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The Financial Situation.

It remained for the monthly Stock Exchange figures of brokers' loans, as distinguished from those given out weekly by the Federal Reserve Board, to reveal the full extent of the recent expansion in brokers' loans. These figures, which we discuss more in detail further below, show that the further addition during September was not far from a quarter of a billion dollars and that the grand total of these loans is fast approaching the huge figure of four billion dollars. Simultaneously, the stock market the present week has furnished a new demonstration of its extreme vulnerability, or at least its acute sensitiveness to changes in money conditions, or anything suggestive of such changes. Not only is borrowing on Stock Exchange account establishing new high peaks with each recurring month and with each recurring week, but the level of stock prices has risen so high as to furnish occasion for the deepest solicitude and anxiety. There is the additional reason for caution in the circumstance that business prosperity, so long the motive power behind the gigantic speculation, aided, of course, by the extreme ease in money and the facility with which credit could be obtained, both at the Reserve banks and the ordinary banks, has for several months been on the wane. The trade statistics furnish eloquent testimony to that effect. So do declining figures of railroad earnings in nearly all parts of the country.

Nevertheless, the speculation for higher prices early in the week again got under full headway, the volume of transactions reaching tremendous proportions, the shares sales on Tuesday aggregating well in excess of three million shares, being in fact 3,152,473 shares. But just when the market appeared strongest it proved weakest. Evidently, advantage was being taken of its strength and its presumed

absorbing powers, to dispose of huge blocks of stock. Simultaneously, call money advanced from 4 to 4½% and this proved the signal for attacks on prices all round. Reams of stocks were thrown over. Confidence, so strong only an hour before, now dropped to a low ebb. After the close of business on the Exchange the figures of brokers' loans appeared. The weekly returns of the Federal Reserve Board had prepared every one for a substantial increase, but no one looked for such an extraordinarily large expansion as was actually reported. The figures were really startling. The next day a further big break in prices seemed inevitable. Actually, the further recession in prices was extremely moderate.

The market acted as it has many times before and evinced marvelous rallying powers. Obviously, supporting orders, extended by the big interests engaged in manipulating the market, had much to do with this, but there was also considerable buying by those whose faith in the continued upward course of values remained unshaken. By Thursday the market seemed to have got back to the normal, with few traces of the wreck of only two days before, but of course, with the level of prices lower. A drop in the call loan rate during the afternoon from 4½ to 4% aided the recovery. Yesterday there were further occasions for solicitude in another week's figures of the Federal Reserve Board, showing that the expansion in Stock Exchange borrowing was still in progress. But the market, while manifesting some hesitancy did not decline much further. Apparently the market remains at the will and caprice of those who have been directing its course for so long, embracing people with ample means to carry the speculation further, so long as credit and money remain easy.

The movement inspires caution, not alone because prices have been carried to such extreme heights, but also because it has a fictitious element in it, since there is something unsubstantial and incongruous in efforts to continue speculation for higher prices when trade and business is falling off, railway revenues are diminishing, and profits are dwindling or being altogether extinguished. Perhaps those behind the movement think that by these means prosperity can be coaxed back, and it must be admitted that trade is always sensitive to what is happening in the stock market. Strength and rising prices on the Stock Exchange impart tone and confidence to the general business world. But obviously, prices cannot go on advancing for ever. In the end the bubble will burst. Soon easy money and easy credit will cease to have power to further inflate stock prices, just as they long since lost their power to inflate commodity values. After the big interests have unloaded their holdings on the general

public the market will be left to itself. Perhaps the market is now being kept artificially strong in order to effectuate the unloading. It behooves the outsider to stand aloof in a situation so full of peril.

As to the Stock Exchange figures of brokers' loans, the exact amount of increase for the month of September was \$240,736,237, and the exact total to which this class of borrowing has been carried is \$3,914,627,570. The Stock Exchange figures, as far as the grand aggregate is concerned, have from the first been much larger than those of the Federal Reserve Board, and apparently the Stock Exchange compilation is all-inclusive, embracing borrowings of every description from New York banks and trust companies and from private bankers, brokers, foreign banks, agencies, etc., in New York City, while the Federal Reserve figures relate entirely to the 52 reporting member banks in New York City; and even though these banks report borrowings, not only for their own account, but for account of out-of-town banks and for the account of others, it is obvious that there may be other borrowing aside from that passing through the hands of these member banks. At all events, the Stock Exchange figures are always very much larger than the Federal Reserve figures, and the total of these borrowings on collateral by Stock Exchange members Sept. 30 was, as already stated, \$3,914,627,570. At the low figure in 1926, which was May 28, the amount was \$2,767,400,514. Thus in the space of 16 months there has been an addition of \$1,147,227,056. It would be superfluous to dilate upon results which tell their own story more eloquently than could be expressed by any assemblage of words.

But this week's return of the Federal Reserve Board bring the figures down to a still later date. The Stock Exchange figures are for the close of business on Sept. 30. The Federal Reserve Board's new figures are for the close of business on Wednesday of this week, namely Oct. 5. And these figures show that the expansion in these loans to brokers and dealers is still going on. As compared with Wednesday of last week (Sept. 28) the further addition has been no less than \$89,612,000. It is needless to say that these figures establish another new high record, and the only point that needs emphasizing is that for five successive weeks now a new peak has been reached each week. We are told that the latest increase is to be ascribed to the payment for the "when issued" contracts for the General Motors stock, in which the dealings have been large since they first appeared on the Exchange on Aug. 19. But, as we stated last week, back in May it was similarly contended that the turning of the "when issued" new shares of the United States Steel Corporation after the payment of the 40% stock dividend, into stock minus the right to the stock dividend, had served to swell the total and in June the explanation for the continued expansion in these loans was the congestion in the bond market arising out of the inability of a number of syndicates to float several large new bond issues. Each of these several explanations doubtless played its part at the time, but the fatal weakness in the whole series of arguments is that even after the special influences referred to had ceased to operate, no contraction in the total occurred. Instead the amount kept on mounting higher and still higher.

As it happens, too, and emphasizing the general state of inflation existing, borrowing by the mem-

ber banks at the Federal Reserve institutions is now again increasing. During the week ending Wednesday night, according to the returns issued on Thursday evening, the Federal Reserve Bank at New York increased its volume of discounted bills from \$148,383,000 to 173,485,000, enlarged its holdings of acceptances from \$84,011,000 to \$104,528,000 and extended its holdings of United States Government securities from \$94,864,000 to \$101,011,000. The result altogether is that total bills and securities Oct. 5 stood at \$379,024,000, against \$327,258,000 Sept. 28 and comparing with only \$243,471,000 on Oct. 6 last year. For the twelve Reserve banks combined the discounts during the week rose from \$430,312,000 to \$462,485,000, the holdings of acceptances from \$242,148,000 to \$262,165,000 and the holdings of Government securities from \$494,352,000 to \$504,873,000. The total of bills and securities this week is \$1,230,343,000, against \$1,167,632,000 a week ago. On Oct. 6 last year the total was \$1,206,886,000.

The member banks, notwithstanding this week's increase, are borrowing less than a year ago, but the Reserve banks have more than made good the difference by increasing their holdings of United States Government securities almost \$200,000,000, such holdings on Oct. 5 the present year being \$504,873,000, against only \$306,335,000 on Oct. 6 1926. In this manner the Reserve banks emphasize their determination to keep the same amount of Reserve credit (and a little more) employed as before, in pursuit of the policy of maintaining easy money. The effect, of course, is to stimulate speculation, when the effort ought to be to curb speculation and hold it within proper bounds. Through increased borrowing, the member banks during the week increased their reserve account with the Reserve institutions and this enlarged the deposits of the Reserve banks, which are now \$2,426,327,000, against \$2,389,768,000 a week ago. At the same time the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation rose from \$1,705,765,000 to \$1,717,040,000. The gold reserve, however, declined during the week from \$2,988,853,000 to \$2,965,784,000.

As a further indication of the general state of inflation, and also of the strain to which this often gives rise, reference should also be made to last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies. No doubt, owing to the preparations for the 1st of October payments of dividends and interest, these being among the largest of the year, all the items in the Clearing House statement recorded changes of huge amounts and of great significance. Their loans were expanded in the sum of no less than \$184,452,000, bringing the total of these loans and discounts up to \$6,051,811,000. We have seen no reference to the fact, but this is the first time these loans and discounts have reached \$6,000,000,000. The expansion in the loans was attended by an increase of \$202,953,000 in the net demand deposits and of \$11,950,000 in the time deposits. Even with this increase the total of the deposits runs far below the loans, the demand deposits aggregating \$4,748,442,000 and the time deposits \$720,081,000, making \$5,468,523,000 for the two combined. At the same time the reserve kept with the Federal Reserve Bank was drawn down in amount of \$22,608,000, while cash in own vaults was also diminished by \$1,086,000, though such cash does not constitute legal reserve. The final result was a deficiency in reserve below legal requirements in

amount of \$23,772,560. This is the condition of strain in which these Clearing House institutions found themselves notwithstanding they still hold \$114,687,000 of Government deposits, the same as during the two previous Saturdays.

September insolvencies in mercantile lines, as disclosed by the records of R. G. Dun & Co., maintain much the same numerical increase over last year as has appeared in the earlier reports since January. There were 1,573 defaults in the United States last month, with liabilities of \$32,786,125, as against 1,708 insolvencies during August for \$39,195,953, and 1,437 failures in September a year ago involving \$29,989,817. As is customary, the number of mercantile defaults in September this year is the lowest of the year and the total of liabilities reported for that month is less than for any preceding month this year. For the nine months of this year there have been 17,333 insolvencies in the United States, with \$396,659,570 of defaulted indebtedness, in comparison with 16,111 during the corresponding period of 1926, involving \$287,697,987 of liabilities. The increase in the number of defaults for the current year to date over last year is 7.6%, while the indebtedness shown for this year exceeds that reported a year ago by 37.9%. For September of this year insolvencies were 9.5% more numerous than they were a year ago, while the liabilities reported for that month this year were 9.3% larger than in September 1926. This is much the best showing as to liabilities for any month this year, but the improvement is due almost entirely to the fact that the larger defaults were somewhat less numerous in September this year than in the earlier months.

There were reported last month 389 defaults in manufacturing lines for \$15,348,867 of indebtedness; 1,083 failures among traders, owing \$12,051,799, and 101 insolvencies of agents and brokers for \$5,385,459 of liabilities. The corresponding figures for September 1926 were 374 manufacturing defaults for \$10,092,741 of indebtedness; 958 trading failures involving \$11,242,485, and 105 insolvencies of agents and brokers owing \$8,654,591. The increase in the number of defaults last month over the preceding year was largely in the trading section—as to liabilities it was mainly among the manufacturing classes, while a marked contraction is shown this year in the indebtedness reported for the brokerage division. Insolvencies were more numerous last month than a year ago among dealers in clothing, in dry goods, in shoes, in furniture, in hardware and among druggists, the increase in the number of defaults in September this year over last year for these six classes being quite marked. On the other hand, there was quite a decrease last month in the number of defaults among grocers, general stores and hotels and restaurants. The six classes first enumerated also record some increase this year in the amount of liabilities, which is especially large for the clothing division and the indebtedness is heavier last month for the class embracing dealers in jewelry, while quite a reduction appears in the case of grocers, general stores and hotels and restaurants.

In manufacturing lines more failures were reported last month in the divisions embracing lumber, tobacco and hats and gloves, but as to the last two classes, the number was not very large. There were, however, fewer insolvencies in September this year among manufacturers of clothing, of machin-

ery and tools, and chemicals; also in the printing division and for bakers. A heavy iron failure was mainly responsible for the large growth in the indebtedness of manufacturing defaults, and in some measure the same thing applies to the insolvencies among manufacturers of lumber. Liabilities were also heavier last month in the clothing manufacturing class; for the divisions embracing hats and gloves, leather goods including shoes, and tobacco. On the other hand a smaller amount of indebtedness is shown in the manufacturing divisions last month in machinery lines, woolen goods, chemicals, earthenware, printing and bakers. There were in all during the month just closed 46 mercantile defaults where the liabilities in each instance were in excess of \$100,000, the total of such being \$17,181,924. A year ago the corresponding figures were, respectively, 40 as to the number of the larger defaults, and \$16,448,515 as to the indebtedness. It is in the manufacturing division where quite an increase is shown in the liabilities for September this year, as has previously been noted. The indebtedness for the larger defaults in the class embracing agents and brokers last month was also heavy, in part due to insolvencies among some stock brokerage concerns, but some very large failures also occurred in the class embracing agents and brokers in September of last year.

The failure report for September completes the record for the third quarter of the year, and the increase noted in the first and second three months is repeated in the third quarter in the comparison with both preceding years. There were in all 5,037 mercantile insolvencies in the United States during the third quarter of 1927, with total liabilities of \$115,132,052, these figures comparing with 4,635 similar defaults a year ago involving \$87,799,486, an increase this year of 8.8% in the number and of 31.1% in the indebtedness shown. Failures were more numerous for the third quarter of 1927, and the amounts involved were larger, in the case of all three classes into which the figures are separated, as they were in both preceding quarters this year. Manufacturing defaults for the third quarter this year number 1,275, with liabilities of \$47,012,499; trading failures, 3,444, involving \$43,586,192 of indebtedness, and agents and brokers, 318, owing \$24,533,361. In the corresponding period of last year there were 1,219 manufacturing defaults for \$33,775,810; 3,151 in trading lines owing \$39,952,485 and 265 defaults among agents and brokers with an indebtedness of \$14,071,191. There is an increase for this year, both as to the number of failures and the liabilities for all three divisions, but relatively the least satisfactory showing is for the division embracing agents and brokers. In the latter case four States contribute over 40% of these defaults in number, and nearly 80% of the indebtedness, these four States being New York, Ohio, Florida and California. Included with the New York return are a number of stock brokerage concerns. The New York figures constitute fully 35% of the total of this division for the entire United States.

For all three classes of mercantile defaults during the third quarter there are three of the eight sections of the United States into which the report is separated, where fewer failures occurred this year than last. These sections include the Central South, the Central West, the latter embracing the seven States of Minnesota, Missouri, the Dakotas and Kansas, and the Western or Mountain division. Quite an

increase appears in the number of defaults for that period this year in the New England States, the Middle Atlantic States, the South Atlantic, Central East, and the Pacific Coast States. There are two sections where the liabilities this year are somewhat less than they were a year ago, the Southern Central States, and the Western or Mountain division. The other six geographical sections show quite an increase in the indebtedness reported, particularly the nine South Atlantic States and the three Pacific Coast States. The increase in New England applies to all of those States excepting New Hampshire and Rhode Island. New York State shows a considerable increase, especially in the liabilities reported for the manufacturing divisions, and that embracing agents and brokers. This in both divisions last mentioned is due to a number of large defaults. Both Pennsylvania and New Jersey show fewer failures this year than last.

In the South Atlantic section practically all of the States contribute to the increase, but the heaviest losses were in Florida. Maryland, the Virginias, North Carolina and Georgia, however, add considerably to the total. Texas and Oklahoma contribute mainly to the decrease shown for the Southern Central States, but liabilities reported for Kentucky are considerably heavier this year than they were a year ago. In the West many of the States report quite an increase this year, among them Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Liabilities are also heavier, but it is worthy of note that there is quite a decrease in the amount of indebtedness shown this year in Michigan; furthermore, few defaults appear this year in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa and Kansas. There is a reduction also in the number of mercantile failures this year in Montana and Colorado, but other changes are not of importance. California and Washington report quite an increase in the number of insolvencies this year, but there were fewer defaults in Oregon. The large increase in the liabilities reported for the Pacific Coast States was almost entirely in California.

Banking defaults for the third quarter of 1927 were not so numerous as during the corresponding period of last year, and there was a marked deduction in the indebtedness shown, the number, 55, involving \$20,857,350, comparing with 169 similar defaults in the third quarter of 1926 with liabilities of \$73,651,265. In the third quarter of 1925 only 46 banking failures occurred, for \$11,613,262 of indebtedness. The noteworthy decrease this year is in the South Atlantic States. It will be recalled that in the third quarter of 1926 banking failures were unusually heavy in Georgia and Florida due to temporary and local conditions. As in recent preceding years, the banking disasters this year are mainly in the South and West. Combining the Southern Central States with those of the West, and nearly 80% of the number of banking defaults and the same ratio as to indebtedness are found.

The controversy between the Governments of France and the United States over the new French tariff, placed in effect Sept. 6, indicates that an early settlement of the differences is not probable. The events which precipitated the controversy were the granting by France to Germany of minimum tariff rates upon the conclusion of a commercial treaty between the two countries, and the application by France of maximum tariff rates against American

goods under the Tariff Reform Act of Aug. 30. Through this action tariff rates on American goods were raised by as much as 400% in some instances. The American Government protested that many American products would thus be deprived of the possibility of competing in the French market with domestic products or with those of countries with which France maintains reciprocal agreements. Sheldon Whitehouse, American Charge d'Affaires in Paris, formally requested on Sept. 10 that the old tariff rates be restored pending the conclusion of a commercial accord, and on Sept. 12 presented a proposed draft of the accord to the French Government. This, envisaging mutual most-favored-nation treatment, was promptly rejected by France, as was also the quest for the restoration of the tariff rates previously applied. Correspondence thereupon followed, embracing three *aide memoirs*, in which the tariff policies of the two countries were thoroughly reviewed. These were made public simultaneously in Paris and Washington Oct. 3 and are reprinted in full on subsequent pages of this issue.

The first of the *aide memoirs* made public was delivered by the French Government Sept. 14 to Mr. Whitehouse in Paris. In it France contended for complete reciprocal treatment of the tariff question as the indispensable starting point for the elaboration of a treaty consistent with equity and the interests of the two countries. On the receipt of preliminary assurance that this principle would be acceptable to the United States, the note stated, France was prepared to enact a decree diminishing by 50% the surplus rates instituted by the decree of Aug. 30 for the benefit of products originating in and coming from the United States. The American reply, dated Sept. 19, expressed "both surprise and disappointment at the attitude of the French Government," adding that the United States Government "had supposed that the French Government fully understood that the American law which fixes the tariff on imports does not envisage the conclusion of a treaty of reciprocity in regard to rates of duty." The State Department, in this communication, insisted upon most-favored-nation treatment, contending that "any other policy . . . is opposed to the soundest principles of world economics and essentially of world good-will." After asserting that "discrimination in world trade against the United States has practically ceased," and that "it is France alone, at the present time, which seriously discriminates against American products," the note referred to Article 317 of the American tariff law, which authorizes the imposition of additional duties on goods coming from a country which discriminates in its tariff against the trade of the United States. The note said further that the American Government is very loath to increase its tariff on articles imported from France and had so far refrained from doing so, since it believes "that upon reconsideration the French Government will realize the essential justice of the American principle."

The French rejoinder, dated Sept. 30, was construed in Washington as conciliatory. The French Government declared that it had never envisaged such a treaty of reciprocity as would be forbidden by the Fordney-McCumber tariff law. After reviewing the tariff history of the two countries, the note pointed out that "France is not complaining of being discriminated against by the United States; what she is complaining of is being subjected together

with other States to a restrictive regime which in view of the character of her production is more prejudicial to it than to other nations, and which, although applicable to everybody, has hit her commerce most particularly." French exports, the note continued, encounter obstacles in America, "not only by virtue of restrictions resulting from the new American tariff but also by virtue of the methods of its application not only in America at the moment of customs clearance but also in France itself, where with a view of this clearance, the American customs administration asserts its right to resort to practices which the French law forbids to the French Government itself. In addition to the tariff and customs formalities there exists a series of regulations of a sanitary or phytopathological nature which are often completely fatal to agricultural exports from France." In order to alleviate these conditions, the French Government suggested that the flexible provisions of the Fordney-McCumber tariff be invoked. According to these, the President, in co-operation with the Tariff Commission, may raise or lower customs duties 50% each way after an investigation of the differences in cost of production between domestic and foreign products. Upon these tariff alleviations and upon these "administrative investigations which are called for by consideration of simple equity," the French Government, the note added, "must make dependent the grant to America of the most-favored regime which France grants to all other countries."

That the reaction in Washington to the French note of Sept. 30 would be far from unfavorable was indicated in a special dispatch of Oct. 2 to the New York "Times." The French suggestion for an investigation of costs would be accepted, it was said, and the French Government so advised. Reductions in the American tariff schedules would not necessarily follow, it was added, unless the Administration were fully satisfied that they were justified. In France, according to Paris dispatches of Oct. 4, not much confidence was felt that the commercial negotiations would be easily resolved. It was suggested that many weeks, and even months, will pass in the negotiation of the mutual concessions suggested in the French *aide memoir* of Sept. 30. President Coolidge, moreover, let it be known Tuesday that "this Government" is keenly hurt over the French attitude. Newspaper men were informed at the White House that the amount of American products involved in the alleged discrimination was not proportionately large, being only about \$10,000,000 annually, but that this Government believed an important principle was concerned and it intended to stand on its rights in asserting that principle. It was indicated flatly that the United States would enter into no negotiations concerning the new French tariff rates unless the discrimination of which it complains was removed. The controversy was further complicated Wednesday when Seymour Lowman, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of customs, issued instructions for meeting the French tariff increases on American products by increases on similar imports from France. Modifications of customs rates on imports of some products from Germany were also made by Mr. Lowman, who made it plain that his action was taken in pursuance of the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1922 and had no relation to the diplomatic exchange in progress.

The State Department nevertheless expressed com-

plete surprise when informed of Mr. Lowman's action. This was heightened by a statement, attributed to Mr. Lowman, that "the American policy is one of reciprocity. That's our policy; they go up; we go up. They go down; we go down." These remarks were disavowed Thursday by Mr. Lowman, and it was again pointed out in Washington that the American policy is precisely not one of reciprocity but of general equality. The reaction in Paris to these increases was nevertheless unfortunate, French officials, according to an Associated Press dispatch of Thursday, expressing "surprise and mystification," and the hope that the news would turn out to be erroneous. The reaction in Paris to these increases was nevertheless unfortunate, French officials, according to an Associated Press dispatch of Thursday, expressing "surprise and mystification," and the hope that the news would turn out to be erroneous.

A tremendous ovation was given last Sunday by the people of Germany to Paul von Hindenburg, leader of Germany's armies in war and President of the Republic in peace, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Berlin, where the celebration was held, seethed with excitement as all parties and hundreds of thousands of people from all parts of the land joined in the huge demonstration of affection and admiration for the grim old figure of the Wilhelmstrasse. The vast multitudes greeted him, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "with a spontaneous enthusiasm and a whole-hearted fervor of affection such as have fallen to the lot of few individuals in the whole course of the world's history." The chief event of the day was a celebration at the great stadium on the outskirts of the city, where 40,000 school children sang for the President, and where many of his fellow Generals of the war awaited him. Politics entered into the demonstration to some extent when the President, in reply to greetings extended by Chancellor Marx on behalf of the Government, said: "My deepest thoughts at this hour are devoted to our compatriots in the Rhineland districts who, to our regret, have not been relieved from foreign occupation. I greet them with a sad heart, and the wish and hope that the land on the Rhine may soon regain its liberty. To accomplish this will be the foremost purpose of German policy." Political prisoners, said to number thousands, were awarded amnesty by President von Hindenburg on his birthday. The entire diplomatic corps, headed by its dean, Mgr. Pacelli, Papal Nuncio, called at the German White House to pay its respects. President Coolidge also sent personal greetings last Saturday, wishing for the German President that he "spend many more years surrounded by the affection and admiration of the German people, to whom the American people send a message of sincere friendship."

Leon Trotzky, long the stormy petrel of Soviet politics, was expelled from the executive body of the Communist International on Sept. 30, together with M. Vuyovitch, one of his chief aides in the long fight of the Opposition against Joseph Stalin and the Central Communist Committee. The expulsion was effected by unanimous decision of the Communist International Presidium. Trotzky was haled before the disciplinary committee, after the discovery of secret printing plants and the expulsion of fourteen

members of the Opposition from the party. Defending his aides, Trotzky declared: "In their politics these men tower over those who conceal their crimes under party discipline. Nowadays no organization deliberates or decrees; all they do is carry out orders. Even the Presidium of the Communist International is no exception." The Presidium announced that it deemed Trotzky's and Vuyovitch's remaining in the Communist International impossible because of their violent struggle against the organization by means of underground printing plants, coupled with organizing illegal centres and inciting malicious slander against Soviet Russia abroad. The expulsion was necessary, it was said, "to preserve unity in the Lenin ranks and to counteract the undermining activities of the Oppositionist rebels." That the expulsion from the International will silence Trotzky is not deemed likely, as he is very popular with some of his associates and with the mass of the workers. The "Pravda," official organ of the Soviet, issued a stern warning to the Opposition in an editorial last Sunday.

A formal demand for the recall of Christian Rakovsky, Soviet Ambassador to Paris, was addressed to Foreign Minister Tchitcherin at Moscow, Oct. 5, by the French Government. M. Herbette, French Ambassador to Moscow, was said to have twice intimated to M. Tchitcherin that M. Rakovsky was *persona non grata* after the latter had been indiscreet enough to attach his signature to a Communist document designed to further revolutionary activities in all countries. M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, was inclined, reports said, to overlook the indiscretion of the Soviet emissary, but the Cabinet, at a meeting Sept. 30, decided that his recall would be advisable in view of the intensive press campaign throughout France against his continued presence. The Soviet offer of a debt settlement with France was believed to have a direct relation to the Soviet desire to avoid M. Rakovsky's recall. According to a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times," Moscow tried several times to prevent a decision being reached by renewing and increasing its most recent offers of a debt settlement. It was stated that the latest offer was nearly double that made last week, and that Moscow was prepared to give a guarantee in oil for the total amount of commercial credits which it asked during the next six years. A small naval mutiny at Toulon late in September increased the agitation of the French press for the Soviet Ambassador's recall. The intensity of the press campaign, together with the unsatisfactory attitude of Moscow, finally made the formal demand necessary.

Five separate agreements between Soviet Russia and Persia were signed at Moscow last Sunday. Their conclusion required nearly eight months of negotiation between the Russian and Persian officials, but they were said to be destined to cement the friendship between the two countries. The first agreement is a compact of neutrality and mutual non-aggression; the second is a trade convention; the third concerns customs, the fourth fisheries and the fifth regulations of the status of the Russian port of Pechlevi on the Caspian Sea, which the Persians use as a base for their fishing fleet. The ceremonies in Moscow took place in the mansion of the former sugar king, M. Haritonenko. The signatories for Russia were Foreign Minister Georges Tchitcherin,

Vice-Foreign Minister Karakhan and Minister of Trade Mikoyan, and for Persia Ali Gouli Khan Anzari, the Persian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The British Labor Party held its twenty-seventh annual conference in Blackpool, England, during the past week, attracting great interest throughout the Empire. The proceedings of the party are of considerable importance, as Labor is now His Majesty's Opposition in Parliament. Former Premier Ramsay MacDonald received a tumultuous ovation on his arrival in Blackpool last Sunday. He is now said to be more firmly in the saddle of his own party than ever before since the Trades Union Congress at Edinburgh rejected the Communist counsels. He showed clearly in his opening address the line on which Labor is preparing to go before the country when and if it can catch the Baldwin Government in an untenable position and gain a general election. Mr. MacDonald accused Premier Baldwin of conspiring with the coal mine owners to wreck the coal unions and increase working hours. He denied also that Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed the views of the British people when he warned the League of Nations that Britain could not extend the guarantees of European frontiers already given. "Under a Labor Government," Mr. MacDonald added, "we will march side by side and step by step with other nations and won't retard them." The first act of the Conference Monday was to follow the lead of the Edinburgh Trade Union meeting in turning a cold shoulder to Communism. The Communist "powers of dissension" were denounced and the national executive upheld in the expulsion of the Teachers' Labor League, an organization under Red influence. Mr. MacDonald further outlined Labor's policies Wednesday when he told the Conference that if a Labor Government took office it would nationalize all British coal mines. A foreign policy resolution was adopted at Thursday's session of the Blackpool Conference. The resumption of normal political and trading relations with Russia on the basis of mutual recognition of non-interference with each other's affairs was demanded, as was also a reopening of negotiations with the United States, looking to the settlement of all outstanding differences. The conclusion of a treaty outlawing war between Britain and the United States was urged.

The permanent regulation and restriction of the Cuban sugar industry was provided for in a bill which was signed in Havana, Tuesday, by President Machado. The stabilization of the industry and market are the aims of the measure, which provides for a pro rata export distributing organization and a world-wide campaign of propaganda for increased consumption of the Cuban staple. President Machado, in an address, declared that the better price obtained for sugar last year, when temporary restriction was in effect, as compared with the price received for the previous crop, showed clearly the value of curtailment. He said he did not want any measures taken that would tend to create artificial prices. "On the other hand," he added, "it is evident that if the Government adopts a permanent crop restriction without considering other factors which affect the price of the product, this measure would serve to stimulate production in other countries through higher prices, and the beneficial results we are seeking would be annulled. Therefore,

what we must seek is an agreement of sugar producers to take advantage of their mutual experience and adapt production to the demands of the world market." President Machado, according to a Havana dispatch of Oct. 4 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," has not intimated the extent of production allowed under the new law. It is believed, however, the dispatch added, that a new low maximum of 4,000,000 tons will be fixed. As the potential yield is approximately 5,000,000 tons, such a restriction would amount to one-fifth of the normal annual production.

A widespread military revolt in Mexico, ostensibly headed by two of the three candidates for the Mexican Presidency, begun Oct. 3, had disastrous consequences for the instigators. The two candidates, Generals Arnulfo Gomez and Francisco Serrano, were both officers in the Mexican army and they were joined in their insurrection by many fellow officers and by several battalions of troops. President Calles, aided by the third candidate, General Alvaro Obregon, moved against the rebels with loyal troops. It was promptly announced by President Calles that the Government was in full control of the situation and that punishment of the perpetrators would follow within forty-eight hours. The revolt of Generals Gomez and Serrano was apparently aimed at General Obregon, who was formerly President and for whom the Mexican law, which previously forbade a second term, was amended so as to make a second but inconsecutive term possible. Both Gomez and Serrano conducted their campaigns chiefly on the basis of antagonism to the re-election of General Obregon. The campaign became vitriolic some weeks ago and trouble was feared. Part of the Mexico City garrison revolted on the morning of Oct. 3, while similar outbreaks were reported from Torreon, State of Coahuila, and Vera Cruz. Eight hundred soldiers were reported as rebelling in Mexico City. They proceeded toward Texcoco, not far from the Federal capital, and several thousand loyal troops were dispatched in pursuit. At Torreon one battalion, acting under General Serrano's orders, was said to be in revolt. They were immediately attacked by loyal troops and after a short battle were defeated, the officers being taken prisoners and the soldiers disarmed. Two regiments attempted to revolt at Vera Cruz, according to the official statements. These were led by General Gomez. Mexico City remained calm during the revolt with 10,000 to 15,000 loyal troops on duty in and around the city.

One of the two revolting Generals, Francisco Serrano, paid the supreme penalty within twenty-four hours of the start of the insurrection. A bulletin, issued Tuesday at the Presidential Headquarters, announced his capture in the State of Morelos, together with the group accompanying him. They were tried by summary courtmartial and immediately executed. Those shot were General Serrano, Generals Carlos A. Vidal, Miguel A. Peralta and Daniel A. Peralta; Rafael Martinez de Escobar, a lawyer; Alonzo Capetilli, Augusto Pena, Antonio Jauregui, Ernesto Mendez, Octavio Almada, Jose Villa Arce, Otilio Gonzalez, lawyer; Enrique Monteverde, Jr., and former General Carlos V. Ariza. A further bulletin of Tuesday stated that the subversive movement of the Torreon troops had been suppressed, the Commander, Lieut.-Col. Augusto Manzillo, and his entire staff of battalion officers being

courtmartialed and shot. President Calles also announced that he had been aware of the seditious work of Generals Serrano and Gomez. "Despite all this," the statement said, "the Executive maintained a serene attitude and never molested those supporting Serrano and Gomez as candidates, gave them every kind of guarantees, treated them as friends, on various occasions of private conferences indicating the path of duty and patriotism and advising them that the proper method was to appeal to the public conscience, with the guarantee that sanctity of the vote would be upheld. So clear was the Executive's conduct in this respect that Gomez and Serrano never were able to make a justifiable charge of partiality in the political struggle or that the Government had participated in it." Additional summary trials and executions followed Thursday. General Alfredo Rueda Quijano, Commander of one of the garrison units that marched out of the capital Sunday night, was executed at the San Lazaro Military Prison in Mexico City. Advices reaching Nogales, Ariz., asserted that General Vincent Gonzales and thirteen members of the State Legislature were executed in Morelos Thursday. At the Presidential Bureau in the capital it was declared at the same time that the combined forces of General Arnulfo Gomez and General Hector Ignacio Almada were the only rebel group in the field. The Bureau said it was of the opinion that the rebellious troops could not number more than 1,600 or 1,500 men, and that they probably would be found to be fewer. President Calles, according to an Associated Press dispatch of Thursday from Mexico City, is called everywhere, even by those who differ sharply with some of his policies, the strongest man Mexico has produced since the days of Porfirio Diaz.

The proceedings of the General Claims Commission of the United States and Mexico were interrupted Sept. 30, when instructions for the return of the Mexican members were received from President Calles of Mexico. The Commission, created under the General Claims Convention, which was ratified by the Senates of the two republics in February 1924, was charged with the amicable adjustment of all unsettled claims by the citizens of the two countries against each other from July 4 1868 to the present day. It was stipulated that the work of the Commission should terminate in three years, but the United States, by resolution, provided for the Commission's continuance in the event that its duties were not completed. When the time limit expired some weeks ago, a new convention was signed in Washington and the Americans were ready to proceed. The Mexicans at the time took the view that they could not continue without the approval of the Mexican Senate. Such approval was obtained Oct. 1 and it was made known in Washington that further sittings of the Commission would be held in Mexico City, although as yet no definite date has been set. The life of the Commission is prolonged for two years more. One difficulty which must be settled before the Commission meets again is the selection of a new neutral member and presiding officer. Dr. V. van Vollenhoven, who held this post, has returned to his home in Holland and has stated that he would not return to either the United States or to Mexico as head of the Commission. He informed Secretary Kellogg months ago that he would not be able to continue service on the Commission because

of personal business. The second Mexican-American Commission, the Special Claims Commission, has not held a session since April 1926 and some doubt was expressed in Washington last week as to whether it would meet again, either in Washington or in Mexico City. The American claims before the General Claims Commission total about \$330,000,000 and those before the Special Commission about \$420,000,000.

An abrupt and startling change in the Chinese civil war was reported Oct. 3 in an Associated Press dispatch from Peking. Observers had intimated more than a month ago that all Southern operations for the capture of Peking would be discontinued as a result of the disorganization of the Kuomintang (Southern Nationalist) Party, and also because military operations are usually discontinued in Northern China during the winter months. It appeared, however, that General Yen Hsi-shan, Military Governor of Shansi Province, advanced swiftly upon the Chinese capital, taking Kalgan approximately 100 miles away, on Oct. 3. The reports were vague because Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian Dictator, maintains a strict censorship, but it became known that the Northern troops were driven back twenty miles and were withdrawn to Nankow Pass, thirty miles from Peking. General Feng Yushiang, it was said, is allied to General Yen Hsi-shan in the new move against Peking. The former, sometimes called the "Christian General" because his troops marched to the tune of Christian hymns, has been active in the country between Hankow and Peking since the Communist disasters along the Yangtze. The actual hostilities near Peking were precipitated, dispatches said, by General Shang Chen, Commander under Yen Hsi-shan. General Feng was reported to have promised General Shang Chen the place of war lord of Chili Province, if Marshal Chang Tso-lin were driven out of Peking. Some anxiety was expressed in Peking over the safety of a large number of American missionaries who returned recently, without authorization, to the outlying districts of Shansi and Chili in the belief that a peaceful winter was certain. The Northern forces evacuated on Oct. 5 the important city of Paoting-fu, about eighty-five miles southwest of Peking, indicating that the Shansi troops had won a major victory. The full significance of this movement could not be ascertained owing to the censorship. Important developments affecting the fate of Peking were, however, regarded as imminent. The foreigners in Peking were not thought to be in any danger, as there are approximately 5,000 foreign troops in the city at present, while any fighting between the Chinese factions for control probably will take place outside the city walls.

The Bank of Germany on Tuesday (Oct. 4) raised its rate of discount from 6% to 7%. Otherwise official discount rates at leading European centres have undergone no change during the week. They remain at 7% in Italy; 6½% in 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 yesterday were 4¼@4 5-16% for short bills, the same as on Friday of last week and 4 5-16% for long bills, also the same as a week ago. Money on call in London yesterday was 3½%, as against 3¼% on Friday

of last week. At Paris the open market discount rate remains at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 3⅜%.

The Bank of England in its statement on Thursday for the week ending Wednesday showed an increase of £86,274 in its gold holdings, raising the total now to £151,178,562, which compares with £154,865,287 at the corresponding date in 1926 and £157,916,689 in 1925. As notes in circulation, however, increased £484,000, the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department declined £398,000. The proportion of the Bank's reserves to deposit liabilities now stands at 25.93%. Last week it was 27.87% and two weeks ago 28.22%. Public deposits fell off £4,702,000, but "other" deposits increased £12,326,000. An increase of £1,535,000 was shown in the item "loans on Government securities," while "other" securities expanded £5,793,000. The total of notes in circulation is now £136,989,000, against £140,232,845 and £143,961,040 in 1926 and 1925, respectively. The official discount rate remains unchanged at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items in the Bank of England return for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	Oct. 5. £	Oct. 6. £	Oct. 7. £	Oct. 8. £	Oct. 10. £
Circulation.....	136,989,000	140,232,845	143,961,040	124,484,485	123,909,130
Public deposits.....	20,992,000	15,798,046	9,547,367	10,866,507	13,501,395
Other deposits.....	109,864,000	106,860,338	109,508,232	113,881,925	104,910,991
Govern't securities	57,845,000	33,265,307	33,742,304	44,733,443	41,228,834
Other securities.....	56,727,000	72,678,386	69,237,587	73,911,624	71,309,461
Reserve notes & coin	33,939,000	34,382,442	33,705,549	23,746,589	23,511,428
Coin and bullion.....	151,178,000	154,865,287	157,916,689	128,481,074	127,670,558
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	25.93%	28.52%	28¾%	19%	19¾%
Bank rate.....	4½%	5%	4%	4%	4%

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

In its latest statement, made public on Oct. 6, the Bank of France showed an increase in note circulation of 1,731,742,000 francs, raising the total of that item to 55,890,347,530 francs. For the corresponding week last year the amount was 55,994,034,310 francs and in 1925 41,165,204,545 francs. Gold holdings of all kinds again remained unchanged, the total being 5,545,833,327 francs, against 5,548,780,876 francs in 1926 and 5,547,299,705 francs the previous year. Advances to the State, which have been repeatedly reduced of late, showed no change, the total remaining at 24,400,000,000 francs, compared with 36,950,000,000 francs last year. In 1925 the total of this item was 30,350,000,000 francs. "Divers," or sundry, assets, in which are included holdings of foreign exchange, expanded 1,024,447,000 francs. Treasury deposits increased 14,361,000 francs, general deposits 8,478,000 francs, but bills discounted decreased 714,795,000 francs. Silver increased 286,000 francs and trade advances 14,927,000 francs. Comparisons of the various items in the Bank of France statement are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		Oct. 5 1927. Francs.	Oct. 6 1926. Francs.	Oct. 7 1925. Francs.
Gold Holdings—	Unchanged	5,545,833,327	5,548,780,876	5,547,299,705
In France.....	Unchanged	3,681,512,414	3,684,459,968	3,682,978,797
Abroad—Available.	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Abroad—Non-avall.	Unchanged	1,401,549,425		
Total.....	Unchanged	5,545,833,327	5,548,780,876	5,547,299,705
Silver.....	Inc. 286,000	342,900,381	338,966,855	309,986,192
Bills discounted.....	Dec 714,795,000	1,205,369,067	4,706,798,426	2,846,988,628
Advances.....	Inc. 14,927,000	1,662,211,428	2,289,693,436	2,744,626,529
Note circulation.....	Inc. 1,731,742,000	55,890,347,530	55,994,034,310	41,165,204,545
Treasury deposits.....	Inc. 14,361,000	19,359,587	9,819,061	35,529,080
General deposits.....	Inc. 8,478,000	10,442,683,466	2,886,027,395	2,281,604,273
Advances to State.....	Unchanged	24,400,000,000	36,950,000,000	30,350,000,000
Divers assets.....	Inc. 1,024,447,000	24,757,934,796	5,311,194,393	3,767,355,465

The latest statement of the Bank of Germany, under date of Sept. 30, showed an expansion of notes in circulation of 634,793,000 marks, due, no doubt, to the month-end settlements, making the total 4,182,435,000 marks, against 3,251,077,000 marks in 1926 and 2,649,135,000 marks the year before. There was a decrease of 58,509,000 marks in other daily maturing obligations and 20,349,000 marks in other liabilities. Gold and bullion declined 149,000 marks. The total of this item is now 1,852,097,000 marks, compared with 1,598,111,000 marks and 1,174,709,000 marks in 1926 and 1925, respectively. Silver and other coin decreased 16,861,000 marks, advances expanded 117,973,000 marks and notes on other German banks decreased 16,890,000 marks. Other assets dropped 39,142,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks rose 510,008,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currency gained 799,000 marks, while both investments and deposits abroad remained unchanged. A comparison of the various items in the German Bank statement is shown below for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.		Sept. 30 1927.	Sept. 30 1926.	Sept. 30 1925
Assets—		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks..
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 149,000	1,852,097,000	1,598,111,000	1,174,709,000
Of which depos. abr'd..	Unchanged	66,543,000	201,778,000	98,620,000
Res'v in for'n curr....	Inc. 799,000	153,805,000	521,871,000	318,923,000
Bills of exch. & checks..	Inc. 510,008,000	2,745,689,000	1,383,528,000	1,717,304,000
Silver and other coin...Dec.	16,861,000	64,114,000	111,006,000	65,522,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks..	Dec. 16,890,000	7,349,000	5,102,000	12,319,000
Advances.....	Inc. 117,973,000	152,792,000	142,102,000	56,423,000
Investments.....	Unchanged	92,261,000	91,371,000	202,257,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 39,142,000	494,135,000	555,996,000	460,002,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Inc.	634,793,000	4,182,435,000	3,251,077,000	2,649,135,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.	Dec. 58,509,000	629,742,000	594,597,000	620,235,000
Other liabilities.....	Dec. 20,349,000	385,081,000	203,540,000	429,494,000

The ease which has prevailed in the New York money market over a period of months suffered a slight interruption this week. Call funds fluctuated between 4 and 4½% throughout, showing somewhat more irregularity than in previous weeks. The demand rate was 4% all day Monday, with counter trades reported at 3¾%. Calling of \$25,000,000 loans on Tuesday sent the rate up to 4½%, with street trades absent. The counter market was re-established Wednesday, with trades at the usual ¼% concession under the official figure of 4½%. On Friday the prevailing figure was 4%, though withdrawals of \$10,000,000 were reported. Record increases in brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral were noted both in the weekly Reserve Board compilation and the monthly Stock Exchange statement, issued Tuesday. The total figures have now been carried to fantastic heights. The increase in the Federal Reserve Board compilation, covering New York reporting member banks, was \$89,612,000. It marked the fifth successive record high in the weekly tabulations. The increase for September in the Stock Exchange compilation was \$240,736,417, this being very much more than had been expected.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, the renewal rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange on Monday was 4%, and all other loans were at the same figure. On Tuesday renewals were again at 4%, but the general rate rose to 4½% later in the day. On Wednesday the renewal rate also moved up to 4½%, and this was the charge likewise for all other loans. On Thursday the renewal rate was again 4½%, but the general rate declined to 4%, while on Friday all loans were put through at 4%, including renewals. Time loans also stiffened somewhat for the shorter maturities. Quotations

yesterday were 4% for 30 days, 4@4¼% for 60 days, 4¼@4¾% for 90 days and four months, and also for five and six months. Commercial paper has displayed little activity and the rate for four to six months' names of choice character continues at 4%, though for the shorter choice names the quotation is 3¾@4%. For names less well known the quotation is now 4¼%. For New England mill paper the range is 4@4¼%.

In the market for banks' and bankers' acceptances the American Acceptance Council on Monday advanced the rate for call loans against acceptances from 3¼ to 3½%. The Council on Friday also advanced the 90-day rate on acceptances ⅓ of 1%. This left the posted rates yesterday on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3⅓% bid and 3% asked for bills running 30 days; 3¼% bid and 3⅓% asked for bills running 60 days; 3⅓% bid and 3¼% asked for 90 days and 120 days, and 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations also show an advance in the 90-day rate. The open market schedule is as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3½	3¼	3¼	3½	3½	3

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	3½ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¼ 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 Oct. 7.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3½	Aug. 5 1927	4
New York.....	3½	Aug. 5 1927	4
Philadelphia.....	3½	Sept. 8 1927	4
Cleveland.....	3½	Aug. 6 1927	4
Richmond.....	3½	Aug. 16 1927	4
Atlanta.....	3½	Aug. 13 1927	4
Chicago.....	3½	Sept. 7 1927	4
St. Louis.....	3½	Aug. 4 1927	4
Minneapolis.....	3½	Sept. 13 1927	4
Kansas City.....	3½	July 29 1927	4
Dallas.....	3½	Aug. 12 1927	4
San Francisco.....	3½	Sept. 10 1927	4

Sterling exchange this week has been in good demand, and the rate went to a new high for the year in Tuesday's market, when cable transfers sold at 4.86 29-32, which is above the 1926 high of 4.86 13-16, and a new high since Dec. 18 1914, when the rate was also 4.86 29-32. The present movement represents a gain of 1 9-32 cents since Aug. 1. This is the more remarkable, inasmuch as the rise since August is unseasonable. Usually from August until February the pressure from British and other European purchases of American cotton and grain depresses the sterling rate. The range this week has been from 4.86 ⅛ to 4.86 17-32 for bankers' sight, and from 4.86 9-16 to 4.86 29-32 for cable transfers. Another circumstance which makes the strength in the pound unusually noteworthy is the fact that there have been larger offerings of cotton and grain bills, especially grain bills, which under ordinary conditions should have been a depressing factor. One important reason for firmness is the scarcity of spot exchange on the part of bankers requiring balances in British funds. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York points out in its monthly review of credit and business conditions that the strength in sterling exchange is due in part to the easier money rates in New York.

The bank's review says: "A lower level of money rates in this market than in London has been one of the causes of increasing strength in sterling exchange during the past two months, in contrast to the tendency a year ago. Last year sterling showed a steady decline from early in July through October. During the first six months of 1927 sterling exchange was, for the most part, only slightly above the point at which gold would move to this country, but, following easier money conditions here in July and August, the exchange has risen steadily until on Sept. 24 the demand rate was above 4.86 $\frac{1}{4}$ and the cable rate advanced above par. This strength in sterling exchange is particularly important at the present time, because sterling is the medium through which a large proportion of European purchases of American farm products are made, and the volume of these purchases and the prices at which they are made are much influenced by the position of the exchanges. Strength in sterling exchange was accompanied by strength in most other foreign exchanges in terms of dollars." The large volume of foreign financing being done in this country is undoubtedly an important factor in the present firmness in sterling. Another reason, besides the transfer of funds to the London and Continental money markets for short-term investments, is to be found in the interest which many American investors are taking in London issues, as well as in other foreign issues traded in on the London market. American interest in these issues is undoubtedly greater than at any previous time, and is largely responsible for the activity of industrial shares on the London Stock Exchange.

The Bank of England statement for the week ending Oct. 5 showed a gain of £86,274 in gold. This follows upon the gain of £66,273 last week. On Tuesday the Bank sold £112,000 in gold bars to a destination not stated. On Wednesday the Bank of England exported £14,000 in sovereigns to Spain. On Thursday the Bank sold £29,000 in gold bars, to an unstated destination. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Oct. 5, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, consisted of imports of \$1,193,000, of which \$972,000 came from Ecuador, and exports of \$50,000 to a source not stated. There was no Canadian movement of gold either to or from the United States. Canadian exchange continues at a premium, which ranged this week from 3-32 of 1% to $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling last Saturday was steady in a dull market. The range was 4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4.86 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers sight, and 4.86 9-16@4.86 11-16 for cable transfers. On Monday demand ranged between 4.86 3-16 and 4.86 $\frac{3}{8}$, and cable transfers between 4.86 $\frac{5}{8}$ and 4.86 $\frac{3}{4}$. On Tuesday sterling exceeded the 1926 high. Demand ranged at 4.86 5-16@4.86 $\frac{1}{2}$, and cable transfers at 4.86 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.86 29-32. On Wednesday sterling reacted. Bankers sight ranged from 4.86 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 4.86 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cable transfers ranged from 4.86 13-16 to 4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$. On Thursday the market was steady at 4.86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4.86 15-32 for bankers sight and at 4.86 25-32@4.86 27-32 for cable transfers. On Friday the range was 4.86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4.86 17-32 for bankers sight and 4.86 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.86 29-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.86 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand and 4.89 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.86 $\frac{3}{8}$, 60-day bills at 4.82 7-16, 90-day bills at 4.80 $\frac{3}{4}$, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.82 7-16, and

seven-day grain bills at 4.85 $\frac{3}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.86 $\frac{3}{8}$.

In the Continental exchanges there was more activity this week. All the Continental currencies moved up in sympathy with sterling. German marks were in demand and moved up to a new high for the year in Tuesday's market, when cable transfers sold at 23.84 $\frac{1}{2}$ on news that the Reichsbank had raised its discount rate from 6% to 7%. There have been considerable offerings during the week of German commercial bills, but this pressure was offset by other factors of a financial character. The Lombard rediscount rate (loans against stocks and bonds) in Berlin was also increased from 7% to 8%. This firmness in the German money rates is an important factor in bankers' demand for mark exchange, as the higher rates in the money market are attracting funds from New York and other centres. Day-to-day funds in Berlin are rating at 8% to 9%. The discounts of the Reichsbank increased about 510,000,000 marks at the end of September and now total approximately 2,745,000,000 marks, which is nearly double the total last year. The Reichsbank's statement also shows an increase during the week of 634,793,000 marks in note circulation, and a slight loss in gold of about 149,000 marks. These changes indicate increased business and industrial activity in Germany, and indirectly throw light upon the incessant demand for foreign accommodation, which is in turn reflected by heavy mark buying here and abroad for financial interests. Berlin financial authorities ascribe the rise in the Reichsbank rediscount rate to the increase of loans and circulating notes, combined with the depletion of the reserves of gold and foreign exchange. Italian lire have been in demand this week and especially active in the New York market, where some very large amounts were bought. A considerable part of the buying, both here and abroad, is of a speculative character, traders counting upon a sure rise in the valuation of the unit, although Fascist Government officials have frequently announced that there will be no change in the valuation this year. Despite the official statement, the general attitude of foreign exchange traders indicates that a higher valuation is to be expected at no very distant date. Lire sold as high as 5.52 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers this week, twelve points above the approximate stabilization point fixed by the Italian Government, though moving lower again the last two days. The recent strength in Italian dollar bonds was also an important factor, stimulating speculative interests in the currency. Italian lira issues have likewise been attractive and Italian common stocks have risen in Rome and Milan for several weeks. This reflects an improvement in the general situation and in the prospects of a stable lira, all influences which tend to create active buying of the currency for investment transactions. However, the Italian Government again showed its disapproval this week of the too sudden rise. Premier Mussolini and the Finance Minister, Count Volpi, have assured Italian business men that they could make plans for the future based on lire valued at approximately 90 to the pound, or 5.40 cents. In keeping with this program, the Government sold lire in the latter part of this week, with the result that the rate yesterday was down to 5.46 for cable transfers. De Stefani, late Finance Minister of Italy, urges lowering the Bank of Italy rediscount rate, owing to the abundance

of credit available there. The Italian rediscount rate has been 7% since June 18 1925.

French francs were firm largely as the result of the firmer tone in sterling. While the rate continues practically pegged at around present levels of de facto stabilization at 3.92, nevertheless, there is also a strong speculative inclination to regard the franc as due to rise when the de facto position gives place to legalized stabilization. In this exchange also traders learn that any attempt at bulling the currency for future advance will be offset by official selling by the Bank of France, which with its present large exchange holdings, is in a good position to counteract any speculative operations. This week the "sundry assets," which include the Bank of France holdings of foreign exchange, show an increase of 1,024,500,000 francs. Last week reports reached the market that Poland had interrupted negotiations for a loan of \$70,000,000 for stabilization purposes. This week reports stated that the negotiations have been resumed, and it is possible that the details may soon be made public. The majority of the Polish Cabinet insist that the loan is a virtual necessity. London reports stated that the loan would be issued on Oct. 10, of which probably \$45,000,000 would be placed in New York and £2,000,000 in London. Polish zloty, as explained here last week, do not reflect the contemplated loan in any way, as the currency is practically pegged at slightly above 11 cents through operations of the Bank of Poland. Aside from this, zloty trading does not run to very large figures in the New York market.

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 3.92³/₈, against 3.92 a week ago; cable transfers at 3.92⁵/₈, against 3.92¹/₄, and commercial sight bills at 3.92, against 3.91⁷/₈. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.92 5-16 for checks and at 13.93 for cable transfers, as against 13.92 and 13.93 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.83 for checks and 23.84 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.82 and 23.83 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.46 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.46¹/₂ for cable transfers, as against 5.45 and 5.45¹/₂ last week. Austrian schillings have not been changed from 14¹/₈. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96¹/₈, against 2.96¹/₈; on Bucharest at 0.62¹/₄, against 0.62; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.51³/₄. Greek exchange closed at 1.32¹/₂ for checks and at 1.32³/₄ for cable transfers, against 1.32¹/₄ and 1.32¹/₂ a week ago.

In the exchanges of the countries neutral during the war, interest this week centred in speculative buying of pesetas. Spanish pesetas closed last week at 17.43 for checks. After an advance to 17.51 on Monday, there was a decline to 17.33¹/₂ on Tuesday, with the close yesterday at 17.42. Speculative transactions were less in evidence, however, than a week ago, as interest was directed toward Italian exchange. Exchange on Holland was firm, although there were considerable offerings of guilder commercial bills. Guilders moved up to 40.10¹/₂ for cable transfers, which was the prevailing rate Tuesday to Friday. The Scandinavian exchanges were all firm, though only slightly dealt in. The firmness was, as with most of the European exchanges, simply a reflection of the sterling market. Swedish krona reached another high of 26.91¹/₂ in Tuesday's mar-

ket, coincident with sterling touching its post-war high. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.08¹/₂, against 40.06¹/₂ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.10¹/₂, against 40.08¹/₂, and commercial sight bills at 40.05¹/₂, against 40.03¹/₂. Swiss francs closed at 19.28 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.28¹/₂ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.28 and 19.28¹/₂ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.78 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.77 and 26.78. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.91 and cable transfers at 26.92, against 26.89 and 26.90, while checks on Norway finished at 26.39 and cable transfers at 26.40, against 26.37 and 26.38. Spanish pesetas closed at 17.42 for checks and at 17.43 for cable transfers, which compares with 17.43 and 17.44 a week earlier.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, OCT. 1 1927 TO OCT. 7 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 1.	Oct. 3.	Oct. 4.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.	Oct. 7.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.4073	1.4082	1.4074	1.4080	1.4077	1.4072
Belgium, belga	.1392	.1392	.1393	.1393	.1393	.1393
Bulgaria, lev	.007258	.007242	.007217	.007205	.007218	.007218
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029627	.029626	.029626	.029626	.029628	.029625
Denmark, krone	.2677	.2677	.2678	.2678	.2678	.2678
England, pound sterling	4.8658	4.8664	4.8675	4.8681	4.8674	4.8676
Finland, marka	.025185	.025186	.025188	.025183	.025195	.025182
France, franc	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0392
Germany, reichsmark	.2382	.2382	.2384	.2384	.2383	.2383
Greece, drachma	.013228	.013233	.013234	.013229	.013238	.013212
Holland, guilder	.4009	.4009	.4009	.4010	.4010	.4010
Hungary, pengo	.1747	.1747	.1746	.1746	.1746	.1746
Italy, lira	.0545	.0546	.0546	.0547	.0547	.0546
Norway, krone	.2637	.2634	.2636	.2635	.2634	.2635
Poland, zloty	.1124	.1120	.1120	.1121	.1123	.1116
Portugal, escudo	.0497	.0494	.0493	.0493	.0493	.0495
Rumania, leu	.006220	.006212	.006209	.006210	.006215	.006213
Spain, peseta	.1745	.1742	.1739	.1741	.1739	.1743
Sweden, krona	.2689	.2690	.2690	.2691	.2691	.2691
Switzerland, franc	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017604	.017605	.017608	.017601	.017607	.017608
ASIA—						
China						
Chefoo tael	.6375	.6360	.6381	.6398	.6408	.6396
Hankow tael	.6233	.6227	.6240	.6248	.6254	.6242
Shanghai tael	.6139	.6103	.6140	.6153	.6147	.6151
Tientsin tael	.6433	.6423	.6444	.6460	.6448	.6454
Hong Kong dollar	.4854	.4854	.4857	.4869	.4860	.4866
Mexican dollar	.4448	.4455	.4465	.4465	.4465	.4460
Tientsin or Peiyang dollar	.4413	.4421	.4438	.4438	.4439	.4433
Yuan dollar	.4379	.4388	.4404	.4404	.4396	.4388
India, rupee	.3636	.3640	.3640	.3641	.3640	.3641
Japan, yen	.4660	.4665	.4662	.4656	.4662	.4669
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.5598	.5598	.5598	.5598	.5598	.5698
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	1.000823	1.000960	1.000864	1.000809	1.000850	1.000887
Cuba, peso	.999438	.999438	.999438	.999375	.999344	.999375
Mexico, peso	.476667	.477167	.477333	.477333	.475167	.475500
Newfoundland, dollar	.998438	.998556	.998688	.998250	.998469	.998375
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9715	.9713	.9714	.9716	.9716	.9717
Brazil, milreis	.1189	.1188	.1188	.1188	.1188	.1188
Chile, peso	.1207	.1211	.1216	.1216	.1217	.1217
Uruguay, peso	1.0174	1.0157	1.0155	1.0153	1.0138	1.0185

The South American exchanges continue dull, with considerably lessened volume of trading here since the recent flow of gold to Argentina from proceeds of securities sold by that country in this market. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York stated that the net gold export in September—the first net export movement for any month of this year—was due to the shipment of \$23,000,000 of gold to the Argentine. The special features attaching to Argentinian exchange were covered in this column a few weeks ago. There are no new features in any of the South American exchanges calling for special comment. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.73 for checks, as compared with 42.71 last week, and 42.78 for cable transfers, against 42.76. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.91 for checks and at 11.92 for cable transfers, against 11.94 and 11.95. Chilean exchange closed at 12.16 for checks and at 12.17 for cable transfers, against 12.12 and 12.13, and Peru at 3.87 for checks and 3.88 for cable transfers, against 3.87 and 3.88.

In the Far Eastern exchanges Japanese yen continue to show the firmness which began a week ago. As stated last week, the firmness is due to the cessation of Chinese bear operations. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 46 9-16@46⁷/₈, against

46.40@46⁵/₈ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 48.80@48 15-16, against 48.85@48⁷/₈; Shanghai at 61 9-16@61³/₄, against 61⁵/₈@61 15-16; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 56¹/₄@56 7-16, against 56¹/₄@56 7-16; Bombay at 36¹/₂, against 36¹/₂, and Calcutta at 36¹/₂, against 36¹/₂.

Owing to a marked disinclination on the part of two or three leading institutions among the New York Clearing House banks to keep up compiling the figures for us, we find ourselves obliged to discontinue the publication of the table we have been giving for so many years showing the shipments and receipts of currency to and from the interior.

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is also 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, Oct. 1.	Monday, Oct. 3.	Tuesday, Oct. 4.	Wednesday, Oct. 5.	Thursday, Oct. 6.	Friday, Oct. 7.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 123,000,000	\$ 123,000,000	\$ 102,000,000	\$ 117,000,000	\$ 104,000,000	\$ 102,000,000	\$ Cr. 671,000,000

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	Oct. 6 1927.			Oct. 7 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 151,178,562	£	£ 151,178,562	£ 154,865,287	£	£ 154,865,287
France a	147,260,559	13,680,000	160,940,559	147,378,399	13,520,000	160,898,399
Germany b	89,277,700	c994,600	90,272,300	69,820,000	c994,600	70,814,600
Spain	103,908,000	27,107,000	131,015,000	102,261,000	26,765,000	129,026,000
Italy	46,878,000	3,864,000	50,742,000	45,439,000	4,156,000	49,595,000
Netherl'ds	32,181,000	2,328,000	34,509,000	34,927,000	2,210,000	37,137,000
Nat. Belg.	19,060,000	1,180,000	20,240,000	10,955,000	3,386,000	14,341,000
Switzerl'd	18,856,000	2,586,000	21,442,000	16,991,000	3,437,000	20,428,000
Sweden	12,269,000	---	12,269,000	12,600,000	---	12,600,000
Denmark	10,121,000	723,000	10,844,000	11,617,000	878,000	12,495,000
Norway	8,180,000	---	8,180,000	8,180,000	---	8,180,000
Total week	639,169,821	52,462,600	691,632,421	615,033,686	55,346,600	670,380,286
Prev. week	637,900,997	52,440,600	690,341,597	614,488,753	55,318,600	669,807,353

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 £3,327,150. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Trade Negotiations with France.

The action of the Treasury Department in ordering an immediate increase in the duties to be assessed upon certain imports from France gives unexpectedly prompt effect to the veiled threat contained in the note addressed on Sept. 19 to the French Government in reply to the French note of Sept. 14. With the increases on French imports go also reduced duties on certain imports from Germany. Both increases and decreases, it is stated, are designed to meet the changes in French and German tariffs brought about by the recent commercial treaty concluded between France and Germany, under which tariff levies have been adjusted on a reciprocal basis. While the changes in the American rates which have just been ordered are, of course, such as are contemplated by the Fordney-McCumber Act, they are not, the Treasury Department has explained, retaliatory, since retaliatory increases can be ordered only by the President and put in force after thirty days' notice. It seems surprising, however, that the Treasury Department, with the question of a commercial treaty with France pending and

the American reply to the French note of Sept. 30 still in preparation, should have injected into the tariff controversy between the two countries an action which, however, automatic in form, is almost certain to be looked upon in both countries as retaliatory in substance, and that it should have done this, if Washington reports are to be accepted, without consultation with the Department of State, in whose hands the tariff negotiations with France properly belong.

Yet even a cursory reading of the diplomatic correspondence which was made public on Monday makes clear the existence of a fundamental conflict such as the Fordney-McCumber tariff contemplated, and for which the Act provided what was intended to be a drastic treatment. Few documents of recent date have been better worth a careful study than the French note of Sept. 14, the American reply of the 19th, and the exhaustive French rejoinder of the 30th. What new facts or arguments the Department of State may be able to adduce in the new note which is shortly to be dispatched will be known in due time, but the three notes already published contain an informing exposition of the tariff policies of the two Governments, and, from the French point of view, a weighty criticism of the American position.

The substance of the first French note is an offer, on the part of the French Government, to proceed with the negotiation of a commercial treaty with the United States, provided it can be assured that a guarantee to the United States of "more complete equality with its most favored competitors in the French market, under the regime of granting the minimum tariff to the principal exported products" of this country, will be matched by a guarantee to French exports of "advantages of the same nature in the American market, not only by the application without discrimination of the tariff of the United States, but also, should there be occasion, by such reductions or adaptations of this tariff as might appear necessary to permit the sale of certain specific French goods in the American market." If such an assurance is given, the French Government is prepared to lower at once by 50% the surplus rates established by its decree of Aug. 20 under which certain American products find themselves subject to the new maximum duties. The French Government, however, the note declares, now as during the tariff negotiations carried on from 1897 to 1920, "believes that it is not possible to place on the same level the indiscriminate application of the common customs law practiced by the United States, which precludes any present or eventual favor being granted to third States, and the positive advantages of the most favored nation treatment and of the granting of the minimum France tariff." It is further of the opinion "that the prohibitive regime resulting for certain French products from the particularly high tariff which the United States has in force at present, and the moderate rates of the French minimum tariff, which offer to American exporters generous possibilities in the French market, cannot be considered as equivalent."

The reply of the American Government, in addition to expressing surprise and disappointment at the attitude of the French Government, frankly admits that the present American tariff law "does not envisage the conclusion of a treaty of reciprocity in regard to rates of duty." Its principle, on the contrary, is declared to be that of "equal treatment of

the trade of all nations." Conceding that tariff rates "are matter solely of internal policy," the United States nevertheless feels "that a protest is justified when these rates do not apply equally to all nations," and it accordingly "objects only to the fact that France is discriminating against the trade of the United States by applying to many categories of American goods rates in some cases four times as high as upon similar articles imported from Germany and other countries competing with the United States in the French market." The note concludes with a warning that American rates on French imports may be increased if the discrimination objected to is continued, or a treaty according to the United States most favored treatment is not concluded.

How profound is the rift between the tariff policies of the two countries is made clear in the French rejoinder of Sept. 30. The French Government not only rejects "the principle of equality of commercial relations which the Government of the United States declares is the only sound basis of international relations, and the only guarantee against a number of political or economic dangers which it sets forth in detail," but also denies that the principle has received the unanimous support which the United States, in its note of Sept. 19, claimed for it. It was not considered by the Peace Conference "as a sufficient guarantee in itself to enforce fair and peaceful relations between nations," nor by the Genoa Conference, nor by the International Conference for the Simplification of Customs Formalities, nor by the recent International Economic Conference at Geneva, nor is it the doctrine of France. In none of these cases was the most favored nation treatment which was desired as an end looked upon as practicable of attainment save through the dual process of control by each nation over its own tariffs, and mutual concessions resting upon reciprocal advantage. Not until 1922, when the Fordney-McCumber tariff was adopted, did the United States itself turn its back upon the principle of reciprocity, and inaugurate a tariff system under which reciprocity is no longer possible. In the opinion of the French Government, which has already applied reciprocity in a treaty with Germany and "is preparing other treaties on the same basis," "most of the countries of Europe would consider not as progress, but as a step backward in commercial policy," a tariff procedure by which, "whatever commercial advantages may be exchanged, most favored nation treatment should be granted indifferently to all countries without taking into account the protectionism of some and the liberalism of others, in such a manner that there would result a benefit for the former to the detriment of the latter and a miscarriage of justice as regards the contracting State itself."

What France complains of, the note continues, is not that it is being discriminated against by the United States, but that it is "being subjected, together with other States, to a restrictive regime which, in view of the character of her production, is more prejudicial to her than to other nations, and which, although applicable to everybody, has hit her commerce most particularly." An examination of a list of fifteen articles or classes of articles, upon whose importation into the United States from France the Fordney-McCumber tariff imposes restriction, shows that the duties in question "are, in most cases, higher than those of the French general

tariff for the same articles, and these duties are quadruple those of the minimum tariff." To the direct burden of the American duties are to be added an administrative procedure under which the American customs service "asserts its right to resort to practices" in France "which French law forbids to the French Government itself," and sanitary regulations "which are often completely fatal to agricultural exports from France." Even so, the recent increases of duties affect only about 18,000,000 francs, or scarcely 2½% of the 7,561,834,000 francs of American imports into France for the year ending June 30 last. The French Government, the note declares, "must express its deep surprise to see that, as a result of respecting the laws by which it is bound, it finds itself threatened with reprisals whose injustice or excess becomes apparent as soon as one tries to evaluate the actual damage of which the United States allege they have to complain."

Here, surely, is a situation which calls for diplomacy of a high and serious kind. A solution of the problem has certainly not been helped by the precipitate action of the Treasury Department in ordering a readjustment of duties to meet the altered duties of the Franco-German commercial treaty, and Mr. Lowman's reported assertion that "the American policy is one of reciprocity," was not merely tactless, but appears also to have found no support from his superiors. Mr. Coolidge's reported feelings of pain at the alleged disregard by France of the cordial relations hitherto existing between the two nations will also, we fear, be of small avail in straightening the matter out. There is apparently more to the matter, too, than the adjustment of the particular controversy with France. Anyone who will read between the lines of the second French note will perceive that France, in standing out for its right to conclude commercial treaties on a basis of reciprocity, and to impose discriminating duties on imports from countries that refuse to accept reciprocal arrangements, regards itself as in a way a spokesman for Europe. It is possible that the anti-American bloc which some have professed to see forming in Europe is only a creature of fear, but it is nevertheless evident enough, as more than one European journal has pointed out, that if the United States can compel France, through retaliatory duties or other devices, to accept with no modification whatever the principle of the Fordney-McCumber tariff, a similar surrender may be looked for in other countries, and American high protection will dominate the economic life of Europe. Nothing, we may be sure, would do more to array Europe against America than such an outcome. It is in every way to be hoped that the tariff war which has suddenly loomed on the horizon may be averted, and that the concessions which France has offered may be met at least halfway, and in a generous spirit, by the Administration.

The Anti-Trust Law.

A dispatch from Rapid City, S. Dak., early last month indicated that President Coolidge has had under consideration amendments to the Sherman Anti-Trust Law with a view to its "clarification" and that he *may* have something to say on the subject in his next message. It is announced that Assistant Attorney-General Donovan advocated an extension of the law "so as to prevent a corporation

from owning the stock assets of other companies and thereby creating a monopoly without coming technically under the scope of this law." Secretary Work, it appears, thinks the law ought to be "amended so as to permit combinations of oil concerns forming to prevent the waste in oil." Secretary Davis, the dispatch said, "desired to reach a similar end in connection with the production of soft coal." According to him, the present labor trouble in the bituminous mines is due to an overproduction of coal, which is being wasted and produced at non-paying prices. He urged a consolidation of the soft coal industry, the placing of a director over it, so as to produce only such coal as is needed. "This," he said, "could be done only by amending the Sherman Anti-Trust laws," and, in his opinion, it is vitally necessary to conserve the coal deposits. He said, furthermore, that "such a combination as he proposed could not control prices and form a trust that would be injurious to the consumer."

It is thought there is little likelihood that these proposals will receive much attention in the coming Congress which will have important constructive legislation on its hands and a general election just ahead of it. For this reason comment might well be postponed until the amendments are in form, were it not for the fact that even the announcement must have a disturbing effect upon business. The fact is that this Sherman Anti-Trust Law, a product of political onslaught upon monopolies, has been a subject of controversy ever since it was passed. It is an arbitrary attempt by Government to prevent the operation of natural laws. In spite of it, and regardless of certain "prosecutions" under it, consolidated corporations have increased rapidly in the country and many are in process of forming to-day. In Europe the process goes on tremendously. If, in the two instances cited last above, "extension" is to be considered as exemption in oil and coal, why not wipe out the law as to all other products?

