410,342	\$942,229
Other deductions, incl. Federal tax, &c.....	170,744	148,115	132,981	546,247
Net profit.....	\$519,142	\$284,877	\$277,360	\$395,981

#### (John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—June Sales.

1927—June—1926.	Decrease.	1927—6 Mos.—1926.	Decrease.
\$1,173,163	\$1,210,268	\$37,105	\$7,178,688
		\$7,189,277	\$10,589
Results for Quarter and 6 Mos. Ended June 30.			
Period End. June 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—6 Mos.—1926.	
Net income after deprec., taxes, &c.....	\$373,224	\$387,532	\$769,024
Shs. com. outst. (par \$25)	240,000	240,000	240,000
Earns. per sh. on com.....	\$1.55	\$1.61	\$3.20

#### Traylor Engineering & Manufacturing Co.—Spurious Bonds in Circulation.

The Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has issued the following statement:

The Traylor Engineering & Manufacturing Co. of Allentown, Pa., manufacturers of gyratory crushers, reports that there is an attempt to misrepresent their bonds by a spurious issue which has been printed and calls itself "Traylor Engineering & Manufacturing Co." The bonds having the same general clause and conditions as issued in the Traylor bonds, with the date of the mortgage and date of expiration exactly alike.

The public generally should be warned to be careful in its purchase of any bonds of the Traylor company without making a thorough investigation of the bonds they are getting and to purchase the same only through reputable houses, as otherwise there may be an attempt to market these spurious "Traylor" bonds as an issue of the well known Traylor company bonds, who are the builders of the above type of machinery.

The original bonds of the Traylor company were signed by W. J. Roberts, President, and F. W. Hopkins, Treasurer, and the trustee was the Metropolitan Trust Co. of the City of New York. The trustee named in the spurious bonds is the "Chatham-Phenix Trust Company," there being no such trust company existing, the present trustee of Traylor bonds being the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., the spelling of which is far different from the trust company which the spurious bonds name as trustee.—V. 115, p. 1218.

#### Union Stock Yards Co. & Omaha, Ltd.—Stock Div.

The company has applied to the Nebraska Railway Commission for authority to issue 37,500 shares of capital stock, par \$100 each, to reimburse stockholders, in part, for earnings that were invested in new construction, additions and betterments since 1903. The total amount of stockholders' sacrifices during that period has been in excess of \$6,111,000. The application sets up that nothing is included in the valuation for appreciation in value, goodwill or franchises.—V. 124, p. 519.

#### United States Leather Co.—Registrar.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar of voting trust certificates for prior preference and class "A" stock.—V. 125, p. 260.

#### United States Rubber Co.—Resignation.

Middleton S. Burrill has resigned as a director.—V. 124, p. 2605.

#### United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 125, p. 110.

#### United States Stores Corp.—Gross Sales.

Week Ending—	June 18.	June 11.	June 4.	May 28.	May 21.
Gross sales.....	\$676,571	\$689,499	\$662,026	\$738,103	\$677,267
Stores in operation.....	1,186	1,184	1,181	1,184	1,178

#### United Steel Works Corp. (Germany)—New Financing.

A total of \$34,250,000 of new financing for this corporation, which was formed last year by a combination of four large companies in the steel and all ed industries, is being negotiated by Dillon, Read & Co. Two issues will be sold, one of participating debentures and one of first mortgage bonds. While details of the new financing have been virtually completed and portions of the securities already have been allotted for sale in the leading markets of Europe, it is said that contracts for the loans have not yet been

signed. It is expected that the signatures will be affixed in the next few days and that the securities will be offered publicly in about two weeks.

The larger issue, it is said, will consist of \$30,000,000 of 20-year participating debentures entitled to 6½% interest, with an additional ½% of 1% for each 1% in excess of 6% paid on the stock of the corporation. Proceeds of this issue will be used to retire \$125,000,000 marks of outstanding certificates issued to constitute companies. These debentures will be issued at par or a fraction under. About half of the issue is expected to go to Holland, Switzerland and Sweden.

The second issue will consist of \$4,250,000 first mortgage 6¼% bonds, maturing in 25 years, the proceeds to be devoted to retiring bonds of the Thyssen Company, which was absorbed in the consolidation.—V. 124, p. 3227.

**Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share and an extra dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock (no par value), both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sep. 15. Like amounts were paid on this issue on July 1 last.—V. 125, p. 260.

**Warner-Quinlan Co.—Capitalization Increased.—**

The stockholders on June 30 increased the authorized capital stock by 10,000 shares of preferred stock. See V. 124, p. 3646.

**Western Dairy Products Co.—Class A Stock Offered.—**

Spencer Trask & Co., New York, Bond & Goodwin, Inc., Boston, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco, and Smith, Strout & Eddy, Inc., Seattle, Wash., are offering 46,089 shares of class A stock (without par value) at \$50 per share.

Entitled to cumulative dividends at rate of \$4 per share per annum before any dividends shall be paid upon class B stock and whenever a dividend shall be paid upon class B stock each share of class A stock shall be entitled to receive a further dividend equal to one-quarter of the dividend paid upon each share of class B stock. Dividends payable Q.—M. Regular quarterly dividends at the full cumulative rate of \$4 per share per annum have been paid since Dec. 1 1925. Entitled on liquidation or dissolution, whether voluntary or involuntary, to \$60 per share and dividends before any distribution to class B stock. Redeemable, all or part, at any time at the option of the company, upon 30 days' notice, at \$60 per share and dividends. Transfer agents, Seaboard National Bank of New York and American Trust Co., San Francisco; Registrars, Bank of America, New York; Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco.

Convertible into voting trust certificates representing class B stock at the rate of 1½ shares of class B stock for each share of class A stock.

Capitalization—		Authorized.	Outstanding.
15-year 6½% sinking fund gold debentures—	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,350,000
Class A stock (\$4 cum. div.) (no par value)—	150,000 shs.	131,312 shs.	131,312 shs.
Class B stock (no par value)—	500,000 shs.	190,000 shs.	190,000 shs.
* 270,000 shares reserved to provide for conversion of class A stock and exchange of 15,000 shares California Dairies, Inc., preference stock.			

**Data from Letter of Pres. S. H. Berch, Seattle, Wash., July 13 1927.**

*Company.*—Incorp. Sept. 30 1925 in Delaware. Is engaged in manufacturing and distributing ice cream, powdered milk, sweetened condensed milk and butter and distributing milk and cream and fountain supplies. Its operations are confined to the States of Washington and Oregon and are so conducted that it has built up a well-rounded, self-contained organization for the manufacture and distribution of its products within the borders of each of these States.

In Washington the company manufactures and distributes ice cream, powdered milk and sweetened condensed milk and distributes milk and cream and fountain supplies. In Oregon it manufactures and distributes ice cream, butter and powdered milk. The main plants at Seattle, Spokane and Portland and the auxiliary plants at Tacoma, Everett, Centralia, Vancouver and elsewhere in the State of Washington, and Astoria, Salem, The Dalles and other points in Oregon are advantageously located with respect to the sources of raw materials and the economical and expeditious distribution of the products in the extensive growing territory they serve.

Recently the business and assets of the L. J. Christopher Co. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Western Dairy Products Co.) were sold to California Dairies, Inc., in consideration of certain cash and a purchase money note, due 1944, for \$1,038,799, and subsequently Western Dairy Products Co. purchased the entire common stock of the last-named company. California Dairies, Inc., has been incorporated in Maryland to acquire the business and assets of Crescent Creamery Co. and L. J. Christopher Co. (except, in the case of the former company, certain non-producing property and certain real estate which has been leased for a term of years), two established manufacturers and distributors of dairy products in Los Angeles. The new company will be a large distributor of ice cream in the territory in and about Los Angeles and will also engage in the manufacture of powdered milk and the wholesale and retail distribution of milk, cream, butter, cottage cheese and buttermilk. Bringing together under a single ownership the properties of these two companies should result in many operating economies and perfect a closely knit, well-rounded organization engaged in diversified lines of business, each line augmenting and supplementing the other.

Western Dairy Products Co. and California Dairies, Inc. [see that company above] will, through this arrangement, each derive the benefits of the wide experience and highly efficient managerial ability which have played so large a part in the remarkable success of the businesses in their respective territories.

*Purpose.*—46,089 additional shares of class A stock and 47,000 additional shares of class B stock are being issued for the purpose of providing funds to purchase the entire common stock of California Dairies, Inc.

*Earnings.*—The following table shows in the first column the net earnings available for interest of Western Dairy Products Co. and predecessor companies (excepting L. J. Christopher Co.) for the four years ended Dec. 31 1926, and also, in the second column, the amounts which would have been available for dividends during the last four calendar years on the common stock of California Dairies, Inc., had that company been in existence and constituted as above provided (to include L. J. Christopher Co.), adjusting depreciation to rates approved by engineers and after certain adjustments for officers' salaries now eliminated, non-recurring charges and credits, and other items, which adjustments averaged \$193,070 per annum in the period covered:

	Western Dairy California Products Co. Dairies, Inc.	Combined.
1923—	\$616,793	\$721,922
1924—	627,526	609,187
1925—	742,051	448,750
1926—	841,147	489,380
		1,330,527
Annual average—	\$706,879	\$567,310
Annual interest and discount charges \$2,350,000 Western Dairy Products Co. 15-year 6½% sinking fund gold debts.—		167,608
Federal taxes at 13½%—		72,802
Balance—		\$1,033,781
Annual requirement for cumulative dividend of \$4 a share on 131,312 shares of class A stock—		525,248

The earnings of \$1,033,781, as shown above, are approximately twice the annual requirement for the cumulative dividend of \$4 per share on the 131,312 shares of class A stock presently to be outstanding, and for the year 1926 such earnings were over twice these requirements.

*Balance Sheet December 31 1926.*

[Adjusted to give effect to acquisition of entire common stock of California Dairies, Inc., and to the sale to that company of the business and assets of L. J. Christopher Co.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash—	\$246,786	Accounts payable—	\$152,381
Customers' accts. rec., less res.—	265,807	Mortgage payable—	17,000
Inventories—	216,611	Reserve for Federal taxes—	97,000
Prepaid insurance, license, &c.—	42,499	15-year 6½% debentures—	2,350,000
Miscellaneous investments—	30,600	Capital stock—	2,525,005
Plant and equip., less dep'n—	3,402,798	Surplus—	616,895
Calif. Dairies, Inc., purchase money note—	1,038,799		
do 50,000 shs. com. stock—	3,005,204		
Deferred charges—	239,176	Total (each side)—	\$8,488,281

a represented by 131,312 shares class A \$4 cumulative stock of no par value, and 190,000 shares class B stock of no par value.

*Voting Rights.*—It is the intention of the management to request the approval of the stockholders to amend the certificate of incorporation so that

at all meetings of stockholders, each stockholder, both of class A stock and class B stock, shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name.—V. 124, p. 3368.

**Weber & Heilbronner.—To Form New Company.—**

The stockholders will vote July 19 on authorizing a reorganization of the company. The plans call for incorporating an entirely new company which will provide necessary financial resources for extensive expansion contemplated by company. The new company would bear a similar name to that now existing.

Distribution of the common stock to the common stockholders of the present company on the basis of share for share for that of the new corporation is also asked in a letter being sent to stockholders by President Weiler. The letter states that in order to expand the business of the company a plan was evolved and submitted to owners of several well-established and profitable businesses both in and outside of New York City, which met with their approval, and in conformity therewith arrangements have been perfected to take over the controlling interests in several such concerns and negotiations are now pending with others. The letter further states:

"To accomplish this result, additional financing is requisite, and as the character of the present company was deemed inadequate for the purpose, it was finally determined to reconstitute the organization of a new company which would take over in its entirety the business, franchises, assets and good-will of the present company and have a more flexible charter to enable it presently to sell securities required to raise the funds for immediate expansion and the retirement of the preferred stock of the present company and leave sufficient unissued securities to meet the requirements of future expansion.

"If stockholders approve the proposed plan of reorganization, there will also be presented for approval by them a contract with bankers to meet contemplated requirements in connection with financing the acquisition of these new units."—V. 124, p. 3788.

**Wheeler Condenser & Engineering Co.—Merger.—**

Announcement is made by this company and the Power Specialty Co. that arrangements have been concluded for consolidating the business of these companies in a New York corporation under the name of Poster Wheeler Corp. This merger creates one of the largest producers of steam auxiliary machinery and oil refining equipment in the United States. The company will have complete facilities for designing and building condensors, pumps, feed water heaters, evaporators, cooling towers, coal pulverizers, water-cooled furnaces, super-heaters, economizers, air heaters and other auxiliary machinery used in steam power plants, as well as oil stills, heat exchangers and fractionating equipment, used by the oil industry.

The two companies, for more than 25-years, have been closely associated, selling largely to the same customers. Manufacturing products complementing each other, rather than competitive, the combined companies will form a completely rounded organization manufacturing a full line. Total assets of the combined businesses amount to approximately \$12,000,000.

To effect the merger, a banking group headed by Edward B. Smith & Co., and Brown Brothers & Co. have underwritten the authorized issue of preferred stock of the new company. Both preferred and common stocks of the old companies will be retired and the new company capitalized with 35,000 shares of no par value \$7 cum. conv. pref. stock and 194,000 shares of no par value common stock. There will be no senior securities issued.

The issue of preferred stock is expected to be offered by the underwriting bankers some time next week.

**White Rock Mineral Spring Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	June 30—	3 Months—	6 Months—	
Net profit after charges and Federal taxes—	\$328,387	\$292,831	\$543,700	\$468,475

—V. 124, p. 3228.

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—Consolidation of the Proudfoot Commercial Agency and L. E. Chinal & Co., Inc., has been announced. The union creates a company that is national in scope and marks the extension of the present merger trend to another field—that of commercial reporting and investigation. The enlarged company will be known as Proudfoot, Chinal & Co., Inc., and L. E. Chinal will be President. It will have its main office at 149 Broadway, New York City; representation in 500 American cities; and, in addition, will represent in the United States the firm of Seyd & Co., Ltd., of London, which is the principal discounting and reporting agency of Europe, and the only one that rates as bankers.

—The Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., of New Orleans, announces the appointment of Edward B. Cavanaugh as Asst. Manager of the Chicago office of the firm. Prior to his association with the Hibernia company Mr. Cavanaugh was engaged extensively in real estate operations on the North Side of Chicago.

—Isaac Siegel and E. J. Heilner announce the formation of a new Stock Exchange House to be known as Siegel & Heilner, with offices at 61 Broadway, New York. Mr. Heilner was associated with Heilner, King & Goldman until the dissolution of this firm, which became effective yesterday.

—Joe Jefferson, for several years associated with Hazlett & Co., who have recently discontinued business, has opened an office at 12th and Main streets, Wheeling, W. Va., under the name of Jefferson & Co., to deal in general investment securities, specializing in Wheeling listed stocks.

—Ralph H. Neely and W. Marshall Galloway announce that they have acquired the entire interest of all other partners in the investment firm of Neely, Hanson & Co., and will continue said business as co-partners under the name of Neely & Co., with offices at 105 S. La Salle St., Chicago.

—The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under indenture of the Jewish Educational Association Mortgage Service, Inc., securing an unlimited issue of collateral trust bonds secured by mortgage on approved real estate.

—Cowan & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, at 30 Broad Street, New York, announce that Monroe F. Hess is now associated with them. Mr. Hess was a member of the firm of Heilner, King & Goldman, which has just been dissolved.

—Billings, Olcott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that A. R. Porter, formerly with the Bank of Montreal, has joined the staff of their Montreal office at 145 St. James St.

—Clarence J. Blaker, formerly of Prince & Whitely, has become a general partner in the firm of Morrison & Townsend, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York City.

—Nelson A. Strohman, formerly with Curtis & Sanger, has become associated with the insurance stock department of Broomhall, Killough & Co., Inc., of this city.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 100,000 shares of class A common and 200,000 shares of class B common stock of the Rainbow Luminous Products, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y.

—The dissolution of the firm of Hilcken & Tilghman of New York has been announced. Ralph E. Hilcken will continue in business at 49 Wall St.

—Harrison E. Vreeland has become associated with the retail sales department of G. V. Grace & Co. of New York.

—Lage & Co., have prepared a special analysis of Electric Power & Light Corp.

—Colvin & Co. have prepared a special analysis of the New York Central RR.

## The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

### COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, July 15, 1927.*

COFFEE on the spot was firmer early in the week though not active. Mild grades of the better sort were in steady demand and firm. Only the smallness of the offerings restricted business. Santos 4s were 16¼ to 17c. and Rio 7s 14⅞ to 14¼c. On the 11th inst. prompt shipment offers of Santos coffees were at 16¾ to 17.30c. for Bourbon 3s, 16¾ to 17¼c. for 3-4s; 15.07c. to 16.40c. for 3-5s; 15½ to 16c. for 4-5s; 14¾ to 15.20c. for 5-6s; 15.05 for 6s; 15.10c. for 6-7s; 14.35c. for 7s separations; 16¾ to 17c. for part Bourbon or flat bean 3s; 15¼ to 16¼c. for 3-5s; 15.85c. for 4-5s; 15½c. for 5-6s; 14.75c. for Peaberry 3s; 16¼c. for 4s; Rio 7s were offered at 13.20 to 13.60c.; Victoria 7s plus 15 at 12.80c.; and 7-8s at 12½c.; Santos 3s for July-August were here at 17¼c.; Bourbon 4s for July-December at 15¼c.; 4s for October-December at 15¼c. and for January-February at 15¼c.; January-December Bourbon 4s at 14¼c. Fair to good Cucuta 18 to 19½c.; Bucaramanga natural 21½ to 23c.; washed 22 to 24c.; Honda 24½ to 25c.; Tolima and Giradot 24 to 25c.; Medellin 26¼ to 27c.; Manizales 25 to 25½c.

On the 12th inst. offers for prompt shipment from Santos included Bourbon 3s at 17¼c.; 3-4s at 16.30 to 16.90c.; 3-5s at 15¾ to 16¼c.; 4-5s at 15.80c.; 5-6s at 14¾c.; 6s at 15.10c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 14.55c.; 7-8s at 13.20c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 16¼c.; 3-5s at 15¼c.; 6s at 14¼c.; Santos peaberry 4s at 16.80c.; Rio 7s at 13.30 to 13.35c.; 7-8s at 12.95 to 13.10c.; Victoria 7-8s at 12.60 to 12.70c.; Santos 3s for July-August shipment were quoted at 17¼c.; Bourbon 4s for July-December at 15.35c.; Bourbon 4-5s for October-November at 15.30c.; Bourbon 4s for October-December at 15¼c.; and 3-4s for October-January at 16¼c.

On the 13th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were very irregular with some unchanged and other slightly lower. A sale of Victoria 7-8s was reported at 21¼c.; prompt shipment offers from Santos included Bourbon 3s at 17¼c.; 3-4s at 16.35 to 16.65c.; 3-5s at 15.86 to 16c.; 4-5s at 15.85c.; 5-6s at 14.95 to 15.60c.; 6-7s at 15.20c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 14.55c.; 7-8s at 13.20c.; part Bourbon 3s at 17.85c.; 3-4s at 17.35c.; 3-5s at 15¾ to 16¼c.; 5-6s at 15¼c.; 6s at 14¾c.; Rio 7s at 13¼ to 13.40c.; 7-8s at 13c.; Victoria 7s plus 15 at 13c.; 7-8s at 12.65c. Santos 4s for July-September at 15.65c.; Bourbon 5s for July-December at 15.35c.; 4s for August-December at 15.10c.; 3-5s for September-November at 15c.; 4-5s for October-November at 15¼c.; 4s for October-December at 15¼ to 15¼c.; 4s for January-March at 14.35 to 14.60c. The local spot market was quiet. There was less demand for the higher grades of Santos and mild coffee at firm prices. Brazil was 16¼ to 17c. for Santos 4s and 14⅞ to 14¼c. for Rio 7s.

On the 14th inst. firm offers were not plentiful on a holiday in Brazil. Some were a bit lower; Santos for prompt shipment Bourbon 2-3s at 18.70 to 19.80c.; 3s at 16.50 to 17.70c.; 3-4s at 16.35 to 17.15c.; 4s at 15.80 to 16.05c.; 4-5s at 15.55 to 15¾c.; 5s at 15¼ to 16c.; 6s at 15c.; 6-7s at 14.45c.; peaberry 4-5s at 15.35c.; Victoria 7s plus 15 were offered for prompt shipment at 13c. and 8s plus 25 at 12.55c.

Futures advanced on the 11th inst. 12 to 16 points, with sales of 33,750 bags. Rio terme prices were 325 to 425 reis higher, and shorts and European interests bought. Santos was steady. Shorts took near months and Europe the distant ones. Higher firm offers on both Santos and Rio told. A private cable from Santos said: "Spot steady, more business all qualities. Futures continued firm. Interior prices firm, owing to large interests buying. Exchange steady." The Sao Paulo Coffee Institute reported stocks in the interior warehouses, including Minas Geraes, on June 30, it is true, at 3,312,000 bags, or 495,000 bags more than on June 15. But it was the better cables, the stronger firm offers, the lack of pressure here to sell, the disposition of shorts to liquidate and of Europe to buy the remoter months, that directed the course of prices. And that was plainly upward both on the 11th and 12th inst., when there was a further rise of 4 to 18 points. The shaping factors on the 12th were again higher cables, this time from Europe as well as Brazil. Trade houses joined in the buying. They were the most prominent in it. Europe, however, also bought. There is much talk of a prospective piling of stocks in Brazil. Bears enlarge on this theme. But they also cover. The recent tendency seem seems to have been rather to oversell a small market.

New York advanced on the 14th inst. 3 to 8 points net with Brazilian holdings cutting down the trading here to 8,500 bags. There is a good deal of bearish sentiment here, but the market rises easily on the least encouragement. But some urge that the consumption of coffee is not decreasing and that if bullish features should arise there would be a large increase in the deliveries as invisible supplies are small in all consuming countries. The rumor that the Defense Committee would begin buying in Santos some think is

unfounded. There would be nothing gained by such a course they contend. The restriction of receipts has reduced the Santos stock to a point where it is very difficult to buy desirable selections, except at noteworthy premiums. The spot stock in Santos is said to be of extremely low grade. Prices some argue, are not high and should be considered in relation to the cost price of living and production, which are about double what they were in 1908 to 1910, when a similar situation prevailed. To-day futures closed 12 to 17 points higher with sales of 19,500 bags. Covering was the feature; that and higher Brazilian and European cables, with cost and freight prices up about 20 points. Final prices were 20 to 30 points higher for the week.

Spot, unofficial 14¼c	September 12.38a	March 11.85a
July 19.10a	December 12.04a	May 11.68anom.

SUGAR.—Prompt raws were temporarily firmer at 2¼c. early in the week with Europe cables higher and futures also advancing, with some moderate business rumored to have been done at that price. On the 11th inst. futures advanced 9 points on September with Europe buying as well as trade interests here. January also was strong. Wall Street bought December. Shorts covered in July and other months. Refined was nominally 6.20c. but there were said to be re-sale sugars at 6.10c., and if refiners were not cutting under nominal quotations then rumor was at fault. It was said that 6 to 6.05c. had been quoted by leading interests. Buyers, sensing a small "war" among refiners, held off to profit by it. General quotations later were 6 to 6.10c. New business in refined has been disappointing. Keener competition is the natural result. Futures on the 12th inst. fell 4 to 7 points. Cuban interests seemed to be selling September and December.

Also Europe sold distant months. That started the decline. The cutting of refined in the race for business weakened futures. London terminal prices moreover were lower. July closed here on the 12th inst. 9 points lower. Prompt Cuban was 2 13-16c. in a dull market with some sales said to have been made at that price. The early London cables on the 12th inst. reported a steady market with sellers of raws at 13s. 3d. c. i. f. United Kingdom or possibly at 13s. 2¼d. and buyers at 13s. 1½d. Granulated was advanced 3d. in one case. Canadian granulated for July-first half August shipment was offered at 13s. 6d. The London Board of Trade returns for June showed imports of 152,000 tons against 150,000 tons last year; the consumption was 140,000 tons against 144,000 tons and the stock on June 30th 394,000 tons against 468,000 tons on that date last year. A rather bullish construction was put on these figures. Java shippers it is pointed out have shown more confidence of late in the ability of the Far East to absorb the larger production this year and have maintained prices above the European parity. Thus far about 100,000 tons of Javas have been sold. Alarming reports from Japan have ceased. The demand from China may after all not decrease very much because of the revolution. The stock in British India, at one time large, is being rapidly reduced.

It was remarked that in Louisiana the flood situation was steadily improving. The high temperatures and almost daily showers were favorable for the development of the growing crop, which is much in advance of a normal season. Present indications point to extremely good results, it is added, from the cane not destroyed by the flood.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 30,895 tons, against 45,207 in the previous week, 48,276 last year and 46,093 two years ago; exports were 73,464 tons, against 73,695 in previous week, 84,418 last year and 62,773 two years ago; stock, 1,131,885, against 1,156,430 in previous week, 1,291,450 last year and 1,078,116 two years ago. No central grinding. Of the exports, 52,788 went to United States Atlantic ports, 8,435 to New Orleans, 1,596 to Galveston, 6,669 to Europe, 3,210 to California, and 766 to Canada.

On the 14th inst. New York was very quiet after sales on the previous day at 4.52c., or 2¼c. c. & f.; 18,000 bags for July shipment sold at 2 25-32c., c. & f., closing steadier with 2 13-16c. generally asked. San Juan cabled that Porto Rico's sugar crop for the present year will reach 559,473 long tons with 40 centrals grinding. This is 16,000 tons more than last year and 9,400 ahead of accepted estimates. The last central is not expected to complete its crop before Aug. 15. Owing to the prolonged wet weather much cane has been left in the field uncut. Futures were 2 to 3 points higher with Europe buying; also September shorts and Wall Street, which took January. Notices for 100 tons of July brought the total up to 75,500 tons; deliveries, 46,500 tons, mostly to refiners. To-day futures fell 1 to 3 points net with sales of 14,850 tons. Trading was dull. Prompt Cuban was quiet at 2 13-16c. Prices are 2 to 4 points off on futures for the week.



Spot, unofficial 2 3/4 c.	December-----2.86a ---	March-----2.73a ---
July-----2.68amom	January-----2.79a ---	May-----2.81a ---
September-----2.77a2.78		

LARD on the spot was firmer; Prime Western, 13.40 to 13.50c.; refined Continent, 13 1/2c.; South America, 14 1/4c.; Brazil, 15 1/4c. Spot prices later were weaker; prime Western, 13.35 to 13.45c. To-day spot prices were weak; prime Western, 13.35c. Futures advanced 3 to 5 points on the 9th inst., with hogs firm and cash trade reported somewhat larger. Foreign buying of September and October also counted. New York on the 14th inst. closed unchanged to 2 points off after a small early advance. It disappeared as corn prices fell. Yet hogs were firm. But lard deliveries were 150,000 lbs. on contracts. To-day futures closed 2 to 5 points off. Hogs ended 10 to 15c. up, with the top \$10.65. Western receipts were 79,000, against 77,000 last year. Final prices were unchanged to 5 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery-----cts.12.85	12.87	12.87	12.85	12.85	12.82	
September delivery-----13.00	13.00	12.97	12.97	12.95	12.90-92	
October delivery-----13.10	13.10	13.10	13.05	13.05	13.00	
January delivery-----13.25	13.30	13.30	13.22	13.20	13.15	

PORK quiet; Mess, \$33; family, \$36 to \$38; fat back pork, \$22.50 to \$29. Ribs, Chicago, cash 12.50c. basis of 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady; mess, \$18 to \$19; packet \$16 to \$18; family \$18.50 to \$20.50; extra India, mess, \$33 to \$35; No. 1 canned corned beef \$2.50; No. 2, \$4.25; 6 lbs. South America, \$12.75. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 18 3/4 to 20c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 20 to 23 3/4c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed 18 to 20 lbs., 15 1/2c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16 1/2c. Butter, lower to high scoring 36 to 43 1/2c. Cheese, 21 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extras 21 1/2 to 28c.