We recall that labor unions were directly exempted from the operation of this law, yet they constitute the largest wage-making monopoly in the country, if not in the world. We further recall that when a certain President undertook to delve into the constitution and bearing of "trusts" he was forced to admit that there were good trusts and bad trusts. Under the operation of the law, when tried in the courts, the Standard Oil Co. was forced to segregate its various parts, while the United States Steel Co. was allowed to continue as an original unit. This leads an inquirer to believe that as far as "conservation" is concerned there must be contradictions in the law (or circumstances and business conduct alter cases) as to the defining of judicial decisions of the word "monopoly." According to the pragmatic principle, if a thing works (in this case in the interests of the consumers) it is right. And it must follow that a statutory law, regulating the conduct of industry, which must try every corporation on its merits or demerits as to facts of procedure, will be exceedingly hard to administer.

Taking the whole range of manufacture and trade into consideration, it must be said that this is one of the "save the people" laws that has fallen far short of expectations. Consolidation is the order of the day. Railroads are now permitted to consolidate under the supervision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which is merely an obstacle to the natural law. The whole trend of business is

away from the binding chains of the law. And to "extend" it by way of making exceptions to its operation is merely to admit that it is generally ineffective. As for placing a "director" over the "trust" thus specifically permitted to form—this is but a further interference by Government, and a further invasion of the rights of private ownership. And if one trust can save waste why cannot all do so? And as "saving of waste" is one of the strongest reasons for consolidating corporations, is this not of itself proof patent that the alleged "trust" is a good thing?

Monopoly has been a bugbear of politicians for many a long year. But the theory that political Governments can so control it as to banish its growth soon runs into difficulties. Its origin, growth and life have not been clearly defined. Is its cause the inordinate acquisitiveness of man or does it lie in the natural cause of progress—say mass production and the saving of waste and cost? Can the artificial law ever overcome the natural one? What is done by legislators is ostensibly done in the interest of the people. Yet the people do not use their one weapon of defense against it—refusal of patronage. It is idle to say they cannot—for there are independents in everything, that in themselves graduate into lesser monopolies. Again, the people continue to buy where they can buy cheapest, and actually patronize known monopolies or consolidated corporations. The tendency of the statute of control is opposed, thus, in many instances, to the welfare of the people. The people do not attempt to discriminate in their purchases, and refuse the attempted benefits of their own laws.

The so-called "trust" is intimately bound up with the whole fabric of business. The interest of the people is a unit made up of many parts. For example, a Bishop has lately proposed a ten-year recess in scientific invention. It is called a poke in a mechanistic age. President Green of the A. F. of L., foreseeing a coming vast unemployment through the increase of machinery, and too much mass production, which brings "better living conditions," seeks for some way to take up the slack labor caused by the machine which *brings* mass production. These things prove that a law to prevent monopolies comes in contact, and we may say conflict, with all the agencies of production. No sooner is it enacted than it is found desirable in some quarter to amend it. The more it is amended the more it interferes. Great consolidated corporations, it is averred, must come if we are to compete with the rising tide of manufacture and sale by the inevitable recovery in Europe. The truth is that examination discloses that the political "monopoly" so feared by many is a myth.

Yet there is a natural cure for the *economic* monopoly, if such a thing can be said to exist. And this cure is another monopoly. And one is always in process of forming. Monopoly of natural resources does not easily coalesce with the monopoly in manufactured products. True, there are some companies that own resources and railroads and products. But they do not and cannot exert the *control* proposed. The end of such a single monopoly would be one gigantic corporation absorbing everything. No such combination is possible. In the meantime, while consolidation is responding to the natural law of saving waste, cost and giving mass production, it must succeed or it will fail. It must face *all* improvement. It must keep on grow-

ing or it *will* fail. Any day a new invention may destroy it. There are too many men to be served, too many minds at work to do the serving, for the monopoly to fasten its toils irrevocably upon the people. And a fair conclusion is that these "trust" laws are inimical to the best interests of the people and throttle competition rather than free it.

The Wars of the Tariffs.

No one has yet proposed a world conference on reduction of the tariffs. And if one was proposed, and proportional reduction discussed, it would end much as efforts to reduce armaments. Yet never before did the tariff stand out so prominently as an enemy to human progress and an obstacle to peace. Wells, writing on "The British Empire's Worth to Mankind," says: "I am all for cosmopolis and the high road, and when I find nationalism rising to intricate interferences with trade and money, the free movement of men and goods about this none too large a planet, blastings, hostilities, armies and the strangulation of the general welfare in the interests of the gangs exploiting patriotic instincts, my lack of enthusiasm deepens to positive hatred." And this is a voice from "free trade" England! All over the world the Tariff is making trouble. Our present clash with France over high duties is but an incident in the universal war. It may or may not precipitate the old question into our political campaign, but there never will be trade peace in the world until this means of reprisal is abolished.

What, then, in fact, is this institution in the economy of the peoples of earth? For it is an institution—and, though it has less reasonable and reasoning defenders than ever before, it is fixture. That it is a production of nationalism is true, but it is a product of government as the arbiter of the destinies of the people. It is akin to that force in government which undertakes, in the asserted interest of the people to "control" their domestic trade affairs. Its excuse for being is that it is a form of taxation. But even in the United States, with the income tax in existence, that excuse is insufficient. And if we are to have a renewal of discussion, which is unlikely, for the present trouble will somehow be composed, it will take a broader ground than our previous political debates, and become a world view of the "thing" as a tremendous factor in human affairs. It will appear as an ill-begotten progeny of national selfishness. It will be proven to be contrary to natural laws and lines of trade. Yet we have it.

There *has* been a suggestion of a tariff union of European States. Yet no sooner is the partition of Austria-Hungary accomplished than the new States invoke the tariff as a means of protection. True, the need of revenue over there is great. These impoverished countries jump at so easy a plan to fill their coffers. Yet a recent investigator writes that Europe is now producing a small percentage more than before the war, and that "allowing for . . . reservations, for all doubt and uncertainties, it may be set down as established that Europe is stronger industrially to-day than it has ever been before. In spite of the devastation of territory and industrial plant, in spite of staggering losses of men and materials, the factories, mines and mills of Europe are actually producing more to-day than they did before the war." Still, with colossal debts to pay, with the need of world trade as their only

ultimate salvation, these countries are employing this device of obstruction, until the whole of Europe is an entanglement of restricting tariff laws.

What does the sacred tariff mean then, here and elsewhere? It means that with passionate and earnest desire for international trade the nations are establishing high walls to obstruct that trade. France has made a trade treaty with Germany, offering, it is said, more "reciprocity" than its new rates give to the United States. But where is the common sense in establishing long schedules of rates that must at once be modified at the cost of long negotiations and which never can be reconciled with the natural laws and lines of exchange? The sacred ox is always kicking down its own stall. We are told our own tariff laws front all nations alike, that save for the power given the President to establish rates under a flexible tariff, we are powerless to meet the special rates levied against us. All are using the same machine. No sooner is it in action than it must be overhauled, made less objectionable, readjusted to the work it is to do, and steered carefully to avoid collisions with friendly peoples.

Does not this Tariff seem to be as much an "out-worn creed" as war itself? When we boast of free trade between our States, and advise Europe to go and do likewise (an utterly impossible proposition in the absence of central unity) we are giving up the last argument for this "strange device." We talk of internationalism, of world unity. But what is a nation, a people, a race? These are not interchangeable terms. A nation is a Government, covering a territory the boundaries of which in most instances have been set up by militarism. These lines of separation have no relation to the wants and needs inherent in a people or a race, save as they are determined by a form of selfishness abetted by the power of a Government. That is, as far as trade is concerned. To build these imaginary lines into fences by reason of tariff walls destroys a community of interest common to all peoples—the only true internationalism. Trade *must* cross them. In no other way can the natural resources of earth and the energies of peoples be distributed for the mutual good.

Though it is an overwrought statement, now that aerial communication is to hasten trade and the consequent common good, the Tariff becomes obsolescent—a stubborn obstacle to be overcome. Mutual good through commerce, the great civilizer, requires a freer exchange according to the needs of all peoples. Environment is fixed. Genius in trade must have outlet. That which one people, and also one part of earth, *has* must be given for that which it has not. Tariff, starting as a tax, as a revenue producer, ends as reprisal. A tit for tat tariff breeds enmities that breed overt war. Reducing tariffs, obliterating them, makes for peace. Tariffs sow the seeds of war. Yet they are increasing in the earth—are a constant source of turmoil and trouble. And they are political instruments, not economic. It is said the peoples of Europe recovering from the World War are thinking now of economics—of the way to gain new outlets of trade for their rapidly increasing industries through and by which alone they may live.

A tariff between two peoples affects all peoples. A single tariff front against all alike, is an interference with all. There is no amity or good-will in

a barrier to the natural course of trade. Thus a tariff is against the progress of the world. It is against the happiness of mankind. It is against the Great Will that created the earth and distributed its varied resources and human energies. Yet all Governments employ it. To set it up, is to show at once the need of modifying it, of reducing its power to stop the flow of goods. Is it sacred, is it even sacrosanct? By no means. Only selfishness cries for a system which sustains better wages, better living conditions of one people (its alleged merit) at the expense of all others. It is a barbarism growing out of feudal times when the King, Prince or ruler took what he could by force of arms and kept his plunder in the same way. To sell, a people must buy. All now know this. Yet in the grasp of selfish politics this agency of spoliation continues to shatter the concord of the world. And will!

Warning Signals—Brokers Loans and Stock Exchange Speculation.

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So much has been said, and said with so much force about the general credit and stock market situation that further emphasis upon it seems at times a work of pure supererogation. Nevertheless, as is always the case in such circumstances, the stock market has become so closely intertwined with other branches of business and particularly with banking that its position is to-day a matter of first importance from the general standpoint of our prosperity and the national economic soundness. This makes it essential to note from time to time the warning signals that show themselves.

The latest of such signals is a brokers' loan account which now runs to the highest figure on record and is little short of \$4,000,000,000. It is an enormous, a staggering sum to have engaged in margin trading. Be it understood that this sum does not measure the amount that is engaged in financing operations in stocks and bonds—not at all. It is merely the amount that is being loaned to brokers and by them to the public. Along with this fact, moreover, should be grouped the circumstance now generally admitted that the recent immense expansion of credit at the banks of the country, amounting to about \$1,000,000,000 during the past reporting month, has brought the rank and file of institutions up to a position in which a good many of them have very little spare loaning power. If there be much further expansion, it will have to be carried by the Federal Reserve System in form of rediscounts.

The second indication or signal which cannot be too carefully heeded is furnished by the fact that business does not expand in response to the present extraordinarily easy money condition. Business is apparently satiated so far as credit is concerned. We have an enormously larger line of credit outstanding than we had a year ago, but we have less business. The various business indexes that are published show in a few instances a larger turnover than a year ago, but in most cases a decidedly smaller one. If there should be any great business change, any call for widespread or urgent liquidation, it is quite probable that the result would be an immediate expansion of business demand for bank funds. That, however, would be an emergency matter. The present point is that with things as they stand, business does not need any more loans. It is well capitalized and when cheaper money is offered to it, it uses that money merely for the sake of refunding its already outstanding obligations at lower rates, but it does not use it for the enlargement of production or trade.

There is a third indication of present conditions that should certainly not be neglected. This is the broadening circle of those who are in some way involved in the stock market. Of course, that does not signify merely the increasing number of those who own stocks and have paid for them. That in itself would be an indication of wholesome development. What is referred to is the vastly increasing number of individuals who are buying and holding stocks on a very thin margin, in many cases almost on a bucket shop basis. It is quite true that this increase seems to be limited to a relatively small number of issues, but it is a condition and

not a theory. More and more people have practically taken to gambling in stocks without knowing much about the market and without having an adequate line of defense against temporary shrinkage. It is in these circumstances, of course, that people easily get "wiped out" and also in these conditions that "insiders" begin to withdraw and leave others to "hold the bag."

There are a good many men, some of them of experience and undoubted sincerity, who are of the opinion that such shrinkages as the market may undergo at this time will be merely "corrective" and will result in a stronger and better situation. Nobody can foresee the future, "business cycle" theorists to the contrary notwithstanding, and it is only fair to say that there is a division of opinion as to the duration of present conditions and the probability of a sharp reversal. When all due allowance has been made, however, for such evidence as there may be on both sides of the case, the underlying fact will remain. This is, that whether it be true or not that present market tendencies can be maintained for some time, the speculative activities of the country are absorbing far too large a proportion of its funds and are bringing its credit and banking system into a position of danger from which it will find difficulty in escaping.

Supreme Court Opens 1927 Term.

The new term of the Supreme Court of the United States opened on Monday Oct. 3. With traditional solemnity Chief Justice Taft and seven of the eight Associate Justices, Mr. Justice Sutherland being absent, filed into the courtroom in the Capitol at noon, to resume for the next eight or nine months their task of considering some 600 cases now pending, as well as many others that will come before the Court during its present term. The Court has been in recess since last June.

Important social, economic and financial questions of great national interest will be dealt with during the coming session of the Court. These include many vital issues affecting railroads, labor, taxation, bankruptcy, tariff, anti-trust laws and Prohibition.

Under the Act of Feb. 13, 1925, which reduced the number of cases to the Court as a matter of right, the Court hopes to be able, in the future, to dispose of all cases before it during the term in which they are filed.

The proceedings to-day opened with the customary admission of attorneys to practice, after which the Solicitor General of the United States, William D. Mitchell, moved the Court to advance the case of United States and Interstate Commerce Commission against the Kansas City Southern Railway and eight other railroads. This case, which is regarded as one of the most important before the Court, involves the question whether the valuation orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission are subject to review by the courts.

The motion to advance the case was taken under advisement.

The Government maintained that the question was settled in favor of the Commission during the last term of Court in the case of United States against Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR. Co. and that there was nothing left for the Court to do but reverse the decree of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri which enjoined the Inter-State Commerce Commission from using the valuation order as prima facie evidence in determining rates.

The constitutionality of the flexible tariff provision of the Fordney-McCumber Act, whereby the President is empowered to raise or lower tariff rates not exceeding 50%, was involved in a motion to advance made by counsel for the petitioner in the case of J. W. Hampton and Co., against the United States. The Court took the motion under advisement.

Other motions which the Court took under advisement were as follows:

The case of Celina Mutual Casualty Company against William C. Safford, Superintendent of Insurance of Ohio involving the question whether the state superintendent of Insurance has authority to determine what is reasonable compensation for agents and officers of solvent insurance companies;

The case of Middlesex Water Company against Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey in which the water company sought to enjoin the Commissioners from enforcing the rates prescribed by them. The

water company lost its case in the District Court and appealed directly to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Board moved the Court to dismiss the appeal because under the Judicial Code a direct appeal from the District Court to the Supreme Court can be had only in cases originating with a preliminary injunction and both the preliminary and final hearings are had before three judges. In the instant case there was no prayer for a preliminary injunction.

Charles Elmore Cropley, who after the death of William R. Stansbury last spring was appointed Clerk of the U. S. Supreme Court, presented over two hundred cases in which the Court is asked to review decisions of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and other federal and state courts.

The Court then proceeded hearing the arguments in the case of Red Star Motor Drivers Association and the Blue Ribbon Auto Drivers Association against the city of Detroit. The city issued an ordinance prohibiting jitneys from operating on the principal streets and avenues, though permitting the operation of taxicabs and motor busses on the same streets. The Motor Drivers Association argued that the ordinance is discriminatory and deprives their members of property without due process of law contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Thus the Supreme Court resumed its double task of disposing of the cases before it and of bringing its docket up to date. At the opening of the 1926 term there were 451 cases which had remained undisposed of by the Court during its previous term. This year the Court started with about 285 cases which were docketed during the 1926 term, but which had not been disposed of. In other words, the Court gained about 165 cases in the reduction of its arrears. This was made possible by the Act of Feb. 13 1925 which reduced the number of cases that could come into the Supreme Court of the United States as a matter of right, and increased the number of cases which could come before it by a preliminary application, known as the petition for a writ of certiorari.

It is hoped that with the Act of Feb. 13 1925, the Supreme Court will soon be able to dispose of all the cases before it during the term in which they are filed. The Act has met with general approval, but there is now a personal injury case before the Court in which the petitioner for a writ of certiorari maintains that the Act is unconstitutional in so far as it deprives the petitioner of an appeal to the Supreme Court as a matter of right.

There are now more than 550 cases pending before the Court. Some of these have already been argued and are ready for final decision. Most of the cases are ready for decision on petition (for certiorari) to review the decisions of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals or of the State Courts.

Railroad Cases.

Many of the cases pending before the Court are of tremendous national interest. Some of them involve a number of important railroad questions. Probably the most important of these is whether the valuation orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission are subject to review by the courts. Another question is whether the Inter-State Commerce Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over the distribution of cars by railroads, or whether the action against a railroad company for failure to furnish cars can be maintained in the State Courts. A very interesting case involving the conflict between State and Federal authority is whether the Inter-State Commerce Commission may permit or order a railroad company to do something, for example, to build a road, contrary to the constitution or the laws of the State from which the company obtained the charter. This is analogous to the question which is arising with reference to the proposed bill for the consolidation of railroads. There the question is whether the Inter-State Commerce Commission may permit or order railroads to consolidate contrary to the anti-trust laws of the various States from which the railroads derive their charters.

Some of the railroad cases deal with the rights of shippers and carriers. For example, in one case lumber was shipped to various points, and the shipper gave instructions to reconsign the shipments to various destinations; the reconsignment instructions were refused by the railroad because the destinations were embargoed; demurrage charges were assessed for the detention of cars while awaiting further shipping instructions. The Inter-State Commerce Commission ordered the railroad to refund the demurrage charges and the question now is whether the demurrage charges were illegal.

Another case now pending for decision involves the question whether a railroad company is liable for misrepresenting the place where the goods were going to be stored, whereupon the shipper misstated the location of the goods in the insurance contract and consequently the insurance company was not liable when the goods were destroyed.

Labor Cases.

Most of the cases involving labor questions now before the Court deal with the various phases and applications of the Federal Employers Liability Act, the main difficulties being whether the employee at the time of the injury was or was not engaged in inter-State commerce; whether the employee or the railroad was negligent; or whether the employee assumed the risk which resulted in his injury.

The most outstanding cases from the viewpoint of the general public interest, however, are those involving the activities of labor unions. These concern a number of injunctions issued against certain unions and their officers under the provisions of the Clayton Act. The cases are of tremendous importance not only because of their effect on the activities of labor but because they likewise affect the activities of trade associations, or any individuals or corporations confronted with the provisions of the Anti-Trust Act.

Anti-Trust Cases.

Closely related to the above cases is one involving the constitutionality of the Kentucky Co-operative Marketing Act relating to agricultural products. There are similar co-operative marketing acts in 41 other states, and the decision will probably have a marked influence on the entire co-operative marketing movement in this country.

The powers of the Federal Trade Commission are again questioned in a case before the Court. The Federal Trade Commission Act provides that the Commission's findings as to facts, if supported by testimony, shall be conclusive. The Commission had issued an order against a trade association to cease and desist from certain unfair practices. The association now maintains, among other things, that the above provision in the Federal Trade Commission Act, making its findings as to facts conclusive, is unconstitutional.

Taxation.

Many interesting cases relating to Federal and State taxation are also pending before the Court. It is maintained that a State tax on corporations operating taxicabs, which tax is not imposed on individuals or general partnerships operating taxicabs, is discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional.

In another case the question arises whether a State may tax a resident beneficiary of a trust, where the trust was created by a non-resident, the property is entirely outside the State, and the trustee is also a non-resident.

A number of interesting tax cases question the validity of the Porto Rican "Excise Tax Acts" alleged to be discriminatory against American manufacturers who sell their products in Porto Rico.

The cases involving Federal taxation deal mainly with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Acts. For example, whether the value of a right to receive income under a trust created for the life of the beneficiary, is deductible in computing the net taxable income; whether annuities received under a bequest are taxable under the Income Tax Act of 1918; whether a loss sustained on the sale of a residence is one which is deductible from gross income as a loss incurred in a transaction entered into for profit; whether real estate situated in Missouri is subject to tax under the Federal Estate Tax of 1921; questions relating to refunds of taxes erroneously collected; computation of interest; taxation of the income of insurance companies, &c.

Bankruptcy Cases.

Another group of cases of immediate interest to all people in business, arises under the National Bankruptcy Act. Among this group are found such questions as whether a bankrupt who filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, who listed no assets and made the sworn statement that he had made no assignments for the benefit of creditors can, after being discharged, bring suit and recover for the benefit of alleged assignees; whether an assignment of "future accounts receivable" to one creditor is fraudulent as to other creditors, &c. Other pending cases involve various questions as to the priority of claims and the validity of liens against the bankrupt estate.

Prohibition Cases.

The Court will also consider many problems relating to the National Prohibition Act and its enforcement. Many of

the pending cases involve the question of searches and seizures as permitted under the Constitution. May cars be searched on the public highway by State troopers without a warrant and upon suspicion only that illegal liquor was being transported? May a restaurant proprietor permit his patrons to bring their own liquor to the restaurant and may he furnish drinking glasses for them without violating the Prohibition Act? In two cases arising in Chicago the lower courts held that such action by the restaurant proprie-

tors was a violation of the law and the premises were ordered to be closed for a year as a public nuisance. From the commercial point of view the prohibition cases are important in that they effect the leases on premises where liquor is being sold. Another important factor is the business of corporations which finance the purchasing of automobiles on the installment plan, since many automobiles are seized by prohibition officers and become subject to condemnation proceedings.

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Oct. 7 1927.

General trade in this country has been unfavorably affected by unseasonably warm weather. That is good for the crops, but it has checked the retail trade and also interfered more or less with wholesale transactions. Rains in the Southwest, together with floods in some of the Arkansas rivers, have interfered with cotton picking and the seeding of winter wheat. In the industries the clothing trades still make the best exhibit. Industries like iron and steel are still more or less backward, although there is a larger demand for steel rails. Coarser grades of cotton cloths have been quiet here. There was a fair business in brown sheetings for delivery during the rest of the year and into January. Finished cotton goods have been quiet. Woolens and worsteds have been slow, partly owing to continued warm weather in many parts of the country, the temperatures in the West of late being in some cases as high as 86 degrees, while it has been up to 77 degrees here, following the recent remarkable hot wave and temperatures up to 87 on Oct. 2. Trade in general does not make a very favorable comparison with that of a year ago. Business then was quite brisk. But with normal weather conditions there is no doubt that the demand for goods would quicken. As the case stands, however, high temperatures lessen distribution of most goods. The automobile manufacturing is not making a good showing, compared with former times. What is wanted is cool weather. That would put snap into the retail trade. What is also wanted is a sharp transition from the summer dulness into autumn activity in some of the big industries. Meanwhile it is reported that the Illinois soft coal strikes have been settled. There is a good business in cotton and grain. The higher grades of cattle are selling at the best prices on record. Mail order and chain store sales make, on the whole, a good showing, and they will undoubtedly make a better one with lower temperatures. For the third successive month index number prices show an advance, the latest, in September, being nearly 3%. Building expenditures in September, however, fell off 12% as compared with the same month last year. For nine months the decrease is close to 10%, as against a decrease for the same period last year of nearly 6%. Evidently there is a slowing up in building after years of unexampled activity to fill up the gap created by the war. The coal trade is quiet, owing to the unseasonably warm weather. Raw silk has been firmer, with a fair business.

There has been a good demand for new lines of silk fabrics. Cotton has declined \$3 a bale, owing, on the whole, to better weather and an impression that the crop is going to turn out larger than was at one time expected. An event this week will be the Government cotton report to-morrow, on the probable size of the crop. The September estimate was 12,692,000 bales, but a quite general impression now is that the estimate to-morrow will be in the neighborhood of 13,000,000 bales. Cotton within a month has fallen about 4 cents a pound, but it is still about double the pre-war price level. It is about treble what it was at times in the last decade of the 19th century. Cotton exports are not keeping up to the high record of last year and there is some decrease in the spinners' takings. But the mills have a good deal of cotton to buy after having practiced dilatory tactics for some months past. Wheat showed little net change in prices for the week. Speculation has died down, but there has been some delay in seeding the winter wheat crop in the Southwest, and to-day the export sales were estimated at as high as 700,000 bushels. Export trade is favored by the fact that Continental freight room cost at this time is only about a quarter as much as a year ago. Corn has declined partly because of indications of a larger crop than at

one time seemed possible. The Government estimate next week is likely to be larger than the last one. There has been a small export business in rye during the week, and it is believed that later on the demand from Scandinavia for this grain will be greater. Coffee has declined about half a cent on futures, although spot prices advanced at one time owing to the scarcity of the better grades of Santos and mild coffee. Lower Brazilian prices showed the effects of an increased marketing of the Brazilian crop. The price has recently been maintained, it would seem, more by the moral effect of granting large loans to Brazil than to anything else. Certainly the indications seem to point to an abundant supply.

Sugar has declined under the weight of existing supplies and an indifferent demand. The Cuban restriction bill has been passed and signed by the President of Cuba. But looking before and behind he seems to be in no hurry to take steps for its enforcement. It is recognized that sugar restriction in Cuba tends to increase production in other countries. Of course it is artificial, like the attempt to bolster up coffee prices in Brazil. Sooner or later the paramount law of supply and demand will have to be recognized. In the end there is no way of getting around it. Rubber has advanced slightly during the week, but trading has not been large. The future of rubber prices hinges largely on whether Great Britain will adhere to its policy of restricting exports. Here, again, we have paternalism trying to outwit natural law. Restriction of rubber exports from British possessions has had a tendency to increase exports from other rubber raising countries. It will be so, not only in rubber but in coffee and sugar eventually.

The stock market has been very active, with some erratic fluctuations. On the 4th inst. the transactions reached 3,152,473 shares, a new high record for the year, and the ticker was 15 to 20 minutes behind the trading. Brokers' loans have reached a new peak. Sterling exchange has been up to the highest quotation seen since 1914. That may fairly be regarded as a sign of the times. General Electric and General Motors have at times led the rise, with Houston Oil and American Express also noticeably strong. A sharp increase in the demand for steel rails was one of the trade features of the week. August gross earnings of 183 Class I railroads decreased 3.99% and for eight months decreased 2%. But the market has been indifferent to this. The tendency is towards increased estimates of the crops of grain and cotton. To-day there was some decline in stocks, though money was at 4%. Bonds have been active and in not a few cases prices have reached new highs. The tendency is for New York to become a larger market for foreign bonds; that is, a world market. It is a sign of the times. Certainly the trading in foreign bonds here is steadily increasing. Italian issues have reached a new high on large transactions.

At Saco, Me., with business steadily increasing, there is an unofficial report that the mills of the York Manufacturing Co. will be operating at close to capacity next year. It is stated that some of the mills in New England, working entirely on very fine yarns and cloth, are running overtime, a thing not seen in that division of the business for many years.

Representatives of approximately 450 cotton mills in the United States, it is announced will meet in New York on Oct. 19 for the purpose of considering results of the first year of co-operative efforts through the Cotton Textile Institute and the meeting is expected to be an industrial conference of real significance.

Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s sales for September totaled \$16,377,863, an increase of 0.75% over September 1926. Sales for the first nine months of this year amounted to \$134,455,892, against \$132,126,697 in the

same time last year, a decrease of 1.2%. Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales in September were \$24,608,712, against \$21,647,835 in September last year and \$23,969,681 in August 1927; for nine months this year \$199,265,662, against \$187,885,758 for the same period last year, an increase this year of 6.1%. The S. S. Kresge Co.'s sales for September amounted to \$10,421,615, an increase of 10.4% over September 1926. Sales for the first nine months of this year amounted to \$86,627,020, an increase of 12.6% over the corresponding period last year.

Oct. 1 was a day of extraordinary heat here. The thermometer registered 85, the highest for Oct. 1 since 1881 and 2 degrees higher than in some charts of the South. Yet there were three inches of snow in Wyoming. On Oct. 2 it was still worse, i. e. 87 degrees, the highest on record for that date. The beaches were crowded, 400,000 people visited Coney Island and 135,000 Rockaway. The maximum of 87 degrees here was 25 degrees above the average on Oct. 2 for 46 years. It was 84 at Albany, 86 at Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Cleveland, 82 at Chicago, 84 at Detroit, 80 at Milwaukee, 88 at Pittsburgh, 62 at St. Paul, 68 at Montreal, 54 at Winnipeg. New York was 5 degrees higher than at Charleston, S. C., and 9 degrees higher than at Jacksonville, Fla. Latterly the weather here has at times been somewhat cooler, but still warm, with the temperatures up to summer heat, namely 76 degrees. To-day, in fact, the maximum was 77 degrees, with the minimum 61. The forecast was for showers to-night and clear and cooler to-morrow. Latterly Chicago has been 70 degrees, Cincinnati 86, Cleveland 82, Milwaukee 58, St. Louis, 86, Winnipeg 52, Philadelphia 76, Pittsburgh 84, Omaha 50, and Minneapolis 44.

Business Indexes of Federal Reserve Board.

The indexes of production, employment and trade issued Oct. 1 by the Federal Reserve Board follow:

INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

(Adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly average, 1923-25 equals 100.)

	Aug. 1927	July 1927	Aug. 1926		Aug. 1927	July 1927	Aug. 1926
Total	107	105	111	<i>Manufactures—</i>			
Manufactures	107	106	112	Iron and steel	101	102	120
Minerals	106	*98	109	Textiles	118	117	105
<i>Minerals—</i>				Food products	96	*95	103
Bituminous	90	81	103	Paper and printing	111	*113	115
Anthracite	110	74	121	Lumber	94	94	94
Petroleum	124	*124	106	Automobiles	88	83	128
Iron ore	101	98	128	Leather and shoes	110	114	103
Copper	101	102	108	Cement, brick, glass	116	110	119
Zinc	112	106	110	Nonferrous metals	109	105	111
Lead	113	116	116	Petroleum refining	136	136	128
Silver	89	*94	93	Rubber tires	119	125	128
				Tobacco mfrs.	119	107	113

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

(Without seasonal adjustment. Monthly average 1919 equals 100.)

	Employment.			Payrolls		
	Aug. 1927.	July 1927.	Aug. 1926.	Aug. 1927.	July 1927.	Aug. 1926.
Total	91.2	90.7	94.4	104.4	101.0	107.6
Iron and steel	85.0	85.4	91.7	89.8	86.7	96.7
Textiles—Group	92.3	91.0	88.4	102.7	99.1	96.5
Fabrics	95.6	94.8	88.6	105.8	102.8	96.0
Products	88.2	86.2	88.0	98.9	94.6	97.0
Lumber	92.4	91.2	100.3	105.8	101.1	112.6
Railroad vehicles	76.7	78.2	84.9	85.4	83.0	93.1
Automobiles	114.3	109.9	125.1	136.3	125.2	152.7
Paper and printing	106.9	106.3	106.6	147.2	145.4	144.4
Food, &c.	85.8	86.7	86.0	101.7	103.1	100.5
Leather, &c.	88.2	85.3	89.5	97.5	90.2	97.6
Stone, clay, glass	120.2	119.5	129.7	149.0	143.7	162.3
Tobacco, &c.	74.4	80.3	76.7	79.7	85.7	82.8
Chemicals, &c.	75.3	75.0	75.6	105.2	103.6	101.1

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

Wholesale Trade—	Aug. 1927	July 1927	Aug. 1926	Retail Trade—		
	Aug. 1927	July 1927	Aug. 1926	Aug. 1927	July 1927	Aug. 1926
Total	88	*77	88	Dept't store sales—		
Groceries	83	*78	82	Adjusted	143	130
Meat	75	72	81	Unadjusted	113	97
Dry goods	108	75	102	Dept. store stocks—		
Shoes	79	53	73	Adjusted	130	133
Hardware	99	94	99	Unadjusted	130	124
Drugs	126	118	115	Mail order sales—		
				Adjusted	149	135
				Unadjusted	112	100

* Revised.

Chicago "Tribune" Survey Finds Business Expanding.

"Business is expanding and the operation gives every indication of being a substantial and well-sustained movement" says the Chicago "Tribune" survey issued Oct. 6, which goes on to state:

This is in marked contrast with the condition a year ago. Throughout the summer of 1926 production and trade were on an unseasonably high plane. A collapse last autumn was inevitable. Possibly the low price of last year's amazingly large crop of cotton contributed to the debacle. And the cutting off of the demand for American coal through the settlement of the English mine strike also may have had something to do with it. But far and away the dominant factor in the abrupt and untimely end of last fall's business was the saturated market.

Autumn in 1927 finds conditions diametrically reversed. The summer production and distribution volumes have been moderate. Some have even said that commerce was exceptionally quiet. Certain it is that there has been no overproduction, no excessive out-of-season drive for business, no saturation of the consuming public. We have not used up the year's fuel by overdriving the motor through the summer, and we therefore have enough in the tanks to run the machine at a natural rate of speed throughout the fall. There is certainly sound basis for believing that the distributor of merchandise in the concluding quarter of 1927 has a far better market awaiting him than he had a year ago.

A cool billion dollars was the estimate made a month ago of the farmers' extra income in 1927 over what he got in 1926. This was supported both by reports of private statistical agencies and of no less an authority than Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board. During the month of September, crops, particularly corn, were affected in two ways. The price went down and the crop went up. The midsummer temperature which prevailed during the first two weeks of September had proved an unexpected boon to midwestern farmers, who had been forced by incessant spring rains to plant the crops unprecedentedly late. To get the latest information the Tribune Survey sent a request to the official heads of the agricultural departments in the five states comprising Zone 7.

Herbert E. Crowell, Commissioner of Agriculture of Michigan, estimates that the corn yield in that state was increased by as much as 10% by the hot weather, although W. H. Ebling, agricultural statistician of Wisconsin, placed the increase for that state at three to four per cent. In Iowa, where the crop was a very fair one, the best in the corn belt, in fact, Secretary of Agriculture Thornburg reports that the principal effect of the hot weather was to ripen corn that was already well along in development. Farm income prospects are thus improved in the midwestern states where the crop was the poorest.

Taking the statements of the Secretaries along with other reports, the conclusion is reached that the corn crop for the country increased by as much as one hundred million bushels during September, and that there is a possibility that the actual yield will run as high as last year's crop of 2,647 million bushels. With December corn selling at 20 cents per bushel more than a year ago, the value of this crop alone will be a half million dollars more than in 1926.

Although the wheat crop is larger than a year ago the price is also lower, and the aggregate yield of the farmer from this cereal will approximate last year's aggregate. Rye will net the farmer about twenty million dollars more than a year ago, and barely an additional thirty million dollars. Cattle and pork will also bring the farmer more, in view of the higher prices now prevailing. Cattle at the close of the month sold in the Chicago market at the highest price since 1920.

Summarizing farm income prospects, it seems that the farmers will receive nearly, if not fully, a billion dollars more than they did in 1926. The only effect of the late growing weather in September and the consequent drop in crop prices has been to cause a different distribution of the farm income than appeared likely a month ago. Agricultural income in the northwest is likely to be somewhat less, and in the midwest somewhat more, than was indicated by crop and price conditions prevailing on Sept. 1.

Meanwhile, the settlement of the coal mine strike in Illinois returns to an income receiving status, 72,000 men who have been out of employment for six months. As this is the period of steady mine operations, this increases the prospective income of Illinois people by \$500,000 per day, \$12,500,000 per month, or \$75,000,000 in the next six months.

Samuel H. Barker, of Bankers Trust Company of Philadelphia, Following Trip to Pacific Coast, Presents Optimistic Picture of Industrial and Banking Conditions.

Back this week from a trip to the Pacific Coast, in the course of which he traversed nineteen States and visited chief cities, from Chicago west, conferring with many leading bankers and others, Samuel H. Barker, President of Bankers Trust Co. of Philadelphia, is enthusiastic over the outlook for the country. "Throughout the vast extent of the United States," he said, "abundant evidence appears of the big and substantial progress which is making in development and increased capacity to produce. Almost everywhere the forward march proceeds. In the aggregate, compared with only a very few years ago, it is enormous. Another decade will build greatly upon the present foundations. The economic prospect for the American people of the generation which is now taking hold is so expanding as to inspire utmost confidence and enthusiasm. It is thrilling with its possibilities and probabilities." Mr. Barker adds:

Never were the railroads of the country in such high physical condition as they are now. Consequently they are providing a transportation service better than ever before and so performing a greatly constructive part in the current industrial and other activities of the American people. Track and equipment of big Western lines are fully up to the standards which leading Eastern railroads were able to reach some years ago. Increased traffic is easily sustaining such condition.

The West now possesses investment capital and also money to loan. It is both investing and loaning, not only in its own enterprises, but also in the East, and even to some extent abroad. One of the big California banks is among the large stockholders of the Pennsylvania RR. Irrigation has done wonders, and through its medium further wide areas of now barren, but, given water, wonderfully fertile land will be brought into cultivation and yield bountifully.

By natural growth reflecting the prosperity of their territories, and now by big consolidations of State and national banks, there have come to be financial institutions in California ranking close up in size with the largest in the country. They thrive as institutions of active, out-reaching, live service. As here, so in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and elsewhere throughout the country, bank stocks are being bought confidently for investment, this not only by wealthy men but by thousands of people of small means. The largest California bank is now owned by above 15,000 stockholders; another has 4,000 owners. With the people owning the country, its resources, its railroads, its industries, its farms, its banks, as they now do, more generally than ever before and in rapidly increasing way, there need be no doubt concerning the economic and social health and welfare of the American people and nation. On such basis and assurance wise projects and constructive enterprise can go forward safely.

Canadian Business Situation as Viewed By Royal Bank of Canada.

Factors which bespeak prosperity are pointed to an article on the Canadian business situation in the Monthly Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada made public Oct. 6, and from which we quote as follows:

The prospect of an excellent wheat crop in the West is the outstanding factor in the Canadian agricultural situation. Alberta expects to harvest the largest crop in the history of the province, and the reports from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario are sufficiently favorable so that there is little question but that this year's crop will be nearly 100,000,000 bushels larger than that of 1926. Fall wheat is now being planted and the farmers of Ontario apparently intend to plough twice as large an acreage as was ploughed in the fall of 1926.

Naturally, the prospect of good business in the farming districts is having a satisfactory effect upon wholesale and retail trade and manufacturing. The chart on the second page of this Letter (this we omit Ed.) gives an outline of the condition of Canadian business. The situation by this chart is exceptionally satisfactory. While no factors in the general situation are classified as very unfavorable, and only two as unsatisfactory, there are four major factors mentioned as excellent, sixteen as favorable and four as medium. Such a record bespeaks prosperity.

The manufacturing situation is classified as excellent because a high level of activity prevails in almost every manufacturing industry in the Dominion. While the newsprint industry was working at higher capacity in 1926 than in 1927, the capacity of the industry has been much increased in the past year; production is increasing in Canada, and decreasing in the United States. Electric energy generated has attained new high levels during the year, but rapid expansion in this industry can no longer be considered exceptional in Canada. There might be some question as to the classification of the forest industry but for the fact that the bad times in the lumber industry have already been discounted and that the actual volume of business in 1927 is well ahead of that recorded in 1926. The continued low level of the price index of lumber and annual products is the only important unfavorable element in the general price situation.

The expansion in various lines of Canadian business which has taken place in the past few years may be measured in a number of ways; but to secure any very accurate picture of the per capita productive capacity of the country, it is necessary to have statistics showing the aggregate value of all the different products manufactured as well as the value of field and mine and forest products. Statistics of this type are not available until they are too old to be of much more than historical value. The above table, however, can be brought up to date from current sources. The picture thus presented seems most encouraging.

Production of Electric Power in the United States Continues to Show Increase.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, the total output of electric power by public utility power plants in the United States for the month of August amounted to 6,632,402,000 kilowatt hours, and increase of about 7% over the same month a year ago. Of this amount 2,385,750,000 kilowatt hours were produced by water power and 4,246,612,000 kilowatt hours by fuels. Production for the month of July 1927 was 6,455,967,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of approximately 8% over July 1926. The "Survey" further reports:

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER BY PUBLIC UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES (IN KILOWATT HOURS).

Division and State.	June 1927.	July 1927.	August 1927.	Change in Output from Previous Year.	
				July.	August.
				New England.....	427,062,000
Middle Atlantic.....	1,701,750,000	1,657,462,000	1,677,725,000	+5	+1
East North Central.....	1,500,631,000	1,475,122,000	1,523,285,000	+6	+5
West North Central.....	385,591,000	398,233,000	407,749,000	+4	+5
South Atlantic.....	686,220,000	675,608,000	703,435,000	+18	+18
East South Central.....	284,837,000	282,400,000	303,575,000	+13	+21
West South Central.....	275,030,000	289,069,000	293,970,000	+30	+27
Mountain.....	299,327,000	310,999,000	317,898,000	+5	+3
Pacific.....	914,273,000	946,876,000	964,374,000	+7	+12
Total United States	6,474,721,000	6,455,967,000	6,632,402,000	+8	+7

The average production of electricity in public utility power plants in the United States in August was 213,900,000 kilowatt hours per day, about 2½% more than the average output for July.

The usual increase in the demand for electric power began in August this year, the same as in other years. The monthly output for 1927 was probably more satisfactory than in 1926. The total production of electricity for the eight months of this year was more than 9% larger than for the same period in 1926.

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY PUBLIC UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN 1926 AND 1927.

	1926.	1927.	Increase 1927 Over 1926.	Produced by Water Power	
				1926.	1927.
January.....	6,150,000,000	6,730,000,000	9%	32%	35%
February.....	5,621,000,000	6,080,000,000	8%	34%	36%
March.....	6,178,000,000	6,717,000,000	9%	37%	38%
April.....	5,812,000,000	6,416,000,000	10%	40%	40%
May.....	5,849,000,000	6,582,000,000	12%	40%	41%
June.....	5,920,000,000	6,475,000,000	9%	38%	39%
July.....	5,955,000,000	6,456,000,000	8%	34%	38%
August.....	6,175,000,000	6,632,000,000	7%	34%	36%
September.....	6,221,000,000	-----	---	33%	---
October.....	6,594,000,000	-----	---	33%	---
November.....	6,482,000,000	-----	---	35%	---
December.....	6,817,000,000	-----	---	35%	---
Total.....	73,791,000,000	-----	---	35%	---

The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 kilowatt hours or more per month, engaged in generating electricity for public use, including central stations and electric railway plants. Reports are received from plants representing over 95% of the total capacity. The output of those plants which do not submit reports is estimated; therefore the figures of output and fuel consumption as reported are on a 100% basis.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Large but Not Up to Last Year.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Sept. 24 totaled 1,125,868 cars, according to reports filed on Oct. 4 by the railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 49,539 cars compared with the corresponding week last year but an increase of 4,843 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. The total for the week of Sept. 24 was a decrease of 1,745 cars compared with the preceding week when loadings totaled 1,127,613 cars instead of 1,124,231 cars as previously announced, the change being due to a correction made by one of the railroads in its report for last week. Particularizing, the statement says:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 447,436 cars, a decrease of 1,474 cars under the corresponding week last year but 9,064 cars above the same week in 1925.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight totaled 269,007 cars, a decrease of 478 cars below the same week last year and 3,739 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 184,088 cars. This was a decrease of 27,211 cars under the same week last year but an increase of 5,752 cars compared with the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 60,157 cars, an increase of 10,708 cars above the same week in 1926 and 4,869 cars above the same period in 1925. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 45,238 cars, an increase of 12,189 cars above the same week last year.

Live stock loading amounted to 32,588 cars, a decrease of 7,185 cars under the same week last year and 4,266 cars below the same week in 1925. In the Western districts alone live stock loading totaled 24,894 cars, a decrease of 6,570 cars under the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 69,034 cars, 860 cars below the same week last year and 3,032 cars below the same week in 1925.

Ore loading totaled 54,055 cars, 20,208 cars below the same week in 1926 and 1,400 cars below the corresponding period two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 9,503 cars, a decrease of 2,831 cars under the same week in 1926 and 2,405 cars below the same period in 1925.

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

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

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Five weeks in January.....	4,524,749	4,428,256	4,456,949
Four weeks in February.....	3,823,931	3,677,332	3,623,047
Four weeks in March.....	4,016,395	3,877,397	3,702,413
Five weeks in April.....	4,890,749	4,791,006	4,710,903
Four weeks in May.....	4,096,742	4,145,820	3,869,306
Four weeks in June.....	3,974,160	4,089,340	3,965,872
Five weeks in July.....	4,935,397	5,213,759	4,945,091
Four weeks in August.....	4,249,359	4,388,118	4,321,427
Four weeks in September.....	4,360,022	4,523,112	4,297,936
Total.....	38,871,504	39,134,140	37,892,944

Silberling Business Service Reports Pacific Coast Business Activity 3% Below Normal.

Summarizing Pacific Coast business, the Silberling Business Service of Berkeley, Calif., under date of Sept. 26, says:

During July and August our index of Pacific Coast business activity remained practically steady at about 3.5% below the normal trend. During the balance of this year it is more likely that some further recession will occur than that business will resume the prosperity levels of 1925 or 1926.

The moderately quiet general condition prevailing in trade and industry finds definite and clear expression in the employment situation and the reported earnings of wage earners. Business cannot be good when the pay-rolls of large numbers of consumers are diminished and a surplus of lumbering and agricultural labor exists.

The total pay-rolls of industrial establishments in California in August were 6.6% below those of identical establishments last year. The reduction has been especially severe in production of automobiles, cans, hardware and machine supplies, oil, chemicals, paint and in the fruit canneries. Labor demand has been relatively good, however, in such lines as agricultural implements, millinery, brick and tile, and glass. In the Northwest surplus labor is reported in the larger centres, although in the Spokane area demand for workers has been more satisfactorily sustained. With the large wheat harvest drawing on the labor supply and somewhat improved conditions in lumbering, the Northwest situation is regarded as rather better than it was two months ago.

The available coastwide data on wholesale trade, railway freight traffic, and sales and collections in the retail field confirm the information provided by the index. The "probable range" forecast indicates the upper and lower limits within which activity will fluctuate during the next ten months, after purely seasonal changes are allowed for.

Indiana Limestone Co. Finds Record of Building Projects Large and Promising.

New building has cost the nation five and a quarter billion dollars in the first nine months of the year, according to a survey concluded Oct. 6 by the Indiana Limestone Co. "A total expenditure of approximately \$600,000,000 for September is indicated in returns from several hundred cities and towns," says Thomas J. Vernia, vice president. "This figure is slightly below that for the same period last year. But projects planned indicate a big program for the remainder of the year. When the present year opened pessimistic warnings of an immediate building reaction were heard. Yet this year now gives every promise of establish-

ing a new high record in point of volume. It may be stated moreover, that inflation has been avoided, speculative building has been discouraged and reduced, and the industry seems to be on a sound, safe footing with prospects of a steady course for some time to come." The report proceeds as follows:

Winter's terrors for the industry have disappeared. Under the new methods workers are busy 20% more days than before the war. This has lifted the burden of long periods of idleness with subsequent disturbances. The smooth distribution of the industry's activities over the entire year has brought greater efficiency as well as other economic benefits.

Demand for public works and engineering projects shows little sign of recession. Many cities are going through a course of modernizing their local improvements.

Residential construction continues to lag behind the enormous programs of last year. There is still a need for homes in many sections, however.

Industrial construction, which had not kept pace with last year, rebounded in September and exceeded the same month in 1926.

Construction in New York and Northern New Jersey shows increased activity, residential, commercial and public works constituting the bulk of the program. New England states also report a slight increase in the same type of work. The Middle Atlantic, Pittsburg and Northwest district have been busy with public works construction, with residential, commercial and industrial also showing considerable volume. The Central West continues active, with Chicago lighting the way and indicating a gain of several million dollars over the first nine months of last year.

In point of valuation of building permits in fifteen important cities, New York leads for the nine months of the year, with Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Cleveland, Baltimore, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Milwaukee, Seattle, Buffalo and Minneapolis following in about the order named.

High Record Seen in Engineering Construction Awards—Money Value of Contracts Let Since First of Year Well Ahead of 1926—Costs Easier.

This year, thus far, has provided ample grounds for belief that 1927 will hold the record for money spent on large engineering construction projects. The total involved in contracts let throughout the country in the first nine months of the year is placed at \$2,368,960,000 as against \$2,176,518,000 in the corresponding period last year. *Engineering News-Record* reports. Gains in activity on large jobs have occurred in all sections of the country except New England and the South. It is added:

The money value of heavy construction operations for which contracts were awarded during the month of September totaled \$323,987,000, and compares with \$289,344,000 in August, and \$276,457,000 in September, 1926. The gain of 17% in money value of September awards, compared with the same month last year, is accentuated by the fact that materials prices are somewhat lower. September gains, compared with a year ago, were largely in public work. Activity in commercial building operations also showed a gain, the increase amounting to 20%, compared with September of last year. Public buildings and Federal Government work were just about even with September, 1926.

Engineering News-Record's construction cost index number on Oct. 1 was 204.40, as against 203.60 a month previous, and 209.80 a year ago. The slight increase over the September figure reflects a firmer price situation in 3-in. timbers. Labor rates were virtually unchanged. General construction cost is 2½% below October, 1926, and 25% under the peak in June, 1920. The construction volume index number for the month of September is 273, and compares with 228 for the whole of 1926.

W. J. Greenebaum Points to Building Increase—Says Pessimistic Predictions have Not Been Fulfilled.

Actual figures involved in new building contracts up to Sept. 16 of this year show an increase of \$16,000,000 over the same period of last year, it is announced by Walter J. Greenebaum, Vice-President of Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp., who remarked that actual figures exceeded the predictions of the most optimistic at the first of the year. "With three-quarters of the year past," said Mr. Greenebaum, "it is interesting to note that new building construction throughout the country exceeds the same period of last year. Those who issued pessimistic forecasts last January are finding justification difficult. There are always those who talk of overbuilding but fail to take into account the continual growth of the larger and more progressive cities."

Warning Issued on Building Costs—E. J. Mehren Sees Possibility of "Buyers' Strike" if High Rentals Are Continued.

High rentals resulting from possibly excessive costs of building in the United States may induce a "buyers' strike," helped on by increased economic pressure from Europe, according to E. J. Mehren, Vice-President of the McGraw-Hill Co., publishers, speaking at a luncheon of the New York Building Congress at the Hotel Commodore, this city, on Oct. 5. The foregoing is quoted from the New York "Times" of Oct. 6, which added:

Mr. Mehren, who was a delegate to the World Economic Conference at Geneva last summer, said the application of American business and industrial methods by Europeans is proceeding with such intensity that the rehabilitated Old World looms as a serious competitor to the United States in home and world markets.

Referring to the building trade as an important factor in world commerce Mr. Mehren said:

"The building burden on manufactured goods is directed in the charge for factory and office buildings, indirect in the rent element in every salary check and in every wage envelope. If home rents are abnormally high, salaries and wages must be raised proportionately, and the cost of goods goes up. If house rents are low, selling prices can be proportionately reasonable.

"Index figures show that the cost of building has risen more in this country since 1913 than have the selling prices of most of the items that enter into our everyday life. As against prices in 1913 food prices for the country are up 59%; clothing, 65; fuel and light, 81; house furnishings, 105; building cost, 110."

While building costs since the pre-war period have more than doubled generally, Mr. Mehren said the increase had been greatest in New York City, where the percentage is now 114.

"The motive of self-interest should prompt us to inquire whether the public will not punish us if we callously allow our costs to remain out of line," he continued. "We feel a certain sense of security because ours is a protected security. If a man wants a building in New York, only New York can give it to him.

"But that protection afforded our industry by the nature of our business is not a guaranty of immunity from public displeasure and discipline. The community is always more powerful than any of its parts. It can administer a severe punishment. It starved the railroads which incurred its displeasure. It forced electric railways by the dozens into receivership. It promises to go to the bottom of public utility financing and no one can foresee the results. We cannot say that the public cannot punish us.

"So long as our costs continue to be out of line, so long as other industries show sharp downward price trends and even sell goods at or below the 1913 figure, we shall be challenged by our fellow-citizens; the more so in the immediate future, when our trade will be challenged by stiff European competition."

Labor, Mr. Mehren said, was not the only factor in high building costs. He advocated also study of the city building code, the State factory laws, and an inquiry into the relations between architects, contractors and material dealers. An inquiry, he suggested, might be conducted through an extension of the State Industrial Survey Commission.

Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Continued Expansion in Volume of Trade.

The expansion in the volume of trade and industry in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District, which first became evident in August, has continued during September, although it is quite evident that the recent improvement in business has been little more than seasonal in extent, says the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in its Oct. 1 "Business Review." The bank's summary goes on to say:

Retail merchants in the district reported a considerable gain in August sales and a slightly larger volume in that month than in 1926, but this was the second month this year that such a gain has occurred, and the cumulative total for 1927 is still more than 3% below last year's sales. Most lines of wholesale trade also showed substantial seasonal gains over the previous month, and in the drug, dry goods, grocery and paper trades, August sales were in larger volume than those of a year earlier. The total sales of reporting wholesale dealers were slightly in excess of those of 1926. Sales of lower priced automobiles continue in large volume, while the more expensive makes are finding a much less active market. The dollar volume of business payments, as measured by checks cleared in the principal cities of the district, continues to run ahead of last year, but railroad freight shipments in the Allegheny District in recent weeks have been smaller than in 1926. Merchandise shipments, however, were in larger volume than last year. Perhaps the most striking evidence of increased mercantile activity is the recent upturn in the wholesale price trend, which had moved steadily downward for almost a year. The present level is still slightly below that prevailing a year ago.

Industrial activity in the district, as indicated by factory wage payments and employee hours worked, experienced a seasonal upturn in August and preliminary reports indicate a further gain in September. But factory activity continues to run at least 5 or 6% behind last year's level and the output of many important commodities has been smaller during the past few months than in the corresponding period of 1926. Noticeable is the fact that, although output of electric power by reporting stations in the district has gained about 5%, consumption of power by industries, which normally shows a strong upward trend in August, was less than 1% greater than in the same month of 1926.

Conditions in the iron and steel industries are far from satisfactory to producers. Though some betterment has occurred since midsummer, price weakness is manifest for a number of products and production of pig iron, steel ingots and iron and steel castings is running much behind last year's levels.

The textile industries, on the other hand, are considerably more active. Mill operations in the silk and wool industries have increased substantially of late and the output of cotton goods is much larger than that of a year ago. Increased demand and some price increases are reported for both full-fashioned and seamless hosiery and some improvement has occurred in the carpet and rug business.

The leather and shoe industries are more active and many grades of hides and leather have strengthened further in price.

Building and real estate activities in August were considerably ahead of last year, as indicated by permits and contracts issued in the district and by sales of real estate in Philadelphia. There is comparative quiet in the residential market, however, and much of the recent construction has consisted of public works.

The coal markets continue rather sluggish despite some recent betterment in demand. August production of both anthracite and bituminous coal in Pennsylvania, though substantially larger than in July, was less than in August 1926.

Agriculture in the district has been favored by warm weather in September and the yield of buckwheat, oats, potatoes and hay will exceed that of last year. Another favorable development in recent weeks has been a further rise in prices of farm products, which has brought the level considerably above that of a year ago.

City Conditions.

Industrial activity, while showing betterment from July to August, continued below the rate of a year before, factory wage payments being smaller in most of the leading cities of this district. In the value of building permits and in the consumption of electric power, the majority of the cities exceeded the totals of August 1926.

The dollar volume of retail trade increased in eight out of thirteen cities as compared with a year before. Sales between July and August in nine city areas increased while in four areas there were declines. Commercial

payments by check also were somewhat greater in the majority of cities than a year earlier and savings deposits surpassed the total of August 1926.

Business Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District—Hand-to-Mouth Policy Still Prevails—Operations in Tire Factories.

The fact that the "hand-to-mouth" policy still prevails in its district is indicated in the following relative to the business situation, taken from the Oct. 1 issue of the "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland:

In the Fourth [Cleveland] District, the iron and steel industry is still sluggish. Tire manufacturers continue relatively high operations, and are in better shape than a year ago. The shoe trade appears to be on the upgrade. Coal production has increased, regardless of the strike. West Virginia and Kentucky are producing at record high levels and Pennsylvania has been running around 80% of last year; but conditions in the Ohio fields are extremely depressed. The paint and varnish trade has enjoyed a prosperous summer. Makers of trucks and motor accessories have been suffering from the reaction in the automobile industry. The lumber trade is quiet but building was ahead of August 1926. Crop conditions are still somewhat unfavorable for the most part, although corn has been aided by hot weather early in September.

Hand-to-Mouth Buying.

In view of the advance in the general level of wholesale prices during July and August, it was felt to be a matter of interest as to whether buyers in the Fourth District have been showing any tendency to get away from the restricted buying policy of the past few years. In September this bank therefore requested information on this point from a number of the leading manufacturers in the district, and the results show clearly that in general the hand-to-mouth policy still prevails. Of 31 replies, 27 reported this to be true; and in some industries, notably lumber, purchasing has become even more restricted to immediate needs than in the past. Slight price advances in one or two lines of trade appear to have had little, if any, effect upon buying; on the other hand, it is noteworthy that of the four companies reporting customers as buying more freely, two were cotton goods manufacturers, both of which experienced a material increase in forward buying following the rapid rise in cotton prices.

Manufacturers in general appear to have adjusted themselves to the existing buying policy, and to be more reconciled to it than formerly. A few definitely stated that they favored it, but the majority have treated it more as something which must be taken into account, regardless of how the individual manufacturer may view it.

Regarding the rubber and tire market the bank says:

Reports indicate that operations in Fourth District tire factories in August were on a somewhat heavier scale than in July. The demand for tires as original equipment has fallen off slightly, but dealer requirements are holding up well. Although August figures are not yet available, tire shipments during both June and July exceeded production, and stocks in manufacturers' hands were consequently reduced as is usual during the summer.

The crude rubber market has been quiet, with a tendency toward weakness. On Sept. 19 crude rubber (first latex, spot) was quoted at 33 1/2 cents a pound, about 3 cents lower than a month previously. Interest now centres in the possibility of a change in the Stevenson Restriction Act after Nov. 1. At present, under the provisions of the Act, only 60% of "standard" production may be exported from British-owned plantations, but the price trend has been downward in spite of this. Large world stocks and the increasing importance of production in the Dutch East Indies have aided in keeping prices down.

Dallas Federal Reserve Bank Finds Business Working into Soundest Position Experienced in Several Years.

Reviewing conditions in its district, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas under date of Oct. 1 says:

Despite the violent fluctuations that have occurred in the price of cotton during the past thirty days, the moderate net gain scored by cotton during that period has served to strengthen confidence in the business situation and to increase returns from the district's major crop. Returns from the cotton crop have already been reflected in the liquidation of indebtedness at both banks and mercantile establishments and to some extent in the expansion of trade. The distribution of merchandise at wholesale has shown a marked seasonal increase but in some lines of trade it is still falling short of a year ago. The decline from a year ago may be accounted for by the fact that business was exceedingly active during August and the early part of September, 1926. Furthermore, due to the low price obtained for cotton last fall, there was a heavy carryover of indebtedness and farmers are showing a disposition to liquidate their indebtedness before making extended purchases. An outstanding feature of the present situation is that farmers, during the past year, have raised their living largely at home and have paid out relatively small amounts for labor in the cultivation of crops, with the result that they have a large equity in their crops and owe less money for this year's living expenses. A large portion of the money from the current crop, therefore, will be available for the liquidation of old indebtedness and for current expenditures. Thus, while the full force of the new purchasing power has not made its appearance, business is working into the soundest position experienced in several years.

As to wholesale and retail trade the bank says:

Wholesale Trade.

A pronounced seasonal gain in the demand for merchandise in wholesale channels was noticeable during August and the early part of September. Sales in all reporting lines of trade except farm implements reflected a large increase as compared to July and the sales of dry goods and groceries were greater than the large volume in August 1926. With the continued rise in the price of cotton, optimism is becoming more general, but there is a distinct tendency toward conservatism. Retailers appear to be limiting commitments largely to well defined needs and are making replacement orders as consumer demand develops. The heavy marketing of cotton has brought about considerable liquidation of both current and carryover indebtedness and this has been reflected in a substantial improvement in the collections of wholesale establishments.

The demand for dry goods at wholesale reflected a marked expansion during the past month. August sales were 97.5% greater than in July and were 14.8% larger than in the corresponding month last year. Sales during July and August averaged 14.2% larger than in the same period of 1926. Stocks on hand at the close of August were 7.6% less than a month earlier and were

practically the same as a year ago. Although the volume of distribution is large, dealers report that merchants generally are buying conservatively. While there has been a substantial amount of forward buying, commitments appear to be well within prospective demand. Collections have shown a considerable improvement. Prices on cotton goods have advanced in response to the higher market for raw cotton. Dealers report that the outlook points toward good fall business.

The sales of reporting grocery firms reflected a gain of 22.7% as compared to the previous month and were 0.3% above the corresponding month a year ago. With the picking of cotton progressing rapidly, the increased demand for groceries has become general throughout the district. Prices have shown no material changes. Collections reflected a substantial improvement over the previous month, but are still slightly below a year ago. The outlook for fall trade is reported to be very good.

The distribution of farm implements continued on a small scale. Sales were 6.4% less than in July and were 14.2% below those of August 1926. While the buying of implements has been extremely light during the past year, dealers report that the outlook for the future is considerably improved. Prices are generally steady.

While the demand for drugs at wholesale during August reflected a substantial seasonal gain, it was considerably smaller than a year ago. Sales were 19.3% greater than in July, but 9.3% less than in August 1926. Reports indicate that since cotton has begun to move in substantial volume, the demand has shown some improvement. While collections continued generally slow during August, they have improved considerably since the first of September. Prices remained generally steady. The trade is optimistic regarding fall business.

The August sales of reporting wholesale hardware firms reflected a gain of 15.6% as compared to the previous month, but were 10.1% less than in the corresponding month last year. Although collections during August continued slow, they have shown some improvement recently.

Retail Trade.

The August sales of reporting department stores were 14.3% greater than in July, but were 6.2% less than in the corresponding month last year. The aggregate sales during the first eight months of the year were 1.5% less than in the same period a year ago. While the sales in some lines of fall merchandise have shown a gain over a year ago, distribution generally has been retarded by the continuance of warm weather.

While stocks on hand at the close of August were 11.4% greater than a month earlier, they were 4.9% less than a year ago. The percentage of sales to average stocks during the first eight months of 1927 was 174.6 as compared to 166.6 during the same period in 1926.

There was a further slowing down in collections during the past month. The ratio of August collections to accounts receivable on Aug. 1 was 30.9 as compared to 33.5 in July and 32.4 in August 1926.

Lumber Buying Brisk—Softwood Business Larger Than Corresponding Week Last Year.

Marked increases in softwood lumber orders and shipments, with production about the same, were noted in telegraphic reports received by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association from 343 of the larger commercial softwood lumber mills of the country for the week ended Oct. 1, compared with reports for the preceding week, when 17 more mills reported. In comparison with the same period a year ago, when 25 more mills reported, there are substantial increases in production and new business and shipments about the same.

Disparity in the number of hardwood mills reporting this week, in reference to reports for the previous week, make accurate comparisons somewhat difficult. There was considerable increase in new business, with some increases in shipments and production. When compared with reports for a year ago, when 121 mills reported, production was about the same and slight decreases in shipments and new business, states the National Association's summary, for the week, from which we add:

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 221 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 589,406,653 feet, as against 602,867,418 feet for 222 mills the previous week. The 102 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 219,750,400 feet last week, as against 227,655,680 feet for the week before. For the 119 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 369,656,253 feet, as against 375,211,738 feet for 120 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 327 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 99% and orders 96% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 105 and 93; and for the West Coast mills 96 and 94.

Of the reporting mills, the 302 with an established normal production for the week of 222,470,972 feet, gave actual production 104%, shipments 103% and orders 100% thereof.

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

	Past Week.		Corresponding Week 1926.		Preceding Week 1927 (Revised).	
	Softwood.	Hardw'd.	Softwood.	Hardw'd.	Softwood.	Hardw'd.
Mills.....	327	120	352	121	344	140
Production.	243,979,000	17,987,000	232,955,000	18,695,000	245,693,000	21,654,000
Shipments -	240,440,000	18,127,000	254,090,000	20,682,000	236,499,000	20,792,000
Orders.....	233,777,000	20,041,000	225,681,000	23,155,000	223,167,000	19,708,000

The mills of the California White & Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables. Sixteen of these mills, representing 51% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 23,432,000, shipments 19,911,000 and new business 17,621,000. Last week's report from 15 mills, representing 46% of the cut, was: Production, 21,525,000 feet; shipments, 16,913,000, and new business, 14,481,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 119 mills reporting for the week ended Oct. 1 was 6% below

production, and shipments were 4% below production. Of all new business taken during the week 49% was for future water delivery, amounting to 58,227,030 feet, of which 30,544,853 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 27,682,177 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 54,396,357 feet, or 46% of the week's new business. Forty-six per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 55,213,788 feet, of which 36,073,133 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 19,140,655 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 59,487,875 feet, or 49% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 5,474,345 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 117,317,417 feet, foreign 125,855,358 feet and rail trade 126,483,478 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 102 mills reporting, shipments were 5.34% above production and orders were 7.23% below production and 11.93% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 58,368,000 feet (previous week 60,354,560), shipments 66,273,280 feet (previous week 63,590,400), and production 62,914,117 feet (previous week 64,045,125). The normal production of these mills is 69,682,875 feet. Of the 95 mills reporting running time, 59 operated full time, 15 of the latter overtime. No mills were shut down, and the rest operated from 3 to 6 days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., with 4 fewer mills reporting, shows a slight decrease in production and shipments and new business well in advance of that reported for the preceding week.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., with one more mill reporting, shows a nominal increase in production, a slight decrease in shipments and a fair gain in new business.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with five fewer mills reporting, shows a small increase in production and substantial increases in shipments and new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., with one more mill reporting, shows some increase in production, a noticeable decrease in shipments and a good gain in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., (in its softwood production) with one more mill reporting, shows a slight decrease in production, a heavy increase in shipments and new business.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported from sixteen mills, (one more mill than reported for the previous week) some decrease in production and shipments and a slight gain in new business.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from one hundred and four mills (twenty one fewer units than reported for the week earlier) marked decreases in production and shipments and new business about the same as reported for the preceding week. The normal production of these mills is 17,472,000 ft.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred twenty mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Sept. 24 manufactured 124,448,239 feet, sold 112,571,065 feet and shipped 115,299,481 feet. New business was 11,877,174 feet less than production and shipments 9,148,758 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Sept. 24.	Sept. 17.	Sept. 10.	Sept. 3.
Number of mills reporting	120	120	123	113
Production (feet)	124,448,239	122,134,027	107,176,343	118,790,960
New business (feet)	112,571,065	111,431,497	98,343,611	96,858,703
Shipments (feet)	115,299,481	111,981,744	89,695,355	106,821,333
<i>Unshipped Balances—</i>				
Rail (feet)	131,269,450	130,012,621	133,486,379	124,401,087
Domestic cargo (feet)	131,381,913	126,772,778	126,434,008	114,578,150
Export (feet)	112,560,375	118,459,416	126,925,804	106,910,677
Total (feet)	375,211,738	375,244,815	386,846,191	345,889,914
<i>First 38 Weeks of—</i>				
Average number of mills.	89	106	116	124
Production (feet)	3,260,020,438	3,985,802,002	3,841,207,931	3,539,150,021
New business (feet)	3,325,961,207	4,114,974,211	3,976,078,011	3,588,966,002
Shipments (feet)	3,291,074,217	4,079,466,228	3,997,810,258	3,702,633,772

New Automobile Models and Price Changes.

The H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Co. has introduced new Franklin models mounted on a new chassis of 128-inch wheel base. It will be known as the Airman, as it contains so many mechanical and riding characteristics similar to those in an airplane.

Important mechanical improvements have been made, providing increased engine power and quicker acceleration and raising the speed capabilities of all models to sixty-five miles an hour.

A new type of hydraulic brakes is installed, enabling a fully loaded car traveling 40 miles per hour to stop within 67 feet. The former service brake operating on the transmission is retained, but is connected so that it is controlled by the emergency lever.

The air-cooling principle is continued without change, the extra air for the more powerful motor being taken care of by fins on the cylinders.

Introduction of the new 128-inch chassis does not imply the abandonment of the 119-inch chassis, and each size is presented in six models, designed by De Causse. Several features have been added, embracing the body lines and interior comfort.

A cabriolet model finished in two-color tones and with smart body lines has just been added by Reo to its Wolverine six-cylinder models. A compartment provides for golf sticks and packages. Equipment includes front and rear bumpers, seven-bearing crankshaft, four-wheel internal expanding hydraulic brakes and hydraulic shock absorbers on the front springs.

Announcement has just been made that the Gardner Motor Co. of St. Louis has decided to bring out a complete line of five body styles for its new model 75 straight eight. These five body styles, all on the Gardner eight-in-line chassis, will be the roadster at \$1,925, sport coupe at \$1,395,

coupe Victoria at \$1,395, club sedan at \$1,445, and the standard five-passenger sedan at \$1,495, all prices f. o. b. St. Louis.

Nash Motors Co. on Oct. 6 introduced three new models: A special six 4-door coupe at \$1,445; a special six 4-passenger victoria at \$1,295, and a standard six convertible cabriolet at \$995, all f. o. b. factory. This makes the price list stand as follows:

Advanced Six Series (Extra Long Wheelbase): 7-pass. sedan, \$1,990; 5-pass. "Ambassador", \$1,925; 4-pass. coupe (rumble seat), \$1,775; 4-pass. victoria, \$1,595; (regular wheelbase), 5-pass. sedan (4-door), \$1,545; 5-pass. sedan (2-door), \$1,425; (f. o. b. Kenosha) (Special Six Series); 5-pass. coupe (4-door), \$1,445; 5-pass. sedan (4-door), \$1,335; 5-pass. sedan (2-door), \$1,215; 4-pass. cabriolet, \$1,290; 4-pass. victoria, \$1,295; 2-pass. coupe, \$1,165; (f. o. b. Milwaukee), (Standard Six Series) 5-pass. landau sedan, \$1,085; 5-pass. 4-door sedan, \$995; 5-pass. 2-door sedan, \$895; 4-pass. cabriolet, \$995; 2-pass. coupe, \$875; (f. o. b. Racine).

The Willys-Overland Co. reduced prices \$255 each on two models of the Willys-Knight line. The 7-passenger sedan and limousine formerly listing at \$2,850 and \$2,950, respectively, are now priced at \$2,595 and \$2,695 at the factory.

General Motors Truck Co., a division of the General Motors Corp., now includes a de luxe delivery truck (light duty) powered by the Pontiac engine, priced at \$585 (chassis), \$760 (screen body) and \$770 (panel body). All other models manufactured by the truck division include six-cylinder fast-duty trucks powered by Buick engines, priced at \$1,095 (1-ton); \$1,950 (2-ton), with pneumatic tires and bevel gear drive; \$2,050 (2-ton), with solid tires and worm gear drive. Heavy duty trucks and tractors powered by the "Big Brute" engine are priced as follows: 2½-ton, \$3,690; 3-ton, \$3,830; 3½-ton, \$4,390; 5-ton, \$4,920; tractors up to 15 tons capacity range up to \$6,000 in price. All prices given are for chassis only.

President Machado of Cuba Signs Sugar Restriction Bill.

The Tarafa bill, sponsored by the Government, was passed by the Cuban House and Senate Monday night (Oct. 3) and was signed by President Machado on Oct. 4, thus making it a law, say Havana advices to the "Wall Street Journal," which also stated:

No changes were made in the form of the bill by the Senate with the exception of one article which makes the restriction effective from the years 1927-28 to 1932-33. Before May 30 1933 the President must ask Congress to continue the law in force if he so desires. Otherwise, its operation will cease.

The export company created by law becomes invalid on expiration of the law.

Associated Press dispatches from Havana had the following to say regarding the measure:

The sugar restriction bill passed the Cuban House of Representatives to-night and was immediately sent to the Senate for similar action. President Machado sent his sugar message to the House, soliciting immediate action in order to obtain "a reasonably remunerative price" for all producers. He asked Congress to enact a law embodying the following measures.

1. Authorizing the President to appoint a special commission of five members of recognized authority on sugar problems to assist the President in studying sugar problems and the convenience of restricting crops according to the visible world sugar supply, production estimates and statistics.
2. If crop restriction is established a penalty of \$20 will be collected on every bag of 325 pounds and 96 degrees polarization produced in excess of the allocated quantities to each mill.
3. The cane of Colonos will be ground only with the reduction of percentage curtailed of the crop.
4. To authorize the creation of a stock company to attend to the sale, shipment and distribution of the national sugar superproduction.

Last night (Oct. 7) the following was reported from Havana by the "Wall Street Journal":

Local press says probable makeup of the Cuban Sugar Commission will be: Earl Babst, Chairman of American Sugar Refining Co.; Manuel Rionda of Czarnikow Rionda Co.; Charles Hayden, Chairman of Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.; Falla Rodriguez and Jose Tarafa.

Increase in Newsprint and Wood Pulp Production in August.

The August production of paper in the United States as reported by identical mills to the American Paper and Pulp Association and co-operating organizations, showed an increase of 12% as compared with the July's production (following a 9% decrease in July over June), according to the Association's monthly statistical summary of pulp and paper industry, made public Oct. 3. All grades showed an increase in production as compared with July. The summary is prepared by the American Paper and Pulp Association as the central organization of the paper industry, in co-operation with the Binders Board Manufacturers Association, Converting Paper Mills Association, Cover Paper Association, Newsprint Service Bureau, Wrapping Paper Manufacturers Service Bureau, Writing Paper Manufacturers Association and Paperboard Industries Association. The figures for August for same mills as reported in July are:

August Report of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics—Statistics Compiled at Instance of Federal Reserve Board.

The National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics, at the request of the Federal Reserve Board, has arranged for a monthly survey within the industry. The results of the inquiries are presented below in tabular form. The Secretary of the Association makes the following statement concerning the tabulation:

The accompanying figures are compiled from statistics furnished by 28 out of 50 members of the Association.

It is probably fair to state that in the absence of having specific details at hand, but according to our best estimate, it is probably well within the facts that the figures given for the various classes of work would cover approximately the following percentage of the entire industry.

White Goods-----70%
Dyed Goods-----55%
Printed Goods-----25%

Note: Many plants were unable to give details under the respective headings of White Goods, Dyed Goods, and Printed Goods, and reported their totals only; therefore, the column headed "Total" does not always represent the total of the subdivisions, but is a correct total for the district.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS OF FINISHED COTTON FABRICS.

	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.	Total.
July 1927.				
Total finished yards billed during month:				
District 1.....	8,458,188	16,912,005	9,177,138	37,435,970
2.....	4,114,245	825,081	1,701,218	13,679,544
3.....	5,863,046	5,206,449	-----	11,069,495
5.....	6,458,917	1,129,529	-----	7,588,446
8.....	2,561,236	-----	-----	2,561,236
Total.....	27,455,632	24,073,064	10,878,356	72,334,091
Total average % of capacity operated:				
District 1.....	57	61	79	62
2.....	50	53	77	57
3.....	65	68	-----	68
5.....	68	-----	-----	68
8.....	119	-----	-----	119
Average for all districts.....	61	61	79	63
Total grey yardage of finished orders received:				
District 1.....	8,776,824	15,877,427	9,197,914	35,685,929
2.....	4,555,714	1,521,568	1,839,338	15,134,224
3.....	6,172,315	4,374,476	-----	10,446,791
5.....	6,943,766	713,451	-----	7,657,217
8.....	3,035,066	-----	-----	3,035,066
Total.....	29,483,685	22,386,922	11,037,252	71,959,227
Number of cases of finished goods shipped to customers:				
District 1.....	3,710	4,861	2,422	20,879
2.....	3,746	868	-----	11,077
3.....	3,655	2,280	-----	5,935
5.....	1,585	-----	-----	3,839
8.....	1,424	-----	-----	1,424
Total.....	14,120	8,009	2,422	43,154
Number of cases of finished goods held in average at end of month:				
District 1.....	3,510	2,876	1,901	17,343
2.....	5,775	1,499	-----	14,466
3.....	360	434	-----	4,929
5.....	-----	-----	-----	3,274
8.....	478	-----	-----	478
Total.....	10,123	4,809	1,901	40,390
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days:				
District 1.....	3.1	3.5	11.5	4.7
2.....	5.3	16.5	20.8	9.6
3.....	5.9	3.8	-----	4.8
5.....	5.8	-----	-----	5.8
8.....	19.0	-----	-----	19.0
Average for all districts.....	5.3	5.3	12.7	5.9
August 1927.				
Total finished yards billed during month:				
District 1.....	9,465,523	18,555,714	10,588,727	41,878,300
2.....	5,837,253	672,956	2,524,076	15,648,570
3.....	8,258,256	5,510,588	-----	13,768,840
5.....	8,472,993	954,080	-----	9,427,070
8.....	4,057,434	-----	-----	4,057,434
Total.....	36,091,459	25,693,338	13,112,803	84,780,224
Total average % of capacity operated:				
District 1.....	66	63	85	67
2.....	57	45	70	55
3.....	91	76	-----	77
5.....	75	-----	-----	75
8.....	148	-----	-----	148
Average for all districts.....	71	63	80	68
Total grey yardage of finished orders received:				
District 1.....	11,188,895	18,980,787	10,769,466	42,781,513
2.....	4,437,304	1,394,279	1,654,115	13,982,857
3.....	8,246,315	4,889,476	-----	13,135,791
5.....	7,636,790	1,303,427	-----	8,940,217
8.....	3,566,763	-----	-----	3,566,763
Total.....	35,076,067	26,567,969	12,423,581	82,407,141
Number of cases of finished goods shipped to customers:				
District 1.....	4,108	5,605	3,060	26,217
2.....	4,834	704	-----	11,927
3.....	4,032	3,037	-----	7,069
5.....	2,036	-----	-----	5,317
8.....	1,869	-----	-----	1,869
Total.....	16,879	9,346	3,060	52,399
Number of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month:				
District 1.....	3,188	3,860	1,933	15,420
2.....	6,214	1,012	-----	13,225
3.....	512	398	-----	4,980
5.....	-----	-----	-----	2,971
8.....	496	-----	-----	496
Total.....	10,410	4,270	1,933	37,092
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days:				
District 1.....	2.9	4.0	11.6	4.9
2.....	4.2	17.1	12.8	8.9
3.....	9.9	2.3	-----	3.1
5.....	5.8	-----	-----	5.8
8.....	17.7	-----	-----	17.7
Average for all districts.....	5.1	5.4	11.8	5.8

Liverpool Cotton Exchange to Remain Open To-day (Oct. 8) on Account of United States Cotton Report.

A Liverpool cablegram Oct. 3 (copyright) to the New York "Times" stated:

The Cotton Exchange here will remain open for business next Saturday afternoon. The reason is that on that day the United States Bureau report will be issued on the condition and probable production of the cotton crop and the number of bales ginned. America's action in issuing a report on a Saturday, which is practically a non-trading day, has caused much comment in Liverpool.

British Yarn Price Fixed—Curtailed of Production.

Manchester, England, Associated Press advices Sept. 30 stated:

A new scheme agreed upon by the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and the Cotton Yarn Association whereby it is hoped that the American section will be placed on a profitable basis, was ratified by the American Section General Committee to-day.

The federation issued a scale of minimum selling prices for yarns which will be operative on Monday.

Advices to the New York News Bureau from London Sept. 29 said:

Master spinners and the Cotton Yarn Association have reached a definite agreement on curtailment of production and minimum prices. In consequence of these developments it is expected that the banks will now be prepared to assist in the recovery of the British cotton industry.

Further advices from Manchester were reported by the News Bureau Oct. 1 as follows:

Two documents issued by the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation and the Cotton Yarn Association say that minimum prices were agreed upon by the committees of the federation and the association who request that the figures be kept private. The documents assert that it is imperative that every firm using American cotton adhere to the prices rigidly. A joint committee will meet from time to time to review the minimum prices and make variations as warranted by general conditions. If sufficient support of the sectionalizing is forthcoming, a joint committee will meet Oct. 17 for the purpose of reviewing and making necessary recommendations as to curtailment or production.

No Change in Crude Oil Price—Gasoline Prices Reduced in Several States.

Crude oil prices remained unchanged throughout the week just ended. On the other hand, gasoline prices have been reduced in several sections, the cuts amounting to so-called "price wars" at certain points.

Following the 2c. reduction put into effect Oct. 1 by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio, mentioned last week on page 1775, the Hickok Producing Co. made a similar cut to 19c. service station and 17c. tank wagon price. On Oct. 4 the Sinclair Refining Co. reduced gasoline at retail stations 3c. a gallon to 16c. per gallon. A press dispatch from Toledo, Ohio, on Oct. 4 says in part:

Although Roxana Petroleum Co., Paragon Refining Co. and Sun O Co. are still maintaining price of 19c. at stations, it is expected that a price war soon will start here (Toledo) following Sinclair's reduction and will eventually spread throughout Ohio.

Large companies have established many stations here in attempt to rout others from the territory and more are being built. One large company is said to be selling at 8c. a gallon wholesale in tank cars to enable its filling stations to make expenses during present competition.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Oct. 4 reduced the price of bunker fuel oil at New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to \$1.55 a barrel and at Charleston, S. C., to \$1.50. These prices were made effective as of Oct. 1. The previous price was \$1.65 a barrel.

At Detroit on Oct. 4 the Sinclair Refining Co. cut the price of gasoline 2c. a gallon to 17.8c., including tax. The tank wagon price was also cut 2c., to 14.8c. a gallon.

On Oct. 6 the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana reduced the retail price of gasoline 2c. a gallon, to 14.8c., excluding tax. The tank wagon price was also cut 2c., to 12.8c., the reduction following similar reductions by Sinclair Refining and other large distributors.

Information from New Orleans says in part that the price of gasoline there has dropped 5c. a gallon in the last two weeks as a result of price cutting competition between large distributors and independent concerns. The price in New Orleans is now 13½c. a gallon, against 18½c. a gallon two weeks ago.

The wholesale prices at Chicago on Oct. 6 were: U. S. motor grade gasoline, 6½@6¼c.; kerosene, 41-43 water white, 4½@4¼c.; fuel oil, 24-26 gravity, 85@87½c.

Crude Oil Production Again Increases.

Another increase, this time amounting to 2,850 barrels, was reported by the American Petroleum Institute in the estimated daily average production of crude oil during the week ended Oct. 1 as compared with the preceding week. The Institute estimates that the total daily average gross production in the United States for the week ended Oct. 1

was 2,536,950 barrels as compared with 2,534,100 barrels for the week of Sept. 24. The daily average production east of California was 1,901,650 barrels, as compared with 1,896,300 barrels, an increase of 5,350 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks given:

(In barrels)—	Oct. 1 '27.	Sept. 24 '27.	Sept. 17 '27.	Oct. 2 '26.
Oklahoma.....	809,700	800,400	782,400	470,500
Kansas.....	105,000	105,200	105,250	115,150
Panhandle Texas.....	90,200	93,750	97,750	125,950
North Texas.....	82,700	81,400	82,250	86,050
West Central Texas.....	65,350	65,660	67,000	62,900
West Texas.....	208,050	206,450	178,200	45,600
East Central Texas.....	30,050	30,300	30,500	57,800
Southwest Texas.....	28,900	30,400	28,750	44,950
North Louisiana.....	52,350	53,350	53,400	58,200
Arkansas.....	100,550	101,100	101,500	151,100
Coastal Texas.....	125,550	129,200	128,750	166,450
Coastal Louisiana.....	15,250	15,750	16,400	12,950
Eastern.....	110,500	109,000	110,500	110,000
Wyoming.....	54,900	51,800	50,650	67,500
Montana.....	13,800	13,750	13,800	20,900
Colorado.....	6,850	6,800	6,650	8,500
New Mexico.....	1,950	2,100	2,550	4,750
California.....	635,300	637,800	639,100	600,000
Total.....	2,536,950	2,534,100	2,494,850	2,194,250

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 Oct. 1 was 1,572,850 barrels, as compared with 1,567,900 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 4,950 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil was 1,494,500 barrels as compared with 1,489,400 barrels, an increase of 5,100 barrels.

The production figures of certain pools in the various districts for the current week compared with the previous week follow (figures in barrels of 42 gallons):

Oklahoma—	Oct. 1.	Sept. 24.	Southwest Texas—	Oct. 1	Sept. 24
North Braman.....	2,800	2,900	Luling.....	15,650	15,850
South Braman.....	2,450	2,250	Laredo District.....	9,100	9,350
Tonkawa.....	18,850	18,650	North Louisiana—		
Garber.....	10,850	10,950	Haynesville.....	7,050	7,100
Burbank.....	35,450	35,850	Uranla.....	9,900	10,000
Bristow Slick.....	24,950	24,950	Arkansas—		
Cromwell.....	13,200	13,250	Smackover, light.....	9,850	9,950
Wewoka.....	14,200	14,200	Smackover, heavy.....	78,350	78,500
Seminole.....	17,750	17,300	Coastal Texas—		
Bowlegs.....	140,900	143,250	West Columbia.....	10,500	10,800
Searight.....	30,500	31,300	Blue Ridge.....	4,300	3,800
Little River.....	31,550	25,450	Pierce Junction.....	7,700	9,050
Earlsboro.....	179,650	171,350	Hull.....	15,850	14,700
Panhandle Texas—			Spindletop.....	54,250	57,050
Hutchinson County.....	69,150	74,000	Orange County.....	4,600	4,600
Carlson County.....	8,000	8,650	Wyoming—		
Gray.....	11,000	9,700	Salt Creek.....	35,800	32,750
Wheeler.....	1,400	1,350	Montana—		
West Central Texas—			Sunburst.....	11,500	11,500
Brown County.....	23,000	24,000	California—		
Shackelford County.....	5,650	5,700	Santa Fe Springs.....	38,500	39,000
West Texas—			Long Beach.....	91,000	90,500
Reagan County.....	24,050	23,600	Huntington Beach.....	63,000	65,500
Pecos County.....	25,500	23,350	Torrance.....	20,500	21,000
Crane and Upton Cos.....	137,150	136,350	Dominquez.....	15,000	15,000
Winkler.....	9,950	10,150	Rosecrans.....	8,000	8,000
East Central Texas—			Inslewood.....	33,000	33,500
Corsicana Powell.....	14,800	14,900	Midway-Sunset.....	84,000	84,000
Nigger Creek.....	1,650	1,700	Ventura Avenue.....	57,300	57,800
			Seal Beach.....	70,000	68,500

Output of Natural-Gas Gasoline Shows Increase.

According to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Mines, the production of natural-gas gasoline recorded a slight increase in August 1927, when the total output was 135,000,000 gallons, a daily average of 4,350,000 gallons. This is a little over 20% above the production the previous year, but is considerably below the record established in April 1927. By far the most important event of the month was the very material decline in stocks. Stocks had risen steadily from 19,057,000 gallons on hand at the end of 1926 to 41,670,000 gallons at the end of July 1927. In August 1927, however, an unusually brisk demand was created by buyers who were anxious to take advantage of bargain prices before it was too late. The result was that stocks declined by over 14,000,000 gallons, or 34%. The Bureau also reports:

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL-GAS GASOLINE.

	Production. ^a			Stocks End of Month.	
	July 1927.	Aug. 1927.	Aug. 1926.	July 1927.	Aug. 1927.
Appalachian.....	5,400,000	5,700,000	5,100,000	3,047,000	2,558,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	501,000	306,000
Oklahoma, Kan., &c.	48,200,000	48,700,000	42,900,000	20,010,000	10,645,000
Texas.....	25,500,000	27,200,000	19,200,000	15,243,000	10,709,000
Louisiana & Ark.....	7,000,000	7,300,000	6,500,000	1,004,000	1,252,000
Rocky Mountain.....	4,100,000	3,900,000	4,000,000	541,000	672,000
Total east of Calif.	91,300,000	94,000,000	78,900,000	40,346,000	26,142,000
California.....	39,700,000	41,000,000	33,000,000	1,324,000	1,260,000
Tot. United States	131,000,000	135,000,000	111,900,000	41,670,000	27,402,000
Daily average.....	4,230,000	4,350,000	3,610,000		

^a Approximately 97% net production; 3% gross.

Gain in 1927 World Oil Production Seen.

After remaining practically stationary for four years, the world's petroleum production for 1927 will show an increase of about 12% over 1926, according to Valentin R. Garfias, Manager of the Foreign Oil Department of Henry L. Doherty & Co., in his annual survey of petroleum production of the world. Mr. Garfias says in substance:

The world's output for 1927 is estimated at 1,229,500,000 barrels, an increase of 133,566,000 barrels over 1926. The daily average production for 1927 is estimated at close to 3,370,000, the fields on the American continent accounting for 85.5% of the total.

The outstanding development of the year has been the sharp increase in output in the United States, bringing about over-production with its accompanying evils and waste. The increase in this country is estimated at 119,000,000 barrels, which is equivalent to the combined production of Mexico and Venezuela. This unexpected over-production, which was a direct result of the discovery and uncontrolled development of pools in California, Oklahoma and Texas, has brought about a serious dislocation of the entire industry.

Other important changes in 1927 have been the gain in output of Venezuela and Colombia and the rapid decline of Mexican production, which will show a decrease of about 30% from 1926. These changes have enhanced the proportionate production of the American fields and placed Russia, and possibly Venezuela, ahead of Mexico, which will drop from second to third or fourth position for the year. Russian production probably will take second place with a total of about 70,000,000 barrels, an increase of 7,000,000 over 1926, the Russian output now being about 5.7% of the world's total.

Production for 1927 clearly indicates that stabilization of the world's petroleum industry hinges on control of American output. Now, more than ever, there is emphasized the urgent need of establishing in this country effective machinery that will make impossible a repetition of the concentrated over-production with its accompanying inevitable waste.

The following table shows the world's production for 1925, 1926 and 1927, the figures for the first two years being furnished by the United States Bureau of Mines, while the 1927 figures are the author's estimates.

WORLD'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTION.

Country—	1925.	1926.	1927.
United States.....	763,743,000	770,874,000	890,000,000
Russia.....	52,448,000	62,941,000	70,000,000
Mexico.....	115,515,000	90,421,000	63,000,000
Venezuela.....	19,687,000	37,381,000	60,000,000
Persia.....	35,038,000	35,842,000	36,000,000
Rumania.....	16,650,000	23,292,000	28,000,000
Dutch East Indies.....	21,422,000	20,817,000	20,000,000
Colombia.....	1,007,000	6,444,000	14,000,000
Peru.....	9,252,000	10,782,000	11,000,000
India.....	8,274,000	8,270,000	8,000,000
Argentina.....	6,336,000	7,947,000	8,000,000
Poland.....	5,960,000	5,844,000	5,900,000
Trinidad.....	4,387,000	5,278,000	5,400,000
Sarawak.....	4,257,000	4,942,000	5,000,000
Japan.....	1,694,000	1,557,000	1,700,000
Egypt.....	1,226,000	1,181,000	1,150,000
Germany.....	541,000	653,000	700,000
France.....	459,000	478,000	500,000
Canada.....	332,000	365,000	500,000
Ecuador.....	160,000	214,000	320,000
Czechoslovakia.....	158,000	150,000	150,000
Others.....	195,000	261,000	180,000
Total.....	1,068,741,000	1,095,934,000	1,229,500,000

Frazier Jelke & Co. on Increasing Output of Copper in North and South America.

American copper producers during the past year have made phenomenal strides in stabilizing world markets for this essential metal, according to a review by Frazier Jelke & Co., made public Sept. 30. "Faced a year ago with prospects of a decreasing demand for copper in the United States, new markets were discovered abroad which have enabled the industry this year to exceed the record output of 1926," the review points out. It continues:

The world output of copper has increased approximately 7½%, while consumption in the United States had declined 8% during the past eight months. Figures for the first eight months of 1927 show an output of 985,287 tons of copper from North and South America, representing more than 90% of world production. This is an increase of 4½% over 1926 production for the first eight months.

A year ago exports represented 35% of the combined American shipments, but this year thus far overseas shipments comprise 42% of the total from this hemisphere. The actual increase in exports was nearly 25% over 1926.

By clearing away the unfavorable speculative element controlling the price of copper in Europe, the industry here has been able to compete with foreign producers on the basis of supply and demand.

Germany has received 30% of the copper exported thus far this year, while Great Britain obtained 20% of the exports. France, Holland, and Italy each received approximately 10% of the American copper shipments abroad.

Steel Situation Remains Practically Unchanged—Demand for Pig Iron is Light.

Pig iron statistics throw some light on the present state of activity in iron and steel. On Oct. 1 there were 179 blast furnaces in operation making iron at a rate of 90,800 tons a day. A year ago 215 furnaces were active producing 105,480 tons daily, declares the Oct. 6 "Iron Age" in reviewing developments in the steel trade during the week.

Steel making operations have not expanded from the rate reached in the last week of September, and there are as yet no well defined indications of improvement in the general business situation. Steel production of the 9 months of this year is considerably ahead of that for the same period of 1925, the best year, save 1926, that the industry has ever known. The fourth quarter then was active, but if the expected expansion this last quarter approximates 15% over the third, 1927 will be on a parity with 1925, observes the "Age," from which we quote further:

The September output of pig iron was 2,774,949 tons, or 92,498 tons a day, comparing with 2,947,276 tons, or 95,073 tons a day in August. [Further details appear this week in another column.]

Demand that is only slightly above the summer level is having an effect on prices. The week has seen a decline of \$2 a ton in automobile body

sheets. Blue annealed sheets have weakened \$2, or to 2.15c., Pittsburgh chiefly in the narrow widths in meeting competition with strip sheets. Like deviations in black and galvanized sheets, however, are only occasional, although 2.75c., Ohio mill, has been done on the latter.

The effort to establish a premium of \$2 a ton in bars, plates and shapes on small lots has not been thoroughly successful. Somewhat lower prices rule on large diameter pipe, including oil industry products, as a result of a revision of the supplementary discounts, although the move is regarded as one for stabilization.

Wire nails are facing a test, because buyers, still getting deliveries on third quarter purchases, have not had to specify against the \$2.55 per keg price.

The establishing of quantity differentials on hot rolled strips has been followed by several sales to Michigan automobile companies.

Rail orders for 80,000 tons are reported from Chicago, and the Pennsylvania has allocated 200,000 tons, plus 100,000 tons on option. Among fresh inquiries is that of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas road for 12,500 tons of 90-lb. sections for the second half of 1928.

Lettings of 24,000 tons of fabricated structural steel were noteworthy as not covering any contract of outstanding size. Among new projects is a bridge at Cleveland, which will require 18,000 tons, and a pipe line near San Francisco, taking 6,000 tons. Altogether some 42,000 tons was added to pending structural business.

Pig iron demand is unusually light in all centres, and in the Birmingham district there is less forward buying than at any time since 1921. In most market prices are untested because of a dearth of inquiries, but in southern Ohio and in central Indiana a new low price of \$16.50, base furnace, is reported on Lake foundry iron. Aggressive competition by Lake Erie furnaces has also been felt by Chicago producers, who have been forced to cut prices \$1.50 to \$2 a ton to hold trade in northern Indiana and western Michigan. In the Valleys an effort to make a speculative purchase of 10,000 tons of basic at \$1 a ton below the market was unsuccessful.

Heavy melting scrap has declined 50c. a ton at Pittsburgh and 25c. a ton at Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit. With demand from steel companies diminishing and with railroad scrap offerings increasing, the only sustaining market influence is the reluctance of yard dealers and industrial producers of scrap to sell their accumulations at prevailing low prices.

With the settlement of the coal strike in Illinois, non-union mines in West Virginia and elsewhere no longer expect extra demands on them from the Middle West. Reductions in the production of beehive coke in the Connellsville district have failed to stiffen prices. There is almost no call for furnace coke and the demand for other grades is limited.

British competition in pig iron is reported in our Berlin radiogram as increasing, and the German pig iron syndicate has reduced prices 75c. and \$1.50 a ton on steel making and other irons. Competition there is also developing concessions in medium and thin sheets.

A Belgian-French rail syndicate has secured a 51,000-ton rail order from Manchuria.

Exports of machinery from the United States in August at \$41,018,828 represent the largest month's shipments since 1921. July also was an unusually large month, but lacked 2% of the August total. The trend has been consistently upward since 1921.

Both the "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged this week, finished steel remaining at 2.346c. a lb. and pig iron at \$18.09 a ton, as shown in the following table:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Oct. 4 1927.	2.346c. per lb.	Oct. 4 1927.	\$18.09 per Gross Ton.
One week ago	2.346c.	One week ago	\$18.09
One month ago	2.367c.	One month ago	18.04
One year ago	2.439c.	One year ago	19.53
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15.72

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 86% of the United States output.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	
High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1927. 2.453c. Jan. 4; 2.339c. Apr. 26	1927. \$19.71 Jan. 4; \$18.00 Sept. 13	1926. 21.54 Jan. 5; 19.46 July 13	1925. 22.50 Jan. 13; 18.96 July 7
1925. 2.560c. Jan. 6; 2.396c. Aug. 18	1925. 22.50 Jan. 13; 18.96 July 7	1924. 22.88 Feb. 26; 19.21 Nov. 3	1924. 22.88 Feb. 26; 19.21 Nov. 3
1924. 2.789c. Jan. 15; 2.460c. Oct. 14	1923. 30.86 Mar. 20; 20.77 Nov. 20		
1923. 2.824c. Apr. 24; 2.446c. Jan. 2			

While the whole iron and steel movement is not yet what it should be, signs of improvement appear, and the outlook for fourth quarter is more promising, states the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland on Oct. 6. In this opinion it expresses a different view of the situation than that reported above. Automobile and car foundries are melting pig iron at a slightly faster rate than they did in September, while finished steel demand is accelerated, due in part to moderate revival in rail and structural shape business, says the "Review," adding:

Since 1923 the upturn in pig iron production each year has occurred in September, but this year the month proved a disappointment as output continued to drop, for the fifth consecutive month. The daily average for September was 92,720 tons, the lowest for any month since 1925. The decline from the daily average in August, however, was only 2,463 tons, or 2.6%. The total figure for September, with 30 days, was 2,781,594 tons, compared with 2,950,674 tons for the 31 days in August.

The number of stacks in blast Sept. 30 was 181, eight less than on Aug. 31, and the lowest number since September 1924, with 174.

Pig iron sales are at a low point, and prices in New York, Ohio and at Chicago show an easier tendency. Many furnace companies are carrying over third-quarter orders on which buyers deferred shipments.

Pennsylvania RR. has placed 200,000 rails with an option for an additional 100,000 tons. Bids were opened Monday by the same company on 320,000 tie plates, 2,000,000 pounds of spikes and 46,000 pairs of joint bars. The company also opened bids on 17,000 tons of plates, 7,500 tons of shapes and 1,000 tons of bars.

An award of 53,000 tons of rails for the Chesapeake & Ohio and of 30,000 tons for a Western railroad also are bright spots in the railroad market. Rolling stock demand is improving slightly. Current sheet business shows a slight improvement, especially in the Eastern district, but large tonnage requirements have not yet appeared. The market for auto body sheets has been unsettled temporarily by the fact some consumers have been enabled to place orders at 4.15c., or \$2 below the recent general price. Some leading makers still quote 4.25c. Black sheets, galvanized and blue annealed are holding fairly steady, although concessions are reported in all three grades. Blue annealed is meeting strip steel competition in the narrow widths at 2.15c. Keener competition also is manifest in the market for tin plate, recent quotations having appeared at \$5.35 and lower.

Structural shapes are featured by the opening of bids on one of the largest jobs ever figured, the New York Hudson River Bridge, requiring 135,000 tons of steel. New inquiry in the Chicago district developed in better volume during the week, with a total of 12,000 tons. Awards include 5,000

tons for a Koppers Co. building, Pittsburgh. Concrete reinforcing bar sellers look for an active fall demand, based on current inquiries. Interest centres on 7,700 tons for the second section of a sewer at St. Louis.

Demand for plates for oil tanks shows some signs of reviving, with new orders placed with Chicago district mills for 4,500 tons, for Southwestern fields, and inquiries for 6,000 tons additional pending. Buying of bars continues to lead all finished steel products. Chicago mills have made practically no headway in seeking to stabilize the market on bars, plates and shapes at 1.90c. and the more general price now is 1.85c. The Pittsburgh market on all three products is steady at 1.75. Shape prices in the Eastern district have been clarified at 1.75c. on new business booked by the leading makers, although some lower quotations still are out as protections.

Farm implement makers are continuing to specify at a heavy rate. Road machinery builders are doing less of a seasonal business, and as the replacement of this machinery is heavy, they are important buyers, particularly of bars. It is significant to note that the slack automotive business seems to give the Western steel markets far less concern than is the case in Eastern markets. Automotive parts makers, frame and bumper manufacturers and others are continuing at a fairly active pace.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is off 4 cents this week to \$36.05.

September Pig Iron Output Lowest for Year.

A rather sharp decrease in pig iron production was recorded in September, as shown by the monthly statistics prepared by the "Iron Age." The rate fell to 92,498 gross tons per day, a decrease from August of 2,575 tons or 2.7%. This contrasts with a decline in August from July of only 126 tons per day. The September falling off is the sixth month in succession, the first having been in April. The September daily rate of 92,498 tons is the smallest since September 1925, when it was 90,873 tons per day.

September's total output of coke pig iron was 2,774,949 tons or 92,498 tons per day, against 2,947,276 tons or 95,073 tons per day in August, a 31-day month, as contrasted with the 30 days in September. The decline last month of 2,575 tons per day compares with 126 tons in August, with 7,789 tons in July, and with 6,397 tons per day in June. The check in the falling off, possibly indicated in August, did not materialize. A year ago the September daily rate was 104,543 tons, and an upward trend then appeared, says the "Age," from which we quote the following data:

Net Loss of Eight Furnaces.

Furnaces shut down totaled 11, with 3 blown in—a net loss for the month of 8. This compares with a net loss of 3 in August, of 8 in July, of 13 in June, of 9 in May and of 3 in April. March showed a net gain of 6 furnaces.

Of the 11 furnaces shut down last month, 4 were Steel Corporation stacks, 3 belonged to independent steel companies and 4 were merchant. The 3 furnaces blown in included 2 independent steel company and 1 merchant stack.

No change has been made in the number of possibly active furnaces, which is still 362.

Capacity Active on Oct. 1.

On Oct. 1 there were 179 furnaces blowing compared with 187 on Sept. 1. The estimated rate of the 179 furnaces was 90,800 tons per day; on Sept. 1 the 187 furnaces had an estimated operating rate of 93,800 tons per day.

Manganese Alloy Production.

Ferromanganese made in September amounted to 20,675 tons, or the smallest this year. It compares with 21,279 tons in August, up to that time the smallest for this year. Spiegeleisen at 6,037 tons in September was the smallest this year; in August 9, 104 tons was made.

Furnaces In and Out.

Among the furnaces blown in during September was 1 furnace at the Lackawanna plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in the Buffalo district; 1 furnace of the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Co. in the Schuylkill Valley and 1 Shenango furnace in the Shenango Valley.

Among the furnaces blown out or banked during September was the Mary furnace of the Thomas Iron Co. and 1 spiegeleisen furnace of the New Jersey Zinc Co. in the Lehigh Valley; 1 Clairton furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. and 1 Aliquippa furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. in the Pittsburgh district; 1 Newcastle furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Shenango Valley; the Norton furnace in Kentucky; the Top Mill furnace of the Wheeling Steel Corp. in the Wheeling district; 1 Ohio furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Mahoning Valley; 1 Detroit furnace of the M. A. Hanna Co. in Michigan; 1 Bessemer furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. Co. in Alabama, and the Johnson City furnace in Tennessee.

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS

Year	Month	Steel Works		Merchant*	Total
		1926	1927		
1926	August	78,216	25,025	103,241	
	September	81,224	23,319	104,543	
	October	83,188	24,365	107,553	
	November	82,820	25,070	107,890	
	December	74,909	24,803	99,712	
	1927	January	75,609	24,514	100,123
		February	80,535	24,429	105,204
		March	86,304	26,062	112,366
		April	87,930	26,144	114,074
		May	84,486	24,899	109,385
		June	78,110	24,878	102,988
		July	69,778	25,421	95,199
August		71,413	23,660	95,073	
September		69,673	22,825	92,498	

* Includes pig iron made for the market by steel companies

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS

Year	Month	Total Iron.		Spiegeleisen and Ferromanganese.*		
		1926		1927		
		Spiegel and Ferro.	Fe-Mn.	Spiegel.	Fe-Mn.	Spiegel.
1926	January	2,599,876	2,343,881	29,129	7,746	31,844
	February	2,272,150	2,256,651	22,309	7,084	24,560
	March	2,661,092	2,675,417	24,064	7,339	27,834
	April	2,677,094	2,637,919	24,134	7,051	24,735
	May	2,687,138	2,690,778	23,159	6,999	28,734
	June	2,465,583	2,343,409	25,378	5,864	29,232
	Half year	15,362,933	14,876,355	148,173	42,083	166,939
	July	2,461,161	2,163,101	26,877	6,999	26,394
	August	2,424,687	2,213,815	23,557	4,372	21,279
	September	2,436,733	2,090,200	25,218	2,925	20,675
	October	2,578,830	2,473,830	28,473	6,295	24,878
	November	2,484,620	2,319,033	31,903	7,565	24,878
December	2,322,180	2,162,777	31,627	7,157	24,878	
Year		30,071,144	28,828,828	315,828	74,096	390,000

* Includes output of merchant furnaces.

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON.

Beginning Jan. 1 1925—Gross Tons.

	1925.	1926.	1927.
January	3,370,336	3,316,201	3,103,820
February	3,214,143	2,923,415	2,940,679
March	3,564,247	3,441,986	3,483,362
April	3,258,958	3,450,122	3,422,226
May	2,930,807	3,481,428	3,390,940
June	2,673,457	3,235,309	3,089,651
Half year	19,011,948	19,848,461	19,430,678
July	2,664,024	3,223,338	2,951,160
August	2,704,476	3,200,479	2,947,276
September	2,726,198	3,136,293	2,774,949
October	3,023,370	3,334,132	-----
November	3,023,006	3,236,707	-----
December	3,250,448	3,091,060	-----
Year*	36,403,470	39,070,470	-----

* These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1926 production of this iron was 163,880 tons.

Coal Mining Resumed—Operators in Illinois and Other Western States Agree to Jacksonville Scale—Settlement Temporary, Local Belief.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Oct. 7):

Agreement of bituminous coal operators in five Western States to resume mining operations and pay miners the Jacksonville wage scale ends a strike in those fields which began April 1 and has persisted since because of refusal of miners to accept any wage cut. Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania operators are still holding out for lower wages.

Bituminous coal men in New York believe the settlement in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas coal fields will last only as long as coal prices continue active and the demand good. Inactivity of union fields for six months has allowed fuel stocks all over the country to decline to a point which has strengthened prices. Higher prices enable operating in some fields on the Jacksonville wage scale.

Illinois operators agreed to the Jacksonville scale for four months, until the report of a specially appointed investigative body might be prepared. Operators in Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma have signed an agreement which expires March 31 1928, or through the winter season.

In Kansas City (Mo.) advises the same paper in its Oct. 7 issue said:

The coal miners of the Southwest started working at normal for the first time since April, when the nation-wide strike occurred. An agreement by which miners of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Texas returned to work was reached here Thursday. Virtually the same wage scale as that under which the men worked before the strike will be paid. Several thousand men were affected by the walk-out in this region.

Renewed efforts brought under way Sept. 30 to effect a settlement of bituminous coal mine strike in Illinois, resulted in the reading of a settlement on Oct. 1, when representatives of the miners and operators accepted a proposal from a joint committee of eight through which operations may be resumed. According to the Chicago "Tribune" the peace proposal required ratification by each side and both sides ratified it, although the representatives of each said that was a more formality. In its issue of Oct. 4 the "Tribune" said:

Illinois mining towns yesterday were the scenes of great activity as the 72,000 coal diggers began a trek back to mines which they left when the general strike order was issued on April 1. Many of the miners had been working on railroads in St. Louis and Chicago. They returned to their homes in mining centres as soon as announcement of the settlement was made.

The Illinois settlement was hailed with joy by merchants in the mining towns as many of them were on the brink of bankruptcy because of credit extended to striking miners and their families.

Regarding the arrangements agreed on for the resumption of mining the "Tribune" had the following to say in its issue of Oct. 2:

Operations, under the proposal, will be resumed under the Jacksonville agreement of 1924, calling for a wage scale of from \$5 to \$7.50 a day. It was the expiration of that agreement that caused the differences which brought on the strike six months ago.

Group to Study Situation.

Under the plan of settlement agreed on, the Jacksonville wage scale—so-called because it was made in Jacksonville, Fla.—will be continued until a commission of four completes a thorough study of the Illinois mine situation. The report of that commission is to be submitted to the joint wage scale committee of the operators and miners next Feb. 7.

If a new wage scale and other working conditions are found to be necessary, the wage scale committee will then determine on them.

The settlement affects Illinois mines only, but spokesmen for both the miners and operators freely predicted that the accord in this State is indicative of a settlement of the miners-operators controversy in the entire central competitive field.

Representatives of both miners and operators said that the settlement in Illinois will probably provide a sound basis for negotiations that will result in a general resumption of work in the whole affected area. It was announced that the mines would be reopened as rapidly as possible and that some of them might be in operation to-morrow.

The commission which is to make the study of the Illinois situation and submit its report to the wage scale committee on Feb. 7 will be composed of Rice Miller and F. G. Perry, President and Vice-President of the Illinois operators, and Harry Fishwick and William Smeed, President and Vice-President of the miners' union, it was announced.

The agreement provides that these four—in the event they become deadlocked on any question—may call in a fifth person to assist in adjusting any disputed point.

Longest Suspension on Record

The settlement ends the six months' suspension of operations in the Illinois mines that has resulted from the prolonged wage dispute. The mines closed down just six months ago yesterday and the suspension of operations has been the longest on record, the longest previous one being of five months and 18 days' duration.

Failure of a joint conference of operators and miners held in Miami, Fla., last February to agree on a new contract caused the shutdown of the Illi-

nois mines on April 1. The operators at the Miami meeting contended they would not pay the Jacksonville wage scale and compete with the Eastern non-union bituminous fields. The miners demanded a continuation of the Jacksonville contract.

Scale Set at Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville scale specifically called for a day wage of \$7.50 for laborers and for a rate of \$1.08 a ton for tonnage men, a scale that had been in effect for a number of years.

The operators and miners twice before yesterday endeavored to adjust the Illinois dispute. They met the first time in July and again three weeks ago, but both meetings failed to bring results.

Bituminous Coal Markets Weaken as Illinois Strike is Settled—Anthracite Markets Dull.

Settlement of the six months' tie-up of the major Illinois mines by the truce signed between the union and the operators late last Saturday has weakened spot bituminous coal markets, throughout the territory east of the Mississippi, the "Coal Age News" reports, in its Oct. 6 review of conditions affecting the markets. Prices on Kentucky coals and upon tonnage from the high-volatile districts of southern West Virginia began to give ground as soon as announcement that negotiations had been resumed was made. The full effect of cancellations and the backing up of tonnage already sent forward on consignment, however, will not be felt for several days, continues the weekly summary from which we quote the following details:

The "Coal Age News" index of spot bituminous prices settled at 167 and the corresponding weighted average price at \$2.02, a decline of 4 points, and 5 cents compared with last week's figures. Current levels are considerably below those in effect a year ago, when export buying was in full swing.

The situation in anthracite is still unsatisfactory to the hard-coal trade. Operations that speeded up production after the Labor Day holiday are now faced with surplus tonnage. The Illinois settlement, it is predicted, will add to the difficulties by curtailing the market for chestnut coal. Steam sales are less buoyant in the Philadelphia market and slow at New York.

Anthracite during the closing days of September did not step quite as briskly nor close the month with the fanfare of trumpets or the beating of toms-toms that followed the closing days of August, when a near-record-breaking week followed a good month in production, observes the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" this week, adding:

There was no incentive to accumulate through an advance in price, as there was September first, by the companies in general; though some independents, sold well ahead into October, have announced advances. Rather the industry has settled down to the long steady pull ahead for the fall and winter. A good healthy condition prevails, and a satisfactory outlook is the forecast.

Bituminous, in the opinion of some worth while, seems to have resolved itself, in so far as the Eastern trade is concerned, into a heads-I-win-tails-you-lose market, with the operators now flipping the coins. Such believe that, no matter now how the differences between Western operators and mines now idle adjust themselves, the Eastern market will improve. It goes without saying that, if there is not a satisfactory working adjustment between operators and miners in the West, there must necessarily be a large amount of Western buying of Eastern coal that cannot but advance Eastern mine prices. On the other hand, if the Western operators resume work as a whole, that will mean increased needed revenue to the Union, whose officials will at once strengthen their fight against the Eastern mines endeavoring to change from closed to open shop with the promise of further assistance. It is predicted that such effort will have its effect on production of Eastern mines.

The railroads and utility companies control a very large production in Illinois. Their stocks are reported low, and their influence is often one of present expediency rather than future consideration for the operators. Mr. Lewis is believed to have been watching stocks and may be "laughing up his sleeve." Or maybe he got "cold feet" over the prospect of operators and miners in his last stronghold dealing direct with each other. Take your choice. If anybody really knows, he "ain't tellin'."

Production of Bituminous Coal Increases but that of Anthracite Declines—Coke Gains.

Reports compiled by the United States Bureau of Mines show that the production of bituminous coal during the week ended Sept. 24 gained about 223,000 net tons over the preceding week and thereby established a new high record for weekly output since March last. In the same comparative weeks the production of anthracite fell off by around 94,000 net tons. Coke output, reports the Bureau of Mines, increased 4,000 net tons for the week of Sept. 24. The report then goes on to say:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Sept. 24, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,871,000 net tons—the highest figure of weekly output recorded since March. Compared with the production in the week of Sept. 17, this shows an increase of 223,000 tons, or 2.3%.

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

	1927		1926	
	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.
Sept. 10	8,980,000	365,453,000	10,257,000	372,959,000
Daily average	1,663,000	1,710,000	1,899,000	1,745,000
Sept. 17	9,648,000	375,101,000	11,447,000	384,406,000
Daily average	1,608,000	1,707,000	1,908,000	1,750,000
Sept. 24. b.	9,871,000	384,972,000	11,717,000	396,123,000
Daily average	1,645,000	1,706,000	1,953,000	1,755,000

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

The total quantity of soft coal produced during the calendar year 1927 to Sept. 26 (approximately 226 working days) amounts to 384,972,000 net

tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1926	396,123,000 net tons	1924	335,780,000 net tons
1925	354,333,000 net tons	1923	417,386,000 net tons
1922	276,093,000 net tons		

As already indicated by the figures above, the total production of soft coal during the week ended Sept. 17 amounted to 9,648,000 net tons as against 8,980,000 tons in the preceding holiday week.

The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

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

State	Total Production for Week Ended				September Average
	Sept. 17 1927	Sept. 10 1927	Sept. 18 1926	Sept. 19 1925	
Alabama	359,000	368,000	423,000	429,000	405,000
Ark., Kan., Mo. & Okla.	248,000	183,000	222,000	223,000	264,000
Colorado	218,000	215,000	218,000	230,000	214,000
Illinois	237,000	169,000	1,253,000	1,296,000	1,584,000
Indiana	300,000	275,000	467,000	391,000	549,000
Iowa	16,000	12,000	94,000	85,000	117,000
Kentucky—Eastern	1,083,000	1,029,000	982,000	935,000	712,000
Western	515,000	419,000	310,000	281,000	248,000
Maryland	67,000	61,000	67,000	59,000	40,000
Michigan	16,000	16,000	8,000	16,000	27,000
Montana	69,000	71,000	64,000	65,000	68,000
New Mexico	59,000	59,000	50,000	49,000	56,000
North Dakota	15,000	15,000	26,000	26,000	27,000
Ohio	158,000	128,000	567,000	580,000	860,000
Pennsylvania	2,420,000	2,246,000	2,954,000	2,722,000	3,580,000
Tennessee	93,000	95,000	116,000	115,000	119,000
Texas	22,000	23,000	22,000	21,000	26,000
Utah	92,000	83,000	86,000	120,000	103,000
Virginia	249,000	261,000	260,000	277,000	244,000
Washington	44,000	49,000	56,000	55,000	58,000
West Virginia—Southern	2,273,000	2,273,000	2,210,000	1,940,000	1,510,000
Northern	880,000	826,000	830,000	751,000	818,000
Wyoming	154,000	102,000	159,000	148,000	165,000
Others	2,000	2,000	3,000	5,000	4,000
Total	9,648,000	8,980,000	11,447,000	10,819,000	11,798,000

a Revised. b Weekly rate maintained during the entire month. c Includes operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., B. C. & G. and Charleston division of the B. & O. d Rest of State, including Panhandle.

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended Sept. 24 is estimated at 1,519,000 net tons. Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 94,000 tons, or 5.8%.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1927			
	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.
Sept. 10	1,330,000	55,731,000	1,690,000	55,876,000
Sept. 17	1,613,000	57,344,000	2,003,000	57,879,000
Sept. 24	1,519,000	58,863,000	2,059,000	59,938,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The output of beehive coke during the week ended Sept. 24 showed an increase of 4,000 net tons over that for the preceding week.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

State	Week Ended—			
	Sept. 24 1927	Sept. 17 1927	Sept. 25 1926	1927 to 1926
Pennsylvania and Ohio	73,000	66,000	163,000	4,431,000
West Virginia	16,000	19,000	15,000	596,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	4,000	4,000	6,000	193,000
Virginia	6,000	6,000	6,000	252,000
Colorado & New Mexico	4,000	4,000	4,000	148,000
Washington & Utah	3,000	3,000	3,000	127,000
United States total	106,000	102,000	197,000	5,747,000
Daily average	18,000	17,000	33,000	25,000

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

The weekly estimate of soft coal production in the United States, compiled by the National Coal Association from preliminary shipping reports, shows that the quantity of bituminous coal mined during the week ended Oct. 1 was about 10,350,000 net tons. This is the largest quantity of bituminous coal produced in any week since the first of last April.

Coke Production During the Month of August.

The output of by-product coke during August remained practically stationary. The total for the month was 3,665,000 net tons, an increase of 7,000 tons over the July production of 3,658,000 tons, according to estimates made by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. With the exception of 1926 this is the largest August output ever recorded. There were 31 working days in July and in August, and the average daily rate of production was 118,000 tons for July and 118,225 tons for August. There were 78 active plants and one idle one, and these plants produced about 80% of their capacity.

According to the "Iron Age," the production of pig iron during August was 2,947,276 gross tons, or 95,073 tons per day, against 2,951,160 tons in July, or 95,199 tons per day, both months having 31 days. The decline in the daily rate was 126 tons. A year ago the August daily rate was 103,241 tons, and, with this exception, August 1927 is the largest for that month since 1923.

The production of beehive coke during August showed a slight gain, the total for the month—487,000 net tons—being 20,000 tons more than that for July.

Output of all coke was 4,152,000 tons, of which 88% was contributed by the by-product ovens, and 12% by the beehive ovens, reports the Bureau, adding the following tables:

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

	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total.
1924 monthly average	2,833,000	806,000	3,639,000
1925 monthly average	3,326,000	946,000	4,272,000
1926 monthly average	3,698,000	1,041,000	4,739,000
May 1927	3,792,000	630,000	4,422,000
June 1927	3,598,000	577,000	4,175,000
July 1927	3,658,000	467,000	4,125,000
August 1927	3,665,000	487,000	4,152,000

a Excludes screenings and breeze. b Revised since last report.

The quantity of coal consumed at coke plants during August was about 6,034,000 tons, of which 5,266,000 tons was charged in by-product ovens, and 768,000 tons in beehive ovens.

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

	Consumed in By-Product Ovens.	Consumed in Beehive Ovens.	Total Coal Consumed.
1924 monthly average	4,060,000	1,272,000	5,332,000
1925 monthly average	4,759,000	1,452,000	6,211,000
1926 monthly average	5,304,000	1,602,000	6,906,000
May 1927	5,448,000	994,000	6,442,000
June 1927	5,169,000	910,000	6,079,000
July 1927	5,256,000	737,000	5,993,000
August 1927	5,266,000	768,000	6,034,000

a Revised since last report.

Of the total production of by-product coke during August, 2,966,000 tons, or 80.9%, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces, and 699,000 tons, or 19.1%, was made at merchant or other plants.

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

Month.	1922.		1923.		1924.		1925.		1926.		1927.	
	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.	Furnace.	Other.
January	82.4	17.6	82.8	17.2	82.8	17.2	84.8	15.2	82.9	17.1	81.1	18.9
February	83.3	16.7	82.3	17.7	83.6	16.4	83.7	16.3	81.7	18.3	81.5	18.5
March	83.3	16.7	82.6	17.4	84.0	16.0	83.7	16.3	82.5	17.5	83.0	17.0
April	83.7	16.3	82.6	17.4	83.6	16.4	83.7	16.3	82.6	17.4	83.5	16.5
May	85.5	14.5	82.7	17.3	80.0	20.0	83.2	16.8	82.5	17.5	82.6	17.4
June	85.7	14.3	83.1	16.9	80.8	19.2	83.1	16.9	82.5	17.5	83.5	16.5
July	86.0	14.0	83.3	16.7	80.8	19.2	82.6	17.4	83.2	16.8	80.9	19.1
August	80.3	19.7	82.7	17.3	79.5	20.5	82.1	17.9	83.0	17.0	80.9	19.1
September	82.7	17.3	82.2	17.8	82.0	18.0	82.2	17.8	82.7	17.3		
October	83.3	16.7	82.2	17.8	82.9	17.1	82.3	17.7	82.6	17.4		
November	83.1	16.9	82.2	17.8	83.4	16.6	83.0	17.0	82.5	17.5		
December	82.9	17.1	82.6	17.4	84.6	15.4	82.9	17.1	81.8	18.2		
Total	83.6	16.4	82.6	17.4	82.3	17.7	83.1	16.9	82.6	17.4		

Production of Bituminous Coal by States in August

Below are estimates of the production of bituminous coal, by States, for the month, as reported by the United States Bureau of Mines. The distribution of the tonnage is based in part (except for certain States which themselves supply authentic data) on figures of loadings by railroad divisions, furnished by the American Railway Association and by officials of certain roads, and in part on reports on waterways shipments made by the United States Engineers' Office.

There were 27 full working days in the month of August and 25 in July. The average daily rate of output for the country as a whole in August was 1,545,000 tons, as against 1,345,000 tons in July—an increase, in August, of 14.9%.

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

State.	Aug. 1927.	July 1927.	Aug. 1926.	Aug. 1925.	Aug. 1923.
Alabama	1,714,000	1,292,000	1,780,000	1,762,000	1,741,000
Arkansas	200,000	128,000	128,000	105,000	116,000
Colorado	860,000	534,000	778,000	763,000	753,000
Illinois	720,000	362,000	4,935,000	5,431,000	5,973,000
Indiana	1,315,000	880,000	1,730,000	1,625,000	1,927,000
Iowa	47,000	37,000	331,000	370,000	438,000
Kansas	180,000	129,000	326,000	373,000	369,000
Kentucky—Eastern	4,923,000	4,101,000	4,200,000	4,039,000	3,353,000
Western	2,226,000	2,003,000	1,230,000	1,176,000	950,000
Maryland	293,000	234,000	283,000	245,000	194,000
Michigan	76,000	62,000	42,000	60,000	92,000
Missouri	163,000	127,000	193,000	217,000	268,000
Montana	256,000	134,000	214,000	243,000	219,000
New Mexico	247,000	178,000	213,000	194,000	216,000
North Dakota	59,000	33,000	71,000	80,000	90,000
Ohio	613,000	553,000	2,056,000	2,293,000	3,817,000
Oklahoma	246,000	188,000	168,000	197,000	241,000
Pennsylvania	10,340,000	8,580,000	12,003,000	11,084,000	16,370,000
Tennessee	423,000	383,000	477,000	486,000	517,000
Texas	104,000	88,000	89,000	95,000	106,000
Utah	426,000	324,000	374,000	413,000	365,000
Virginia	1,156,000	1,048,000	1,127,000	1,128,000	1,090,000
Washington	199,000	146,000	191,000	212,000	204,000
West Virginia—Southern	10,488,000	8,523,000	9,430,000	8,372,000	6,845,000
Northern	3,943,000	3,200,000	3,472,000	3,157,000	3,630,000
Wyoming	479,000	364,000	495,000	495,000	672,000
Other States	9,000	6,000	16,000	18,000	17,000
Total	41,705,000	33,637,000	46,352,000	44,633,000	50,578,000

a Figures for 1925 and 1923 only are final. b Includes operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., B. C. & G., and Charleston division of the B. & O. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

Analysis of Imports and Exports of the United States for August.

The Department of Commerce at Washington Sept. 28 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of August and the eight months ending with

August. This statement indicates how much of the merchandise exports for the two years consisted of crude or of partly or wholly manufactured products. The following is the report in full:

Group. (Value in 1,000 Dols.)	Month of August.				Eight Months Ended August.			
	1926.		1927.		1926.		1927.	
	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.
Domestic Exports—								
Crude materials.....	75,790	20.1	55,137	15.0	645,104	22.3	666,895	22.1
Crude foodstuffs and food animals.....	50,088	13.2	46,770	12.7	188,418	6.5	219,227	7.3
Manufact foodstuffs.....	42,760	11.3	34,163	9.3	314,771	10.9	294,653	9.8
Semi-manufactures.....	53,222	14.1	59,783	16.3	423,289	14.6	474,127	15.7
Finished manufactures.....	156,463	41.3	171,746	46.7	1,321,779	45.7	1,356,477	45.1
Total domestic exports.....	378,324	100.0	367,599	100.0	2,893,361	100.0	3,011,379	100.0
Foreign exports.....	6,125		7,235		66,257		72,130	
Total.....	384,449		374,834		2,959,618		3,083,509	
Imports—								
Crude materials.....	124,289	36.9	144,212	39.0	1,243,107	41.8	1,110,567	39.5
Crude foodstuffs and food animals.....	42,050	12.5	42,663	11.6	351,278	11.8	326,543	11.6
Manufact foodstuffs.....	30,557	9.1	35,470	9.6	272,984	9.1	311,891	11.1
Semi-manufactures.....	64,308	19.1	66,702	18.1	545,313	18.4	499,581	17.8
Finished manufactures.....	75,274	22.4	79,955	21.7	563,703	18.9	562,962	20.0
Total.....	336,477	100.0	369,001	100.0	2,977,476	100.0	2,811,544	100.0

Domestic Exports of Cotton, Cotton Cloths, Yarns, Threads and Hosiery.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on Sept. 26 issued its monthly report on the domestic exports of cotton, cotton cloths, yarns, thread and hosiery for the month of August and the eight months ending with August, with comparisons for the corresponding periods a year ago. The exports of raw cotton were smaller in both quantity and value in August of this year than in August last year, 340,311

bales having been shipped out in August 1927, against 391,295 bales in August 1926, and the value of these exports was placed at \$31,311,534 in August this year as compared with \$39,423,866 in August last year. For the eight months period ending with August 1927 the exports of raw cotton have been no less than 5,951,029 bales as against 3,866,387 bales in the eight months ending with August 1926. The value of these shipments was \$440,160,120, against \$399,944,950. The exports of cotton manufactures increased somewhat in August, but show a falling off for the eight months period. Below is the report in full:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON, COTTON CLOTHS, YARNS, THREADS AND HOSEY.

	Month of August.		Eight Months Ended August	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Raw cotton, incl. linters.....bales	391,295	340,311	3,866,387	5,951,029
Value.....	\$39,423,866	\$31,311,534	\$399,944,950	\$440,160,120
Cotton manufactures, total.....	\$9,663,852	\$11,699,207	\$89,813,631	\$87,304,193
Cotton cloths, total.....sq.yds.	38,508,446	48,226,015	345,307,376	375,411,409
Value.....	\$5,451,693	\$6,662,335	\$51,613,916	\$49,967,452
Tire fabrics.....sq.yds.	281,887	447,693	1,232,537	3,177,273
Value.....	\$142,560	\$151,853	\$534,261	\$1,080,027
Cotton duck.....sq.yds.	\$20,403	1,391,151	7,783,106	110,931,248
Value.....	\$305,495	\$431,299	\$2,965,312	\$3,348,914
Other cotton cloths—				
Unbleached.....sq.yds.	8,647,559	9,130,949	77,999,896	86,199,911
Value.....	\$879,928	\$857,942	\$8,500,967	\$7,647,415
Bleached.....sq.yds.	6,923,991	7,490,008	67,282,803	57,951,462
Value.....	\$803,852	\$890,182	\$8,721,195	\$6,557,052
Printed.....sq.yds.	7,421,546	10,342,125	64,454,733	77,285,242
Value.....	\$1,011,284	\$1,376,022	\$9,386,712	\$10,306,220
Piece dyed.....sq.yds.	8,285,745	10,509,368	70,377,964	80,103,506
Value.....	\$1,372,991	\$1,678,781	\$12,456,795	\$12,407,688
Yarn dyed.....sq.yds.	6,127,315	8,914,721	56,176,337	59,762,787
Value.....	\$935,583	\$1,276,256	\$9,048,674	\$8,620,136
Cotton yarn, thread, &c.—				
Carded yarn.....lbs.	1,179,716	1,487,503	9,923,357	12,034,526
Value.....	\$404,458	\$466,336	\$3,642,894	\$3,782,286
Combed yarn.....lbs.	706,343	824,878	6,194,673	7,268,925
Value.....	\$526,328	\$624,142	\$4,743,801	\$5,455,599
Sewing, crochet, darning and embroidery cotton.....lbs.	117,839	101,076	937,722	940,337
Value.....	\$124,362	\$96,264	\$957,777	\$868,243
Cotton hosiery.....doz.prs.	330,849	341,497	3,501,725	3,175,691
Value.....	\$569,666	\$601,042	\$6,285,180	\$5,335,824

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Oct. 5, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows increases for the week of \$62,700,000 in bill and security holdings, of \$23,800,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and of \$11,300,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and a decrease of \$23,600,000 in cash reserves. Holdings of all classes of bills and securities were higher than a week ago—discounts by \$32,200,000, acceptances purchased in open market by \$20,000,000, and Government securities by \$10,500,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discount holdings of the New York bank increased \$25,100,000, of San Francisco \$11,000,000 and of Cleveland \$6,400,000, while the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis reported a decline in discounts of \$7,700,000 and Philadelphia of \$4,100,000. The System's holdings of acceptances purchased in open market increased \$20,000,000, of Treasury certificates \$16,900,000 and of United States bonds \$2,500,000, while holdings of Treasury notes declined \$7,900,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation for the week comprise increases of \$3,600,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, \$3,200,000 at Richmond and \$3,100,000 at San Francisco, and a decrease of \$3,900,000 at the Philadelphia bank.

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 1941 and 1942. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Oct. 5 1927 is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	-\$23,600,000	+\$160,500,000
Gold reserves.....	-23,100,000	+152,400,000
Total bills and securities.....	+62,700,000	+23,500,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+32,200,000	-161,100,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+14,500,000	-46,200,000
Other bills discounted.....	+17,600,000	-114,900,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+20,000,000	-11,100,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+10,500,000	+198,500,000
Bonds.....	+2,500,000	+202,400,000
Treasury notes.....	-7,900,000	-8,800,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	+16,000,000	+4,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+11,300,000	-13,900,000
Total deposits.....	+36,600,000	+166,500,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+23,800,000	+148,500,000
Government deposits.....	+12,700,000	+13,700,000

Returns of Member Banks for New York and Chicago Federal Reserve Districts—Brokers' Loans.

Beginning with the returns for June 29 last 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, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics

covering the entire body of reporting member banks—now 660—cannot be got ready.

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 latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of the reporting banks, which this week established still another high record—the fifth in as many weeks—the grand aggregate of these loans for Oct. 5 being \$3,395,235,000, against \$3,305,623,000 for Sept. 28, which latter was the previous peak.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York—52 Banks.		
	Oct. 5 1927.	Sept. 28 1927.	Oct. 6 1926.
Loans and investments—total.....	\$6,840,666,000	\$6,750,125,000	\$6,245,983,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	5,073,024,000	4,964,690,000	4,524,913,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	41,719,000	38,525,000	42,481,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	2,361,999,000	2,274,294,000	2,016,190,000
All other loans and discounts.....	2,669,306,000	2,651,871,000	2,466,242,000
Investments—total.....	1,767,642,000	1,785,435,000	1,721,070,000
U. S. Government securities.....	882,025,000	896,133,000	875,710,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	885,617,000	899,302,000	845,360,000
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	715,091,000	748,004,000	647,133,000
Cash in vault.....	59,745,000	56,966,000	65,505,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,268,975,000	5,184,920,000	5,006,040,000
Time deposits.....	1,008,167,000	1,011,384,000	833,302,000
Government deposits.....	123,521,000	126,934,000	63,096,000
Due from banks.....	115,340,000	101,097,000	107,081,000
Due to banks.....	1,261,800,000	1,170,918,000	1,086,891,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total.....	124,476,000	96,055,000	91,041,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	82,500,000	55,100,000	50,800,000
All other.....	41,976,000	40,955,000	40,241,000
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds):			
For own account.....	1,175,491,000	1,092,479,000	953,508,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,297,239,000	1,295,512,000	1,144,063,000
For account of others.....	922,605,000	917,632,000	711,436,000
Total.....	3,395,235,000	3,305,623,000	2,809,007,000
On demand.....	2,593,722,000	2,523,595,000	2,080,624,000
On time.....	801,513,000	782,028,000	728,383,000
Chicago—45 Banks.			
Loans and investments—total.....	\$1,864,143,000	\$1,840,930,000	\$1,793,263,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	1,463,885,000	1,441,609,000	1,400,991,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	12,013,000	13,764,000	13,994,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	768,730,000	758,341,000	673,452,000
All other loans and discounts.....	683,086,000	669,504,000	713,545,000
Investments—total.....	400,258,000	399,321,000	392,272,000
U. S. Government securities.....	176,318,000	174,311,000	166,564,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	223,940,000	225,010,000	225,708,000
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	187,847,000	183,208,000	180,914,000
Cash in vault.....	19,135,000	19,156,000	21,310,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,269,205,000	1,241,157,000	1,228,499,000
Time deposits.....	565,223,000	558,157,000	515,828,000
Government deposits.....	21,672,000	22,677,000	15,149,000
Due from banks.....	145,863,000	139,160,000	153,020,000
Due to banks.....	386,427,000	361,995,000	380,156,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total.....	10,245,000	9,830,000	31,061,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	9,620,000	8,991,000	19,865,000
All other.....	625,000	839,000	11,196,000

Complete Return of the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System for the Preceding Week.

As explained above, the statements for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks, now 660, cannot be got ready.

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System, for the week ending with the close of business Sept. 28:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 660 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Sept. 28 shows increases for the week of \$50,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$2,000,000 in investments, \$11,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$40,000,000 in time deposits and \$9,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$78,000,000 above the Sept. 21 total at all reporting banks and \$53,000,000 above at banks in the New York district. "All other" loans and discounts declined \$28,000,000, of which \$22,000,000 was in the New York district.

Holdings of United States securities increased \$7,000,000 at banks in the Cleveland district and \$11,000,000 at all reporting banks. Other bonds, stocks and securities were \$9,000,000 less than the previous week's total, the larger decline of \$14,000,000 in the New York district being partly offset by small increases in some of the other districts.

Net demand deposits increased \$11,000,000 during the week, the principal changes being an increase of \$10,000,000 in the New York district and a reduction of \$18,000,000 in the San Francisco district. Time deposits were \$40,000,000 above the total reported a week ago, an increase of \$14,000,000 being reported by banks in the New York district and \$11,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in the Atlanta and San Francisco districts, respectively.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks increased \$9,000,000, the principal changes comprising an increase of \$20,000,000 in the New York district and a reduction of \$7,000,000 in the Cleveland district.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 660 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Sept. 28 1927, follows:

	Sept. 28 1927.	Increase or Decrease During Week.	
	\$	\$	%
Loans and investments—total	20,984,360,000	+51,610,000	+995,101,000
Loans and discounts—total	14,942,248,000	+49,781,000	+546,820,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	122,113,000	+111,000	+31,853,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,069,780,000	+77,626,000	+468,753,000
All other loans and discounts	8,750,355,000	-27,956,000	+109,920,000
Investments—total	6,042,112,000	+1,829,000	+408,281,000
U. S. Government securities	2,599,306,000	+11,125,000	+97,564,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,442,806,000	-9,296,000	+310,717,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks	1,722,538,000	+18,032,000	+54,347,000
Cash in vault	260,609,000	+614,000	-24,753,000
Net demand deposits	13,230,140,000	+10,571,000	+226,984,000
Time deposits	6,332,327,000	+40,392,000	+658,589,000
Government deposits	352,250,000	+497,000	+90,080,000
Due from banks	1,166,370,000	-17,786,000	-10,618,000
Due to banks	3,331,204,000	+8,765,000	-216,560,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks—total	278,481,000	+5,020,000	-110,050,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	165,016,000	+5,020,000	-110,050,000
All other	113,465,000	+3,745,000	-106,510,000

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (Oct. 8) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

ARGENTINA.

Business continues good and the general tone is optimistic. Recent rains have come in time to avert drought. Crop conditions are reported practically normal at this time over a large part of the crop belt. Farmers to the south—around Bahía Blanca—are planting linseed in place of wheat. Revised first official estimates of the area in acres sown for 1927-28 are as follows: Wheat, 19,478,420; linseed, 6,817,200; oats, 3,196,180; barley, 1,197,950; rye, 815,100; birdsced, 91,390; showing an increase in each case over the previous season. The Federal Budget for 1927 has been adopted to cover 1928.

CANADA.

Grain crops in Western Canada are practically all cut, and threshing has been resumed, with the return of more favorable weather. A further improvement in the employment situation is indicated by records for early September, although there has been no increase in the number of persons credited to direct manufacturing operations. Coal import and production figures for July exhibit the usual seasonal decline, but are still above the average for previous years. Coke output increased 6% over the July 1926 figure. The weighted index number of the 25 best selling industrial and public utility common stocks on the Montreal and Toronto exchanges was 446.1 for the week ended Sept. 24, as compared with 430.1 for the previous week.

CHINA.

The collapse of the Hankow Central Bank of China has been reported in the press. The bank's liabilities are estimated at 60,000,000 silver dollars in unsecured paper, including outstanding Treasury bonds, all of which the Hankow authorities claim will be redeemed at 20 cents on the dollar. The Hankow Government banks have declared a 60-day moratorium to settle the financial situation. Canton authorities continue their efforts to support Central Bank of China note and bond issues by the negotiation of loans from Canton merchants, but Canton is now unable to make remittances to the Nanking Government, which formerly received about 4,000,000 Mex. dollars from Canton. Commercial and passenger services on the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow and the greater portion of the Peking-Hankow railways have been suspended due to military operations. Excellent harvests are indicated throughout China generally. The cotton crop, it is said, shows

great promise and the silk crop is estimated by the trade to be the best in years. Rice and wheat crops also are reported promising, except in Shantung, where the autumn crop will probably be but 50% normal.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

The capacity activity of industry during recent months was maintained in September, but is believed to have passed its peak, with indications to that effect, particularly in the iron and steel and lumber industries. Money remained easy throughout the month and credit demands moderate. There were further declines in the number of unemployed, as well as in the retail and wholesale price indices.

DENMARK.

Dulness continued to characterize Denmark's economic situation during September, although the slight improvement in certain lines, notably textiles and footwear, has apparently continued. General commercial activity continues low, collections are more difficult and commercial failures are on the increase. Improved weather conditions, following very heavy rains, have enabled practical completion of the harvests which are estimated to be somewhat below average, both in quality and in quantity. The yields are more satisfactory than expected a month ago. The production of dairy products continues high and prices for butter showed an improvement. The money market showed an easier tendency due largely to the influx of foreign capital through recent loans. Both deposits and loans continue to decline. The currency remained firm and stable. Unemployment continued to decline closely, totaling 47,000 at the end of the month. Labor conditions in general continued quiet.

EGYPT.

Preliminary data on foreign trade for the first eight months of 1927 show a favorable balance of £E469,800, as against an adverse balance of £E6,383,600 for the same period of 1926. Exports were valued at £E29,889,000 for this period, as against £E27,205,400 in 1926, while imports were £E29,419,200 and £E33,589,000, respectively. Cotton shipments showed an increase of 7.6% in value over 1926.

FRANCE.