OILS.—Linseed was rather quiet. Most of the buying has been in small quantities. In most cases, 10.6c. was quoted for raw oil in carlots, cooerage basis, but there were rumors that 10.5c. would be accepted in some quarters. No offerings were reported at that price, however. In tanks, 9.8c. was asked; 5 bbls. or more, 11.2c.; less than 5 bbls., 11.6c. Later on a better demand was reported for linseed and prices were stronger. Raw oil, in carlots, cooerage basis, was quoted at 10.7c. The Census Bureau report on cottonseed oil for June put the consumption at 295,000 lbs., against 287,000 bbls. in May and 254,000 last year. Coconut, Manila, coast, tanks, 8 1/4c.; spot, tanks, 8 5/8c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, low acid, 8 1/2c. Olive, Den., \$1.80 to \$1.85. China wood oil, New York, drums, spot, 17c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, spot, 14 3/4c. Soya bean, coast, tanks, 9 1/4c. Lard, prime, 15 1/4c.; extra strained winter, New York, 13c. Cod, Newfoundland, 63@65 Turpentine, 57 to 61c. Rosin, \$9.85 to \$10. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 5,300 bbls. Crude S.E., unquoted. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----c. 9.45a ---	September-----9.78a 9.79	December-----10.03a10.03
July-----9.45a 9.60	October-----9.98a10.00	January-----10.10a10.13
August-----9.57a 9.60	November-----9.95a10.00	February-----10.20a10.18

PETROLEUM.—Export demand lags. Gulf refiners quoted 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c. for U. S. motor gasoline in bulk. For 64-68 gravity 375 e. p., 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c. was asked. A better jobbing demand was reported owing to the warmer weather. At the refineries, U. S. motor, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c. and 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. in tank cars delivered to the trade. Tank wagon prices were weak. The posted New York City tank wagon price is 19c., but some service stations are actually selling gasoline 3c. below that price, that is 16c. A price war is going on in Troy, according to advices from there. The Troy automobile club is said to be selling gasoline to members at 15c. a gallon. Fuel oils were quiet. Furnace oil was slow at 6 1/2c.; for 36-40 gas oil 5 1/2c. was quoted; 28-34, 5 1/4c. Gulf refiners quoted 4c. for 32 plus dark gas oil; 26-28 red translucent oil, 4 1/4 to 4 3/8c. Gas oil was inactive. Bunker oil was a little more active at \$1.65. Gulf market was weak at \$1.40 f.o.b. New Orleans. Diesel oil was in better demand at \$2.20 f.o.b. New York Harbor refinery.

Later on the export demand for gasoline showed a marked improvement. Negotiations by French buyers with several leading refiners are said to be going on for two mixed cargoes of 50,000 bbls. of U. S. motor and 64-66 gravity 375 e. p. gasoline, in conjunction with prime white kerosene, for August shipment to France. New York export market: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specification, deodorized, 24.40c.; bulk refinery, 8 1/2 to 9c.; kerosene, cargo lots, S. W. cases, 16.15c.; bulk, 41-43, 6 1/2c.; W. W., 150 deg., cases, 17.15c.; bulk, 43-45, 6 3/4c.; furnace oil, bulk refinery, 6 1/2c.; tank wagon, 38-42, 10c.; 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, 7 1/2c.; refinery, 6 3/4c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 19c.; up-State, 19c.; New England, 19c.; single cars, del., 9 3/4c.; naphtha, V.M.P. deodorized, in steel bbls., 21c.

Pennsylvania-----\$2.90	Buckeye-----\$2.60	Eureka-----\$2.75
Corning-----1.45	Bradford-----2.90	Illinois-----1.60
Cabell-----1.40	Lima-----1.71	Wyoming, 37 deg-----1.30
Worham, 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-----	Lance Creek-----	1.33
52 and above-----	Grass Creek-----	1.33
Louisiana and Arkansas-----	Bellevue-----	1.25
32-32.9-----	Cotton Valley-----	1.00
35-35.9-----	Somerset Light-----	2.35
44-44.9-----		

RUBBER declined on the 9th inst. from a plentiful supply. The decline was only 20 points. That, however, meant 34.50c. for July, the low for some years past. It was 34.40 to 34.60c. on that day, ending at 34.50c. This was considered no great decline in view of the fact that London cabled a mistaken estimate of an increase in the stock last week of 500 to 600 tons, the first increase in about a month. The sales were 410 tons here. In London it is doubted whether the recent decline was due to manipulation of an American pool. The "Financial Times" says: "There is little fear of the pool breaking up and putting back 25,000 tons of rubber on the market. That would mean a loss of £1,400,000. In the circumstances it would be a wise course for all producers to permit the market to come back, as it is bound to do, in the interests of the leading manufacturers themselves. Far from the position being against the producers, they have the ball at their feet and the real bungle is on the other side."

At the Exchange here on the 9th of July, ended at 34.50c., August at 34.40c., September at 34.40c., October at 34.50c., November at 34.60c., December at 34.60c. and March at 34.90c. Outside prices on ribbed smoked sheets, spot, July and August, 34 1/2 to 34 7/8c.; September, 34 5/8 to 35c.; Oct.-Dec., 34 7/8 to 35 1/4c.; First latex crepe, 34 3/4 to 35 1/8c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 31 1/8 to 31 1/2c.; specky brown crepe, 29 1/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 28 1/2 to 28 7/8c.; No. 2 amber, 31 5/8c.; No. 4 amber, 30 5/8c.; Paras, Up-river fine, spot, 30 1/2 to 31c.; coarse, 19 to 20c.; acre, fine, 30 1/2 to 31c.; Caucho Ball-upper, 19 1/2 to 20 1/2c.; Island fine, 27c. London resisted attempts to manipulation. Spot and July closed at 16 1/4d. to 16 3/4d.; Aug.-Sept., 16 5/8d. to 16 3/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 17d. to 17 1/2d.; Jan.-March, 17 3/4d. to 17 1/2d. Singapore was quiet and weak on the 9th inst.; July closed at 16 1/4d.; Aug.-Sept., 16 3/8d.; Oct.-Dec., 16 5/8d.

New York was quiet but steady on the 11th inst. with Exchange prices at the close unchanged to 10 points higher. The sales were 442 tons. Outside prices were 1/8 to 1/4c. lower. July ended on the 11th at 34.60c., August at 34.50c. September at 34.50c., October at 34.50c., December at 34.70c., January at 34.80c. and March at 34.90c. Outside prices for smoked sheets, spot, July and August 34 1/2 to 34 3/8c.; September 34 5/8 to 34 7/8c.; First latex crepe, 34 3/4 to 35c.; clean brown crepe 31 1/8 to 31 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 28 1/2 to 28 3/4c.; No. 2 amber 31 1/4c.; Paras, up-river fine spot 30c.; coarse 19 1/2c. The London stock increased for the week 246 tons. It is now 64,163 tons against 63,917 last week, 67,454 a month ago; 63,861 three months ago and 26,063 tons a year ago. The increase was smaller than expected. London was up to 16 5/8d on the spot but fell back later to 16 1/2d; July closed at 16 1/2d to 16 3/4d; August-September 16 5/8d to 16 3/4d; October-December 17d to 17 1/2d; January-March, 17 3/4d to 17 1/2d. Singapore July 16 1/4d; August-September 16 3/8d; October-December, 16 5/8d.

London cabled on the 11th: "Rubber in the past week on the whole was remarkably steady in the face of heavy Malayan June shipments. There was July liquidation and hedge sales by dealers against purchases in Singapore, all of which bearish factors were largely offset by intermittent purchases of near months by leading consumers and some bear covering in all positions." New York on the 12th inst. fell 10 to 30 points. The decline tapped buying orders, however. The sales rose to 1,002 tons. That was more than double the previous day's business. London weakened. Heavy imports and reported dulness of tire trade had a depressing effect here. There were reports of a good forward business done c. i. f. terms in the Far East. Dutch East Indies sellers accepted considerable tonnage, it was said, at 17 7/8d. for delivery through 1928 and part of 1929, but this report lacked complete confirmation. Members of the Rubber Exchange of New York on the 12th inst. authorized an amendment to the by-laws by which trading commissions were reduced 40%. For a resident of the United States or Canada not a member of the Exchange, the rate was changed to \$16 instead of \$25; for a non-member outside of the United States or Canada, \$20 instead of \$30.

New York on the 14th inst. advanced 10 to 70 points on a rise in London but encountered so much selling that prices were driven back and closed unchanged to 30 points net higher. The sales were 1,175 tons. London advanced on its bullish interpretation of the American stock and consumption report for June. There was, it is true, a decrease of 5,300 tons in stocks on hand to a total of 89,250 tons, a consumption of 33,800 tons against estimates of 30,000 tons, and imports of 33,194 tons against 36,600 tons in May and 48,600 in April. But New York recalled that the June import figures did not include several important cargoes at the month end which will be included in the July report. The consumption was really the smallest since last February. At the New York Exchange on the 14th inst. July closed at 34.60c., September at 34.50c., October at 34.60c., November at 34.60c., December at 34.70c., March at 34.90c., and April at 35.10c. Outside prices were: Spot, July, August and September smoked ribbed sheets, 34 1/2 to 34 3/4c.; October-December, 34 3/4 to 35c.; January-March, 35 1/4 to 35 5/8c.; first latex crepe, 34 1/2 to 34 3/4c.; cl an thin brown crepe, 30 3/4 to 31c.; specky brown crepe, 30 1/4 to 30 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 28 to 28 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 31c.; No. 3 amber, 30 1/4 to 30 1/2c.; No. 4 amber, 30c.; paras, up river, fine spot, 30 1/2 to 31c.; coarse, 19 1/2 to 20c.; acre fine, 31 to 31 1/2c.; Caucho Ball-upper, 20 to 20 1/2c.; island fine, 24c. London

spot and July ended on the 14th at  $16\frac{3}{4}$  to  $16\frac{7}{8}$ d.; August-September at  $16\frac{7}{8}$  to 17c. Singapore, July,  $16\frac{1}{2}$ c.; August-September,  $16\frac{1}{4}$ d.

It is pointed out that the arrivals at New York from July 1 to July 7 are estimated at 12,500 tons. The arrivals for the entire month may exceed 35,000 tons. The gross shipments from Malaya during June were reported at 32,607 tons, compared with 31,393 tons in May and 29,041 tons in April. The foreign imports into Malaya during June amounted to 14,706 tons, against 15,491 tons in May and 13,067 in April. The gross exports from the Netherlands East Indies during May show a marked increase over the previous month; May, 25,459 tons; April, 20,556 tons. The shipments from the Far East during the first half of 1927 exceed the shipments during the corresponding period in 1926 by about 21,000 tons in spite of the fact that the exportable allowance for January-June 1927 was on a basis of 68 1-3% of the standard production, while the exportable allowance for January-June 1926 was on a basis of 97  $\frac{1}{2}$ %. This increase in shipments during January-June 1927 is said to be due to the increased exports from the Dutch East Indies (which are estimated 20% greater than the January-June 1926 exports), to the raising of the standard production in the restricted areas, and to the utilization of the accumulated export credits. To-day at the New York Exchange prices closed irregular, being 10 points lower on July, and September and 10 to 30 higher on later months. Final prices show a decline for the week of 10 points on July and August but later months are unchanged to 20 points higher.

**HIDES.**—River Plate hides recently sold freely. United States tanners bought at further advances in prices. The sales comprised 43,000 Argentine steers at  $19\frac{3}{8}$  to  $19\frac{1}{8}$ c.; 8,000 Uruguayan Montevideo steers at  $20\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 5,000 frigorifico cows at 19 15-16c. to 20c. City packer hides were steadier with offerings small. Last sales of native bulls were at 16c.; a car of 68 June-July spready native steers sold at 22c., it is stated. The Department of Commerce reports the stock of cattle hides on May 31 1927 held by packers and butchers, tanners, dealers and importers (or in transit to them) at 3,230,595, against 3,160,840 on April 30 1927, and 4,307,314 on May 31 1926. The stock of calf and kip skins was 3,983,449 on May 31 1927, against 3,697,415 on April 30 1927 and 3,631,107 on May 31 of last year.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS.**—There was some demand for oil and sugar tonnage and grain room may soon be wanted, it is suggested in some quarters. Later, grain business improved somewhat.

**CHARTERS** included sugar from Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 17s. 3d. one port, 18s. 2d. two ports, July 25-Aug. 5 canceling; grain, 30,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d., July; 29,000 qrs., Montreal to Mediterranean, 14c. one port,  $14\frac{1}{2}$ c. two ports, 16s. three ports, July 15 to 28; 28,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 9c., July 18-25 canceling; sugar from Cuba-Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 17s. 6d.; July; lumber from Gulf to Buenos Aires or Rosario,  $162\frac{3}{8}$ s., July or August loading; coal from Hampton Roads to Quebec,  $81\frac{1}{10}$ ; July; sugar from Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 20s., late July-early August; grain, 63 qrs. Gulf to Antwerp-Amsterdam-Rotterdam, 15c. one port,  $15\frac{1}{2}$ c. two ports, Aug. 5-20. Time charters: 1,876 net, round trip Montreal east coast South America,  $1.25$ , last half July; 1,853 net, two to three months West Indies trade,  $1.10$  prompt; 2,354 net, one trip transatlantic,  $2$ , August loading, Gulf delivery. Tankers: Lubricating oil, Black Sea to United Kingdom-Continent, 26s. 6d., August; time charter, continuation five years, July,  $1.50$ ; time charter, five years, delivery expiration present charter,  $1.50$ . Barley, San Francisco to United Kingdom-Continent, August-September, 33s. 9d.; option wheat, 32s. 6d.; barley, San Francisco to United Kingdom-Continent, Aug. 20-Sept. 20, 33s. 9d.; option wheat, 32s. 6d.; 3,500 tons, delivery United States, north of Hatteras, re-delivery United Kingdom-Continent, trip across,  $2.20$  July; 7,200 tons, one Brazil-Plate round trip, delivery Newfoundland, re-delivery United States north of Hatteras,  $1.1$ , less  $5\frac{1}{2}$ %, prompt; 7,000 tons, 10% San Lorenzo to United Kingdom, 20s., Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 19s. 6d.; Antwerp or Rotterdam, 19s., prompt; 10% Bahia Blanca to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 19s., July; 10% San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent, 20s.; Antwerp or Rotterdam, 19s. 6d., July; 10% San Lorenzo to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 20s. August.

**COAL** was quiet and steady. The lack of output in central Pennsylvania had no effect on prices. Except in southern West Virginia most non-union operations are at 50% of capacity. Many non-union mines are closed because of dullness of trade. In the Georges Creek district about 50% of the mines are shut down for that reason. Similar conditions prevailed in northern West Virginia, a high volatile district. At Hampton Roads bunker business has been dull. There is said to be plenty there. Navy standard early in the week was nominally \$4.50 a ton f.o.b. at the piers but obtainable easily enough, it was said, at \$4.35 to \$4.40. During the week the Coal Operators' Association of Ohio made a new wage proposal to the union miners of that State, calling for a basic wage of \$5 a day. It was rejected. Nevertheless, operators declare that they intend to reopen their mines on July 15. In Cleveland the coke market has been weak. Sellers there report only small buying of beehive coke at about \$2.80. Anthracite has been dull. Many remained closed for the week. Later there was a rather better inquiry for low volatile coal, with  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch lump off to \$1.65 to \$1.75. The leading operators quoted \$2.25 to \$2.75 on low volatile, especially western Maryland. In northern West Virginia most of the coal now being mined is on contract. Run of mine is offered at \$1.50 to \$1.75 a ton f.o.b. at the mine, but actually business could be done, it is said, at as low as \$1.25 a ton f.o.b. at the mine. Until recently  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch lump was moving rather freely to Lake ports, but this movement is said to have eased off. Nut and slack are \$1.25, but demand is said to be small. Slack is nominally 90c. to \$1.

**TOBACCO** has been firm with a moderate business. Valdosta, Ga., wired July 12th: "A disease said to be the result of the long dry weather, is just beginning to make its

appearance in the tobacco fields in some sections of South Georgia. In one or two counties it has already spread over entire fields and it virtually ruins the crop wherever it touches. Those familiar with bright leaf tobacco say that long periods of very dry weather affects the roots of the plant, as they stand in the undissolved fertilizer and when rains start, the disease develops and spreads over the entire plant. The crop at this time is fairly good, and if rains continue intermittently as for the past few days, alternating with sunshine, it will be one of the best seen in years. Should the sunshine be more than is needed without rain, the tobacco can scald very badly. Higher up-State some large fields of tobacco have already been virtually ruined by scalding.

The tobacco acreage according to the latest government report is given as showing a decrease of 4%, reflecting the net result of widely differing economic conditions, affecting the various types. The most significant changes are substantial increases in the bright flue-cured cigarette types and sharp reductions in the burley, dark air-cured and dark fired types. Cigar types vary from increases in New England and the Wisconsin southern districts to decreases in Wisconsin northern and the principal filler producing areas. The condition July 1st was 73.6% indicating a production of 1,099,114,000 lbs. the lowest since 1921 and the second lowest since 1915.

**COPPER.**—Sales were slow of late at  $12\frac{5}{8}$ c. The least bullish feature of the June statistics was the increase by 15,549 tons in blister stocks to 257,623 tons. The small stocks of refined copper were in a measure offset by large reserves of raw copper about to be refined. On the other hand, there were the big exports, the largest in two years. Domestic shipments were the lowest since December and mine production is not decreasing to the extent that had been anticipated. Sales for the week ending the 13th inst. were the largest in six weeks. In London on the 14th inst. standard copper advanced 3s. 9d. to £53 17s. 6d. for spot and £54 8s. 9d. for futures; sales, 50 tons spot and 250 futures; electrolytic was up 5s to £60 spot and £60 10s futures.

**TIN.**—Only a moderate business was done late in the week at a steady rise of prices in which London joined. New York sales of Straits tin were as follows: July at  $63\frac{7}{8}$ c., August at  $63\frac{1}{2}$  to  $63\frac{3}{8}$ c., September at 63 to  $63\frac{1}{4}$ c., October at  $62\frac{7}{8}$  to  $63\frac{1}{8}$ c. and November at  $62\frac{7}{8}$  to 62.95c. Spot standard tin is being quietly bought at London and the same acute situation may result toward the end of July that occurred late in June. In London on the 14th inst. spot standard advanced £2 7s. 6d. to £286 7s. 6d. futures rose 7s. 6d. to £280 2s. 6d. sales 50 spot and 450 futures. Spot Straits rose £2 7s. 6d. to £293 7s. 6d.; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped 12s. 6d. to £288 on sales of 150 tons.

**LEAD.**—Moderate sales were made at steady prices, i. e. at 5.95c. East St. Louis and 6.20c. New York. Mexican lead may invade American markets. The American Smelting & Refining Co. still quoted 6.20c. New York. In London on the 14th inst. spot was unchanged at £22 16s. 3d.; futures rose 2s. 6d. to £23 6s. 3d.; sales, 200 tons spot and 600 tons futures.

**ZINC.**—East St. Louis late in the week was 6.15 to 6.17  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. with only a fair business. Prime Western slab zinc is \$3 above the low point of the year. Spot zinc advanced 2s. 6d. at London on the 14th inst. to £27 17s. 6d.; futures up 1s. 3d. to £27 12s. 6d.; sales, 100 tons spot and 500 tons futures. Stocks of zinc, according to the Americana Zinc Institute, increased in June 1,812 tons. They were 43,858 tons at the end of June, against 42,045 tons at the beginning of the month. The production for June was 49,718 tons, and 47,906 tons were delivered, 43,122 for domestic trade and 4,784 for export. Zinc sold, but undelivered at the end of June totaled 14,953 tons.

**STEEL** has been quoted. Nails are quoted \$1 at Pittsburgh. Taking the trade in steel as a whole, mid-summer dullness is plain. Sheets, strips and other light material sell more readily than plates, shapes and bars. None are at all active. No immediate improvement in trade is expected. It may be a month or more, some suggest, before the fall trade lights up the situation at least partially. Building demand may then increase for structural steel and reinforcing bars. Sales of railroad freight cars in the first half of the year were some 4,800 more than in the same time in 1926. Some of the roads recently bought track material more freely; that is 20,000 tons in conjunction with recent purchase of 80,000 tons of rails. But these are exceptional items. They make the dullness in other directions seem all the more pronounced by contrast. The average output is off to 66  $\frac{1}{2}$ %, a decrease in a week of 1%. The big concern is going at 69%; independents at 64%. Plain structural steel tends lower. Pittsburgh's practical prices are said to be no higher than 1.70 to 1.75c. Youngstown calls sheet steel firm, but is doing only a fair business at best. It calls sheet bar market \$34; plates, \$1.80 to \$1.85. Plate mills are running about 60% there; light plates going to tank builders and fabricators show the most steadiness. Unfilled orders of the Steel corporation, instead of decreasing 150,000 tons in June, as had been predicted, actually increased a trifle; that is, 2,305 tons. But the orders of 3,053,246 tons on June 30 were 425,400 tons smaller than on June 30 last year.

PIG IRON prices tend downward. This however does not stimulate trade. Silicon differentials are not enforced. They are diplomatically waved aside. Punctilios do not count. Getting business is the all important consideration. Buffalo is pushing for it. Steel makers there are competing sharply for New England orders. No. 1 X iron has been offered it is said to New England at \$17 at furnace, and No. 2 X iron at \$16.50 at furnace. On the same differentials this would mean a base price of \$16 at Buffalo in sharp contrast with the official quotation of \$17. Following the drop of 75c. per ton in the price of Alabama pig iron, to \$17.25 per ton at furnace, the composite price of pig iron has been reduced to \$18.59 as compared with \$18.71 last week. This is the lowest since early April of 1922. New York State and Massachusetts prices have the elastic range of \$18 to \$20 at furnace. A little Virginia iron was sold recently it is said at \$22 at furnace. Makers of Virginia iron have been favored by a reduction in freight rates. The new rate to New York is \$4.87 per ton as against \$5.54 formerly; to Boston the new rate is \$5.21 as against \$5.92; to Philadelphia, \$4.54 as against \$5.17; to Baltimore, \$3.88 compared with \$4.41. Latterly Birmingham has been reported firmer at \$17.25, but quiet. In some centers sales of iron in this country have recently increased but prices had to be reduced to bring in the business.

WOOL has been in more general demand than for some time, and firmer. It is largely for medium domestic, especially 1/4 blood. Fine fleece and territory are steadier. Mills show more disposition to purchase. There is no real activity, but there is more life. The tone is not so sluggish. San Angelo, Texas, wired that the Texas mohair clip will be light. The last of the wool clip has been sold. J. M. Garner, of Uvalde, has offered to buy all the mohair that will be produced in that county for the next ten years at 50c. The ranchmen are optimistic as to the market for mohair and think the long time outlook is good. There are now about 2,500,000 goats in the State, and the number has been increasing at the rate of 60,000 annually in the last few years.

In London on July 8 offerings, 10,345 bales. Demand active from home and Continental buyers. Merinos showed a hardening tendency. Speculator's lots sold irregularly. Cape advanced 5% above May levels. New Zealand greasy halfbred best 58s. sold at 24d. and 58-66s. at 22 1/2d. Greasy crossbred 56-58s. sold at 21d., 56s. at 18d.; 48-50s. at 16 1/2d., 48s. at 15 1/2d. Details:

Sydney, 1,149 bales; greasy merinos, 24 to 29 1/2d.; scoured, 39 to 44d. Queensland, 611 bales; greasy merinos, 17 to 27d. Victoria, 2,779 bales; greasy merinos, 19 1/2 to 30d.; scoured, 37 to 44d.; greasy crossbreds, 13 1/2 to 21d.; scoured, 17 1/2 to 28d. Adelaide, 351 bales; greasy merinos, 24 to 25 1/2d.; greasy crossbreds, 16 1/2 to 20 1/2d. West Australia, 625 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 24 1/2d.; scoured, 34 to 38d. New Zealand, 4,189 bales; scoured merinos, 39 1/2 to 45 1/2d.; greasy crossbreds, 12 1/2 to 24d.; scoured, 30 to 37 1/2d. Cape, 629 bales; greasy merinos, 15 to 22d.; scoured, 26 1/2 to 40d. New Zealand slip sold at 14 1/2d. to 27 1/2d., the latter were half-bred lambs.

In London on July 11th offerings 10,500 bales. Australian merino selection was mostly speculators' lots, but there was a good demand mostly from the Continent. Prices firm. New Zealand and Puntas, crossbred sorts active and the latter tending upward.

Details: Sydney, 1,002 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 28 1/2d.; Queensland, 448 bales; greasy merinos, 24 to 28d.; scoured, 30 1/2 to 45 1/2d.; Victoria, 352 bales; greasy merinos, 22 1/2 to 27 1/2d.; Adelaide, 341 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 25d.; West Australia, 68 bales; scoured merinos, 26 to 35d.; New Zealand, 3,826 bales; scoured merinos, 36 to 42d.; greasy crossbreds, 14 to 23d.; scoured crossbreds, 16 1/2 to 35 1/2d.; Puntas, 3,762 bales; greasy crossbreds, 15 1/2 to 21 1/2d.; Falklands, 420 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12 1/2 to 23d. New Zealand slip realized, 14d. to 27d.; the latter for half-bred lambs. Other prices were: Greasy halfbred best, 56-58s, 23d.; 56s, 22d.; greasy crossbred, 50-56s, 19 1/2d.; 48-50s, 18d.; 48s, 16 1/2d. and 46s, 14 1/2d.

In London on July 13 offerings, 10,350 bales. Home and continental demand, good; some from America. Prices on merinos hold firm; fine greasy crossbreds are now 5% above the May limits. Several withdrawals of speculators' lots of Australian merinos; also 270 bales of Cape wools, due to the firm limits: Details:

Sydney, 817 bales; greasy merinos, 26 to 28d. Queensland, 135 bales; greasy merinos, 26 1/2 to 28d. Victoria, 1,497 bales; greasy merinos, 25 1/2 to 29 1/2d.; scoured, 31 1/2 to 41 1/2d.; greasy crossbreds, 18 1/2 to 24d.; scoured crossbreds, 20 to 32d. New Zealand, 7,391 bales; greasy merinos, 18 1/2 to 24 1/2d.; scoured, 39 to 47d.; greasy crossbreds, 13 1/2 to 24 1/2d.; scoured crossbreds, 16 to 37 1/2d. New Zealand slip, 13 to 28d., the latter for half-bred lambs.

In London on July 14 offerings 11,500 bales. Good home and Continental demand at recent prices. Rather numerous withdrawals of speculators' lots of Australian merinos and New Zealand slip crossbreds. New Zealand best greasy halfbred 58-60s realized 23 1/2d.; 56-58s, 22 1/2d.; greasy crossbred 56s, 21d.; 50-56s, 18d.; 48s, 16 1/2d., and 46s, 14 1/2d.

Details: Sydney, 1,287 bales; greasy merinos, 23d. to 32d. Queensland, 187 bales; greasy merinos, 19 1/2d. to 26d.; scoured, 45 1/2d. to 48d. Victoria, 2,214 bales; greasy merinos, 22 1/2d. to 30d.; greasy crossbreds, 13d. to 23d. Adelaide, 279 bales; greasy merinos, 23d. to 27d. West Australia, 566 bales; greasy merinos, 23d. to 28d. Tasmania, 141 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12d. to 19d. New Zealand, 3,716 bales; greasy merinos, 19d. to 24d.; scoured merinos, 31 1/2d. to 44 1/2d.; greasy crossbreds, 13 1/2d. to 23 1/2d.; scoured, 20 1/2d. to 39d. Cape, 418 bales; greasy merinos, 15 1/2d. to 21 1/2d.; scoured, 29d. to 34 1/2d. Puntas, 2,613 bales greasy crossbreds, 13 1/2d. to 22 1/2d. New Zealand slip, 14 1/2d. to 26 1/2d.

Boston quotations: Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 45 to 46c.; 1/2 blood, 44 to 45c.; 3/8 blood, 43 to 43 1/2c.; 1/4 blood, 43 1/2 to 44c. Territory clean basis, fine staple, 1.12 to 1.15c.; fine medium, French combing, 9u7 to 1.02c.; fine medium clothing, 90 to 95c.; 1/2 blood staple, 97 to 1.02c.; Texas clean basis, fine 12 months, 1.05 to 1.10c.; 8 months, 87 to 90c.; fall, 72 to 75c.; pulled, scoured basis, A super, 87 to 92c.; B, 80 to 86c.; C, 70 to 75c. Liverpool cabled: "The East Indian wool auctions are scheduled to open on

July 26. The quantity is 18,500 bales. They will run for three days."

The quantity of the combing and clothing classes of foreign wools which can be used in the manufacture of clothing imported during the first half of the year was 82,000,000 lbs., against 154,000,000 lbs. imported during a similar period in 1926 at the three chief Eastern ports. The quantity of carpet wool entered through these ports during the first half of this year amounted to 70,000,000 lbs., against 44,000,000 entered during the corresponding period of last year.

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 15 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 34,623 bales, against 38,801 bales last week and 36,843 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926, 12,624,078 bales, against 9,533,481 bales for the same period of 1925-26, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 3,090,597 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston.....	174	315	1,546	765	126	205	3,131
Houston.....	410	529	155	199	466	384	2,143
New Orleans.....	326	905	2,375	1,085	1,009	2,204	7,904
Mobile.....	7	3	115	24	871	244	1,264
Savannah.....	852	732	1,918	443	4,609	651	9,205
Charleston.....	1,765	2,337	1,970	663	314	343	7,392
Wilmington.....	135	129	28	227	323	52	894
Norfolk.....	146	18	68	78	58	13	381
New York.....	—	413	—	—	100	—	513
Boston.....	40	—	85	—	—	20	145
Baltimore.....	—	—	—	—	—	1,651	1,651
Totals this week.....	3,855	5,381	8,260	3,484	7,876	5,767	34,623

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to July 15.	1926-27.		1925-26.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	1927.	1926.
Galveston.....	3,131	3,239,803	6,792	3,027,351	205,053	224,803
Texas City.....	—	171,812	—	18,234	5,753	3,141
Houston.....	2,143	3,796,924	7,113	1,774,706	227,456	a
Port Arthur, &c.	7,904	2,472,522	12,494	2,375,875	288,520	162,876
New Orleans.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gulftport.....	1,264	395,302	262	239,775	16,533	3,363
Mobile.....	—	14,370	—	18,912	—	—
Jacksonville.....	—	617	—	13,116	581	371
Savannah.....	9,205	1,167,447	4,723	979,148	35,232	25,322
Brunswick.....	—	—	—	400	—	—
Charleston.....	7,392	604,393	837	333,335	29,027	20,270
Georgetown.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington.....	894	166,533	282	126,586	11,343	14,068
Norfolk.....	381	429,284	2,959	474,119	37,203	57,923
N'port News, &c.	—	279	—	—	—	—
New York.....	513	31,361	559	55,138	221,897	50,990
Boston.....	145	40,823	211	43,508	835	4,463
Baltimore.....	1,651	87,919	614	43,428	1,364	1,165
Philadelphia.....	—	4,689	36	9,850	7,900	4,894
Totals.....	34,623	12,624,078	36,882	9,533,481	1,088,697	573,649

\* 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 296,666 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:

Receipts at—	1926-27	1925-26	1924-25	1923-24	1922-23	1921-22
Galveston.....	3,131	6,792	5,208	13,023	1,554	14,748
Houston.....	2,143	7,113	10,492	1,159	—	1,211
New Orleans.....	7,904	12,494	1,521	4,608	1,953	10,278
Mobile.....	1,264	262	305	1,528	1	524
Savannah.....	9,205	4,723	1,743	5,096	4,020	2,443
Brunswick.....	—	—	—	—	—	446
Charleston.....	7,392	837	2,446	551	305	351
Wilmington.....	894	282	3	10	2,399	217
Norfolk.....	381	2,959	555	6,470	2,567	1,067
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others.....	2,309	1,420	501	3,432	2,403	412
Tot. this week.....	34,623	36,882	22,774	35,877	15,202	31,697

Since Aug. 1..... 12,624,078 9,533,481 9,132,034 6,669,962 5,698,347 6,050,078

\* B'ginning 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 48,487 bales, of which 5,092 were to Great Britain, 195 to France, 10,164 to Germany, 8,200 to Italy, 17,500 to Russia, 2,672 to Japan and China, and 4,664 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 50,870 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 10,742,089 bales, against 7,761,765 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended July 15 1927.	Exported to—						Total.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.		Other.
Galveston.....	—	—	—	—	—	2,672	600	3,272
Houston.....	—	—	—	2,200	—	—	531	2,731
New Orleans.....	—	—	4,102	—	17,500	—	1,025	22,627
Mobile.....	—	195	—	—	—	—	100	295
Savannah.....	3,322	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,322
Charleston.....	1,570	—	3,986	—	—	—	—	5,556
Wilmington.....	—	—	—	6,000	—	—	—	6,000
Norfolk.....	200	—	2,076	—	—	—	—	2,276
New York.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,408	2,408
Total.....	5,092	195	10,164	8,200	17,500	2,672	4,664	48,487
Total 1926.....	5,351	1,186	18,482	11,271	—	11,193	3,387	50,870
Total 1925.....	3,411	1,712	14,261	11,069	8,000	6,901	7,620	52,974

Table showing cotton exports from Aug. 1 1926 to July 15 1927. Columns include 'From' (locations like Galveston, Houston, Texas City, etc.) and 'Exported to' (regions like Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total).

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 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 titled 'On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—'. Columns include 'Ju'y 15 at—' (locations like Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, etc.) and 'Leaving Stock'. Rows show data for 1927, 1926, and 1925.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been more active at rising prices. New high levels for the season were reached. Prices got well above the 18c. mark. Fear of the weevil had much to do with the rise; also persistent rains in the Atlantic belt. Back of that was the Government estimate of the acreage, making it 12.4% less than that of last year; that is 42,683,000 acres, against 48,730,000 last year.

we're not plentiful. The supply was increased temporarily by profit-taking. The realizing is said to have been done partly if not largely by investing interests which bought when cotton was around 14c. or even below that price. And the weevil, according to some reports, is widely prevalent. That fact is not ignored. The pest has done no great harm as yet; in fact, very little. That is conceded. But it is asked will it continue to be harmless later in the season?

On the other hand, the rise since Dec. 4 last is over 6c. Cotton is now higher than at this time last year. At one time in 1927 prices were far below those of the corresponding date in 1926. The rise of over \$30 a bale some think has discounted any bullish factors in the situation, especially as the crop in the main looks well. The condition and progress are encouraging. In Oklahoma they are fair to excellent. The plant there is fruiting freely. In Georgia last week was decidedly favorable. In Alabama the advance and condition are mostly fair to good. In Texas the weather recently has been for the most part favorable for field work and growth. The western section of that State has needed rain and has latterly had it. Texas condition and progress as a whole is fair to very good and the plant is fruiting well.

To-day prices advanced into new high ground, some 40 to 43 points, owing to heavy rains in Oklahoma and Texas and renewed rains in Georgia, with a forecast of showers over to-night in most of the belt. Weevil infestation was said to be spreading. Fears for the crop were rather more general. The technical position was stronger. Liverpool cables were firmer. Alexandria, Egypt, advanced 70 to 110 points. Spot markets in this country were 25 points higher. The crop of long staple cotton, it is feared, will be much smaller than last year. Sold-out bulls took hold again. Shorts covered freely. The trade called here and in Liverpool, especially in Liverpool. Spinners' takings fell off for the week, but this was regarded as a passing fluctuation. Final prices show a rise for the week of 85 to 113 points. Spot cotton ended at 18c. for middling, or 85 points higher than a week ago.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the July 14 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 July 21:

Table listing cotton grades and their price differences from middling. Includes grades like Middling fair, Strict good middling, Good middling, etc., with corresponding price adjustments.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Small table showing market status for July 9 to July 15. Columns: July 9 to July 15, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Middling uplands.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 15 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table of historical cotton prices from 1927 to 1920. Columns: Year, Price per bale.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing market status and sales for Saturday through Friday. Columns: Day, Market status (Spot, Futures), Sales (Spot, Contr't, Total).

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for various months from July to May, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 15 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices for each month from July to May, categorized by 'Option for' and 'Range for Week'.

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.

Large table detailing the visible supply of cotton, including stock at Liverpool, London, Manchester, and various European ports, with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks: in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 70,000 bales. The above figures for 1927 show a decrease from last week of 151,379 bales, a gain of 1,319,554 over 1926, an increase of 2,623,743 bales over 1925, and an increase of 2,985,639 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 showing movement to July 15 and July 16 1927, with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks for various towns.

Total, 40 towns 3,043,377, 1,843,384, 64,657, 412,498, 39,514,162, 507,733, 684,917, 992, 19,120,296, 666, 666

Total, 39 towns 30,433,718, 1,843,384, 64,657, 412,498, 29,004,672, 745, 54,564,621, 326

\* 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 36,633 bales and are to-night 208,828 bales less than at the same time last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, with columns for Week, Since Aug. 1, and Since.

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow proper adjustments at end of crop year.

Table showing in sight and spinners' takings, with columns for Week, Since Aug. 1, and Since.

\* Decrease. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at the end of the crop year.

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 showing closing quotations for middling cotton on various days of the week (Saturday to Friday) for different locations.

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 with 6 columns: Day (Saturday to Friday), and 6 columns of price/bid data.

FIRST FLORIDA BALE OF 1927-28 CROP.—The first bale of the new cotton crop from Florida was received at Savannah on July 8 by the John W. Gleason Cotton Co., and was shipped by J. C. Getzen, of Webster, Fla.

Mr. Getzen has sent the first bale for the last three years. The bale is of remarkably good quality, and is expected to class at least strict middling. Its weight is about 400 pounds.

The bale was auctioned off in Savannah on July 9 by the John W. Gleason Cotton Co. to Esteve Bros. & Co., Inc., at 65 cents a pound. Esteve Bros. & Co., Inc., shipped the bale to the New York Cotton Exchange, where it was auctioned off on July 14 by Samuel T. Hubbard Jr., President, where after spirited bidding it was knocked down to Bernard Gelles of W. R. Grace & Co. for 50 1/2 cents a pound.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on July 9 issued its report on cotton acreage as of July 1, and the following is the complete official text of the report:

The Crop-Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, from the reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges, makes the following estimate of cotton acreage in cultivation on July 1 1927.

Acres in cultivation compared with last year, 87.6%. Acres in cultivation, total, 42,683,000 acres.

ESTIMATE OF COTTON ACREAGE, BY STATES.

Table with 4 columns: State, June 25 1926, Compared with Last Year, Acres.

a Not included in California figures not in United States total. The acreage of "All Other States" for June 25 1926 and July 1 1927, respectively, is made up of 6,000 acres and 3,000 acres in Illinois, 2,000 and 1,000 acres in Kansas, and 36,000 and 20,000 acres in Kentucky.

The acreage in Arizona of Pima Egyptian long staple cotton is estimated at 46,000 acres this year compared with 30,000 acres in 1926.

CROP REPORTING BOARD. Approved: R. W. DUNLAP, Acting Secretary. J. A. Becker, J. S. A. Jones, D. A. McCandless, H. H. Schutz, V. C. Childs.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN JUNE, &c.—This report, issued on July 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in full in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING JUNE.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather during the week has been favorable for cotton in all parts of the cotton belt, except in some sections where further rains have been a drawback.

Texas.—Cultivation and growth have been favored by moderate temperatures and generally fair weather. Progress of the crop has been quite satisfactory. Plants are fruiting well and picking is becoming general in the south. Insects, however, are reported as increasing with some local damage.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been very favorable for growth and cultivation and cotton has made good progress. Weevils are developing slowly.

Table with 6 columns: City, Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer (High/Low/Mean).

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The rivers have continued to drop during the week at all points. At Vicksburg the river has fallen from 48.4 feet last Friday to 41.1 feet; at Shreveport from 11.8 feet to 9.8 feet; at Nashville from 9.4 feet to 7.5 feet; at Memphis from 21.5 feet to 18.0 feet, and at New Orleans from 15.5 ft to 14.5 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 with 4 columns: City, July 15 1927, July 8 1927, July 16 1926.

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 6 columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1927, 1926, 1925), Stocks at Interior Towns (1927, 1926, 1925), Receipts from Plantations (1927, 1926, 1925).

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 12,227,059 bales; in 1925 were 10,316,024 bales, and in 1924 were 9,148,569 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 34,623 bales, the actual movement from plantations was nil bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 36,633 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 2,407 bales and for 1925 they were 11,886 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Table with 4 columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season (1926-27, 1925-26, Week, Season).

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. b Estimated. k We withheld hold totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

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 6 columns: July 14 Receipts at—Week, Since Aug. 1, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25.

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1926-27.	3,000	5,000	11,000	19,000	22,000	375,000	1,552,000	1,949,000
1925-26.	5,000	8,000	77,000	85,000	51,000	512,000	1,762,000	2,325,000
1924-25.	6,000	6,000	74,000	80,000	76,000	60,000	1,933,000	2,609,000
Other India—								
1926-27.	15,000	15,000	15,000	52,000	430,000	—	—	482,000
1925-26.	5,000	17,000	22,000	112,000	528,000	—	—	640,000
1924-25.	3,000	9,000	12,000	111,000	492,000	—	—	603,000
Total all—								
1926-27.	3,000	20,000	11,000	34,000	74,000	805,000	1,552,000	2,431,000
1925-26.	5,000	25,000	77,000	107,000	163,000	1,040,000	1,762,000	2,965,000
1924-25.	3,000	15,000	74,000	92,000	187,000	1,092,000	1,933,000	3,212,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 7,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 73,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 534,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Alexandria, Egypt, July 13.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.	40,000	29,000	600
Since Aug. 1.	8,649,000	7,938,218	7,123,279

Exports (bales)—	1926-27.		1925-26.		1924-25.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.	4,000	232,156	—	193,493	—	194,654
To Manchester, & To Continent and India.	9,000	409,290	6,000	200,138	—	228,475
To America.	1,000	148,892	3,750	347,098	3,000	370,359
Total exports.	14,000	980,107	9,750	893,864	3,000	921,261

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 13 were 40,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,000 bales.

**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is steady, in cloths is firm. Demand for both home trade and foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1926-27.				1925-26.				Cotton Middl's Upl'ds
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl's Upl'ds	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl's Upl'ds	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	
April—									
15....	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	7.77 15 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 6	10.13				
22....	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 3 @ 12 5	8.07 15 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 6	10.01				
29....	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 4 @ 12 7	8.35 15 @ 16 1/2	13 2 @ 13 5	9.94				
May—									
6....	13 @ 15	12 5 @ 13	8.75 15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 4	10.12				
13....	13 1/2 @ 15 1/2	12 5 @ 13	8.72 15 1/2 @ 17	13 2 @ 13 6	10.23				
20....	13 1/2 @ 15 1/2	13 0 @ 13 3	8.91 15 1/2 @ 17	13 3 @ 13 6	10.21				
27....	14 @ 16	13 0 @ 13 3	8.94 15 1/2 @ 17	13 2 @ 13 5	10.33				
June—									
3....	14 1/2 @ 17	13 0 @ 13 3	9.23 15 1/2 @ 17	13 2 @ 13 5	10.32				
10....	14 1/2 @ 17	13 0 @ 13 3	9.03 15 1/2 @ 17	13 1 @ 13 4	9.92				
17....	14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 3	9.13 15 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 4	9.61				
24....	14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 3	9.13 14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 4	9.56				
July—									
1....	14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 3	9.11 14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 4	9.26				
8....	15 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 3	9.17 14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	9.60				
15....	15 1/2 @ 17	13 1 @ 13 4	9.65 14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 0 @ 13 2	9.92				

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Destination	Date	Tons	Remarks
NEW YORK—To Barcelona—July 8—Alicante, 2,400	July 8	2,400	Bales.
To Montevideo—July 7—Tercero, 8	July 7	8	
NEW ORLEANS—To Murrumbidgee—July 7—Ovre, 17,500	July 7	17,500	
To Hamburg—July 9—Svenborgsug, 4,102	July 9	4,102	
To Porto Colombia—July 9—Parimina, 200	July 9	200	
To Bergen—July 12—Delaware, 100	July 12	100	
To Gothenburg—July 12—Delaware, 725	July 12	725	
HOUSTON—To Barcelona—July 9—Montevideo, 531	July 9	531	
To Genoa—July 13—Forni, 1,500; Monbaldo, 700	July 13	2,200	
GALVESTON—To Barcelona—July 9—Montevideo, 600	July 9	600	
To Japan—July 8—Ethan Allen, 1,397	July 8	1,397	
To China—July 8—Ethan Allen, 1,275	July 8	1,275	
NORFOLK—To Manchester—July 11—Coaleda, 200	July 11	200	
To Bremen—July 11—Denderah, 2,076	July 11	2,076	
MOBILE—To Havre—July 9—Caroline, 195	July 9	195	
To Barcelona—July 11—Mar Adriatico, 100	July 11	100	
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—July 12—Coldwater, 517	July 12	517	
To Manchester—July 12—Coldwater, 1,053	July 12	1,053	
To Bremen—July 13—Magmeric, 644; Bockenheim, 1,020	July 13	1,664	
To Hamburg—July 13—Magmeric, 179; Bockenheim, 2,143	July 13	2,322	
WILMINGTON—To Genoa—July 9—Nicolo Odero, 6,000	July 9	6,000	
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—July 13—Grong, 3,225	July 13	3,225	
To Manchester—July 13—Grong, 97	July 13	97	
Total		48,487	

**COTTON FREIGHT.**—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Port	High Density.		Stand. ard.		High Density.		Stand. ard.	
	rd.	ard.	rd.	ard.	rd.	ard.	rd.	ard.
Liverpool	40c.	.55c.	Oslo	.50c.	.60c.	Shanghai	.70c.	.85c.
Manchester	40c.	.55c.	Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	Bombay	.75c.	.90c.
Antwerp	40c.	.55c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	40c.	.55c.
Ghent	.52 1/2c.	.67 1/2c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Hamburg	40c.	.55c.
Havre	.50c.	.65c.	Lisbon	.50c.	.65c.	Piraea	.85c.	1.00
Rotterdam	40c.	.50c.	Oporto	.65c.	.80c.	Salonica	.85c.	1.00
Genoa	.50c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Venice	.50c.	.65c.
			Japan	.67 1/2c.	.82 1/2c.			

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	June 24.	July 1.	July 8.	July 15.
Sales of the week.	54,000	53,000	62,000	60,000
Of which American.	30,000	30,000	31,000	28,000
Actual exports.	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000
Forwarded.	69,000	61,000	64,000	61,000
Total stocks.	1,327,000	1,292,000	1,268,000	1,234,000
Of which American.	989,000	955,000	929,000	899,000
Total imports.	61,000	30,000	33,000	33,000
Of which American.	35,000	12,000	13,000	14,000
Amount afloat.	141,000	144,000	166,000	148,000
Of which American.	37,000	40,000	42,000	33,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Moderate demand.
Mid-Upl'ds	9.25	9.39	9.51	9.50	9.52	9.65
Sales	8,000	15,000	10,000	12,000	10,000	7,000
Futures. Market opened	Steady 2 to 4 pts. advance.	Steady 7 to 12 pts. advance.	Steady 10 to 13 pts. advance.	Steady 1 to 4 pts. decline.	Quiet 3 to 5 pts. decline.	St'd'y, 1 pt. decline to 1 pt. adv.
Market, 4 P. M.	Very steady 6 to 7 pts. advance.	Steady 13 to 14 pts. advance.	Very steady 12 to 14 pts. advance.	Firm 3 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady 5 to 9 pts. advance.	Barely st'y, 2 points advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

July 9 to July 15.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.
July	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
August	9.09	9.19	9.22	9.31	9.35	9.30
September	9.10	9.20	9.23	9.32	9.36	9.31
October	9.17	9.27	9.30	9.39	9.43	9.38
November	9.22	9.32	9.35	9.43	9.47	9.42
December	9.24	9.34	9.37	9.46	9.50	9.45
January	9.27	9.37	9.41	9.49	9.53	9.48
February	9.31	9.41	9.45	9.53	9.57	9.53
March	9.32	9.42	9.46	9.54	9.58	9.54
April	9.37	9.47	9.50	9.58	9.63	9.59
May	9.38	9.48	9.51	9.59	9.64	9.60
June	9.41	9.51	9.54	9.63	9.68	9.64
July	9.42	9.52	9.55	9.64	9.69	9.65

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 15 1927.

Flour at the end of last week was 10c. higher, in response to a rise in wheat, but there was no change then nor has there been since in the attitude of buyers. They buy when they have to and then with no idea of supplying their wants for any great time ahead. Tales of rust in the wheat area of this country and Canada leave them cold. There is a theory that consumers are none too well supplied, that they will soon be obliged to buy on a worth-while scale. It remains to be seen whether the event will justify this theory. It has often somehow proved deceptive in the past. The export demand has continued to be almost negligible. Later a somewhat better business was reported here by mill agents. Some 50,000 bbls. are said to have been bought direct by large bakers here from Southwestern mills. Mill feed has recently risen, it is said, fully \$2.

Wheat declined 1 1/2 to 2c. on the Government report putting the winter wheat crop at 579,416,000 bushels and was also depressed by an increase in the United States visible supply last week of 2,552,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,836,000 bushels in the same week last year. The total is now 24,659,000 bushels, against 14,162,000 a year ago. The weather early in the week was generally favorable. It is true that some complaints were heard from Central sections of disappointing threshing returns, but there was not enough threshing to draw definite conclusions. A few cars of new wheat were en route for Chicago from nearby territory. One car from eastern Illinois showed very fine quality and tested 60 3/4 pounds. Cutting of oats may delay the wheat movement. Southwestern receipts were not large, and there was more demand from exporters, with premiums 1 to 1 1/2c. higher and 10c. over September paid at the Gulf. Milling demand for the choice qualities was keen. Export sales were 800,000 bushels on the 11th inst., including 500,000 Manitoba and 300,000 American hard and soft winter. But hard winter was not selling, as a rule, as readily to millers as it was a year ago. Nebraska is expected to begin marketing freely before long. Some of this wheat may move to Chicago as long as Kansas City continues at a shipping difference under Chicago. The world's shipments last week were about 10,000,000 and further decrease of about 3,000,000 bushels in the on-passage total suggested that larger foreign buying may be at hand. There was a hint of it certainly in the European demand on the 11th, but the next day the weakening effects of the Government report stating the combined winter and spring total at 853,000,000, or 21,000,000 bushels more than last year, were plainly apparent. The export business fell off to 200,000 bushels. The carry-over, too, was put at more than 30,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago. Prices fell 3 1/4 to 4c. on the 12th inst.

The condition of winter wheat, says the Washington report, was 75% July 1, against 72.2% June 1, 77.4 on July 1 last year and 77.6 the ten-year average. The indicated winter wheat yield is 579,416,000 bushels, against an actual harvest of 626,929,000 last year. The spring wheat condition was put at 89.7%, against 86.8 on June 1, 64.8 on July 1 last year and 82% the ten-year average. The indicated yield of spring wheat was 274,218,000 bushels, against 205,376,000 bushels harvested last year. Canada's total wheat yield for the season 1927 was forecast at 325,075,000 bushels. The estimate for the three Prairie Provinces was 305,052,000 bushels and for the rest of Canada 20,023,000 bushels. On

the 14th inst. prices at first advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ c., with Liverpool and French and German weather advices bad. But there was less talk about rust in this country. Northwestern crop news was good. South Dakota advices stated that wheat will be ready for cultivating in a week or ten days. Further north the crop is later. With the raising of par yields the present condition if maintained to Aug. 1, will, it is suggested, probably indicate a crop of about 315,000,000 bushels. Canada sent favorable reports. The Southwestern movement was very moderate in size, with no pressure of cash offerings. Stocks of wheat on farms on July 1 were relatively low, 27,000,000 bushels, compared with 21,000,000 last year and a five-year average of 37,000,000 bushels.

To-day prices ended  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 2c. lower at the different markets. Liquidation was general and pronounced. On all rallies selling increased. The break in corn hurt. Cables were weak. Export sales were only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. The weather at the Northwest was cool if showery. Nebraska and Ohio sent disappointing crop reports. They got no attention. For the week Argentina exported 2,601,000 bushels, against 963,000 last year, Australia 1,464,000 bushels, against 400,000 last year. North America, according to Bradstreet, shipped 3,843,000 bushels, against 9,609,000 a year ago. World's exports this week point to 9,250,000 bushels, which indicates some decrease in the afloat stocks. In Europe the weather was reported better. Argentine crop news was rather cheerful. Final prices show a decline for the week of 6 to 7c.

**CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery-----cts.	149 $\frac{3}{4}$	148 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145	144 $\frac{3}{4}$
September delivery-----	146 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	142 $\frac{3}{4}$	142 $\frac{3}{4}$	141 $\frac{3}{4}$	140 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery-----	149 $\frac{3}{4}$	148 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	140 $\frac{3}{4}$

**CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery-----cts.	166 $\frac{3}{4}$	165 $\frac{3}{4}$	163 $\frac{3}{4}$	165 $\frac{3}{4}$	164 $\frac{3}{4}$	162 $\frac{3}{4}$
October delivery-----	153 $\frac{3}{4}$	152 $\frac{3}{4}$	150 $\frac{3}{4}$	151 $\frac{3}{4}$	150 $\frac{3}{4}$	149 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery-----	149 $\frac{3}{4}$	148 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	147 $\frac{3}{4}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red-----cts.	157 $\frac{1}{2}$	156 $\frac{1}{2}$	152 $\frac{1}{2}$	152	152 $\frac{1}{2}$	152 $\frac{1}{2}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	147 $\frac{3}{4}$	146 $\frac{3}{4}$	143 $\frac{3}{4}$	143	142 $\frac{3}{4}$	141 $\frac{3}{4}$
September delivery in elevator-----	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	144 $\frac{3}{4}$	140 $\frac{3}{4}$	141 $\frac{3}{4}$	140 $\frac{3}{4}$	139 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator-----	148 $\frac{3}{4}$	146 $\frac{3}{4}$	143 $\frac{3}{4}$	144 $\frac{3}{4}$	143 $\frac{3}{4}$	142 $\frac{3}{4}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	163 $\frac{3}{4}$	162	160 $\frac{3}{4}$	162 $\frac{3}{4}$	161 $\frac{3}{4}$	159 $\frac{3}{4}$
October delivery in elevator-----	149 $\frac{3}{4}$	147 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	146 $\frac{3}{4}$	146 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator-----	146 $\frac{3}{4}$	145	142 $\frac{3}{4}$	143 $\frac{3}{4}$	143 $\frac{3}{4}$	141 $\frac{3}{4}$

Indian corn advanced early in the week on an expectation of a bullish Government report. Trading was active. Shorts covered freely. Most of the private crop news was rather unfavorable. Growth was reported slow. Shipping demand at Chicago increased. July was firmer than later months. Smaller receipts are expected at Chicago. The United States visible supply decreased last week 34,000 bushels, but the decrease in the same week last year was 1,813,000 bushels and the total is still 34,393,000 bushels, against 28,520,000 a year ago. Profit taking reined in the advance. On the 11th inst. the crop estimate of 2,274,000,000 bushels, or some 371,000,000 less than last year was a disappointment to the bulls. They had expected it would be smaller. It was somewhat larger than private estimates. Besides, the weakness in wheat had some effect. Still, the Government corn report was really bullish. It is the smallest crop in 26 years. In 1925 it was 2,900,581,000 bushels, or 626,000,000 larger than this year's estimate; in 1923, it was 3,053,557,000; in 1920 no less than 3,208,584,000 bushels. Prices rallied on the 12th inst. after an early decline of  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1c. and closed unchanged on July and only  $\frac{3}{4}$ c. net lower on later months. The cash demand was better at Chicago. Outsiders were buying corn there.

On the 11th inst. the Department of Agriculture stated the condition on July 1 at 69.9%, against 77.9 on July 1 last year and a ten-year average on July 1 of 83.7%. The indicated crop was 2,274,424,000 bushels, against an actual harvest of 2,645,031,000 bushels in 1926. On the 14th inst. prices declined  $\frac{5}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. net with beneficial rains reported in Iowa, Illinois, southern Missouri and the surrounding territory. The forecast, too, was wet. Demand fell off. The crop is said to be doing better. Cash demand showed a moderate increase. The July price reflects it. Receipts are small and are likely to remain so. The acreage was estimated at 97,638,000, a decline of about 2% from the harvested acreage of 1926, and the lowest of any year but one since 1908. Low corn prices in 1926, together with unfavorable planting conditions, resulted in a decline of more than 5% in acreage in the North Central States, which was partially offset by increased corn planting in the South. The crop is now put at 2,274,000,000 bushels, against 2,645,000,000 last year.

To-day prices ended  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower on further long selling. At one time they were 3 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c. off. Shorts and buyers against privileges were the only purchasers. Everybody was bearish. Cash demand was only moderate. Receipts were fair. The weather has been better. Some improvement in crop prospects is believed to have taken place since the Government report. Final prices are  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to 4c. lower for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow-----cts.	118 $\frac{3}{4}$	120 $\frac{3}{4}$	121 $\frac{3}{4}$	120 $\frac{3}{4}$	120 $\frac{3}{4}$	118 $\frac{3}{4}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	99	100 $\frac{1}{4}$	100 $\frac{1}{4}$	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	99 $\frac{3}{4}$	97 $\frac{3}{4}$
September delivery in elevator-----	106 $\frac{1}{4}$	107 $\frac{1}{4}$	106 $\frac{3}{4}$	106 $\frac{3}{4}$	105 $\frac{3}{4}$	102 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator-----	110 $\frac{3}{4}$	110 $\frac{3}{4}$	110 $\frac{3}{4}$	110 $\frac{3}{4}$	108 $\frac{3}{4}$	105 $\frac{3}{4}$

Oats declined for a time in a dull market, with other grain weaker in the fore part of the week. Oats were so quiet that fluctuations were almost negligible. The United States visible supply last week decreased 1,451,000 bushels, or 273,000 bushels less than in the same week last year. But the total is only 16,339,000 bushels, against 36,203,000 a year ago. The price is only 4c. higher than at this time in 1926; No. 2 yellow corn is nearly 30c. higher than then. But on the 12th inst. oats declined, as the Government crop estimate was larger than expected. The weather, moreover, was good for maturing the crop. A period of hot weather would reduce the yield on late oats. There was better shipping demand and oats are still considered cheap compared with other grains.

The total yield of Canadian oats, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is 389,758,000 bushels, of which 226,297,000 bushels are forecast as the yield for the three Prairie Provinces. On the 14th inst. prices fell with those for other grain. Near months stood up the best, as cash demand was better. The weather has latterly been favorable. Oats in the United States show a condition of 79.9%, indicating a yield of 31.4 bushels per acre, and a total production of 1,349,026,000 bushels, approximately 7% greater than the crop of last year.

To-day prices ended  $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower on general liquidation. The weather was rather favorable. Cash demand was lacking. The decline in other grain had its effect. Receipts were moderate. A decrease in the visible supply seems probable. Last prices are 2 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC OATS IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery-----cts.	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	46 $\frac{3}{4}$
September delivery-----	51	50 $\frac{3}{4}$	49 $\frac{3}{4}$	49 $\frac{3}{4}$	49 $\frac{3}{4}$	48 $\frac{3}{4}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white-----cts.	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	53 $\frac{1}{2}$ -54	54-54 $\frac{1}{2}$	54-54 $\frac{1}{2}$	53-53 $\frac{1}{2}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	45	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	44 $\frac{3}{4}$
September delivery in elevator-----	48	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	44 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator-----	50 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{3}{4}$	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	49 $\frac{3}{4}$	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	47 $\frac{3}{4}$

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	65 $\frac{3}{4}$	65 $\frac{3}{4}$	65 $\frac{3}{4}$	65 $\frac{3}{4}$	65 $\frac{3}{4}$	65
October delivery in elevator-----	54 $\frac{3}{4}$	54 $\frac{3}{4}$	54 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	54 $\frac{3}{4}$	53 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator-----	51 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{3}{4}$	51 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{3}{4}$

Rye declined last Monday, with the weather good, crop reports favorable and wheat lower. Export business, it is true, amounted to 250,000 bushels. The United States visible supply increased last week 131,000 bushels, in contrast with a decrease in the same week last year of 893,000 bushels. The total is still, however, only 1,274,000 bushels, against 9,918,000 a year ago. From Germany rye crop reports were somewhat better. On the 12th inst. the fact that the Government report showed a crop of 21,000,000 bushels larger than that of last year, sent prices down, roughly,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c. Wheat's decline also weakened rye. The Government report was a surprise. The estimate was far larger than had been expected. Some further export business was done on a moderate scale.

On the 14th inst. prices declined some  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{4}$ c., with demand slack. Chicago reported further purchases to go from Duluth for delivery on July contracts. That accounted for some of the liquidation. Crop reports from the Northwest were very favorable and to cap the climax, export demand was poor. The condition of the United States crop on July 1 was 89.7%, indicating a production of 61,820,000 bushels, which is much higher than the past two years, but about in line with the average of the previous decade. The total compares with 40,024,000 last year. The barley acreage in the United States totals 9,456,000 acres, an increase of 16.8% over last year. The crop is put at 243,000,000 bushels, against 191,000,000 bushels last year.

To-day prices ended 2 to  $2\frac{1}{4}$ c. off. Selling was general. Declines in other grain told. Chicago is to get more rye for July delivery. Export sales were only 50,000 bushels. Final prices were 7 to 8c. lower for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator-----cts.	111 $\frac{3}{4}$	111 $\frac{3}{4}$	108 $\frac{3}{4}$	108 $\frac{3}{4}$	106 $\frac{3}{4}$	104 $\frac{3}{4}$
September delivery in elevator-----	102 $\frac{3}{4}$	101 $\frac{3}{4}$	97 $\frac{3}{4}$	98	96 $\frac{3}{4}$	94 $\frac{3}{4}$
December delivery in elevator-----	105	104 $\frac{3}{4}$	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	99 $\frac{3}{4}$	97 $\frac{3}{4}$

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, New York-----	152 $\frac{3}{4}$
No. 2 red f.o.b.-----	160 $\frac{3}{4}$
No. 1 Northern-----	156 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn, New York-----	118 $\frac{3}{4}$
No. 2 yellow-----	115
No. 3 yellow-----	115
Oats, New York-----	53@53 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 2 white-----	51@52
No. 3 white-----	51@52
Rye, New York-----	1.11 $\frac{3}{4}$
No. 2 f.o.b.-----	1.11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Barley, New York-----	97 $\frac{1}{2}$ @99 $\frac{3}{4}$
Malting as to quality	97 $\frac{1}{2}$ @99 $\frac{3}{4}$

FLOUR.	
Spring patents-----	\$7.40@7.75
Rye flour patents-----	\$6.55@6.90
Clears, first spring-----	7.00@7.25
Seminola No. 2, pound-----	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Soft winter straights-----	6.65@6.90
Oats goods-----	3.20@3.25
Hard winter straights-----	7.00@7.50
Corn flour-----	2.95@3.00
Hard winter patents-----	7.50@8.00
Barley goods-----	3.75
Hard winter clears-----	6.25@6.75
Coarse-----	3.75
Fancy Minn. patents-----	9.15@10.00
Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4-----	7.00
City mills-----	9.30@10.00

For other tables usually given here, see page 351.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETE OFFICIAL REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture



made public on July 11 its forecasts and estimates of grain crops of the United States as of June 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture, as follows:

Crop.	Acreage 1927.		Condition.			
	P. C. of 1926.	Acres.	July 1 1927. P. C.	June 1 1927. P. C.	July 1 1926. P. C.	July 1 1926. P. C.
Corn	98.1	97,638,000	69.9	---	77.9	83.7
Winter wheat	103.4	a38,185,000	75.0	72.2	77.4	77.6
Spring wheat	103.6	20,313,000	89.7	86.8	64.8	82.0
All wheat	103.4	58,498,000	79.1	---	73.6	79.1
Oats	96.9	42,914,000	79.9	79.9	74.5	82.0
Barley	116.8	9,456,000	84.2	81.5	73.3	83.0
Rye	107.6	a3,860,000	89.7	87.6	66.7	81.2
Flaxseed	94.6	2,653,000	86.3	---	73.0	82.3
Rice	96.2	979,000	90.9	---	86.7	88.4
Grain sorghums. b	1	1	---	---	84.4	83.2
Sugar cane (La.)	101.8	121,000	89.0	---	86.0	79.6
Sugar beets	101.8	771,000	85.7	---	86.3	86.1
Potatoes, white	111.0	3,495,000	84.9	---	81.4	86.3
Sweet potatoes	110.8	920,000	82.9	---	73.7	83.4
Tobacco	95.9	1,594,300	73.6	---	73.1	80.7
Broomcorn. b	79.8	238,000	69.9	---	84.6	79.5
Hops. b	111.1	23,100	90.8	---	90.2	c89.9
Beans, dry edible. b	105.4	1,749,000	82.1	---	84.2	85.8
Soy beans	120.2	2,330,000	78.8	---	80.1	d83.8
Cowpeas	127.3	2,244,000	77.6	---	72.7	d76.5
Velvet beans	---	---	---	---	68.7	d77.2
Peanuts	137.2	1,169,000	77.3	---	75.3	82.8
Hay, all tame	102.7	60,262,000	89.9	88.0	71.9	e77.0
Hay, wild	---	---	93.2	89.7	61.1	e76.3
Pasture	---	---	92.8	88.3	77.0	85.1

Crop.	Total Production in Millions.		Yield per Acre.			
	Indicated by Condition. f	Harvested.	Indicated by Con- dition. f	Harvested.		
					July 1 1927.	June 1 1927.
Corn, bu	2,274	2,645	2,766	23.3	26.6	27.2
Winter wheat, bu	579	537	627	556	15.2	17.0
Spring wheat, bu	274	---	205	252	13.5	10.5
All wheat, bu	854	---	832	808	14.6	14.7
Oats, bu	1,349	---	1,254	1,353	31.4	28.2
Barley, bu	243	---	191	194	25.7	23.3
Rye, bu	61.8	48.6	40.0	63.7	16.0	11.4
Flaxseed, bu	21.6	---	19.5	20.2	8.1	6.7
Rice, bu	39.9	---	41.0	36.4	44.8	40.3
Grain sorghums. b	1	---	1	90.5	---	22.8
Sugar cane (La.), tons	1.94	---	1.32	3.16	16.0	6.7
Sugar beets, tons	6.86	---	7.22	6.85	10.0	10.7
Potatoes, white, bu	393	---	356	394	112.4	113.1
Sweet potatoes, bu	86.2	---	83.7	81.3	93.7	100.8
Tobacco, lbs.	1,099	---	1,323	1,343	689	795
Broomcorn, tons. b	g34.9	---	g51.5	g55.5	h294	h346
Beans, dry edible, bu. b	17.9	---	17.1	16.3	10.3	11.2
Peanuts, lbs.	790	---	627	670	676	736
Hay, all tame, tons	101	---	86.4	90.9	1.68	1.47

a Acres remaining for harvest. b Principal producing States. c Nine-year average, 1918-1926. d Three-year average, 1924-1926. e Four-year average, 1923-1926. f Interpreted from condition reports. Indicated production increases or decreases with changing conditions during the season. g Thousands of tons. h Pounds per acre. i Postponed until August.

Crop.	Condition.			Total Production in Millions.		
	July 1 1927. P. C.	June 1 1927. P. C.	July 1 1926. P. C.	Indicated by Condition. a		5-Yr. Ave. 1922-1926.
				July 1 1927.	June 1 1927.	
Apples, total crop, bu	46.6	57.2	73.1	61.3	137	246
Apples, com'l crop, bbis	49.0	---	74.7	62.7	26.2	39.4
Peaches, total crop, bu	48.1	51.8	73.3	61.6	35.5	45.4
Pears, total crop, bushels	49.8	56.9	73.7	62.5	17.6	18.6
Grapes, tons	84.6	---	83.9	85.3	b2.54	25.6
Pecans	50.4	---	68.3	c62.8	---	b2.10

a Interpreted from condition reports. Indicated production increases or decreases with changing conditions during the season. b Estimate of total production for fresh fruit, juice, and raisins. c Eight-year average, 1919-1926.

The amount of wheat remaining on farms in the United States on July 1 1927 is estimated at 3.25% of the crop of 1926, or about 27,339,000 bushels, as compared with 20,973,000 bushels on July 1 1926, and 29,913,000 bushels, the average of stocks of wheat on July 1 for the five years 1922-1926.

Data, by geographical divisions, for principal grain crops follow:

Geographic Division.	Acreage 1927.		Condition July 1.		Production in Bushels.		
	Per Cent of 1926.	Acres.	1927.	1917-1926.	Indicated by Condition July 1 1927.*	Harvested.	5-Year Ave. 1922-1926.
Nor. Atlantic	96.2	2,378,000	66.8	83.3	79,829,000	99,743,000	106,195,000
Nor. Central	94.9	9,976,000	67.3	85.1	1,536,581,000	1,786,301,000	1,965,734,000
Sou. Atlantic	100	411,096,000	79.1	82.2	207,280,000	226,814,000	222,634,000
Sou. Central	107.5	21,785,000	76.4	79.7	410,014,000	498,386,000	425,460,000
Western	92.4	2,403,000	75.2	86.6	40,724,000	33,787,000	46,173,000
U. S. Total	98.1	97,638,000	69.9	83.7	2,274,424,000	2,645,031,000	2,766,197,000

Geo-graphic Divi-sion.	Acreage 1927 for Harvest.		Condition July 1.		Production in Bushels.		
	Per Cent of 1926.	Acres.	1927.	1917-1926.	Indicated by Condition.*		Harvested.
					July 1 1927.	June 1 1927	
N. Atl.	92.8	1,392,000	85.9	85.9	27,161,000	25,626,000	29,445,000
N. Cent.	104.5	22,675,000	76.5	76.1	343,661,000	315,826,000	351,992,000
S. Atl.	103.6	2,142,000	80.9	83.4	30,272,000	27,274,000	36,521,000
S. Cent.	95.5	6,439,000	49.8	76.8	59,542,000	61,624,000	119,007,000
West'n	112.4	5,537,000	88.0	78.9	118,780,000	106,651,000	89,964,000
U.S. total	103.4	38,185,000	75.0	77.6	579,416,000	537,001,000	623,929,000

SPRING WHEAT (INCLUDING DURUM).

Geographic Division.	Acreage 1927.		Condition July 1.		Production in Bushels.		
	Per Cent of 1926.	Acres.	1927.	10-yr. Ave. 1917-1926.	Indicated by Condition July 1 1927.*	Harvested.	5-Year Ave. 1922-1926.
Four States. x	104.1	17,289,000	89.8	82.2	215,354,000	150,520,000	196,629,000
Durum wheat	114.7	5,578,000	89.6	78.2	76,390,000	44,826,000	61,871,000
Other spring wheat	99.7	11,711,000	89.9	79.1	138,964,000	105,694,000	134,758,000
All oth. States	100.7	3,024,000	89.5	82.1	58,864,000	54,856,000	55,087,000
U. S. Total	103.6	20,313,000	89.7	82.0	274,218,000	205,376,000	251,715,000
Nor. Atlantic	100.1	2,436,000	87.2	86.3	83,207,000	81,386,000	82,151,000
Nor. Central	96.5	32,748,000	82.3	82.3	1,079,435,000	926,147,000	1,079,371,000
Sou. Atlantic	103.9	1,751,000	73.3	80.4	39,221,000	41,395,000	33,586,000
Sou. Central	97.0	4,220,000	53.4	75.3	85,566,000	146,057,000	96,006,000
Western	92.7	1,759,000	90.8	84.1	61,547,000	58,754,000	61,987,000
U. S. Total	96.9	42,914,000	79.9	82.0	1,349,026,000	1,253,739,000	1,353,101,000

\* Interpreted from condition reports. Indicated production increases or decreases with changing conditions during the season. x Minn., N. Dak., S. Dak., and Mont.

Details of corn, by States, follow:

State	Acreage, 1927.		Condition July 1.		Production (in Bushels).		
	Per Cent of 1926.	Acres.	1927.	10-yr. Ave. 1917-1926.	Indicated by Condition July 1 1927. a	Harvested.	
						1926.	5-Year Ave. 1922-1926.
Maine	108	14,000	77	81	577,000	546,000	613,000
New Hamp.	109	16,000	80	82	704,000	705,000	866,000
Vermont	98	82,000	75	80	3,506,000	3,948,000	3,816,000
Massach'ts	103	46,000	70	83	1,868,000	2,160,000	2,262,000
Rhode Island	105	9,000	72	86	311,000	432,000	427,000
Connecticut	101	67,000	69	80	2,188,000	23,550,000	24,846,000
New York	97	182,000	70	84	6,370,000	8,648,000	8,954,000
New Jersey	91	1,296,000	64	85	42,716,000	57,154,000	61,570,000
Pennsylvania	94	3,376,000	63	83	101,665,000	145,436,000	144,638,000
Indiana	88	4,111,000	56	82	103,597,000	170,528,000	171,320,000
Illinois	92	8,469,000	57	84	212,403,000	312,970,000	330,616,000
Michigan	92	1,466,000	64	83	38,468,000	54,162,000	56,922,000
Wisconsin	98	2,077,000	68	85	64,969,000	73,106,000	82,636,000
Minnesota	98	4,256,000	69	86	120,989,000	147,662,000	141,324,000
Iowa	98	10,954,000	72	90	350,966,000	413,586,000	422,916,000
Missouri	90	5,824,000	64	83	130,458,000	174,189,000	179,847,000
Nor. Dakota.	95	2,939,000	67	78	20,239,000	18,162,000	24,203,000
Sou. Dakota.	105	4,655,000	72	86	102,224,000	79,794,000	103,182,000
Nebraska	95	8,544,000	80	88	198,221,000	139,407,000	204,442,000
Kansas	95	5,285,000	76	81	92,382,000	67,299,000	103,687,000
Delaware	98	135,000	74	85	3,896,000	4,278,000	4,227,000
Maryland	95	526,000	72	84	17,421,000	22,049,000	22,845,000
Virginia	98	1,660,000	75	84	39,217,000	46,585,000	44,560,000
West Virginia	97	484,000	68	87	12,607,000	16,467,000	17,777,000
North Caro.	98	2,328,000	85	85	47,095,000	52,272,000	49,697,000
South Caro.	103	1,469,000	81	78	24,392,000	22,103,000	24,791,000
Georgia	103	3,932,000	83	79	55,841,000	55,346,000	48,914,000
Florida	102	562,000	77	82	7,270,000	7,714,000	9,123,000
Kentucky	90	2,762,000	66	87	58,699,000	101,277,000	89,042,000
Tennessee	96	2,975,000	72	84	63,189,000	85,222,000	72,899,000
Alabama	107	3,023,000	80	78	45,950,000	45,765,000	42,956,000
Mississippi	107	2,052,000	78	78	35,212,000	36,826,000	36,599,000
Arkansas	95	1,925,000	66	79	29,222,000	41,533,000	35,586,000
Louisiana	113	1,274,000	83	78	23,792,000	19,722,000	21,970,000
Oklahoma	118	2,777,000	80	80	47,765,000	61,178,000	45,975,000
Texas	130	4,997,000	85	74	106,186,000	106,863,000	80,433,000
Montana	88	316,000	69	81	5,015,000	3,949,000	6,625,000
Idaho	115	76,000	77	90	2,458,000	2,708,000	2,594,000
Wyoming	100	197,000	74	83	3,571,000	3,940,000	3,446,000
Colorado	91	1,361,000	74	87	18,632,000	10,472,000	20,584,000
New Mexico.	83	183,000	70	86	2,883,000	4,420,000	3,673,000
Arizona	109	44,000	87	91	1,148,000	1,120,000	995,000
Utah	105	19,000	89	90	449,000	432,000	543,000
Nevada	100	2,000	85	94	46,000	48,000	37,000
Washington	88	43,000	84	86	1,499,000	1,715,000	2,104,000
Oregon	113	85,000	85	90	2,529,000	2,475,000	2,219,000
California	100	77,000	84	89	2,490,000	2,510,000	3,351,000
U. S. Total	98.1	97,638,000	69.9	83.7	2,274,424,000	2,645,031,000	2,766,197,000

Details of winter wheat, by States, follow:

Table with columns: State, Acreage 1927 for Harvest, Condition July 1, Production in Thousands of Bushels (1. e., 000 Omitted). Sub-headers include P. C. of 1926, Acres in Thousands, 1927 P. C., 10-Yr. Ave. 1917-1926 P. C., Indicated by Condition a (July 1 1927, June 1 1927), and Harvested (1926, 5-Yr. Ave. 1922-1926).

U. S. total... 103.4 38,185 75.0 77.6 579,416 537,001 626,929 555,915

a Interpreted from condition reports. Indicated production increased or decreases with changing conditions during the season. b Average yield per acre in bushels.

Details of oats, by States, follow:

Table with columns: State, Acreage 1927, Condition July 1, Production (In Bushels). Sub-headers include Per Cent of 1926, Acres, 10 Yr Ave. 1927-1926, Indicated by Condition July 1 1927.a, and Harvested (1926, 5-Year Ave. 1922-1926).

U. S. total... 96,942,914,000 79.9 82.0 1,349,026,000 1,253,739,000 1,353,101,000

a Interpreted from condition reports. Indicated production increases or decreases with changing conditions during the season. b Average yield per acre in bushels.

COMMENTS CONCERNING CROP REPORT.—The Department of Agriculture at Washington on July 11 also furnished a summary of the prospects of the United States crops, based on the July 1 condition, the report being as follows:

Crop prospects as a whole are far from promising. While it is still too early to forecast accurately the production of late sown crops, the present outlook is for the shortest corn crop in 26 years; for a very short crop of fruits, for a material reduction in the production of tobacco; for about average production of potatoes, wheat, sugar beets, flaxseed, and feed grains other than corn; for rather large crops of beans, peanuts and sweet potatoes, and for a record production of hay. Crop prospects are fairly good in the Western States but very unpromising in the eastern part of the corn belt.

There are this season some rather large shifts in the relative acreages of the various crops. The largest changes are the 6-million-acre decrease in cotton, the 2-million-acre decrease in corn and the 2-million-acre increase in wheat. The cotton acreage is 12.4% below that of a year ago and throughout the South there has been an increase in the acreage of alternative crops, including peanuts, cowpeas, hay and grain. The acreage in corn is 1.9% below that of last year and is with one exception the smallest corn acreage since 1908. The acreage in oats shows a decrease of about 1 1/2 million acres but the acreage in barley has been increased by about the same amount.

CORN.—Corn acreage is estimated at 97,638,000 acres, a decline of about 2% from the harvested acreage of 1926, and the lowest of any year but one since 1908. Low corn prices in 1926, together with unfavorable planting conditions, resulted in a decline of more than 5% in acreage in the North Central States, which was partially offset by increased corn planting in the South.

Coupled with the decrease in corn acreage is the unusually low condition of 69.9%, indicating a production of 2,274,424,000 bushels. This indicates the lowest production since the dry year of 1901. The indicated yield of 23.3 bushels per acre is below that obtained in any year since 1913. The crop is late in nearly every State, although rapid improvement is being shown. In some of the most northern States, due to late planting only a long growing season will avoid the danger of frost damage.

WINTER WHEAT.—Winter wheat has made a strong recovery from the low condition of June 1. The July 1 condition is reported at 75%, indicating a production of 579,416,000 bushels, compared with 537,000,000 bushels, forecast a month ago. The principal increases are in Kansas and Nebraska.

Rust is reported in a few States, the most serious damage, apparently being in Southern Indiana. Hessian fly damage is noted in several States during June, but quality deteriorated. In Nebraska the outlook is unusually good and excellent conditions are reported in Michigan and Minnesota.

SPRING WHEAT.—Spring wheat condition is 89.7% and forecasts a production of 274,218,000 bushels. Of the total spring wheat crop it is estimated that 76,390,000 bushels will be durum. The condition in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota is above average. The large acreage increase in South Dakota over acreage harvested last year is due largely to heavy abandonment last year on account of drought.

Stocks of wheat on farms on July 1 were relatively low, 27 million bushels, compared with 21 million last year, and a five-year average of 37 million bushels.

OATS.—Oats show a condition of 79.9%, indicating a yield of 31.4 bushels per acre and a total production of 1,349,026,000 bushels, approximately 7% greater than the crop of last year. Conditions in general have not been favorable for this crop.

BARLEY.—Barley acreage for 1927 is 9,456,000 acres, an increase of 16.8% over last year. Material increases have occurred in practically all the important Eastern barley States, but in California the acreage has been decreased 8% as a result of the increase in wheat.

RYE.—Rye condition on July 1 was 89.7%, indicating a production of 61,820,000 bushels, which is much higher than the past two years, but about in line with the average of the previous decade.

WHITE POTATOES.—The potato acreage is estimated at 3,495,000 acres, or 111% of last year, all important late potato States showing increases. Only three States, Arkansas, Missouri and Virginia, show decreases. Main acreage was increased 11%, New York 9%, Michigan and Wisconsin 12%, North Dakota 12%, Montana 15%, Idaho 26% and Colorado 33%.