Announcement has been made that Parliament may reconvene on Oct. 18, but the date depends on the progress made by the Finance Committee in completing its reports on the budget. It is reported intended to present the budget proposals for discussion at once and before undertaking consideration of other matters. It is probable that the work of the Finance Committee will be completed by Oct. 10 and that the budget will be printed and ready for the Chamber shortly thereafter.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Commercial indices show a slight but steady trade increase. The volume of employment at the beginning of the autumn is greater than has been the case at this season for several years, and the industrial activity during the remainder of 1927 is expected in England to be better than during any corresponding period since 1921. Total unemployment on Sept. 19 amounted to 1,048,000 persons, as compared with 1,401,000 at the end of September 1925. The Ministry of Labor cost of living index for Sept. 1 stood at 65% above the pre-war level, as compared with the previous month's figure of 64% above and 72% above for one year ago. The latest foreign trade returns show moderately increased exports and decreased imports. Exports of iron and steel, electrical equipment and machinery and engineering lines are well maintained, but coal and textile exports show reductions. Railway traffic receipts show a slight improvement. The monetary outlook is still uncertain; the exchange on New York is improved, but gold movements continue unfavorable and money rates are high. However, given a continued improvement in external trade and a cessation of the abnormal gold demands, the situation is expected to be relieved. Iron and steel makers report a slight improvement in production, although the usual autumn trade expansion is not apparent.

INDIA.

The favorable advance of the monsoon is causing an optimistic feeling and all indications point to good business during the coming season. The demand for jute from local mills and exporters has been light during the past week, but hessians remain steady. Despite small stocks, the price of shellac is declining and further price reductions are reported anticipated with October deliveries. Imports of merchandise in August reached the value of 212,700,000 rupees, as compared with 179,438,000 during the same month last year, while exports of merchandise enjoyed a corresponding increase from 261,350,000 to 271,400,000 rupees.

ITALY.

Although general depression continues, the morale of Italian business circles has been very greatly improved. The business community is more optimistic, believing that a gradual revival is in store. Interest rates are lower, credit is less stringent and security prices are rising. It is said that the Government has definitely abandoned its former policy of currency revalorization. With the exception of the question of readjustment of wages, the progress towards lower production costs has been satisfactory, but due to the still prevailing high level in the cost of living index, further reductions in wages are now thought impossible. The number of failures is growing. Government revenues and expenditures showed a decline during August, reflecting the lower economic activity. At the end of July Treasury cash was 711,000,000 lire higher than at the close of the June accounts because of the lower interest payments. The note circulation of the Treasury was reduced 574,000,000 lire and that of the Bank of Italy now stands at 4,227,000,000 lire on "State account" and 13,553,000,000 lire on "trade account," which is a decrease in the total of 63,000,000 lire. Ordinary discounts fell off 237,000,000 lire and discounts of the Institute of Liquidations, 12,000,000 lire. Private banks are said to have abundant funds, but owing to their unwillingness to assume risks the application of these funds has been very cautious. Interest rates on short-term loans, with best security has been reduced to 6½%.

JAPAN.

Nov. 1 has been set as the opening date for the new Bank of Japan, which is being formed by a merger of banks that closed during the financial crisis last spring. The Nankai and Murai banks are the first to join the new bank, which is to be capitalized at 10,000,000 yen. Many new debenture issues, paying 6½%, have been proposed for retirement of older issues. The first forecast of this year's rice crop estimates production at 61,500,000 koku for Japan proper, as compared with an estimate of 56,600,000 koku this time last year, and a final output in 1926 of 55,600,000 koku. It is also estimated that the Chosen crop will reach 17,000,000 koku, a considerable increase over last year's production. (1 koku equals 5.12 bushels.)

MEXICO.

The general trend of business in Mexico was slightly downward during the week ended Sept. 30. Orders for the fall trade have stimulated business in some lines.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Importers anticipate increased demand for fertilizers in the forthcoming period of crop planting. Reports of current harvests continue favorable, due in a measure to the increasing use of fertilizers during the crop season just closed.

PANAMA.

Salt production in Aguadulce was short, due to the short dry season, and increased the market price 100%. Business conditions continue unchanged.

PORTUGAL.

The general absence of press discussions concerning the proposed foreign loan has led to the assumption that such negotiations have been dropped. The Government is reported operating at a considerable deficit. The exchange control at about 19.58 escudos to the dollar has acted unfavorably on exporting and general business. Foreign exchange at this rate is practically unobtainable and recently quotations on private checks have gone as high as 21 escudos to the dollar.

RUMANIA.

Customs revenues for the first seven months of the current year, according to data published by the Ministry of Finance, totaled 5,397,331,000 lei (average rate of exchange, 1 lei \$0.0060), which compares with 4,505,937,000 lei for the same period of 1926, thus showing an increase in 1927 of 891,394,000 lei. The increase occurred in the receipts of import duty only—1,466,654,000 lei—while collections from export taxes and other charges show a decrease of 575,260,000 lei. These variations are accounted for on the one hand by the higher import tariff of April 1927 and, on the other, by the abolition of certain export taxes and a lowering of others. The effect of the higher import tariff is seen from the fact that while imports for the seven months show a decrease in value of nearly 10%, import duties have increased by about 17%. The above total of actual collections of customs revenues for the period exceeded budgetary estimates by 1,329,005,000 (more than 28%).

SOUTH AFRICA.

The general dullness which has developed in trade is attributed to losses on the diamond diggings and the effects of drought on the spending power of the farming community. Prospects for some immediate improvement in the drought areas are encouraging, as recent rains have brought temporary relief. The mining material market is comparatively quiet. General industrial expansion continues. The Conference steamship lines have announced further important freight reductions, affecting principally china-ware, steel bars, structural steel, paints, toys, cyanide and glassware. The wool season is in full swing and deliveries are increasing daily. Values are well maintained despite large offerings.

SPAIN.

Spanish customs statistics indicate that imports showed a marked increase during August. In the absence of wide fluctuations in peseta exchange, these statistics are accepted as indications of the development of Spanish import trade. During August imports totaled 51,316,000 pesetas, as against 50,176,000 pesetas during July and 49,145,000 pesetas during June. Furthermore, the August customs collections were greater than during any month of the present year, and exceeded the amounts collected during August of 1925 and 1926. Imports of raw cotton at Barcelona showed a substantial increase. The greater imports are accepted as indicating an impending improvement of business in the Spanish market.

Dwight W. Morrow Assumes Post as Ambassador of Mexico.

Dwight W. Morrow relinquished his partnership in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., on Sept. 30, and on Oct. 6 took the oath of office as Ambassador to Mexico. His appointment to that post was noted in these columns, Sept. 24, page 1660.

New York Reserve Bank Called Cause of Prussian Loan Ban—President Schacht of Reichsbank Said to Have Asked Halt on Loans—Money Borrowed Here Went for Reparations—Wants Funds Earmarked.

Writing in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 4, Jules I. Bogen, says:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is behind the hesitation of the State Department in approving a \$30,000,000 loan to Prussia which had already been negotiated by a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co., it was learned from a reliable banking source here yesterday. The local Reserve bank is said to oppose the loan as a result of policies worked out at the conference of central bank heads held here last summer, involving a halt of the flow into Germany of dollars that merely go to pay reparations to the Allies.

At this banking conference, according to reliable information, Dr. Hjalmer Schacht, head of the Reichsbank, strongly opposed the further movement of American capital into Germany through the flotation of dollar securities here. Dr. Schacht said that while Germany was in need of working capital, the flotation of loans in America merely went to pay reparations, and really resulted in Germany's incurring obligations abroad without any corresponding return for herself. It was pointed out that reparations for the fiscal year ended September amounted to 1,500,000,000 gold marks, of which 780,000,000 gold marks, or about \$200,000,000, were transferred in the form of foreign exchange. This accounts for the larger part of the proceeds of the dollar loans floated by Germans in this country.

Wants Funds Earmarked.

Dr. Schacht suggested an alternate proposal, which is now receiving consideration here. He proposed that the proceeds of the sale of German bonds here be specially earmarked and made unavailable for retransfer abroad by the Agent-General of Reparations to the Allies. In this way, he pointed out, Germany would secure the working capital still sorely needed to permit her to further restore her industries, while assurance would be given that this money would not pass through Germany as through a sieve, leaving the country with another foreign debt to pay in the future, while giving here no present aid.

Dr. Schacht urged on the other bank heads present, including Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, that the sale of further dollar bonds in this country should be halted. In this

way, he said, the real test of the workability of the Dawes Plan could be had immediately, and thus there would not be a postponement of the day of reckoning, when the ultimate ability of Germany to pay reparations must be decided once and for all.

The next development in German financial policy, it is expected in banking circles here, will be an advance in the Reichsbank rediscount rate from the present 6%. This will be taken, it is said here, to reflect the actual shortage of funds which it is alleged exists in Germany, and which is now expected to become more acute with the slowing down or total cessation of the flow of American money into Germany. [The rate was raised to 7% on Oct. 4.—Ed.]

State Department's Stand.

The State Department has not actually refused to sanction the loan to Prussia. It has merely withheld the usual statement to the effect that the loan is in accord with public policy, and therefore might be floated. In doing this, however, it has practically assured that the loan will not be forthcoming until it decides to change its attitude and hand on its formal approval. This, it is said, will not occur until either a plan is adopted for segregating dollar loan proceeds to make them available for reparation payments or representations are made from Germany that individual loans are needed and will not constitute an additional burden on the country's balance of payments.

The amount of foreign exchange that Germany will have to transfer during the coming year will be considerably larger than in the year just closed. It will be, according to reliable estimates, at least \$250,000,000. As this large sum is transferred, and additional loans from here are halted, the expectation here and in Germany is that German exchange will start declining and that interest rates in Germany will make a further sharp advance, thus bringing up the reparation issue in full force and making some solution of this vexing problem necessary, be it a continuation of the present scheme of payments or a modification in the direction of relieving the balance of international payments of Germany from part of the burden it now bears on account of reparation transfers.

In corroborating the statement above, a Berlin message Oct. 6 (copyright) to the New York "Times" stated:

Assertions of the New York "Journal of Commerce" that Reichsbank President Schacht was author of a policy of restricting American loans to Germany which was responsible for the withholding of the recent Prussian \$30,000,000 loan are echoed here in the sharpest criticism in nationalistic quarters.

Until to-day it was believed that the Reparations Commission was responsible for the delay, though Herr Schacht was mentioned frequently as being a supporter of the idea of restricting loans. The "Boersen Zeitung," a reactionary financial organ, says in comment on the article:

"This report throws an interesting light on the events that caused the delay in the Prussian loan. In various contradictory reports Herr Schacht and his views in regard to foreign loans were repeatedly mentioned. The Reichsbank President more than once has voiced opposition to short term foreign loans, and he also opposes long term loans.

"The only new point is that Herr Schacht is against the loans because they serve as reparation payments and delay the decision on Germany's ability to live up to the Dawes plan. All German authorities and well-informed foreigners know that the Dawes plan cannot be fulfilled. For the present, however, the Government is determined to continue the payments at all cost.

"The Reich's honest policy of fulfillment certainly does not agree with the intention ascribed to Herr Schacht to bring about a quicker decision of the country's ability to pay."

Hugenberg's ultra-Nationalist paper "Der Tag," writes:

"The comment of the New York "Journal of Commerce" covers the situation only too well. Contrary to the intention of the Dawes plan to raise reparations from the industrial and economic surplus, all payments have been made so far directly or indirectly from loans. Industrial improvements are only made possible by big foreign loans.

"Calculations of large financial institutions agree that the total Dawes tribute already paid almost exactly tallies with the amount borrowed abroad in the last three years. The New York banker Baruch recently pointed out that the moment must come when reparations payments can no longer be made from loans. As German industry has no surplus the Dawes plan, which is based on false theories, must then collapse.

"Certain people in foreign countries will not like this statement of plain facts on account of illusions formed in regard to Germany's economic strength. It will be claimed that two and a half billions is only 5% of the earnings of the German people. On the basis of such cynicism it is easy to chant the old song about Germany's bad will and plotted bankruptcy.

"But we have paid 4,000,000,000 gold marks within three years. Doesn't this show we are willing to pay? The true conditions in regard to reparation payments may as well be discussed openly, all the more because the Dawes plan has valves that must be opened.

"First the sum to be paid must be reduced in accordance with the repayments have to be adjusted to the Reich's ability to pay, and thirdly, the total sum we have to pay has to be reduced in accordance with the reduction of the interallied debts."

President Schacht of Reichsbank Asks Ban on Foreign Loans—Would Alter Council Power and Check Influx of Capital.

Copyright advices from Berlin, Oct. 7, to the New York "Evening Post" state:

In order to check the influx of foreign loans, President Schacht of the Reichsbank has made a proposal to the Government to change the organization of the Advisory Council on Foreign Loans, on whose approval the possibility of contracting foreign loans depends.

The Advisory Council, on which the Government and the Reichsbank are represented, now may approve loans by a majority, while Dr. Schacht asks that hereafter approval be only by a unanimous vote.

Should the proposal be passed, the Reichsbank will be able to veto any foreign loan plan and, as the "Vorwaerts" said to-day, "Dr. Schacht will have dictatorial powers."

Finance Minister Koehler, however, does not quite agree with Schacht in regard to loans and is being supported by the Government.

The "Berliner Zeitung am Mittag" says that a compromise between the Government and the Reichsbank is possible through the Government giving to the Advisory Council new instructions emphasizing the necessity of protecting German currency.

London advices, Oct. 5, published in the same paper, stated:

The German Cabinet is considering the proposal of Dr. Schacht, Reichsbank President, to make the Advisory Board's loan restrictions more severe. Several American bankers have left Berlin because of an expectation of further difficulties in the path of new loans. Cities seeking to convert their short term credits into long term loans will get the preference.

The Advisory Board has postponed approval of the Frankfurt and other foreign municipal loans pending a decision of the Cabinet regarding the general policy of future foreign borrowing.

Report That Walter W. Stewart, Formerly of Federal Reserve Board, Will Become Adviser of Bank of England.

It is reported that Walter W. Stewart, a partner in the banking house of Case, Pomeroy & Co. of New York, is to become associated with the Bank of England as adviser. From the New York "Times" of Oct. 6 we take the following regarding the report:

The Bank of England, known the world over as the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, has paid the fourteen-year-old Federal Reserve System the compliment of selecting the former economic adviser of the Reserve Board as American adviser.

Dr. Walter W. Stewart, Vice-President of the private banking house of Case, Pomeroy & Co. and from 1922 to 1926 adviser to the Federal Reserve Board and editor of the Federal Reserve Bulletin, published in Washington, D. C., has been selected by Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, as liaison officer in line with his policy of closer co-operation between the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Board.

The growing interdependence of the central banks of London and New York has been emphasized by the conferences held annually by Montagu Norman and Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. At one time, a few years ago, when readjustment of the rediscount rate was more frequent than now, many believed that a change in the rate of one central bank implied a similar change in the rediscount rate of the other so that the ratio might be maintained.

The appointment of Dr. Stewart, therefore, is viewed in Wall Street as a further step in the direction of international co-operation in finance. By virtue of his background as head of the Division of Analysis and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board, Dr. Stewart is well qualified to interpret American practices and to furnish data to Mr. Norman on Anglo-American financial problems.

Prior to his association with the Federal Reserve Board Dr. Stewart was Professor of Economics at Amherst College from 1916 to 1922, specializing in banking.

When asked concerning the appointment yesterday, Dr. Stewart declined to confirm or deny the report, stating that "any announcement must come from London." From other sources it was learned that Dr. Stewart will assume his new post not later than Jan. 1, meanwhile resigning from Case, Pomeroy & Co.

Deutsche Bank Notes Oversubscribed in Holland.

Cable advices received by Dillon, Read & Co. from Mendelssohn & Co., of Amsterdam, their associates in the foreign distribution of a portion of the \$25,000,000 loan for the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, report heavy oversubscription of the note issue in Holland. The general allotment of the notes was only about 10% of subscriptions. This offering was referred to in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1533.

Gain in Receipts of French Railroads.

Receipts of the seven principal French railroads from Jan. 1 to Sept. 2 1927, according to official figures transmitted to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York by its French Information Service, totaled 8,568,136,000 francs, showing a gain of 322,829,000 francs when compared with the corresponding period of 1926, due chiefly to last summer's increased tariffs. The trust company, under date of Oct. 6, also says:

In spite of the increase of receipts over the first eight months of 1926, the French railroads have been affected by the general business inactivity as well as by the increasing use of motor cars both for travel and for transportation of merchandise.

The decline in receipts for the five weeks from July 30 to Sept. 2, when compared with these for August 1926, when the passenger tariff was increased by 30% and that for merchandise from 24 to 28%, amounts to over 102 million francs. If receipts for 1927 and 1926 be compared on the basis of the former tariff, the decline from Jan. 1 to Aug. 26 totals 329,060,000 francs or 13.36% during 1927.

The number of carloadings from Jan. 1 to Sept. 2 was 14,816,611 in 1925, 15,622,596 in 1926 and 14,512,639 in 1927.

Daylight Saving Time Ends in France.

France returned to winter time at midnight, Oct. 1, when the clocks were set back one hour.

French Wheat Crop Expected to Yield 89,513,120 Metric Quintals.

In spite of unusually heavy rains, France's wheat crop for 1927 is expected to yield 89,513,120 metric quintals, as against 67,659,730 in 1926. Such, according to advice received by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York from its French Information Service, is the estimate of Ernest Sicot, a French expert in agricultural statistics. In calculating the above, says the trust company under date of Sept. 28, allowance has been made for the shortage due to the inferior quality and light weight of this year's crop. The trust company adds:

If Mr. Sicot's estimate is correct there should be almost enough to meet the country's need, as France's consumption of wheat is estimated at 90 million metric quintals per annum. Imports of foreign wheat would therefore be necessary only to improve the quality of the bread.

Receipts of Pledged Revenues for Service of Republic of Estonia Loan.

According to a statement by the Estonian Treasury, the yield of those excise revenues of the Republic assigned as

security for the 7% loan of 1927, which consists of \$4,000,000 7% bonds offered in this country by Hallgarten & Co., and of £700,000 7% Sterling bonds issued in Europe, amounted during the period from June 16 to Sept. 9 1927, to Emks. 127,621,224, the equivalent of approximately \$340,000 which sum has been paid into the Bank of Estonia to the account of the Trustee of the Loan, Mr. Albert Janssen. The sum payable for the service of the Loan for six months amounts to less than \$280,000, so that it appears pledged revenues for less than three months exceed the service requirements for a half year period. Estonia's foreign trade figures for June and July are now available, and a balance of exports over imports, it is stated, is shown for both months, these amounting to over \$270,000 and \$450,000, respectively.

Offering of \$2,122,500 7% Bonds of Province of Tucuman (Argentine Republic).

Public offering was made Oct. 3 by Paine, Webber & Co., of \$2,122,500 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Province of Tucuman, Argentine Republic. The bonds were offered at 94½ and accrued interest yielding over 7.50%. The books were closed the same day they were opened. Reference to the loan was made in these columns last week, page 1785. The bonds will be dated Oct. 1 1927, and will become due Oct. 1 1950. A cumulative sinking fund of 2% per annum, operating semi-annually is calculated to retire the entire issue before maturity through redemption by lot at par or purchase in market if less than par. The sinking fund may be increased at the option of the Province. The bonds, coupon, in denomination of \$1,000 and \$500, will be registerable as to principal. Prin. and int. (April 1 and Oct. 1) will be payable in New York, in United States gold coin of the present standard weight and fineness, without deduction for any Argentine national or local taxes, present or future. Regarding the security, purpose of the issue, etc., it is stated:

Security.—These bonds are direct and unconditional obligations of the Province of Tucuman and are specifically secured by a lien first on the land tax. The Province agrees to deposit the proceeds of the land tax in the Bank of the Province of Tucuman each year until the annual service is covered. The annual service on these bonds for interest and sinking fund amounts to \$191,025 United States currency. The average annual revenue for the last seven years from the land tax exceeded three times the service on these bonds. The tax is levied annually and is based on an assessed valuation and not upon income.

Purpose of Issue.—The law authorizing these bonds provides that the proceeds shall be destined exclusively to increase the capital of the Bank of the Province of Tucuman. This bank was established in 1908 and has been profitably operated by the Province. The Bank is required by law to provide each year one-third of the service of the loan.

Revenues.—The Province of Tucuman, with the exception of a few years, has conducted its government with a balanced budget and its expenditures for government purposes have not increased greater proportionately than its revenues. The provincial budget for 1927 estimates the revenues at \$5,514,699, as against expenditures of \$5,448,618. For purposes of taxation, sugar production in 1927 is conservatively estimated 280,000 tons against production in 1926 of 400,000 tons. Nearly one-fourth of the provincial income is assigned to education.

Public Debt.—The direct funded debt of the Province, including this issue, but not including an internal conversion loan chargeable exclusively against the provincial savings bank, is approximately \$5,700,000 or \$14.25 per capita. The unfunded or floating debt as of Dec. 31 1926 was in the neighborhood of \$5,600,000. The total provincial debt therefore is under \$12,000,000 against an assessed value for the land tax levy of about \$163,000,000.

Bucharest Request for Bids on Loan Meets Cold Response.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 6 we take the following:

The request of the City of Bucharest, Rumania, for bids from a large number of banking houses here on a \$10,400,000 7% loan has met with a cold response, it was learned in Wall Street yesterday. The broadcasting requests for tenders on a credit so little known has aroused considerable dissatisfaction with the larger banking houses.

Several large banking houses have already informed Rumanian representatives here that they are not interested in the loan and will make no bid whatsoever on the proposition as presented. Many other houses are ignoring the matter entirely.

Only one important banking house, as far as could be learned, is making an active study of the matter and is contemplating forming an international syndicate to make the offering if its terms are accepted. This house is now in touch with the Rumanian Minister here. It has not reached any definite conclusion on the matter as yet, however.

Bucharest's request for bids was referred to in our issue of Oct. 1, page 1784.

Tenders Asked for Purchase of Argentine Government Bonds for Sinking Fund.

J. P. Morgan & Co., and the National City Bank, as fiscal agents, have issued a notice to holders of Argentine Government loan 1926, external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, public works issue of Oct. 1 1926, due Oct. 1 1960, to the effect that \$87,309 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking

fund of such bonds of this issue as are tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds with coupons due on and after April 1 1928, should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the principal office of the National City Bank, 57 Wall Street, prior to 3 p. m. Nov. 1 1927. If the tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the available moneys aforesaid, additional purchases upon tender, below par, may be made up to Dec. 30 1927.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank, as fiscal agents have also issued a notice to holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, issue of Oct. 1925, due Oct. 1 1959, to the effect that \$162,578 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of such bonds of this issue as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds with coupons due on and after April 1 1928, should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the principal office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, prior to 3 p. m., Nov. 1 1927. If the tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the available moneys aforesaid, additional purchases, upon tender, below par, may be made up to Dec. 30 1927.

Bonds of Republic of Uruguay Retired Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., fiscal agents of the \$30,000,000 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of Uruguay, due 1960, have retired \$169,000 principal amount of the bonds out of moneys received from the Government for the Sinking fund, leaving outstanding \$29,513,500 bonds of this issue.

Tenders Sought on Buenos Aires Bonds.

Hallgarten & Co., and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., as fiscal agents, are requesting tenders of definitive bonds or interim receipts for 7% external sinking fund gold bonds, Province of Buenos Aires, Consolidation Loan of 1926, sufficient to exhaust the sum of \$53,067.50 now held in the sinking fund for purchase or retirement of these bonds. Notice of acceptance of tenders will be mailed Oct. 13, the definitive bonds or interim receipts to be delivered to the fiscal agents on or before Oct. 17.

Continued Increase in Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange Brings Figures to New High Total of \$3,914,627,570.

Outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange are nearing the four-billion dollar mark, a total of \$3,914,627,570 on Sept. 30 being shown in the figures made public by the Exchange on Oct. 4. The Sept. 30 figures represent an increase of \$240,736,237 in a month, the loans outstanding on Aug. 31 having aggregated \$3,673,891,333. Of the Sept. 30 total the demand loans reach \$3,017,674,325, while the time loans amount to \$896,953,245. Comment on the latest figures appeared as follows in the New York "Times" of Oct. 5:

A Shock from "Brokers' Loans."

The increase of nearly a quarter of a billion dollars in brokers' loans as shown by the New York Stock Exchange's compilation gave the financial district its greatest surprise since publication of the figures was begun early in 1926. A gain of considerable size had been looked for, but few in Wall Street were prepared for the large expansion in borrowings that the compilation revealed. It seemed to be the general opinion that the settlement of trades in "when issued" contracts of the General Motors Corp. was the main cause of the increase. In responsible stock market quarters the figures were received with sober concern, perhaps with uneasiness. The increase of \$240,736,000 reported by the Stock Exchange for September, compared with an increase of only \$121,565,000 between the Reserve Bank's weekly statement as of Aug. 31 and its statement of Sept. 28.

Further observations by the same paper appeared as follows in its issue of Oct. 6:

The Two "Brokers' Loans" Reports.

The discrepancy of nearly \$120,000,000 between the \$240,736,000 increase in brokers' loans reported for September by the Stock Exchange and the \$121,565,000 shown by the weekly statements of the Federal Reserve for approximately the same period continued to be a topic of discussion yesterday. It was found from the records that as a rule the Stock Exchange's monthly compilations have been larger; notably in June, when the Stock Exchange showed increase of \$111,097,000, while the increase reported by the Federal Reserve was only \$56,029,000. On the other hand, the Stock Exchange reported for May an increase of \$116,659,000, while the Federal Reserve gave the much larger figure of \$178,897,000. But so far as the record showed, however, there has never been so wide a discrepancy as was shown for September.

The following is the statement issued by the Stock Exchange on Oct. 4:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Sept. 30 1927, aggregated \$3,914,627,570.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies	\$2,538,526,242	\$801,122,745
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York	479,148,083	95,830,500
	\$3,017,674,325	\$896,953,245

Combined total of time and demand loans, \$3,914,627,570.

The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The monthly figures of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, beginning in January of a year ago, follow:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
1926—			
Jan. 30	\$2,516,960,599	\$996,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,535,590,321
Mar. 31	2,033,433,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 30	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
June 30	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
July 31	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
Aug. 31	2,382,976,720	714,782,807	2,996,759,527
Sept. 30	2,419,206,724	775,286,686	3,142,148,068
Oct. 31	2,289,430,450	799,730,236	3,218,937,010
Nov. 30	2,329,536,550	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Dec. 31	2,541,681,885	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
1927—			
Jan. 31	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
Apr. 30	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30	2,756,968,593	811,998,250	3,568,966,843
July 30	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31	2,745,570,788	928,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30	3,017,674,325	896,953,245	3,914,627,570

Reported Undue Influence by Banks Over Stock Market Operations.

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 6:

Charges that the large banks are endeavoring to exercise an undue influence over the stock market through their control over the supply of call money were freely discussed in brokerage houses yesterday. The sudden halt in the advance of the stock market Tuesday morning, it was claimed, had been brought about through the action of the banks in withdrawing money and thus getting the call rate up from 4 to 4½%, although no external reason existed for this step.

The market was moving forward at a furious pace at about 11 a. m., it is said, and about \$25,000,000 was being offered on the floor of the Exchange by money brokers for the banks. At that time, according to the version which went the rounds of the brokerage houses, outside influence made itself felt, the money offered suddenly evaporated, and in addition several loans were called. The subsequent rise in the call money rates to 4½%, effectively halted the speculative movement.

The criticism heard of the banks by brokerage houses largely was based on the claim that undue influence over market movements would be given the banks if they used at will their power to control prices by regulating the supply of money. This is said to be especially true at the moment, because of the important part taken by the money supply in current market movements. The steady rise in brokers' loans is causing many to scrutinize closely every change in money conditions, and manipulation of the supply of money available for speculation therefore has a very important bearing on security prices.

Banks Tighten Up Lending Policy on Collateral Loans — Sharp Advances of Market Creates Suspicion of High Priced Issues.

The leading Wall Street banks have adopted, by common agreement, a policy of increased caution in making loans secured by Stock Exchange collateral, it was learned in the financial district on Oct. 5, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 6, from which the following is also taken:

Heads of the leading banks making large loans secured by stocks have decided upon this policy of caution because of the rapid upswing in security prices, and a consequent desire to protect themselves against any severe reaction.

The chief protective measure adopted by the banks is the marking down of the prices at which they accept stocks as collateral for loans. This applies especially to securities selling at high prices. Banks are loath to value a stock at more than 200, although it may be selling a hundred points higher. This applies especially to specialties that have enjoyed a very sharp advance recently.

It was learned from brokerage houses that the banks are also insisting upon marking down such leaders as General Motors new stock, selling at lower levels, because of the sharp advance this issue has enjoyed recently. The usual practice is to give General Motors a value of 115 to 120, although the current market is about 135. And the assumed value is lowered still further when the stock declines. The loan is then made up to 75 to 80% of the assumed value of the stock. The bank in this way gets an actual margin of 30 to 40% from present market values, which is considered ample as a guard against a recession in values.

Several bankers have recently indicated that they are in favor of basing collateral loans on the earning power of stocks, rather than their selling prices. In this way, they say, it would be possible to avoid involving the banks in a speculative scale of values which would shrink as soon as liquidation was brought about. To some extent this is being done at the present time, but the proposal is to put this work upon a thorough and sound basis.

This plan is strongly opposed by others because of the great mass of statistical work involved. While it is admitted that enormous strides have been made in security analysis during the past few years, the maintenance of an organization for actually investigating stock values was held to be too expensive a matter to be applied to any important extent.

As a matter of fact, however, industrial specialties which obviously have been pushed upward in price without much regard to actual earning power are being handled gingerly and often are pledged for 20 to 35 points below their market price even though they sell at \$150 or less a share. Stocks which, like Houston Oil, have shown wide fluctuations in recent trading, are also considered in the same way.

Conservative brokerage houses are fully behind the banks in advocating careful policies for collateral loans under present conditions. Several of the larger houses, in fact, follow the same policies of their own accord. They will send a larger amount of securities than necessary to secure an advance, so that, in the event the market declines, there will be no need for the banks to demand additional collateral. The present action of the banks in increasing the margin of safety above loans is aimed primarily at the houses which follow a policy of borrowing up to the limit.

The Rise in Stock Exchange Prices.

More than five billion dollars have been added to the market value of 100 active stocks during the first three quarters of 1927, according to an analysis just compiled by Frazier Jelke & Co., New York investment bankers. This advance represents nearly one-third of the market value of the same securities on Jan. 1. The total value of the 100 stocks Sept. 30, was \$22,110,392,000. This is an increase of \$1,122,191,000, or 5% during September, and an advance of \$3,233,148,000, or 17%, for the past quarter. The market value of these 100 stocks June 30, was \$18,877,244,000, while at the first of the year their value was \$16,982,902,000.

Motors made an advance of 30% for the third quarter, indicating a rise of \$765,082,000 during the summer months. The 13 motor shares had a market value of \$3,224,573,000 on Sept. 30. The 45 industrial shares advanced \$1,869,878,000, or 20% during the quarter, showing a market value of \$11,184,644,000 Sept. 30. Thirty rails made a net gain of \$450,620,000, or 9% during the quarter, having a total value of \$5,597,218,000 at the close of last month. The 12 oil shares advanced \$147,568,000, or 8%, during the quarter to \$2,003,957,000, the highest mark for the year. The aggregate value of these oils was \$1,856,389,000 June 30, and \$1,937,846,000 Dec. 31, last.

New York Stock Exchange Makes Known Requirements for Listing Foreign Shares—Securities Must Be Those of Countries on Gold Basis—Announcement by President Simmons.

Arrangements for the opening of the New York market for the admission of internal issues of foreign countries were announced by the New York Stock Exchange on Oct. 6, a statement in the matter issued by President E. H. H. Simmons being accompanied by a list of requirements adopted by the Committee on Stock List for listing foreign shares. These requirements were drawn up in accordance with the findings embodied in a report of a special committee which had been delegated to study the question, which report was approved by the Governing Committee of the Exchange on Oct. 6. Early this year we referred (Jan. 29, page 591) to the plans of the Exchange to broaden its market by the inclusion of foreign corporations, as a result of which it would partake of the aspect of a world market. The Committee on Stock List announces that, "to be available for listing, foreign shares must be in the form of certificates issued by an approved American institution or by the American branch of an approved foreign institution based upon the deposit with a foreign correspondent of the original foreign shares." The committee also states that "it will not recommend for listing corporate securities the nominal value of which is expressed in terms of, or the income from which is payable to security holders in, a currency which is not upon a gold basis." With reference to the adoption of a new code of listing requirements for foreign internal shares, President Simmons of the Stock Exchange issued the following statement on Oct. 6:

For many years the New York Stock Exchange has maintained very extensive and searching requirements in regard to the securities in which dealings were permitted on its floor. Until quite recently, however, almost all our listed issues were American securities. For this reason the listing requirements of the Exchange were inevitably based upon American corporate laws and practices, and contained no specific provisions for the listing of the internal securities of other countries.

In the years following the war the New York Stock Exchange has for the first time become an important capital market in the international sense, through the listing here of many foreign securities. Practically all these new foreign listings, however, have taken the form of bonds and have been written in terms of American dollars. It has therefore been necessary to expand our listing requirements only to cover foreign dollar Government bonds; this was done by the establishment of special requirements for this class of issues in February 1925.

With the continued economic recovery of Europe and the continued expansion of the New York Stock Exchange capital market into the international securities field, the further question of listing here foreign internal shares has arisen. Thus far only four such issues have been admitted here, and in each case the securities which were listed were in form of American certificates of deposit issued against the deposited original foreign internal securities. With the prospect of more frequent applications here to list such foreign internal issues, it has consequently become necessary to determine in advance in what form and under what conditions foreign internal securities—particularly shares—could and should be admitted to our list.

Accordingly, a special committee consisting of Mr. J. M. B. Hoxsey, Executive Assistant to the Committee on Stock List; Mr. J. E. Meeker,

Economist to the New York Stock Exchange; and Mr. R. L. Redmond of Counsel for the New York Stock Exchange, was delegated to study this whole question here and abroad, and report upon it to the Exchange. During the past summer these gentlemen made detailed studies in the leading European financial centres, including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Milan, Rome, Vienna and Brussels. Subsequently they have reduced their findings to a definitive report, in which they have unanimously concurred.

At a special meeting of the Governing Committee on Thursday, Oct. 6 1927, this report was approved. The Committee on Stock List drew up, in accordance with it, a formal set of listing requirements for foreign internal securities. Thus it is now possible to make public these new listing requirements for foreign internal issues, and the special report upon which they have been based.

In this way the New York Stock Exchange has, I feel, adopted a reasonable middle course between the possible extremes of listing foreign internal securities with great liberality, or of refusing to list them at all. The way has been opened to admit to this market the soundest and best internal issues of foreign countries and every effort has been made to establish suitable precautions especially called for because of the wide differences which exist between our own and foreign financial and corporate practice. Naturally, only considerable experience can conclusively establish the adequacy and suitability of these new listing requirements, composed as they necessarily have been, quite in advance of their extensive employment.

With these new listing requirements as they stand, and with such changes as may be made in them as a result of our more extensive experience in the future, it is the purpose of the New York Stock Exchange to establish the best possible facilities for the smooth flow of American capital into and out of foreign business enterprise, and at the same time to secure the greatest possible protection for the American investing public.

The following are the special requirements for listing foreign shares:

Subject to its right to waive or amend these requirements, the Committee on Stock List has adopted the following requirements for listing foreign shares:

1. To be available for listing, foreign shares must be in the form of certificates issued by an approved American institution or by the American branch of an approved foreign institution based upon the deposit with a foreign correspondent of the original foreign shares.
2. Applications must be signed by the company and endorsed by bankers to the issue satisfactory to the Committee on Stock List or must be made on behalf of and signed by bankers to the issue satisfactory to the Committee on Stock List.
3. Conditions of issuance of certificates of deposit must be such that shares deposited abroad may be released upon cable advice upon the cancellation of such certificates of deposit and that additional certificates of deposit may be issued in New York upon cable advice from the foreign depository of the deposit of additional shares. The Committee may approve restrictions upon such interchangeability for a reasonable period.
4. Until further action certificates of deposit should be in registered form only. The precise form will be considered at the time of application without, until further notice, prescribed rules in relation thereto, excepting that such certificates should comply with requirements of New York State law as to negotiability. The agreement covering such certificates of deposit must provide that no original foreign shares against which there are any outstanding "oppositions" shall be accepted for deposit and must also provide for the publication to American certificate holders of a summary, in the English language, of the current annual reports of the company.
5. Application should name the Exchanges upon which the security is listed and whether it is dealt in for the term settlement or for the cash settlement only.
6. The application must state affirmatively that there are no governmental restrictions against the payment of interest or dividends to American holders or against the payment of the proceeds of sale to an American holder who sells in the market of origin.
7. In determining availability for listing, the Committee will give consideration to all matters affecting marketability, including the total number of shares issued, the initial number upon the American market, and the facility with which domestic and international transactions may be effected. The application should give all facts necessary for the determination of these questions.
8. No foreign share securities will be listed unless the company or its predecessor or constituent companies has been in operation for at least two full years. The application should include the last two annual balance sheets and income statements for at least two full years.
9. The share securities of small companies will not be listed. In considering size available for listing, the nominal capitalization, the market price of securities to be listed, and the amount of the earnings will be accorded due weight.
10. No securities will be listed of any foreign company which is in default in any of its obligations, other than default occasioned by currency depreciation beyond control of the company. A statement in regard to this should appear in the application.
11. Until further action by the Committee, it will not recommend for listing corporate securities the nominal value of which is expressed in terms of, or the income from which is payable to security holders in, a currency which is not upon a gold basis.
12. Applications should state specifically that provision has been made for maintenance of a Fiscal Agent in New York City where all dividends on outstanding American certificates will be payable at current rates of exchange. Such dividends should be remitted promptly and paid to certificate holders by check without deduction except for reasonable charges and necessary expenses. Where desired the Fiscal Agent can be the same institution which issues the American certificates. Such Fiscal Agent or the institution issuing the American certificates must agree to mail to registered holders thereof, at their last known address, copies of all notices received affecting the interests of such holders in the deposited securities.
13. Each application should state clearly all taxes which, under existing law, may be imposed upon the holder of American certificates, directly or indirectly.
14. Accounting statements appearing in the application must be in form satisfactory to the Committee and, as far as possible, should disclose the same amount of information in regard to the affairs of the foreign company as are normally disclosed by the application of an American company.
15. The application should contain a summary of all important provisions of the actions under the authority of which the securities to be listed are issued and should be accompanied by an English translation of all papers and documents required for domestic listings.
16. The nature of the disposition of the proceeds of a corporate issue will be a factor affecting its availability for listing.
17. The application should include a detailed statement of any fees, other than those ordinarily applying in the case of domestic securities, which may be charged to any one holding or dealing in the securities and should state to whom such fees are payable.

New York Curb Market Extends Ticker Service.

Through the medium of the Curb Ticker Co., Inc., the New York Curb Exchange spreads its direct transmission ticker service into four additional cities on Oct. 3. Hereafter, Albany, Rochester, Schenectady and Syracuse will take their place beside New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities as focal points for the receipt of instantaneous and continuous record of transactions on the Exchange. Since Jan. 1, ten large cities have been added to the list. It is estimated that more than 1,000 tickers are now in operation.

Proposed Call Loan Market for San Francisco.

An effort will be made to establish a call loan market on the Pacific Coast, according to a dispatch received here in this city on Oct. 4, it is learned from the New York "Evening Post," which further says:

It states that the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange proposes to set up a call money market in San Francisco.

Coming soon after word of a similar step being considered in Chicago the report aroused considerable interest in Wall Street.

At present the only important call money market in the country is at the New York Stock Exchange. Banks from all over the country send money to New York to be lent on call.

It is believed here that there is not a great enough volume of business on the San Francisco Exchange to warrant a call money market. California brokers in need of accommodation make private arrangements with their own bankers.

Doubt About San Francisco Plan.

That the San Francisco Exchange can guarantee enough business to warrant California banks sending part of their funds to that exchange instead of to New York is a question. At any rate, it is thought that the requirements of either the San Francisco Exchange or the Chicago Exchange would be so small that their new plans could not possibly cause any shortage of call money at this center.

The idea back of the movement probably is that California stock brokers believe that with a regular organized call money market in San Francisco they could get greater accommodation at cheaper rates.

Out-of-town loans play an important part in the New York Stock Exchange. Approximately 41% of the money lent on call here is advanced for the account of out-of-town banks.

Elaborate Call Money Machinery.

The call money machinery on the New York Stock Exchange is elaborate and would not be easily duplicated. All lending banks in the financial district arrange with one or more Stock Exchange member firms to handle their call loans on the floor of the exchange.

The procedure is for the bank to telephone to the office of the Stock Exchange member instructions to lend a sum of money at the current or at a specific rate.

These instructions are relayed in turn to the money desk on the floor of the Exchange, where they are duly recorded. In like manner the borrowing broker files at the money desk a memorandum stating how much money he requires. Thus lender and borrower meet in their turn and both are promptly notified of the identity of the other party to the transaction by the money clerk of the Exchange.

Record Volume of Business on San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange During Year Ended Sept. 30 1927.

The volume of business on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange for its fiscal year, ended Sept. 30, attained record proportions and new records were achieved both in volume of shares traded in and in the market value of the securities. The record is outstanding inasmuch as each year for the past ten years has seen a new high record established. Last year the money value of securities traded in was 100% greater than in 1925 and the year just closed shows a figure which is still in advance of the previous high record. Total transactions for the Exchange fiscal year amounted to \$422,507,882, which represents the actual value of 11,332,159 shares dealt in. The value of bonds amounted to \$6,791,000 for this same period. This is disclosed in the annual report of President Sidney L. Schwartz. President Schwartz again heads the Exchange, having been re-elected Oct. 3 to serve his fifth year in that capacity. Mr. Schwartz points out that the market of the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange has broadened to such an extent that trading in industrial shares has more than doubled in volume during the past year and in total volume has exceeded the total number of oil shares. It is pointed out that among the outstanding points of growth of the major security market of the West, in addition to the development of a broad and active market, with its attendant large volume of trading, the adoption of rigid requirements for listing securities and the remarkable increase in the value of seats, has been the efficient performance and seasoning of the post-trading system. The Exchange is said to be the only exchange outside of New York City which has adopted the specialist form of trading. The transition from the old call system to the post trading system has made possible the handling of the tremendously increased volume of business.

President Schwartz lays emphasis in his report on the fact that the entire Pacific Coast, led by California, is becoming more and more financially independent, and constitutes an

industrial empire, and points out that "the centre of population is continuing its march westward with a degree of rapidity which is commanding national attention. Natural resources, an advantageous outlook on the expansive and developing Pacific, favorable climatic conditions and variety and beauty of surroundings are all potent factors which insure to California and the entire Western Coast a continuation of rapid increase in population and expanding industries." He reminds the members of the Exchange that:

We are challenged by the progress that stands at our door to continue energetically building for the entire Pacific Coast area a securities market that meets its every financial need and insures to industry and commerce the marketing service for their securities which is essential to development and expansion.

The price of memberships on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange has continued to advance throughout the year, the last sale, at \$80,000, being just twice the high record of 1926. There are now 50 active memberships, and 16 bank and associate memberships in the Exchange. The present price of memberships on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange is far in excess of that of any other security exchange in the United States, outside of the New York Stock Exchange.

Twenty-four corporations whose securities were listed on the Exchange applied for additional listing and in addition 15 new applications were approved. The additions throughout the year added \$578,000,000 to the market value of securities listed on the Exchange, the grand total of which amounts to over \$5,000,000,000.

The Exchange has initiated a plan whereby those interested in stamping out fraud in the investment field will centralize their information in a general clearing house, thereby creating a medium through which the records of fraudulent stock operators will become available for the purpose of detecting guilty parties, and protecting against them. As a part of the supervision which the Exchange maintains over its members, the check of their financial condition shows their financial position to be satisfactory in every way. It is claimed on behalf of the Exchange that throughout its 45 years' experience it shows proportionately fewer financial failures than are to be found in any other comparable field.

William C. Murdoch Jr. was on Oct. 3 re-elected as Vice-President, and the Anglo-California Trust Co. was continued as Treasurer for the Exchange. Three members of the Governing Board were elected at this time, all for a two-year period. George N. Keyston and Charles E. St. Goar were re-elected, and Richard O. Simon was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Robert C. Bolton. Bolton, in retiring from the Governing Board, has terminated service as an official of the Exchange, both in the capacity as President and member of the Governing Board, extending almost continuously over the past twenty years.

Herman W. Booth, Bankrupt Broker, Arrested for Alleged Embezzlement.

On Sept. 30, Herman W. Booth, who on Sept. 21 was expelled from the New York Stock Exchange for violation of the rules and petitioned into bankruptcy on Sept. 27, was arrested at his office, 120 Broadway, this city, for the alleged embezzlement of stocks and bonds valued at \$150,000, the property of Mrs. Jennie C. Denton of 155 Riverside Drive, according to the New York "Times" of Oct. 1. Mrs. Denton herself made the arrest and accompanied by a detective of the Missing Persons Bureau escorted the broker to Police Headquarters where he was locked up charged with grand larceny. Mr. Booth's arrest came two hours after he had voluntarily placed himself at the disposal of his receiver, Edward H. Childs. Fears that he might have ended his life had arisen earlier in the day when Mr. Childs filed an affidavit in the Federal Court in support of an application for an order permitting the examination of the broker's safe deposit box to which was attached a letter written by Booth which read in part:

I have decided to put all my transactions through H. W. Booth & Co., Inc., a corporation that never dies, so that should anything occur to me through accident or otherwise from now on you would not have to bother with any estate matters whatever.

Shortly after the affidavit was filed, however, Booth appeared and voluntarily opened his safe deposit box in the vaults of the Empire Safe Deposit Co. Nothing of value was found, according to the receiver, it was said:

Continuing the "Times," said:

In the brief conversation that Booth had with Mr. Childs and his attorneys he informed them that he expected to be able to pay all his creditors, and would not have been involved in any difficulties had not all of them descended upon him at the first intimation that he was in trouble, according to Burgess Osterhout of Gleason, McLanahan, Merritt & In-

graham, attorneys for the receiver. Booth estimated his liabilities at between \$500,000 and \$600,000 and his assets at about \$1,000,000.

The chaotic condition of the records in Booth's office—one of the reasons given for his expulsion from the Stock Exchange was failure to keep proper records—has prevented any accurate estimate of Booth's financial condition as yet, Mr. Childs said. About 100 persons claiming to be creditors have so far communicated with the receiver, and their claims alone total more than \$1,000,000. One creditor, Francis A. Cody of Vernon, N. Y., in an affidavit filed yesterday in support of an application by the Attorney General under the Martin Act for an order restraining Booth from disposing of any of his assets, said that he had deposited \$1,700,000 in collateral with Booth to support a trading account and to cover an indebtedness of \$1,100,000 and had been unable to collect the balance due him of \$600,000.

The only assets of any considerable value which the receiver has found are a country home at Sauquoit, N. Y., near Utica; the balance due Booth from the forced sale of his Stock Exchange seat last Sept. 22 for \$235,000, from which must be deducted between \$18,000 and \$20,000 due Stock Exchange firms which constitutes a first lien upon the proceeds of the sale; a Summer home at Monroe, N. Y., and six bank accounts, all of which are said to have been small.

A more recent issue of the "Times" (Oct. 6) contained the following in regard to the failed broker's affairs:

Further details of the failure last week of Herman W. Booth, a broker, came to light yesterday, Oct. 5, in the Tombs Court when Booth again was remanded to the Tombs without bail for a hearing to-morrow on a grand larceny charge made by Mrs. Jennie Denton of 155 Riverside Drive.

Mrs. Denton was not in court yesterday when Booth's lawyer, James C. Duross, asked for another adjournment. Magistrate William C. Dodge set to-morrow, after Assistant District Attorney Wasser had protested against longer delay. Other claimants against Booth were in court, including Miss Edith Perry of Yonkers, who said she entrusted \$35,000 to the man, and Mrs. Alexandrine Van Wangelheim of 168 West Eighty-eighth Street, who alleged that \$3,000 was due her from her account with Booth.

When the adjournment had been granted on Booth's not guilty plea, Burgess Osterhout of counsel for the Federal Receiver, Edwards H. Childs, told the court that he considered it a "most extraordinary case." He added that, although there were about 150 creditors, 90% of whom were women, no books of customers' accounts had been uncovered by the Receiver and that because of this he would apply to Federal Judge Thacher to-day for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Booth from the Tombs, so that the broker could aid in uncovering assets and straightening out his books.

Booth, in his conference with the Receiver before his arrest on Mrs. Denton's charge, had told Mr. Childs, Mr. Osterhout said, that he had liabilities of about \$400,000 and assets of about \$700,000. Mr. Osterhout asserted, however, that claims thus far filed with the Receiver by some of the Booth creditors indicated that Booth's liabilities would be at least \$2,000,000, with assets approximately \$700,000.

Thus far, Mr. Osterhout went on, the Receiver had come into possession of about \$10,000, \$2,000 of it being in cash and the remainder in securities. The Receiver would come into possession, however, of more than \$200,000 through the forthcoming sale of Booth's seat in the Stock Exchange, about 900 acres of property, valued at about \$100,000, near Utica, N. Y., and Booth's former home at Monroe, N. Y., estimated to be worth about \$50,000.

In addition to these assets, Mr. Osterhout said, Booth had told of his holdings in the Idaho Asbestos Co., valued by the broker as worth about \$300,000. Booth had added that Senator Reed Smoot of Utah was interested in this company.

Examination of Booth's check book, the lawyer went on, showed that before the bankruptcy proceeding was instituted, the broker had checked out \$20,000 to several creditors and another \$27,000 to a Mrs. W. R. Chapman of Bethel, Me. Mr. Osterhout said the Booth bankruptcy hearings would begin before Federal Referee Seaman Miller at 20 Vesey Street on Oct. 20, and that all the broker's creditors had been requested to attend. It also developed that the Federal Court had appointed Curtis Alliaume of Utica as an ancillary receiver in the failure.

According to yesterday's "Times" (Oct. 7) Judge Thomas D. Thatcher of the United States District Court on Thursday (Oct. 6) signed a writ of habeas corpus demanding Booth's presence in his own office (120 Broadway) next Tuesday (Oct. 11) where he is expected to help untangle his accounts. Seaman Miller, referee in bankruptcy, will examine Booth informally at that time, seeking to ascertain the whereabouts of his clients' property. James E. Duross, the broker's attorney, was quoted as saying the night of Oct. 6 that he believed Booth could give "material" assistance and would be able to straighten out the accounts of the company. It was furthermore stated that Burgess Osterhout, attorney for Mr. Childs, the receiver, had told Judge Thatcher on Oct. 6 that Booth had promised to turn over a record book of his clients' accounts. The broker, it is understood, is held in the Tombs without bail.

G. L. Miller Bond Issues—Settlement Announced on Twenty Issues By Roosevelt Protective Committee.

Cloyd Laporte of counsel for the bondholders protective committee (Geo. E. Roosevelt, Chairman) for the several bond issues brought out by the real estate mortgage bond house of G. L. Miller & Co., which went into bankruptcy Sept. 3 1926 (V. 123, p. 1192) announced Oct. 6 settlement for approximately \$10,000,000 of the bonds. The settlements include cash adjustments ranging from 30 to 97% reduction of interest rates and substitution of second mortgage bond or preferred stock in part liquidation of the original issues.

At the time of the Miller bankruptcy there were 135 issues outstanding of which calls for deposit of 78 issues were issued by the Roosevelt committee. The original principal amount of called issues totalled \$36,360,500 of which the amount outstanding is \$33,803,300. Of this amount \$29,307,700

were on deposit with the committee on Oct. 1 1927. There were about \$60,000,000 Miller bonds outstanding when the company went into receivership. Of the 78 issues called 20 settlement agreements have been entered into by the committee, of which 16 settlements have been approved by the court; 7 settlements approved and closed, and 9 settlements approved and closing not yet effected.

As the trustees for many Miller bond issues were agents of the Miller management, counsel for the committee provided 98 new trusteeships. There were 3 issues in which American Trust Co. was the original corporate trustee and 34 issues in which no substitutions have yet been made (of which 10 require no substitution).

The committee has supervised the distribution on account of coupons and matured bonds on 11 issues for which deposits were asked and also interest and amortization on 46 issues for which deposits were not asked. There were 57 issues for which no deposit calls were issued. Uncalled issues on a paying basis number 42 and uncalled issues requiring no attention or that are supervised by other committees number 10. The \$27,000,000 of issues for which deposit calls were not made include about \$5,000,000 of issues on which payments are irregular in some way or other.

Settlements Arranged.

Among the bonds for which settlements have been arranged are the following 20 issues:

Issue—	Terms Not to Depositors and Present Status.
\$84,400 Belmont Apts. Atlanta, Ga.	92 2-5% cash. Approved by court and closed.
100,800 Belvedere Apts. Atlanta, Ga.	97% cash. Approved and being closed.
270,000 Brazilian Ct. Apt. Hotel Palm Beach, Fla.	30% cash. Approved Sept. 30.
260,000 Castle Hill Apts. Philadelphia, Pa.	96½% cash. Approved and closed.
1,600,000 Columbus Hotel Miami, Fla.	30% cash. Court hearing Oct. 13.
266,500 Esplanade Gardens Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	64% cash. Approved and closed.
965,000 Lafayette Hotel Little Rock, Ark.	50% cash and 50% preferred stock. Court hearing of Sept. 30 adjourned to Oct. 14.
184,000 Lebanon Court Philadelphia, Pa.	Exchange for 2d mtge. income bonds. Approved but settlement held up by suit to restrain construction of building.
825,000 Madison Office Bldg. Memphis, Tenn.	\$178,000 cash plus \$430,000 in 1st mtge. on Arkansas cotton lands. Approved Sept. 9.
595,000 Maple Terrace Apts. Dallas, Texas.	Interest reduced to 6% and bond maturities extended. Court hearing Oct. 13.
535,000 Martin Office Bldg. Birmingham, Ala.	48½% cash plus 50½% in 2d mtge. bonds. Approved Sept. 21.
418,000 Merion Manor Apts. Philadelphia, Pa.	New trustee (Girard Trust Co.) appointed. Interest paid and bond returned.
425,000 New Albany Hotel Albany, Ga.	Plan or reorganization. Hearing of Sept. 21 adjourned to Oct. 20.
24,100 Realty Commerce Bldg. Winter Haven, Fla.	40% cash. Approved, but closing still pending.
402,000 Richmond Hotel Augusta, Ga.	32½% cash. Approved and closed.
1,250,000 San Jacinto Hotel Houston, Texas.	75% of net proceeds of claim of San Jacinto Co. against Miller estate. Approved.
375,000 Stillwell Office Bldg. Savannah, Ga.	87½% cash. Approved, but closing still pending.
725,000 Terminal Bldg. Coney Island, N. Y.	Exchange for bonds of new issue at 6%. Approved and closed.
460,000 York Lynne Manor Philadelphia, Pa.	87% cash. Approved and closed.
----- 575 Park Ave. New York, N. Y.	101% cash or 102% in new bonds. Approved, but owner's refinancing fell through.

TRUSTEESHIP UNCALLED ISSUE.

(A) Trust Company of Georgia has already been substituted as trustee of the following 20 uncalled issues:

Alhambra Hotel	Lawrence Apartments (Trust Co. of Georgia was original corp. trustee)
Clifford Apartments	Mauretania Apartments
Dullon Apartments	Merrick Properties
Federal Square Building	Mirasol Apartments
Granada Apartments	New Gallat Apartments
Halsema Apartments	Redmont Hotel
Harris Apartments	Riverside Apartments
Henry Grady Hotel	Sebring Hotel
Highland Plaza Apartments	Worthington Apartments
Highland View Apartments	101 Marietta Street

(B) Other trustees have been substituted in the following 20 uncalled issues:

- (1) Atlanta Trust Co.: Bolling Jones Building, Cecil Hotel, Kurt Building, New Cecil Hotel.
- (2) American Trust Co., New York: Alexander Building, Harrison Gardens, Bartley Hall, Howard Arms (American Trust Co. was original corporate trustee), Milburn Apartments (American Trust Co. was original corporate trustee), Sagamore Apartments, 41st Street and 7th Avenue.
- (3) Miscellaneous: Berkeley Carteret, Seacoast Trust Co.; Cadwalader Apartments, Trenton Trust Co. (appointment not completed); Hart Building, Capital National Bank, New York; One 5th Avenue, New York Trust Co.; Pelham Arms, Seaboard National Bank (appointment not completed); Tennessee General Office Building, Bankers Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn.; Washington Hall Apartments, Times Square Trust Co.; West End Apartments, Klein, Kinsley & Klein, New York, N. Y.; 100 West 58th Street, Liberty National Bank of New York.

(C) No substitutions have yet been made in the following 17 uncalled issues:

- Birchbrook Hall, Bronxville, N. Y., G. L. Miller, trustee; Cherokee Arms, Memphis, Tenn., Miller Co., trustee; Frances Court, Jacksonville, Fla., Miller Co., trustee; Lakeview Apartments, Atlanta, Ga., Miller Co., trustee; Marlborough Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Miller Co., trustee; Metropolitan Warehouse, New York City, Miller Co., trustee; New Hill Building, Jacksonville, Fla., G. L. Miller, trustee; New Medical Building, New Orleans, La., Miller Co., trustee; Odd Fellows Building, Raleigh, N. C., Miller Co., trustee; Shaw Apartments, Miami, Fla., Miller Co., trustee; Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla., Miller Co., trustee.

No substitution of trustees required in the following issues: Englewood Gardens, N. J., and Franklin Arms, N. J., R. J. Francis, trustee (separate committees); Greystone Apartments, St. Louis, Mo. (entire issue owned by Missouri State Life Insurance Co.); Highland Hall Apartments, Rye, N. Y. (entire issue redeemed); Holbrook Hall, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (entire issue redeemed); R. & R. Theatre Building, Corpus Christi, Tex. (settled with trustee in bankruptcy).

Trust Co. of Georgia has already been substituted as trustee of the following 27 called issues:

Aeolian Apartments
Belvedere Apartments
Berkeley Court
Brazilian Court
Butler Miller Stock Ranch
Cape Fear Hotel
Clark Estate Office Building
Covington Arms
Edgehill Apartments
El Verano Hotel
Everglade Inn
Ft. Harrison Hotel
Hampton Hall Apartments
Helene Apartment Hotel

Henrietta Apartments
Henry Grady Annex
Madison Office Building
Maple Terrace Apartments
Montrose Boulevard Apartments
Point Pleasant Apartments
Realty Commerce Building
Richmond Hotel
State Bank & Trust Co. Building
Tattershall Hotel
Third Avenue Building
Walton Way Apartments
William Penn Hotel

Resignation of original trustee has been executed and forwarded to Anderson, Rountree & Crenshaw, and substitution of Trust Co. of Georgia will be effected by Committee, as soon as notice of resignation is given mortgagors, on the following 17 called issues:

Altamont Apartments
Bayshore Apartments
Cathcart Warehouse
Elmwood Apartments
Florida Hotel
McGlawn-Bowan Building
New Albany Hotel
New Oaks Hotel
Peachtree Terrace Apartments

Peachtree Terrace South Apartments
Pitt Belmont Apartments
St. Andrews Apartments
St. George Apartments
Somerset Apartments
Southland Apartment Building
Watson Hotel
Wynne Claughton Office Building

Other trustees have been substituted in the following 17 called issues:

- (1) American Trust Co., New York.—Carnegie Hill Apartments; Esplanade Gardens—American Trust Co. was original corporate trustee; Terminal Bldg.; 575 Park Ave.
- (2) Fulton National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.—Canterbury Manor Apartments; Pershing Point Apartments; Stratford Hall Apartments.
- (3) Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives, &c., Philadelphia, Pa.—Haverford del Rey; Lebanon Court Apartments.
- (4) Biscayne Trust Co., Miami, Fla.—Columbus Hotel; Venetian Way Apartments.
- (5) National Bank of Commerce in New York, N. Y.—Garden City Court Apartments.
- (6) Pacific Coast Trust Co., New York, N. Y.—Lafayette Hotel.
- (7) Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Marion Manor Apartments.
- (8) Guardian Trust Co., Houston, Tex.—Plaza Apartments.
- (9) New York Trust Co., New York, N. Y.—Stoneleigh Court Apartments.
- (10) Paul W. Reilly, Philadelphia, Pa.—York Lynne Manor.

No substitutions have yet been made in the following 17 called issues:

Almadura Apartment Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.
Belmont Apartment Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Bonds sold.
Blind Brook Lodge, Rye, N. Y.
Bon Air Apartments, Atlanta, Ga.
Bonaventure Arms, Atlanta, Ga.
Castle Hills Apartments, Philadelphia, Pa. Bonds sold.
Cliff Manor Apartments, Birmingham, Ala.
Cliff Haven Apartments, Dallas, Tex.
Ft. Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S. C.
Harvey Apartment, Indianapolis, Ind.
Larchmont Gables, Mamaroneck, N. Y.
Martin Office Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.
Newburgh Hotel, Newburgh, N. Y.
Orange Court Apartment Hotel, Orlando, Fla.
San Jacinto Hotel, Houston, Tex.
St. Charles Apartments, Mobile, Ala.
Stillwell Office Bldg., Savannah, Ga.

UNCALLED ISSUES ON WHICH PAYMENTS OF INTEREST AND MATURED PRINCIPAL HAVE BEEN MADE—TOTAL 46.

Issue—	Date of Coupon.	Amt. Paid.	Date of Maturesd Bonds.	Amt. Paid.	Where Payable.
Alhambra Hotel	April 1 1927	full	April 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Berkeley Carteret	Jan. 1 1927	2-3	Mar. 1 1927	½	Am. Tr. Co.
Birchbrook Hall	July 1 1927	full	Aug. 1 1927	full	Tuckahoe Nat. Bk.
Apartment	Aug. 1 1927	full			
Bolling Jones Bldg.	Sept. 15 1926	1-6	Sept. 15 1926	½	Fulton Nat. Bk.
	Mar. 15 1927	full			
Cadwalader Apts.	Feb. 15 1927	full	Aug. 15 1927	full	Trenton Tr. Co.
Cecil Hotel	Oct. 1 1926	1-6	April 1 1927	7-12	Atlanta Tr. Co.
	April 1 1927	full			
Cherokee Arms	Dec. 15 1926	full	Dec. 15 1926	½	Tr. Co. Ga.
	June 15 1927	full			
Clifford Apt. Bldg.	Dec. 1 1926	2-3	Dec. 1 1926	1-3	Tr. Co. Ga.
	June 1 1927	full			
Dillon Apts.	Jan. 1 1927	full	Jan. 1 1927	5-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
Federal Square	Oct. 15 1926	1-3	Oct. 15 1926	1-6	Tr. Co. Ga.
Building	Nov. 15 1927	full			
Frances Court Apts.	Feb. 1 1927	full	Feb. 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Granada Apt.	Nov. 15 1926	½	May 15 1927	¾	Tr. Co. Ga.
Hotel	May 15 1927	full			
Halsoma Bros.	Oct. 1 1926	1-3	April 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Bldg.	April 1 1927	full			
Harris Apt. Hotel.	Sept. 1 1926	2-3	Mar. 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Mar. 1 1927	full			
Harrison Garden	Jan. 1 1927	½	July 1 1927	¾	Am. Tr. Co.
Apts.	July 1 1927	full			
Hart Bldg.	Dec. 15 1926	full	Dec. 15 1926	full	Capitol Nat. Bk. of N. Y.
Henry Grady Hotel	Nov. 15 1926	full	Nov. 15 1926	¾	Tr. Co. Ga.
	May 15 1927	full			
Highland Plaza	Dec. 1 1926	full	June 1 1927	11-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
Apts.	June 1 1927	full			
Highland View	Sept. 15 1926	1-3	Sept. 15 1926	1-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
Apt.	Mar. 15 1927	full			
Hurt Building	Jan. 1 1927	5-6	Jan. 1 1927	5-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
	July 1 1927	full			
Lakeview Apts.	Sept. 1 1926	7-12	Sept. 1 1926	7-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Mar. 1 1927	full			
Lawrence Apts.	Feb. 1 1927	full	Feb. 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Marlborough Hotel	Sept. 15 1926	full	Sept. 15 1926	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Mar. 15 1927	full			
Mauretania Apts.	Mar. 1 1927	full	Mar. 1 1927	¾	Tr. Co. Ga.
Merrick Properties	Sept. 15 1926	full	Mar. 15 1927	5-6	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Mar. 15 1927	full			
Metropolitan	Dec. 15 1926	5-6	Dec. 15 1926	full	Karelson & Karelson
Warehouse	Dec. 1 1926	full			
Milburn Apts.	Dec. 15 1926	full	None	Am. Tr. Co.	
	June 15 1927	full	matured		
Mirasol Apts.	Feb. 1 1927	full	Aug. 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Aug. 1 1927	full			
New Cecil Hotel.	Oct. 1 1926	1-6	April 1 1927	7-12	Atlanta Tr. Co.
	April 1 1927	full			
New Hill Bldg.	Jan. 1 1927	¾	Jan. 1 1927	¾	Tr. Co. Ga.
	July 1 1927	full			
New Medical Bldg.	Dec. 15 1926	full	Dec. 15 1926	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	June 15 1927	full			
	Dec. 15 1926	full	Dec. 15 1926	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Odd Fellows Bldg.	Dec. 15 1926	full	Dec. 15 1926	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	June 15 1927	full			
Pelham Arms Apts.	Dec. 1 1926	full	June 1 1927	5-6	Nat. City Bk. of New Rochelle
	June 1 1927	full			
Redmont Hotel.	Dec. 1 1926	full	June 1 1927	11-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
	June 1 1927	full			

Issue—	Date of Coupon.	Amt. Paid.	Date of Maturesd Bonds.	Amt. Paid.	Where Payable.
Riverside Apts.	Nov. 1 1926	½	Nov. 1 1926	¼	Tr. Co. Ga.
	May 1 1927	full			
Sagamore Apts.	Dec. 1 1926	½	June 1 1927	full	Am. Tr. Co.
	June 1 1927	full			
Sebring Hotel.	Dec. 1 1926	full	June 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	June 1 1927	full			
Shaw Apts.	Feb. 1 1927	full	Aug. 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Aug. 1 1927	full			
Soreno Hotel.	Jan. 1 1927	5-6	Jan. 1 1927	5-12	Tr. Co. Ga.
	July 1 1927	full			
Tenn. General	Nov. 15 1926	3-5	Nov. 15 1926	3-5	Bankers Trust Co.,
Office Bldg.	May 15 1927	defaulted			
Washington Hall	Jan. 1 1927	¾	Jan. 1 1927	¼	Times Sq. Tr. Co.
Apts.	July 1 1927	full			
West End Apt.	Jan. 15 1927	5-6	Jan. 15 1927	1-12	Klein, Kinsley & Klein.
Bldg.	July 15 1927	full			
Worthington Apts.	Jan. 1 1927	2-3	Jan. 1 1927	1-3	Tr. Co. Ga.
	July 1 1927	full			
101 Marietta St.	Feb. 15 1927	full	Feb. 15 1927	½	Tr. Co. Ga.
	Aug. 15 1927	full			
100 West 58th St.	Jan. 1 1927	full			Liberty Nat. Bk. of N. Y.
	July 1 1927	full			
41st Street & 7th Ave. Bldg.	Jan. 1 1927	5-6			Am. Tr. Co.
	July 1 1927	full			

ISSUES CALLED FOR DEPOSIT—PAYMENTS OF COUPONS AND MATURED BONDS—TOTAL 11.

Issue—	Date of Coupon.	Amt. Paid.	Date of Maturesd Bonds.	Amt. Paid.	Where Payable.
Blind Brook Lodge	Oct. 15 1926	full	April 15 1927	full	Nat. Bk. of Comm.
Cape Fear Hotel	Dec. 1 1926	full	Dec. 1 1926	full	Nat. Bk. of Comm.
Covington Arms	Sept. 15 1926	full	Sept. 15 1926	1-24	Tr. Co. Ga.
Apts.	Nov. 1 1926	½	May 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
El Verano Hotel	Dec. 15 1926	full	June 15 1927	full	Nat. Bk. of Comm.
Garden City Court	June 15 1927	full			
Apts.	Dec. 1 1926	2-3	June 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Hampton Hall	June 1 1927	full			
Henrietta Apt. Hotel	Nov. 1 1926	1-6	May 1 1927	full	Tr. Co. Ga.
Maple Terrace	Sept. 15 1926	¾	Mar. 15 1927	19-24	Nat. Bk. of Comm.
Apts.	Mar. 15 1927	full			
Merion Manor	Oct. 1 1926	1-3	April 1 1927	2-3	Nat. Bk. of Comm.
	April 1 1927	full			
Venetian Bay Apt. Hotel	Dec. 1 1926	¼	Dec. 1 1926	¼	Tr. Co. Ga.
575 Park Ave.	Oct. 1 1926	full			Nat. Bk. of Comm.
	April 1 1927	full			
	Oct. 1 1927	full			

First Mortgage Investments Experiencing Period of Unusual Activity.

Sales of first mortgage securities yielding 5½% show a marked increase over last year, according to H. A. Kahler, President of the New York Title & Mortgage Co., who states that first mortgage investments are undergoing a period of unusual activity due to the fact that these preferred securities are still returning a comparatively high yield at a time when money rates are low.

"For the first eight months ending Sept. 1," said Mr. Kahler, "sales of mortgage securities by the New York Title & Mortgage Co. totaled \$143,803,000, an increase of 17% over the same period last year. The volume of loans made by the company showed an increase of 15% over the corresponding period in 1926." Mr. Kahler adds:

An important development is found in the growing demand for guaranteed mortgage certificates, which are issued on groups of mortgages. This is presumably due both to the safety accorded by such diversification of investment, and also to the need for flexibility in investment holdings. These certificates can be called within three years after the date of sale, and are paid from the proceeds of maturing mortgages. In this way advantage may be taken of changing market trends.

Yearly Figures of New York Clearing House—Record Transactions—William Woodward Elected President.