The outlook is for a total production of 392,943,000 bushels, which is a substantial increase over 1925 and 1926.

SWEET POTATOES.—The sweet potato acreage has been increased about 11% over 1926, with the South Central States showing the largest percentage of change. The condition of 82.9% on July 1 indicates a total production of 86,212,000 bushels, the largest since 1923.

TOBACCO.—The tobacco acreage decreased 4%, reflecting the net result of widely differing economic conditions affecting the various types. The most significant changes are substantial increases in the bright flue-cured cigarette types and sharp reductions in the burley, dark air-cured and dark fired types. Cigar types vary, from increases in New England and the Wisconsin southern districts to decreases in Wisconsin northern and the principal filler producing areas.

The condition on July 1 was 73.6%, indicating a production of 1,099,114,000 pounds, the lowest since 1921 and the second lowest since 1915.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 12.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended July 12 follows:

Temperature variations during the week were unimportant. By the morning of July 7 somewhat warmer weather prevailed in the middle Atlantic area, the Ohio Valley, and the far Northwest, with a slight further rise in temperature in most northwestern districts on the following day, but readings were generally under the seasonal average. It was cooler in the interior valleys by the morning of the 8th, but the latter part of the week had somewhat warmer weather quite generally. On the whole, temperatures during the period were moderate, through mostly tending to subnormal over the eastern half of the country, and the day-to-day changes were small, as a rule.

Early in the week, precipitation was quite general from the Lake region eastward, and, on the morning of the 8th, showers were reported in most sections of the Atlantic coast area. Later, local showers were rather frequent in the Atlantic States, but elsewhere the weather was generally fair.

Chart I shows that the temperature for the week averaged below normal in the Atlantic coast area and from the Ohio Valley northward, while the weekly means were slightly subnormal locally in the Southwest and far West. Otherwise it was warmer than normal. The lowest temperatures for the week in the Corn Belt were well in the 50's, and were below 50 degrees only in limited areas of the Northeast, the western upper Lake region, and in some sections of the far western States. Maximum temperatures in most sections west of the Mississippi River ranged from 90 degrees to about 100 degrees.

Chart II shows that moderate to rather heavy precipitation occurred in Atlantic Coast States, the Lake region, and locally in the central Gulf area and central Mississippi Valley. Elsewhere there was very little rainfall, with large sections of the Southwest and far West reporting a practically rainless week.

Except that warmer weather in the northeastern portion of the country would have promoted better growth of some crops, temperatures during the week were generally favorable and most vegetation made satisfactory advance. The absence of material rainfall in the grain area made continuation of very favorable weather for harvesting and threshing and quite generally for haying, and these advanced unusually well. The generally dry conditions that have prevailed for some time over most of the country have resulted, however, in considerable depletion of soil moisture, and rain would now be welcome in many places. It has become especially dry in the upper Mississippi Valley, the south-central Great Plains, and parts of the Southwest, while a general rain is needed from the upper Mississippi Valley and Lake region eastward.

In the South the weather was largely favorable, with the moderate temperatures and less rainfall being especially timely in the west Gulf area. In the Northwest and generally from the Rocky Mountains westward, conditions remained unusually favorable for agricultural and grazing interests, except in some more or less local areas where moisture is needed.

While the 1927 crop season so far has been backward in many sections, especially from the central Mississippi and Ohio Valleys northward and eastward, at the close of June the condition of most of the more important crops grown in the United States compared favorably with their condition at the same time last year, as reported by the Department of Agriculture. The following summary gives a comparison of condition of various crops on July 1 1927, in percentage of condition reported by the department as of July 1 1926: Corn, 90; winter wheat, 97; spring wheat, 138; all wheat, 108; oats, 107; barley, 115; rye, 134; flaxseed, 118; rice, 105; sugar cane, 135; sugar beets, 99; potatoes, 104; sweet potatoes, 112; tobacco, 101; broomcorn, 83; hops, 101; beans, 98; soy beans, 98; cowpeas, 107; peanuts, 109; tame hay, 125; wild hay, 153; pastures, 121.

It will be noted that 17 out of the 23 crops listed were in better condition this year than last year on July 1, and of those not up to last year's standard only two (corn and broomcorn) exceed 3% variation from last

year's condition. The condition of 11 of these 23 crops was better than the preceding 10-year average condition on July 1, while the figures for all wheat were exactly the same as the 10-year average. Notwithstanding the interruption by wet weather to corn planting, this year's acreage is reported as within 2% of that for 1926.

The July 1 indicated total production of 17 crops, other than fruit, are in 11 cases greater than last year's production, and 10 out of the 17 are greater than the preceding 5-year average. Those showing a smaller indicated production than the 5-year average are corn, oats, rye, sugar cane, potatoes, tobacco, and broomcorn, while those showing an indicated production greater than the preceding 5-year average are winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, flaxseed, rice, sugar beets, sweet potatoes, beans, peanuts, and hay. Most fruits show a marked falling off in production compared with last year—apples, peaches, and pears being only about two-thirds of last year's bumper crops, when the production was so great as to present a serious problem in marketing.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—Winter wheat harvest made excellent progress, with continued favorable weather, and threshing advanced satisfactorily. Cutting was begun during the week as far north as Pennsylvania, southern Michigan, and northern Nebraska. In the spring wheat region the weather continued generally favorable also, with satisfactory advance of the crop, as a whole, but rain is needed in some parts of North Dakota and Montana, and there has been some deterioration in parts of North Dakota because of dryness. There were some scattered reports of black rust, but no indication as yet of material damage. Spring wheat needs rain in parts of the Pacific Northwest.

Oats made good advance in the more northern States, but moisture is needed in many places from the Lake region eastward and more would be beneficial in parts of the Northwest. Rice is growing very well, and in the northern Plains area flax continued to develop nicely.

**CORN.**—Corn shows continued improvement in most sections of the country, through the weather was not wholly favorable. In the North-eastern States, in fact from the upper Ohio Valley northward and eastward, the nights continued too cool for best growth, while in parts of the interior valleys and the central and southern Great Plains, rain is now needed. In Iowa, progress of the crop was generally fair to very good, except that late-planted is needing moisture, and rains would be beneficial over considerable portions of the trans-Mississippi States. Rains were helpful in the Southeast and the middle Atlantic area, and progress was fair to very good in Missouri and most of the Ohio Valley States.

**COTTON.**—Temperatures during the week in the Cotton Belt were mostly moderate and favorable, except that the nights in the more eastern portion were rather too cool for best growth. Further rains in parts of the East were also rather unfavorable, with continued complaints of grass and weevil activity in some places, but in most of the western belt the drier weather and favorable temperatures made good growing and cultivation conditions.

In the Carolinas, progress of the crop ranged from fair to good, despite the cool nights and considerable weevil activity in places. In Georgia the week was decidedly favorable and much cultivation was accomplished, except in the central division where many fields are still grassy; plants continued to bloom and set bolls rapidly. In the central States of the belt, growth was fair to very good, with cultivation mostly satisfactory. In Oklahoma, while weevil are increasing and locally damaging, the progress and condition of the crop continue fair to excellent, with early plants fruiting and blooming freely. In Texas the moderate temperatures and generally fair weather favored cultivation and growth and progress of the crop was fair to very good, with plants fruiting well and picking becoming general in the south; insects, however, are reported increasing, with considerable local damage. Favorable reports were received from the far Southwestern States.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Moisture conditions improved, particularly over south-central. Wheat harvest about finished; cutting oats in progress. Heavy damage by hail locally Thursday in Bedford, Amherst, Henry and Pittsylvania Counties. Cotton, peanuts, sweet potatoes, and garden truck fair to good.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Weather generally favorable for most crops. Too much rain in some portions for cotton and tobacco. Progress of cotton fair to good; weevil increasing in portions of southern half of coastal plain. Corn, truck, and minor crops doing well. Considerable increase of stream flow.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Corn, truck, sweet potatoes, peanuts, forage, and other crops made good growth and are vigorous. Progress and condition of cotton good to excellent with squares and bloom relatively abundant, but weevil rather numerous and active along upper coastal plain. Tobacco curing continues with good results.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Week decidedly favorable. Progress of cotton excellent; much clean and well cultivated and being laid by, except in central division where still grassy; crop continues to bloom and set bolls rapidly; weevil active in southeast, but generally not unusually serious. Growth of corn excellent; old crop practically made and laid by.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton excellent, except locally in west and north where shedding; early crop opening in central, but rains unfavorable; weevil more active in west. Favorable for cultivation of late corn, cane, sweet potatoes, and peanuts. Curing bright and harvesting shade tobacco continued. Citrus groves improved; fruit good size and well filled.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Much cultivation accomplished, but fields still grassy in some sections. Corn, truck, pastures, and minor crops mostly fair to good progress and condition. Advance and condition of cotton mostly fair to good; cultivation generally good; some complaints in more southern counties of poor color and considerable shedding; weevil reported north to Walker and Blount Counties; damage considerable in a few localities.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Progress of cotton generally good and blooming freely throughout; weevil in numerous localities, but damage probably slight. Progress of corn mostly fair with rain needed in scattered localities. Progress of gardens, pastures, and truck fair to good.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Favorable for crops and farm work, with much cultivation, but still considerable grass to overcome in northwest. Cotton mostly blooming and fruiting very good, but forming bolls irregularly in extreme northwest; condition generally fair; weevil damage locally slight to moderate in north; flea hoppers appearing in central and some local replanting in formerly flooded land of northeast.

**Texas.**—Houston: More favorable for field work and growing vegetation, although rain needed in portions of west. Progress and condition of pastures, corn, rice, and minor crops mostly very good. Threshing about completed. Weather favorable for cotton and condition and progress generally fairly good to very good and fruiting well; picking becoming general in extreme south; worms and weevil increasing and weevil damage moderate.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Progress of corn generally fair, but needing rain, especially in west; condition fair to excellent, except poor in extreme northwest. Advance and condition of cotton fair to excellent, but weevil infestation increasing and destructive locally; early blooming and fruiting freely. Threshing winter wheat and oats progressed satisfactorily.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Progress of cotton very good due to light to moderate rains in south and east and light showers elsewhere; squares forming rapidly and blooming nicely; crop clean and condition very good, except where very late due to recent floods. Progress of corn very good, but good rains needed, except in south and east.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Progress and condition of cotton good and very good on high lands of west; damage by weevil slight. Corn waist high and condition very good, but young plants only fair. Oats fair to good. Threshing winter wheat progressing fairly well.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Good progress in threshing wheat and harvesting oats and timothy hay. Progress of corn generally excellent; condition averages fair, though very irregular and mostly 20 to 30 days late in north. Cultivation of corn and tobacco somewhat better, but hindered by hard soil; early corn laid by and some tasseling.

planned and large numbers of buyers are present in the markets, indicating a resumption of active operations. In the woolen division, the American Woolen Co. opened its tropical worsteds at prices which registered a slight advance. Independents, however, offered their lines at lower levels, hoping to get a large volume of business. Thus the actual range of quotations is irregular, despite what has been said recently concerning the desirability of co-operation among manufacturers. Nevertheless, business received thus far has been about in line with expectations. Buyers are much more interested and show more animation in offerings than has been noted for some weeks past. However, purchases have not reached the full volume that they undoubtedly will within the next few weeks. In regard to rayons, sales continue highly satisfactory and mills are steadily booking fall business. All-rayon finished fabrics are also selling in a large volume as are silk and cotton rayon mixtures. Mills are well sold ahead and commitments providing for future requirements are very satisfactory. New uses and combinations are being constantly discovered and the end does not yet seem to be in sight. Although sales of foreign made rayons are being made in larger quantities, they are having a hard time profitably meeting domestic prices. As to silks, conditions continue more or less irregular. Although the outlook for the coming season shows some improvement, markets for the raw product are unsatisfactory.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—A 12.4% decrease in the cotton acreage, as set forth in Saturday's Government report, which resulted in a sharp advance in prices for raw cotton, stimulated increased inquiries and additional buying in the markets for domestic cottons. An increasingly large number of buyers arriving in the markets were noted to be quite confident, especially those from Western centres, where the agricultural outlook has been greatly improved since the recent Government report on crop conditions. Operators were inclined to place a larger amount of business, and although they did not bid up prices, their method was rather to test out mills on the question of future deliveries. However, producers continue firm in their views and the recent steady advances are being held in most instances. As a matter of fact, some have named higher levels. For example, certain selling agents advanced denims and tickings from one-half to one cent a yard. In other directions where buyers have attempted to anticipate requirements, it develops that they had to pay the higher quotations asked. On the other hand, certain mills who have cheap cotton in stock have passed along the advantage to buyers and have actually accepted business based on this low cost staple. But when these stocks are depleted, they will have to advance prices in keeping with replacement values. Other statistics published during the week confirmed reports of continued large production. The report of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York showed that sales of standard cotton textiles for the first half of this year were 40.8% ahead of the corresponding period of 1926. Furthermore, the volume of unfilled yardage on June 30 was 163.4% larger than a year ago and 48.1% greater than at the beginning of the year. Stocks on hand the same date were 39.6% lower than on the corresponding day last year and 24.1% lower than on the first of the 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 8¼c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 10¾c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—The slight advances instituted by the American Woolen Co. on its new lines of worsted tropicals for the 1928 season, opened on Tuesday, were encouraging. The attendance and interest of buyers at the initial showing was all that could be expected. Although there was no rush of orders, merchants believe that this section of the market will work out satisfactorily. Most independents followed the big factor, in opening their lines, but prices, in most cases, differed from the former's. Some independents reduced their levels to the extent of 2½ to 5 cents a yard, their idea being to book a large volume of business and then retire from the market. As yet no date has been set for the opening of the regular spring lightweight lines, and it is considered doubtful if they will be shown within the fortnight as is the usual practice.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Although no particular activity developed in the markets for linens, prices generally maintained a firm undertone and sentiment regarding the future continued optimistic. At present most fabrics are seasonally dull, with neither importers nor distributors displaying much interest in offerings. However, factors believe that conditions will shortly change for the better as soon as consumer buying forces retailers to replenish stocks, which are known to be unusually low even now. One of the important developments of the week was the petition for a downward revision of tariff on handkerchiefs made by the National Council of American Importers and Traders, which will be presented to the Tariff Commission in the near future. They claim that in a preliminary investigation it was shown that the present tariff of 75% is too high. Burlaps are steady with a moderate volume of business placed in nearby afloats. Light weights are quoted at 7.00c., and heavies at 9.15-9.20c.

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A generally better feeling prevails in textile markets, as both merchants and buyers have more confidence in the outlook for the fall season. Various new openings are being

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## NEWS ITEMS

**Antioquia (Department of) Republic of Colombia.**—\$4,000,000 7% *Sinking Fund Gold Bonds Sold.*—Guaranty Co. of New York and International Acceptance Bank, Inc., both of New York, offered and quickly sold on July 15, \$4,000,000 7% external secured sinking fund gold bonds, first series of the Department of Antioquia, at 93 and interest, to yield about 7.60%. To be dated April 1 1927. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denominations. To mature Oct. 1 1957. Principal and semi-annual interest, due April 1 and Oct. 1, payable in New York City at the principal office of International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co. or Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in United States gold coin or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on April 1 1927, without deduction for any taxes, present or future, levied or imposed by the Republic of Colombia, or by any taxing authority therein or thereof. The official offering circular says:

A cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum, commencing Oct. 1 1927, is calculated to retire the entire first series of bonds by maturity through purchase in the open market at not over 100% and accrued interest or call by lot at 100% and accrued interest. Redeemable (otherwise than through the sinking fund) as a whole only, on three months' prior notice, at 102% and accrued interest on April 1 1937, or on any interest date thereafter up to and including Oct. 1 1946, and at 100% and accrued interest on any interest date thereafter.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our department of "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Cali (Municipality of), Republic of Colombia.**—\$2,000,000 7% *Sinking Fund Gold Bonds Sold.*—Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. and Baker, Kellogg & Co., both of New York, offered and quickly sold on July 12, \$2,000,000 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds of the Municipality of Cali, at 93 and accrued interest to yield about 7.70%. Date May 1 1927. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal only. Due May 1 1947. Principal and interest payable in New York City at the principal office of the Bank of America, trustee, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any taxes, present or future, levied by the Republic of Colombia or by any taxing authority therein or thereof. Redeemable (other than for the sinking fund), as a whole or in part on any interest payment date upon 30 days' previous notice at 105 on or before May 1 1932, thereafter the premium decreasing 1% per annum to and including May 1 1936, and thereafter at par, in each case with accrued interest. In connection with the provisions for the retirement of these bonds the official offering circular says:

A cumulative sinking fund commencing Nov. 1 1927, operating semi-annually is calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity through purchases in the open market below par or drawings at par.

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**Montreal, Que.**—*City Returns Water Plant to Company.*—The City Council on July 12 voted, 28 to 4, to return to the Montreal Water & Power Co. the properties taken by the city as the result of council action of Feb. 12. The council believed the best action to take, after the recent granting of an injunction to the Board of Trade to halt all proceedings in the purchase, was to return the property rather than submit to a long legal struggle.

**New York City, N. Y.**—*Syndicate Reduces Price on N. Y. City Bonds.*—The price on the unsold portion of the \$60,000,000 bond issue placed by New York City in January has been reduced by the syndicate which took the bonds from the city. We quote from the New York "Times" of July 14:

Drops ranging from 1/4 point to a full point in the market prices on all New York City bonds occurred yesterday as a result of the announcement of a cut in the offering price for the new \$60,000,000 issue, which, due to heavy withdrawal of bonds by syndicate members for their investment accounts, now stands about 50% unsold. The new prices on the issue announced by the Chase Securities Corporation, as syndicate manager, are such as to yield 3.95% on the serial bonds and 4% on the 50-year corporate stock. These prices compare with the original levels of 3.50 to 3.94% yields on the bonds and a 3.90% yield on the corporate stock.

The syndicate managers, in stating that large withdrawals of the bonds and stock had been made by members of the syndicate for their investment accounts, expressed confidence that the bonds and stock of the issue remaining on the market would be greatly reduced by sales within the next few days. The reason for the large withdrawals is that the withdrawing banks and dealers regard the new prices as "too cheap" and a "bid to the bargain hunter."

The declines in prices on the older issues were greatest among the New York City 4s due from 1936 to 1959, which were off a point in the prices bid, except the 4s of 1936, which were off 3/4 of a point. Among the various outstanding issues of 4 1/2s the drop amounted to half a point, as was the case with the 3 1/2s. In the group of New York City 4 1/4s the net decline ranged from 1/4 to 3/4 of a point in the price bid.

There is a wide difference in the yields of the New York City obligations, varying with the coupon rates. For instance the yield on the several issues of 4 1/2s is always greater than on the 4 1/4s, with the yields on the 4s and 3 1/2s following in the order named. At present the 4 1/2s yield about 4.09%; the old 4 1/4s, 4.04%; the 4s, 3.98%, and the 3 1/2s, 3.91%, as compared with the yields of 3.95 and 4% on the present issue of 4s.

The average cost to the bankers of the new issue, which was purchased by the Chase syndicate on May 11 last and reoffered the next day, was approximately 101-22, which figured about 3.935%. It is at this price, therefore, that banks withdrawing from the syndicate are paying. With the syndicate extended sixty days, bringing the time into September, the bonds and stock so withdrawn will remain out of the market for that period, but at the expiration of the period the individual bank is permitted to offer them for public subscription at a higher or lower price, to suit the market levels current at that time.

It was said by the bankers yesterday that a formal advertisement of the issue at the new price would not be made inasmuch as the margin of profit, which was narrow in the first place, had been considerably reduced, and that the amount of bonds now on the market had also been greatly reduced.

**West Virginia (State of).**—*Amendment to Municipal Debt Law.*—The West Virginia municipal debt law (Chapter 14, Laws of 1923, as amended by Chapter 41, Laws of 1925) has been amended by Chapter 58, Laws of 1927, so that any municipal corporation of 300 or more inhabitants, instead of 1,000 or more inhabitants as originally provided, may exceed the 2 1/2% debt limit, "for the purpose of grading, paving, sewerage and otherwise improving its streets and alleys, and for municipally owned water and light plants and other municipal-owned utilities" to an additional 2 1/2% of the value of taxable property.

**Road Bond Constitutional Amendment Proposed.**—The 1927 Legislature, in Chapter 29 of the 1927 Laws, submitted to the voters, for vote in November 1928, a proposal to amend the State Constitution so as to allow the issuance of \$35,000,000 road bonds, in addition to the \$50,000,000 road bonds authorized by a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1920.

**Length of Legislative Session Limited to Sixty Days, in Proposed Constitutional Amendment.**—Chapter 28, Laws of 1927, submits to the voters in November 1928 a proposal to amend Section 22 of the State Constitution so that legislative sessions may last sixty days, and may be extended upon a two-thirds vote of each house. The present provision is for a 45-day limit to sessions unless extended by a two-thirds vote of each house.

**Gasoline Tax Increased.**—The tax levied on gasoline sales throughout the State was increased from 3 1/2 cents to 4 cents per gallon by Chapter 18, Laws of 1927.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

**ABERDEEN, Grays Harbor County, Wash.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Nellie Thrift, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 27 for \$1,800,000 6% river extension bonds. A certified check for \$32,000 is required.

**ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.**—*BOND SALE.*—The following four issues of 4 1/2% road bonds aggregating \$26,960 were awarded on June 28, as below:

To the First National Bank of Decatur: \$11,000 Monroe twp. bonds, at a premium of \$285, equal to 102.59, a basis of about 3.99%.

4,800 Monroe and Blue twps. bonds, at a premium of \$119, equal to 102.47, a basis of about 4.01%.

4,560 Wabash twp. bonds.

To the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$109, equal to 102.39, a basis of about 4.03%.

\$6,600 Monroe twp. bonds to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$166, equal to 102.51, a basis of about 4.00%.

Dated June 15 1928. Due May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.

**ALBANY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Albany), Albany County, N. Y.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Thomas Fitzgerald, Secretary Albany Port District Commission, will receive sealed bids until 2.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 3 at the office of the Albany Port District Commission, 100 State St., N. Y. City, for all or any part of \$1,000,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds of the Albany Port District. To be dated Aug. 1 1927. The bonds may be registered as to principal only, or as to principal and interest. Due \$25,000 Aug. 1 1933 to 1972, inclusive. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable in gold at the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany. The opinions of Gilbert V. Schenck, Counsel of the Albany Port District, and Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York City, as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check, payable to the order of the Albany Port District, New York, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required. The bonds, it is stated, will be legal investments for trustees and savings banks in New York State.

**ALBERHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calif.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—The Clerk of the Board of Education will receive sealed bids until July 18 for \$12,000 5 1/2% school bonds maturing serially from 1928 to 1938.

**ALFRED UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Alfred), Allegheny County, N. Y.**—*BOND SALE.*—Pulleyn & Co. of N. Y. City, were awarded on July 11, an issue of \$70,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 100.51, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1937 incl.; \$3,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.; and \$5,000, 1948 to 1950 incl. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City, have certified as to the validity of the issue.

**ALLEGAN COUNTY (P. O. Allegan), Mich.**—*PRICE PAID—INTEREST RATE.*—The price paid for the \$31,600 road assessment District No. 12, bonds, awarded to the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, was 100.57. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and are in \$1,000 denominations. Date May 1 1927. Due serially May 1 1929 to 1937, inclusive. We are also informed that Braun, Bosworth & Co. were in joint account with above-mentioned purchaser.

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Cumberland), Md.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received by Thomas P. Richards, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. August 2, for \$250,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Successful bidder to name denomination desired (\$1,000, \$500, or \$100). Due \$50,000, July 1 1935 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

**ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.**—*BOND SALE.*—The \$20,055.39 4 1/2% isolation hospital bonds offered on June 27—V. 124, p. 3664—were awarded to the First National Bank, Fort Wayne. Date June 15 1927. Due \$2,000 Jan. 1 and July 1 1928 to 1932, incl.

**ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.**—*BOND SALE.*—The following two issues of 5% highway improvement bonds, aggregating \$47,250, offered on July 8 (V. 124, p. 3802) were awarded to the First Citizens Corporation of Columbus at a premium of \$614.25, equal to 101.30—a basis of about 4.61%:

\$23,100 bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,600, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1933, inclusive, and \$2,500, 1934.

24,150 bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,150, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1934, inclusive.

Date March 1 1927. The following are the other bids submitted:

Bidder	Premium
The First Citizens Corporation, Columbus	\$614.25
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo	556.01
First National Co., Detroit	610.00
W. L. Slayton Co., Toledo	608.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	607.00

**ALMONT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Almont), Lapeer County, Mich.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Charles Sleeman, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 20, for \$105,000 not exceeding 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due August 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$3,000, 1935 to 1943 incl.; \$4,000, 1944 to 1949 incl.; \$5,000, 1950 to 1955 incl.; and \$6,000, 1956 and 1957. The successful bidder is to furnish legal opinion and print the bonds. A certified check for \$2,000, is required. Assessed valuation is \$1,200,000. There are no outstanding obligations against the school district. All outstanding obligations against the village will be retired previous to August, 1929.

**AMERICUS, Ga.**—*BOND SALE.*—The \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon water and fire equip. bonds offered on July 8—V. 124, p. 3802—were sold to the Trust Co. of Georgia and J. H. Hilsman & Co. both of Atlanta at a premium of \$1,840, equal to 103.06. Date Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable in New York.

ANAMOOSE, McHenry County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 4 1/2% funding bonds offered on June 25—V. 124, p. 3802—were sold to the First National Bank of New Rockford for a premium of \$586, which equals 12.93.

ANDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$500,000 5% road bonds offered on June 30—V. 124, p. 3664—was sold to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at par. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 1 to 30 years.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY (P. O. Annapolis), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/2% series A coupon or registered public road bonds offered on July 12 (V. 124, p. 3802) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Baker, Watts & Co., Nelson, Cook & Co. and Townsend, Scott & Son, all of Baltimore, at 101.57, a basis of about 4.31%. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000 1928 to 1945, incl., and \$30,000 1946.

ARCHER COUNTY (P. O. Archer City), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 7 an issue of \$1,500,000 5% road bonds. Due serially.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Grant M. Acton, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 18 for \$1,779.50 4 1/2% general improvement bonds. Dated May 15 1927. Denoms. \$200, one for \$79.50 and one for \$100. Due as follows: \$79.50, May 15 1928; \$100, May 15 1929; \$200, May 15 1930 to 1937 incl. Certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston, were awarded on July 11, a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.65% discount basis, plus a premium of \$2.25. Due \$50,000, May 18 and June 22, 1928.

ARNETT, Ellis County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$15,000 water system bonds by a count of 62 for to 28 against. They also voted \$15,000 electric light bonds by a count of 60 for to 27 against.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,450 5% Sewer District No. 2, impt. No. 6, bonds offered on July 11—V. 124, p. 3802—were awarded to the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, at a premium of \$1,007.11, equal to 103.95, a basis of about 4.51%. Date April 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,450, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1939 incl.; and \$2,000, 1940 to 1945 inclusive.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered treasury bonds, aggregating \$400,000, offered on July 14 (V. 125, p. 277) were awarded to Pressprich & Co. of New York City as 4.20s, at a premium of \$160, equal to 100.04: \$175,000 drainage system bonds. \$125,000 bridge approach bonds. 100,000 school bonds.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic County Trust Co, S. N. Bond & Co, Bankers Trust Co.

AUDUBON COUNTY (P. O. Audubon), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that there will be an election on July 26 to vote on the issuance of \$700,000 bonds.

BACA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Springfield), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—A \$10,000 school bond issue was purchased by Benwell & Co. of Davenport prior to an election which will be held shortly.

BAIRD, Callahan County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of 175,000 courthouse bonds.

BANCROFT, Cuming County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% refunding bonds have recently been disposed of: \$1,000, light; \$9,500, town hall; \$8,000, water and \$13,500, sewer.

BANKS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indiana), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Peoples Savings & Trust Co. of Hazelton, have purchased an issue of \$23,000 school bonds at a premium of \$115, equal to 100.50 (rate not stated).

BARNESVILLE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% coupon special assessment improvement bonds, aggregating \$11,080, offered on July 9 (V. 124, p. 3664) were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$651, equal to 105.87, a basis of about 5.18%.

2,080 Main Street improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1936, inclusive. 2,080 North Broadway improvement bonds. Due \$260 Sept. 1 1928 to 1934, inclusive.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Reed, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 25, for \$4,000 4 1/2% Clarence Doup et al road bonds. Date July 25, 1927. Denom. \$200. Due \$200 May and November 15 1928 to 1937 inclusive. Interest payable M. & N. 15.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Reed, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 25 for \$6,000 4 1/2% W. Terrell Newsom, at al Flatrock Township road bonds. Date July 25 1927. Denom. \$300. Due \$300, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Int. payable May and November 15.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the same time and day as stated above, by the above-mentioned official for \$11,000 4 1/2% Ben Essex et al Hawcreek Twp. road bonds. Date July 25 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Interest payable M. & N. 15.

BARTOW, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. J. McNamee, City Auditor and Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 22 for an issue of \$25,000 6% street improvement bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$500 July 1 1928 to 1937. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of par value of the bonds bid for is required. Legal approval of Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

BAY, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,662.43 5% property owners' portion, Series No. 8, street improvement bonds offered on July 12 (V. 124, p. 3664), were awarded to George W. York & Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$1,311, equal to 102.09, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated July 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928; \$6,500, 1929; \$6,000, 1930; \$6,500, 1931; \$6,000, 1932; \$6,500, 1933; \$6,000, 1934; \$6,500, 1935; \$6,000, 1936, and \$6,662.43, 1937.

BEEVILLE, Bee County, Texas.—WARRANTS ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 25, for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$125,750 5 1/2% refunding warrants. W. T. Thompson, Mayor.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,470 4 1/2% Parish Grove Township bonds offered on July 6—V. 125, p. 129—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$717, equal to 102.58, a basis of about 3.95%. Date June 15 1927. Due \$1,424 J. & D. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. City Securities Corp., Indianapolis, J. E. Wild & Co., Indianapolis, Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Albuquerque), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on June 8—V. 124, p. 2793—were awarded to the United States National Bank of Denver for a premium of \$1,033.11, which is equal to 107.39, a basis of about 4.66%. Dated April 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, 1932 to 1945 incl. Prin. and int., payable at the State Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Easton) Northampton County, Penn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$36,000 road bonds was disposed of recently.

BERKLEY, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$97,000 special assessment sidewalk districts bonds offered on July 7—V. 125, p. 129—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo as 5s at a premium of \$159.50, equal to 100.13. Due serially in 1 to 15 years.

BERKLEY, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—W. G. Baer, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 22, for \$89,000 special assessment paving bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 6%. The bonds run for a period of ten years. A certified

check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$2,000 must accompany each proposal.

BEVERLY HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beverly Hills), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Clerk will receive sealed bids until July 18 for \$280,000 5% school bonds maturing serially from 1928 to 1967.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—Eldredge & Co., were awarded the following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds offered on July 12—V. 124, p. 3387—aggregating \$1,795,000: \$1,495,000 public school building bonds. Premium equal to 100.697 which is a basis of 4.49%.

300,000 public improvement bonds. Premium equal to 100.337, a basis of about 4.44%. Bonds are due serially. Prin. and int. payable F. & A.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clay Thompson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 20, for the following three issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$15,000: \$7,500 Rollie S. Snow et al, Marion Twp. road bonds. Due semi-annually May and Nov. 15.

7,300 Levi S. Shaw, et al Jackson Twp. bonds. Due semi-annually May and Nov. 15. 200 Julius S. Hobson et al Marion Center, and Union Twp. bonds. Due semi-annually. Date July 6 1927.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston was awarded on July 13 a \$2,500,000 temporary loan on a 3.57% discount basis, plus a premium of \$19. Dated July 15 1927. Due Oct. 6 1927. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium, Discount Basis. Old Colony Corporation, S. N. Bond & Co, Shawmut Corporation.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$4,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds offered on July 5 (V. 124, p. 3803) were not sold. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1931 incl. The bonds will be reoffered later. Jerry Leary, Village Clerk.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Hiawatha), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Clerk will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 21 for \$7,500 4 1/2% road impt. bonds in denom. of \$750. Date July 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable J. & J. Due \$750 from Jan. 1 1928 to 1937. A certified check for 2% required.

BRUSH, Morgan County, Colo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The issue of \$15,000 5% general obligation bonds sold to Boettcher & Co. of Denver at 100.79 in June is described as follows: Dated May 1 1927. Due May 1 1942. Optional serially \$1,000 on May 1 1928 to 1941. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Town Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York City.

Table with columns: Financial Statement, Assessed valuation, 1926, Total bonded debt, Water bonds, Sinking fund, Net debt, Population, 1920 census.

BUENA VISTA COUNTY (P. O. Storm Lake), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held July 1 the voters rejected a proposed \$900,000 road bond issue.

CALDWELL COUNTY (P. O. Lockhart), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—It has been unofficially reported that an election will be held July 18, for the purpose of voting on the issuance of \$40,000 road bonds.

CALEDONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus) Lowndes County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 15 by Chancery Clerk J. J. Richards for \$20,000 school coupon bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500 July 1 1928 to 1932; \$1,000, 1933 to 1942, and \$1,500, 1943 to 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Columbus. \$1,000 certified check is required.

CALEXICO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. El Centro), Imperial County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$50,000 6% building bonds offered for sale on July 6 (V. 125, p. 129) was awarded to Elmer Kennedy of Los Angeles for a premium of \$25, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 5.99%. Dated June 7 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000 in 1931, 1932 and 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1936; \$4,000, 1937 to 1944, and \$3,000 in 1945. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at County Treasurer's office.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$500,000 temporary loan issued in anticipation of revenue for the year 1927 offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 277—was awarded to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston, at a 3.60% discount basis, plus a premium of \$14.00. Date July 13 1927. Due Nov. 14 1927.

CAMDEN, Camden County, N. J.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the three issues of bonds, aggregating \$2,153,000 of which \$1,461,000 impt. bonds were awarded to a syndicate headed by Eldredge & Co. of New York City, as 4 1/4s, at 100.35, a basis of about 4.23%, and the remaining bonds, aggregating \$692,000 were awarded to a syndicate headed by George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, as 4 1/4s—V. 125, p. 277:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Improvement Bonds, School Bonds, Water Bonds. Lehman Brothers, Geo. B. Gibbons & Co, Bankers Trust Co, Phelps-Penn & Co, First Camden National Bank & Trust Co, West Jersey-Parkside Trust Co., and Broadway Merchants Trust Co.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners until 10:30 a. m. Aug. 8 for \$20,000 5 1/4% South Mills Special School Taxing District bonds. Date July 1 1927. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1928 to 1947.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownville), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held soon for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$500,000 irrigation system bonds.

CANAJOHARIE, Montgomery County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, were awarded on July 5 an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon improvement bonds at 100.32, a basis of about 4.42%. Date June 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, 1928 to 1947, incl.

CAREY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Childress County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 20 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$16,000 school bonds.

CATSKILL, Green County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5% West Main St. concrete paving bonds offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 129—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of N. Y. City at 103.13, a basis of about 4.50%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$2,000, July 1 1928 to 1941 inclusive.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—There will be an election on July 26, to vote on the issuance of \$1,000,000 road bonds.

CENTRAL PARK WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Oyster Bay), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$145,000 6% coupon or registered water bonds offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 129—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York City, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$21.45, equal to 100.14, a basis of about 4.24%. Date July 15 1927. Due July 15 as follows: \$9,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$10,000, 1937 to 1946, incl.

CHAMBERS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Anahuac), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 16 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 5% road bonds.

CHERRYVALE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that on July 7 the voters approved the issue of \$35,000 school bldg. bonds. The vote stood as follows: for 320, against 160.

**CHESTER, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—S. P. Gray, Supt. of Accounts & Finance, will receive bids until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) August 2, for \$200,000 4½% coupon city bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$85,000 July 1 1928 to 1952 incl. The bonds are registerable as to principal only. A certified check, payable to the order of the City for 2% of the bonds offered is required. The bonds will be sold subject to the opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia, as to their validity.

**CHEYENNE, Laramie County, Wyo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The issue of \$150,000 4% impt. refunding bonds sold to Geo. W. Valley & Co. of Denver—V. 124, p. 3503—are described as follows: Bonds mature \$25,000 each six months from Aug. 1 1929 to Feb. 1 1932. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City.

**CHICKASAW COUNTY (P. O. New Hampton), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—We have been informed that on June 30, the voters approved of the issuance of \$60,000 paving bonds.

**CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—Salomon Bros & Hutzler of Boston were awarded on July 5, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.62% discount basis plus a premium of \$11.00.

**CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—Brown & Co. of Boston, were awarded on July 8, an issue of \$87,000 4% permanent paving bonds at 100.55. The following is a list of other bids submitted:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Commercial Trust Co., Springfield	100.47
F. S. Mosely & Co.	100.42
R. L. Day & Co.	100.34
Estabrook & Co.	100.20
Harris, Forbes & Co.	100.19
Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Co.	100.14

**CLARKE COUNTY (P. O. Osceola), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—It has been unofficially reported that the voters approved of the issuance of a \$380,000 paving bond issue, at an election held July 6.

**CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Ridgefield), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. C. Cornell, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 23 for \$35,200 school bonds. Rate of interest optional with purchaser.

**CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Vancouver), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer until Aug. 1 for \$225,000 school bonds. Date July 1 1927.

**CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Citizens National Bank of Brazil, were awarded on June 21, an issue of \$57,600 4½% coupon road bonds at a premium of \$2,160, equal to 103.75.

**CLAYTON COUNTY (P. O. Elkader), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election a proposal was passed to issue \$1,500,000 bonds to hard surface roads.

**CLEMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clemons), Ia.—BOND SALE.**—Geo. M. Bechtel and Co. bought an issue of \$10,000 4½% school bonds at a premium of \$15, equal 100.55.

**COLBY, Thomas County, Kansas.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$28,748.70 4½% sewer and improvement bonds awarded to the Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City (Mo.) at par on May 4 1926—V. 124, p. 3804—are described as follows: Due serially from Aug. 15 1928 to Aug. 15 1936, incl. Int. payable F. & A. Denom. \$748.20 and \$500. Bonds are all coupon in form.

**COLLINGDALE, PA.—BOND SALE.**—The \$60,000 4½% street improvement bonds offered on July 11—V. 124, p. 3804—were awarded to R. M. Snyder & Co. of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$2,900, equal to 104.83. Date July 15 1922. The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Premium.
A. B. Leach & Co.	\$8,898.00
Landsdowne National Bank	2,502.00
Collingdale State Bank	1,672.80

**COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At an election held June 25, the voters rejected \$150,000 courthouse bonds. The vote was about 5 to 1 against the issuance.

**COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.**—The \$220,000 school notes offered on July 11—V. 125, p. 130—were awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston as V.12 at par. Date July 15 1927. Due Dec. 15 1927.

**DADE COUNTY (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,500,000 5% court house and jail bonds offered on July 6—V. 124, p. 3665—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., William R. Compton & Co., and Eldredge & Co., all of New York, and Keane, Higbie & Co., of Detroit at 95.06, a basis of about 6.11%. Due \$250,000, July 1 1928 to 1937 incl. (This corrects report given in V. 125, p. 278.)

**DAWNVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dalton), Whitfield County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 30 by the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees for \$15,000 6% school bonds. Due in 1947.

**DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,000 sewer district No. 12, assessment bonds offered on July 6—V. 125, p. 130—were awarded to the American State Bank of Dearborn, at par. Date July 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000, 1931 and 1932.

**DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$11,600 4½% coupon Tom Mason et al road bonds offered on July 12—V. 124, p. 3804—were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$275, equal to 102.37, a basis of about 4.02%. Date July 12 1927. Due \$580 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Premium.
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.	\$254.90
Meyer-Kiser Bank	198.50
Inland Investment Co.	180.00

**DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Manchester), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.**—It has been reported that there will be an election on July 21 to pass on the issuance of \$850,000 bonds.

**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marlton R. F. D.) Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 5—V. 124, p. 3804—was awarded to the Haddonfield National Bank, taking \$37,000 (\$37,200 offered) paying \$37,790, equal to 102.13, a basis of about 4.15%. Date Aug. 1 1927. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1946, incl., and \$1,000, 1947.

The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Bonds Bid For.	Price.
Merchants Trust Co.	37	\$37,297.60
B. J. Van Ingen & Co.	37	37,293.00
New Jersey Fidelity Plate Glass Co.	37	37,515.98
R. M. Grant & Co.	37	37,228.30

**DEVILS LAKE, Ramsey County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Martin Olsen, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 19 for \$50,000 not exceeding 5% water works bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due as follows: \$500 July 1 1932 and 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$2,500, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$2,500, 1937 to 1939; \$3,000, 1940; \$3,500, 1941; \$5,000, 1942 and 1943; \$5,500, 1944 to 1946, and \$3,000, 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at bank desired by purchaser. Legal opinion of Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis furnished. Certified check, payable to City Treasurer, for 2% of bid required.

**DONEGAL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Claysville), Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—George B. Lysle, Township Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 23 for \$25,000 5% road improvement bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1929 to 1940, incl., and \$1,000 1941. A certified check for \$100 is required.

**DORCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Md.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 5% coupon lateral road bonds offered on July 5—V. 124, p. 3665—were awarded to Weillepp, Bruton & Co. of Baltimore, at 101.16, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1929 to 1940 inclusive.

The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.	Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Strother, Brogden & Co., Baltimore	100.17	Frank B. Cahn & Co., Balt.	100.47
Baltimore Trust Co., Balt.	101.04	Peoples Loan, Savings & Dep. Bank, Cambridge, Md.	101.00
Robert Garrett & Sons	100.95		

**DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morris County, N. J.—PURCHASER BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The purchaser of the \$31,000 school bonds sold in V. 125, p. 278 was the New Jersey Pension & Annuity Fund Trustees. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4½% and were sold at par. Date July 1 1927. Registered bonds in \$1,000 denoms. Due \$2,000, 1928 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000, 1945. Interest payable J. & J.

**DUMONT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Henry J. Bersch, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.15. m. (daylight saving time) August 3, for the following two issues of 4¾% coupon or registered bonds not to exceed \$505,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the below-named issues: \$377,000 assessment bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$31,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; and \$37,000, 1933 to 1938 inclusive.

128,000 public improvement bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1939 inclusive; and \$4,000, 1940 to 1962 inclusive.

Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. In the event that the bids submitted for 4¾% bonds are not satisfactory; bids will then be asked for bonds bearing 5% interest. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Dumont National Bank, Dumont. A certified check, payable to the order of the Borough, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City.

**DYERSBURG, Dyer County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$48,000 5% street improvement bonds offered on July 5 (V. 125, p. 130) was sold to the First National Bank of Memphis at a premium of \$5,000.

**EAST LYME, New London County, Conn.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$75,000 4¼% coupon school bonds awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, in V. 125, p. 278, was 100.39, a basis of about 4.20%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$5,000 July 1 1928 to 1942, incl. Austen & Co. of Hartford were the only other bidders, offering 100.139.

**EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$10,725 5% city's portion, coupon street impt. bonds offered unsuccessfully on May 6—V. 124, p. 3389—have been sold locally at par. Dated May 15 1927. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,725, 1928; and \$1,000, 1929 to 1937 inclusive.

**EASTSIDE, Coos County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 19 by the City Recorder for an issue of \$9,000 city bonds.

**EDMONDS, Snohomish County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 coupon school building bonds offered on July 5 (V. 124, p. 3527) were awarded to the State of Washington as 4.40s, at par. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially from 1929 to 1949, incl. Interest payable J. & J.

**EL CENTRO, Imperial County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held recently the voters approved the issuance of \$50,000 canal system bonds. The vote stood 13 to 1 in favor of the issuance.

**ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 4½% coupon bonds, aggregating \$19,800, were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a total premium of \$746.90, equal to 103.78—a basis of about 4.167%:

\$12,800 Charles S. Rohrer et al township unit No. U-2 road bonds. Due \$320 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

7,000 Ralph Vall township unit No. S-2 road bonds. Due \$175 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1947, inclusive.

Date June 15 1927. The bonds were offered on July 7 (V. 125, p. 130).

**ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Cities Securities Co. of Indianapolis, were awarded on July 1, four issues of 4½% road bonds aggregating \$142,000 at a total premium of \$7,509.80, equal to 105.28.

**BOND SALE.**—The Fletcher-Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, were awarded on the above-named date, four issues of 4½% road bonds aggregating \$71,000, at a total premium of \$3,100, equal to 104.36. All the above bonds aggregating \$213,000 are coupon and mature semi-annually from 1928 to 1947 inclusive.

**ENNIS, Ellis County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Mayor Archie D. Gray until 7.30 p. m. July 16 for \$85,000 4¼% refunding school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Certified check for \$5,000 is required.

**ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOANS.**—The following loans aggregating \$100,000 were awarded as below on July 12: \$50,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance loan, maturing April 15 1928 to the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Boston on a 3.665% discount basis.

40,000 Water River Bridge loan, maturing March 15 1928 to the Gloucester National Bank of Gloucester on a 3.59% discount basis.

10,000 Water River Bridge renewal loan, maturing March 15 1928 to the Merchants National Bank of Salem on a 3.63% discount basis.

**EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.**—It has been unofficially reported that at an election held recently the voters of this city approved the issuance of \$1,250,000 electric power and light plant bonds.

**FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$100,000 4% Technical High School bonds has been awarded to the National City Co., at 100.853, a basis of about 3.87%. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$4,000, 1938 to 1942, incl.

**FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. West Union), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.**—We have been informed that on July 28 there will be an election to vote on the issuing of \$1,200,000 road paving bonds.

**FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. La Grange), Texas.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$120,000 5% road bonds registered by the State Comptroller on June 20—V. 125, p. 130—was sold to various taxpayers of Fayette County.

**FAYETTEVILLE, Lincoln County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—M. W. Thornton, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 27 for \$55,000 5% street improvement bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$6,000 July 1 1932, \$8,000 1937, \$10,000 1942, \$12,000 1947, \$19,000 in 1952. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

**FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. Floydada), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on Aug. 1 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$475,000 paving and highway bonds.

**FOLLETT, Lipscomb County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$15,000 light plant bonds.

**FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sebastian County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$550,000 5% school bonds offered on July 9—V. 124, p. 3805—were awarded to M. W. Elkins and Co. of Little Rock, for a premium of \$11,650, which is equal to 102.11.

**FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 5½% bonds aggregating \$78,850 offered on June 27—V. 124, p. 3666—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$3,258, equal to 104.13, a basis of about 4.57%.

\$57,600 property portion impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Due \$3,200 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1936, inclusive.

21,250 property owners portion of improving Sandusky St. from Main to Town streets. Denom. \$1,000 and \$125. Due \$1,25 Sept. 1 1928 to 1937 inclusive.

Date July 1 1927.

**FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$100,000 temporary loan in \$50,000 denominations, offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 278—was awarded to the Farmington National Bank, on a 3.71% discount basis. Due March 19 1928.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Conesville), Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Clerk of the Board of Education, Emma Stagymer, will receive sealed bids until 12 noon, Aug. 6, for \$2,500 6% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927

Denom. \$500. Due \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 and 1929 and \$500 March 1 1930. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the Board of Education, for 5% of the bonds.

**FREEMONT COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.**—We are informed that on July 20 there will be an election to vote on the issuance of \$600,000 bonds.

**FROSTBURG, Allegany County, Md.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 5% impt. and refunding bonds offered on July 5—V. 124, p. 130—were awarded to the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, at 103.58, a basis of about 4.58% to optional date and a basis of about % if allowed to run full term of years. Date August 1 1927. Due August 1 1952; optional after August 1 1937.

**GADSDEN COUNTY (P. O. Quincy), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago recently purchased an issue of \$260,000 5% road bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.), payable at the National City Bank of N. Y. City. Due as follows: \$7,000, July 1 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$10,000, 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$15,000, 1941 to 1945 incl., and \$20,000, 1946 to 1950 incl.

**GALVESTON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Galveston), Galveston County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—We are informed that on July 23 there will be an election to vote on the issuance of \$10,000 5% bonds.

**GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—We Alfred M. Johnson, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 23, for the following two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$31,500: \$17,500 Victor Busing et al. county unit road bonds. Date March 15 1927. Denom. \$500 and \$375. Due \$500 and \$375 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 inclusive.

**GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.**—We are informed that on July 28 there will be an election to vote on the issuance of \$1,000,000 road bonds.

**GLASGOW GRADED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glasgow), Warren County, Ky.—BOND SALE.**—On June 29 \$50,000 5½% school bonds were awarded to J. J. B. Hilliard & Son of Louisville, at 105.60, a basis of about 5.05% to maturity date and 4½% to optional date. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 1947; optional \$5,000 yearly 1928 to 1937.

**GLASGOW GRADED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glasgow), Warren County, Ky.—BOND SALE.**—On June 29 \$50,000 5½% school bonds were awarded to J. J. B. Hilliard & Son of Louisville, at 105.60, a basis of about 5.05% to maturity date and 4½% to optional date. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 1947; optional \$5,000 yearly 1928 to 1937.

**GOOSE CREEK, Harris County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election that took place on July 2, the voters authorized the issuance of \$450,000 school building bonds by a count of 224 "for" to 135 against.

**GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Iowa Center), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Mrs. Fern E. Cotton, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 for \$12,000 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1952, optional in 1932. Certified check for \$500 is required.

**GREELEY, Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4% sewer and paving bonds aggregating \$120,000 offered on July 28—V. 124, p. 3666—were awarded to the International Trust Co. and Bosworth, Chanute-Loughridge & Co., both of Denver, jointly at a price of 100.267, a basis of about 3.98%. The two issues are described as follows: \$70,000 sewer bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 1942. Optional July 1 1937.

**GREENLEE COUNTY (P. O. Clifton), Ariz.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The issue of \$180,000 4¾% refunding bonds sold to the Valley Bank of Phoenix on June 20—V. 124, p. 3805—is described as follows: Date July 1 1927. Prem. \$1,018.30, equal to 100.54, a basis of about 4.62%. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 from 1928 to 1936 incl. All bonds are coupon in form.

**GREENPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The Southold Savings Bank of Southold, was awarded on July 11, an issue of \$15,000 lighting bonds, at 4.30s, at 100.15, a basis of about 4.28%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1927 and are in \$1,000 denoms. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1942, incl.

**GREENWOOD, Leflore County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—P. B. Dennis, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 19 for \$70,000 5% coupon or registered paving bonds. Date August 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due August 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$4,000, 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000, 1943 to 1952. Prin. and int. (F. & A.), payable at a place to be designated by the purchaser. Certified check for \$2,000 required.

**GROSSE POINTE TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Grosse Pointe), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the Detroit Trust Co., Security Trust Co., Bank of Detroit, and the First National Co., all of Detroit, were awarded on July 8, an issue of \$400,000 school bonds as 4¼s, at a premium of \$1,823, equal to 100.45.

**HALEDON, Passaic County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.**—R. M. Grant & Co. of New York City, were awarded an issue of \$324,000 5% water notes, maturing June 1 1933. The notes are being offered on a 4.40% basis. The assessed valuation of the borough, 1927, is \$4,702,050, while the net bonded debt, after deducting water debt, amounts to \$55,000.

**HALLS, Lauderdale County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis purchased an issue of \$15,000 5¼% coupon high school bonds for a premium of \$50, which is equal to 100.33.

**HAMBURG (P. O. Hamburg), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—George B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y. City, were awarded on July 12, an issue of \$210,000 coupon or registered water bonds, as 4¼s, at a premium of \$3,402, equal to 101.62, a basis of about 4.36%. Date July 15 1927. Due \$6,000, July 15 1928 to 1962 inclusive. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15), payable at the Bank of Hamburg, Hamburg, or at the New York Trust Co., N. Y. City. Legal opinion by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of N. Y. City.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—T. E. Setters, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 26 for \$60,000 4¾% Hammer et al. road bonds. Date July 26 1927. Due semi-annually.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Chattanooga), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by County Judge Will Cummings until noon, July 26 for \$250,000 4¾% road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1957. Prin. and int. (F. & A.), payable at the National City Bank, New York City. Certified check for 1% of face value of bonds is required.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time), July 21, for \$22,100 5% road bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 one for \$1,100. Due as follows: \$3,100, 1928. \$3,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$2,000, 1932 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$500, is required. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, have certified as to the legality of the bonds; their opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

**HARLOWTON, Wheatland County, Mont.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 5% refunding bonds offered on July 7—V. 124, p. 3389—were purchased by the State at par. There were no other bidders.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Waynesville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—J. C. Mayer and Co. of Cincinnati have purchased an issue of \$15,000 5% funding bonds for a premium of \$2,925 which is equal to 101.95.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.**—We are informed that at an election held July 5 the voters approved the issuance of \$96,000 road bonds. The vote stood 20 to 4 in favor of the issuance.

**HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Long Beach), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter J. Schwalje, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 20, for \$1,000,000 coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed 5%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, July 1 1937 to 1956 inclusive. Interest rate to be in multiples of ¼ or 1-10 of 1%, one rate to apply to the entire issue. Prin. and int. (J. & J.), payable in gold at the Long Beach Trust Co., Long Beach. A certified check, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, for \$2,000 is required. The opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City, as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The following three issues of 4½% coupon bonds, aggregating \$76,200, offered on July 9 (V. 125, p. 279) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$1,885, equal to 102.47—a basis of about 3.97%:

- \$35,000 Clay and Marion Townships bonds. Due \$1,750 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.
- 34,000 Liberty Township bonds. Due \$1,700 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.
- 7,200 Clay and Marion Townships bonds. Due \$360 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

Date June 15 1927. The following are the other bidders:

Bidders—	Premium.
First National Bank	\$1,812.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.	1,747.50
Inland Investment Co.	1,364.50

**HENRIETTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Henrietta), Clay County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.**—We are informed that at an election held July 5, the voters approved the issuance of \$60,000 bonds. The vote stood 193 for issuance; 185 against.

These bonds have been sold to Garrett & Co. of Dallas as 5¼s.

**HIDALGO COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Mission), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 6% coupon water bonds offered for sale on May 7 were awarded to Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago for 95 cents and accrued interest. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$12,500 April 1 1930, 1932, 1934 and 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City.

**HIGH POINT, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,000,000 5% coupon or registered sewer and water funding bonds offered on July 7—V. 125, p. 131—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Geo. H. Burr & Co., Season-good & Mayer, both of New York, Prudden & Co. of Toledo, M. F. Schlater & Co. of New York, the Commercial National Bank of High Point, the Rockingham Investment Co. of Rockingham and Claude E. Miller for a premium of \$7,770, equal to 102.07, a basis of about 4.83%. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000, July 1 1928 to 1937 incl.; \$20,000, 1938 to 1947 incl.; \$30,000, 1948 to 1957 incl.; and \$35,000, 1958 to 1967 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.), payable in New York.

**HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—Eaton & Howard, were awarded on July 13, a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.59% discount basis. Due Feb. 15 1928.

**HOOD RIVER, Hood River County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The County was awarded the following issues of 6% paving and improvement bonds, aggregating \$14,632.95 at a price of 105.78, which is a basis of about 5.25%:

- \$, 974.73 Oak St. paving bonds. Due in 1-10 years.
- 5,510.68 State St. paving bonds. Due in 1-10 years.
- 147.54 Industrial to improvement bonds. Due in 1-10 years.

Date July 1 1927.

**HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Ellicott County), Md.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 4½% funding bonds offered on July 12—V. 124, p. 3667—were awarded to the Baltimore Trust Co., and Hambleton & Co., both of Baltimore, jointly, at 102.50, a basis of about 4.28%. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 and 1929; \$4,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$5,000, 1935 to 1937, incl.; \$6,000, 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$7,000, 1941 to 1943 incl.; \$8,000, 1944 to 1946 incl.; \$9,000, 1947 and 1948; \$10,000, 1949 and 1950; \$11,000, 1951 to 1953 incl.; \$12,000, 1954, and \$13,000, 1955.

**HUBBARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. P. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 1, for \$100,000 4¾% sewage disposal works bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000, \$400 and \$300. Due \$3,400, April and Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 incl.; and \$3,300 April and Oct. 1 1933 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.), payable at the Hubbard Banking Co., Hubbard. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$5,000, is required. The favorable opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished.

**HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$13,000 4¾% Jackson Township gravel road bonds offered on July 7 (V. 125, p. 131) were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$323, equal to 102.48, a basis of about 3.98%. Date June 15 1927. Due \$650 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

The following is a complete list of other bids submitted:

Bidder—	Premium.
Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis	\$254.50
City Securities Corporation, Indianapolis	307.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis	296.60
Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis	252.00

**HUTCHINSON COUNTY (P. O. Stinett), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas, have purchased an issue of \$125,000 5½% improvement bonds for a premium of \$1,250, which is equal to 100.10, a basis of about 5.49%. Dated Aug. 1 1927. Due \$125,000 from 1928 to 1937.

**JACKSTOWN COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Cash Kern, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 25 for the following three issues of 4½% coupon road bonds, aggregating \$111,300:

- \$65,020 Brownstown Twp. bonds. Denom. \$3,251. Due \$3,251 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 inclusive.
- 41,580 Jackson Twp. bonds. Denom. \$2,079. Due \$2,079 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 inclusive.
- 4,700 Pershing Twp. bonds. Denom. \$235. Due \$235 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.

Dated Aug. 1 1927.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Fairfield), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$20,000 6% primary paving bonds was sold on July 5 to the Iowa Loan & Trust Co. for a premium of \$1,000. Denom. \$500.

**JEFFERSON AND MADISON COUNTIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 47 (P. O. Whitehall), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Board of Trustees will on July 17, at 8 p. m., at Whitehall State Bank at Whitehall, sell either amortization or serial bonds in the amount of \$50,000 for school purposes. Check \$1,000. E. A. Harden, Clerk.

**JOHNSTOWN, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Pearl I. Hood, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 8 for \$500,000 4% improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1952, incl. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

**KEOKUK COUNTY (P. O. Sigourney), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—We are informed that on July 7 the voters approved the issuance of \$1,300,000 road paving bonds. With twenty-four out of twenty-seven precincts reporting, the vote stood: for issuance 4,332; against 1,855.

**KERSHAW COUNTY (P. O. Camden), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Laurens T. Mills, Clerk of the County Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids up to noon of Aug. 5 at the office of the State Treasurer in Columbia for \$600,000 4¾% coupon highway bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1930; \$26,000, 1931; \$27,000, 1932; \$29,000, 1933; \$30,000, 1934; \$32,000, 1935; \$33,000, 1936; \$35,000, 1937; \$37,000, 1938; \$39,000, 1939, and \$41,000, 1940 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York. Reed, Dougherty Hoyt & Washburn will furnish opinion. Certified check payable to County for 2% of the amount of bonds is required.

KINGSTON, Ulster County, New York.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. DeWitt, City Treasurer, will sell at public auction, on August 1, at 2:30 p. m., \$150,000 4% coupon water system impt. bonds. Date August 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000, August 1, 1945 to 1949 inclusive. Prin. and int. (F. & A.), payable in Kingston.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$292,775.50 5 1/2% street improvement and sewer bonds offered on July 11 (V. 124, p. 3367) was awarded to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at par. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due in ten years and optional after one year. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Oregon State fiscal office in N. Y. City.

LA GRANGE COUNTY (P. O. La Grange), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On July 13 the two issues of 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on that date—V. 125, p. 279—were awarded as follows: \$11,200 Newbury Twp. bonds to Chas. Harroh for \$11,436, equal to 102.10, a basis of about 4.07%. Due \$560 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl.

6,900 Greenfield Twp. bonds to the City Securities Co. of Indianapolis for \$7,058, equal to 102.24, a basis of about 4.03%. Due \$345 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl. Date June 15 1927. The \$3,200 4 1/2% coupon R. W. Larimer et al. road bonds, also offered on July 13—V. 125, p. 131—were awarded to the La Grange County Trust Co. for \$3,380, equal to 102.50, a basis of about 3.99%. Date June 15 1927. Due \$160 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 4 1/2% memorial site bonds offered on July 11—V. 124, p. 3806—were awarded to the Peoples State Bank of Crown Point, at a premium of \$425, equal to 102.65, a basis of about 4.00%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$800, Jan. and July 1 1929 to 1938, incl. The Commercial National Bank of Crown Point, was the next bidder offering a premium of \$388.

LANSING AND DELTA TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Lansing R. F. D. No. 6), Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 registered school bonds, offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 279—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co., of Detroit, as 4 1/4%, at a premium of \$112, equal to 100.43, a basis of about 4.67%. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1931, incl.; and \$3,000, 1932 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Rampus & Co.	5%	\$59.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	4 3/4%	21.00
Whittlesey, McLean & Co.	5%	52.00

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Ripley), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. July 25 by I. M. Steele, Clerk of County Court, for \$65,000 not to exceed 6% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1927. Int. semi-annually. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1932 to 1944, incl. Certified check for 10% required. Bond debt, \$680,000. Assessed valuation, \$13,177,492.

LANCASTER, Lancaster County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—O. D. Hood, Town Clerk, and Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 26 for the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$225,000: \$150,000 street improvement bonds. Due July 1 1966. \$75,000 water works bonds. Due July 1 1966. Dated July 1 1927. Separate bids required for each issue. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

LEON COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—It has been unofficially reported that the voters of this county approved the issuance of \$1,250,000 paving bonds.

LEON COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$250,000 road bonds has recently been purchased by J. E. W. Thomas & Co. of Dallas. Bonds mature from 1928 to 1967.

LEVY COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Bronson), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. W. Drummond, Clerk of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 25 for \$57,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1940, incl.; \$2,000, 1941 to 1950, incl.; and \$3,000, 1951 to 1958, incl. Certified check for \$500 required.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 153 (P. O. Davenport), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$70,000 4.40% school bonds offered on July 9 (V. 125, p. 132) were awarded to the State at par. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, the State Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency in New York. Due serially in 2 to 30 years.

The other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Rate	Prem.
Spokane & Eastern Trust Co., Spokane	4.50%	\$224.00
Washington Trust Co., Spokane, Wash.	4.50%	186.00
Old National Bank & Union Trust Co., Spokane, Wash.	4.75%	837.00
The Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	5.25%	28.00

LINCOLN PARK, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of special assessment bonds aggregating \$70,000 offered on July 6—V. 125, p. 132—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis Inc., of Toledo, as 5 1/4%, at a premium of \$367.63, equal to 100.52: \$67,000 paving bonds. 3,000 house water-service bonds.

LITTLE SILVER, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered road improvement bonds offered on July 12 (V. 125, p. 132) were awarded to the Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Red Bank, N. J., at a premium of \$65, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.78%. Date July 15 1927. Due July 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1931, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1932 to 1945, inclusive.

LIVE OAK COUNTY (P. O. George West), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$175,000 road bonds.

LONOKE COUNTY RURAL SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Lonoke) Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—L. L. Bell, President of the School District, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m., July 28 for \$26,000 6% school bonds. Date August 1 1927. Maturities to be agreed upon by district and purchaser. Certified check for \$1,000, is required.

LONGTON, Elk County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that on July 12 there was an election to vote on the issuance of \$80,000 water and sewer bonds.

LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Fairservis & Co. of New York City were awarded on July 12 the following two issues of coupon assessment, grading and paving improvement bonds, as 5 1/2%, at 100.12, a basis of about 5.49%: \$100,000 Series P bonds. Due \$10,000 June 1 1928 to 1937, inclusive. \$3,000 Series O bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1934, inclusive, and \$9,000, 1935 to 1937, inclusive. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until Aug. 15 for an issue of \$700,000 5% harbor bonds maturing from 1959 to 1964. BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until July 22 for an issue of \$150,000 5% water works improvement bonds maturing from 1928 to 1930.

LONGVIEW, Gregg County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 28 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$110,000 school building bonds.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Issue of \$500,000 5 1/2% sanitation bonds offered on July 12 (V. 125, p. 279) was sold to the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco and Associates for a premium of \$17,335, which is equal to 103.47, a basis of about 5.09%. Date May 1 1925. Due as follows: \$45,000 May 1 1928 and 1929; \$12,000 1930 to 1943, incl.; and \$11,000 1944 to 1965, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N.), payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank, New York City.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$500,000 5 1/2% sanitation bonds offered on July 12 (V. 125, p. 280) were not sold.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 18 for two issues of 5% and 5 1/2% school bonds, aggregating \$335,000, as follows: \$280,000 5% coupon Beverly Hills School District bonds. Due as follows: \$10,000 July 1 1928 and 1929; \$6,000, 1930 to 1935, inclusive, and \$7,000, 1936 to 1967, inclusive.

55,000 5 1/2% coupon Savannah School District bonds. Due as follows \$10,000 July 1 1928 to 1943, inclusive, and \$3,000 July 1 1944 to 1956, inclusive. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at County Treasurer's office. Certified check, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, for 3% of the bonds is required.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita was awarded the following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$225,000: \$150,000 Compton Union High School District bonds. Premium \$7,500, which is equal to 105, a basis of about 4.54%.

75,000 South Whittier School District bonds. Premium \$1,687.50, which is equal to 102.25, a basis of about 4.53%.

LUFKIN, Angelina County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—It has been unofficially reported that an election is to be held on Aug. 9 to vote on five issues of bonds, aggregating \$300,000, as follows: \$125,000 street improvement.

\$5,000 water-works system improvement. 50,000 sewage extension. 20,000 fire station building. 20,000 incinerator site and building.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Lynn was awarded on July 13 a \$600,000 temporary loan on a 3.61% discount basis. Due Nov. 3 1927.

McMULLEN COUNTY (P. O. Tilden), Tex.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—An issue of \$1,000,000 road bonds were recently purchased by H. C. Burt and Co. of Dallas prior to an election to be held soon.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. London), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$51,034.49 5% road improvement bonds offered on April 28—V. 124, p. 2177—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis Inc., of Cleveland, at a premium of \$1,093, equal to 102.10, a basis of about 4.53%. Date May 1 1927. Due \$3,034.49, Sept. 1 1927; and \$3,000, March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1935 inclusive.

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Harrison), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 6% school bonds offered on June 25 (V. 124, p. 3529) were sold to the State at par. Date July 1 1927.

MADSONVILLE, Monroe County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that there is to be an election on Aug. 6, for the purpose of voting on \$50,000 refunding bonds.

MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 21 for an issue of \$300,000 4 1/2% primary road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 from May 1 1931 to May 1 1940 and \$50,000, May 1 1941 and 1942. Certified check for 3% of amount of bonds offered is required. Legal approval by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

MARLBORO, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston were recently awarded an issue of \$95,000 4% paving, sewer, drainage and sidewalk bonds at 100.89, a basis of about 3.85%. The bonds are dated July 1 1927 and mature serially from July 1 1928 to 1940, incl. The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Rate	Bidder	Rate Bid.
Estabrook & Co.	100.77	Harris, Forbes & Co.	100.52
Atlantic-Merrill, Oldham Co.	100.72	Curtis & Sanger	100.29
Old Colony Corp.	100.71		

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Lewisburg), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—N. C. Hill, Chairman of County Court, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 2 for \$40,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1927. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York or Lewisburg, at holder's option. Due yearly, 2 to 26 years. Certified check for \$1,000, required.

MAUCH CHUNK, Carbon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, have purchased an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% highway and street bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due \$10,000, in each of the years, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952 and 1957.

MEGATCEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Megargel) Archer County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$40,000 school building issue sold on June 15—V. 125, p. 132—to J. E. Jarratt Co. of Dallas is described as follows: Purchase price, 101.25, a basis of about 4.90%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable F. & A. Due \$1,000 each year from Feb. 1 1928 to Feb. 1 1957. Int. rate 5%. Coupon in form. Non-retiring.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, were awarded on July 8, an issue of \$190,000 4% bonds at 101.04. The issue consists of: \$125,000 original street construction bonds. 65,000 sewer bonds.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$200,000, due \$100,000 Jan. 16 and Feb. 15 1928, has been negotiated with the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Boston on a 3.65% discount basis.

MELBOURNE, Brevard County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, were awarded the \$39,400 6% street impt. bonds offered on June 27—V. 124, p. 3668—at 96.61 which is a basis of about 7.27%. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, \$900 and one for \$800. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,900, 1928 to 1931, incl.; and \$7,800, 1932. Prin. and int. payable at City Clerk's office or at the fiscal agency of Melbourne in New York City.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Eaton & Howard, were awarded on July 13, a \$150,000 temporary loan on a 3.603% discount basis. Denomination \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$100,000, Jan. 16, and \$50,000, March 15 1928. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MIAMI, Fla.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—An issue of \$750,000 certificates of indebtedness has been sold.

MICHIGAN (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Frank D. McKay, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern time) Aug. 1 for the following two issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$3,250,000: \$2,250,000 war loan refunding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 1937.

1,000,000 Michigan State Fair redemption bonds. Date Oct. 15 1927. Due Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City. A certified check, payable to the order of the State Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds bid for, is required. Bids may be submitted for all or any part of the bonds. Coupon bonds may be exchanged for fully registered bonds if so desired.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Luxora), Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$22,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds will be sold on July 28 by C. B. Wood, President of the Board of Directors.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 5% series AB public improvement bonds offered on July 5—V. 124, p. 3668—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York for a premium of \$14,900, which equals 101.49, a basis of about 4.81%. Date June 1 1927. 500,000, June 1 1937, optional after 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the American Exchange-Irving Trust Co., New York City.

MOIRA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Brushton), Franklin County, New York.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted for the \$110,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 280—were rejected. The bonds mature serially in 1 to 30 years, and are in denominations of \$1,000.

MONDOVI, Buffalo County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% city impt. bonds offered on June 30—V. 124, p. 3807—were sold to Mosser, Willaman & Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$1,150, equal to 103.28, a basis of about 4.74%. Due in 1947.

MONONA COUNTY (P. O. Onawa), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer until 2 p. m. July 22



for an issue of \$300,000 4 1/2% primary road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 May 1 1928 to 1937. Certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds offered is required. Legal opinion by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago.

**MONROE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The following three issues of bonds aggregating \$449,000 offered on July 13—V. 125, p. 132—were awarded to the First National Bank of Monroe, at the following rates:

- \$194,000 Albain Road District No. 2 bonds as 4 1/2%.
- 170,000 Ostrander Road District No. 43 bonds as 4 1/2%.
- 85,000 Billmeyer Road District No. 41 bonds as 4 1/2%.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Clyde Rogers, County Treasurer will offer for sale at 10 o'clock July 20, \$49,000 5% school bonds. William A. Davidson et al road bonds. Date July 15 1927. Denominations \$490. Due May and Nov. 15 as follows: \$490, 1928-1932.

**MOOREFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Springfield R. F. D. No. 10), Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles Schneider, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. July 21, for \$40,000 5% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due semi-annually 1928 to 1941 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

**MOUND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$14,000 5% school bonds offered on July 5—V. 124, p. 3807—were awarded to the Bank of A. Levy, Inc. of Oxnard for a premium of \$510, equal to 103.645, a basis of about 4.42%. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1928 to 1941, incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. The other bidders and their bids were:

Bidder—	Premium.
Elmer J. Kennedy Co. of Los Angeles	\$120
Capital National Bank of Sacramento	111
First National Bank of Ventura	100
Bank of Italy, Los Angeles	72

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CON. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Mountain View), Stone County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. S. Mabry Jr., Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until noon, July 23 for \$15,000 6% coupon school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due serially in from 5 to 25 years.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—S. H. McKay, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 26 for the following two issues of 5% coupon improvement bonds, aggregating \$260,000:

- \$140,000 Street improvement serial bonds. Due \$28,000 Aug. 1 1928-1932
- 120,000 City's share general improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 Aug. 1 1933 to 1947.

Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Principal registerable in New York City only. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at City Treasurer's office or at the National Park Bank, N. Y. C. The U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. will supervise the preparation and will certify as to the validity and genuineness of the bonds. Certified check for 2% of face value of bonds bid for is required.

**NASHVILLE, Davison County, Tenn.—NOTE SALE.**—The \$800,000 issue of school building and improvement notes offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 133—were sold to C. W. McNear & Co. and Kountze Bros., both of New York City, jointly, as 4 1/2% for a premium equal to 100.20, which is a basis of about 4.43%. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at National Park Bank, New York City, or at City Treasurer's office.

The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Amount.
4th & 1st National Bank, Guaranty Co. of New York	4 1/2	\$802,855.20
Nashville Trust Co., Bankers Trust Co.	4 1/2	804,232.00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank	4 1/2	800,264.00
E. H. Rollins & Sons, A. B. Leach & Co., Taylor, Ewart & Co.	4 1/2	800,368.80
R. W. Pressprich & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co.	4 1/2	801,092.00
Little, Wooten & Co.	4 1/2	801,080.00
Eldredge & Co.	4 1/2	801,432.00
National City Co., J. W. Jakes & Co.	4 1/2	801,439.20
C. W. McNear & Co., Kountze Bros.	4 1/2	801,600.00

**NEBRASKA CITY, Otoe County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held on June 30—V. 124, p. 3807—the voters authorized the issuance of \$173,000 not to exceed 4 1/2% school building bonds. Number of votes cast: for issuance, 345, against issuance, 281.

**NEBRASKA CITY, Otoe County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$145,000 school building bonds.

**NEW MEXICO (State of)—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 highway bonds offered on July 13—V. 124, p. 3531—were awarded to the United States National Co. of Denver, on a bid of 100.037 for 4 1/2%, a basis of about 4.47%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$250,000 on July 1 1928 and 1929.

**NEW PARIS, Preble County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$37,000 6% coupon water works construction bonds offered on July 8—V. 124, p. 3531—were awarded to W. D. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$3,844.50, equal to 110.39, a basis of about 4.69%. Date May 1 1927. Due \$850 March 1 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

**NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Miss.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$225,000 issue of road bonds sold to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, and the First National Bank of Memphis, on May 2 1927—V. 124, p. 3807—are described as follows: Price paid was par and a premium of \$1,250, equal to 100.555, a basis of about 4.94%. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate 3%. Int. payable M. & N. Coupon in form. Due \$5,000, May 1 1928 to 1932, and \$10,000, May 1 1933 to 1952. Not retireable before maturity.

**NORTON, Brown County, Kan.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$84,274.71 internal improvement bonds reported sold on June 15 1926—V. 125, p. 131—are described as follows: 4 1/2% coupon bonds dated Feb. 1 1927, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$274.71. Principal and interest payable F. & A. Due from Feb. 1 1928 to Feb. 1 1937. Non-retireable before maturity.

**OAKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland) Alameda County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 5% school bonds offered on July 11—V. 125, p. 133—were awarded to a syndicate composed of R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles, the American National Co., and the Anglo-California Trust Co. of San Francisco, for a premium of \$21,808, which is equal to 106.404.

**OAKLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Camden) Camden County, N. J.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$155,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, in V. 124, p. 133 was a premium of \$750, equal to 100.49, a basis of about 4.77%. Date Aug. 1 1927. Due Aug. 1, as follows: \$4,000 1929 to 1963, incl., and \$5,000, 1964 to 1966, incl.

**OBION COUNTY (P. O. Union City), Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$300,000 4 1/2% road bonds offered on June 18—V. 124, p. 3669—were sold to Caldwell & Co. and the Fourth and First National Co., both of Nashville, jointly. Due in 1957.

**OCONTO, Oconto County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.**—P. T. Meeuwesen, City Clerk, is receiving bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 2 for the following 5% bonds:

- \$20,000 bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000.
- 25,000 street bonds. Denom. \$1,250.

Int. semi-ann. (M. & N.). Due one bond of each issue annually on May 1 from 1928 to 1947 inclusive.

**OHIO CITY LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ohio Wert), Van Wert County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$251,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on July 8 (V. 124, p. 3669) were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$3,786, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.575%. Date March 1 1927. Due as follows: \$5,250 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$5,000 March and Sept. 1 1938 to 1948, incl. The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder—	Premium.	Bidder—	Premium.
Taylor, Wilson & Co.	\$3,676.50	Braun, Bosworth & Co.,	—
First Citizens Corp.	2,246.75	and Detroit Trust Co.	\$2,531.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis,	—	Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	3,517.00
Inc.	3,400.00	Otis & Co.	3,570.00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	2,419.00		

**OKALOOSA COUNTY (P. O. Crestview), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners until July 25 for an issue of \$600,000 road bonds.

**OLD FORGE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. P. Christy, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 21 for \$24,000 5% coupon or registered electric power plant bonds. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 May 1 1928 to 1939, incl. Prin. and interest (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank, Old Forge. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village for 2% of the bonds offered is required. The opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City, as to the validity of the bonds will be furnished.

**ORLANDO, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 27 for \$70,000 5% paving, sewer and sidewalk, series "F" coupon bonds by City Clerk, J. A. Stinson. Date Aug. 1 1927. 1-10 yr. serial. Principal and semi-ann. int., payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. C. Legal opinion by Thomson, Wood and Hoffman of New York City. A certified check for \$700 is required.

**OVERBROOK (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on July 12 (V. 124, p. 3807) were awarded to the Union Trust Co., of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$1,869.60, equal to 101.86, a basis of about 3.97%. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000 1932 and 1937, \$15,000 1942 and 1947, \$20,000 1952 and \$30,000 1957. The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Bidder—	Premium.	Bidder—	Premium.
A. B. Leach & Co.	\$1,640	Mellon National Bank	\$1,440
J. H. Holmes & Co.	1,770	Prescott, Lyon & Co.	1,382

**PAMLICO COUNTY (P. O. Bayboro), No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$250,000 county bonds sold on April 1 to Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati are described as follows: Interest rate, 5%. Premium, \$8,375, which is equal to 103.35, a basis of about 4.80%. Maturity: \$5,000, 1948 to 1952 and \$15,000, 1953 to 1967.

**PANOLA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Carthage), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on July 11—V. 125, p. 133—was sold to M. W. Elkins & Co. and J. E. W. Thomas & Co. jointly. Due \$5,000, 1928 to 1947, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

**PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Homer Arnold, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 25, for \$18,600 4 1/2% Wabash Twp. bonds. Date July 25 1927. Denom. \$930. Due \$930 May and Nov. 15 1923 to 1937, incl.

**PARKERSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wood County, W. Va.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$250,000 issue of refunding school bonds sold to Seipp, Princell and Co. of Chicago in April, 1927—V. 125, p. 133—are described as follows: Coupon in form. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable J. & D. Price paid was par and accrued interest. Due serially from December 1 1929 to 1950. Not retireable before date of maturity.

**PARKVIEW (P. O. Rocky River) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Gladys Heston, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 9, for \$3,200 5 1/2% Mastick Road coupon paving bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$350, and \$300. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1928 and 1929; \$350, 1930; \$500, 1931; \$350, 1932; \$500, 1933; \$350, 1934; \$300, 1935; \$350, 1936, and \$300, 1937. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank of Rocky River. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

**PERRY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Parkers Landing, R. F. D. No. 2), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Burton McCall, Secretary Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. July 21, for \$12,500 4 1/2% road impt. bonds. The bonds will be in denomination of \$500.

**PERRYTON, Ochiltree County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$70,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on July 7—V. 125, p. 133—was awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

**PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Tacoma), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until July 30 for an issue of \$65,000 school bonds.

**PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The First National Bank of Boston, was awarded on July 13, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.63%, plus a premium of \$7.00. Due December 8, 1927.

**POINT PLEASANT, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph F. Sherman, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 25, for an issue of 5%, series A, coupon or registered water bonds not to exceed \$10,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$10,000. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1957 to 1966 inclusive. Prin. and int. (M. & S.), payable at the Ocean County National Bank, Point Pleasant. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$100,000.

**POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. D. Raulerson, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1.30 p. m. Aug. 2 for the following 16 issues of general purpose bonds, aggregating \$1,444,500:

- \$150,000 6% road bonds. Due \$10,000 July 1 1933 to 1947. \$3,000 certified check required.
- 50,000 6% court house funding bonds. Due \$25,000 July 1 1929 and 1930. \$1,000 certified check required.
- 35,000 6% road bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1933 to 1939. \$1,000 certified check required.
- 25,000 6% hospital bonds. Due July 1 1930. Certified check for \$500 is required.
- 50,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 9 bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1933 to 1942. \$1,000 certified check required.
- 150,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 10 bonds. Due \$10,000 July 1 1932 to 1946. \$3,000 certified check required.
- 50,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 10 bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1933 to 1947. \$1,000 certified check required.
- 15,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 11 bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1933 to 1947. \$300 certified check required.
- 17,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 13 bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1933 to 1949. \$350 certified check required.
- 50,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 14 bonds. Due \$2,000 July 1 1930 to 1954. \$1,000 certified check required.
- 300,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 15 bonds. Due \$12,000 July 1 1933 to 1957. \$6,000 certified check required.
- 12,500 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 16 bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1930 to 1954. \$250 certified check required.
- 100,000 5 1/2% special road and bridge dist. No. 17 bonds. Due \$4,000 July 1 1932 to 1956. \$2,000 certified check is required.
- 100,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 18 bonds. Due \$5,000 April 1 1932 to 1951. \$2,000 certified check required.
- 325,000 6% special road and bridge dist. No. 19 bonds. Due \$13,000 July 1 1932 to 1956. \$7,000 certified check required.

Denom. of all issues \$1,000. Date of all issues July 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the American Exchange- Irving Trust Co., New York, or at the Polk County National Bank at Bartow. Checks should be made to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Separate bids only will be entertained only on the special road and bridge district bonds.

**POLK COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of road and bridge bonds were sold as follows: \$60,000 4 1/2% bonds, due in 1961 to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo; the \$40,000 5 1/2% bonds due in 1955 to C. B. Fetner and Co. of Cherryville.