Record clearing house transactions are disclosed in the annual figures of the New York Clearing House Association made public this week. The annual report for the year ending Sept. 30 1927 shows total clearing house transactions for the year of \$341,828,210,316, comparing with \$325,640,437,707 for the year ending Sept. 30 1926. The largest day's transactions on record are those for July 2 1927, when they reached \$2,113,063,547. The previous record had been established Jan. 2 1926, when the total transactions were \$2,041,710,213. The following are the details for the year ending Sept. 30 1927 as presented in the General Manager's report:

The Clearing House transactions for the year have been as follows:	
Exchanges	\$307,158,631,043.07
Balances	34,669,579,273.47
Total transactions	\$341,828,210,316.54
The average daily transactions:	
Exchanges	\$1,013,724,854.92
Balances	114,421,053.70
Total	\$1,128,145,908.62
Total transactions since organization of Clearing House (74 years):	
Exchanges	\$5,315,162,080,164.48
Balances	395,421,465,966.25
Total	\$5,710,583,546,130.73
Largest exchanges on any one day during the year (July 2 1927)	\$2,113,063,547.18
Largest balances on any one day during the year (June 16 1927)	221,789,053.47
Largest transactions on any one day during the year (July 2 1927)	2,113,063,547.18
Smallest exchanges on any one day during the year (Aug. 29 1927)	443,606,267.67
Smallest balances on any one day during the year (Apr. 16 1927)	75,313,628.96
Smallest transactions on any one day during the year (Aug. 29 1927)	527,991,539.88
Largest day's transactions on record, July 2 1927.	
Exchanges	\$1,950,423,204.49
Balances	162,640,342.69
Total transactions	\$2,113,063,547.18
Largest exchanges, July 2 1927	\$1,950,423,204.48
Largest balances, June 16 1927	221,789,053.49

Transactions of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

Debt exchanges.....	\$2,826,966,011.29
Credit exchanges.....	32,331,596,278.20
Credit balances.....	29,504,630,266.91

The association is now composed of 11 national banks, 7 State banks, and 11 trust companies. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the Clearing House City Collection Department also make exchanges at the Clearing House, making 31 institutions clearing direct.

There are 4 banks and trust companies in the city and vicinity, not members of the Association, that make their exchanges through banks that are members, in accordance with constitutional provisions.

At the annual meeting on Oct. 4 William Woodward, President of the Hanover National Bank of New York, was elected President of the New York Clearing House Association succeeding Stephen Baker, whose term as President expired. G. Edwin Gregory, Vice-President and Comptroller of the National City Bank of New York, has been elected Secretary of the Clearing House succeeding Samuel H. Miller. The following continue in their respective posts: Manager, Clarence E. Bacon; Assistant Manager, Edward L. Beck; Department of Inspection and Examination, Charles A. Hanna, Examiner. The Clearing House Committee as now constituted is as follows: Seward Prosser (Chairman) Bankers Trust Co.; Stevenson E. Ward, President, National Bank of Commerce; Jackson E. Reynolds, President, First National Bank; Arthur W. Loasby, President, Equitable Trust Co. and Chellis A. Austin, President, Seaboard National Bank. As Chairman Mr. Prosser succeeds W. E. Frew, President of the Corn Exchange Bank.

Proposed Organization in Twelve Federal Reserve Districts of Iroquois National Bank to Be Controlled by Iroquois Trust Co.—Nationwide Banking and Security Service Planned.

With regard to plans, reported as under way, sponsored by certain Illinois and New York interests, to organize in each Federal Reserve district a bank to be known as the Iroquois National Bank, the stock of which is to be controlled by the Iroquois Trust Co., a recently organized trust company under the Illinois State banking laws and situated at Evanston, Ill., the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 2 said:

Arrangements are now being made to organize the Iroquois National Bank of New York, and so-called treasury stock, in units of capital shares, are being offered for sale in this market. The opening of this nation-wide chain system of national banks, with a possible further network of branches, is said to be made possible as a result of the lately enacted McFadden Banking Act, notwithstanding that that law sought to restrict branch banking by national and State member banks to within city limits, or within existing State branch systems.

The Iroquois National Bank of New York is to have a capital of \$2,000,000 and surplus of \$600,000, the shares being of \$40 par value. Capital of the Iroquois Trust Co. consists of 20,000 shares of 6% voting preferred, par \$100, and 80,000 shares voting non-par common. A unit of capital shares consists of 20 shares of fully paid stock of Iroquois National Bank and Iroquois Trust Co.

According to John C. Gray, President of the Iroquois Trust Co., the "Iroquois plan is identical with that of the successful Federal Reserve System. The shareholders of the Iroquois Trust Co. are causing to be chartered an Iroquois National Bank in each of the twelve Federal Reserve districts, under the provisions of the National Banking Laws, as amended by Congress in 1926. Each of the national banks will become a member of the Federal Reserve System and will function as a national bank in its particular Federal Reserve district under the close scrutiny of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States. The Iroquois Trust Co. will own a majority of the treasury stock of each of the twelve national banks. Such ownership of the majority of the shares will vest control of the twelve national banks in the Iroquois Trust Co.

"Every unit of treasury shares will participate in the profits of the entire banking chain, the trust company as well as in the twelve national banks. For example, the subscriber in New York, through ownership of shares in the Iroquois National Bank of New York, receives his proportionate part of the profits of the Iroquois National Bank of New York and through his ownership of shares of the Iroquois Trust Co. receives his proportionate part of the earnings not only of the Iroquois Trust Co. but also his proportionate part of the earnings of each of the other eleven national banks—through the fact that the Iroquois Trust Co. itself owns a majority of each of the entire chain of Iroquois National Banks.

"The Iroquois Trust Co. and the Iroquois National Banks will maintain a nationwide banking and security service. The charter of the Iroquois Trust Co. permits it to establish branches, the new national banking laws permit national banks to establish branches. The Iroquois System of Banks will be prepared to maintain a most comprehensive service throughout the country."

Advices from Washington are to the effect that the Comptroller of the Currency has had no application for charter for the Iroquois National Bank of New York. The Comptroller refused a charter under somewhat similar circumstances for another bank to be located in the West recently.

Roy A. Young Designated as Governor of Federal Reserve Board Assumed Duties Oct. 4.

Roy A. Young who on Sept. 21 was named by President Coolidge as a member of the Federal Reserve Board succeeding D. R. Crissinger resigned, took the oath of office as a member of the Board on Oct. 4. After being sworn in Mr. Young was designated by President Coolidge as Governor of the Reserve Board. Mr. Young, who had previously been Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, was sworn in by the Chief Clerk of the Treasury in the presence of the Board's members, Secretary Mellon and

Comptroller General McCarl. Mr. Young's appointment to the Federal Reserve Board was reported in these columns Sept. 24, page 1658.

Roger W. Babson on Federal Reserve and Investments.

The Babson Statistical Organization, in its report of Sept. 27 1927, discussing the Federal Reserve policies and investments, urges investors to cease relying upon the stacks of gold in the show windows of the Federal Reserve banks and to take the same precautions they would if they were living over again the experiences of 1919, 1914, or any other great critical year in the financial markets." The statement in full is as follows:

In spite of the storm of criticism, we believe the Federal Reserve Board will stick to the course it has started; that is, let money rates seek their own level regardless of dangers of speculations which result. Such a right-about-face on the part of the Board could have been forced only by the danger of more serious consequences from abroad. Perhaps it would be better if the Board would make a frank statement of the situation as it has been presented to it. We imagine that if it did, the present evil of reckless speculation would quickly curb itself.

European financial reconstruction is by no means as complete as most people think. Its present stage is precarious and it carries enough dynamite to blow our present security market into small pieces if it is not handled carefully. Certainly the Federal Reserve System has something to do besides making the United States safe for speculation. Its prime task right now is to keep money rates here as easy as possible and to check the decline in American commodity prices. This it is now trying to do. As far as preventing over-expansion and consequent reaction is concerned, the hands of the System are tied just as they were tied by Treasury financing and public opinion during 1919.

Danger signals already are evident in the financial markets. What stock prices will do during the next few months is simply a matter of public confidence. As far as the gold supply is concerned there will be plenty of money available to the banks, but that does not mean that member banks and other lenders will be willing to sew themselves up without limit on an orgy of speculation. The moment that something happens to upset public confidence the banks will call loans and stock prices will tumble as quickly as before. Again, we urge investors to cease relying upon the stocks of gold in the show windows of the Federal Reserve banks and to take the same precautions they would if they were living over again the experiences of 1919, 1914, or any other great critical year in the financial markets.

Second Liberty Loan 4 1/4% Bonds Approximating \$368,000,000 Exchanged for Treasury Notes—Bonds Outstanding \$830,481,200.

In accordance with Secretary Mellon's prior announcement the privilege of exchanging Second Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds for 3 1/2% Treasury notes of Series B-1930-32 expired at the close of business, Oct. 1. On Oct. 3 Secretary Mellon stated that the exchange subscriptions totaled \$368,000,000. It is estimated that Second Liberty bonds still outstanding, and which must be retired Nov. 15 next, amount to \$830,481,200. Secretary Mellon estimates that the Government will save at least \$28,000,000 a year in interest alone as the result of the exchange of Second Liberty 4 1/4s for lower interest bearing Treasury notes. A Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" Oct. 3, quoted him as saying:

Exclusive of the Second Liberty Loan bonds to be retired from the proceeds of the sale of short-term securities, the interest saving on which cannot be estimated until the operation is brought to a final conclusion on Nov. 15 next and exclusive of retirements from sinking fund and surplus, the annual interest saving on the securities issued, as contrasted with an equivalent amount of Seconds, amounts to over \$15,000,000.

If interest on Second Liberty Loan bonds retired from surplus and sinking fund since the operation was begun in March last also be taken into consideration, the interest reduction amounts to approximately \$28,000,000 annually.

In the October issue of its "Monthly Review and Credit Conditions" the Federal Reserve Bank of New York presented the following on the retirement of the Second Liberty Loan:

Largely through successive offers that have been made this year, the amount of outstanding Second Liberty Loan bonds has been reduced from an original issue of \$3,807,865,000 on Nov. 15 1917 to approximately \$330,000,000 on Oct. 1 1927. When the first step towards the refunding of the issue was taken in March of this year the amount outstanding had been reduced by prior redemptions to \$3,104,520,050. During March approximately 45% of these bonds were exchanged for 3 1/2%, 3 to 5 year Treasury notes. In June the remaining holders of Second Liberty Loan bonds were offered a long-term issue of Treasury bonds in exchange, and near the end of the month the Treasury called for tenders of the bonds for purchase at prices not to exceed 100 1/2%. Additional purchases were made with funds in the surplus money account and for the sinking fund, and in September a note issue similar to that offered in March was made available. As the result of these later operations nearly half of the bonds outstanding at the end of March were retired.

The principal steps toward the retirement of these Second Liberty Loan bonds and the amounts outstanding after each step are outlined below:

Originally issued Nov. 15 1917.....	\$3,807,865,000
Retired prior to Feb. 28 1927.....	703,344,950
Balance outstanding.....	\$3,104,520,050
Exchanged during March for 3 1/2% Treasury notes, Series A, 1930-32.....	1,360,456,450
Balance outstanding.....	\$1,744,063,600
Exchanged during June for 3 1/2% Treasury bonds of 1943-47.....	245,256,450
Balance outstanding.....	\$1,498,807,150
Purchases for Treasury sinking fund, from surplus money in Treasury, and miscellaneous, March to August.....	300,325,950
Balance outstanding.....	\$1,198,481,200
Exchanged during September for 3 1/2% Treasury notes, Series B, 1930-32 (estimated).....	368,000,000
Balance outstanding (estimated).....	\$830,481,200

These operations leave less than one-fourth of the original amount to be retired on Nov. 15, when the issue has been called for redemption. The remainder now outstanding includes a large proportion of small holdings, and it appears probable that, notwithstanding all possible efforts to notify the holders that the bonds have been called, and that interest will cease on Nov. 15, a considerable part of the small denominations will not be presented promptly for retirement. After the books had been closed in March on the exchange of notes for Second Liberty bonds, it was found that two-thirds of the \$10,000 bonds had been offered for exchange, but that the proportion of exchange diminished rapidly with the denomination of the bonds. At the end of August nearly \$300,000,000 of \$50, \$100 and \$500 Second Liberty bonds were outstanding, and it is probable that a large part of them remain in the hands of small holders. The following table shows the amounts of the various denominations outstanding at the end of February and the amounts remaining to be retired before the September exchanges:

Denomination—	Outstanding Feb. 28 '27.	Outstanding Aug. 31 '27.
\$50	\$65,960,150	\$53,111,300
100	143,290,900	110,110,400
500	186,534,000	128,737,500
1,000	739,360,000	424,442,000
5,000	298,345,000	139,640,000
10,000	1,464,230,000	317,900,000
50,000	23,350,000	10,150,000
100,000	178,400,000	14,300,000
Total	\$3,104,520,050	\$1,198,481,200

References to the Treasury September offer to exchange the bonds for Treasury notes will be found in our issues of Sept. 10, pages 1410-1412; Sept. 17, page 1538, and Oct. 1, page 1789.

President Coolidge Views Reduction of National Debt of Paramount Importance—Withholds Views on Tax Reduction.

In a meeting with newspaper men on Oct. 4 President Coolidge referred to the urgency of the reduction of the public debt, advising them that he can conceive of no project that would benefit the country to the extent that it would benefit by the wiping out of the nation's debt. We quote from the Baltimore "Sun," its Washington correspondent also stating:

He has pointed out, by way of illustrating the drain that is being made by interest charges of more than \$700,000,000 annually, that if there were no national debt the Federal Government could afford to pay for all the damage by the Mississippi river floods and still have a lot of money left.

Opposes Tax Reduction.

The country, he believes, has made a wonderful beginning in the reduction of the debt, which, at his peak in August, 1919, amounted to \$26,596,000,000. He has confided to friends he regards the reductions that have been made while he has been President as one of the greatest satisfactions of his Administration.

While there was no discussion of tax reduction, the White House attitude toward the debt, as it was expressed to-day, was interpreted as a warning that the Administration will not countenance any large reduction in revenue. In some quarters the thought was expressed that the Administration might even go so far as to sidetrack tax reduction altogether, though the general view was that Mr. Coolidge will recommend some reduction, notably in corporation taxes and the abolition of the so-called nuisance taxes.

Associated Press advices from Washington Oct 5 referring to the President's remarks and the likelihood of legislation looking toward the reduction of taxes said:

Reduction of both taxes and the public debt are expected to be included in Treasury Department recommendations to Congress at the next session.

While Treasury officials declined to-day to discuss the details of the recommendations, they will attempt to strike a compromise between the demands for both heavy debt retirement and a substantial tax reduction.

The statement from the White House yesterday that President Coolidge regarded retirement of the public debt as of prime importance has dampened the hopes of those who had expected a big slash in taxes. Supporters of debt retirement, however, do not expect to keep up the pace reached in the last fiscal year, when the debt was curtailed \$1,131,309,383 by application of the entire surplus. At the same time, they hope to bring the retirement this year above the normal reduction of \$587,000,000 that will accrue from the two permanent sources of debt retirement, the sinking fund and foreign debt payments.

The debt had been reduced from its peak in 1919 of approximately \$26,594,000,000 to approximately \$18,511,000,000 at the end of the last fiscal year. Four times during this period the annual reduction exceeded the billion dollar mark.

Treasury officials pointed out that they cannot make an accurate forecast until the departmental estimates of expenses have been submitted. They are understood, however, to be giving special attention to the corporation tax, which Administration leaders say should be reduced, and to the intermediate brackets, which are regarded as being out of line.

No official treasury information is expected to be given until Secretary Mellon appears before the House Ways and Means Committee later this month.

Representative Madden Foresees \$300,000,000 Tax Cut After Talk With President.

A tax reduction of not less than \$300,000,000 was the prediction of Representative Martin B. Madden, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, following a conference he had with President Coolidge on Oct. 3, according to a Washington dispatch of the New York "Times," which also said:

Mr. Madden said he was confident the Federal levies could be reduced in the amount named without incurring a deficit in the Treasury. He mentioned a 1% reduction in the corporation tax as one of the probable cuts, but did not mention other possibilities. The question as a whole, he explained, is a matter for the Committee on Ways and Means to work out.

Correspondence Between United States and France Arising From American Protest Against New French Tariff—France Proposes Investigation by President of United States of Differences in Cost of Production Here and Abroad with View to Mutual Concessions.

Several communications which have passed between the United States and France as a result of new tariff duties, made effective by France on Aug. 30 last, were made public at Washington on Oct. 3. Incidentally proposals for a trade treaty between the two countries figure in the correspondence. To the protest which the United States lodged against the new French duties, that country under date of Sept. 14 indicated that it "would like to receive the assurance of the American Government that it agrees to consider that the negotiations which are about to be undertaken must on the one hand guarantee to America a treatment of more complete equality with its most favored competitors on the French market under the regime of granting the minimum tariff to the principal exported products and on the other hand guarantee to French exports advantages of the same nature on the American market, not only by the application without discrimination of the tariff of the United States, but also should there be occasion by such reductions or adaptations of this tariff as might appear necessary to permit the sale of certain specific French goods on the American market." With such assurance, said the French note, that Government would be disposed to enact a decree diminishing by 50% the surplus rates instituted by the decree of Aug. 30 for products originating in and coming from the United States. In its answer, under date of Sept. 19, the American Government declared that it is not "making any criticism of the non-discriminatory rates France has adopted, but objects only to the fact that France is discriminating against the trade of the United States by applying to many categories of American goods rates in some cases four times as high as upon similar articles imported from Germany and other countries competing with the United States in the French market." The answer also stated:

The French Government appears to entertain the view that France is justified in discriminating against American trade because it considers that the average rate of duty imposed by the United States on imports from France is higher than the average rate imposed by France on imports from the United States.

But this is not discrimination. Our rates are uniform on these imports, they are the same for others as for France. This argument, moreover, is not admitted by the Government of the United States, which, as stated above, considers tariff rates a domestic matter and at the same time considers all discrimination to be unjustified.

If the rates of duty on articles imported into the United States from France are proportionally higher than on those exported from the United States to France the reason is merely that a large part of American imports consists of manufactured articles and luxuries, whereas an equally large proportion of French imports from America are raw materials.

In expressing surprise and disappointment at the attitude of the French Government, the American note said:

It [the American Government] had supposed that the French Government fully understood that the American law which fixes the tariff on imports does not envisage the conclusion of a treaty of reciprocity in regard to rates of duty.

Passing, indeed, beyond the mere limitations of the law into the broader field of international trade relations, it is the profound belief of the American Government that the only satisfactory basis of such relations is to be found in the domain of equal treatment of the trade of all nations. Any other policy can lead only to confusion and misunderstanding, and, in the opinion of the American Government, is opposed to the soundest principles of world economics and essentially of world good-will.

Hope was expressed in the note that the French Government would "see its way clear both to the negotiation of a treaty guaranteeing general most-favored-nation treatment and to suspending in the interim its manifest discrimination against American products."

The reply made by France under date of Sept. 30 points out that "the tariff law of the United States, and notably Section 315 of the Fordney Act, gives the President the power, after an investigation of the possible differences in costs of production between articles wholly or in part the growth or product of the United States and of like or similar articles wholly or in part the growth or product of competing foreign countries, to change the classification and to decrease the rates of duty in such measure as may be necessary to equalize the costs of production." "Upon these tariff alleviations, . . . and upon these administrative investigations which are called for by considerations of simple equity, the French Government," says the reply, "must make dependent the grant to America of the most-favored regime which France grants to all other countries." In conclusion, French Government said:

On the ground of practical measures the reciprocal good-will of the two countries can easily show itself by provisional amelioration of the damages which each of them claims.

The French Government has already shown this good-will in proposing to alleviate in a certain degree the tariffs recently raised to the detriment of a part, negligible it is true, of American exportation. It is prepared to contemplate others which would not be of a nature to prejudice further negotiations for a long-term treaty or to render such a treaty futile if the American Government will not refuse, as it has hitherto done, to examine within the limits of its own legislation the just claims of the French exporters.

If this proof of common conciliation should result within a few days in a provisional agreement, the French Government does not doubt that negotiations immediately to be undertaken may lead to a durable treaty protecting the interests of both countries.

On Oct. 5 the Customs Division of the Treasury Department, of which Seymour Lowman, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of New York, is the head, notified customs collectors that tariff duties on certain imports from France had been raised, while duties on certain imports from Germany had been lowered. As to this a Washington dispatch Oct. 6 to the New York "Times" said in part:

The action of the Treasury Department in advising its collectors of customs that under the provisions of the Fordney-McCumber Act of 1922 certain American tariff rates must be raised to meet the increases made by France on the importation of American goods caused something of a stir in official circles to-day, but after a series of conferences the conclusion was reached that nothing had happened which would seriously interfere with the diplomatic negotiations now in progress to bring about a settlement of the differences that have caused so much trouble.

The order to American customs collectors was issued yesterday by Assistant Secretary Lowman with the approval of Secretary Mellon, and to-day Mr. Mellon insisted that the whole affair was a routine matter and that his Department simply had done what the Tariff Law of 1922 dictated it must do.

Provisions of the Law.

Under various sections of this law it is provided that if a foreign nation increase its tariff on certain American goods, the Customs Division of the Treasury Department shall automatically put into effect increases which in some instances bring the American tariff up to a level that would equal the foreign tariff rate and in others as nearly as possible to that level, without having the tariff exceed 50% of the value of the commodity involved.

When the French Government raised its tariff rate on these commodities, Mr. Mellon explained, the Treasury Department merely went about the routine business of carrying the provisions of the Fordney-McCumber Act into effect and published the instructions to its collectors as soon as it had collected the necessary information.

This action was taken without any thought of interfering with diplomatic negotiations being carried on by the State Department and, as it was a routine matter made necessary by law, the step was taken without consultation with the other department.

State Department officials, therefore, got their first information of the publication of the order when it was called to their attention by the newspaper correspondents. There was some excitement at first, but this calmed down after Under Secretary Mills had conferred with Secretary Kellogg and explained the Treasury's position.

The following is the text of the French note of Sept. 30, referred to further above:

French Note of Sept. 30.

The aide memoire which the Government of the United States delivered on Sept. 20 to the French Government has been the object on the part of the latter of an especially exhaustive examination, which gives rise to the following remarks:

The principle of the equality of commercial relations, which the Government of the United States declares is the only sound basis of international relations and the only guarantee against a number of political or economic dangers which it sets forth in detail, is far from having received the unanimous adhesion which the Government of the United States considers as obtained.

It is true that this doctrine was formulated in the United States during the latter part of the nineteenth century, and "the equality of commercial conditions," completed, it is true, by "the abolition of economic barriers," was presented thus to the Allied and Associated Powers as one of the conditions for the re-establishment of peace.

But the principle of equality of economic conditions, even completed by the abolition of economic barriers, was not considered by the Peace Conference of 1919 as a sufficient guarantee in itself to ensure fair and peaceful relations between nations, and it is not the equality of commercial conditions, but the more comprehensive formula of the equitable treatment of commerce which is contained in Article 23 (E) of the Covenant of the League of Nations. There is no doubt, either, that the choice of this formula was dictated by reasons of necessary fair reciprocity and liberalism.

When in 1922 the nations of Europe again met at Genoa it was again not the simple formula of equality of commercial conditions that they envisaged as the guarantee of economic restoration. Article 9 of the Genoa deliberations states in effect:

"The conference recalls the principle of equitable treatment of commerce set forth in Article 23 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and strongly recommends the resumption of commercial relations on the basis of commercial treaties, resting on the one hand on the system of a reciprocity adapted to special circumstances and applying on the other as far as possible the clause of the most favored nation."

All later technical conferences, in the first rank of which should be placed the International Conference for the Simplification of Customs Formalities, admit that discrimination can be envisaged and content themselves with condemning unfair discrimination (Article 2 of the said Convention).

Lastly, since the Government of the United States desires in its aide memoire to refer to the conclusions of the recent International Conference at Geneva, it should be specified that the latter, while proclaiming that the reciprocal granting of the unconditional clause of the most-favored-nation treatment as regards customs duties and trade conditions constitutes an essential element of the free and normal development of exchanges between nations, admits immediately afterward that it is for each country to decide in which cases and in what measure this fundamental guarantee should be inserted in a given treaty.

But what is most important to note is that the Economic Conference of Geneva, to which the American Government refers, did not only recommend the reciprocal granting in as large a measure as possible of the most-favored-nation treatment, but placed in the foreground of its declarations the necessity of lowering excessive tariffs by common agreement. At the beginning the chapter relating to commercial policy and commercial treaties declares:

"The main conclusion to be drawn from the work of the conference in the field of commercial policy is that the time has come to put a stop to the

growth of customs tariffs and to reverse the direction of the movement by an effort along three lines, viz.:

- "1. Individual action by States with regard to their own tariffs.
- "2. Bilateral action through the conclusion of suitable commercial treaties.
- "3. Collective action by means of an inquiry, with a view to encouraging the expansion of international trade on an equitable basis by removing or lowering the barriers to international trade which are set up by excessive customs tariffs."

Thus the Economic Conference at Geneva associates with the idea of equality of commercial conditions the reduction by autonomous or contractual means of the excessive tariffs at present in force, and it is in full conformity with the doctrines of this conference, warmly upheld by the French delegation, that the French Government has proposed to the Government of the United States a treaty based both on the application in as large measure as possible of the most-favored-nation clause and on the customs adjustments which might seem necessary in order to favor the commerce of the two countries.

France, on the other hand, has already applied the two inseparable aspects of the doctrine proclaimed by the Geneva Conference in a recent agreement with Germany.

She is preparing other treaties on the same basis, and she is able to note in the course of the negotiations which she is pursuing that most of the countries of Europe would consider not as progress, but as a step backward in commercial policy, a partial application of the Geneva doctrine by virtue of which, whatever commercial advantages may be exchanged, most-favored-nation treatment should be granted indifferently to all countries without taking into account the protectionism of some and the liberalism of others in such a manner that there would result a benefit for the former to the detriment of the latter and a miscarriage of justice as regards the contracting State itself.

2. This opinion is furthermore in accordance with the one which the United States endeavored to cause to prevail in the world when, in 1778, in their treaty with France, they introduced the conditional clause of most-favored-nation treatment and the obligation of a fair compensation for the advantages accorded by them to a third State and claimed by the contracting State.

The later declarations of President Monroe and President John Quincy Adams also proclaimed that the most-favored-nation clause could only be granted in exchange for special advantages.

It would also be easy to invoke the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States, which decided, notably with regard to a treaty between the United States and Denmark, that the clause of the most-favored-nation obliged the two countries to avoid a hostile or discriminatory legislation, but that its object was not to interfere with the commercial arrangements with other countries based on the concession of reciprocal privileges.

Lastly it was to respond to that constant preoccupation of equilibrium that the United States, during the Nineteenth Century, drew up a series of contractual system, the history of which was recently written by one of the late Presidents of the Tariff Commission and which all tended to establish a reciprocity in fact.

When the Government of the United States abandoned its efforts in this direction a few years ago, one may wonder if the principal reason was not in view of the rising level of its rates that it preferred the liberty of autonomous tariff action to a policy of tariff contracts whose first result would have been, generally speaking, to impose sacrifices upon it.

It is true that the Government of the United States thought it could invoke not only international doctrine, but French law itself. In order to bring out the spirit of this law it relies upon the statements of M. Meline and M. Jean Morel. But the French Government cannot approve the presentation of French tariff law which the Government of the United States believed it its duty to make to it, any more than it can its exposition of international law.

The tariff doctrine of France has been unvarying since 1892, but it does not correspond to the American Government's notion of it.

Indeed, the law of 1892 stipulated in its first article that "the minimum tariff may be applied to goods of countries allowing French goods to benefit by correlative advantages and which will apply to them their lowest tariffs."

This text expressly provides, therefore, that the absence of discrimination does not suffice to justify the granting of the minimum tariff, but that in addition there must exist advantages correlative to those included in the French minimum tariff.

Since the law of 1892, commented upon by M. Meline, and since the report of M. Morel in 1906, the French Government has always subordinated the granting of the minimum tariff, that is to say, the most-favored-nation clause, to the reciprocal granting of a regime favorable to its trade.

From 1892 to 1914 France concluded many treaties of commerce in which the concession of the French minimum tariff is limited to certain articles, in view of the not very favorable regime which the contracting States granted in general to the French export trade, and it is on the basis of this very French tariff law that the Governments which from 1897 to 1910 negotiated with the United States, in conformity with the doctrine which the Government of this country is invoking, were not able to see their way clear, in view of the disparity of French and American tariffs and in view of the inequality of the advantages resulting from the general tariff establishment by the United States and the minimum tariff in force in France to establish the relations of the two countries on the reciprocal granting of the most-favored-nation treatment.

The granting of the minimum tariff has never been considered by the French Government as the starting point of a negotiation which has secured for French export trade the necessary safeguards.

It is in conformity with this spirit that the law of 1919 (which the Government of the United States did not mention) stipulated that in commercial conventions France could accord "reductions in the rates of the general tariff calculated in percentages on the difference existing between this general tariff and the minimum tariff." The law of 1919 thus makes it clear that the granting of the minimum tariff does not indicate the minimum concession and the usual regime, but the maximum concession and exceptional treatment which negotiators can in exchange for correlative advantages accord to foreign countries.

In the opinion of all the French Governments which have succeeded each other the granting of the minimum tariff may not be claimed as a matter of law, but can only be obtained as a matter of fact by the States which assure to French products real possibilities of sale on their market.

It is in conformity with this same conception that the French Government in its explanatory statement of the Draft Tariff bill, which it recently submitted to Parliament, contemplated that in case the needs of the French export trade should be met by an equitable regime, the most liberal application could be made of the law of 1919, namely, the general and unconditional granting of most-favored-nation treatment.

It is this treatment which the French Government has envisaged for the United States. If, however, the United States is disposed to assure to French commerce equitable conditions and possibility of the use of facilities to which, in order to respect the fundamental laws of the Republic, the Government must subordinate the favorable treatment which it offers to the United States.

The United States cannot be surprised that France should wish, in order to safeguard her exchanges and commercial balances, to obtain contractual guarantees. She must do so in the interest not only of her monetary and economic restoration, but also of her international engagements. As the American experts were the first to say in the Dawes Plan, any country can only secure for itself possibilities of transfer by the sale of its goods.

The Government of the United States draws, moreover, from its trade with France and with foreign countries an ensemble of deductions that is tending to prove that France is not subjected to any discrimination; that this general regime which the United States accords has not been unfavorable to her commerce, and that in order to improve this commerce there is no need to provide any concession.

France is not complaining of being discriminated against by the United States; what she is complaining of is being subjected together with other States to a restrictive regime which in view of the character of her production is more prejudicial to it than to other nations, and which, although applicable to everybody, has hit her commerce most particularly.

When the Government of the United States invokes in support of its argument the comparison of our exports of 1921 and 1926 specified in dollars, it is no doubt fair to object that the year 1921, when France still bruised by the German devastation was incapable of exporting cannot serve as a term of comparison.

Even if the figures of 1921, that is, \$141,885,000 are a trifle higher than those of 1913 amounting to \$136,877,990 in order to appreciate in an equitable manner the fate of French exports to America, it is from these latter figures that calculations must be made, taking into account, moreover, the worldwide increase of prices even when specified in dollars and France's present power of exportation as compared with that before the war.

If the regime which the United States imposed on French exportation had been subjected since 1913 to regular restrictions, both by the schedule of rates of the Fordney bill and by the manner in which they have been applied, the figure of \$136,877,990 for 1913 should have amounted in 1926 to about \$200,000,000, taking into account the increase which prices specified in dollars have undergone and the new possibilities of French exports.

It may therefore be rightly concluded that if the French exports of 1913 calculated on \$136,877,990 and if the exports of 1926 are limited to \$152,030,000 that signifies that French export trade to the United States has undergone a formidable restriction.

American Tariffs Affecting French Products.

It is impossible not to recognize that this restriction is due to the excessive elevation of American tariffs affecting the principal French products, as is shown by examples here given:

- Fresh or dried or preserved mushrooms, 46% ad valorem.
- Perfumery, cosmetics, et al., containing alcohol, 40 cents per litre plus 75% ad valorem; not containing alcohol, 75% ad valorem.
- Porcela, 55 to 70% ad valorem.
- Cutlery dutiable by the piece increased on an average by 45%.
- Cotton plush, 50% ad valorem.
- Upholstery fabrics, 45% ad valorem.
- Yarns, weaves and fabrics of wool, dutiable by the pound, increased by from 30 to 50%.
- Twisted silk threads, 25% ad valorem.
- Sewing threads and floss silk, 40% ad valorem.
- Silks in piece and knitted fabrics, 55% ad valorem.
- Velvet and silk plush, 60% ad valorem.
- Tulle and silk lace, 90% ad valorem.
- Clothes, articles of clothing of all sorts, 60% ad valorem; clothes containing lace or embroidery, 90% ad valorem.
- Articles of jewelry or imitation jewelry, 80% ad valorem.
- Men's gloves, \$5 per dozen pairs, or 10 francs per pair.
- Duties of this nature are in most cases higher than those of the French general tariff for the same articles, and these duties are quadruple those of the minimum tariff.

It is to be noted, moreover, that from 1913 to 1927 exports from the United States to France passed from \$90,302,000 gold francs in 1913 to 1,512,968,000 gold francs from the period July 1 1926, to June 30 1927, although during that period the purchasing power of France was markedly diminished as a result of the monetary crisis, and the increased production of France most probably allowed her to dispense with such large imports.

It can therefore not be contended that the present regime to which imports from France into the United States are subject has not seriously prejudiced French exports and that the balance of benefits established by the simultaneous decrees of 1910 has not since that time been profoundly altered to our disadvantage.

Moreover, French exports encounter obstacles, not only by virtue of restrictions resulting from the new American tariff but also as virtue of the methods of its application not only in America at the moment of customs clearance but also in France itself, where, with a view of this clearance, the American customs administration asserts its right to resort to practices which the French law forbids to the French Government itself.

In addition to the tariff and customs formalities there exists a series of regulations of a sanitary or phytopathological nature which are often completely fatal to agricultural exports from France.

To the argument of principle invoked by the American Government to establish that no concession can be made by America and that that country cannot contemplate any treaty of reciprocity, the French Government is obliged to reply that it does not believe that these concessions are impossible under the American law and that it had, moreover, never envisaged such a treaty of reciprocity as would be forbidden by that law.

Investigations by President Under Tariff Law of Differences in Cost of Production.

The tariff law of the United States, and notably Section 315 of the Fordney Act, gives the President the power, after an investigation of the possible differences in costs of production between articles wholly or in part the growth or product of the United States and of like or similar articles wholly or in part the growth or product of competing foreign countries, to change the classification and to decrease the rates of duty in such measure as may be necessary to equalize the costs of production.

As regards the regulations concerning the application of tariffs and the regulations of a sanitary phytopathological nature, it likewise does not seem that alleviations can be found of the treatment which in many cases appears unjust to French exporters.

Upon these tariff alleviations, which in all respects conform to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and upon these administrative investigations which are called for by considerations of simple equity, the French Government, by virtue of the unchanging doctrine of France and of her laws, must make dependent the grant to America of the most-favored regime which France grants to all other countries.

These countries have, in fact, only themselves obtained this regime by giving France similar guarantees, and it would constitute a failure to recognize their interests as well as those of French exportation to grant to

American products, in spite of the restrictions to which at the present moment French products are subject, a treatment as favorable as that granted the products of other countries, which, on the contrary, in order to obtain it have withdrawn the restrictions which they themselves opposed to French exports.

The French Government, moreover, cannot fail to regret that the aide memoire saw fit to mention Article 317 of the American Tariff Act, whose application would be in conformity neither with the common desire for agreement on economical questions nor with the still too recent memory of the struggles which our two countries waged upon the ground of international justice.

The French Government must express its deep surprise to see that as a result of respecting the laws by which it is bound it finds itself threatened with reprisals whose injustice or excess becomes apparent as soon as one tries to evaluate the actual damage on which the United States allege that they have to complain.

The recent increases of duties only touch, in fact, 18,000,000 francs worth of American exports, which from July 1 1926 to June 30 1927 reached 7,561,834,000 francs, that is to say, scarcely 2½% of American exportation. Furthermore, the French Government has been willing to propose a notable diminution of the duties to which since Sept. 6 last this negligible proportion of American interests has been subject.

The American Government felt it could not agree to this proposition and replied to it by a note of principle to which the present note, in the eyes of the French Government, carries a decisive response.

The American Government will doubtless recognize, after having weighed the considerations above set forth, that on the ground of principles and of systems a compromise can doubtless not be found between the opposing points of view which the legislation of each of the two Governments obliges it to maintain.

On the ground of practical measures, however, the reciprocal good-will of the two countries can easily show itself by provisional amelioration of the damages which each of them claims.

The French Government has already shown this good-will in proposing to alleviate in a certain degree the tariffs recently raised to the detriment of a part, negligible it is true, of American exportation. It is prepared to contemplate others which would not be of a nature to prejudice further negotiations for a long-term treaty or to render such a treaty futile if the American Government will not refuse, as it has hitherto done, to examine within the limits of its own legislation the just claims of the French exporters.

If this proof of common conciliation should result within a few days in a provisional agreement, the French Government does not doubt that negotiations immediately to be undertaken may lead to a durable treaty protecting the interests of both countries.

Below we give the French note of Sept. 14:

French Note of Sept. 14.

The French Government has noted the proposals and requests contained in the aide memoire which the First Secretary of the Embassy of the United States was good enough to forward to the Political Director of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on Sept. 7.

The French Government has considered, with the most cordial desire to do justice to American interests, the situation arising from the tariff reform of Aug. 30 1927.

It does not intend to deny that this reform implies, as regards certain products originating in and coming from the United States which are not included in lists A and B of the *modus vivendi* of March-April 1910, an augmentation resulting both from the increase of basic duties and the withdrawal of the benefits which Article 2 of the decree of Aug. 28 1921 assured to the said products.

But it has appeared to the French Government that the benefits assured by this decree as to American products without any contractual obligation constituted a measure motivated in 1921 by exceptional circumstances, and particularly by the momentary position of certain European States to which other States had taken exception or had claimed the benefit of these advantages, and that finally the exceptional treatment which they implied for the United States was not in harmony with the constant increase in American tariffs and the re-enforcement of customs barriers practiced by America since that time to the detriment of certain specific products of the French trade.

The French Government has therefore deemed that it should return, on the occasion of the customs reform instituted in consequence of the Franco-German treaty, and within the limit of this reform, to the legal position which resulted from the simultaneous Acts of 1910.

It welcomes, on the other hand, with the greatest satisfaction, the offer made to it by the Government of the United States to substitute for these simultaneous acts, which have only given an incomplete status to exchanges between the two countries, a treaty giving to individuals and corporations of each of the two States, as well as to their trade and navigation, extended guarantees consistent in all points with their traditional friendship.

As the American Government suggests, it (i. e., the French Government) is ready to begin within a few weeks the negotiation of a treaty of this nature, but it believes, however, that it should subordinate its adhesion to a preliminary assurance.

To-day, as during the laborious negotiations carried on from 1897 until 1910, the French Government believes that it is not possible to place on the same level the indiscriminate application of the common customs law practiced by the United States, which excludes any present or eventual favor being granted to third States and the positive advantages of the most-favored-nation treatment and of the granting of the minimum French tariff.

On the other hand, the French Government is of the opinion that the prohibitive regime resulting for certain French products from the particularly high tariffs which the United States has in force at present and the moderate rates of the French minimum tariff, which offer to American exporters generous possibilities on the French market, cannot be considered as equivalent.

The French Government cannot therefore consider that Article 7 of the preliminary draft presented by the American Embassy under date of Sept. 12 constitutes a favorable basis for the negotiations which it is disposed to undertake.

It would like to receive the assurance of the American Government that it agrees to consider that the negotiations which are about to be undertaken must on the one hand guarantee to America a treatment of more complete equality with its most favored competitors on the French market under the regime of granting the minimum tariff to the principal exported products and on the other hand guarantee to French exports advantages of the same nature on the American market, not only by the application without discrimination of the tariff of the United States, but also should there be occasion by such reductions or adaptations of this tariff as might appear necessary to permit the sale of certain specific French goods on the American market.

If the French Government were to receive this preliminary assurance which appears to it to be the indispensable starting point for the elaboration of a treaty consistent with equity and the interests of the two countries, it would be disposed, in order to facilitate the negotiations and to permit of their development, in an atmosphere of active cordiality, to enact imme-

diately a decree diminishing by 50% the surplus rates instituted by the decree of Aug. 30 for the benefit of products originating in and coming from the United States which, not being covered by the statute of 1910, find themselves at present subjected to the maximum rates of the said tariffs.

This highly conciliatory measure would take place immediately after an exchange of letters specifying the object which the two Governments have in view in opening the negotiations for a definite treaty.

It may be withdrawn if these negotiations should not bring forth the happy result that the two Governments hope for.

The reply to the above, made by the American Government, follows:

American Government's Reply of Sept. 19.

The Government of the United States has received the aide memoire of the French Government on the subject of possible tariff arrangements to be made between the two Governments pending the negotiation of a definitive treaty. This aide memoire touches also on the French conception of certain principles which might be included in such treaty. The Government of the United States is both surprised and disappointed at the attitude of the French Government as therein expressed. It had supposed that the French Government fully understood that the American law which fixes the tariff on imports does not envisage the conclusion of a treaty of reciprocity in regard to rates of duty.

Passing, indeed, beyond the mere limitations of the law into the broader field of international trade relations, it is the profound belief of the American Government that the only satisfactory basis of such relations is to be found in the domain of equal treatment of the trade of all nations. Any other policy can lead only to confusion and misunderstanding, and, in the opinion of the American Government, is opposed to the soundest principles of world economics and essentially of world good-will.

Unless the principle of equality of treatment to all is admitted there can be no confidence in the stability of trade relations and the beginning of such discriminatory action can only lead to its extension throughout the world, thus creating trade groups, combinations against weaker nations, reprisals and a long train of political and economic dangers.

The principle of general most-favored-nation treatment in its broadest form, as the basis of commercial treaties, was unanimously recommended by the members of the Economic Conference recently held in Geneva as a principle to be followed. This principle there had the endorsement of the French members.

It is the understanding of the American Government that the principles on which the French Government fixes its tariff are those expressed in 1891 by M. Meline in his report on March 3 to the Chamber of Deputies. Meline said at that time:

The producer demands, as is his right, that account be taken of the heavy costs which burden his labor and of the disadvantages to which he should not be subjected. In the formation of a customs tariff he asks that the Legislature measure exactly the differential which separates him from his foreign competitor, and that the tariff rate inscribed in the act be the representation of this differential.

Your commission believed this demand proper, and it is upon this basis that it has tried to perform the difficult work which you have entrusted to it. It has searched for the exact rate which seemed indispensable for each branch of industry and agriculture to assure its existence and free development. It has considered that to give to the tariff a real value and to give courage and confidence to French production, it is important, above all, to fix the minimum rate which will be assured to them and below which in future there will be no concessions.

It is upon this fundamental principle that our minimum tariff policy is based; it is this that determines its real character.

This theory was restated in 1906 by M. Morel, who said: We have been entirely guided by the fundamental rules laid down by the founders of the customs regime of 1882.

Your commission has tried to measure exactly the differences which exist between the French producer and his foreign competitor by reason of the costs which burden his work and the disadvantages which exist through no fault of his, and it has placed in the minimum tariff the figure representing this difference.

It is precisely on this theory of protection that the rates of duty of the American tariff law rest, and it is believed that a tariff designed for the protection of producers and the raising of revenue is not open to objection by other Governments when it is applied equally to all.

The Government of the United States would, therefore, not criticize non-discriminatory tariff rates imposed by France, since it considers that rates are matter solely of internal policy. It feels, however, that a protest is justified when these rates do not apply equally to all nations.

The American Government is not now making any criticism of the non-discriminatory rates France has adopted, but objects only to the fact that France is discriminating against the trade of the United States by applying to many categories of American goods rates in some cases four times as high as upon similar articles imported from Germany and other countries competing with the United States in the French market.

While the rates of duty of the American tariff rest upon the same theory of protection as do the "minimum" rates of the French tariff, it may be pointed out that the so-called "general" or "maximum" rates of the French tariff, in the words of the report of French Commission on Tariffs and Commercial Conventions submitted to the Chamber of Deputies on March 25 1927 (document No. 4220) are devised "in order to leave to the negotiators of commercial agreements the margin between the duties in the two columns as the essential counterpart which they may give in exchange for the advantages which they wish to procure." The existing rates of the American tariff, it should be noted, embody no such margin for bargaining.

The French Government appears to entertain the view that France is justified in discriminating against American trade because it considers that the average rate of duty imposed by the United States on imports from France is higher than the average rate imposed by France on imports from the United States.

But this is not discrimination. Our rates are uniform on these imports, they are the same for others as for France. This argument, moreover, is not admitted by the Government of the United States, which, as stated above, considers tariff rates a domestic matter and at the same time considers all discrimination to be unjustified.

If the rates of duty on articles imported into the United States from France are proportionally higher than on those exported from the United States to France the reason is merely that a large part of American imports consists of manufactured articles and luxuries, whereas an equally large proportion of French imports from America are raw materials.

Furthermore, the higher duties in the present tariff law charged in the United States on the imports from France have not decreased the flow of French goods as is evidenced by the fact that in 1921 imports from France amounted to \$141,885,000, whereas in 1926 they amounted to \$152,030,000.

Moreover, in any consideration of trade relations between France and the United States, it is necessary to bear in mind the very large invisible exports of France by reason of expenditures of American tourists amounting to well over \$200,000,000 annually.

The American Government points out that it is entirely impracticable for countries to apply to each other's trade exactly or even approximately the same average rates of duty, which appears to be the logical conclusion

of the French contention, in view of the varying commodities entering into international trade as well as the differences in price levels, purchasing power and other conditions of the respective countries.

In the trade between the United States and Brazil the position of the United States is the reverse of that existing with France. About 95% of the imports into the United States from Brazil are entirely free of duty, while a large proportion of all American exports to Brazil are dutiable.

Yet the American Government does not, for this reason, contend that 95% of the goods from the United States which are imported into Brazil should be admitted free of duty. On the contrary the Government of the United States cannot object to whatever duty may be levied by France or Brazil, or any other nation, when there is no discrimination as between the United States and other countries. Absence of discrimination is a cardinal principle of clean-cut and friendly trade relations.

The policy of the American tariff law makes no discrimination whatsoever between articles imported from different countries. Furthermore, discrimination in world trade against the United States has practically ceased. It is France alone, at the present time, which seriously discriminates against American products. Article 317 of the present American tariff law gives the Executive the right to impose additional duties on goods coming from a country which discriminates in its tariff against the trade of the United States.

The American Government is very loath to increase its tariff on articles imported from France, which is clearly at the present time practicing serious discrimination as contrasted with its treatment of similar goods imported from other nations which are competitors of the United States.

It has so far refrained from doing so, since it believes that upon reconsideration the French Government will realize the essential justice of the American principle already, as noted above, endorsed by representatives of the other nations of the world assembled in conference at Geneva, that it will hesitate to discriminate against a nation which has always maintained an intimate friendship with France, and will therefore see its way clear both to the negotiation of a treaty guaranteeing general most-favored-nation treatment and to suspending in the interim its manifest discrimination against American products.

Decline During August in Railway Operating Income

The net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in August amounted to \$118,226,507 which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 4.77% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public Oct. 7. In Aug. 1926, their net railway operating income was \$132,959,651 or 5.50% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. The Bureau goes on to say:

This compilation as to earnings in August is based on reports from 183 class 1 railroads representing a total mileage of 238,388 miles.

Gross operating revenues for the month of August amounted to \$557,436,012 compared with \$580,257,258 in Aug. 1926 or a decrease of 3.9%. Operating expenses in August totaled \$393,294,245 compared with \$400,423,300 in the same month in 1926 or a decrease of 1.8%.

Class 1 railroads in August paid \$35,934,315 in taxes. This brought the total tax bill of the class 1 railroads for the first eight months in 1927 to \$253,081,952, a decrease of \$2,063,944 or eight-tenths of 1% below the corresponding period in 1926.

Fifteen class 1 railroads operated at a loss in August, of which six were in the Eastern, two in the Southern and seven in the Western District.

Class 1 railroads for the first eight months in 1927 had a net railway operating income amounting to \$675,223,533 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.52% on their property investment. During the corresponding period of the preceding year, their net railway operating income amounted to \$745,528,187 or 5.13% on their property investment.

Gross operating revenues for the first eight months in 1927 amounted to \$4,089,223,817 compared with \$4,172,866,095 during the corresponding period in 1926 or a decrease of 2%. Operating expenses for the first eight months period of 1927 totaled \$3,085,923,288 compared with \$3,100,899,008 during the corresponding period the year before or a decrease of five-tenths of 1%.

Net railway operating income by districts for the first eight months with the percentage of return based on property investment on an annual basis follows:

New England Region.....	\$27,828,185	4.81%
Great Lakes Region.....	126,433,647	4.88%
Central Eastern Region.....	157,234,443	4.92%
Pocahontas Region.....	55,802,966	8.39%
Total Eastern District.....	367,299,241	5.22%
Total Southern District.....	90,236,148	4.67%
Northwestern Region.....	56,818,615	2.99%
Centralwestern Region.....	109,202,077	3.92%
Southwestern Region.....	51,667,452	4.03%
Total Western District.....	217,688,144	3.65%
United States.....	675,223,533	4.52%

In view of the fact that railway business and earnings fluctuate from year to year, only the showing of results over a period of years can indicate the real trend of railway returns. The rate of return on property investment for the five years ending with the month of Aug. 1927 has averaged 4.60%.

Eastern District.

Complete returns show that the class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the first eight months in 1927 had a net railway operating income of \$367,299,241 which was at the annual rate of return of 5.22% on their property investment. For the same period in 1926, their net railway operating income was \$388,847,930 or 5.68% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the first eight months in 1927 totaled \$2,071,544,911, a decrease of 1.4% under the corresponding period the year before while operating expenses totaled \$1,547,562,180, a decrease of seven-tenths of 1% under the same period in 1926.

Class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the month of August had a net railway operating income of \$59,549,827 compared with \$65,682,605 in August, 1926.

Southern District.

Class 1 railroads in the Southern District for the first eight months in 1927 had a net railway operating income of \$90,235,148 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.67% on their property investment. For the same

period in 1926 their net railway operating income amounted to \$105,938,308 which was at the annual rate of return of 5.77%. Gross operating revenues of the class 1 railroads in the Southern District for the first eight months in 1927 amounted to \$545,348,485, a decrease of 6.6% under the same period the year before while operating expenses totaled \$416,072,047, a decrease of 3.8%.

The net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in the Southern District in August amounted to \$12,064,935 while in the same month in 1926 it was \$12,962,231.

Western District.

Class 1 railroads in the Western District for the first eight months in 1927 had a net railway operating income of \$217,688,144 which was at the annual rate of return of 3.65% on their property investment. For the first eight months in 1926, the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$250,741,949, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.28% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the class 1 railroads in the Western District for the first eight months this year amounted to \$1,472,330,421, a decrease of 1.1% under the same period last year, while operating expenses totaled \$1,122,289,061, an increase of 1.1% compared with the first eight months the year before.

For the month of August, the net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in the Western District amounted to \$46,611,745. The net railway operating income of the same roads in Aug. 1926 totaled \$54,314,815.

CLASS ONE RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.
Month of August.

	1927.	1926.
Total operating revenues.....	\$557,436,012	\$580,257,258
Total operating expenses.....	393,294,245	400,423,300
Taxes.....	35,934,315	36,654,444
Net railway operating income.....	118,226,507	132,959,651
Operating ratio—%.....	70.55	69.01
Rate of return on property investment.....	4.77%	5.50%

	Eight Months Ended August 31st.	
Total operating revenues.....	\$4,089,223,817	\$4,172,866,095
Total operating expenses.....	3,085,923,288	3,100,899,008
Taxes.....	253,081,952	255,145,896
Net railway operating income.....	675,223,533	745,528,187
Operating ratio—%.....	75.46	74.31
Rate of return on property investment.....	4.52%	5.13%

New York Chamber of Commerce Adopts Resolution Urging Defeat of Constitutional Amendment Extending New York City Debt Limit.

Urging the defeat of the constitutional amendment authorizing the extension of the city debt limit by \$300,000,000 for transit purposes until such time as the city authorities adopt a unification rapid transit plan which will make the subways self-supporting, James Brown, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, presented a report and resolutions at the regular monthly meeting of that organization, calling on the voters of the city to oppose the amendment at the next election in November. President William L. DeBost presided at the meeting. Frederic R. Coudert was the principal guest and speaker and spoke on "State Rights and the United States Senate." Mr. Brown's resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, follow:

Whereas, The voters of the State of New York will consider at the November election a referendum which provides for an amendment to the State Constitution, enabling the City of New York to increase its debt limit to the amount of \$300,000,000 for transit purposes; and

Whereas, The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York has favored this debt extension only upon certain stated conditions, namely; that the City shall have made arrangements for unification of the rapid transit facilities; shall have declared a policy to make the subways self-supporting; shall not use the sums authorized for transit lines to be municipally operated; and shall have found that no other financial resource is available for carrying on construction of new lines; and

Whereas, The Chamber memorialized the State Legislature in a report adopted Feb. 3 1927, not to authorize a referendum vote of the State on the subject of increasing the debt limit in the City of New York until the city had completed arrangements for unification under private operating management of all rapid transit properties upon a self-supporting basis; and

Whereas, The Legislature authorized a referendum vote to be held at the election, Nov. 8 1927, although the city had failed to adopt a transit plan of the character which this Chamber and many other commercial and civic associations had agreed were essential before the city debt limit should be extended; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York urges upon its members that they vote against the Constitutional Amendment to extend the city debt limit by \$300,000,000 for transit purposes; and that they bring to the attention of other voters the unwisdom of extending the city's debt limit under existing conditions; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be empowered to take such action as may seem desirable to inform voters, in general, regarding the reasons for opposing at this time a Constitutional Amendment to extend the city's debt limit.

Opposition to Five-Day Week for Industry Disclosed in Answers to Questionnaire of American Mining Congress.

Opposition to the proposed five-day week for industry has been expressed by leading economists, professional men, editors, bankers, manufacturers, transportation executives, wholesalers and producers of raw materials, in response to a questionnaire of the American Mining Congress. A special article, and editorial analysis of the views of these leaders in industry appears in the October "Mining Congress Journal," as the third of a series of five special articles devoted to the consideration of outstanding national economic problems. The first article appeared in August and considered the question of railroad consolidations. In September the control by the Government of public lands in the West was

outlined. The November "Mining Congress Journal" will continue the series with a discussion of Government ownership of industries, and the series will end in the December issue when a symposium of public opinion on taxation will be the feature. Notwithstanding endorsement by labor leaders of the five-day week as proposed by Henry Ford, more than two-thirds of the replies to the questionnaire of the American Mining Congress are in opposition to the short week in any form for any phase of industry. The National Association of Manufacturers and many employer groups have also indicated their opposition to the five-day week. In obtaining the views of a selected group of 500 persons divided into smaller groups of ten, representing fifty each of economists, tax experts, bankers, manufacturers, producers of raw materials, wholesalers, editors, national associations, professional men, transportation executives, and men and women in miscellaneous positions in public life, the American Mining Congress sought to determine whether "efficiency would be maintained and production costs lowered" by adoption of the five-day week. Another question propounded was "would it tend toward an increase in unit production cost, and add to the general burden of the consumer?" Less than a fifth of those answering are in favor of the adoption of the five-day week. Two per cent say it might be applied in a limited number of cases, but never as a national principle. Of the other replies, slightly over one-tenth state that they have no opinion on the matter. "A fairly representative percentage of replies was received from each group from whom an expression of opinion was requested," said the American Mining Congress.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Causes of Easier Money.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its Oct. 1 "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions" notes that money continued generally easy during September as compared with a year ago, and in citing the causes of easier money says:

The principal causes of easier money this year than a year ago may be found in—

- (1) A smaller demand for currency because of slightly less activity in industry.
- (2) Net gold imports in each month of the year up to September.
- (3) An increase in holdings of securities by the Reserve banks.
- (4) Lower Federal Reserve discount rates.

The first two of these factors have been influential in reducing, as compared with a year ago, the demands for Federal Reserve credit, and total bills and securities of the System averaged \$1,135,000,000 compared with \$1,225,000,000 in September 1926. The average amount of member bank borrowing for the System as a whole was \$421,000,000 in the first 27 days of September this year as compared with \$642,000,000 in September 1926. Member banks in New York City this year were borrowing an average of \$106,000,000 compared with \$138,000,000 at the same time last year—an amount of borrowing which is sufficient to avoid surplus money in the market.

Related Developments.

Accompanying, and somewhat related to, the continued ease in money, there have been three important developments:

- (1) A large domestic flow of funds from New York to other districts.
- (2) Strength of sterling exchange.
- (3) A gold export movement in September for the first time this year.

Since July 1 as much as 300 million dollars has been transferred from New York to the interior—a movement far greater than the usual seasonal flow of funds westward from New York during the late summer and early autumn. This movement of funds has made it unnecessary for banks in districts outside New York to increase their borrowings at their local Reserve banks to meet the usual requirements of the fall season for financing the harvesting and movement of the crops and early fall trade. Borrowing by member banks in other districts has in fact decreased slightly in the past two months, whereas there has been some increase in borrowing by New York City banks.

A lower level of money rates in this market than in London has been one of the causes of increasing strength in sterling exchange during the past two months, in contrast to the tendency a year ago. Last year sterling showed a steady decline from early in July through October. During the first six months of 1927 sterling exchange was, for the most part, only slightly above the point at which gold would move to this country, but following easier money conditions here in July and August the exchange has risen steadily until on Sept. 24 the demand rate was above \$4.86¼, and the cable rate advanced above par. This strength in sterling exchange is particularly important at the present time, because sterling is the medium through which a large proportion of European purchases of American farm products are made, and the volume of these purchases and the prices at which they are made are much influenced by the position of the exchanges. Strength in sterling exchange was accompanied by strength in most other foreign exchanges in terms of dollars.

A net gold export in September—the first net export movement for any month of this year—was due to the shipment of 23 million dollars of gold to the Argentine from the proceeds of securities sold by that country in this market.

Investment Trusts and State Supervision—Blue Sky Securities Commissioners Review Situation at Meeting in Atlanta.

Securities Commissioners, representing every State in the union that has in force "Blue Sky" securities acts, have been in session in Atlanta this week to review the conditions which

have developed as a result of the rapid growth of the investment trust since the war. The purpose of this meeting among other things, was to discuss ways and means of protecting American investors against unscrupulous promoters, blind pools or unsound and fraudulent trusts. Addressing the Commissioners, Thomas B. Conner spoke on "Investment Trusts and State Supervision" reviewing current conditions and presenting the bankers side of the situation. Mr. Conner, who is now associated with Calvin Bullock, investment banker of New York City, was for five years administrative officer of the Georgia State Securities Commission and drafter of the Georgia State Securities Act. He started the investigation several years ago which resulted in reform measures being adopted in the appraising of real estate mortgage securities.

Mr. Conner said Americans have placed \$500,000,000 in investment trusts during recent years, an amount equal to the par value of investment trusts listed on the London Stock Exchange. "The American Investment Trust" he said "is no cancerous growth on the body financial to be excised by official surgeons, but a natural and perfectly legitimate development incident to our change in position from a debtor nation to the world's greatest creditor."

Reviewing the various classes of investment trusts now operating in this country, Mr. Conner says that because of the attitude of American investors in general "few legitimate American investment trusts have been organized on as broad lines as those followed in England. In all of them some restrictions are laid on management. So widely different has been the scope of those restrictions, however, that American trusts may be broadly divided into two classes, namely; the management trust, or mobile English type; and the second or fixed type of trust." Each of the numerous types of trusts, Mr. Conner said "has its peculiar advantages and its possible abuses to be guarded against by watchful securities commissioners. Opportunities for unconscionable profits in the hands of unscrupulous managers occur in both kinds but in widely differing ways."

On account of the newness of investment trusts in this country none of the securities laws now in force is adapted to them. Undoubtedly regulation is necessary for the protection of the public and no legitimate investment trust, so far as I know, has objected to a reasonable application of existing laws to bring them under the scope of securities departments. That the investment trust idea is subject to serious abuses and that the situation which has already developed is fraught with danger to investors, is freely admitted.

Securities offered as investment trusts are good and bad, just as every other type of securities and the function of State supervision is to assist investors in discriminating between good and bad. This may be done, not by setting up technical barriers in your laws which no honorable investment trust originator can meet, but rather in the application of the spirit of existing acts to a situation that the lawmakers had no provision of and therefore could not care for.

In conclusion Mr. Conner told the Commissioners that—"if you will give to the study of this subject the serious consideration that the capital already involved, aggregating almost \$500,000,000 and the unprecedented rate of growth, warrant, you will find that you are dealing with a type of security that is making for itself a very important place in our financial machinery and that in the reasonable application of your laws to this situation, with a view to eliminating the unsound and the fraudulent, you will be performing as great a public service as it has ever yet been your privilege to render.

A specific instance may perhaps make clear the general plan of American trusts. One, for example, is based upon electric light and power securities of companies serving fifty largest cities and doing 80% of all the light and power business in the country. The owner of shares in this trust obtains his proportionate interest in the income from a cross section of the strongest companies in the industry. This particular trust offers no opportunity for speculation or quick profits. Its securities are only suitable to the investor who is in the habit of buying a sound, long-time bond for safety and income.

Comptroller of Currency Approves Los Angeles Bank Consolidation Under Name of Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank—Dismissal of Court Cases.

The consolidation of the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank with the First National Bank of Los Angeles became effective at the close of banking business on Sept. 1. The name of the consolidated institution, as finally approved by Comptroller of the Currency McIntosh is Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank. The consolidated banking association, with the approval of the Comptroller, had at first sought to use the name First National-Consolidated Bank & Trust Co. As we have previously indicated, the First National banks in the communities where the consolidated bank has branch banks, opposed this name with protests and litigation. Amicable conferences between all of the parties concerned resulted in the selection of the name Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, and upon this agreement, it is announced, the court cases were dismissed and the Comptroller approved the latter name. The only point in controversy at all times, it is noted, had been

as to what would constitute a proper title for the consolidated association that would best avoid confusion, and at the same time protect the rights of all parties interested. The outstanding court action was that brought in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, seeking to enjoin the Comptroller of the Currency from authorizing the use of the name "First National-Consolidated Bank & Trust Co." In making his decision, Chief Justice McCoy cited the many statutes enacted by Congress since the beginning of the nation, giving the Comptroller of the Currency authority to pass on the organization, consolidation and naming of national banks. He said it was plain that the courts have no right to interfere in a purely administrative matter. Items regarding the controversy appeared in these columns Aug. 20, page 1002; Aug. 27, page 1135, and Sept. 3, page 1280. Details of the consolidation were given among our items about banks, trust companies, etc., on page 1417 of our issue of Sept. 10.

A. H. Giannini, of Bancitaly Corporation, Replies to Former Governor Stokes's Criticism of Control of Banking Institutions by Corporations—Mr. Stokes Further Indicates Attitude in Letter to President of New Jersey Bankers Securities Co.

Former Governor Stokes of New Jersey, whose views regarding the growing custom by corporations and investment trusts of buying stocks, and in many cases, actual control of banks, was the subject of an item in our issue of Sept. 10 (page 1406), has since indicated that his criticisms were chiefly directed to the Bancitaly Corporation. Mr. Stokes states this, in a letter addressed to Harry H. Weinberger, President of the New Jersey Bankers' Securities, Co., in which he says "there was nothing personal in my article, and while I do not believe in corporations owning bank stocks or the control of banks, I trust you will thoroughly understand that I had no knowledge of your action when I wrote the letter." Mr. Stokes's letter to Mr. Weinberger, although dated Sept. 12, was not made public until Sept. 26. In it he said:

A day or two ago I gave out a letter which I had written to the State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance in connection with the growing practice throughout the country of corporations and investment trusts owning bank stocks and the control thereof. This is a matter that has been discussed in the "Financial Chronicle" for some time and involves a very radical change in our banking policy in this country. Frankly, I am opposed to it because I think the banks could be community owned and the money deposited used for the good of the localities therein, and that we should not follow the European system of having a great central control with a large number of branches.

The difficulty is that people can't read an article in general without attaching some specific object thereto. I was called up by somebody from Passaic Friday and told of some action on the part of your good self and my very good friend, Senator Edwards, in this connection and asked if I had you in mind. I distinctly said that I did not know personally of any individual engaged in such a movement, and that when I wrote the article I had not the slightest reference to you or Senator Edwards or any of my other friends. I have already written this fact to Senator Edwards.

There was nothing personal in my article either in motive, thought or expression, so far as my purpose was concerned, and while I do not believe in corporations owning bank stocks or the control of banks, I trust that you will thoroughly understand that I had no knowledge of your action when I wrote the letter, and that no such idea was in my mind. My article was founded chiefly on the Bancitaly Corporation, which controls 220 banks in California and a number of banks in New York, some, I think, in Cleveland, and they intend to form a chain across the continent.

Senator Edward I. Edwards is Chairman of the Board of the New Jersey Securities Co. The President of the latter, Mr. Weinberger, in answer to Mr. Stokes Sept. 26 had the following to say:

I know the New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co. does not stand for the destruction of a community bank, but on the contrary was founded primarily for the perpetuation of the community bank, with additional privileges given to depositors to become participants in the profits of the banks in which they deposit and for which they make so much money.

It is my firm opinion and belief that all depositors should be given the right to receive the profits of a bank in addition to the interest paid them on their deposits, and it is likewise true that in the perpetuation of a bank we at all times seek to continue the official family and the directorate of each institution so that we may be assured of the fact that the community needs and the individual necessity are being equally as well as better served.

I desire to take this opportunity of again thanking you for correcting what may be an erroneous impression that you were desirous of, in some manner, attacking or reflecting upon the New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co.

A. H. Giannini, Vice-President of the Bancitaly Corporation, and President of the Bowery & East River National Bank, made public on Sept. 24 an answer to Mr. Stokes's criticisms, and we give herewith what he has to say as reported in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 24:

A vigorous defense of the holding company in the banking field and sharp criticism of ex-Governor E. C. Stokes of New Jersey for his attack on the Bancitaly Corporation were made yesterday by A. H. Giannini, Vice-President of the company and head of several banks which it controls on his return yesterday from a trip to the West. Mr. Giannini went into detail regarding advantages which have accrued to the small communities of the Far West from his chain banking system. The Bank of Italy, National

Trust & Savings Association, which is controlled by the Bancitaly Corporation, now has 250 banks in California, and has become a national bank under the provisions of the McFadden Act.

Types Differentiated.

Mr. Giannini decried the recent suspicion cast around the holding company idea. It has gained great vogue, especially since the Bancitaly Corporation has met very considerable financial success in connection with its program. The principle has been taken up here by such organizations as the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation and the National American Co., as well as by a number of smaller concerns.

Mr. Giannini also differentiated the holding company of the type of the Bancitaly Corporation from the chain banking principle. He said a group of banks operating in different towns did not constitute a chain.

"The acquisition of a series of banks in California," Mr. Giannini said, "has made available to country communities the power and resources of metropolitan banks at metropolitan rates of interest, and that money was costing customers of small banks acquired there the same as customers in the big cities, whereas formerly customers of the small banks paid as much as 8% for money." Mr. Giannini ridiculed Governor Stokes's idea that legislation should be enacted forbidding corporations to buy bank stocks.

Defends Investments.

"Why should we not invest our money in bank stocks? We know banks, we have dealings with them, we operate them. As to chain banking, I do not believe in it and purchase of stock in and control of banks in different cities does not constitute chain banking. Furthermore, we do not own a coast-to-coast chain of banks. We have banks in California and in New York, but none in between.

"What is particularly objectionable in Mr. Stokes's recent public letter to the New Jersey bank authorities is that he talks about and warns of bank failures and in juxtaposition he criticizes Bancitaly Corporation by name. If he feels that there is anything improper about the way we conduct business, that we have made improper investments or has any other criticism, let him take it to the bank examiners. Our national banks are at all times under the supervision of the national bank examiners, just as is the bank Mr. Stokes heads."

In discussing the recent stock dividend of the Bancitaly Corporation, Mr. Giannini said that it was designed to bring down the market value of the stock. The Bancitaly Corporation, he said, is not planning at present the acquisition of other local banks. He said the dividend rate would remain at \$2.24 per share.

The dividend policy of the company, he pointed out, was based on the expansion of the company into the investment trust field. It held many profitable securities, and it would be necessary to dispose of some of them if larger cash dividends were to be paid.

L. M. Giannini Warns Against Unwarranted Speculation in Bancitaly Stock.

The recent rapid rise of Bancitaly Corporation stock on the New York Curb Market brought forth the following statement from L. M. Giannini, Executive Vice-President of the corporation, warning the investment public of the "danger of unwarranted speculation" in the corporation's stock. As contained in a special dispatch from San Francisco on Thursday of this week (Oct. 6) the statement read:

Due to the recent rapid rise in Bancitaly Corp. stocks, we wish to call attention of the investing public to the danger of unwarranted speculation in this issue. Trading in the stock on the New York Curb Market has resulted in increased distribution of the shares and a consequent broader market. It has also attracted the attention of the purely speculative public. This is due to the fact that the professional speculator realizes that there exists a favorable foundation for speculation in the profound faith which bona fide investors have in the Bancitaly Corp., and in their reluctance to part with any of their holdings. The management regards this fact as a disadvantage in that speculative excesses may result in the stock being bid up to a figure too far beyond its present value. While the management has profound faith in the future of the Bancitaly Corp. and the steady enhancement of value of its shares, it does not recommend the purchase of this stock at current levels, and takes this opportunity to advise investors against purchases at the present time.

Should Bancitaly Corp. stock continue to be as closely held as at present, it is quite likely it will be removed from trading by the New York Curb Market, which action would have our approval as the stock was placed on the Curb in the face of our opposition and without our sanction. The public has not shown a disposition to sell its holdings in the stock, and with no new stock offering contemplated for the present or in the near future, it is apparent to us that the market might soon get completely out of control, and it is for that reason that we consider it necessary to issue this statement. With issuance of shares in payment of the recently approved stock dividend of 14 2-7% Bancitaly Corp. will have a total of 5,200,000 shares outstanding, with a book value of approximately \$45 a share.

Mr. Giannini's statement was followed by a break in Bancitaly stock on the New York Curb on Thursday. The stock on Wednesday had sold up to 118. On Thursday it fell to 111 $\frac{1}{4}$. Yesterday it closed at 114.

Program of Annual Convention of American Bankers Association to be Held at Houston, Tex., Week of Oct. 24.