**PORT DICKINSON (P. O. Binghamton), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk until 7.30 p. m. July 22 for \$34,000 4 1/2% fire station site and village hall erection bonds. At an election held on June 28 the voters authorized the issuance of these bonds by a vote of 95 to 9.

**PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Maine.**—**LOAN OFFERING.**—John R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) July 18, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$350,000 temporary loan issued in anticipation of taxes for 1927. Date July 20 1927. Denoms. to suit purchaser; to be stated in bid. Due Oct. 6 1927, at the First National Bank, Boston.

The notes will be ready for delivery Wednesday, July 20 1927, at the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., and will be certified as to genuineness and validity by said bank under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden and Perkins, and all legal papers incident to the loan will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time.

**PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.**—**BONDS FAILED.**—At an election held June 28, the voters rejected the proposal to issue the following bonds:

- \$4,000,000 Morrison bridge bonds.
- 4,000,000 widening Burnside St. bonds.
- 920,000 armory bonds.

**PORTORICO (Government of).**—**BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 6% and 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$685,000, offered on July 7—V. 124, p. 3392 were awarded as follows:

\$650,000 4 1/2% Municipality of Ponce bonds to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$10,411, equal to 102.17, a basis of about 4.27. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1930 and 1931; \$10,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$15,000, 1935 and 1936; \$10,000, 1937; \$15,000, 1938 and 1939; \$20,000, 1940; \$15,000, 1941 and 1942; \$20,000, 1943 to 1946, incl.; \$25,000, 1947 to 1951, incl.; \$30,000, 1952 and 1953; \$35,000, 1954; \$30,000, 1955; \$35,000, 1956; \$40,000, 1957; \$35,000, 1958 and \$30,000, 1959. Any of the Ponce bonds maturing after July 1, 1940, may be redeemed at par with accrued interest on Jan. 1, 1941, or on any interest paying date thereafter, at the option of the Municipality of Ponce upon its giving 60 days' published notice of the proposed redemption.

35,000 6% Municipality of Villalba bonds to a syndicate composed of the Canton Bond & Investment Co. of Canton, Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati; Prudden & Co. of Toledo; Kalman & Co. of St. Paul and the Merchants Trust Co. at a premium of \$4,220, which is equal to 112.05, a basis of about 4.96%. Denom. \$500. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1944, incl.; \$1,500, 1945 to 1950, incl., and \$2,000, 1951 to 1956, incl.

The above bonds are issued for the carrying out of certain public impt. and in refunding of certain indebtedness. Date Jan. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (J. & J.), payable in gold at the United States Treasury, Washington, D. C.

The following is a complete official list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

For Ponce Bonds.	
Name of Bidder—	Price Bid.
Harris, Forbes & Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co.	\$659,353.50
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Title Guarantee & Trust Co., W. H. Silverman Co.	657,345.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., the Herrick Co. and Otis & Co.	656,892.00
Canton Bond & Investment Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Prudden & Co., Kalman & Co. and Merchants Trust Co.	655,525.00
Fletcher American Co.	653,467.00
Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc.	652,267.85
Four Villalba Bonds.	
Seasongood & Mayer	\$38,995.00
Fletcher American Co.	38,681.00
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Title Guarantee & Trust Co. and W. H. Silverman & Co.	38,332.00

**POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mount Vernon), Ind.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Albert Murphy, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 21 for \$9,600 4 1/2% Henriette Schmidt et al. Black Township road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$480. Due \$480 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl. Int. payable May and Nov. 15.

**POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Council Bluffs), Iowa.**—**BONDS VOTED.**—It has been unofficially reported that the voters of this county approved the issuance of \$1,600,000 road bonds at an election held July 11. The vote stood as follows; 4,911 for issuance and 442 against issuance.

**POTTSTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—M. L. Seasholtz, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 18, for \$50,000 4 3/4% coupon impt. bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1937 and 1942; \$12,000, 1947; \$9,000, 1952; and \$15,000, 1957. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. The bonds will be sold subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia, as to their legality.

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (P. O. Upper Marlboro), Md.**—**BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3532—were awarded to John P. Baer & Co. of Baltimore as follows:

\$106,000 road bonds at 103.823, a basis of about 4.20%. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1937 incl.; \$4,000, 1938 to 1947 incl., and \$5,000, 1948 to 1957 incl.

14,500 lateral road bonds at 103.349, a basis of about 4.20%. Due July 1 1942.

**PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—L. E. Campbell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 25 for \$12,200 4 1/2% Emma S. Erwin et al. Van Buren Twp. bonds. Date July 15 1927. Denom. \$610. Due \$610 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Int. payable May and Nov. 15.

**PUNTA GORDA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura) Ventura County, Calif.**—**BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds offered on July 5—V. 124, p. 3808—was sold to the First National Bank of Ventura, for a premium of \$100, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Date Aug. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at County Treasurer's office. Other bids submitted were:

Bidders—	Premium.
Capital National Bank of Ventura	\$52.00
Elmer J. Kennedy Co. of Los Angeles	22.50
Bank of Italy, Los Angeles	14.00

**RAVENNA, Portage County, Ohio.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—W. A. Root, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 8 for \$10,302.73 5% special assessment. Vine St. impt. bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$1,302.73. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,302.73, 1928; \$2,000, 1929, and \$1,000, 1930 to 1935 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Second National Bank, Ravenna. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for \$300, is required.

**RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Richland Springs), San Saba County, Texas.**—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 5 an issue of \$28,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Tierra Amarilla), N. Mex.**—**BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$17,000 6% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 124, p. 3251—was purchased by the Rio Arriba State Bank of Chama at par. Denom. \$500. Due serially 1932 to 1947 incl.

**ROOSEVELT WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix) Ariz.**—**PURCHASER—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$500,000 6% irrigation system canal bonds sold in V. 124, p. 1715—were purchased privately by B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and Eastman, Dillon & Co., both of New York. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000, July 1 1938 to 1957. Prin. and int. payable at Chemical National Bank, New York. Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

**ROSCOE, Nolan County, Texas.**—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 6, an issue of \$22,000 6% refunding bonds. Due serially.

**ROSEBURG, Douglas County, Oregon.**—**BOND ELECTION.**—An election was held July 8, for the purpose of voting on the issuance of \$37,000 highway bridge bonds.

**RYE (P. O. Port Chester), Westchester County, N. Y.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$32,500 registered bridge improvement bonds offered on July 11—V. 125, p. 134—were awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of N. Y. City.

as 4 1/2%, at 100.35, a basis of about 4.42%. Date July 15 1927. Due July 15 as follows: \$3,500, 1928 to 1936, incl., and \$1,000, 1937.

**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.**—**NOTE OFFERING.**—C. G. Oldfather, City Clerk and Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Aug. 8 for \$199,135 not exceeding 6%, semi-annual notes. Denom. \$39,827. Due \$39,827 in 1 to 5 years. Principal and int. payable at the City Treasurer & Collector's office. Certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 189 (P. O. East St. Louis), Ill.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—John S. Pidgeon, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. August 1 for \$300,000 5% school bonds. Dated August 1 1927. Due August 1, as follows: \$75,000 1929; \$50,000, 1931; \$75,000, 1932; and \$50,000, 1933 and 1934. A certified check payable to E. W. Cannady, President Board of Education, for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago, whose favorable opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Mich.**—**BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$76,000 5% special assessment bonds awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. and Braun, Bosworth & Co., jointly, at 100.53—V. 124, p. 3808—are described as follows. Date May 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially May 1 1929 to 1937, incl. Interest payable M. & N.

**SAFETY HARBOR, Pinellas County, Fla.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—M. Harry Moore, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 25 for the following two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$133,000: \$100,000 floating indebtedness payment bonds. Due July 1 1947.

33,000 water works extension bonds. Due July 1 1947. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Legal opinion of Stroyer, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Certified check for 2% required. These are the bonds previously offered on July 1.

**SALISBURY, Wicomico County, Md.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—E. J. Parsons, City Clerk will receive sealed bids until July 25 for \$100,000 4 1/2% water works and sewer bonds. The bonds are in denomination of \$1,000.

**SAN ANGELO, Tex.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—E. V. Spence, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 26 for the following issues of 5% general purpose bonds aggregating \$250,000: \$100,000 City Hall & Auditorium Bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000, March 1 1928-47 and \$3,000 March, 1948-67.

65,000 street bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000, March 1, 1928-32; \$3,000, 1833 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938 to 1942 and \$5,000, 1943 to 1946.

25,000 incinerator bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, March 1 1935, 1939, and 1942; \$3,000, in 1946; \$4,000, in 1951; \$5,000, in 1959 and \$7,000, in 1965.

25,000 Fire Alarm bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, 1936 & 1940; \$3,000, in 1944; \$4,000, in 1949 and 1954, and \$5,000 in 1960 and 1967.

20,000 Sewer Extension bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, in 1937, 1941 and 1945; \$3,000, in 1950 and 1956 and \$4,000 in 1961 and 1963.

15,000 Fire Station bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$15,000. Due \$5,000, March 1 1943, 1955 and 1965. Principal and interest payable at Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Certified check for 2% required.

**SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Nelle A. Gast, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 6 for the following issues of 5% coupon improvement bonds, aggregating \$85,800: \$26,000 Township Line Road bonds. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,500, 1928; \$3,000, 1929; \$2,500, 1930, and \$3,000, 1931 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$1,500 is required.

22,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1928, and \$2,500, 1929 to 1936, incl. A certified check for \$1,500 is required.

19,500 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1928; \$2,500, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$2,500, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$2,500, 1935, and \$2,000, 1936. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

18,300 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$100. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1928; \$2,100, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 and 1931; \$2,100, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$2,100, 1934; and \$2,000, 1935 and 1936. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

Date Aug. 6 1927. The successful bidder to pay for the legal opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

**SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.**—**BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$3,000,000 offered on July 11—V. 124, p. 3809 and V. 125, p. 134—were purchased by a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Eldredge & Co., Kissell, Kimicutt & Co., Redmond & Co. and Detroit Co., all of New York; Anglo-London-Paris Co. and the Bank of Italy, both of San Francisco, for a premium of 107.74, which is a basis of about 4.39%; they are divided as follows: \$2,000,000 Hetch Hetchy water bonds. Due \$50,000, 1939 to 1969, incl. 1,000,000 school bonds. Due serially, 1928 to 1967, incl.

**SANGER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.**—**BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$198,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 27—V. 124, p. 3809—was awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of San Francisco for a premium of \$21,668, equal to 110.94. Due serially 1944 to 1961 incl.

**SAN PABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martinez), Contra Costa County, Calif.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—J. H. Wells, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 18 for \$35,000 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1932; \$4,000, 1933 to 1937. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at County Treasurer's office. Legal opinion by Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco. Certified check, payable to County Treasurer, for 5% of par value of bonds, required.

**SANTA ROSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.**—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 6, an issue of \$55,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

**SAVANNAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calif.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until July 18, for \$55,000 5 1/2% school bonds by Clerk of the County. Bonds mature serially from 1928 to 1956.

**SAYRE, Beckham County, Okla.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$53,000 issue of 4% water works and extension bonds offered on June 27—V. 124, p. 3809—were awarded to the Beckham County National Bank of Sayre.

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kirkpatrick), Marion County, Ohio.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—C. A. Rowe, Clerk of the Board will receive sealed bids until 12 o'clock noon July 28 for \$7,329 5/8 road impt. bonds. Date Dec. 31 1926. Denom. \$915; one for \$924. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$924, 1928; \$915, 1929-1935. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$200, payable to the Board of Township Trustees.

**SEBRING, Fla.**—**BOND SALE.**—R. M. Grant and Co. were the successful bidders on an issue of \$72,000 6% improvement bonds. Date Feb. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15 as follows: \$7,000 in 1931; \$10,000, 1932 to 1934; \$11,000 in 1925; \$12,000, 1936 and 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, Esqs. of New York.

**SEBRING, Mahoning County, Ohio.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$19,000 5 1/2% coupon nuisance judgment bonds offered on July 9—V. 124, p. 3809—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$487, equal to 102.56, a basis of about 4.70%. Date July 11 1927. Due April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929; and \$5,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.

The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder—	Prem.
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	\$304.00
Otis & Co.	415.00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	273.00
Ryan & Sutherland & Co.	423.00
Stranahan, Harris & Otis	231.80
Weil, Roth & Irving	372.00
Provident Savings & Trust	251.50
The Herrick Co.	326.80
The First Citizens Corp.	307.80
A. E. Aube Co.	481.00

**SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sedalia), Pettis County, Mo.**—**BOND SALE.**—The Ellington Bank of Ellington recently purchased \$235,000 school bonds.

**SELINGROVE, Snyder County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The Sunbury Trust & Savings Deposit Co. of Sunbury, were awarded on July 1, an issue of \$10,000 5% street paving bonds at a premium of \$200,000, equal to 102 a basis of about 4.74%. The bonds are in \$500 denomination, and mature \$500, July 1 1928 to 1947 inclusive.

**SEMINOLE COUNTY (P. O. Sanford), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—Prudden & Co. of Toledo purchased the \$450,000 5½% highway improvement series C bonds offered on July 12—V. 124, p. 3670—at a premium equal to 100.11, which is a basis of about 5.48%. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935; \$6,000, 1936; \$7,000, 1937; \$8,000, 1938; \$9,000, 1939; \$10,000, 1940; \$11,000, 1941; \$12,000, 1942; \$13,000, 1943; \$14,000, 1944; \$15,000, 1945; \$16,000, 1946; \$17,000, 1947; \$18,000, 1948; \$19,000, 1949; \$20,000, 1950; \$21,000, 1951; \$22,000, 1952; \$24,000, 1953; \$26,000, 1954; \$28,000, 1955; \$30,000, 1956, and \$89,000, 1957. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in N. Y. City.

**SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—George W. McKenney, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. July 20 for \$9,660 Shelby Township, Alvin Ray et al. road bonds. Dated July 15 1927. Denom. \$483 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Interest May and Nov. 15.

**SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—George W. McKenney, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until July 20 for the following two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$12,240: \$7,860 John Hardy et al. Van Buren Township road bonds. Due \$393 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. 4,380 George Y. Hobbs et al. Addison Township road bonds. Due \$219 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Dated July 15 1927. The Addison Twp. bonds will be sold at 10 a. m. and the Van Buren Twp. bonds at 10:15 a. m.

**SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Watertown), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$6,000 6% school bonds was sold to the Peoples Savings Bank of Watertown recently for a premium of approximately 75.

**SOAP LAKE, Grant County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. J. Juday, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 20 for \$16,000 not exceeding 6% town bonds. Due \$800 yearly from 1929 to 1948. Approving opinion will be given by Shorts & Denny of Seattle. A certified check for 5%, payable to the town, is required.

**SOUTH PASADENA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles) will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 25 for the purchase at not less than par of \$100,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1927. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasury. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1941, incl., and \$4,000, 1942 to 1957, incl. A certified check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, required. District debt (excl. this issue) \$457,000. Assessed valuation, 1926, \$22,191,595.

**SUGAR LAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fort Bend County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$30,000 5% school bonds sold on July 9 to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at 103 are described as follows: \$25,000 Series "B" bonds, due from 1928 to 1967. 5,000 Series "A" bonds, due from 1928 to 1947. The net basis is about 4.74%.

**TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 coupon or registered public library bonds offered on July 11 (V. 125, p. 134) were awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of New York City as 4½s at 101.37, a basis of about 4.32%. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 and \$4,000, 1929 to 1936, incl.

**TEANECK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Englewood), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of coupon or registered school bonds, aggregating \$71,000, offered on July 13—V. 125, p. 281—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of New York City as follows: \$36,000 series B bonds as 4½s, at 101.07, a basis of about 4.60%. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1943, incl., and \$1,000, 1944 to 1947, incl. 35,000 series A bonds as 4½s, at 100.30, a basis of about 4.69%. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1932, incl., and \$4,000, 1933 to 1937, incl. Date Aug. 1 1927.

**TENNESSEE (State of).—NOTE SALE.**—The State of Tennessee borrowed on July 11, \$1,000,000 for highway construction, accepting the offer of Blair & Co. of New York, and executing the State's note to bear interest at 4.15% for one year. The note will be dated July 15 and the money will become available at that time. This is the first loan negotiated under the provisions of Chapter 83 of the public Acts of 1927, which authorizes the borrowing of not to exceed \$2,500,000 annually for highway purposes. The note was signed by Governor Peay and by Ernest Haston, Secretary of State, under authority granted by the funding board. A half dozen other offers were made for the loan, but all required a higher rate of interest.

**TEXARKANA, Bowie County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 5 an issue of \$75,000 5% sewer bonds. Due serially.

**TRENTON, Gibson County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held July 2, it was voted to issue \$400,000 school bonds. The vote stood: 481 for issuance, 457 against. **BOND ELECTION.**—On July 30, there will be an election to decide the issuance of \$10,000 city school bonds.

**TURTLE CREEK, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. E. Little, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 8 for \$70,000 4½% coupon bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 Aug. 1 1934 to 1947 incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for \$1,000 is required. The successful bidder to pay the cost of printing the bonds.

**UNION CITY, Obion County, Tenn.—MATURITY.**—The \$50,000 5% issue of school bonds sold to Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson, mature as follows: \$10,000 July 1 1934 to 1938. Premium paid was equal to 101.55, a basis of about 4.80%.

**UNION COUNTY (P. O. Creston), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.**—It has been unofficially reported that there will be an election on July 21 to vote on the issuance of \$600,000 road bonds.

**URBANA, Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$23,141.25 5% city's portion, coupon sewer bonds offered on July 16 (V. 124, p. 3393) were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$931, equal to 104.02, a basis of about 4.56%. Date July 1 1927. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,141.25 1928 and \$1,000 1929 to 1950, inclusive.

**VERONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of 4½% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 7—V. 125, p. 135—was awarded to the Verona Trust Co., taking \$523, bonds (525 bonds offered), paying \$525,047, equal to 100.39, a basis of about 4.46%. Date August 1 1927. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1929 and 1930; \$14,000, 1931 and 1932; \$15,000, 1933 and 1934; \$16,000, 1935 to 1950, incl.; \$18,000, 1951 to 1953 incl.; \$17,000, 1954 to 1956 incl.; \$8,000, 1957 to 1965 incl., and \$6,000, 1966.

**VICKSBURG, Warren County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$60,000 4¾% bonds were recently sold to Kaufman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis, for a premium of \$377, equal to 106.283.

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Princess Anne County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$250,000 seawall bonds have been purchased by Walter, Woody and Heimerdinger of Cincinnati.

**VIVIAN, Caddo Parish, La.—BIDS REJECTED.**—The issue of \$80,000 5% sewer bonds offered for sale on July 12—V. 124, p. 3671—were not sold as the bid submitted was rejected. Well, Roth and Irving was the only company to submit a bid. It was par, accrued interest and \$32.00

**WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—Ray Appling, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 27 for \$200,000, not exceeding 5% coupon sewage disposal plant bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 1929 to 1957. Principal and interest (J. & J.)

payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid is required.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. A. Douglas, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. July 23 for the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$700,000: \$500,000 5% highway bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1957. Prin. and int. payable F. & A. at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. 200,000 5% court house bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1957. Prin. and int. payable F. & A. at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Certified check for \$10,000 on each issue is required.

**WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Thomas P. Kelly, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (standard time), July 25, for the following two issues of coupon or registered 4½% bonds aggregating \$400,000: \$300,000, 20th series, water bonds. Due \$10,000, July 15 1928 to 1957

100,000, 19th series, water bonds. Due \$10,000, July, 1957 to 1966 incl. Date July 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15), payable at the First National Bank, Boston. The First National Bank, of Boston, will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds and the signatures thereon. A certified check payable to the order of the City for 1% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pontiac R. F. D. No. 5) Oakland County, Mich.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$150,000 4½% school bonds awarded to the Security Trust Co., of Detroit, in V. 124, p. 135—was a premium of \$1,707, equal to 101.13, a basis of about 4.40%. Date June 15 1927. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$5,000, 1935 to 1940 incl.; \$6,000, 1941 to 1945 incl.; and \$7,000, 1946 to 1955 inclusive.

**WATERLOO (Waterloo), Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Leroy McDuffie, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 18, for \$10,000 5% grade crossing elimination bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1 1928 to 1937 incl. A certified check for \$200 is required.

**WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—C. F. Butler of Boston was awarded on July 12 an issue of \$26,000 4% water main bonds at 100.45, a basis of about 3.82%. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928, and \$5,000, 1929 to 1932, incl. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**WAUPACA COUNTY (P. O. Waupaca), Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$300,000 4½% highway bonds offered on July 12—V. 125, p. 135—were awarded to A. G. Becker & Co. of Chicago for \$302,061, equal to 100.687, a basis of about 4.35%. Date April 1 1927. Due \$100,000 April 1 in 1931, 1932 and 1933. A complete list of bids follows:  
Bidder— Prem. Bidder— Prem.  
Milwaukee—\$1,401 Nat. City Co., N. Y. & Chic. \$1,617  
Paine, Webber & Co., Chicago 1,205 Wm. R. Compton Co., Chic. 1,857  
Hill, Joiner & Co., Chicago— 570 A. G. Becker & Co., Chicago— 2,061  
Wayne County (P. O. Detroit), Mich.— 570 Old National Bank, Waupaca— 1,876

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The price paid for the \$142,000 road assessment district bonds awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit (V. 125, p. 135) was 100.09. The bonds are described as follows: Date July 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000. Due serially May 1 1929 to 1937, inclusive. Interest payable M. & N. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4½ and 4¼%. Four other bond houses were associated with the Detroit Trust Co. in the purchase of these bonds.

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 115 (P. O. Purcell), Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$35,000 4½% school building bonds was recently sold at a price of 99.57

**WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Ray E. Sawyer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2.30 p. m. Aug. 1 for \$2,400 4½% H. E. Williams et al. Nottingham Township road bonds. Date July 15 1927. Denom. \$120. Due \$120 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl. Interest payable M. & N. 15.

**WESTFIELD, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles Clark, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids for the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$260,000 on July 25 at 8 p. m. (daylight saving time): \$176,000 assessment bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$15,000, 1932, and \$21,000, 1933 to 1937 incl. 84,000 public impt. bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$6,000, 1934 to 1942 incl. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Westfield Trust Co., Westfield. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check, payable to the order of the town, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality to be approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on July 11 (V. 125, p. 135), for which no bids were submitted.

**WESTWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$116,000 4½% sewage disposal plant bonds offered on June 22—V. 124, p. 3393—were awarded to the Hackensack Trust Co. of Hackensack, at a premium of \$696, equal to 100.60, a basis of about 4.43%. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1933 incl.; and \$6,000, 1939 to 1950 incl.

**WICHITA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wichita Falls), Wichita County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on July 5 an issue of \$250,000 4¾% school bonds. Due serially.

**WILBARGER COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—We have been unofficially informed that there is to be an election held Aug. 1, to decide the issuance of \$50,000 bridge bonds.

**WILSON COUNTY (P. O. Wilson), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 4¾% coupon or registered school funding bonds offered on June 28—V. 124, p. 3671—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo for a premium of \$1,290, which is equal to 101.29, a basis of about 4.59%. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$8,000, 1934 to 1938 incl., and \$10,000, 1939 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City.

**WILSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Flaresville), Wilson County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.**—We are informed unofficially that at an election held July 2 the voters approved of the issuance of \$60,000 road bonds. The vote stood for issuance 251, against 49.

**WOLFE COUNTY (P. O. Compton), Ky.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$50,000 issue of road bonds bought by Seipp, Princell & Co. on April 6 1927—V. 125, p. 135—at par and accrued int. are described as follows: Date June 1 1927. Int. rate 5%. Int. payable J. & D. Due serially from June 1 1932 to 1957. Bonds not optional. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon in form.

**WOODBURY, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter B. Woolley, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 26 for an issue of 4½% coupon school bonds not to exceed \$65,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium over \$65,000. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1933 incl.; \$4,000, 1934 to 1944 incl., and \$3,000, 1945. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Woodbury. A certified check, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

**WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Harold J. Tunison, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 18 for the purchase on a discount basis of \$800,000 note issued in anticipation of revenue. Date July 19 1927. Due \$400,000 March 14 and April 18 1928.

These notes will be certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, upon opinion of Storey, Thorndike, 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.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—S. H. Martin, Supt. City Schools, reports that the election which was to have been held June 30—V. 124, p. 3810—for the purpose of voting on the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds, has been postponed to Aug. 4.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Laurel), Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$10,000 6% school bonds offered on June 25—V. 124, p. 3534—were not sold.

YPSILANTI, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Holmes, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. July 18 for an issue of \$40,000 4 1/2% paving bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931, and \$5,000 from 1932 to 1937 incl.

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KENORA, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—G. J. Hooper, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 4 for the following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$138,773.33: \$125,000.00 sewer bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Due serially Sept. 1 1928 to 1957 incl.

13,773.33 consolidated debt bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due Dec. 31 1953. Prin. and interest payable at the Imperial Bank of Canada, Toronto and Kenora. Long & Daly of Toronto have certified as to the legality of the bonds.

CHICOUTIMI, Que.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the other bids submitted for the \$45,000 5% coupon school bonds awarded to Bray, Caron & Dube, Ltd., of Quebec at 98.90—V. 125, p. 135:

Table with Bidder names and Rate Bid percentages for Chicoutimi bonds.

EAST BROUGHTON, Que.—BOND SALE.—Bray, Caron & Dube, Ltd., were recently awarded an issue of \$19,500 5% 12-year serial school bonds at 98.84, and which is equal to a cost basis of 5.21%.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.—The Public Utility Commissioners have approved the borrowing of \$70,050 for local improvements.

EASTVIEW, Ont.—BY-LAW APPROVED.—The Council passed a \$120,000 debenture by-law for the purpose of consolidating the floating debt.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—BOND SALE.—Bell, Gouinlock & Co. have purchased an issue of \$24,000 5 1/2% bonds, due 1941, at 101.15, and which is equal to a cost basis of 5.25%.

MONTMAGNY, Que.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the \$44,900 5% 10-year serial bonds awarded to the Corporation de Prets de Quebec at 99.35 in V. 125, p. 283:

Table with Bidder names and Rate Bid percentages for Montmagny bonds.

L'ENFANT JESUS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Tenders will be received until 7:30 p. m. July 21 for the purchase of \$40,000 5% 40-year serial bonds...

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—An assessed value for taxation of \$21,966,000 is shown in the annual report of City Commissioner Geo. D. Mackie, according to the 'Monetary Times' of July 8, for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, just issued.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—BY-LAWS AGGREGATING \$90,000 APPROVED BY RATE-PAYERS.—The rate-payers passed two local improvement by-laws totaling \$90,000.

RIVIERE DU LOUP, Que.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$34,500 5% bonds, due 1933, and \$2,500 5% school bonds, due 1932, have been sold to Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., at 99.26.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by A. J. Meunier, Secretary-Treasurer, until 5 p. m. July 20 for the purchase of \$32,500 5% 20-year serial and \$56,000 5% 40-year serial bonds...

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BONDS VOTED.—The rate-payers approved several local improvement by-laws totaling \$1,135,000 and defeated the \$1,000,000 city hall by-law.

WESTMONT, Que.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids submitted for the \$487,000 4 1/2% coupon improvement bonds awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 96.27, a basis of about 4.89%—V. 125, p. 136:

Table with Bidder names and Rate Bid percentages for Westmont bonds.

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% debentures aggregating \$313,478.75 offered on July 4—V. 124, p. 136—were awarded A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, at 99.81.

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