The program of the annual convention of the American Bankers Association, which will be held at Houston, Tex., Oct. 24-27, as announced this week by F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager of the organization, shows that a number of questions of general public character as well as numerous problems of technical banking interest will be under discussion in the sessions of the main association and its various Committees, Commissions, Sections and Divisions. Remarks bearing on the Federal Reserve Act will be brought before the Convention to during the session of the Clearing House Section on Oct. 25, when Senator Carter Glass will talk on "Some Federal Reserve Thoughts." The Rice Hotel, where the various subordinate meetings

will be held beginning Monday, Oct. 24, has been designated as the convention headquarters. The general sessions, which open Tuesday morning, Oct. 25, will be held in the City Auditorium, as follows:

General Convention—First Session Tuesday, Oct. 25, City Auditorium.

9:45 a. m., orchestral concert.
10:30 a. m., call to order, President Melvin A. Traylor, President First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.
Invocation, Right Reverend Clinton S. Quin, Episcopal Bishop, Diocese of Texas.

Address of President.
Report, Official Acts and Proceedings of the Executive Council.
Address, "A Few of the Fruits of Combined Capital," James Francis Burke, Pittsburgh, Pa., General Counsel, Pittsburgh Clearing House Association.

Appointment of resolutions committee.
Communications, announcements, adjournment.

Second General Session, City Auditorium, Wednesday, October 26.

9:45 a. m., Orchestral concert.
10:30 a. m., Invocation, Reverend Monsignor George T. Walsh, Pastor, Church of the Annunciation, Houston.
Address, "Within the Law," Silas H. Strawn, President American Bar Association.

Report of nominating committee and election of officers.
Report of resolutions committee.
Communications, announcements, adjournment.

Third General Session, City Auditorium, Thursday, October 27.

9:45 a. m., Orchestral concert.
10:30 a. m., Invocation, Reverend H. Barnston, Rabbi, Temple Beth Israel, Houston.

Address, "Early European Banking and Big Business," James Westfall Thompson, Professor, History and Philosophy, University of Chicago.
Unfinished business, new business, reports of committees, announcements, adjournment.

The programs of the divisions and sections of the Association follow:

Savings Bank Division, Ball Room, Rice Hotel, Monday.

9:30 a. m., call to order, President W. R. Morehouse, Vice-President Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.

Address of the President.
Appointment of committees.
Address, "School Savings," W. Espey Albright, Deputy Manager, American Bankers Association.

Address, "Gold Brick Financing," Harry W. Riehl, Manager, Better Business Bureau, St. Louis, Mo.
Address, "Fundamentals in Savings Banking," Stephen I. Miller, Educational Director, American Institute of Banking.

Unfinished business, new business, reports of committees, election and installation of officers, adjournment.

State Bank Division, Ball Room, Rice Hotel, Monday, Oct. 24.

2:30 p. m., call to order, President G. E. Bowerman, President Fremont County Bank, Sugar City, Idaho.

Address of the President.
Appointment of committees.
Address, "Relation of Government to Business," Walter F. George; United States Senator, Georgia.

Address, "Adjusting Banking to Changing Conditions," Dan V. Stephens; President Fremont State Bank, Fremont, Nebr.

Address, "Archaic Court Decisions Affecting Check Collections," O. Howard Wolfe, Cashier, Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

Address, "The Commercial Banker's Responsibility for His Investment Account," Hugh H. Saxon, Vice-President, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Open forum for general discussion and for brief presentation of problems of special interest to State bankers.

Unfinished business, new business, reports of committees, election and installation of officers, adjournment.

State Secretaries Section, Banquet Room B, Rice Hotel, Monday, Oct. 24.

2:30 p. m., call to order, President Harry G. Smith, Secretary Kentucky Bankers' Association.

Each leader given five minutes to introduce his subject, then fifteen minutes to develop it in discussion with other secretaries.

"County Organizations," Leader, M. A. Graettinger, Secretary Illinois Bankers' Association: (a) County Credit Bureaus; (b) Rural Clearing Houses; (c) Activities for County Organizations.

"How Can Banks Make More Money?" Leader, W. G. Coapman, Secretary Wisconsin Bankers Association: a. Service Charges; b. Reduction in Interest Rates.

"Bank Taxation," Leader, F. P. Fellows, Secretary Minnesota Bankers Association: a. Test Cases on Federal Taxes in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio; b. City, County and State Tax Re-adjustments.

"Protective," Leader, Frank Warner, Secretary Iowa Bankers Association: a. Organizing the Vigilantes System; b. Keeping Interest Alive when There Are No Robbers to Chase; c. State Competitions with Firearms.

"The Low Down on This Public Education Business," Leader, C. F. Zimmerman, Secretary Pennsylvania Bankers Association: a. Does the Public Crave Education?; b. How to Make a Committee Stay Put.

"Should There Be a Limit to the Variety of a Bankers' Activities?," Leader, Haynes McFadden, Secretary Georgia Bankers Association.

"Financing the State Banking Association," Leader, Henry S. Johnson, Secretary South Carolina Bankers Association: a. How About Hot Suppers?; b. Amateur Journalism?; c. Insurance Commissions?

"The Young Banker Behind the Grills, What Can We Do for Him?," Leader, R. E. Wait, Secretary Arkansas Bankers Association.

"Group Trip Excursions," Leader, W. A. Philpott, Jr., Secretary Texas Bankers Association: a. Making 'em Like Upper Berths; b. Costs and Where to Collect.

Free-for-All—Random Shots: a. Holding State Conventions to Practical Banking Lines; b. How Far Should Bankers' Associations Go in Politics?; c. What Work Can Groups Do Between Meetings?; d. Does a Legal Department of an Association Pay?; e. How Much Publicity Does a Bank Need?; f. Christmas Savings Clubs.

Unfinished Business, New Business, Reports of Committees, Election and Installation of Officers, Adjournment.

National Bank Division, Ball Room, Rice Hotel, Tuesday Oct. 25.

2:30 p. m., call to order, President C. W. Carey, President First National Bank, Wichita, Kan.

Address of the President.
Appointment of committees.

Address, "The Financial Statement—Its Purpose and Character," M. H. Cahill, President Utica National Bank & Trust Co., Utica, N. Y.
 Address, "Bank Investments," H. C. Nicholson, Vice-President Packers National Bank, Omaha.
 Address, "Taxation—National Safeguards," Thornton Cooke, President Columbia National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.
 Unfinished business, new business, reports of committees, election and installation of officers, adjournment.

Clearing House Section, Ball Room, Rice Hotel, Tuesday, Oct. 25.
 8:00 p. m., call to order, President John R. Downing, Vice-President Citizens Union National Bank, Louisville, Ky.
 Address of the President.
 Appointment of committees.
 Address, "Some Federal Reserve Thoughts," Carter Glass, United States Senator, Virginia.
 Address, "The Clearinghouse: Preserver of American Independent Banks," C. A. Chapman, President First National Bank, Rochester, Minn.
 Ten-minute presentations of topics of special interest:
 "How Co-Operative Advertising Cuts Costs and Builds Business," Fred W. Ellsworth, Vice-President Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La.
 "Declining Income and Rising Banking Costs," John S. Love, Superintendent of Banks, Jackson, Miss.
 Open forum for general discussion and presentation of topics of special interest to clearing house banks.
 Unfinished business, new business, reports of committees, election and installation of officers, adjournment.

Trust Company Division, Ball Room, Rice Hotel, Wednesday, Oct. 26.
 2:30 p. m., call to order, President Edward J. Fox, President Easton Trust Co., Easton, Pa.
 Address of the President.
 Appointment of the committees.
 Address, "The Investment Trust."
 Address, "Pooling Trust Investments," L. H. Roseberry, Vice-President Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.
 Address, "How the Insurance Underwriter Desires to Co-Operate," general discussion.
 Open forum, current fiduciary topics.
 Unfinished business, new business, report of committees, election and installation of officers, adjournment.
 Meeting of Executive Committee at close of session.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c

New York Stock Exchange memberships reached new high records this week when arrangements were reported to have been made for a sale at \$240,000 and \$250,000. The preceding high record was \$235,000. Another transfer was reported earlier in the week, that of Gordon B. Todd to W. S. Flagg for a consideration of \$235,000.

The Boston Stock Exchange membership of Charles S. Price was reported sold this week to Ralph E. Williams for \$10,000.

George D. Buckley, Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York and of the National City Co., returned on Oct. 4 on the steamship "Voltaire" from a four months' business trip to South America.

W. C. Potter, President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, announced on Oct. 6 the appointment of Thomas L. Robinson as Vice President in charge of the company's Fifth Avenue office, to succeed George L. Burr, who has resigned from the trust company, after eleven years connection with it, to become a partner in the banking house of Lazard Freres. Mr. Robinson went with the Guaranty as a Vice-President from the American Exchange National Bank, of which he was Vice-President, a year ago. He has had charge of the commercial banking and foreign departments of the Fifth Avenue office of the Guaranty. Prior to that he had achieved distinction in the fields of manufacturing, law and finance. In 1917 he went to Europe as Deputy Commissioner of the Red Cross for Italy, under appointment by President Wilson, and later served as a major in the United States Army in France and Germany. He was decorated with the Order of the Crown by Italy and was the recipient of a similar honor from the Belgian Government.

The condensed statement of condition of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as of Sept. 30 1927, issued Oct 4, shows deposits of \$601,998,124 and total resources of \$765,128,460. The company's surplus and undivided profits account is \$33,657,084, which represents an increase in undivided profits of \$817,855 since June 30, the date of the last published statement. Total resources are \$10,415,105 more than on June 30.

Frederick E. Goldmann has been elected a Vice-President and director of the Times Square Trust Co., of New York and took up his new duties on Oct. 5. Mr. Goldmann began his banking career with the Hamilton Bank of Harlem in 1903. In 1911 he became a member of the staff of the Pacific Bank and was appointed Assistant Cashier in September, 1917. In 1919 he resigned to go with the American Foreign Banking Corporation, and organized a branch office in

Harbin, Manchuria, for this corporation. Mr. Goldmann returned to the Pacific Bank as Cashier in 1920 and was elected a Vice-President in May, 1924. Upon the consolidation of the Pacific Bank with the American Exchange National Bank in 1925 he was appointed Assistant Vice-president. Until recently Mr. Goldmann was in charge of the Pacific Office of the American Exchange-Irving Trust Co. at 470 Broadway. He is a native of New York.

The newly organized Midtown Bank of New York, of which Peter E. Kassler was elected President on Sept. 29, will be located at 27th Street and 7th Avenue. The bank will be open for business on Nov. 1. It has been organized with a capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$250,000. The stock is in shares of \$100. In addition to President Kassler, the officers are: Robert E. Wilson and Isaac Ross, Vice-Presidents; Clifton Stanton, Cashier; George Silver, Assistant Cashier. The Chairman of the board of directors is Peter Schmuck.

The stockholders of the Morris Plan Company of this city on Sept. 30 voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The new stock will be offered to the present shareholders at \$125 a share in the ratio of one new share for each share held. The enlarged capital will become operative Jan. 3 1928.

The statement of condition of the Bank of United States of New York as of Sept. 30 1927 shows record deposits and resources. Resources well above the hundred-million-dollar mark, aggregating \$103,011,000, compared with \$98,736,000 reported on June 30 1927, a gain of \$4,275,000. Total deposits aggregated \$90,537,000, also a new high record and a gain of \$4,526,000 compared with deposits of \$85,011,000 reported as of June 30. The statement shows surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$5,105,000, an increase of \$196,000 compared with the total of \$4,909,000 reported on June 30. This showing indicates earnings at the rate of \$29 per share on the \$5,000,000 capital stock for the three months' period, against actual earnings of \$19 per share reported for 1926.

The Bank of the Manhattan Company of this city on Oct. 4 acquired controlling interest in the Bronx National Bank, at 369 East 149th Street. The interest in the latter, which has been purchased by the Bank of the Manhattan Company, had been held by the National American Company. Control of the Bronx National Bank had been acquired by the National American Company in August. The Bronx National Bank will be conducted as a branch of the Bank of Manhattan Company, which now has seven branches in the Bronx. On June 30 the Bronx National Bank had a capital of \$300,000, surplus and undivided profits were \$415,725 and deposits were \$8,399,278. An item regarding the proposed merger appeared in our issue of Aug. 6, page 738.

The statement of condition of the Chelsea Exchange Bank of New York on Sept. 30, 1927, issued in answer to the latest call of the Superintendent of Banks, shows total resources of \$23,966,720, a new high record in the history of the institution. Total deposits as of Sept. 30, 1927, also a new high record for all time, amounting to \$21,220,961, an increase of \$510,207, compared with total deposits of \$20,710,754 reported on June 30 1927. The statement just issued showed undivided profits of \$652,213 after dividend payments, compared with undivided profits of \$624,258 reported on June 30.

Charles S. McCain, Vice-President of the National Park Bank of this city, was on Oct. 4 elected a director of the institution and was nominated as President of the bank to succeed the late John H. Fulton. Action on Mr. McCain's election to the presidency will be taken at a meeting of the directors on Oct. 11. Mr. McCain, who is 43 years of age, has been connected with the National Park Bank since Jan. 1 1926. Prior to his election as Vice-President of the National Park Bank, he was President of the Bankers Trust Co. of Little Rock, Ark. Mr. McCain was a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association. James V. Forrestal, of Dillon, Read Co., has been appointed a director of the National Park Bank to succeed Benjamin Joy, resigned. The death of Mr. Fulton, President of the bank, occurred on Sept. 25.

William H. English has been elected a director of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York to fill a vacancy. Mr. English is associated with large financial interests.

On Oct. 6 officers and employees of the New Netherland Bank of this city gathered at the Hotel McAlpin to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the bank. The party started with dinner and concluded with a vaudeville entertainment and informal dance. The bank opened for business at its present location, 41 West 34th Street, on Oct. 6 1902, as the Thirty-fourth Street National Bank. With capital of \$200,000, deposits of less than \$100,000 and a staff of half a dozen clerks, it was the first national bank in the uptown section. In 1907 the bank was converted into a State institution under its present name. The latest financial statement, that of May 1 last, showed capital of \$600,000; surplus and undivided profits of \$603,462, and deposits of \$13,753,190. Three members of the present board of directors were on the board when the bank was organized. W. F. H. Koelschh, President of the bank, is President of the Thirty-fourth Street Midtown Association.

George S. Emory, President of the Nassau County Trust Co. of Mineola, L. I., died on Sept. 12 at his summer home in Sharon, Conn. Mr. Emory was sixty-five years of age. He began his career in the publishing line. He became President of the Nassau County Bank, of which the Nassau County Trust Co. was a successor, in 1907 (name changed to Nassau County Trust Co. in 1910), but did not assume active duties as such and devote his whole time to the same until 1913. Mr. Emory was a director of the Floral Park Bank, the Nassau & Suffolk Bond & Guarantee Co., the Roslyn Savings Bank, the Glen Cove Mutual Insurance Co. and the Nassau Hospital.

In commemoration of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment, the Empire Trust Co. has issued to stockholders and depositors a review of the last quarter of a century showing how its growth has coincided and kept pace with the development of New York. Founded as the Empire State Bank, the institution opened for business on October 15 1901 in the Empire Building at 71 Broadway. Leroy W. Baldwin, President of the company to-day, was President of the institution at the time of its formation. Of the original office force of the new institution consisting of six men, two are still with the company: Myron J. Brown, Vice-President, and Francis R. Halsey, Assistant Secretary. The bank began business with a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$100,000. Deposits the first day totaled \$61,903.31, made by thirteen depositors. Early in 1902 the bank, changing its name to the Empire State Trust Co., moved to the Tontine Building at the corner of Wall and Water streets on the site of the old Tontine Coffee House. Two years later, following its merger with the McVickar Realty Trust Co., the company assumed its present name and moved to the newly completed 42 Broadway building, where it remained until its removal in May 1915 to its present quarters in the Equitable Building at 120 Broadway. In 1906 the company opened an office on Fifth Avenue, near 42d Street. Subsequently, the Windsor Trust Co., a few blocks uptown, was merged with the Empire and in 1913 the enlarged Fifth Avenue office was moved to the corner of Fifth Avenue and 47th Street. On this site, a new 35-story building is now under construction and when completed will be the home of the Fifth Avenue office, at present occupying temporary quarters at 15 West 47th Street. A second merger, that with the Hudson Trust Co. at Broadway and 39th Street in 1924, further extended the uptown influence of the Empire Trust. Since 1906 the deposits of the Empire Trust Co. have practically doubled every five years. On Dec. 31 1901 its deposits aggregated \$194,051 and its total resources \$389,999. Twenty-five years later, on Dec. 31 1926, its deposits had risen to \$75,748,303 and its resources to \$92,596,022. This week, with its twenty-sixth anniversary approaching, the directors of the company approved a proposal to increase its capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 through the sale of 20,000 shares of new stock.

Francis P. Garvan has been elected President of the Wheatley Hills National Bank of Westbury, L. I., to succeed S. A. W. Baltazzi, who has become Chairman of the Board, a newly created office. Mr. Carvan is President of the

Chemical Foundation and was formerly Alien Property Custodian.

An application to organize the First National Bank of Glen Cove, N. Y., was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on Sept. 24. The institution will have a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$50,000. The officers are: Harry L. Hedger, President; Dr. J. E. Burns and Maurice Steisel, Vice-Presidents; John D. Cosgrove, Chairman of Executive Committee.

The Mahopac National Bank of Mahopac, N. Y., opened for business on Sept. 27. The bank received its charter from the Comptroller of the Currency on Sept. 19. The institution has a capital of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$10,000. Edward S. Agor is President of the bank, Wm. H. Spain is Vice-President and Herbert S. Bell is Cashier. The stock is in shares of \$100; it was placed at \$140 per share.

Advices from Geneva, N. Y., on Sept. 27, printed in the Syracuse "Post" of the following day, stated that, according to an announcement on that day, Wolcott J. Humphrey, a Warsaw (N. Y.) banker, has purchased a large interest in the National Bank of Geneva and will devote much of his time to its affairs and management. On the same day (Sept. 27) Mr. Humphrey was elected a member of the directorate, together with Harry E. Hovey and Henry O. Palmer, the three new members taking the place of John B. Anderson, Louis J. Licht and Samuel K. Nester, who resigned. The other members of the board, which consists of thirteen members, are: James S. Allen, W. W. Maloney, Henry T. Maxwell, W. S. Smith O'Brien, E. H. Palmer, Claire H. Pierce, C. Willard Rice, W. H. Rogers, Theodore J. Smith and Edwin S. Thorne. The dispatch, furthermore, stated that there will be no change in the officers of the institution, which continue as follows: E. H. Palmer, President; W. W. Maloney, Vice-President; W. H. Rogers, Cashier, and W. A. Allen, Assistant Cashier.

Robert Winthrop Kean was elected President of the Livingston National Bank of Livingston, N. J., on Sept. 21. The other officers elected are: School Commissioner Freeman Harrison, First Vice-President; Ralph D. De Camp, Second Vice-President, and W. H. Conover, Cashier. The bank plans to open about Dec. 1 in a remodeled building at Mount Pleasant and Livingston avenues. The bank will be located so that the people of Livingston, which is a township, will find it easy of access. The main part of the building will be of white limestone. An item regarding the organization of the bank appeared in these columns July 30, page 606.

A charter was issued on Sept. 22 to the Lincoln National Bank of Passaic, N. J. The application to organize the bank was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on Aug. 31, and it began business on Oct. 1. The institution has a capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$250,000; its stock (par \$100) has been disposed of at \$170 per share. The officers are: Harry Meyers, President; Miss Ruth Troy, Assistant to President; Harry B. Haines, Laurence W. Stern, Richard Morrell and Harry Stein, Vice-Presidents; Frederick G. Hardifier, Cashier.

Work on the superstructure at St. George, Staten Island, of the new office building to be occupied by the American Trust Co. and the New York Title & Mortgage Co. will be started about Oct. 15; the building, which will be seven stories in height, will be located between the Edison Co.'s building and the Corn Exchange Bank overlooking the ferry slip. Progress on the construction to date has been confined to excavation and the erection of the retaining wall at the rear of the plot. The actual construction of the building is only waiting upon the completion of this work. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by about May 1 1928. The new structure will be of modern fireproof construction throughout, with a frontage of 50 feet on Bay Street, running back to a depth of 100 feet. The first floor and basement will be occupied by the American Trust Co. The second floor, and additional space on the upper floors, will be occupied by the New York Title & Mortgage Co. The remaining floors will be for rent as offices.

On Sept. 26 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter for the Williston National Bank of Williston Park,

N. Y., with capital of \$50,000. Henry H. Tredwell is President of the new bank and Charles E. Patterson, Cashier.

Walter C. Heath was elected a Vice-President of the National State Bank of Newark, N. J., on Sept. 29 to succeed the late Samuel W. Baldwin. Lloyd R. Freeman, Vice-President was appointed Trust Officer.

The stockholders of the Trust Co. of New Jersey at Jersey City voted on Sept. 29 to increase the capital of the institution from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000 through the issuance of 5,000 new shares of stock. The new stock will be offered to the present shareholders in proportion to their present holdings at \$400 a share. The increased capital will become effective Oct. 17.

J. W. Cochran, President, Fire Association of Philadelphia, has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Philadelphia.

Four new members were added to the directorate of the Park Street Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., on Sept. 13, thereby increasing the number of directors from fifteen to nineteen, according to the Hartford "Courant" of Sept. 14. The new members are: John Jackson Brady, Franz J. Carlson, William F. Kane and Dr. Edward J. Turbert. Prior to the election of the new directors the board was comprised of the following: Theophile Belanger, Dominick F. Burns, Stewart N. Dunning, Camillo L. Fischer, John F. Gaffey, Edward S. Goodwin, James M. Hayes, Fred P. Holt, George M. Kofsky, Frederiek C. Loeser, Frank D. Mann, M. C. Manternach, J. M. McNamara, Richard M. O'Brien and John S. Winialski.

The Massachusetts State Board of Bank Incorporators, following a public meeting at the State House, Boston, on Sept. 27, granted a charter to the Belmont Trust Co., Belmont (Boston), which is to have a capital of \$100,000 and will be located in Cushing Square, the business centre of the town, according to the Boston "Transcript" of Sept. 27, which continuing said:

Efforts of outside interests to establish a national bank in Belmont were said to have resulted in the petition for the new trust company.

Last spring Governor Fuller vetoed six bills providing for establishment of branch trust companies by special legislation, and included in the six was the petition of the Waverley Trust Co. (Belmont) for a branch in Belmont. The Governor said he was opposed to such special legislation and believed that, if branches were to be allowed, they should be provided for by general law subject to the approval of the Board of Bank Incorporation.

To-day's (Sept. 27) list of petitioners for the new trust company in Belmont includes some of the sponsors of the branch trust company of the Waverley institution who were interested in the bill earlier in the year. Amos L. Taylor, counsel for the petitioners, to-day, said the men interested in the Waverley Trust Co., the Belmont Savings Bank and the Waverley Co-operative Bank, as well as town officials and prominent business men, all favor the establishment of the new institution.

Edwin E. Farnham, President, and Alfred F. Kendall, treasurer, of the Waverley Trust Co., spoke for the petition and said the district to be served is adequate to assure the success of the new trust company.

As a result of action taken this week by the respective directors of the institutions involved, the Land Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia has joined in the proposed consolidation of the West End Trust Co. and the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., of that city, referred to in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1541. This tripartite consolidation, when effected, will form the third largest trust company in Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 6. The new institution, which will be known as the Real Estate Land Title & Trust Co., will have a capital of \$7,500,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$15,000,000, deposits of \$54,486,905 and total resources of \$86,749,562. Its total trust funds will amount to \$127,033,954. Special meetings of the stockholders of the three companies will be held on Oct. 24 to vote on the proposed merger. Stock of the West End Trust Co. and the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., the "Ledger" says, will be exchanged for shares in the new company on a share-for-share basis. Stockholders of the Land Title & Trust Co. will receive one and one-sixth shares of stock in the new company for each share of Land Title stock now held. In addition, Land Title stockholders will have an interest in a building corporation which will receive title to the company's extensive bank and office building extending along the West side of Broad St. to Sansom St. The Land Title company carries the building, including furniture and fixtures, on its books at \$7,050,000. The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives & Granting Annuities of Philadelphia is the principal stockholder in the

Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., owning all but a few of the company's 20,000 outstanding shares of capital stock. The Pennsylvania Co. will retain its interest in this stock, it is said, and will become a large shareholder in the new organization when the proposed merger becomes effective, probably Nov. 1. The new Real Estate-Land Title & Trust Co. will have its main office at the southwest corner of Broad and Chestnut Streets, now the home of the Land Title & Trust Co., and a branch office at 517 Chestnut Street, the present main office of the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co. Prior to the consummation of the merger, it is understood, the building of the Land Title & Trust Co. will be conveyed to a building corporation for the benefit of the stockholders of the Land Title & Trust Co. and the enlarged institution will lease its quarters from the building corporation under a long-term lease. It is believed, it is said, that negotiations will be started in the near future for the sale of the 13-story office building at the southwest corner of Broad Street and South Penn Square, the present headquarters of the West End Trust Co., which lists it among the resources of the company, including furniture and fixtures, at \$1,000,000. J. Willison Smith, President of the West End Trust Co., will be President of the new organization and William R. Nicholson, President of the Land Title & Trust Co., will be Chairman of the board of directors. Other officers of the new company will be as follows: Edward H. Bonsall, Oakley Cowdrick, Lewis P. Geiger, Daniel Houseman, Antrim H. Jones and Claude A. Simpler, Vice-Presidents; Samuel L. Hayes, Secretary; William S. Johnson, Treasurer; John M. Strong and A. King Dickson, Trust Officers; Peirce Mecutchen and S. Eugene Kuen, Title Officers, and William McKee Jr., manager of the title department. The board of directors of the new company, which will include leaders in practically all walks of business life in Philadelphia, will consist of members of the directorate of the three companies entering the consolidation.

The Connecticut State Bank Commission on Sept. 15 approved a petition for a charter for the North Side Bank & Trust Co. of Bristol, Conn., now in process of organization, according to the Hartford "Courant" of Sept. 16. The institution, it is understood, is being organized by officers of the Bristol National Bank and its affiliated institution, the American Trust Co. of that place.

Irving D. Rossheim was recently elected a director of the Quaker City National Bank of Philadelphia to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maxwell Wyeth.

Reorganization of the Citizens' National Bank of Waynesburg, Pa., which closed its doors on Aug. 17 last, as the First National Bank & Trust Co. is now in progress, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 3. Application for a charter for the new bank has been made. A. J. White, temporary receiver for the institution, has announced the formation of a new board, to consist of seven members, five of whom have been selected, as follows: Judge A. H. Sayers, Dr. James A. Knox, Charles L. Mong and S. M. Smith, of Waynesburg, and James R. Gray, of Uniontown. The closing of the bank for a "complete reorganization" was reported in our issue of Aug. 20, page 1012.

A new financial institution—the Lansdale Title & Trust Co.—is being organized in Lansdale, Pa., with capital of \$125,000 by residents of that place and vicinity, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 8. The name of the proposed institution has been approved by the State Department of Banking and a home acquired for the company at the corner of Main and Broad streets. A charter would be applied for immediately, it was said. The stock of the bank will have a par value of \$50 a share and will be sold at \$65 a share, \$50 going to capital account and \$15 to a surplus fund. Officers of a temporary general committee charged with the organization of the new bank are given as follows: Frank M. Weaver, President of the Weaver Structural Iron & Steel Co., Chairman; John T. Daub, real estate operator, Secretary; Harry Z. Krupp, Treasurer of the Philadelphia Wholesale Drug Co., Treasurer, and Stewart Nase, Counsel.

The Lansdowne National Bank of Lansdowne, Pa., entered into voluntary liquidation on Aug. 30, having been absorbed

by the Lansdowne Trust Co. of Lansdowne, Pa. The merger became effective on Aug. 8. An item regarding the proposed consolidation appeared in these columns April 30, page 2543. The merger was approved by the stockholders of the Lansdowne National Bank on May 27, and by the stockholders of Lansdowne Trust Co. June 29. No new stock was sold. The stockholders of Lansdowne National Bank received one share of stock of Lansdowne Bank & Trust Co. in exchange for each share held, plus \$32 in cash. The deposits of Lansdowne Bank & Trust Co. Sept. 14 are reported as approximately \$5,300,000.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, \$1,000,000 was added to surplus account, making it \$9,500,000. The total capital and surplus is now \$17,000,000.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 17 stated that the directors of the Citizens' Trust Co. of Bellevue, Pa., an institution incorporated on Sept. 1 to take over the Citizens' National Bank of that place, has elected Robert J. Gibson as President. Other officers chosen for the new bank are Clarence C. Elste, John R. Longabaugh, and Charles F. Neetrour, Vice-Presidents, and Ansley D. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer. It was furthermore stated that the new bank was capitalized at \$150,000 with surplus of like amount and would take over the old institution on Dec. 1 next.

According to the Baltimore "Sun" of Sept. 16, Edward L. Robinson, a Vice-President of the Citizens' National Bank of that city, has been elected President of the Eutaw Savings Bank of Baltimore and assumes his new duties to-day, Oct. 1. Mr. Robinson will continue to serve as a director of the Citizen's National and will retain his position as a Vice-President at least temporarily, it was stated. It appears that Clinton G. Morgan recently resigned as a Vice-President of the institution. The "Sun" also said that Albert D. Graham, President of the bank, is out of the city and will not return until October. Until his return no action is likely to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Clinton G. Morgan as a Vice-President or to make any other changes in the official personnel.

Directors of the Old Town National Bank of Baltimore have approved an offer to purchase its business made by the Drovers' & Mechanics' National Bank of that city, according to a special dispatch from Baltimore on Sept. 22, to the New York "Times," which continuing said:

Under the plan the Old Town Bank, one of the oldest in Baltimore, is to continue at its present location, but will be known as "The Old Town Branch of the Drovers & Mechanics National Bank."

A real estate company is to be formed by holders of Old Town Bank stock to take over the building occupied by the bank and office space above it. Stockholders of the Old Town Bank will have an interest in this company and also will receive a liquidating dividend from the sale of certain other assets and the purchase money paid by the Drovers & Mechanics Bank. The latter amount is withheld for the present.

Old Town Bank stock closed to-day on the Baltimore Stock Exchange at 8, the lowest price it has reached this year. The highest 1927 price was 12½.

Charles G. Williams, for the past twenty-five years Cashier of the First National Bank of Mercer, Pa., was recently made active Vice-President of the institution, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 4. Mr. Williams, it was stated, is succeeded in the Cashiership by W. V. Anderson, who resigned as Cashier of the First National Bank of West Middlesex, Pa., to accept the position.

Earl M. Galbraith, heretofore in charge of the Vine Street branch of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, was elected Cashier of the institution by the directors on Sept. 6 at a meeting held at the bank's new quarters at Fourth and Main Streets, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of Sept. 7. Mr. Galbraith succeeds H. C. Lucas who resigned the Cashiership, his resignation to take effect Oct. 1. The latter, it was said, would probably remain in the employ of the bank in the capacity of Vice-President in charge of out-of-town accounts. Another election at the same meeting was that of John J. Bredestege, as an Assistant Cashier. At a meeting of the stockholders of the bank on Sept. 6 which preceded the directors' meeting, it was voted to increase the capital of the bank from \$500,000 to \$750,000 in accordance with the previously announced recommendation of the directors, who at their meeting on Sept. 6, decided to offer the additional issue of \$250,000 to present stockholders at \$150 (par value \$100 per share), payment to be made on or before Oct. 1. Reference to the proposed

increase in the bank's capital was made in our issue of Aug. 13, page 874.

The Ohio State Bank & Trust Co. of Akron, Ohio, recently increased its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, giving the institution a capital of \$1,000,000, surplus of \$500,000 and undivided profits of \$200,000. The additional stock was disposed of to old shareholders at par (\$100 a share) in the proportion of one share of new for each share of old stock held.

The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, announces the death of their President, Morris F. Westheimer, which occurred on Sept. 1.

Ordinarily, when a new business edifice is erected, there is a bronze tablet in the lobby. This usually contains the names of the directors and officers of the company. The Union Trust Co. of Detroit is building a new forty-story edifice. Its president, Frank W. Blair, plans to have a bronze tablet which will carry the names of the working men employed on the job, who demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship in the erection of this structure. In addition to this recognition of their capacity, the Trust Co. is working out a plan to reward the most capable men in each of the crafts employed in the erection of the structure with substantial cash awards. Homer Guck, Director of Public Relations, in advising us of this adds: "I believe the Union Trust Co. will be the first Detroit institution to adopt this meritorious idea and we hope that when we have demonstrated its worthwhileness, our example will be followed by many other Detroit organizations."

The Wabash National Bank, Wabash, Ind., capitalized at \$200,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation as of Aug. 25. The institution has been absorbed by the Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Wabash.

Organization of a new financial institution in Chicago—the Old Colony State Bank—to be located at 1215 North Clark St., that city, was recently completed, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 14, with the election of officers and directors. Arvid L. Peterson was elected President, Diderich Lunde and Morris Jopsen Vice-Presidents, and Charles H. Waterman, Cashier. The new bank will be capitalized at \$200,000, with surplus of \$40,000, and a contingent fund of \$20,000. The directors chosen for the institution include the following:

Arthur Blome of Paul Blome & Co.; John L. Forch Jr., Vice-President and Treasurer of the Lanquist Construction Co.; Eric F. Grundin, attorney; Thomas J. Houston, President Thomas J. Houston Co.; Robert Showers of Angell, Showers & Co.; C. Wallace Johnson, President of G. A. Johnson & Son; August Skoglund, contractor; Arvid L. Peterson; Morris Jepsen and Diderich Lunde.

Organization of the bank, it was stated, was originally started by other interests under the name of the Clark Division State Bank.

Reports of a proposed consolidation of the Continental and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank with the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago were confirmed on Tuesday of this week (Oct. 4) by affirmative action of the boards of directors of the two institutions. The new name of the consolidated bank will be Continental National Bank & Trust Co. The capital of the consolidated bank will be increased to \$35,000,000 and surplus to \$30,000,000. A liberal undivided profit account will be provided. Reports of a 40% stock dividend to stockholders of the National Bank were also confirmed. Maintenance of the present dividend rate \$16 a share, on the new capital stock is contemplated. This will be equivalent to a dividend of \$22.40 on the old shares. In addition there is the large equity in the land and bank building of perhaps \$15,000,000, not on the books. Deposits of the consolidated institution will be upwards of \$500,000,000 and resources will exceed \$600,000,000.

The boards also authorized the organization of a new company to be known as the "Continental National Mortgage Co.," with capital of \$1,000,000. The new capital is to be provided from the undivided profits of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank. These shares will be trusted for the stockholders of the Continental National Bank & Trust Co. It is the plan to make the actual consolidation effective Dec. 1 1927. The new arrangement is being worked out under the McFadden Act amending the National Bank Act. A meeting of the stockholders of the Continental & Commercial National Bank has been called for Nov. 15.

George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board, and Arthur Reynolds, President of the two institutions, stated that while

the consolidation places added financial strength behind each department, it was designed above all to give Chicago a bank proportionate to the city's size and business importance.

The Middle West is to-day the industrial, merchandising and agricultural centre of the country. Chicago is its business capital. And we feel that future growth will far surpass any development of the last few decades. It may seem an extravagant statement, but we believe that Chicago, in time, will be the largest city in the world.

The consolidation proposed is preparation for the banking needs that we now foresee. A large bank with large capital is designed not only to keep pace with the growing requirements of the community, but also to aid and augment that growth.

An important feature of the consolidation (according to Arthur Reynolds) is the large capital and surplus of 65 million dollars which provides an added factor of safety for savings deposits and greater protection for trust funds.

Savings and trust department customers will do business with the same men in the same places as at present. Commercial customers of the State bank can continue to do business with officers who are now handling their accounts.

Of course, one of the reasons for the consolidation is that some economies of operation are expected. But more important, there will be a further unification of executive control that should result in more effective service.

The increase in capital and surplus will permit loans of any amount up to \$6,500,000 to a single customer.

The change in the title of the bank (President Reynolds stated) is in line with the popular practice of calling the present two institutions "the Continental," ever since the merger, in 1910, of the Continental National Bank and the Commercial National Bank. Besides, the new title indicates that there will be no abandonment of trust activities or change in that department. The consolidation provides for the continuance of all the services of the two banks.

The name of the Continental & Commercial Co. will be changed to "Continental National Co." and the title of the Continental & Commercial Safe Deposit Co. will become "Continental National Safe Deposit Co." Reference to the proposed consolidation of these important banks appeared in our issue of Sept. 24, page 1665.

Effective Aug. 1 1927, the West Englewood National Bank of Chicago, capitalized at \$200,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution has been absorbed by the Ashland Sixty-Third State Bank of Chicago.

The directors of the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee announce the election of William H. Brand as Vice-President, Joseph A. Auchter as Treasurer and William F. Style as Assistant Treasurer. The complete list of officers of the First Wisconsin Co. follows: Walter Kasten, Chairman of the Board; Robert W. Baird, President; Hugh W. Grove and William H. Brand, Vice-Presidents; Milton O. Kaiser, Secretary; Joseph A. Auchter, Treasurer and William F. Style, Assistant Treasurer.

An application to organize the University Avenue National Bank of Madison, Wis., was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on Aug. 16. The institution will have a capital of \$100,000. We are advised that the application has been approved, but nothing will be done further with the organization until some time the coming winter or next spring.

Lester Bigelow, formerly Vice-President of the First Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis, has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Kalman & Co. of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mr. Bigelow will be at the Minneapolis office on the ground floor of the McKnight building.

Closing of the American State Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., by a State Bank Examiner following the suicide of its Cashier, was reported in advices from that city on Sept. 26 to the "Wall Street Journal," which furthermore stated that the bank was capitalized at \$25,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$5,000, and had aggregate deposits of \$347,600.

The Richfield National Bank, Richfield, Minn., on Sept. 26 changed its title to "The Richfield National Bank of Minneapolis," that portion of the village of Richfield in which the Richfield National Bank is located having been annexed to the City of Minneapolis.

Consolidation of the Fremont National Bank, Fremont, Neb., and the Securities State Savings Bank of that place (affiliated institutions) into one institution with resources aggregating \$2,108,000, and bearing the title of the former, was announced on Sept. 24 by Charles F. Dodge, President of the Fremont National Bank, according to special advices from Fremont on Sept. 26 to the Omaha "Bee." In addition to President Dodge, the officers of the enlarged bank were given in the dispatch as follows: J. Rex Henry, C. E. Abbott and J. Dale Milliken, Vice-Presidents, and Irvin McKennan, Cashier. The Fremont National Bank was established in

1882 and the Securities State Savings Bank in 1890. The dispatch furthermore stated that the merger had been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency.

J. Ernest Jones, for the past 5½ years Cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Topeka, Kan., was promoted to a Vice-Presidency at a meeting of the directors on Sept. 6 to succeed the late Francis M. Bonebrake, whose death occurred on Aug. 25, according to the Topeka "Capital" of Sept. 7. At the same meeting C. L. Carlson, Assistant Cashier since October 1921, was appointed Cashier in lieu of Mr. Jones, and Robert M. Buntin an Assistant Cashier, was advanced to First Assistant Cashier. W. O. Anderson, President of the W. O. Anderson Commission Co., was elected a director to succeed the late Mr. Bonebrake in that capacity.

The following in regard to the affairs of the defunct Broadway National Bank of Denver is taken from the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Sept. 22:

Seven thousand depositors of the defunct Broadway National Bank will receive checks totaling slightly less than \$200,000 within the next few weeks, it was revealed yesterday.

The checks will represent 10% of the losses incurred by the depositors. They have been drawn and sent to Washington for signing by George A. Stahl, receiver. It will be three weeks or more before they will be returned and ready for distribution, Stahl said.

The Broadway National Bank is one of five Denver banks which failed in Dec. 1925. In our issue of Aug. 21 1926, page 947, (our last reference to the bank's affairs) we reported the "Rocky Mountain News" of Aug. 12 as saying that a dividend of 50% of their claims was to be paid the depositors beginning Aug. 16. The South Broadway National Bank succeeded the institution in Aug. 1926.

Miss Emma Leah Meyer, Assistant Cashier of the Guaranty National Bank of Houston, Texas, has extended the hospitality of her city to the American Bank Women. Because the American Bankers Association is to hold its national convention in Houston for 1927, and because that association and the Association of Bank Women usually hold joint meetings, Miss Meyer decided to extend the invitation to the women officials as well. Membership in the association is limited to officers or heads of departments, and since there were no other members in Houston and only one other woman official eligible, Miss Meyer wrote to Miss Jean Arnot Reid of the Bankers Trust Co., New York, National President of the Association of Bank Women, asking that organization to Houston for the convention to be held Oct. 23 to 27, inclusive. The Women's Advertising Club of Houston, of which organization Miss Meyer is a member, pledged themselves to act as hostess in whatever capacity requested. Other clubs express themselves as anxious to assist wherever needed. Delegates will have rooms at the Warwick Hotel. Various entertainments for the guests are planned.

The application to convert the Merchants Bank of Mobile, Ala., into the Merchants National Bank, was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on June 21. The institution was organized as a State bank in June 1901, with a paid-in capital of \$150,000. Its statement of condition at the close of the first day's business as a national bank (June 30 1927) shows a capital investment of \$1,200,000, of which \$500,000 represents capital, \$500,000 surplus and \$200,000 undivided profits. The deposits on June 30 were \$12,310,607, while resources aggregated \$14,592,165. The par value of the stock is \$100 and the last sale was at \$355. The bank's regular dividend rate is 4% quarterly, an aggregate of 16%. During the last fiscal year, July 1 1926 to July 1 1927, one extra dividend of 1% was paid, or a total of \$85,000 during the year. The officers of the bank are E. F. Ladd, President; G. A. Michael, J. F. McRae, Vice-Presidents; William B. Taylor, Vice-President and Trust Officer; W. J. Parham Jr., Vice-President; Joseph S. Norton, Cashier, and Porter King, Assistant Cashier. The directors are Louis Forchheimer, Secretary M. Forchheimer Grocery Co., Inc.; Joseph M. Walsh, Walsh Stevedoring Co.; D. R. Dunlap, President Alabama Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co.; Gordon Smith, President Smith's Bakery, Inc.; G. Russell Ladd, Thames & Batre; R. D. Walker, President R. D. Walker Lumber Co., Inc.; John T. Cochrane, President A. T. & N. RR. Co.; Thomas J. Taylor, Taylor, Lowenstein & Co.; G. A. Michael, Vice-President; E. F. Ladd, President.

Commemorating the opening of its new and enlarged banking rooms and safe deposit vaults, the First National Bank of Montgomery, Ala., recently issued an attractive illustrated brochure, giving a brief history of the institution's progress since its organization in 1871, a description of its present banking home, and an outline of the services and facilities it offers its clientele. The institution, which began business with a capital of \$100,000, to-day is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and has in addition surplus and undivided profits of \$738,281. Its deposits, as of Aug. 15 1927, aggregated \$10,341,747 and its total resources \$12,085,428. The First Finance Corporation and the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Montgomery are affiliated institutions. The combined resources of the three institutions aggregate \$21,915,691, an increase during the past year of \$3,715,541. The roster of the First National Bank is as follows: A. M. Baldwin, President; A. S. Woolfolk, W. C. Bowman (and Trust Officer), W. O. Baldwin and J. L. Gaston, Vice-Presidents; J. A. Ledbetter, Cashier; Henry C. Meader, Assistant Trust Officer, and E. L. Cullom, Felix Robinson, and Felix P. Clay, Assistant Cashiers.

The Board of Directors of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 4½% to be paid Oct. 1 out of the earnings of the quarter ending Sept. 30. At the same meeting the directors also declared the usual quarterly dividend on the salaries of all employees, this dividend to be based both on amount of salary and length of service in the bank.

Acquisition of the First National Bank of Beverly Hills, Cal., by Richard L. Hargreaves and associates identified with him in the ownership of the Liberty National Bank of Beverly Hills and the subsequent consolidation of the institutions under the title of the First National Bank of Beverly Hills, were reported in the Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 1. The purchase was made from Leo Meeker, President of the First National Bank. On Sept. 1 the Liberty National Bank was placed in liquidation and the enlarged institution opened for business in the former banking home of the acquired bank at Santa Monica Boulevard and Beverly Drive with Mr. Hargreaves as President. The new organization has a paid-in capital of \$200,000, surplus of \$75,000 and undivided profits of \$25,000. The Liberty National Bank (which was founded in the spring of 1926) has brought to the new organization, it is understood, deposits of slightly more than \$1,900,000, and this, when added to the \$2,000,000 deposits of the Meeker bank, makes the total deposits approximately \$4,000,000. The resources exceed \$4,250,000. With the exception of Mr. Meeker and C. L. Hill (former Vice-President and Cashier of the acquired bank, who decided to retire with Mr. Meeker) the staff of the former First National Bank continues with the new institution. The personnel, in addition to President Hargreaves, is as follows: Fred Le Blond, First Vice-President; William G. Walby, Second Vice-President; H. N. Thompson, Cashier, and F. E. Mauldin, P. B. Storm and W. S. Hartz, Assistant Cashiers.

The Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 21 states that the sale of First National Bank of Santa Monica, Cal., to the National Bancitaly Co., affiliated in ownership with the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, was announced on Sept. 20 by C. D. Francis, President of the Santa Monica bank. Bank of Italy executives, it was said, plan the merging of the present Bank of Italy office in Santa Monica with the banking business conducted at the headquarters of the purchased bank in the Bay City just as soon as the necessary permission is received. The First National Bank of Santa Monica, a pioneer bank in that community, opened for business in 1907 and to-day has resources in excess of \$2,700,000. Officers, directors and the entire working staff of the acquired bank, it was stated, will be retained under the new regime. The active officers of the Santa Monica bank, in addition to President Francis, are G. B. Dickinson and A. W. McPherson, Vice-Presidents, and Vance C. Kibbe, Cashier. The "Times" also said:

Executives of the Bank of Italy stated yesterday that the purchase of the Santa Monica bank is added expression of their faith in the Bay district. In taking over the new business the Bank of Italy is further strengthening its position in Southern California. The bank is now operating a total of 283 branches in California, 119 of which are south of the Tehachapi. Aggregate resources of the bank at the last call were in excess of \$675,000,000.

Stock of the National Bancitaly Co. is owned share for share by stockholders of the Bank of Italy.

Will C. Wood, State Superintendent of Banks for California, on Sept. 29 approved the organization of a new bank at Monterey, Cal., to be known as the Monterey Bank, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Sept. 30. The new institution will have an authorized capital of \$250,000, a paid up capital of \$100,000, and a surplus fund of \$25,000. The organizers are A. M. Allen, Thomas Doud, George Harper and H. A. Hansen.

The following official letter was sent recently to the stockholders of the United Bank & Trust Co. of San Francisco in explanation of the consolidation of the former United Bank & Trust Co. of California of San Francisco and the former French-American Bank of that city and details incident thereto. It was signed by James D. Phelan, President of the United Bank & Trust Co., and Leon Bocqueraz, Chairman of the Board of Directors, (formerly President of the French-American Bank). As printed in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Sept. 19, it read:

The change in par value of stock of United Bank & Trust Co. from \$100 per share to \$25 per share has been accomplished, and the articles of incorporation of the auxiliary corporation, now named the French American Corp., have been amended to provide for the issuance of stock without nominal or par value. Each former stockholder of United Bank & Trust Co. of California who held the beneficial interest in 4 2-3 shares of stock of the auxiliary corporation for each share of stock of said bank held by him and each former stockholder of the French American Bank are now entitled, pursuant to the consolidation agreement, to the beneficial interest in one share of stock without par value of French American Corp. for each share of stock of United Bank & Trust Co. owned by him. Such beneficial interest will be evidenced by endorsement on the reverse of the certificates of stock of the bank, which are now being issued in exchange for the former certificates. Under the provisions of the State Bank Act, United Bank & Trust Co. of California and the French American Bank ceased to be corporations upon their consolidation into the present corporation, United Bank & Trust Co.

By action of the board of directors, 98,000 additional shares of stock to the bank, together with the beneficial interest in a like number of shares of stock of French American Corp., will be sold between Oct. 1 and 10 1927, at the rate of \$87.50 per share of bank stock, \$25 of which will be retained by the bank and \$62.50 of which will go to French American Corp. Stockholders of record at the close of business on Sept. 12 1927, are hereby offered the right to purchase shares of bank stock, together with the beneficial interest in a like number of shares of French American Corp. (which will be appurtenant thereto and only transferable therewith) in the proportion of one share of each for every four shares of bank stock then owned by them. Stockholders may accept this offer by executing the subscription agreement endorsed upon the full share subscription warrant enclosed herewith and returning the same, together with the purchase price of the shares therein subscribed for, not later than 3 p. m. of Oct. 10 next, at which time any warrant not received will become void. Certificates for stock subscribed for will not be issued prior to Oct. 1 next and will not be entitled to dividends declared before that date. Certificates will be issued for full shares only, but where appropriate a fractional share warrant is enclosed which, when assembled with similar warrants in an amount representing in the aggregate the right to subscribe for one or more full shares, and completed by executing the form for subscription agreement on the back of one of such fractional warrants, will entitle the holder to subscribe for such full share or shares. The terms of this offer in respect of fractional shares are otherwise the same as in the case of full shares.

A dividend of 87½ cents per share has been declared payable at the main office to the stockholders according to the records of the bank at the close of business on Sept. 6 1927, and a further dividend of a like amount has been declared payable at the main banking office on Oct. 1 1927, to the stockholders of record on Sept. 30 1927. Check for the former dividend is enclosed.

A later issue of the paper mentioned (Sept. 22) contained the following:

In a supplementary letter to the one recently made public concerning plans of the United Bank & Trust Co. for the exchange of stock and issuance of rights, Robert R. Yates, cashier, yesterday made an additional announcement concerning fractional shares.

The company will either buy or sell fractional shares at \$130 per share rate. Those wishing to sell may dispose of their fraction on this basis, while others may buy the remaining fraction. This will be done through the auxiliary corporation.

W. J. Patterson, former Cashier and Manager of the defunct Hayes & Hayes State Bank of Aberdeen, Wash. (the failure of which on Feb. 7 last was reported in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 19, page 1009), pleaded "guilty" on Sept. 10 before Judge Abel in the Superior Court at Montesano, Wash., to having borrowed \$25,000 from the bank on March 25 1920 without the authorization of the directors, as required by statute, according to a special dispatch from Montesano on that day (Sept. 10) to the Portland "Oregonian." The defendant had previously pleaded "not guilty" to the charge. Sentence was deferred by the court until Dec. 1 next, the order for deferring same being granted on the application of Assistant Attorney-General Donley. Continuing, the advices said:

The application set forth that to sentence Patterson at this time would interfere with the rapid liquidation of the bank. A letter from Robert Oldham of Seattle to C. S. Moody, Deputy Supervisor of Banking, was placed in evidence. It set forth that there are "pending about 25 civil cases, most of these will be tried during October." These cases involve rights of various persons to priority of payment by reason of some trust fund or of recovery against the bank, based on special agreements, relative to the deposit entered into by Patterson on behalf of the bank. Patterson's presence as a witness in these cases is declared to be imperative.

Another criminal case is on file in court here charging Patterson with having received deposits after he knew the bank to be insolvent.

The capital increase of the West Coast National Bank of Portland, Ore., the authorization of which by the shareholders on June 1 was noted in our June 11 issue, page 3457, was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency and became effective Aug. 1, the new stock having been fully subscribed prior to that date, according to the "Oregonian" of Aug. 3. By the increase the bank's capital has been raised from \$300,000 to \$500,000 and its surplus from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

The New York agency of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., is in receipt of cable advices from its head office in London to the effect that the directors of the bank have declared a final dividend of 5 shillings per share, less tax, payable on October 24, making 10% for the year ending June 30 1927. This is at the same rate as paid in 1926. The annual general meeting of shareholders will be held on October 18.

THE CURB MARKET.

Curb stocks moved to higher levels this week, though not without considerable irregularity. The volume of business was only fair. Motor stocks were in demand. Reo Motor advanced from 22³/₈ to 25 and ends the week at 24¹/₂. Stutz Motor gained over seven points to 21³/₈, weakening finally to 18³/₄ Marmon Motor Car after a loss of two points to 39¹/₂ jumped to-day to 46³/₈, but reacted and finished at 43¹/₈. Bancitaly Corp. was heavily traded in up from 105¹/₈ to 118, then down to 111¹/₄. To-day it advanced to 114, closing at this figure. Celluloid new common moved up from 79 to 109³/₄ and closed to-day at 107. Deere & Co. common from 177¹/₂ reached 206, the final figure to-day being 205¹/₂. Fajardo Sugar gained over six points to 167¹/₄ and ends the week at 166³/₈. Johns-Manville rose from 116¹/₂ to 123³/₄ and reacted finally to 120. Celanese Corp. of America common advanced from 108¹/₂ to 111³/₄, then dropped to 106. It again moved upward, reaching 110¹/₈, with a final reaction to 107¹/₈. Oils were very little changed, Chesebrough Mfg. sold up from 107 to 115 and at 113 finally.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1959.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Oct. 7.	STOCKS (No. Shares)			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc.	Oil.	Mtntng.	Domestic.	Foreign Govt.
Saturday	98,365	28,500	33,600	\$2,467,010	\$123,000
Monday	283,670	67,030	63,220	3,843,000	364,000
Tuesday	272,905	73,700	51,600	3,446,000	269,000
Wednesday	227,450	58,410	55,680	3,119,000	452,000
Thursday	187,975	63,131	50,500	2,689,000	455,000
Friday	227,985	117,720	115,100	3,352,000	337,000
Total	1,297,350	408,490	379,700	\$18,916,000	\$2,000,000

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Foreign Government and Municipalities	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1			
		Low.	Htgh.		Low.	Htgh.	Low.	Htgh.
Agricul Mtge Bk Rep of Col	99	97 ¹ / ₄	99 ¹ / ₄	124,000	95 ¹ / ₈	Mar	98 ¹ / ₂	Oct
20-year sink fund 7s 1946	99	97 ¹ / ₄	99 ¹ / ₄	139,000	96 ¹ / ₂	Apr	99 ¹ / ₄	Oct
20-year 7s. Jan 15 1947	99 ¹ / ₄	99 ¹ / ₄	100 ¹ / ₄	15,000	98	June	102 ¹ / ₄	Jan
Baden (Germany) 7s. 1951	96 ³ / ₄	96 ³ / ₄	96 ³ / ₄	49,000	94 ¹ / ₂	June	99 ¹ / ₄	Mar
Bank of Prussia Land	94 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	6,000	93	June	96 ³ / ₄	Mar
owners Assn 6% notes '30	100	100 ¹ / ₄	100 ¹ / ₄	62,000	97 ¹ / ₂	Jan	100 ¹ / ₄	Aug
Brisbane (City) 5s. 1937	98 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	99	22,000	95 ¹ / ₂	Jan	99	July
Buenos Aires (Prov) 7 ¹ / ₂ s '47	96 ¹ / ₂	96 ¹ / ₂	97 ¹ / ₂	51,000	94 ¹ / ₂	Feb	99	Sept
7s. 1936	96 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	96 ¹ / ₂	128,000	93	June	97	Apr
7s. 1952	96	95 ¹ / ₂	96	103,000	94	June	96	Sept
7s. 1957	96	95 ¹ / ₂	96	103,000	94	June	96	Sept
7s. 1958	96	95 ¹ / ₂	96	103,000	94	June	96	Sept
Cent Bk of Germ State & Prov Bks 1st 6s ser A '52	94 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	10,000	94 ¹ / ₂	Aug	96 ¹ / ₂	Aug
Copenhagen (City) 6s. 1952	95 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	96 ¹ / ₂	297,000	95	Sept	97 ¹ / ₂	June
Danish Cons Munic 5 ¹ / ₂ s '55	99 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	65,000	97 ¹ / ₂	Jan	100 ¹ / ₂	Oct
Danzig P & Waterway Bd	90 ¹ / ₂	90	90 ¹ / ₂	64,000	90	Aug	90 ¹ / ₂	Sept
External s f 6 ¹ / ₂ s. 1952	101 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	102	30,000	99 ¹ / ₂	Jan	102 ¹ / ₂	Aug
Denmark (King'm) 5 ¹ / ₂ s '55	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	31,000	100	Mar	102	Apr
6s. 1970	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	45,000	98 ¹ / ₂	June	102	Jan
German Cons Munic 7s '47	96	95 ¹ / ₂	96 ¹ / ₂	203,000	95 ¹ / ₂	Jan	99 ¹ / ₂	Apr
Hamburg (State) Ger 6s '46	99 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	100	5,000	97	June	101	Mar
Hungarian Land Mtge Inst 7 ¹ / ₂ s series A. 1961	99 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	100	5,000	97	June	101	Mar
Indus Mtge Bank of Finl'd	101	101 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	7,000	99 ¹ / ₂	Jan	102	Jan
1st mtge coll s f 7s. 1944	94 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	22,000	91	July	96	Feb
Medellin (Colombia) 7s '51	103 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	10,000	102 ¹ / ₂	June	105 ¹ / ₂	June
8s. 1948	93 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	97 ¹ / ₂	41,000	95	June	99 ¹ / ₂	Jan
Mendoza (Prov) Argentina 7 ¹ / ₂ s. 1951	93 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	94	66,000	91 ¹ / ₂	July	94 ¹ / ₂	Feb
Montevideo (City) 6s. 1959	92 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	92 ¹ / ₂	35,000	91 ¹ / ₂	Sept	95 ¹ / ₂	Aug
Mtge Bk of Bogota 7s. 1947	96 ¹ / ₂	96 ¹ / ₂	97	14,000	94	July	99 ¹ / ₂	Feb
Mtge Bk of Chile 6s. 1931	87 ¹ / ₂	87 ¹ / ₂	88	120,000	82	June	92 ¹ / ₂	Apr
Mtge Bk of Jugoslavia 7s '57	106 ¹ / ₂	106 ¹ / ₂	106 ¹ / ₂	6,000	105 ¹ / ₂	Sept	109	Jan
Neth'ds (King'dm) 6s B '72	94 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	118,000	94 ¹ / ₂	Sept	95 ¹ / ₂	Oct
Nuremberg (City) 6s. 1952	98 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	77,000	95 ¹ / ₂	May	102	Sept
Peru (Republic of) 7s. 1959	99	99	99 ¹ / ₂	51,000	96	June	100 ¹ / ₂	Feb
Prussia (Free State) 6 ¹ / ₂ s '51	98	97 ¹ / ₂	98	33,000	96	July	98 ¹ / ₂	Jan
Rio Grande do Sul (State) Brazil ext 7s (of 1927) '66	97	96 ¹ / ₂	97	17,000	96	Aug	97 ¹ / ₂	Jan
Extl s f 7s (of 1927). 1967	15 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂	16	12,000	12	June	20 ¹ / ₂	Sept
Russian Govt 6 ¹ / ₂ s. 1919	14 ¹ / ₂	14 ¹ / ₂	16 ¹ / ₂	114,000	11 ¹ / ₂	July	20 ¹ / ₂	Sept
6 ¹ / ₂ s cts. 1919	15 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂	17	46,000	11 ¹ / ₂	July	20 ¹ / ₂	Sept
5 ¹ / ₂ s. 1921	15 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂	16	3,000	12	June	20 ¹ / ₂	Sept
5 ¹ / ₂ s certificates. 1921	94	93	94	20,000	91 ¹ / ₂	June	95 ¹ / ₂	May
Santa Fe (City) Argentine Republic extl 7s. 1945	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	2,000	99 ¹ / ₂	Apr	102 ¹ / ₂	Feb
Saxon State Mtge Inv 7s '45	98	98	98 ¹ / ₂	17,000	96 ¹ / ₂	June	101	Sept
6 ¹ / ₂ s. 1946	88 ¹ / ₂	88 ¹ / ₂	89	419,000	86	June	92 ¹ / ₂	Apr
Serbs Croats & Slovenes (King) ext ser B '62	101 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	10,000	101	July	102 ¹ / ₂	Sept
Switzerland Govt 5 ¹ / ₂ s 1929								

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

After tremendous activity at rising prices on Monday and the early part of Tuesday, the stock market on the latter day suffered a serious relapse on higher money rates, and has been ragged and irregular since. On Saturday last the market, under the leadership of the railroad issues and industrial stocks, continued its upward spurt during the two-hour session on Saturday. Trading was unusually heavy and gains ranging from 1 to 4 points or more were quite common throughout the list. Railroad shares were particularly strong, Canadian Pacific climbing 6 points to 199³/₄—the highest since 1914—while Ches. & Ohio bounded forward to a record top at 209. Nickel Plate also reached a new peak at 135³/₈. Erie common had a downward reaction from the high level established on Friday, but the preferred stock closed somewhat higher. Many industrial stocks also moved into new high ground, notably Greene Cananea Copper, Calumet & Arizona, Gillette Safety Razor and International Silver. United States Steel com. advanced 3 points to 152⁵/₈. Public utilities were active and strong all through the day. General Motors (old stock) advanced 3 points and crossed 268 and the new stock closed above 134.

Standard dividend-paying railroad stocks were again the outstanding feature of the market on Monday, Ches. & Ohio being particularly conspicuous because of its sharp upswing of 9 points to 218, 2 points of which were lost later in the day. Atchison shot forward from 192¹/₄ to 195³/₈, but lost 1 point in the last hour. Canadian Pacific also moved upward from a low of 198⁵/₈ to a high of 202⁷/₈, and Union Pacific showed a net gain of 3¹/₄ points at the close. New York Central was an important feature in the late trading and reached its highest price in 20 years above 170, followed by Norfolk & Western, which moved forward 5 points. General Motors old stock was in persistent demand and lifted its high record of 277¹/₂, made about 2 weeks ago, and the new stock crossed 138 with a gain of more than 4 points. Other strong stocks of the group included Hudson Motors, which moved rapidly forward 2 points to 81¹/₂, as compared with its previous close at 79, and Chrysler, which gained nearly 2 points. United States Steel common moved up a point on the late trading, reaching a new high level since the recovery started, and Calumet & Arizona shot upward more than 2 points to 86¹/₂, but reacted later in the day to 84¹/₂. Public utilities continued to attract attention, North American moving into new high ground for the year and Consolidated Gas selling up to 120 at its high for the day. Numerous specialties, including General Railway Signal, American Can and American Safety Razor were in strong demand at improving prices.

On Tuesday price records were shattered in one of the most sensational declines that the market has experienced in many months. Buying orders deluged the market and, with approximately 680 separate issues traded in, the day's transactions were the largest aggregate turnover since March 1926. At one time the ticker service was 22 minutes behind the market. During the greater part of the day many leading stocks and numerous previously inactive issues moved over a wide range, the swing being both upward and downward. General Motors (new stock) shot forward into new high ground at 141, though this gain turned into a substantial loss in the final hour. The old stock sold up to 282¹/₄ at its high for the day, but closed with a net loss at 276. United States Steel common moved to its best in the past 10 days at 154. In the early trading, railroad stocks were in active demand at improving prices, though the advances were not as brisk as on the preceding day. The leaders were Balt. & Ohio, which moved close to its high record of 1906 at 125, New York Central, which reached its best when it sold above 171¹/₂, Pennsylvania, which reached its highest top since 1907, and Union Pacific, which touched its highest since 1910. As the afternoon advanced many stocks turned downward and in many instances the gains of the morning were wholly or partly lost. The noteworthy declines included such stocks as American Smelting 3¹/₄, Commercial Solvents (new) 3¹/₂ and nearly 3 points in Timken Roller Bearing. The market turned downward on Wednesday, though there were occasional strong spots among the so-called specialties.

General Electric moved to the front early in the trading and sold up to 140 at its high for the day. Railroad shares continued in moderate demand, but there was little or no change in prices. Steel and motor stocks were more or less erratic and most of the industrial issues sold off from 2 to 3 points. Houston Oil was strong in the final hour and made a brisk advance of 8 3/4 points. Du Pont declined 2 points and gained more than 5, and International Harvester made a net gain of 5 points.

The usual speculative favorites were more or less irregular on Thursday, though the market in general maintained a good tone throughout the day. Some special stocks reached new record levels, including Abitibi Power & Paper, Montana Power and a few of the public utility issues. United States Steel common was forced down nearly 2 points to 146 3/4, but turned upward at that point and advanced 3 points, closing at 148 3/4. Motor stocks moved higher, Packard Motors and Mack Truck leading the upswing in that group, followed by Hudson and Studebaker. On the other hand, General Motors, generally the strongest issue of the group, moved in a somewhat erratic manner, advancing from a low of 272 1/2 to a high at 277 1/2 and closing at 276 1/8. Railroad stocks were uniformly strong, Missouri Pacific preferred moving up over 4 points and the common 2 points. Substantial advances were also recorded by Canadian Pacific, North Western, Reading, Norfolk & Western and Ches. & Ohio. Houston Oil made a spectacular advance of 4 points and crossed 172, and A. M. Byers shot upward over 5 points to 86. General Electric continued in the foreground and sold up to 142 at its high for the day. Price movements were somewhat confused and uncertain on Friday, and, though there were numerous exceptions among individual issues, the general trend was downward. Most of the leaders slipped back, including General Motors new and old stock, United States Steel common, American Smelting & Refining and General Electric. Public utilities were moder-

ately strong, Brooklyn Edison and Brooklyn Union Gas moving briskly forward and closing with substantial gains. Abitibi Power & Paper bounded upward 6 points to a new record high at 138. Oil shares were under pressure, Phillips going into new low ground for the year at 37 3/4. The final tone was weak.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Oct. 7.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,244,335	\$3,607,000	\$2,115,000	\$154,500
Monday	2,650,190	6,783,500	2,499,500	534,000
Tuesday	3,152,473	8,642,000	4,737,000	1,140,500
Wednesday	2,380,715	8,055,500	4,683,500	345,500
Thursday	2,053,710	8,000,500	3,662,000	597,500
Friday	2,013,500	8,795,000	3,101,000	557,000
Total	13,494,923	\$43,883,500	\$20,798,000	\$3,129,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Oct. 7.		Jan. 1 to Oct. 7.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	13,494,923	12,003,367	426,642,076	352,203,695
Government bonds...	\$3,129,000	\$3,661,400	\$234,928,800	\$204,773,400
State and foreign bonds	20,798,000	11,846,500	637,808,600	499,936,450
Railroad & misc. bonds	43,883,500	31,390,500	1,676,859,800	1,541,978,700
Total bonds	\$67,810,500	\$46,898,400	\$2,549,597,200	\$2,246,688,550

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Oct. 7 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*18,952	\$10,300	16,497	\$8,100	64,304	\$17,500
Monday	*31,364	21,215	41,583	31,200	64,035	28,100
Tuesday	*42,447	25,500	36,748	40,700	67,237	21,000
Wednesday	*33,934	35,500	20,255	40,500	64,949	47,000
Thursday	*34,583	30,365	29,377	35,300	64,442	16,000
Friday	20,619	6,000	16,172	29,000	63,894	8,500
Total	181,899	\$128,880	160,632	\$184,800	28,861	\$138,100
Prev. week revised	175,202	\$104,300	205,509	\$125,100	17,949	\$260,200

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,010; Monday, 79; Tuesday, 157; Wednesday, 76; Thursday, 89.

a In addition, sales of rights were: Wednesday, 632; Thursday, 472; Friday, 779.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings this week will show a satisfactory increase compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Oct. 8), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 13.6% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$11,672,173,507, against \$10,277,284,913 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 25.5%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Oct. 8.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,977,000,000	\$4,763,000,000	+25.5
Chicago	615,507,499	547,414,848	+12.4
Philadelphia	498,000,000	488,000,000	+2.0
Boston	541,000,000	471,000,000	+14.9
Kansas City	119,013,300	122,622,601	-2.9
St. Louis	139,600,000	131,500,000	+6.2
San Francisco	188,396,000	165,822,000	+13.6
Los Angeles	150,140,000	160,062,000	-6.2
Pittsburgh	150,877,636	167,094,739	-4.0
Detroit	146,092,563	166,710,350	-12.4
Cleveland	124,290,977	112,486,684	+10.5
Baltimore	103,406,001	92,543,143	+11.7
New Orleans	53,122,235	78,636,482	-32.4
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,806,356,211	\$7,456,892,847	+18.1
Other cities, 5 days	1,087,122,545	1,172,809,765	-7.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,893,478,756	\$8,629,702,612	+14.6
All cities, 1 day	1,778,695,751	1,647,582,301	+8.0
Total all cities for week	\$11,672,173,507	\$10,277,284,913	+13.6

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 Oct. 1. For that week there is an increase of 5.2%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$10,857,127,831 and the 1926 aggregate \$10,315,619,438. Outside of New York City, however, there is a decrease of 1.9%, the bank exchanges at this centre having increased 10.5%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) the clearings are larger by 10.3% but in the Boston Reserve District there is a loss of 2.3% and

in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 1.9%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals show 5.8% loss, in the Richmond Reserve District of 8.4% and in the Atlanta Reserve District 4.8%, the latter due largely to the falling off at the Florida points, Miami having a decrease of 40.9% and Jacksonville of 27.8%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals record a falling off of 1.0% and in the St. Louis Reserve District of 3.5% but in the Minneapolis Reserve District there is an expansion of 24.2%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a decrease of 7.2%, the Dallas Reserve District of 6.2% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 1.7%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End. Oct. 1 1927.	1927.	1926.	Inc. or Dec. %	1925.	1924.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston...12 cities	544,720,468	557,415,016	-2.3	564,751,573	449,892,792
2nd New York...11 "	6,704,605,012	6,062,802,899	+10.3	6,553,633,029	5,591,883,406
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	605,712,373	617,233,575	-1.9	712,136,899	574,020,003
4th Cleveland... 8 "	411,391,521	439,426,757	-5.8	429,894,956	390,891,368
5th Richmond... 16 "	188,180,466	205,488,411	-8.4	225,955,502	194,641,424
6th Atlanta...13 "	206,603,616	219,171,105	-4.8	285,287,886	181,863,890
7th Chicago...20 "	952,506,214	962,491,786	-1.0	1,046,782,951	884,025,812
8th St. Louis... 18 "	217,482,039	225,298,460	-3.5	252,715,119	219,863,712
9th Minneapolis 17 "	160,623,520	129,371,494	+24.2	155,623,642	167,239,179
10th Kansas City 12 "	235,066,526	253,342,143	-7.2	285,253,944	258,463,588
11th Dallas...15 "	92,521,196	98,641,651	-6.2	92,862,899	90,052,511
12th San Fran... 17 "	535,714,880	544,935,931	-1.7	536,512,579	468,628,013
Total	10,857,127,831	10,315,619,438	+5.2	11,131,450,009	9,471,514,808
Outside N. Y. City	4,287,218,733	4,368,151,997	-1.9	4,716,357,562	3,996,701,516
Canada...31 cities	384,413,579	319,227,746	+20.4	398,369,312	397,664,217

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of September. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of 14.3%, the 1927 aggregate of the clearings being \$45,840,754,506, and the 1926 aggregate \$40,108,227,999. While the present year's total does not establish a new high monthly record, it is the largest total ever reached in the month of September. The gain, however, is due almost entirely to the increase at New York City. Outside of New York City the increase for the month is only 2.6%. The Boston Reserve District shows a gain of 9.9%, the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 24.0% and the Philadelphia Reserve District of 1.8%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the increase is only 0.6%, but in the Atlanta Reserve District it is 2.4%, notwithstanding the Florida points

show big losses, Miami of 37.3%, Tampa of 37.9% and Jacksonville of 27.8%. The Richmond Reserve District shows a falling off of 7.1%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 8.3% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 18.9%, but in the St. Louis Reserve District there is a loss of 1.6%. The Kansas City Reserve District has a loss of 4.9%, the Dallas Reserve District of 6.3% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 3.3%.

Table with columns: Federal Reserve Dist., 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, 4th Cleveland, 5th Richmond, 6th Atlanta, 7th Chicago, 8th St. Louis, 9th Minneapolis, 10th Kansas City, 11th Dallas, 12th San Fran. Includes columns for September 1927, September 1926, Inc. or Dec., September 1925, and September 1924.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the nine months back to 1924:

Table with columns: Federal Reserve Dist., 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, 4th Cleveland, 5th Richmond, 6th Atlanta, 7th Chicago, 8th St. Louis, 9th Minneapolis, 10th Kansas City, 11th Dallas, 12th San Fran. Includes columns for 1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, and 1924.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1927 and 1926:

Table with columns: Month, Clearings, Total All, Clearings Outside New York. Includes sub-columns for 1927, 1926, and %.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of September and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

Table with columns: City, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Includes cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Kansas City, Cleveland, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Louisville, Detroit, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Providence, Omaha, Buffalo, St. Paul, Indianapolis, Denver, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Hartford, Salt Lake City.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for September and the nine months of 1927 and 1926 are given below:

Table with columns: Description, Month of September, Nine Months. Includes rows for Stock, number of shares; Railroad and misc. bonds; State, foreign, &c., bonds; U. S. Government bonds.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the month of September in 1924 to 1927 is indicated in the following:

Table with columns: Month, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Includes rows for Month of January, February, March, First quarter, Month of April, May, June, Second quarter, Month of July, August, September, Third quarter.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for September and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending Oct. 1 for four years:

Large table with columns: Clearings at, Month of September, Nine Months, Week Ending October 1. Includes sub-columns for 1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, 1924.

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Main table showing Clearings at— with columns for Month of September, Nine Months, and Week ending October 1. Includes sub-sections for Ninth Federal Reserve District, Tenth Federal Reserve District, Eleventh Federal Reserve District, and Twelfth Federal Reserve District.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 29.

Table showing Canadian Clearings for September, since January 1, and for week ending Sept. 29. Columns include Clearings at—, Month of September, Nine Months, and Week Ended September 29.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Sept. 28. d Week ended Sept. 29. e Week ended Rept. 30. * Estimated.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States Sept. 30 1927.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Sept. 30 1927, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statements, is as follows:

Table with columns for Bonds, Treasury Notes, Treasury Certificates, Treasury Savings Certificates, Debt Bearing No Interest, and Total interest-bearing debt. Includes sub-sections like 'Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased' and 'Debt Bearing No Interest'.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Sept. 30 1927 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury of Sept. 30 1927.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table showing GOLD assets and liabilities. Assets include Gold coin and Gold bullion. Liabilities include Gold cts. outstanding, Gold fund, F. R. Board, Gold reserve, and Gold in general fund.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Table showing SILVER DOLLARS assets and liabilities. Assets include Silver dollars. Liabilities include Silver cts. outstanding, Treasury notes of 1890, and Silver dollars in gen. fund.

GENERAL FUND.

Table showing GENERAL FUND assets and liabilities. Assets include Gold (see above), Silver dollars (see above), United States notes, Federal Reserve notes, Fed'l Reserve bank notes, National bank notes, Subsidiary silver coin, Minor coin, Silver bullion, Unclassified, Collections, &c., Deposits in F. R. banks, Deposits in special depositories, Deposits in foreign depositories, To credit of Treasurer United States, To credit of other Govern't officers, Deposits in nat'l banks, To credit of Treasurer United States, To credit of other Govern't officers, Deposits in Philippine Treasury, To credit of Treasurer United States. Liabilities include Treasurer's checks outstanding, Deposits of Government officers, Post Office Department Board of trustees, Postal Savings System, 5% reserve, lawful money, Other deposits, Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c., Deposits for: Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fd., gold), Redemption of national bank notes (5% fund, lawful money), Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 39 1908, Uncollected items, exchanges, &c., Net balance.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$392,013,546.39. Book credits for which obligations of foreign governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$45,068,702.

\$2,840,135 in Federal Reserve notes and \$21,686,087 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2000.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Table showing Receipts at— for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Columns include Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, Total week '27, Same week '26, Same week '25, Since Aug. 1 1927, 1926, 1925.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Oct. 1, follow:

Table showing Receipts at— for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Columns include Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, Total week '27, Since Jan. 1 '27, Week 1926, Since Jan. 1 '26.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 1 1927, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing Exports from— for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, and Barley. Columns include Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Houston, Total week 1927, Same week 1926.

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

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Sept. 30—The First National Bank of Cedar Grove, N. J. Capital. \$50,000. Correspondent, M. Warren Jenkins, Cedar Grove, N. J.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Sept. 26—The Williston National Bank of Williston Park, N. Y. President, Henry H. Tredwell; Cashier, Charles E. Patterson. Capital. \$50,000.

Sept. 27—The First National Bank of Marlton, N. J. President, John C. Hurff; Cashier, Horace C. Wills. Capital. 25,000.

Sept. 27—The First National Bank of Glen Head, N. Y. President, G. Thomas Powell; Cashier, Robert S. Miller. Capital. 50,000.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Sept. 26—The West Englewood National Bank of Chicago Ill. Effective Aug. 1 1927. Liquidating agent, John Bain, 6209 S. Laflin St., Chicago, Ill. Absorbed by Ashland Sixty-Third State Bank of Chicago. Capital. \$200,000.

Sept. 26—The State National Bank of West, Texas. Effective Jan. 11 1927. Liquidating agent, H. C. Edwards, West, Texas. Succeeded by the State National Bank in West. Capital. 50,000.

Sept. 27—The Commercial National Bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Effective Sept. 10 1926. Liquidating committee, R. B. Barnum, A. F. Smith and F. F. Everest, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Absorbed by State Savings Bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Capital. \$100,000.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Sept. 26—The Richfield National Bank, Richfield, Minn., to "The Richfield National Bank of Minneapolis" that portion of the Village of Richfield in which the Richfield National Bank is located having been annexed to the City of Minneapolis.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Sept. 28—The Broad and Market Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Newark, N. J. ... \$1,200,000
The Forest Hill National Bank of Newark, N. J. ... 200,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918 under the charter and corporate title of "The Broad and Market Bank & Trust Co. of Newark," with capital stock of \$1,325,000.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Sept. 26—Bowery & East River National Bank of New York, N. Y. Location of branches—Vicinity of 316-320 Seventh Ave. and vicinity of Avenue U and West 6th St., Brooklyn.
Sept. 28—The Broad and Market National Bank & Trust Co. of Newark, N. J. Location of branch—Vicinity of 37 Bloomfield Ave., Newark.
Sept. 29—The Peoples National Bank of Elizabeth, N. J. Location of branch—Vicinity of 562-564 South Broad St., at the intersection of New Street, Elizabeth.
Sept. 29—National Bank of Niagara & Trust Co. of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Location of branch—Vicinity of corner of Main St. and Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including American Nat. Bank, Amer. Union, Bowery East R. Bank, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies in New York City, including Alliance R'ty, Amer. Surety, Bond & M. G., etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including maturity dates, interest rates, and bid/ask prices.

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:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing auction sales by Adrian H. Muller & Sons, including various stocks and bonds such as Crusader Pipe Line Co., 1,000 Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co., etc.

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

Table listing securities sold by R. L. Day & Co., including various stocks and bonds such as National Shawmut Bank, 9 National Shawmut Bank, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities sold by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, including various stocks and bonds such as Beacon Trust Co., National Shawmut Bank, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Barnes & Lofland, including various stocks and bonds such as Philadelphia Auction Co., Drovers & Merch. Nat. Bank, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing securities sold by A. J. Wright & Co., including various stocks and bonds such as Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., 5,200 March Gold, Inc. (old), etc.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table showing dividends announced for the current week, including company names, percentages, and dates.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Horn & Hardart, Common (extra), Howe Sound Co., etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Truscon Steel, Tuckett Tobacco, Preferred (quar.), etc.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

† Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ‡ Correction. § Payable in stock. ¶ Payable in common stock. ¶ Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends.

h Holders of Class A and Class B stock are given the privilege of subscribing to the extent of the dividend to their respective stocks at \$25 per share.

i Seagrave Corp. dividend, 30c. cash or 2 1/2% stock.

m Payable in preferred stock.

g Mexican Petroleum not to be quoted except the \$75 dividend until Oct. 20.

r New York Curb Market rules Bancitely Corp. be ex-stock div. on Sept. 23.

t Hartman Corp. class B stock divs. are one-fortieth share of class A stock.

u Subject to increase in capital.

w Payable also on increased capital.

y Subject to approval of Inter-State Commerce Commission. Commission not having given its approval as yet company will make no record of stockholders at close of business Sept. 7.

z Four shillings per share, equivalent to \$0.9733 per share.

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 Oct. 1. 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, Reserve, Net Demand, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for Members of Fed. Reserve Bank, State Banks, and Total averages.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6 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.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 5 1927.

Main table showing financial data for Federal Reserve Banks from Oct. 5 1927 to Oct. 6 1926. Columns include dates and rows for Resources (Gold, Bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Deposits, etc.).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 5 1927.

Detailed table showing resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) as of Oct. 5 1927.

Table with 14 columns: RESOURCE (Concluded) - Two cyphers (00) omitted., Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Other securities, Total bills and securities, Deposits, and Total liabilities.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 5 1927.

Table with 14 columns: Federal Reserve Agent at, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include F.R. notes held by F.R. Agent, F.R. notes issued to F.R. Bank, and Total collateral.

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 660 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 28 1927. (In thousands of dollars)

Table with 14 columns: Federal Reserve District, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Loans and investments, Investments, Reserve balances, Net demand deposits, and Total U. S. Government securities.

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 October 5, 1927 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 12 columns: Resources (Concluded) - Fed held abroad, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources, Liabilities - Fed's Reserve notes in actual circulation, Deposits - Member bank, reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed's Resv. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondence.

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."

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Oct. 7 1927.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1929.

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 Oct. 7., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes sections for Railroads, Industrial & Mis., and various individual stocks.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Oct. 7. (Concluded), Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Par, Phila Co 5%, Phillip Morris rights, etc.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Oct. 1., Oct. 3., Oct. 4., Oct. 5., Oct. 6., Oct. 7. Lists bond prices for First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 17 1st 4 1/8s, 1 2d 4s, 34 2d 4 1/8s, etc.

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange.— Sterling Actual—, Checks, Cables. Lists exchange rates for various currencies and banks.

For New York City Banks and Trust Companies see page 1936. For New York City Realty and Surety Companies see page 1936. For United States Treasury Certificate of Indebtedness, &c., see page 1936.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and names like Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, Chesapeake & Ohio, etc.

* Bid and asked prices. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend. 1 1/2 shares of Chesapeake Corporation stock.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table containing daily stock price data for various companies. Columns include dates from Saturday, Oct. 1 to Friday, Oct. 7, and company names with their respective share prices.

* 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 preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Main table containing stock prices and ranges for various companies like Case Thresh Mach, Central Alloy Steel, etc. Columns include dates from Saturday, Oct. 1 to Friday, Oct. 7, and price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. d Ex-dividend 100% in stock.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

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; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, 1927; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Rows list various stocks like Moon Motors, Mather Lode, Motion Picture, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. n Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new; b Distributed one-half share common stock and one-half share preferred B stock.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Main table containing stock symbols, prices for various days (Saturday to Friday), sales volume, and price ranges. Includes a list of stock names and their corresponding prices and sales data.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend and ex-rights. a - ex-rights. z - Ex-dividend.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt & Municipals, and a large section for Bonds.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended Oct. 1. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended Oct. 1. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

b Due Feb e Due May p Due Dec

Table with columns for Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Oct. 7, Interest Period, Price Friday, Oct. 7, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1. The table lists various bond issues such as Int Rys Cent Amer 1st 5s, Kansas City Sou 1st 3 1/2s, and many others, with their respective prices and ranges.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Oct. 7), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

Due May. Due June. Due Aug.

Table with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., and Interest. It lists various bonds such as Commercial Credit, Computing-Tel, and Lehigh Valley Coal.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for N.Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Oct. 7, Interest Period, Price Friday, Oct. 7, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Sundry Securities, including columns for Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Short Term Securities, and Indus. & Miscellaneous, with various stock and bond listings.

* No par share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. // Flat price. & Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-right.s Canadian quotation. s Sale price.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and stock prices. Includes various stock symbols and prices.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Main table listing various stocks (Railroads, Miscellaneous, etc.) with columns for Shares, Par, and price ranges. Includes stock names like Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. t New stock. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of Stocks (Concluded) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Key System Tran, Preferred, Langendorf Baking, etc.

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, Alliance Insurance, American Stores, etc.

Table of Bonds with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, Consol Trac N J 1st 5s, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp., Altan Coast L (Conn), Balt G Commercial Bk, etc.

* No par value.

Table of Bonds with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Balt City 4s J F, Black & Decker 6 1/2s, Commercial Credit 5 1/2s, etc.

New York Curb Market—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Market for the week beginning on Saturday last (Oct. 1) and ending the present Friday (Oct. 7). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table of Stocks (Continued) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Brown Boveri El Corp, Founders shares, etc.

Table of Stocks (Continued) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Brown Boveri El Corp, Founders shares, etc.

Main table containing stock market data with columns for Stock Name, Par, Price, Range Since Jan. 1., and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low/High). The table lists numerous companies such as Amer Rayon Products, Amer Rolling Mill, and various other industrial and consumer goods firms.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Public Utilities (Contc.), Mining Stocks. Sub-headers include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various company names like Stern Bros class A, Amer Gas & Elec com, Penn Power & Light pref, etc.

Table with multiple columns showing financial data for various companies like Pittsburgh & West Virginia, Quincey Omaha & Kansas City, etc., including Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, and Month of August.

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

Table showing Gross Earnings and Net Earnings for various companies, including American Pow & Lt Co, American Tel & Tel Co, etc.

*After taxes. a Earnings of subsidiaries only.

Table showing Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, and Balance, Surplus for various companies like American Water & Elec Co, Boston Elevated Ry, etc.

* Includes other income. b After rents. g Includes depreciation. f Before taxes. k After taxes.

Table showing financial data for companies like Baton Rouge Electric Co, Blackstone Valley Gas & El. Co, Cape Breton El. Co, etc., with columns for Month of August and 12 Mos. Ending Aug. 31.

Table showing financial data for companies like North Texas El Co & Sub Cos, Puget Sound Pr & Lt Co, etc., with columns for Month of August and 12 Months Ended Aug. 31.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month.

American Smelting & Refining Co. (& Subsidiaries). (Semi-Annual Report—Six Months Ended June 30 1927.)

Table showing CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, with columns for Net earnings, Total net earnings, Gross income, etc.

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1927 and 1926, including Property acc't, Investments, Cash, etc.

American & Foreign Power Company, Inc. (Report for Periods Ended Dec. 31 1926 and June 30 1927.)

Chairman S. Z. Mitchell Oct. 3 in his report to the stockholders of the company said in substance:

Progress.—Directors consider that the company is progressing satisfactorily. Results.—Gross earnings of the operating subsidiaries for the 12 months ended June 30 1927 were \$15,313,100 and net earnings were \$7,841,510.

Construction Suit.—There is no change in the status of the so-called construction suit.

Unification Plan.—The officers of your company, having been subpoenaed, appeared before the Transit Commission at the hearings held to consider a unification plan for the transportation systems in Greater New York and testified in relation thereto.

Bus Franchise.—Since the close of the fiscal year the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York granted a franchise to the Equitable Coach Co. for the operation of bus lines in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 125, p. 1832.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, and sub-columns for \$ and %. Rows include Assets (Fixed capital, Cash, Deposit with trustee, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 1st cons. mtge. 5s., etc.).

a Fixed capital.—The Brooklyn City RR. Co. at value set by the company April 1 1924, together with additions since that date. b In the provision for Federal, State and city taxes it included \$650,680 in respect of N. Y. State special franchise taxes and interest in dispute.—V. 125, p. 1832.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Wage Increases Granted to Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Maintenance of Way Men.—2,700 men win wage award.—'Wall St. News' (Ships) Oct. 7.

Repair of Freight Cars.—Freight cars in need of repair on Sept. 15 totaled 141,911 or 6.2% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Repair of Locomotives.—Class 1 railroads on Sept. 15 had 8,963 locomotives in need of repair or 14.7% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Car Surplus.—Class 1 railroads on Sept. 23 had 149,367 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced.

Matters Covered in 'Chronicle' Oct. 1. (a) Loading of revenue freight increasing but still below the previous year, p. 1767. (b) The decline of car loadings, p. 1767. (c) Death of Edward T. Jeffery—His long connection with the Illinois Central and Denver & Rio Grande RR., p. 1789.

Aransas Harbor Terminal Ry.—Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$232,900 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 124, p. 1356.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Extra Dividend of 3/4 of 1% on Common Stock.—The directors on Oct. 4 declared an extra dividend of 3/4 of 1% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the outstanding \$232,409,500 common stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Oct. 28.

Gen. James G. Harbord, President of the Radio Corp. of America, has been elected a director, succeeding Ogden L. Mills, who resigned when he became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.—V. 125, p. 1703.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Protests Valuation.—A protest filed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad against the I.-S. C. Commission's tentative valuation of its property in Valuation Docket No. 1068, was made public by the Commission Oct. 1.

As to the Commission's estimate of cost of reproduction new, \$560,378,022, for the total used property, the protest says this represents a deficiency of \$179,907,606 as compared with its claim of \$740,285,628.

Bridgeton & Saco River RR.—Receivership.—Robert Braun and Carroll S. Chaplin of Portland, Me., were appointed receivers Sept. 29 by Justice Guy H. Sturgis at Portland, Me. Beyer & Small Co., Portland, were the complainants.—V. 125, p. 1046.

Cambria & Indiana RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$3,965,000 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 120, p. 3308.

Canadian Northern Ry.—Income Debenture Stockholders Likely to Contest Agreement.—The 'Financial Post' (of Canada) says:

Redemption of the Canadian Northern Ry. 5% Income debenture stock on May 6 1928 at 94 for stock of 100 par by the Canadian National Ry., subject to ratification by the Federal Government, has met with the approval of the English shareholders' committee.

Under the new agreement the Government secures the discharge of the mortgage (income debenture stock charges) ranking in front of that covering its own advances and also secures release from the obligation to maintain separate accounts.

The neglect of the English committee in demanding an accounting of back earnings before arriving at any basis of settlement ranks with the Canadian holders.

Under the terms of the trust deed, which these debentures were issued between 1910 and 1912, it is set forth that the management would report to the shareholders earnings of the company every 6 months, as the interest charges were paid only when earned.

With the amalgamations and changes in corporate structure brought about since that date, finally ending in the absorption of the Canadian Northern into the Canadian National System, accounts have not been kept separately.

The shareholders have strongly contended that earnings of the Canadian Northern proper have been sufficient to pay interest charge on the income debentures.

Before the start of the negotiations, which led up to the last agreement, the committee announced that it was going to ask for an accounting of back earnings before agreeing to any scheme of settlement in regard to the principal which matures May 6 1930.

Meantime, action of the Canadian shareholders will be determined at a general meeting to be called in the near future.—V. 125, p. 777.

Cape Girardeau Northern Ry.—Foreclosure Sale.—Three sections of this road were sold at public auction at Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Sept. 12. C. A. Vandivort & Co., a holding concern acting for the Cape Girardeau Terminal Association, purchased the two sections between Anzell, Mo., and Cape Girardeau, and from Cape Girardeau to a point 8 miles west.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 22 authorized the company to issue not exceeding 40 promissory notes in the aggregate face amount of \$1,058,531. The company represents that for the proper operation of its railroad it needs equipment of an approximate total cost of \$975,310.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$558,914,672 on the total owned, and \$558,801,596 on the total used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.

Hearing on Plan.—The closing chapter of the greatest receivership in modern railroad history was entered Sept. 29 when counsel representing the security holders appeared before the full roster of I.-S. C. Commission and asked government sanction of the company's reorganization plans.

This is the last of the long series of complicated legal steps in which the road has been involved since it was thrown into receivership in 1925. The controversy ended with oral argument Sept. 29 and there now remains only the final formal decision of the Commission.

The completion of the St. Paul reorganization and the restoration of the railroad to its fullest efficiency in the public service now await only the authority of the Commission, said counsel for Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific RR., the new company which will operate the property after the reorganization.

The only objectors were the so-called 'bondholders defense committee,' a group of minority bondholders headed by Edwin C. Jameson, Pres. of the Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co. of New York.

After two and a half years of receivership and litigation, the applicant now comes before the Commission for authority to acquire the St. Paul properties and to issue its securities in payment for such properties pursuant to a plan which has been agreed to by \$197,000,000 of bonds and \$173,000,000 of stock of the old St. Paul, which has been approved by the courts as fair between different classes of security holders and under which this great common carrier will be adequately financed for all future time for the performance of its public duties.

Under the reorganization plan fixed charges are reduced from approximately \$21,500,000 to approximately \$13,500,000, a figure safely within the earning capacity of the property. \$185,000,000 of obligations of the old Railway maturing between 1925 and 1934 are funded into long term obligations, thus assuring the new company a breathing space in which to recover from the depression of recent years.

There can be no doubt that every interest of the public and of the security holders demands a prompt reorganization and an early termination of the receivership, Mr. Swaine continued. 'Not only is the property prejudiced by the impairment of the good will and lack of decisive management necessarily attendant upon continuance of the receivership, but every

day's delay costs the property \$2,000 in interest alone, as well as other expenses, which will be saved in the reorganization, and retards the return of the System to its full efficiency in the public service."

With respect to the opposition of the Jameson Committee before the Commission, counsel for the applicant charged that "Mr. Jameson's present proposal to freeze out the stockholders in the reorganization, the last of a series of plans put forward by Mr. Jameson in the course of his opposition to the reorganization, no two of which were alike, is a desperate last minute attempt to break up the reorganization, after Mr. Jameson's two years of litigation in the courts have proved unsuccessful."

"For more than a year after the reorganization plan had been promulgated Mr. Jameson who had invested heavily in St. Paul stock following the receivership, criticized the plan as too harsh on the stock. Subsequently, having assumed the role of bondholder, he urged that the junior bondholders should receive more fixed charge bonds of the new company than the plan gives them. Now, Mr. Jameson proposes to give the old bondholders stock, instead of bonds as provided in the plan, and having sold his own stock, proposes to freeze out the stockholders altogether."

"The Jameson bonds were purchased as a speculation in the face of the receivership and at 50 cents on the dollar, and the activities of the Jameson committee have been and still are in aid of that speculation," Mr. Swaine charged.

"The character of his holdings and the inconsistencies of his own suggestions for reorganization entitle Mr. Jameson's proposals to no consideration at all, while his reckless charges that the whole reorganization is the result of a gigantic conspiracy by everybody connected with the railroad, including all of its security holders, except himself, are utterly without foundation and are of a piece with the reckless charges of fraud previously made by Mr. Jameson in connection with the St. Paul's acquisition of the Terre Haute and Gary lines which were subsequently withdrawn by the Jameson counsel in open court."

Henry W. Anderson, representing the Jameson Committee, argued that the majority plan is unfair to the bondholders and not in the "public interest" and urged the Commission to reject the application and to permit the property to remain in receivership until the formulation of a new plan embodying the principles recommended by Mr. Jameson. Mr. Jameson's position, counsel stated, was that all of the equity in the property, after the existing underlying bonds and those to be sold to raise new money, belongs to the bondholders and should be given to them in the form of stock, and that the stockholders of the old company should not be permitted to participate in the reorganization at all.

Counsel for the several committees appearing in support of the application also argued before the Commission: George Welwood Murray, of New York, representing the preferred stockholders committee under the plan, William Church Osborn representing the Iselin stockholders committee, Elihu Root, Jr., representing the Roosevelt Bondholders Committee.

Mr. Murray and Mr. Osborn devoted their argument chiefly to answering the proposal that the stock should be wiped out in the reorganization. They pointed out that the reorganization plan was an agreement negotiated at arms length by duly constituted committees representing the different classes of security holders and that the courts already have adjudicated the plan as fair between bondholders and stockholders.

"Any attempt now to modify the Plan to the disadvantage of the stockholders would not only be very unjust to the stockholders, but, as a practical matter, if it could be done at all would only be possible of accomplishment by beginning the reorganization all over again at great loss and expense to the bondholders," said Mr. Osborn. "The property has been purchased under a reorganization plan agreed to by bonds and stock, and is now held by the new company for the benefit of both the bonds and the stock. To announce a rule that stock must be wiped out in reorganization would be to end forever the possibility that the public would return to railroad stocks as investments."—V. 125, p. 1703, 1576.

Colorado & Wyoming Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$3,316,423 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 122, p. 3334.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Defers Interest.—

The directors on Sept. 26 took no action on the payment of interest on the 5% general mortgage bonds, due in 1955. Interest on the bonds from Feb. 1 1924, to Feb. 1 1929, is cumulative, but the company is not obliged to pay it on due dates unless in the judgment of the directors net income warrants payable. (See also V. 124, p. 1975.)—V. 124, p. 2902.

Hoboken Manufacturers' RR.—Purchase Price.—

Announcement of the sale of the Hoboken Manufacturers' RR., popularly called the Hoboken Shore Line, which property the Port Authority of New York endeavored to acquire, has been made public by the War Department. The full text of the statement issued by the War Department follows:

The Secretary of War has announced the sale, on Sept. 27 1927, as of July 1 1927, to W. L. Diener, N. Y. City, of the stock of the Hoboken Manufacturers' RR. properties for \$937,657 in cash.

In 1917 the War Department acquired the capital stock of the Hoboken Manufacturers' RR., consisting of 4,000 shares (par \$100 each), the company being the owner of buildings, tracks, roadbed equipment, and a 99-year lease on certain real estate which began in 1906, located on the Hoboken waterfront. At the same time the War Department also acquired the title to certain waterfront property with buildings thereon and the title to certain other real estate known as the back lands, consisting of 510 vacant lots. The entire property was acquired from the American Warehouse & Trading Co. for use as a port of embarkation.

The property was purchased under an agreement providing for the purchase price to be determined by a Board of Arbitrators. The arbitrators fixed the value of the physical properties and tangible assets at \$2,021,240 and the value of the intangible property at \$478,760, making the total purchase price for all the properties \$2,500,000. The intangible property represented the increase in value of all of the properties when taken together over the sum total of the values of the properties considered separately. This sum represented a bonus the War Department was obliged to pay in order to acquire all of the properties needed for its program.

Because of the early termination of the war, the back lands were never developed, and this property was disposed of by public auction in 1924 for \$811,050, from which sum must be deducted taxes, assessments and other proper charges for sewer improvements made by the City of Hoboken after the property was acquired by the Government. The net loss to the Government on this property was \$546,778.

During the war period the Hoboken Manufacturers' RR. and the waterfront property served the War Department as port of embarkation in the handling of troops and supplies, and the railroad also handled large quantities of freight for trunk-line roads and terminal companies handling freight in and out of New York City. Since the Armistice the War Department has continued to operate the road. In 1912 the road declared a dividend of \$250,000, representing profits on operations up to that time. Since then, and until recently, the road has been operated at a loss. A revision of tariff rates obtained some months ago, together with an increase in tonnage handled, has enabled the road to show an operating profit, and this was doubtless an important factor in enabling the War Department to dispose of the properties at a figure which it is considered represents the fair value thereof.

The purchasers have recently sold bonds on the property (see Hoboken RR. & Terminal Co. in V. 125, p. 1456) which will enable them to make needed improvements and enlarge their facilities for handling an increased amount of tonnage. These funds will also provide the necessary working capital for the railroad operation as the United States at the time of the sale retained all of the funds on hand.—V. 125, p. 1456.

Illinois Terminal RR.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,204,030 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 121, p. 1674.

Lake Superior Terminal & Transfer Ry.—Final Value.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$723,000 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 123, p. 451; V. 107, p. 1747.

Mineral Range RR.—Abandonment of Branch Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 22 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon as to Inter-State and foreign commerce a branch line of railroad extending from St. Mary's Junction to Point Mills, a distance of approximately 9.19 miles, all in Houghton County, Mich.—V. 125, p. 1189.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 30 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$18,994,500 1st & ref. mtge 5% bonds,

series F, \$12,000,000 thereof to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes, and the remaining \$6,994,500 to be held in the treasury subject to further order.—V. 125, p. 778, 644.

Nashua & Lowell RR.—Federal Tax Decision.—Leased Line Stocks Affected.—

The following is from the Boston "News Bureau" of Oct. 1: A decision rendered by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in the case of the Nashua & Lowell RR. against the Boston & Maine, to which the former is leased, the question involved being which corporation is liable to pay the Federal income taxes, may have rather important bearing on various leased line stocks and dividends paid thereon.

The Nashua & Lowell was leased in 1880 to the Boston & Lowell for 99 years by a lease which provided that the lessee "will pay all public taxes, assessments and charges whatsoever that shall be imposed either in Massachusetts or New Hampshire upon said first party, on account of the property, franchises or capital stock of said party of the first part during such term."

The lease was subsequently assumed by the Boston & Maine, which in addition to meeting all these obligations also paid the Federal income tax in behalf of the Nashua & Lowell up to 1924. In that year, however, the Boston & Maine notified the Nashua & Lowell that the language of the lease did not require it to pay the U. S. income tax and that therefore it would decline to pay that tax in the future.

The Nashua & Lowell thereupon brought suit against the Boston & Maine, as did also the Stony Brook RR., another leased line of Boston & Maine, on similar grounds. The Nashua & Lowell borrowed \$40,000 from a bank to pay the Federal income taxes, with the expectation of recovering from the Boston & Maine. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled against the Nashua & Lowell and in favor of the Boston & Maine.

Result of the Decision.

What the decision implies with respect to dividends on the Nashua & Lowell stock is indicated by the following communication sent to stockholders of that road by Pres. Henry Wheeler:

"The decision is in favor of the Boston & Maine, and consequently it will be necessary in the future for this company to pay these taxes out of the rental which it receives from the Boston & Maine, and also to pay off a loan which it secured from a Boston bank in order to make the payments of the taxes since 1924, when the Boston & Maine refused to make further payments on this account and the expenses of the litigation.

"The amount of the indebtedness of your company on this account is slightly in excess of \$40,000, and this indebtedness should be paid off gradually as rental is received from the Boston & Maine RR. in the future.

"We have calculated that by reducing the rate of dividend to 6% for the next 3½ years, the company will be able to pay off its debts, and we shall thereafter, provided the amount of taxes continues to be about the present amount, and nothing now unforeseen arises, be able to make the dividend rate about 7½% per annum. Accordingly as soon as the rental due Oct. 1 is received, directors expect to declare a dividend of 3%, payable Nov. 1 1927."

The Nashua & Lowell has been paying dividends of 9% annually.—V. 85, p. 1005.

New York Central RR.—Sells Holdings in Lehigh Valley.

The Wall Street Journal says: "New York Central's subsidiary, the New York Central Securities Corp., sold its 100,000 shares of Lehigh Valley RR. stock at a profit of \$4,000,000 or more. The block of stock cost the Central an average of \$66.87 a share. As the stock was disposed of when Lehigh Valley was selling at from \$135 to \$103 in the open market, it is assumed the profit was at least 40 points.—V. 125, p. 1833.

Northwestern Terminal RR.—Co-Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with International Trust Co., Denver, Colo., for the payment of 1st mtge. income bond coupons.—V. 123, p. 3316.

Peoria (Ill.) Railway Terminal Co.—Final Value.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,156,000 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 123, p. 3316.

Pittsburgh Bessemer & Lake Erie RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 21 authorized the company to issue \$3,557,000 consol. 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds to be exchanged at par for bonds of the Pittsburgh Shenango & Lake Erie RR.—V. 125, p. 909.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—To Acquire Belt Road.

The company has filed an application with the I.-S. C. Commission requesting authority to acquire all the franchises, corporate property, rights and credits of the West Side Belt RR. The Pittsburgh & West Virginia owns all the outstanding capital stock of the West Side Belt and operates its properties jointly with its own.

The application set forth that the acquisition of the property of the subsidiary will result in additional operating economies and greatly simplify accounting methods. The Pittsburgh & West Virginia also stated in its application that its credit position will be materially improved by the elimination of the floating debt of the West Side Belt, especially as the transaction requires the issuance of no new securities and the Pittsburgh & West Virginia surplus account will be increased.

The entire capital stock of the West Side Belt will be surrendered and cancelled and the corporate existence of the company will terminate.—V. 125, p. 1049.

Southern Railway.—Earnings Turn Upward.—

For the first time this year Southern's net earnings show an increase over the corresponding month of 1926. This has been accomplished in the face of a decline in gross revenue for the month of \$779,000 or 5.9%. In spite of this decrease in gross, expenses were cut so that net railway operating income for the month showed an increase of \$43,000 or 1.3%. Commenting further on the earnings, Walter S. Case of Case, Pomeroy & Co. says:

"In the earlier months of this year liberal amounts were spent for maintenance of ways and equipment. Southern's management has always made a point of fully maintaining the property even in the face of temporary conditions which adversely affected earnings. For the first eight months of 1927 maintenance of roadway and equipment consumed 32.9% of total gross revenues as compared with 31.8% in the same period of 1926. This higher maintenance ratio was held in the face of a decline of 4.6% in gross revenues for the eight months period. Because of this policy in the earlier part of the year some saving can now be brought about in maintenance and the effect of this is shown in the August report with an expenditure for this purpose of 28.9% as compared with 31.6% in August of last year.

"Costs of moving the trains which go to make up the item of transportation expense, amounted to 32.3% of gross revenues in August as compared with 33.9% for the first eight months of the year and with 31.4% in August 1926. In view of the higher wage scales now prevailing the management has been successful in effectively controlling these costs of train movement and here again the August report can be considered very satisfactory.

"A saving of \$94,000 or 10.6% has been made in tax accruals for the month. Moreover, Southern received a credit balance of \$13,000 for rent of its equipment during August. During the earlier months of the year Southern was obliged to pay out rentals to other companies and for the first eight months the debit balance for car rentals was \$391,000. This, however, represented a saving of 50% over the amount paid out for rentals in the first eight months of 1926. The present adequate equipment situation is shown by the turn of car rentals to the credit side of the ledger.

"The South is emerging from the depression which has existed since last fall. Production of cotton goods continues at high levels. The Department of Commerce announces that 32,234,246 cotton spindles were in active operation during August as compared with 31,360,492 in August 1926. Out of this total the cotton growing States had 17,654,760 active spindles against 14,588,486 active spindles for the rest of the United States. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place was 326 for the cotton growing States as against 245 for the United States as a whole and 164 for the New England States.

"While this high rate of activity is bringing continued prosperity to the mill sections of the South, the cotton growers should also secure much better prices for this year's crop. Various preliminary estimates have been made of the increased amount which the new crop will bring as compared with the low priced crop of 1926-27. Should cotton growers successfully market their crop at a price around 20c. per pound, it is estimated, on the basis of the Government crop forecast of Sept. 8, that they would receive at least \$100,000,000 more than a year ago.

"Moreover, other crops have also shown an upward trend in price. A substantial amount of corn is grown in the South and corn prices are well ahead of a year ago. Southern farmers can expect more satisfactory markets for their products than existed during the past season. Continued

industrial activity together with a better outlook for farm prices should serve to stimulate general business activity throughout the Southeast.

"A great step forward in the interchange of electric power over long distance has resulted from the completion of the high power transmission line between Raleigh, N. C., and Roanoke, Va. This line is the last link in the interconnection of electric generating stations producing more than 7,500,000 k.w. This super power system links up the major electrical systems of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia with the large systems of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and extending as far West and North as Illinois and Michigan. The great economic advantage to the communities and industries in this entire territory have been thus summed up by Mr. George N. Tidd, Pres. of the American Gas & Electric Co.:

"The mills of the South will be protected as never before against power shortage on account of low water. Large supplies of steam electric power generated in the Pocahontas and adjoining coal fields and other northern interconnections can be used in the South when needed. On the other hand surplus hydro-electric power generated in the South can be used in the North and aid materially in coal conservation. Reliability of service will be strengthened throughout the territory and the smallest village on the lines of any of these companies can offer power to new and growing industries equal to that available in the greatest cities. Interconnection means that the companies agree to furnish each other with power when needed and when conditions warrant.

"Industry in the South need have no further fear of any deficit or interruption in its continuous supply of power. Abundant, cheap and never failing electric power is now assured.

"The South has been making more rapid advance in the generation of electric power than has been the case in other sections of the country. A recent compilation shows that for the years 1923 to 1926, inclusive, generation of electric power has grown at an annual rate of 10% for the United States as a whole. Compared with this the East South Central States, including Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, show an average annual increase of 17.2%. The increase in the South Atlantic States including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, was 11.6% annually, while for the ten States directly served by Southern Railway the annual increase was 14%.

"Southern's net income from railway operations after allowance for taxes and equipment and joint facility rents amounted to \$3,331,000, as compared with \$3,288,000 in Aug. 1926, an increase of 1.3%. After allowance for all fixed charges, deductions and preferred dividends, the estimated net income available for the common stock was equivalent to \$1.61 a share as compared with \$1.57 in Aug. 1926, on the basis of \$1,300,000 shares now outstanding. For the 8 months' period estimated earnings were equivalent to \$7.67 per share as compared with \$9.37 per share.

"Although gross revenues were still running behind in August, the ability of the management to so control expenses that an increase in net was shown for the month is worthy of comment. Southern Railway has passed the low seasonal point in the year's operations. Should freight revenues for the last quarter approximate those of the same period of 1926, net income can be expected to be comparatively as good as in August. Under such conditions the year's earnings for the common stock should be equivalent to about twice the present dividend."—V. 125, p. 1705, 1457.

Toledo Peoria & Western RR.—Trustee.

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee for \$1,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1927.—V. 125, p. 92.

Union Terminal Co. of Dallas, Texas.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$4,402,300 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 122, p. 1167.

Western Pacific RR.—Asks for Bids.

The company is requesting bids for the purchase in a single block of \$2,678,500 of its 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated June 26 1916. Bids must be submitted to Alvin W. Krich and M. J. Curry, officers of the company, at 37 Wall St., New York, before Oct. 18.—V. 125, p. 1577.

Wilmington Ry. Bridge Co.—Tentative Value.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$256,000 on the owned but not used (not owned and used) property of the company, as of June 30 1917.

This company is leased to and used jointly by the Seaboard Air Line Ry. and the Atlantic Coast Line RR., for their crossing of the Cape Fear and the North East rivers, and entry into the city of Wilmington, N. Caro.—V. 125, p. 1577.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Adirondack Electric Power Corp.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 50-year 5% 1st mtge. gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1912, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1928 at 105 and int. at the New England Trust Co., trustee, 135 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.—V. 125, p. 1323.

American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—Plans to Extend Activities in Brazil, Colombia, France and Japan.—Plans for extending its activities to Brazil, Colombia, France, Japan, and other foreign countries are given in the letter of transmittal in the annual report of the company, just issued [see under "Financial Reports" above]. It is stated in the letter that Electric Bond & Share Co. acquired, at its own cost and risk and for its own account, securities or interests in companies directly or indirectly owning hydro-electric or other public service properties in these countries. All of these securities and interests have been vested by Electric Bond & Share Co. in South American Power Co., a new company recently organized in Florida.

Although it has no commitment or obligation to American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., the Electric Bond & Share Co. offers to turn over to American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., all the outstanding securities of South American Power Co. in exchange for securities of American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.

The stockholders of American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., will hold their annual meeting in Augusta, Me., on Oct. 18, and this plan for acquiring the securities of the South American Power Co. will, among other matters, come before the meeting.

The present properties controlled by American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., operate in Cuba, Panama, Guatemala and Ecuador.

The stockholders will also vote on amending the first sentence of the sixth paragraph of Sec. 4 of the by-laws of the corporation, so that said sentence shall be and read as follows:

"Subject to the rights of the holders of the preferred stock and the \$6 preferred stock, and in subordination thereto as aforesaid, the 2d preferred stock, series A, shall be entitled, in preference to the common stock, to dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per annum, payable as the board of directors may from time to time determine; with respect to 2d preferred stock, series A, issued on or before Jan. 2 1924, such dividends shall be cumulative from Jan. 1 1924 and with respect to 2d preferred stock, series A, issued after Jan. 2 1924 such dividends shall be cumulative from Jan. 1 1924, unless dividends shall have been paid for a period subsequent to that date, in which event such dividends shall be cumulative from the day next following the end of the last period for which dividends shall have been paid on the 2d preferred stock, series A, theretofore issued and then outstanding, unless the directors prior to the issue of any shares thereof shall have fixed some subsequent date with respect to such shares, in which event dividend shall be cumulative from said subsequent date; provided, that all dividends declared on the 2d preferred stock, series A, for any period prior to the then current regular dividend period, if any, in which such dividends are declared, shall be on account of the dividends then longest in arrears on any of the outstanding 2d preferred stock, series A."

Further details are given in the annual report of the company, published under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 125, p. 1834.

American States Securities Corp. (& Contr. Co.'s).

Results for 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1927.

Gross earnings (all sources).....	\$5,452,408
Operating expenses, incl. maintenance & general taxes.....	3,257,592
Interest on funded debt (sub. cos.).....	1,061,085
Dividends (sub. company pref. stocks).....	627,465

Balance available (Am. States Securities Corp.) & for reserves	\$506,265
Interest charges (American States Securities Corp.).....	2,295

Balance available for reserves, Federal taxes & surplus.....\$503,971

Above earnings statement is after acquisition of Jacksonville Gas Co. and after absorbing full annual interest and dividend charges due to the acquisition, although actual transfer was not made until July 1 1927.

Capitalization outstanding consists of 962,270 shs. class A common stock (no par) and 538,553 shs. class B common stock (no par) full voting.—V. 125, p. 1578.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (& Subs.).

Period end. Aug. 31—	1927—Month—	1926. —12 Mos.—	1926. —1926.	
Gross earnings.....	\$4,017,476	\$3,637,648	\$47,956,262	\$43,939,185
Oper. exp., maint. & tax.....	2,218,492	1,913,178	24,946,566	23,054,476
Gross income.....	\$1,798,984	\$1,724,470	\$23,009,696	\$20,884,709
Int. & amort. of discount of subsidiaries.....	743,410	743,990	8,625,801	8,474,598
Pref. divs. of subsidi.....	381,142	358,326	4,466,348	4,212,633
Minority interest.....	3,954	6,165	48,829	53,447
Balance.....	\$670,478	\$615,989	\$9,868,717	\$8,144,030
Int. & amort. of disc. of A. W. W. & E. Co.	105,113	93,887	1,169,688	1,131,631
Reserved for renewals, replace. & depletion....	271,382	251,968	3,492,536	3,179,215
Net income.....	\$293,982	\$270,134	\$5,206,493	\$3,833,184

The consolidated net income of the company, \$5,206,493, is equivalent, after accrued 1st pref. divs., to \$3.10 a share on the 1,361,411 shares of common stock outstanding as of Aug. 31 1927. Net income after similar charges for 1926, amounting to \$3,833,184, would have been \$2.20 per share on the number of shares of common stock which would have been then outstanding on the basis of the present capitalization.

Net power output of the electric subsidiaries of the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., for the month of August 1927, was 148,470,123 kilowatt hours, comparing with 120,846,818 kilowatt hours for the corresponding month of 1926, a gain of 23%. For the first 8 months of 1927 net power output totaled 1,171,711,613 kilowatt hours, against 953,107,528 kilowatt hours for the corresponding period of 1926, a gain of 23%.—V. 125, p. 1834.

Associated Gas & Electric System.—Earnings.

12 Months Ended July 31—	1927.	1926.	Increase—Amount.	Per Ct.
Gross earnings.....	\$32,797,670	\$27,943,325	\$5,603,345	21
Oper. exp., maint., all tax., &c.	17,557,910	15,368,429	2,189,481	14
Net earnings.....	\$15,239,760	\$11,825,896	\$3,413,864	29
Pref. divs. of sub. & affil. cos.	8,395,392	6,945,791	1,449,601	20
Balance.....	\$6,844,368	\$4,880,105	\$1,964,263	40
Pref. divs. paid or accrued.....	2,834,895	1,181,735	1,653,160	140
Balance.....	\$4,009,473	\$3,698,370	\$311,103	8
Prov. for replace. & renewals....	1,697,577	1,554,442	143,135	9
Balance.....	\$2,311,896	\$2,143,928	\$167,968	8
Class A priority divs. (\$2 per sh.) ..	826,633	572,621	254,012	44

Balance for class A partic. class B & com. divs. & sur.....\$1,485,263 \$1,571,307 **\$86,044 *5

* Decrease.—V. 125, p. 1578.

Augusta-Aiken Ry. & Electric Corp.—Rate Increase.

Colonel Franklin Q. Brown, President of the corporation, announces that the company's application for an increase in rates has been granted by the Georgia P. S. Commission. The Augusta-Aiken serves without competition Augusta, Ga. and Aiken, S. C. and surrounding territory and has super-power connection with the Southeastern Power & Light System, which, in turn, is tied up with the Southern Power Co. and other important power companies throughout the South. Colonel Brown states that this increase will add materially to the earnings of the Augusta-Aiken System.—V. 124, p. 3205.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Appropriations.

The directors have appropriated \$3,160,829 for new telephone construction in Pennsylvania. More than 31,000 new telephones have been added to the system in this State since Jan. 1. So far this year the directors have approved expenditures of \$18,935,224 for this work.—V. 125, p. 779.

Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.—Voting Trust.

Announcement was made Oct. 6 that stockholders of the Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. and of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton, holding a voting control of stock in said companies, have deposited or agreed to deposit their stock under the voting trust of those companies.—V. 125, p. 1458.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Stock Issue.

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue 65,000 additional common shares, par \$100, increasing the capital stock from \$16,259,600 to \$22,759,600. The directors have voted to offer this stock at \$100 a share to stockholders of record Sept. 26. The \$16,259,600 common stock is at present the only stock capitalization of the company, all of which, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by the Massachusetts Gas Cos. The proceeds are to be applied towards the cost of additions and improvements to property.—V. 124, p. 2425.

Boston & Worcester Street Ry.—Sale.

Franklin T. Miller, receiver, will sell the property at auction Oct. 11 at the company's office in Framingham, Mass., the upset price being \$360,000. It is expected that the property will be bid in by the bondholders' protective committee.—V. 125, p. 1578, 1323.

California Oregon Power Co.—Application.

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$1,500,000 6% pref. stock to be sold at not less than 91, and \$1,000,000 15-year 5½% debentures, to be sold at not less than 93 and int.—V. 125, p. 1190.

Canadian Marconi Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profits.....	\$24,363	\$37,984	def\$42,511	def\$39,144
Balance Sheet Dec. 31.				
Assets—	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.
Prop., plant, &c.....	\$3,423,530	\$3,308,263	Capital stock.....	\$3,380,642
Cash.....	80,604	81,650	Mortgage.....	35,000
Accts. receivable.....	357,417	348,662	Accts. payable.....	216,048
Investments.....	100,000	100,000	Marconi's W. T. Co., Ltd., Eng., cash advanced.....	x644,053
Inventories.....	364,358	377,921	Surplus.....	62,347
Deferred charges.....	11,881	8,378		37,984
Total.....	\$4,338,000	\$4,224,876	Total.....	\$4,338,000

x Cash advances, which under agreement will be liquidated by the issue of capital stock.—V. 125, p. 1706.

Central Maine Power Co.—Pref. Stock Increased.

The Maine P. U. Commission has authorized the company to increase its authorized preferred stock from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, par \$100.—V. 125, p. 384.

Central Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.

Howe, Snow & Co., Inc.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; A. B. Leach

In the manner provided in the trust indenture, for the personal property tax in the States of Conn., Pa., Md., Calif. and D. of C., at rates not exceeding the rates in each case as existing on Sept. 1, 1927 (but in the case of Calif. not exceeding 4 mills per annum) and also for the income tax not exceeding 6% on the int. thereon in the State of Massachusetts.

Data from Letter of F. W. Woodcock, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorporated in Delaware in 1915 as Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Co. Name to be presently changed to Eastern Shore Public Service Co. Owns and operates electric public utility properties in Delaware. It also owns 100% of the funded debt and the capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of Eastern Shore Public Service Co. of Maryland Consumers Public Service Co. and the Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Co. of Virginia. Company and its subsidiaries furnish electric light and power service, without competition, to 70 communities having a combined population of approximately 81,000. Among the principal communities served are Laurel, Georgetown and Harrington in Delaware, Salisbury, Cambridge, Crisfield and Ocean City in Maryland, and Exmore and Cape Charles in Virginia. Company's subsidiaries also serve Cambridge, Md., with gas and do the ice business in eight communities.

The electric system of the company and its subsidiaries includes generating stations having a total installed capacity of 8,790 h.p. and 312 miles of high-tension transmission lines and a distribution system serving 15,329 customers. The gas property has daily capacity of 150,000 cu. ft. and 13 miles of mains serving 931 customers. The ice plants have an aggregate daily capacity of 135 tons. During the year ended Aug. 31 1927, 19,406,188 k.w.h. of electrical energy were generated.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).
1st mtg. & 1st lien 20-yr. 5½% gold bonds, series A (this issue)-----\$3,300,000
\$6.50 cum. pref. stock (no par value)-----15,078 shs.
*Common stock (no par value)-----50,000 shs.
*All held by National Public Service Corp.

All stocks and funded debt of the above-named subsidiary companies to be outstanding, except directors' qualifying shares, will be owned by the company and deposited under the indenture.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on electric power and light properties recently appraised with additions to Aug. 31 1927 at a depreciated value of over \$1,763,000, including working capital and going concern value, and a first lien on all outstanding stocks and bonds, except directors' qualifying shares, of the above named subsidiaries, whose properties have been recently appraised with additions to Aug. 31 1927 at a depreciated value of over \$3,267,000, including working capital and going concern value. These bonds to be presently outstanding will therefore represent less than 66% of such total valuation of over \$5,000,000.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings, including other income-----\$1,102,197
Operating expenses, including maintenance and local taxes-----701,244
Net earnings-----\$400,953
Bond interest (this issue)-----181,500
Balance-----\$219,453

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds and shares of preferred and common stocks will be used for the retirement of the present outstanding funded debt of the company, to reimburse the treasury of the company and its subsidiaries for recent additions and betterments and for other corporate purposes.

Management.—Company is controlled, through ownership of 100% of the common stock, by National Public Service Corp. The management is supervised by Day & Zimmermann, Inc.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton.—
Deposit of Stock Under Voting Trust Agreement.—
See Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 125, p. 1459.

Erie Lighting Co. (& Subsidiaries).—Annual Report.—
Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.

Gross revenue from all sources-----\$1,885,626
Oper. exp. & taxes, incl. ordinary maint. but not incl. provision for retirements, renewals and replacements-----1,123,996
Interest on bonds-----150,348
Credit for interest during construction----- (Cr.) 32,535
Provision for retirements, renewals and replacements-----101,082

Balance for other deductions, dividends and surplus-----\$542,735
Pres. J. I. Mange says: "In order to reduce operating expenses, the directors of the company decided, in 1927, to merge into it the Home Heating Co., whose outstanding stock is all held by Erie Lighting Co. Steps have been taken to consummate this arrangement."—V. 123, p. 2260.

Fitchburg & Leominster St. Ry.—No Receivership.—
Judge Morton of the Massachusetts Superior Court, sitting in the equity motion session at Boston refused to act on the petition of Charles S. Cummings of Boston for an injunction to prevent payment of interest on unsecured notes of the company until certain alleged overdue bonds, of which he is a holder, are paid. Mr. Cummings suggested the appointment of a receiver, or as an alternative that the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. take charge and operate the road for the benefit of bondholders. A reorganization plan is being worked out and it is said that a majority of the bondholders are satisfied with the progress being made.—V. 125, p. 1707

Gary Rys. Co.—New Power Station.—
In pursuance of a consistent policy of reducing operating expenses to the lowest possible level consistent with the safe and efficient running of cars, the company completed and placed in service in late August a new 750 kw. power distribution station, which because of its automatic control features, is expected to induce a saving of \$300 monthly. The station represents an investment of approximately \$75,000.—V. 125, p. 1192.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.—
Income Account (Parent Company Only).
Years Ended—
June 30 '27, Mar. 31 '27.
Dividends on stock-----\$1,607,550 \$1,472,989
Interest on loans and notes receivable-----313,262 331,621
Interest on securities and bank balances-----68,249 50,363
Total revenue-----\$1,989,060 \$1,854,973
Expenses and taxes-----70,441 72,508
Interest on notes payable-----17,676 4,299
Net income-----\$1,900,943 \$1,778,166
Surplus at beginning of period-----308,222 335,286
Miscellaneous credits-----7,717 7,703
Total-----\$2,216,882 \$2,121,155
Dividends on preferred stocks-----\$1,084,577 \$1,084,505
Dividends on common stock, class A-----484,280 477,455
Surplus at end of period-----\$648,026 \$559,196

General Balance Sheet (Parent Company Only).
Mar. 31 '27, June 30 '27.
Assets—
Securities owned (incl. organlz.) 26,577,972 26,578,961
Cash-----74,695 155,068
Accts. receivable-----118,577 10,841
Loans & acc'ts rec. 3,898,422 6,445,358
Acct. int. & divs.-----72,309 99,005
Suspense-----21,800
Total-----30,741,974 \$33,111,032
Liabilities—
Capital stock-----30,177,643 30,298,130
Notes payable-----2,350,000
Accounts payable-----5,136 1,500
Interest accrued on notes payable-----13,376
Surplus-----559,196 648,026
Total-----30,741,974 33,311,032
See details in V. 125, p. 1836.

Gladwin (Mich.) Light & Power Co.—Bonds Called.—
All of the outstanding 6% 1st mtg. sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Nov. 1 1944, have been called for payment Nov. 1 next at 102 and int. at the Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—V. 120, p. 582.

Houstan Gulf Gas Co.—Tenders.—
The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, 149 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Oct. 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, due June 1 1931, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$50,786, at prices not exceeding 104 and int.—V. 125, p. 1460, 913.

Illuminating & Power Securities Corp.—Annual Report
Years Ended July 31—
Total income from investments-----\$557,017 1926. \$519,653
Net profit on securities sold-----197,505 427,367

Total income-----\$754,522 \$947,020
Expenses, including taxes & int. paid & accrued-----79,414 86,857
Net income-----\$675,108 \$860,163
Previous surplus-----1,633,099 1,575,436
Total-----\$2,308,207 \$2,435,599
Preferred dividends (\$7)-----87,500 87,500
Common dividends-----a290,000 b715,000
Surplus at July 31-----\$1,930,707 \$1,633,099
Earnings per share on 50,000 shares (par \$50) common stock outstanding-----\$11.75 \$15.45
a (\$5.80). b (\$14.30).

Comparative Balance Sheet July 31.
Assets—
Investments-----\$6,008,223 \$5,962,999
Cash-----201,672 299,668
Accrued interest on invest'm't bonds. 3,484 16,117
Total (each side)-----\$6,213,379 \$6,278,784
Liabilities—
Preferred stock-----\$1,250,000 \$1,250,000
Common stock-----2,500,000 2,500,000
Notes payable-----250,000 600,000
Acct. int. notes pay-----194 2,366
Accrued taxes-----63,103 73,944
Dividends payable-----44,375 44,375
Reserve account-----x175,000 175,000
Surplus-----1,930,707 1,633,099

x In accordance with the charter an amount equal to 2 years dividends on outstanding preferred stock.—V. 123, p. 1251.

Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co.—Bonds Called.—
The company has called for redemption as of Dec. 1 next \$18,800 1st mtg. 30-year s. f. gold bonds, series A, and \$10,200 of series B, at 107½ and int. Payment will be made at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, corporate trustee, Chicago, Ill.—V. 125, p. 1708.

International Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—
6 Months Ended June 30—
Gross earnings-----\$2,024,393 1926. \$1,822,084
Operating expenses-----1,106,451 1,108,011
Net operating earnings-----\$917,942 \$714,073
—V. 125, p. 648.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—
Otis & Co. and Guaranty Co. of New York are offering at 104½ per share flat, to yield about 5.74%, 20,000 shares first pref. stock, series B \$6 dividend (no par value).

Transfer agents, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and Kansas City Power & Light Co., Kansas City, Mo. Registrars, Northern Trust Co., Chicago; Chase National Bank, New York, and Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. Cumulative dividends payable Q-J. Red. in whole or in part upon 60 days' notice at \$115 per share plus divs. Dividends free from present normal Federal income tax.

Data from Letter of Joseph F. Porter, President of the Company.
Company.—Does the entire central station power and light business in Kansas City, Mo., as well as supplying all current consumed by the street railways in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. It also sells at wholesale or retail electric current used in portions of 21 surrounding counties in Missouri and Kansas and does a large power business in Kansas City, Kan., and vicinity. The territory served has a total population of approximately 700,000.

The rapid growth of the business is indicated by the increase in power generated and purchased from 94,864,382 k.w.h. in 1915 to 430,983,344 k.w.h. in the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for the cost of new generating units and other permanent improvements, additions and betterments heretofore made.
Valuation.—The value of the company's properties as fixed by the Missouri Public Service Commission in 1918, plus improvements, additions and betterments subsequently made at actual cost is approximately \$49,172,624. Adding to this the value of the coal rights owned by the company and of property under construction, all amounting to over \$4,424,436, and applying the proceeds from the sale of this stock, the total property value is approximately \$52,597,060, or, after allowance for the company's outstanding funded debt, approximately \$164 per share of first preferred stock to be outstanding, including this issue.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Kansas Public Service Commission.

Capitalization.—
First mtg. bonds, series A 5%-----x
do do series B 4½%-----3,000,000
Capital stock (no par):
First preferred stock series A \$7-----}250,000 shs. (110,000 shs.
do do series B \$6 (incl. this issue)-----} (40,000 shs.)
Participating preferred stock-----100,000 shs. None
Common stock-----350,000 shs. 320,000 shs.
x Limited by the restrictions of the mortgage.

Earnings, &c., for Calendar Years.
Calendar Years—
Gross Earnings. Net Earnings. K.w.h. Generated. K.w.h. Purchased. Total.
1922-----\$7,949,411 \$1,615,436 252,874,398 430,692 253,305,090
1923-----8,933,103 2,123,176 289,527,135 376,564 289,903,699
1924-----9,576,646 2,408,349 315,254,040 328,697 315,582,737
1925-----10,277,524 2,596,633 338,838,100 278,930 339,117,030
1926-----10,839,058 2,839,038 364,925,864 245,007 365,170,871
1927 b-----11,820,932 2,970,585 430,714,679 268,665 430,983,344
a Available for dividends (after all charges, including operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation, interest and taxes). b 12 months ended Aug. 31.
Net earnings available for dividends for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927, as shown above, amounted to more than 2.9 times the annual dividend requirements of the company's first preferred stock to be outstanding, including this issue. The amount set aside for depreciation for this 12-month period was \$1,518,080.—V. 124, p. 3772.

Kansas Power Co.—Registrar.—
The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for 4,000 shares of 7% preferred stock.—V. 125, p. 1837.

Key System Transit Co.—New Directors.—
John S. Drum has retired as a director, and Robert W. Miller and F. H. Crosby have been elected to the board. Mr. Crosby, who represents the bond interests, has also been made Vice-President.—V. 125, p. 1192.

Lake Ontario Power Corp.—Consolidation Approved.—
Under date of Sept. 22 1927 the New York P. S. Commission has approved the merger of the Sodus Gas & Electric Light Co., the Marlon Power Co. and the Northern Cayuga Light & Power Corp. into the Lake Ontario Power Corporation and has authorized the issuance by the latter of \$1,000,000 1st mtg. 30-year 5½% bonds. The Sodus company has, in accordance with the indenture, issued its call notice for the payment on Nov. 1 1927 at 105 and int., of all of its outstanding 1st mtg. 6% bonds, due May 1 1941.—V. 125, p. 94.

Lansing Fuel & Gas Co.—Bonds Paid.—
The \$743,000 5% bonds, due Oct. 1 1927, are being paid off at office of Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, 15th & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 120, p. 829.

Lehigh Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—
The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 22 approved the acquisition by the Lehigh Telephone Co. of the properties of the Slate Belt Telephone & Telegraph Co.
The Lehigh company, which is a Bell-controlled company, owns and operates a telephone system in Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties, Pa. The Slate company owns and operates a telephone plant in Northampton County with exchanges at Nazareth and Bath, which together serve 844 subscriber stations. It also owns 7.36 pole miles

of toll lines. No exchanges are maintained by the Lehigh company at the points served by the Slate company.

On March 27 1927 the Lehigh company contracted to purchase all the physical and tangible properties of the Slate company, free from all encumbrances, for \$65,000, payable in cash.—V. 122, p. 480.

Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co.—Stock Approved.—

The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue to the Mackay Companies \$1,000,000 common stock at par to pay for physical properties of the Federal Telegraph Co., which are to be operated in connection with the Postal System. Application asked for authority to issue \$1,350,000, but the Commission denied the right of the applicant to capitalize on basis earnings. Tangible physical properties purchased are valued at \$905,414, representing operations in California, Oregon and Washington. In addition to physical properties patent rights held by Federal Telegraph have been sold to the Radio Communications Co., a subsidiary of Mackay Companies, for \$850,000.—V. 125, p. 1837.

Manitoba Power Co., Ltd.—Rights.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 10 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 100,000 shares to 200,000 shares. This company, a subsidiary of the Winnipeg Electric Co., intends to issue 50,000 shares of this stock to shareholders at \$60 per share in the ratio of one share for each two shares held.

Pres. A. W. Presant stated that earnings have reached the point where a dividend is warranted, and it is expected that one will be declared shortly.—V. 125, p. 518.

Massachusetts Utilities Investment Trust.—New Trust.—

Frank D. Comerford, director of the New England Power Association; Luke B. Bradley, President of the Narragansett Electric Lighting Co., and Francis P. Sears, Vice-President of the Columbia National Life Insurance Co., have been elected trustees.—V. 125, p. 1709.

Middlesex County Electric Co.—Holders of 1st Mtge. 7% Bonds Given Exchange Offer.—

The holders of 1st mtge. 7% bonds, due Jan. 1 1937, who were recently offered the privilege of exchanging their bonds for \$6.50 dividend series pref. stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. on the basis of 1 1/2 shares of pref. stock for each \$1,000 bonds, have been advised that this offer will be withdrawn 30 days from Sept. 30.

Bondholders desiring to take advantage of the exchange offer should forward their bonds by registered mail to the Associated Gas & Electric Co., room 2015, 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, prior to the expiration date.—V. 125, p. 1193.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Stock Offered.—

The company is offering \$5,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock at \$100 per share, payable either in cash at a rate of \$10 monthly per share. It is announced that four-fifths of this issue has already been sold. This stock is callable at 110 and int. at the option of the company upon specified notice.—V. 125, p. 1193.

Municipal Gas Co. of Albany, N. Y.—Acquisition.—

See Eastern New York Utilities Corp. above.—V. 125, p. 1709.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Refunding.—

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue \$600,000 of 5% ten-year first mortgage bonds due Jan. 1 1938, the proceeds of which will be used to retire a like amount on Jan. 1 1928. The company also is seeking approval of an issue of \$762,000 5% five-year notes, dated Jan. 1 1928, the proceeds of which will be used to pay off first mortgage bonds maturing on that date. Hearings on these petitions have been set for Oct. 18.

The stockholders on Sept. 30 approved the issue of \$600,000 1st mtge 5% bonds.—V. 125, p. 1461.

New England Public Service Co.—Larger Dividend on Adjustment Preferred Stock.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock and a dividend of \$1.54 per share on the adjustment preferred stock, this latter being at the rate of \$6 per annum for two months and \$6.50 per annum for one month. Both dividends will be payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.

The adjustment stock, which was issued in exchange for 5% preferred stock of the National Light, Heat & Power Co., received dividends at the rate of \$5.50 per annum for the first year, \$6 for the year ended Sept. 30 1927, the dividend increasing annually by 50 cents per share per year until the rate becomes \$7 per share annually.—V. 125, p. 914.

New York Telephone Co.—Expenditures Authorized.—

The directors on Sept. 28 authorized the additional expenditure of \$7,497,641 for new construction work and the expansion of existing plant in various parts of the territory served by the company. This increases the total appropriations made since the first of the year to \$67,878,156, of which \$55,006,830 was set aside for the construction of additional facilities in the metropolitan area.

The Farmers Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 22 William St., N. Y. City, will until Nov. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of first and gen. mtge. sinking fund bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$750,000, at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 125, p. 1830, 1325.

Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.—Merger.—

This company and the Western New York Utilities Inc. have filed petitions with the New York P. S. Commission asking permission to consolidate into a single corporation under the name of the *Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Corp.*—V. 125, p. 781.

North American Co.—To Maintain Present Div. Policy.—

President Frank L. Dame, regarding published reports that dividend payments of the company might be put upon a cash rather than a stock basis, said in substance:

My attention has been called to an article regarding a probable change in the dividend policy of this company. There is no truth whatever in the statement that any change in the present dividend policy is under consideration. The present dividend policy does not more than maintain the ratio of common stock to total capitalization which existed before that policy was adopted. I see no reason for making any such change, nor do I know of any important announcement which rumor states we are going to make.—V. 125, p. 1838, 1709.

Northwest Louisiana Gas Co.—Guaranty, &c.—

See Peoples Gas & Fuel Co., Inc., below.—V. 125, p. 1461.

Penn Public Service Corp.—Holders of First Mortgage 5% Bonds Given Exchange Offer.—

For a limited time the Associated Gas & Electric Co. are offering holders of Penn Public Service Co. first mtge. 5% bonds, the privilege of exchanging their bonds for Associated company \$6.50 dividend series preferred stock on the basis of ten shares of sold stock for each \$1,000 bond.

Bonds should be sent in by registered mail to the Associated company, Room 2015, at 61 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.

Gross revenues from all sources	\$10,201,649
Oper. exp. and taxes, incl. ordinary maintenance, but not incl. Provision for retirements, renewals and replacements	5,249,885
Interest on bonds	1,056,637
Provision for retirements, renewals and replacements	524,939
Balance for other deductions, dividends and surplus	\$3,370,188

Pres. J. I. Mange says in part: Service was being rendered at the close of 1926 to 95,038 electric and 14,720 gas consumers in western Pennsylvania as compared with 89,128 electric and 14,171 gas consumers at the close of 1925, or increases of 6.6% and 3.9%, respectively.

Permanent additions to the plant and property of the company and its subsidiaries for the year amounted to \$2,570,920.

At the present time steps are also under way toward the acquisition of the fee simple title to the physical property, by merger or purchase, of the following companies which have for some time been a part of the system: Citizens' L. H. & P. Co. of Salisbury, United Light, Heat & Power Co. Garrett Light, Heat & Power Co., Venango Public Service Corp. Meyersdale Elec. L. H. & Pow. Co., Wayside Electric Co. Summit Twp. E. L., H. & Pow. Co. White Oak Light, Heat & Power Co.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant and property	xxxx\$53,887,889	6% preferred stock \$698,600
Inv. in affil. non-sub. cos.	3,906,284	Common stock y4,186,375
Adv. to affil. non-sub. cos.	17,372,540	Erie Ltr. Co. pref. stock	z1,023,465
Cash and special deposits	856,999	Advances from affil. cos.	40,661,390
Notes receivable 18,435	Long term debt	a18,122,500
Accounts receivable	1,118,247	Notes & accts' pay., &c.	863,340
Materials and supplies	736,967	Accr. liab. (taxes, int., &c)	701,958
Miscellaneous investm'ts	10,090	Consumers' deposits	261,702
Other miscell. assets	76,449	Res. for retirements, re-	
Unamortized debt disc't		newals and replace ts.	3,327,131
and expense	1,516,800	Other reserves	703,799
Prepayment and suspense	256,302	Corporate surplus	1,391,537
		Capital surplus	7,815,204
Total	\$79,757,003	Total	\$79,757,003

a Erie Lighting Co., \$3,003,000; Penn Public Service Corp., \$15,119,500. *x* Stated at reproduction cost. *y* Represented by 850,000 shares of no par value. *z* Represented by 31,047 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 844.

Peoples Gas & Fuel Co., Inc., Shreveport, La.—Bonds Sold.—Glidden, Morris & Co., Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc., and Faxon, Gade & Co., Inc., have sold \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, series A (with stock purchase warrants), at 98 and int., to yield over 6 3/4%. Guaranteed unconditionally, both as to principal and interest, by the Northwest Louisiana Gas Co., Inc.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each bond will carry detachable stock purchase warrants entitling the holder thereof to purchase shares of no par value common stock of Northwest Louisiana Gas Co. at the rate of 10 shares for each \$1,000 of bonds, during any one of the following periods and at the following prices per share: at \$10 per share Oct. 1 1927 to and incl. Oct. 1 1932; at \$15 per share thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1937.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1937. Int. payable A. & O. in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund upon proper application all State, personal property and income taxes and the Dist. of Col. personal property tax, in any event not exceeding 5 mills per dollar per annum. Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Charles G. Laskey, President of the Company.

Company.—Is a consolidation of 12 natural gas distribution systems together with transmission lines, serving communities in northern Louisiana. This section of Louisiana is undergoing a substantial industrial and agricultural growth. Industrial plants attracted by cheap fuel, which have recently come into this territory, include pulp and paper, pottery, cotton gins, cotton mills, cotton compresses and ice plants. Besides serving these industries, Peoples Gas & Fuel Co. supplies gas under contract to the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Homer municipal electric light plant, Louisiana & Northwest RR. and others. Its principal business, however, is retail, the yearly consumption for domestic purposes averaging over 500,000,000 cubic feet per year. The yearly growth in population of the communities served averaged 8.9% a year, whereas the yearly increase in meter installation averaged 20% last year. The population served is estimated to be in excess of 100,000.

Gas is purchased under long-term contracts from the Northwest Louisiana Gas Co. and from a large independent producer of gas in the Monroe gas field of Louisiana.

Control.—Company is controlled through ownership of all its capital stock by the Northwest Louisiana Gas Co., except directors' qualifying shares.

Security.—Bonds constitute a first mortgage on the entire assets of the company, including over 180 miles of transmission lines, and distributing systems, and by the pledge or mortgage of gas contracts and agreements. The mortgaged properties as estimated by Herbert R. Davis have a net worth of \$2,200,000.

Earnings.—The following estimate of earnings, based on actual operations of constituent parts of the system, has been made by certified public accountants:

	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$319,198	\$298,824	\$271,658
Operating expenses	91,117	87,242	82,109

Maximum annual interest requirements no this series of bonds..... 65,000

Net earnings as above average in excess of 3 times the maximum annual interest requirements on this series of bonds.

Company started operation as a unified completed system in Sept. 1927. The individual properties which were in operation the first half of 1927 reported a gross revenue on a yearly basis of \$179,342.

Guarantor.—Northwest Louisiana Gas Co., which has unconditionally guaranteed these bonds both as to principal and interest, is engaged in the production, transportation and wholesale distribution of natural gas. Through the bringing together of these properties under the experienced management and ownership of the Northwest Louisiana Gas Co., the combined companies will be the controlling factor in the distribution of natural gas at retail for the north central part of the State of Louisiana, serving a section extending from Shreveport on the west to Monroe on the east.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
1st Mt. skg. fund gold bonds, series A (this issue)..... a\$1,500,000 \$1,000,000
5-yr. 7% skg. fund mtge. gold notes, series A..... 500,000 250,000
Common stock (no par value)..... 75,000 shs. b75,000 shs.

A additional bonds may from time to time be issued under the first mortgage indenture under the customary conservative restrictions which provide that the company may not issue bonds under this mortgage for more than 70% of the real value of properties to be acquired, and in no event if the earnings of the company, together with the earnings of the properties to be acquired, by independent audit, amount to less than 3 times the requirements on the bonds at that time outstanding, together with those to be at that time issued. b All owned by Northwest Louisiana Gas Co.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a quarterly sinking fund commencing July 1 1928 of \$40,000 annually, payable in equal quarterly installments in cash or bonds at par, to which is added amounts equal to the interest on bonds retired through the operation of the sinking fund. In addition, at semi-annual intervals, an amount equal to 25% of the net earnings as defined in the trust indenture shall be added to the sinking fund.

All cash payments received by the trustee are to be applied to the purchase of bonds at prices not exceeding the current redemption price, or if bonds are not so obtainable, such funds shall be used for the redemption of bonds to be selected by lot. Bonds thus purchased or called shall be canceled. Through the operation of the sinking fund it is calculated that this entire issue will be retired prior to maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay in part for the cost of the properties acquired and for other corporate purposes.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding gen. & ref. mtge. gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1963, have been called for payment Dec. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, Ill.—V. 125, p. 1838.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Exchange of Stock for United Gas Improvement Co. Stock Proposed.—

See United Gas Improvement Co. below.

Certain 1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5 1/2% series, due 1953, aggregating \$68,400, have been called for payment. Due Nov. 1 at 107 1/2 and int. at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 125, p. 1838, 1711.

Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd.—2% Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. The last previous dividend on this stock was 1%, paid Jan. 15 1927. About 90% of the outstanding common stock is owned by the International Power Co.—V. 124, p. 1981.

Potomac Edison Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

An issue of \$2,650,000 6% cum. pref. stock is being offered by W. C. Langley & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., at 100 and div.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Data from Letter of M. F. Riley, President of the Company.

Company.—Operates and controls electric power and light properties serving substantially all of western Maryland up to within 25 miles of

Baltimore, and in adjacent areas of northern Virginia, northeastern West Virginia and southern Pennsylvania, and certain transportation properties. The total population served is estimated to exceed 340,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to partly reimburse the company for additions, extensions and improvements, including the new 30,000 kilowatt unit in the Williamsport station.

Consolidated Earnings of Company and Subsidiaries 12 Months Ended Aug. 31.		
	1926.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$4,284,566	\$4,765,995
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	2,359,433	2,651,295
Net earnings	\$1,925,133	\$2,114,700
Interest on funded debt	—	856,661
Other interest and deductions	—	144,186

Balance \$1,113,853
Annual dividend on preferred stock, including this issue..... 412,884

The balance of \$1,113,853, as shown above, for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927 is equal to over 2.6 times the annual dividend requirements on the preferred stock outstanding, including this issue, and after deducting reserves for renewals and replacements of \$270,919 is over twice such dividend requirements.

Control.—All of the common stock of the company is owned by the West Penn Electric Co.

Capitalization Outstanding with Public.

Preferred stock, cumulative (par \$100)	*\$6,381,400
Common stock, no par value	120,000 shs.
Funded debt	\$14,949,000

* Consisting of \$3,381,400 6% preferred stock (incl. this issue) and \$3,000,000 7% preferred stock.

Subsidiary companies have outstanding with the public \$1,010,900 of funded obligations and \$217,800 of preferred stock.—V. 125, p. 1838.

Public Service Co. of Colorado.—Contract Approved.—The City Council of Denver, Colo., has approved the so-called natural gas ordinance giving this company, a subsidiary of the Cities Service Co., a contract to distribute natural gas in Denver. Denver, by the fall of 1928, will be using natural gas, according to George H. Shaw, counsel for the Public Service Co. The gas will be obtained from the leases in the Texas Panhandle of the Producers & Refiners Corp., which is controlled by Prairie Oil & Gas Co. The Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), in union with the Prairie Oil Co., will build a pipe line from the Texas Panhandle to Denver to deliver the natural gas to the Public Service Co.—V. 124, p. 922.

Public Service Corp of New Jersey.—Stock Ownership.—The corporation announced that a total of \$6,103,300 of its 6% cum. pref. stock was sold on the first day of the popular stock ownership campaign now in progress. The sale consisted of 61,033 shares at \$100 par value each, the stock being sold to 7,981 individual subscribers, as indicated by incomplete returns. This showing establishes a new high record passing any showing made during previous campaigns and is equal to almost double the amount unofficially offered in the current campaign, which was 35,000 shares.

During the popular ownership campaign last April a total of \$1,982,900 or 19,829 shares, was sold on the first day of the campaign and a total of \$8,150,600, or 61,506 shares, was sold in the 7 days of the spring campaign, when the offering was twice oversubscribed.—V. 125, p. 1838.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Places New Transmission Line in Service.—

The new steel tower transmission line erected by the company to connect its Kearny (N. J.) plant with the recently completed switching station at Athena, has just been put in service. The new line will permit the delivery of power from the Kearny, Essex and Marion power stations to the Passaic division and largely increases the company's capacity in that section.

The line is to be extended from Athena to a new switching station under process of erection at Roseland and from Roseland to Metuchen where still another switching station is being built. With the completion of the line to Metuchen a total of 135,000 additional horse power will be placed at the disposal of industrial and domestic users. The work, including the switching stations, will cost about \$14,000,000 and the new line will, it is expected, be in operation in about a year.

It is planned ultimately to build a line from Kearny, through Elizabeth to Metuchen switching station, the whole to enclose the most populous section of New Jersey, with a population of more than 1,600,000. The total length of this tower line is to be about 46 miles. Into the power circuit thus formed will be fed energy generated in adjacent company stations now in operation or to be built as well as energy received through interconnections with other systems.

The Roseland switching station, the largest in the system, will occupy about 40 acres and will cost between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. Besides its function in connection with Public Service operations it will be a part of the system that is being built to interconnect Public Service lines with those of the Philadelphia Electric Co. and the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. Energy received from these companies will be here transferred to the Public Service circuit and visa versa.—V. 125, p. 1838.

Quebec Southern Power Corp., Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 6½% 1st mtge. & coll. trust 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, due 1945, have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 102½ and int. at the Montreal Trust Co., trustee, Montreal, Que.—V. 125, p. 96.

Radio Corp. of America.—New Direct High Power Service Opened with Belgium.—

A direct high-power radio communication service between the United States and Belgium was officially opened to the public Oct. 3, according to an announcement by General J. G. Harbord, President of the Radio Corp. of America. Beginning last Monday, radiograms for transmission to Belgium were accepted at the rate of 23c. a word and 11¼c. a word deferred rate. Officials of the RCA also announced a radio letter service to Belgium at the rate of 8c. a word with a 20-word minimum, and a week-end letter service at the rate of 6c. a word with a 20-word minimum.

Following the promotion of Elmer E. Bucher to Asst. Vice-Pres., the corporation, in a statement by David Sarnoff, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., on Oct. 4 announced the appointment of Joseph L. Ray as Gen. Sales Mgr.—V. 125, p. 915, 781.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Elec. Co.—Progress.—

During the first 8 months of 1927 this company, a subsidiary of the Standard Gas & Electric Co., added 2,242 electric customers to its lines.

The company has just completed a modern electric substation at El Cajon. This new station, placed in service during August, makes available a large additional amount of energy for the entire El Cajon Valley. Plans also are under way for the improvement of the electric substations at Oceanside. These improvements will provide additional energy for the development of the prosperous San Luis Rey Valley and the surrounding avocado country.

Additions and improvements in the company's gas department include the installation of a new generator of 3,500,000 cubic feet capacity, a new gas compressor and a gas exhauster.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the pref. stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.—V. 124, p. 3497

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—

Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Alex. Brown & Sons, Jackson & Curtis and Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc., have sold at 95½ and int. \$35,000,000 1st mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, series A, 4½%. A banking group in Canada also offered a substantial amount of the above bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1967. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable in N. Y. City in U. S. gold coin, in Montreal in Canadian gold coin, or in London in pounds sterling at \$4.86 2-3 without deduction as to bonds held by residents of United States for present or future taxes imposed by any taxing authority in Canada. Callable on 30 days' notice as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date, at 103¼ and int. on or before Oct. 1 1932, the premium thereafter decreasing ½% during each 5-year period to 100¼ and int. during the last 10 years prior to maturity. Montreal Trust Co., trustee.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

1st mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds (this issue).... \$35,000,000
Capital stock, one class, without par val. (auth. 1,600,000 shs.) 1,200,000 shs.

Data from Letter of J. E. Aldred, President of the Company.

Company.—Is one of the largest producers of hydro-electric power in the world. It owns or controls, through stock ownership or through contracts with subsidiary and affiliated companies, water powers and hydro-electric power in the Province of Quebec aggregating over 1,000,000 h.p., of which 650,000 h.p. is developed and now in use and 356,000 h.p. is undeveloped.

Company owns 1,400 miles of high-tension transmission lines, incl. lines to Montreal and the city of Quebec, and with subsidiary and affiliated companies it has about 1,600 miles of distribution lines and furnishes electricity to 227 communities, comprising substantially all the larger cities and manufacturing districts in the Province of Quebec. Total population of territory served is about 2,300,000.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds of these \$35,000,000 bonds, together with proceeds of 100,000 shares of capital stock, included in the above statement of capitalization, will be used to retire, through call, all present funded debt of the company, aggregating \$26,392,500 (see V. 125, p. 1839), and to supply more than \$9,000,000 to defray cost of additions, improvements and acquisitions.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by direct 1st mtge. on the company's lands, rights in lands, water powers, dams, power houses and transmission lines now owned; by pledge of certain 1st mtge. bonds of electric and manufacturing companies now controlled, and by floating charge on all other present and future assets of the company. Except as stated above or as otherwise provided in the mortgage, the lien of the mortgage will not extend to future acquired property or securities other than such as are made the basis of the issue of additional bonds.

Upon completion of present financing, total book value of properties and securities to be covered by these \$35,000,000 of bonds will be more than \$50,000,000, of which more than \$40,000,000 will comprise properties on which these bonds will be a direct 1st mtge. and more than \$10,000,000 will comprise 1st mtge. bonds of other companies now controlled. Actual value of the mortgaged properties considerably exceeds the above book values. Additional bonds are issuable under restrictions of the mortgage.

Earnings 12 Months Ended August 31.

	Gross Earns.	Net Earns. a	b Int. Charges.	Balance.
1921-----	\$4,224,046	\$2,838,995	\$1,048,182	\$1,790,813
1922-----	4,629,641	2,953,061	1,155,778	1,977,283
1923-----	5,110,539	3,470,899	1,130,338	1,981,560
1924-----	5,741,079	3,320,551	1,274,652	2,045,899
1925-----	6,702,034	3,700,877	1,334,538	2,366,339
1926-----	7,660,207	4,417,067	1,459,744	2,957,323
1927 c-----	8,818,111	4,813,730	1,574,356	3,239,374

a Before deprec. & income taxes, applicable to int. charges. b Incl. int. charged to capital account. c 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927.

Net earnings of \$4,813,730 for 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927, as above, were more than 3 times the \$1,575,000 annual int. requirement on this issue constituting total funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of present financing.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund of 1% per annum (first payment Dec. 31 1928) on largest amount of 1st mtge. and coll. trust bonds outstanding in each year is to be used for purchase or call and retirement of bonds issued under this mortgage.—V. 125, p. 1839.

Sodus Gas & Electric Light Co.—Merger Approved.—
See Lake Ontario Power Corp. above.—V. 125, p. 96.

South American Power Co. (Florida).—Securities and Interests Acquired by Electric Bond & Share Co. in Foreign Countries Vested in New Company.—American & Foreign Power Co. Inc. to Acquire Securities of South American Power Co.—
See latter company above also under "Financial Reports".

Southern California Edison Co.—Stock Offered at \$28.75 per Share Flat.—

The price at which the \$1,750,000 7% cum. pref. stock was offered by a syndicate headed by E. H. Rollins & Sons was \$28.75 flat, and not \$27.75 as noted in V. 125, p. 433.

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with Los Angeles First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., and Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., for payment of ref. mtge. 5% series of 1932 bond coupons. (See V. 125, p. 1582.)—V. 125, p. 1839.

Sweetwater Water Corp.—Co-Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with the Los Angeles First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., for the payment of the 1st mtge. 5½% bond coupons.—V. 125, p. 650.

Union d'Electricite, Paris, France.—To Erect Large Electric Generation Plant.—

The company is planning the construction of a large steam-driven generating station at Vitry, France. The plans call for a power plant having an ultimate capacity of 533,000 h.p., which will rank with the largest stations of its kind in the world.

The company supplies electric service to the great industrial districts surrounding Paris on all sides within a radius of 30 miles, and a large part of the power used for electric transportation within the walls of Paris. The company also supplies power to the electrified lines of two important railway systems and most of the suburban traction lines.

The consumption of electric energy, which has been increasing at the rate of 10% annually in the Paris district, has grown in 1926 to 1,400,000,000 k.w.h. A large part of this power is supplied by the Union d'Electricite, it is announced. Increased demands for power have resulted in expansion of the company's Gennevilliers plant and the new station at Vitry will share the load of the Paris district. It is further stated that the distribution system of the company in the southeast suburbs is already connected with the new installed hydro-electric plant at Erzuzon on the Creuse River south of Paris by a double 90,000-volt transmission line, to which there will soon be added a 150,000-volt line.—V. 119, p. 2649.

United Electric Service Co. (Unione Esercizi Elettrici), "Unes," Italy.—

E. H. Rollins & Sons announce the receipt of preliminary advices to the effect that the above company, for the year ended June 3 1927, reports net profits after depreciation of 33,664,790 lire.

A dividend of 9 lire has been declared on the common stock, par value 50 lire, the equivalent of 18%.—V. 124, p. 2122.

United Gas Improvement Co.—To Increase Capital Stock—Offer to Philadelphia Electric Co. Stockholders.—

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on Dec. 7 next to act on the proposition to increase the authorized capital stock (par \$50) from 2,130,083 shares to 6,000,000 shares. Action will also be taken, in the event of such increase, to authorize the directors to issue 1,859,061 shares of the stock or any part thereof in exchange and payment for shares of the capital stock of the Philadelphia Electric Co. upon the basis of one share (par \$50) of United Gas Improvement stock for two shares (par \$25) of Philadelphia Electric stock. Transfer books close Nov. 25, open Dec. 8. (Compare V. 125, p. 1582.)

Benefits of Consolidation.—A statement by Arthur W. Thompson, President, issued Oct. 1, says:

The consolidation of the interests of the U. G. I. Co. and the Phila. Elec. Co., which has been approved by the boards of directors of both companies, has been discussed for years and several efforts have been made during the last 10 or 15 years to bring it about. It is made possible now only because the stockholders of both companies and the public generally have come to recognize that it is demanded by the higher standards of service of to-day. It is unquestionably in the highest interests of Greater Philadelphia that its gas and electric services should be under a single management. This step is in harmony with the best thought of the public utility industry, and is a logical development dictated not only by the economies of the situation but also by the technical and scientific problems involved.

Co-operation should result in a higher and more reliable standard of service. It means financing of the great sums needed for expansion in the future on more favorable terms. It means substantial economies

resulting from concentrated purchasing on a large scale. It means that the gas and electric service throughout the metropolitan area of Philadelphia will be governed by the highest consideration of public policy and responsibility to the consumer and the public generally.

The consolidation of these interests is in line with the development of the constructive policy which the directors of the U. G. I. Co. have adopted. This policy contemplates the acquisition of gas and electric properties operating in the territory contiguous to that of properties owned and operated by the U. G. I. which are rendering gas and electric service to the public under similar industrial and commercial conditions.

The Philadelphia Electric Co. will not lose its corporate identity but will continue to serve the people of Philadelphia with an increasingly high standard of electric service. The acquisition of a controlling interest by the U. G. I. should not in any way be disturbing to the employees of the Philadelphia Electric Co. My experience has been that the effect will be to enlarge their usefulness and increase their opportunities for service. The great problem in the public utility business to-day is to find men and women with the necessary experience and courage to assume the growing responsibilities which the development of the industry is imposing upon them. The U. G. I. has for years been training men and women for such increasing responsibilities in all of the properties which it operates. We are constantly advancing able employees to positions of higher and greater responsibilities.—V. 125, p. 1840.

United Railways Co. of St. Louis.—Interest.—

Holders of certificates of deposit for, and undeposited St. Louis & Suburban Ry. Co. gen. mtge. 5% gold bonds are notified by the reorganization committee (F. O. Watts, Chairman) that the mortgage securing the bonds having been foreclosed, no interest is payable for the 6 months' period ending Oct. 1 1927. Pursuant to the readjustments provided for under the plan of reorganization dated Oct. 1 1924, the Committee has made arrangements to pay an amount equivalent to the interest to holders of the certificates of deposit who present their certificates to Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., or New York Trust Co., New York, on or after Oct. 1 1927.

Holders of undeposited bonds may avail themselves of this privilege by depositing their bonds under the plan of reorganization with either Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, or New York Trust Co., as depositaries, on or before Oct. 15 1927, or such later date as may be fixed by the committee.—V. 125, p. 1054, 916.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Earnings.—

Comparative Income Account for 12 Months Ended June 30 (Parent Co. Only).

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1927, 1926, and another 1926 column. Rows include Engineering fees and profits on construction, Profit on invest., and sale of properties, Interest and dividends, Management and supervision, Miscellaneous, Gross income, Operating expenses, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Interest on loans and notes payable, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Depreciation F. & F. and autos, Reserve for Federal income tax, Miscellaneous, Net income, Surplus beginning period, Total, Adjustments during period, Dividends—Pref. stock, Class "A" stock, Class "B" stock, Surplus end of period.

Comparative Balance Sheet as at June 30 (Parent Co.).

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1927, 1926, Liabilities, 1927, 1926. Rows include Furn. & fixtures, Cons. work in prog., Investments, Special deposits, Cash, Marketable secur., Notes receivable, Inventories, Accts. receivable, Cash surr. value, Due from empl. on stock subscr'p's., Pref. stock of subs. held for exch., Deferred assets, Deferred charges, Total.

Total—\$69,299,297\$25,265,357 a Represented by 362,234 shares of no par value. b Represented by 900,992 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 1840.

Waterloo Cedar Falls & Northern Ry.—Earnings, &c.

—The protective committee for the 1st mtge. bondholders (E. V. Kane, Chairman) Oct. 1, says in part:

Since the period covered by the report of the committee to the bondholders under date of Feb. 15 1926 (V. 122, p. 1028), the affairs of the company have experienced substantial improvement. For some years Iowa was in the throes of a business depression, largely the result of a decline in the prices of farm products and the collapse of the land boom following the close of the World War. Added to these adverse influences was the competition of the bus and the privately owned motor car. While the latter influences remain, the company has, nevertheless, met this competition with decreasing loss, while the improvement in general business has materially increased its freight revenue.

Briefly, the company is in the most favorable position it has occupied since the protective committee assumed control.

This improvement encourages the hope that the committee may be able to dispose of the property through sale or merger. These failing, a reorganization would be in order.

Up to date there have been deposited with the protective committee \$5,241,000 out of a total of \$5,773,000 outstanding 1st mtge. bonds; in addition, there has been transferred to the committee \$2,170,000 out of a total of \$2,333,000 outstanding common stock.

C. M. Cheney, Pres. & Gen. Mgr., in a letter to E. V. Kane, Chairman of the protective committee, Aug. 31 1927, said in substance:

A brief review of the progress made in the operation of this property since Nov. 1 1923 follows:

Table with 4 columns: Statement of Operations—, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net revenue, Taxes, Net inc. applic. to 1st M. bds.

The gross earnings for the year 1924 were \$89,796 and for the year 1925 \$68,752 under 1923. This slump in earnings was due almost entirely to loss in passenger revenues and unfavorable business conditions. The net income for the 3 years was practically the same, as we were able to make a substantial saving in operating expenses during 1924 and 1925. None of this saving was made by deferring maintenance work, the money expended for maintenance during 1924 and 1925 being approximately the same as was expended during 1923.

The freight business handled during 1926 was the greatest in the history of the property.

The first 7 months of 1927 show a gain of \$56,789 in freight revenue over the same period of 1926, but unfortunately there has been a loss in passenger revenue of \$18,859. Operating and maintenance expenses for the

7 months' period, this year, are \$34,000 greater, due principally to higher cost of coal used in the production of power, and an increased amount of maintenance work. The net result of the 7 months' operation, however, was approximately the same as for the corresponding period of 1926.

On Nov. 1 1923, when I assumed the management of the property, there was a balance of \$69,379 due on car trust agreements; this amount has been paid in full and the company, at this time, is free from all equipment obligations. The company was also two years in arrears in the payment of its taxes, representing a total of \$134,101, due for specials, common taxes and penalties. This sum, together with all taxes due to date has been paid. We have been fortunate in getting two reductions in our taxable valuation since 1924, one of \$200 per mile in 1925 and one of \$500 per mile in 1927. As a result, our common taxes are now \$8,742 per year lower than they were in the year 1923.

Since Nov. 1 1923 the following additions to the property have been made: Capital expenditures—Equipment, incl. motor coaches, \$52,286; bridges and buildings, \$33,038; new tracks, \$7,989; street paving, \$4,998; total, \$98,311. None of these items are included in the operating costs.

The accounts payable have been reduced to a low minimum, the only money due being on current items, such as 30-day accounts, pay-rolls and interline freight balances due our connections. The other obligations consist of money due on Government loans, interest on 1st mtge. bonds and a note of \$3,000, which is the balance due on the purchase price of the Cedar Falls passenger terminal.

It is felt that in order to protect our interests, as well as meet the changes that are fast taking place in the transportation field, it will probably be necessary, from time to time, to purchase additional motor coach equipment. We have recently established a motor coach service between Waterloo and Mason City, Ia., a distance of 92 miles. This new service is paying its way, and prospects are good that it will be a profitable operation. It is expected that we will, shortly, find it desirable to establish a motor coach service between Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, on the west side of the Cedar River.

Taking everything into consideration, I feel that we have made some real progress in the operation of this property during the past 3 or 4 years, and I believe that in the interest of the owners of this company's securities the property should be operated as it is for at least another year, or until such a time as it can be disposed of to advantage.—V. 122, p. 1028.

West Chester (Pa.) Street Ry.—Readjustment Plan.—

The holders of the (a) First mortgage 5% gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1931; (b) First lien and collateral trust sinking fund gold bonds, series A, 6%, due Oct. 1 1939; (c) 7% participating cumulative preferred stock; (d) common stock; (e) secured promissory notes; are notified that a plan and agreement for the readjustment of securities of the company has been completed and adopted by the committee (below) and that the committee has filed, or will presently file, copies thereof with the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, 415 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, and National Bank of Chester County, West Chester, Pa., as depositaries.

The plan provides for the exchange of new securities for the old securities as above mentioned without the payment of any cash on the part of any of the security holders.

The committee invites security holders to become parties to the plan and to deposit their securities with the depositaries named above.

In order to enable those who have not as yet deposited their securities to become parties to the plan and participate therein, the committee has authorized the depositaries to accept such securities without penalty until the close of business on Dec. 31 1927.

The committee considers that the terms and provisions of the plan are favorable to the interests of the security holders and request they deposit their securities at an early date so that the plan may become operative at the earliest possible time, which will be to the advantage of all security holders.

Provision is made in the plan for the return of all securities to depositors in the event that the plan fails to become operative.

Committee.—O. Howard Wolfe, Chairman (Philadelphia-Girard National Bank), Philadelphia; John T. Collins Jr. (Samuel McCreery & Co.), Philadelphia; Samuel Marshall (Pres.), National Bank of Chester County, West Chester, Pa.; Edmund W. Palmer (Lloyd & Palmer), Philadelphia, with Eric H. Biddle, Sec., 20 South High St., West Chester, Pa.—V. 124, p. 1513.

Winnipeg Electric Co.—Rights.—

The common stockholders of record Oct. 15 will be given the right to subscribe for 40,000 additional shares of common stock (par \$10) at \$60 per share, on the basis of four new shares for each 11 shares held. (See also Manitoba Power Co., Ltd., above.)—V. 125, p. 521.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Oct. 6, although list prices remained unchanged, all refiners except Arbuckle were selling at 5.90c. per lb. Arbuckle's price remained 5.80c. per lb.

Window Glass Worker Strike for 10% Wage Increase.—About 5,000 cutters and flatteners strike; 500 of them, members of Window Glass Cutters' and Flatteners' Protective Association, walk out of American Window Glass Co. plants; others, members of Window Glass Cutters, and Flatteners' Association, leave plants of independents. Both unions demand restoration of 10% wage cut effective last January. American Window Glass Co. offered to continue present scale but independents sought 40% wage reduction.—"Times" Oct. 2, Sec. 1, p. 8.

New York City Window Cleaners' Strike.—300 members of Window Cleaners' Protective Union, Local 8, strike for wage increase from \$43 to \$46 per week and recognition of the union.—New York "Times" Oct. 7, p. 19.

Illinois Coal Strike Ends.—Mines, closed since April 1, to open on "Jacksonville agreement" scale of pay (\$7.50 per day) until joint commission of 2 operators and 2 union members render report on which new wage agreement will be based.—New York "Times" Oct. 2, p. 14.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 1.—(a) Investigation of investment trusts.—Resignation of Keys Winter as Assistant Attorney—General of New York in charge of Martin Anti-Stock Fraud Bureau—T. J. Shea, successor.—p. 1785. (b) W. I. Throckmorton contends that present New York laws are ample to cover investment trust situation.—p. 1785. (c) Move to restrain inquiry by New York State Attorney General's office into stock market operations of Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—p. 1786.

(d) Change adopted by New York Stock Exchange in rule affecting marking of stocks to market.—p. 1786. (e) Arbitrating in security dealings increases.—p. 1786. (f) New York Curb Market receives recognition under Indiana Securities law.—p. 1786. (g) Gordon B. Todd, 25 Broad St., New York, N. Y. is expelled from New York Stock Exchange—President summons issues warning.—p. 1787. (h) Receiver appointed for H. W. Booth—State Supreme Court enjoins him from doing business in securities.—p. 1787. (i) Replies to underwriting questionnaire of White, Weld & Co. indicate that market is in position to absorb "reasonable amount" of new offerings.—p. 1787.

Acme Apparatus Corp., Cambridge, Mass.—Stock Offered.—

Philpot, Goff & Co., Inc., New York, are offering 25,000 shares cumulative convertible 8% preferred stock (par \$10) in units of 1 share of pref. and 1 share of common stock at \$16 per unit.

Preferred as to cumulative dividends from Sept. 1 1927. Dividends payable Q-M. Preferred as to assets and dividends in case of liquidation. Invested with full voting power share for share with common stock. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice at \$11 per share plus div. Each share of preferred stock is convertible prior to redemption at the option of the holder into common stock share for share. Transfer agents, Atlantic National Bank, Boston, and Central Union Trust Co., New York. Registrars, National Shawmut Bank, Boston, and Fidelity Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization—Authorized, Outstanding. Cumulative conv. 8% pref. stock (par \$10)--- 50,000 shs. 25,000 shs. Common stock (par \$5)-----*200,000 shs. 125,000 shs. * 50,000 shares common stock reserved for conversion of preferred stock.

Data from Letter of C. F. Cairns, President of the Corporation.

Corporation.—Has been organized to acquire the assets and business of the Acme Apparatus Co. of Cambridge, Mass. Corporation is one of the foremost manufacturers of special electrical transformers and other special electrical devices and equipment used in medical apparatus, neon signs, oil burners, phonographs and in many other fields of industrial activity. From a shop comprising 700 sq. ft. in 1920, the business has grown until it now occupies its own factory of over 40,000 sq. ft. The financial structure of the corporation has been built upon the original investment of \$4,800.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning Jan. 1 1929, an annual sinking fund of \$25,000 will operate semi-annually for the purchase and redemption of preferred stock. This sinking fund provision prescribes a call by lot at \$11 per share, or a purchase in the open market at a price not exceeding \$11 per share.

Application to List.—Corporation has agreed to make application in due course to list the common stock on the Boston Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Market.

Net Earnings After Depreciation, Taxes and Other Charges.

Net earnings (period 1923-1926)-----	\$383,039	Yearly Av'ge.	\$95,759
Dividends paid (period 1923-1926)-----	59,604		14,901

Added to surplus (period 1923-1926)----- \$223,435 \$80,858
 After giving a value of 6% to the cash which the corporation will receive, as a result of this financing, and after allowing for dividends on the presently outstanding preferred stock, the amount of earnings during the 4 years' period of 1923-1926, which would be applicable to dividends on presently outstanding common stock, equals 76c. pr. share per year.

Dividends.—It is expected that the corporation will inaugurate dividends on the common stock in the near future.

Purpose.—To provide funds for expansion, additional working capital, and other corporate purposes.

Condensed Balance Sheet as of June 30 1927 (After This Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash-----	\$342,195	Notes payable—bank*-----	\$20,000
Notes & accounts receivable.....	84,433	Accounts payable.....	63,164
Inventories-----	180,219	Royalties, accrued int. & reserve for taxes.....	10,334
Interest accrued-----	163	1st mtg. on property at 5 1/4 %	37,500
Investments-----	17,754	Res. for doubtful accounts.....	10,000
Property (less deprec.)-----	253,040	8% preferred stock-----	250,000
Trade-marks, good-will, &c.....	136,839	Common stock-----	625,000
Deferred charges-----	1,324		
Total-----	\$1,015,997	Total-----	\$1,015,997

* These notes have since been paid.

Acoustic Products Co.—Organized.

The organization of three companies in the phonograph and radio fields into a large corporation to be devoted to "acoustic products" was announced Oct. 5 by Hayden, Stone & Co. The companies concerned are the Sonora Phonograph Co., manufacturer and distributor of phonographs and radios; the Bidhamson Co., a patent-holding corporation organized by John Hays Hammond, Lewis Kaufman, James J. Bruden, E. F. Hutton, Harris Hammond and Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr., and the Premier Laboratories, headed by Dr. Miller Reese Hutchinson, which have patents covering loud speakers, electrical recording apparatus and electrical phonographs.

The new corporation, incorporated in New York State and entirely financed by its board of directors and present stockholders, has been named the Acoustic Products Co. Harris Hammond is Chairman of its board of directors and P. L. Deutch of Chicago is President. Among the directors are Richard Hoyt and Arthur C. Sherwood of Hayden, Stone & Co., Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr. and Dr. Hutchinson. The corporation will develop, manufacture and sell electrical musical reproducing, recording and amplifying apparatus as applied to the radio, phonograph and collateral fields.

The corporation was organized with an authorized capitalization of \$25,000 shares of no par value common stock and 40,000 shares of 8% cum. pref. stock of \$100 par value. 20,000 shares of pref. and 663,000 shares of common stock are now being issued.

The Sonora Phonograph Co. will retain its identity as a separate corporate structure, headed by P. L. Deutch as President. Mr. Deutch developed the phonograph division of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co. He will have offices in both New York and Chicago. The new corporation will have its main office at 16 East 40th St., New York.

Adams Express Co.—Creation of \$10,000,000 5% Cumul. Pref. Stock—Common Stockholders May Convert Shares.—In a letter to the stockholders, President William M. Barrett announces that the consent of holders of the three-fourths interest necessary to authorize the increase in the number of shares by the creation of 100,000 shares of 5% cumul. pref. stock has been obtained. The letter follows in part:

Beginning with the year 1928 and annually thereafter, as long as any preferred stock shall be outstanding, the association will set apart a sinking fund for the retirement of preferred stock sufficient to redeem at par in each calendar year \$500,000 of preferred stock, plus all accumulated dividends thereon, to be drawn by lot unless acquired by the association in the open market at a lesser price.

In accordance with the plan, the total amount of the new preferred stock, 100,000 shares, is hereby offered to the holders of existing stock in exchange for the surrender of any part or all of their stock, upon the basis of 1 7/10ths shares of preferred stock for one share of existing stock, but, subject of course to the proportionate allotment among applicants therefor, in the event of the receipt of applications for such exchange in excess of 100,000 shares of preferred stock.

Applications for the exchange of existing shares for shares of 5% cumul. pref. stock, accompanied by existing shares duly endorsed for blank delivery and surrendered for exchange, will be received until Oct. 17 by the Chase National Bank of New York as agent of the Adams Express Co.

Consolidated Balance Sheet of Adams Express Co. and Southern Express Co.

Assets—	Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Total investments-----	\$28,608,524	\$28,720,610	\$29,813,433
Property and equipment-----	3,808	4,879	6,352
Treasury cash-----	176,121	401,459	414,955
Accounts receivable and accrued-----	67,836	65,534	83,388
Interest collected and accrued-----	520,626	456,266	431,481
Total-----	\$29,366,914	\$29,648,769	\$30,749,609
Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Capital stock-----	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Reserves-----	644,546	745,596	771,342
Collateral trust bonds-----	11,217,000	12,897,000	13,091,500
Accounts payable and accrued-----	4,955	11,920	10,193
Interest payable and accrued-----	385,370	267,530	267,770
Surplus-----	7,115,044	5,726,723	6,608,804
Total-----	\$29,366,914	\$29,648,769	\$30,749,609

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the preferred stock. Compare V. 125, p. 1583.

Allied Owners Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Graham, Parsons & Co. and Bonbright & Co. Inc. are offering \$9,500,000 1st mtge. real estate 6% sinking fund gold bonds at 99 and int., yielding 6.10%.

Dated July 1 1927, due July 1 1945. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in New York or Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e*. Red. all or part at any time upon 30 days' notice at 103 to and incl. July 1 1933; thereafter at successive reductions of 1/4 of 1% during each 3-year period to and incl. July 1 1942; thereafter to and incl. July 1 1944 at 101%; thereafter and prior to maturity at 100 1/4%. Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2% will be refundable and in addition, reimbursement will be made by Realty Associates to resident holders of these bonds, upon proper request within 90 days after payment, for the Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes, not exceeding 4 mills per annum on the taxable value, for the present personal property taxes in Calif., Maryland and Mich., and for the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% thereof per annum, all as provided in an agreement made with the trustee.

Company.—Is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Realty Associates. Company owns 5 valuable sites upon which it will erect modern buildings containing theatres, offices, &c., such buildings having been leased to Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. at a net rental sufficient to provide upon completion for payment of interest and principal of these bonds.

The sites have been selected by the experienced personnel of Paramount Famous Lasky Corp., which has leased and agreed to ultimately purchase the lands and buildings. Four of the sites are within the corporate limits of N. Y. City, the fifth being in Birmingham, Ala.

Plans, prepared by experts selected by the lessee, Paramount Famous Lasky Corp., will be followed in the erection of thoroughly modern buildings upon these sites. The buildings, while designed primarily for motion

picture purposes, will include in the majority of cases offices and (or) stores. The Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. has selected for the location of its general offices the building to be erected on DeKalb Ave. between Hudson Ave. and DeBevoise Place, Brooklyn.

Security.—At or prior to the maturity of these bonds, Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. has agreed to purchase all the properties subject to this mortgage, and, as part of the purchase price, either to assume any bonds outstanding at the time of such purchase or to pay to Allied Owners Corp. an amount sufficient to redeem such bonds.

These bonds will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by a direct first mortgage upon the following sites and the buildings to be erected thereon, including fixed theatre equipment installed therein, and also by pledge with the trustee of the leases to Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.

(1) Brooklyn—Flatbush Ave. and Tilden Ave. The land comprises approximately 66,000 sq. ft.

(2) Brooklyn—An entire block frontage on DeKalb Ave. between Hudson Ave. and DeBevoise Place. The land comprises approximately 43,000 sq. ft.

(3) Brooklyn—Jamaica Avenue and Merrick Boulevard. This plot contains about 33,600 sq. ft.

(4) Birmingham, Ala.—Third Avenue North and 18th Street. The land comprises approximately 18,100 sq. ft.

(5) Brooklyn—An entire block at Saratoga and Pitkin Avenues, the plot containing approximately 27,550 sq. ft.

It is estimated that upon installation of the equipment and the final adjustment of cost, outstanding 1st mtge. bonds will represent not over 60% of the cost (capital account) of the properties and fixed equipment installed thereon.

Earnings.—Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. has leased these properties at a net annual rental equal to at least 10% of the cost of the lands and buildings, such rental payments to begin as each building is completed—but in no event later than Dec. 31 1928. In addition, Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. will pay every expense in connection with the operation and maintenance of these buildings. It is estimated that the net annual rental available upon completion of bond interest will be \$1,432,000 during the first 10 years of the present leases and \$1,425,000 thereafter, as compared with maximum annual interest requirements upon these bonds of \$570,000.

These rentals, maintenance and all operating expenses, will constitute a direct obligation of Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.

Realty Associates.—Completion of these buildings is guaranteed by Realty Associates. This guarantee of completion is subject to release in respect to any building should such building prior to completion be released from the lien of the mortgage, in which event a proportionate amount of these bonds will be retired, as hereinafter mentioned.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to provide a sinking fund beginning Jan. 1 1931 and operating annually thereafter, for the retirement of these bonds, either through purchase at prices not in excess of the then prevailing call price, or call by lot for redemption at such call price. Redemption of bonds will be made through Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. Sinking fund payments may be anticipated. In accordance with such sinking fund, it is calculated that at least 27 1/2 % of the bonds will be retired prior to maturity, and the remainder are provided for as part of the purchase price to be paid by Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. for the properties.

American Home Products Corp.—Stock Subscribed.

The corporation reports that at its close of business Oct. 3, indications were that the entire 73,000 shares of its no par value stock offered to stockholders at \$44 per share, had been subscribed. See V. 125, p. 1464, 1842.

Allison Drug Stores Corp.—Stock Sold.—Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc., New York and Detroit, have sold at \$20 per share 70,000 shares class "A" convertible stock.

Class "A" stock is preferred as to assets in liquidation to the extent of \$25 per share and to cumulative dividends from Oct. 15 1927 of \$1.40 per share per annum, payable quarterly. Callable on any div. date on 60 days' notice at \$30 per share and accrued and unpaid divs., and convertible at any time prior to redemption into class "B" stock of the company, share for share. Transfer agents, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.; Registrars, Equitable Trust Co. of New York and Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.

Capitalization.

Class "A" conv. stock (no par value)----- 150,000 shs. 70,000 shs.
 Class "B" stock (no par value)----- 350,000 shs. 95,000 shs.

Company.—Will own 100% of the stock of Allison Drug Stores, Inc., which has contracted to purchase a group of 16 retail drug stores in N. Y. City. Three of these stores are located in the Grand Central-Times Square zone and others on desirable corners on Broadway and upper Sixth Ave. Only one other drug chain in New York will have a larger number of stores than will be controlled by Allison Drug Stores Corp. The stores in this system will be operated as high-grade prescription and merchandising drug stores, catering to the better class of trade. A conservative policy of expansion will be followed. The opportunity for growth in N. Y. City alone may be judged from the fact that there are now about 4,600 retail drug stores in the Greater City, of which only about 2% are in chain systems.

[The following stores, it is understood, are included in the Allison chain: Gray Drug Store, J. C. Weller, Pershing Square, Yaffa Bros. of Brooklyn, Allison Drug Co., Hitchcock Pharmacy, McIntyre Ewen & Son and Winter Garden Pharmacy.]

Earnings.—The business of the predecessors has grown steadily. Based on an examination by Haskins & Sells and their acceptance of inventories, certified to by the management of Allison Drug Stores, Inc., as substantially correct, consolidated earnings, after Federal taxes at present rate of 13 1/2 %, of the companies which now constitute the Allison Drug Stores, Inc., for the 3 years and 7 months ending July 31 1927, after eliminating proprietors' salaries and substituting new management salaries therefor, are as follows:

Year—	No. of Stores.	Sales.	Net Profit.	Per Share Class "A"	Per Share Class "B"
1924-----	11	\$1,096,629	\$103,414	\$1.48	\$0.06
1925-----	11	1,249,597	122,450	1.75	0.26
1926-----	15	1,950,474	233,891	3.34	1.43
1927 (7 mos.)16	16	1,149,159	141,760	2.03	0.89

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet shows current assets of \$532,709 and current liabilities of \$25,000, a ratio of 21 to 1, leaving a working capital of \$507,709.

Leaseholds.—Company will own leaseholds on real estate in the Grand Central zone and upper Broadway, where real estate values are rapidly increasing. The leases have an average duration of 8 years. The American Appraisal Co. has made a survey of leaseholds and has valued them at \$156,550.

Dividends.—Dividend on the class "A" convertible stock is cumulative from Oct. 15 1927 at the rate of \$1.40 per share per annum. First quarterly dividend is to be payable Jan. 15 1928.

Listing.—It is expected application will be made to list both classes of stock on the New York Curb.

Officer.—George Stadtlander, President.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the personal property of the defunct Interstate Sugar Co. for \$132,629. It consists of \$16,000 in cash on hand, \$83,000 in bills receivable and 25,000 bags of sugar and contracts for 2,754 acres of sugar beets. The company put in a bid for the Interstate Sugar factory at Hooper, Utah, at Sheriff's sale Oct. 5, it is stated.—V. 125, p. 97.

American Bakeries Corp.—Registrar.

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for 58,500 shares class A stock, 26,950 shares 7% pref. stock, and 90,000 shares of class B stock. See V. 125, p. 1713.

American Cyanamid Co.—Debentures Offered.—Guaranty Co. of New York, Alex. Brown & Sons and Brown Brothers & Co. are offering at 94 and int., to yield 5.60%, \$5,000,000 15-year sinking fund 5% gold debentures.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon at least 30 days' notice, at par and int.

Data from Letter of W. B. Bell, President of the Company.

Company.—Is one of the principal American electro-chemical companies. It produces and sells chemicals for mining, industrial and agricultural uses. Company has shown a profit in every year since the commencement of commercial operations in 1909. It is the second largest producer of calcium

cyanamid in the world and the only producer in this hemisphere. Calcium cyanamid is the base from which many of the company's principal mining, industrial and fumigant chemicals are derived and is also a component of mixed fertilizers.

Company's excellent facilities for the cheap production of this basic commodity are an important means of lowering the cost of many of its other chemical products.

Company is the foremost purveyor of metallurgical chemicals to the metal mining industries throughout the world. It supplies the gold, silver, lead, zinc and copper mining industries with most of the chemicals necessary to their operations.

The principal industrial chemicals manufactured by the company are used in the textile industry and the manufacture of colors, in the electroplating industry, in the hardening of steel for the automobile and other industries, for the vulcanizing of rubber, and in the chemical industry.

The principal agricultural chemicals are cyanamid, sold to practically all the important fertilizer companies in the United States, and Ammo-Phos, a highly concentrated fertilizer which is sold mostly in the export markets.

The wide diversity of business illustrated in the number of industries supplied by the company is the result of its long established and consistently applied policy.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be applied to the acquisition by the company and subsidiaries of substantial additions to plant facilities to further diversify the company's products and for other corporate purposes connected with the company's program for future development.

Provisions of Issue.—Direct obligations of the company and are to be issued under a trust indenture which will provide among other things substantially that, except in the case of purchase money mortgages and liens and except in the case of pledges in the usual course of business as security for temporary loans or indemnities for terms not exceeding one year, the company will not create any liens upon its property without securing this issue equally and ratably therewith.

Earnings.—Consolidated sales and net earnings of the company and its subsidiaries (not including Air Nitrates Corp.) have been as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Years End. June 30—, 1923., 1924., 1925., 1926., 1927. Rows include Sales, Net avail. for int., and Net earnings for the past three years.

During the five-year period shown above, in addition to such development expenditures, more than \$3,500,000 of surplus earnings have been retained in the business.

Average net earnings, as shown above, available for interest, for the past five years amounted to \$1,568,130, or more than 4.75 times interest charges on total funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of this financing.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these debentures on the New York and Boston stock exchanges.

Sinking Fund.—Company will covenant to provide a sinking fund, payable semi-annually in cash or debentures, to be sufficient to retire \$144,000 principal amount of debentures in each year, commencing April 1 1929.

Balance Sheet.—The consolidated balance sheet of the company and its subsidiaries (not including Air Nitrates Corp., which is at present not in operation) as of June 30 1927, and adjusted to give effect to this financing, shows tangible assets, after deducting current liabilities and applicable reserves, of \$16,932,173, as compared with total funded debt of \$6,310,000, consisting of \$1,310,000 Amalgamated Phosphate Co. 1st (closed) mtge. 6% bonds and this issue.

Capital Stock and Funded Debt Outstanding.

Table showing capital stock and funded debt outstanding with columns for different classes of stock and debt.

American Machine & Foundry Co. (& Subs.).—Orders.

Table with 4 columns: 9 Months Ended Sept. 30—, 1927., 1926., Increase. Rows include Orders booked, Sales billed, and International Cigar Machinery Co.

American Phenix Corp.—Stock Sold.—W. W. Townsend & Co., Inc., New York, and Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Co., Hartford, Conn., have sold 30,000 shares general stock at par (\$50).

Registrars, Equitable Trust Co., New York, and Travelers Bank & Trust Co., Hartford. Transfer agents, Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co., New York, and Phoenix State Bank & Trust Co., Hartford.

Reinsurance Corp. of America.—Has been incorp. in New York for the purpose of owning and holding the capital stock, and of managing and acting as agent for reinsurance and other insurance corporations.

It has contracted to purchase all of the capital stock of Reinsurance Corp. of America, which, upon completion of this financing, will have a paid-in capital of \$300,000 and a surplus in excess of \$1,000,000.

American Phenix Corp. will manage Reinsurance Corp. of America for an agreed fee.

Reinsurance Corp. of America.—Has been incorp. in New York to conduct a fire reinsurance business. The men who will have charge of the management of Reinsurance Corp. of America are well and favorably known to the officials of many of the major direct writing fire insurance companies with which advantageous treaties will be negotiated which will provide the company with a selected capacity business.

Capitalization.—Upon completion of this financing the capitalization of American Phenix Corp. will be as follows: General stock (par \$50) authorized and outstanding, 30,000 shares; management stock (no par value) authorized and outstanding, 3,000 shares.

Purpose.—The entire net proceeds from the sale of this stock and 3,000 shares of management stock will be used by the corporation to acquire the entire capital stock, less directors' qualifying shares of Reinsurance Corp. of America.

Dividends.—It is provided that of all dividend disbursements made by the American Phenix Corp., the outstanding general stock shall be entitled to 80% and the outstanding management stock to 20%, with the exception that this ratio shall not become operative until the general stock which is now authorized shall have received from time to time a sum or sums which in the aggregate shall amount to \$6 per share on such general stock, and that after \$6 shall have been paid once upon such general stock the general and the management stock in whatever amount thereafter outstanding shall share any and all subsequent dividend disbursements in the ratio specified above.

In the event of liquidation the general stock shall be entitled to receive \$50 per share, and, of any amount then remaining, the general stock shall receive 80% and the management stock 20%.

Note.—Outstanding general stock and outstanding management stock are entitled to an equal vote as classes, i. e., outstanding management stock shall have as many votes in the aggregate as outstanding general stock shall have in the aggregate.

Directors.—Sumner F. Fuller, Edward S. Holman, Alexander J. Lindsay, Arthur D. Johnson, William W. Townsend, Horace R. Wemple, William Y. Wemple.

American Rediscount Corp.—First Report.—The first report of the corporation, which began operations in April 1927 after an exhaustive survey made by the Advisory Committee on Finance and Industrial Credits, is made public by Laurence H. Hendricks, President and former Comptroller, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The report, partly because of the significance of the establishment of this reserve system for installment finance companies as a means of stabilizing the installment credit business in many lines of industry, is considered remarkable.

The statement follows: "The American Rediscount Corp. has in the last 6 months admitted to membership 26 finance companies operating in Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, Missouri, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. These member companies represent aggregate assets of over \$30,000,000.

As a result of the rigid credit requirements of the American Rediscount Corp., only about 40% of the finance companies applying for affiliation have been accepted.

Moreover, the company has created a great deal of confidence among the banks, where member finance companies do business, and as a result of these members' connections with the American Rediscount Corp., the banks have extended them greater accommodations, since the American Rediscount Corp., by granting them substantial lines of rediscount, assumes a moral sponsorship for the member company, giving the banks greater safety, security and the advantage of credit checkings which they otherwise would not have.

The American Rediscount Corp. has declared its initial dividends in full to date on its first and second preferred stocks.

In view of the number of applications for membership and the splendid co-operation of the banks, who are realizing the necessity of this rediscount system for finance companies, the prospects for this company for the ensuing year are very promising."—V. 124, p. 2431.

Amoskeag Co.—Trustees Authorized to Liquidate in Their Discretion.—The stockholders of the Amoskeag Co. at the annual meeting at Manchester, N. H., Oct. 5, authorized the trustees to liquidate the company in their discretion. The vote on authorizing the trustees to liquidate was: Yes, 356,803 shares; no, 955.

Treasurer F. C. Dumaine made a statement concerning the attitude of himself and other trustees relative to any dissolution of Amoskeag Co. The statement is as follows:

It is now 96 years since the original charter was granted to Amoskeag. During that whole time the concern has continued to grow and prosper. There have been good times and bad times, perhaps not quite as bad as the present or for the past three or four years. Its bills and obligations of every sort have always been paid and its returns to the owners compare favorably with those of other New England textile companies.

The owners have never been required to come forward and help from their pockets. Having in mind the exigencies attached to the textile business, your trustees have followed a conservative policy which would enable them to meet just such a period as is now being encountered. It has never been their intention to abandon operations in Manchester and bring to the city the disasters such a move would entail.

The growth of the city has been synonymous with the growth of the company—a matter important to every man responsible for the affairs of the company. The present management has the same feeling of regard and affection for the city as had their predecessors. But the possibilities of existing conditions have been repeatedly pointed out to you and if the community is as desirous as the management of maintaining the business it will be necessary for it to do its share.

As I said before, the concern has existed here 96 years. It has always been favored with a reasonably good management quite competent to manage its own affairs without the voluntary assistance of outsiders. This board has your interest and the city's interest in their minds and hearts, and if ever the time comes when liquidation or other action seems necessary, you may depend upon your trustees to give the matter serious attention.

With your assistance and the community's support, we propose to stay in business if it is possible to do it without loss of assets. Failing to do so profitably, we will ask your authority to discontinue in an orderly manner.

There is no occasion for the owners of this property to pay any one or make any one presents for liquidating their property.

The motion by Garrard Glenn, representing Edward C. Carrington of New York at the Amoskeag meeting, which asked that the trustees investigate any offer that they may receive for the property and report to the stockholders, and also that the meeting be adjourned for two weeks for that purpose, was ruled out of order for not being published in the call. The trustees assured the stockholders that in case of any liquidation of property the trustees presumably would call another meeting of the stockholders to apprise them of the situation, so the motion was ruled out of order.

Report for Year Ended May 31 1927.—F. C. Dumaine, Treasurer, reports in substance:

Amoskeag Co. received no income from the company's holdings of shares in Amoskeag Mfg. Co. [in either 1926 or 1927]

Table with 3 columns: May 31 '27., May 29 '26. Rows include Interest received, Dividends received, Gross income, Interest and other charges, Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus.

Statement of Assets of Amoskeag Company.

Table with 4 columns: Period—, Book Value, Market Val., Book Value, Market Val. Rows include U. S. Govt. 4 1/4% 4th Liberty Loan bonds, Other securities, Cash on hand, Total assets, Notes payable, Profit & loss & reserve for shareholders.

There are issued and outstanding of the Amoskeag Mfg. Co. 285,000 pref. shares and 365,000 common shares, of which the Amoskeag Co. owns 266,105 pref. shares, or 93.37%, and 330,000 common shares, or 90.41%.

There are issued and outstanding of the Amoskeag Co. 100,000 pref. shares (less 6,157 in the treasury) and 345,600 common shares (less 3,284 in the treasury). The trustees have placed no value upon the Amoskeag Mfg. Co. shares.

Amoskeag Mfg. Co. Trial Balance June 30.

Table with 3 columns: 1927., 1926. Rows include Plant account, Cash, Liberty Loan bonds, Other investments, Cotton—Raw, wrought and in process, Wool—Raw, wrought and in process, Manufacturing supplies, Prepaid taxes, Total assets, Deduct accounts payable, Balance of assets—Reserve for shareholders.

During the year ending with June 30 1927 the production of cotton clothes manufactured was 129,580,010 yards, about 55% of a normal production. There were sold 137,360,329 yards, decreasing the stock on hand 7,780,319 yards to a total of 20,814,078 yards.

The yards of worsted goods dyed and finished were 6,342,843, or say 70% of a normal production. There were sold 6,624,791 yards, decreasing the stock on hand 281,948 yards to a total of 412,130 yards.

Manufacturing Account for Period Ended June 30.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Mos. '27, 13 Mos. '26. Rows include Goods on hand close previous year, Cost of manufacturing, Total, Received from sales and other income, Goods on hand June 30, Net gain.

ing with partial basement, to be used as a postal station and known as Brooklyn Station "W."

Security.—These bonds will be secured by an absolute first mortgage on the above property, owned in fee simple and appraised at \$360,000 for ground and building.

U. S. Government Lease.—The United States Post Office Department has contracted to lease the basement, the entire first floor and part of the second floor of this building for a period of 20 years from date of occupancy.

Income.—Under its lease the Post Office Department agrees to pay an annual rental of \$19,730 for the space now contracted for, with an additional rental if it exercises its option for the extra space on the second floor.

Building Materials Corp.—Receivership.

Federal Judge Thomas D. Thacher on Oct. 5 appointed Thomas Graham and Alfred C. Cox as equity receivers for the corporation, a Delaware concern with offices at 300 Madison Ave., N. Y. City.

The petition for the receivership, "to conserve the interests of the corporation and of its creditors during a present period of financial stress," was filed by Charles W. Stapleton, attorney for William Davis of Forest Hills, Queens, and Henry Seibrecht of New Rochelle, N. Y., who were the signers.

The petition alleges that the corporation, which manufactures potash, brick and by-products, has outstanding a first mortgage indebtedness of \$2,000,000 in 15-year debenture bonds which were issued soon after its organization in 1924 and on which no interest has been paid for more than a year.

There are said to be outstanding 250,000 shares of common stock of no par value and 100,000 shares of 7% preferred stock with a par of \$25 a share.

Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry Co.—Bds. Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. serial gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1928 to 1931, incl., have been called for payment as of Nov. 1 next at par and int., plus a premium of 3/4 of 1% per each year or part of year that bonds are to run before fixed maturity.

Canada Cement Co., Ltd., Montreal, Que.—Offer Made to Stockholders.—President F. P. Jones, Sept. 20, says in substance:

On Sept. 14 1927 there was received from Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., an offer to purchase all the outstanding shares of the Canada Cement Co., Ltd., paying for the same \$125 per share for the preferred and \$250 per share for the common, the offer being, of course, subject to verification of the assets, liabilities and average earnings of the latter company.

Shareholders desiring to avail themselves of this offer would have had to deposit their share certificates within 30 days of the date of the notification to them of the offer, which meant that the certificates would have had to be deposited by the end of October. The directors on Sept. 15 1927 approved of the offer in principle and decided that it was their duty to submit the offer to the stockholders with their recommendation for acceptance.

Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., further agree that if the stockholders accept this offer they will receive all the usual dividends paid on this stock up to Nov. 21 1927.

(B. G.) Carbajal, Inc., New Orleans, La.—Bonds Offered.—Mortgage & Securities Co., Canal Bank & Trust Co., Whitney-Central Banks, Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., Interstate Trust & Banking Co., Marine Bank & Trust Co. and Sutherland, Barry & Co., New Orleans, are offering at 100 and int. \$850,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Security.—Direct obligation of B. G. Carbajal, Inc., and physically secured by closed first mortgage on the following properties:

As additional security, these bonds will be protected by chattel mortgage on the furniture and fixtures to be installed in the hotel building.

Income.—R. L. Cherry, operator of the William Penn Hotel of Houston, Tex., has leased in its entirety the new hotel, including ground floor stores, mortgaged to secure this issue, for a period of 25 years at an annual net rental of \$75,000

The corner of Clairborne and Canal has been leased for 99 years to the Canalborne Realty Co. at a rental which accelerates from \$8,400 per annum to a maximum of \$12,000 per year.

The annual income of the corporation from the above properties alone therefore approximates 2-3 times the greatest interest requirements for this issue.

Celite Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—First Securities Co., Los Angeles; E. H. Rollins & Sons and William

R. Staats Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,750,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, series "A."

Data from Letter of August Fitger, President of the Company. Company.—A Delaware corporation. Is successor to the Celite Products Co., incorp. in Calif. in 1912. Company controls, through ownership of all the capital stocks, the following subsidiaries:

Earnings.—According to an audit made by Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, the net earnings of the company, after depreciation and depletion, available for the payment of bond charges for the 3 1/2 years ended June 30 1927, have averaged annually \$460,564, or more than 4.38 times the maximum annual interest charge on these bonds.

Security and Valuation.—Bonds will be secured by a direct mortgage upon all of the property, real and personal, now or hereafter owned, situated in the State of California, including specifically mineral deposits, manufacturing plants, buildings and equipment, trade names, processes, patents, &c., and by the pledge of the capital stocks of its subsidiaries.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 1927. [Giving effect to issue of \$1,750,000 1st mtge. 6s and the retirement of present outstanding pref. stock.]

Assets. Total current assets \$1,433,474

Liabilities. Total current liabilities \$222,877

Total \$7,384,276 Total \$7,384,276

Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp.—Shipments.—Period Ended Sept. 30—1927—Month—1926. 9 Mos. 1925

Chile Copper Co.—Semi-Annual Report.—The financial outcome of the Chile Copper Co., and Chile Exploration Co., combined, based on copper sales, shows for the 6 months as follows:

Cohn-Hall-Marx Co.—Pref. Stock Decreased.—An additional \$63,200 of outstanding preferred stock has been purchased and retired since July 31 last, according to an announcement made by President Lawrence Marx.

Comparative Balance Sheet July 31. Assets—1927. 1926. Liabilities—1927. 1926.

Total income \$108,150

Celite Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—First Securities Co., Los Angeles; E. H. Rollins & Sons and William

Shareholders desiring to avail themselves of this offer would have had to deposit their share certificates within 30 days of the date of the notification to them of the offer, which meant that the certificates would have had to be deposited by the end of October. The directors on Sept. 15 1927 approved of the offer in principle and decided that it was their duty to submit the offer to the stockholders with their recommendation for acceptance.

For the 6 months ending June 30 1927 there were treated 4,299,213 tons of ore averaging 1.565% copper. The output for the 6 months was 111,554,553 pounds, or a monthly average of 18,592,426 pounds.

The two companies had available at Aug. 31 1927, \$3,614,067 cash and call loans, as against \$4,623,047 on May 31 1927. The plant extension program, which is responsible for the reduction in cash surplus, is about complete.—V. 125, p. 101.

Net profit before Fed. taxes, but after deprec. \$541,886

Balance for common stock \$420,959

Unusual letters of cred, \$161,504. After deducting \$80,461 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting \$7,274 reserve for discounts. z Represented by 100,000 shares of no nominal or par value but of a stated value of \$10 each.—V. 123, p. 2001.

Net income \$108,150

Celite Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—First Securities Co., Los Angeles; E. H. Rollins & Sons and William

Company has recently opened sales offices in Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and N. Y. City. Patents.—Patents relate to a thermostatic element coupled in several different ways to a control valve. Applications for additional patents are pending.

Directors.—Charles E. Pynchon (President), Edward M. Field (Vice-Pres.), D. D. Kimball, Clarence B. Mitchell, C. S. Peabody (director Construction Engineering Corp.), Edward P. Rich, George H. Walbridge (director J. G. White Engineering Corp.), James J. Lawler.

Dodge Bros., Inc.—Earnings.

Net income of the company for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927, was approximately \$6,820,971 after charges and Federal taxes, equivalent after allowing for dividend requirements on \$7 preferred stock to \$1.19 a share earned on 2,435,023 no par shares of combined class A and class B stocks.

Current assets on Aug. 31 1927 were in excess of \$47,000,000, of which over \$13,000,000 was cash and over \$5,500,000 marketable securities, comparing with current liabilities of approximately \$18,000,000.—V. 125, p. 184.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Gold Production (Value).

Sept.	August.	July.	June.	May.	April.	March.
\$326,622	\$330,436	\$329,901	\$332,527	\$325,997	\$315,351	\$324,263

—V. 125, p. 1466, 787.

Dominion Building (Albert Bay Co., Ltd.), Toronto.

—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$400,000 6½% 1st mtge. leasehold sinking fund gold bonds was recently offered at 100 and int. by Matthews & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Dated Aug. 1 1927; due Aug. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at office of National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont., trustee, or in U. S. gold coin at the office of Otis Safe Deposit Co., Cleveland, O. Fiscal agents. Callable all or part by lot on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 103 and int. Int. payable without deduction for any Canadian taxes. As provided in the mortgage, the corporation will agree to refund the U. S. normal Federal income tax up to 2%, the Penn. personal property tax not in excess of 4 mills, and the Mass. income tax up to 6% per annum on the interest.

Security.—Direct and general obligation of Albert Bay Co., and secured by a first closed mortgage on the company's leasehold estate in approximately 5,950 sq. ft. of land located in the business district of Toronto, and in the 12-story office and store building now being erected thereon. The land has been leased for a period of 30 years and 7 months from June 1 1925, for a maximum rental of \$5,000 a year throughout the term which extends approximately 13 years beyond the life of this bond issue. The lease grants the lessee the option to purchase the fee for the sum of \$100,000 at any time during the life of the lease.

The value of the company's leasehold estate in the above property, upon completion of the building, has been estimated at \$706,371 of which this issue is approximately 57%.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the completion of the building to be paid out from time to time only upon architects' certificates and for payment of leasehold rentals and interest charges on these bonds during construction.

Building.—The building will be a 12-story and basement structure of fireproof reinforced concrete with 53,185 square feet of rentable office space and 4,310 square feet of floor space on the ground floor. Construction of the building which has been in progress since early spring, has been completed to the 8th floor and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy before Nov. 1 1927.

Earnings.—Annual net earnings of the building available for bond interest have been estimated at approximately \$75,000, or more than 2.6 times maximum annual bond interest requirements. This estimate is based upon the figure of \$1.50 a square foot for office space, \$4 a square foot for store space and \$2.25 a square foot for second floor shop space. Similar buildings in Toronto are at the present time bringing rentals considerably in excess of these estimated figures.

Interest and Sinking Fund Payments.—Indenture will provide for regular monthly payments to the Fiscal agent of 1-12 of annual interest requirements after Feb. 1 1928 and up to Feb. 1 1930 and thereafter the yearly sum of \$37,500 in equal monthly installments, interest on the outstanding bonds to be paid from this fund and the balance used as a sinking fund to be applied semi-annually to the purchase of bonds at not exceeding the call price or to the redemption by call of bonds chosen by lot. It is expected that this sinking fund will retire approximately 50% of this issue by maturity.

Drake Realty Co., Oil City, Pa.—Bonds Offered.

—Govt & MacGregor and Guaranty Trust Co. of Butler (Pa.) are offering at 99 and int. \$500,000 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1927; due Sept. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2% at Guaranty Trust Co. of Butler, trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 on or before Sept. 1 1932; at 102 on or before Sept. 1 1937; at 101 before Sept. 1 1942, plus int. Free of the Penn. 4-mills personal property tax.

Data from Letter of George J. Veach, President of the Company.

Business and Properties.—The new building, to be known as the Colonel Drake Theatre and Office Building, will occupy the entire block bounded by Seneca St., Duane St., and Elm St., in the central business district of Oil City. The building is being erected by the Drake Realty Co. to meet the demand for a high-class theatre and office building. In addition to the theatre, which will seat 2,000 people, the office building will contain about 50,000 sq. ft. of rentable space and will be the largest single building in Oil City.

Security.—In addition to the Colonel Drake Theatre and Office Building, the company will also own and operate the Venango Theatre Building, a modern 3-story brick and concrete building in the heart of the business district of Oil City. It is occupied by the Venango Theatre, with 800 seats, also two store rooms on the first floor, with offices and show rooms above.

The bonds will be the direct obligation of the company and will be specifically secured by closed first mortgage on both the Colonel Drake Building and the Venango Theatre Building. As additional security, Mr. Veach has executed a mortgage on the Veach Warehouse Building, a 3-story brick and concrete building on Seneca St., running back to the Erie RR., to be held in trust by the trustee until \$100,000 in bonds have been redeemed. All property will be free of liens of any kind.

Earnings.—Based upon a lower rental schedule than has been obtained on recent leases in that neighborhood, the annual income from rentals on these three buildings will be in excess of \$102,000, or about 3½ times the maximum int. charges on these bonds.

Sinking Fund.—Provisions have been made for monthly payments on various leases deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. of Butler, which will take care of all interest requirements and retire a large majority if not all of the bonds by maturity.

888 Park Avenue, New York City.—Definitive Clfs.

Definitive 5½% guaranteed Prudence certificates are now ready to be issued in exchange for outstanding interims at the office of the Prudence Co., Inc. See offering in V. 125, p. 394.

Electric Refrigeration Corp.—Subscriptions to Stock.

The stockholders have subscribed for 129,815 shares of the recent offering of 231,121 shares at \$12.50 a share. This is approximately 56% of the total offering. The balance will be taken shortly by the underwriting syndicate. (See V. 125, p. 1331.)—V. 125, p. 1844.

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.—Output Increased.

The company as of Oct. 1 went on a new production schedule of 1,200 machines a day, an increase of 20%, according to President Fred Wardell. "Sales have been in such volume since the recent introduction of our new Model 10," he said, "that we are 10,000 machines behind orders, with none in stock for the first time in our history. We are planning an immediate further increase in production facilities in order to meet the growing volume of orders. Earnings so far this year are running well ahead of last year."—V. 125, p. 787, 253.

Federal Bake Shops, Inc.—Stock Sold.

—Shields & Co., Inc., have sold \$1,100,000 7% cum. pref. stock in units of

1 share of pref. and 1 share of common at \$105 and div. (with common stock purchase warrants).

Preferred as to cumulative divs. at rate of 7% per annum, and upon dissolution or liquidation, whether voluntary or involuntary, as to assets up to \$105 per share and divs. Divs. payable Q.-J. Red., all or part, on any div. date on 60 days' notice at \$105 per share and divs.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each share of pref. stock will be accompanied by a warrant entitling the holder to purchase 3 shares of common stock at \$10 per share at any time on or before Oct. 1 1932.

Data from Letter of J. Reed Lane, President of the Company.

Company.—Is being formed to acquire the business of Federal System of Bakeries of America, Inc. The business had its inception in 1919, when the latter company was formed for the purpose of licensing patented baking equipment used in the establishment of so-called window-front bake shops. Profits of the company were derived from the royalty charge of 3% of the gross bakery sales of stores using the equipment.

In 1920 the company purchased the existing bake shops and changed the business from that of a licensing organization to a chain of retail bake shops, eliminating at the same time the undesirable elements which had crept into the business and closed the unproductive shops.

The company now operates directly or through subsidiaries a chain of 97 retail bake shops well situated in 85 cities in 22 States in the Eastern, Southern and Middle Western sections of the United States. The number of shops in the chain, it is expected, will be substantially expanded by investment of the new capital coming into the business as a result of the present financing.

Sales and Earnings.—Sales of the company, number of shops operated and average sales per shop during the 3½ years ended June 30 1927 have been as follows:

	Sales.	Shops.	Sales per Shop.
1924	\$4,468,217	159	\$28,100
1925	4,610,076	143	32,238
1926	4,598,855	117	39,306
1927 (6 months)	2,043,414	97	21,066

Net profits, after Federal income taxes, computed at present rates, the adjustment of depreciation to revised basis of property valuation, elimination of int. on indebtedness be discharged through this financing, and minority interests, but giving effect to the acquisition of certain minority interests in sub. cos., have been as follows: 1925, \$135,134; 1926, \$194,055; and for the 6 months ended June 30 1927, \$85,498. Such profits were equivalent to 1.75 times divs. on the \$1,100,000 pref. stock presently to be outstanding for 1925; 2.52 times for 1926, and 2.2 times for 6 months ended June 30 1927.

Assets.—The balance sheet shows current assets of \$835,131 and current liabilities of \$99,978, a ratio of more than 8.3 to 1.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100)	\$2,500,000	\$1,100,000
Common stock (no par)	282,000 shs.	216,000 shs.

Of the authorized pref. stock, \$1,400,000 is being reserved for the providing of capital for future expansion of the business. This authorized but unissued pref. stock may be issued and sold only under certain restrictions as to earnings. Of the common stock, the 66,000 shares of authorized but unissued are reserved for the exercise of stock purchase warrants.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for expansion purposes, for retirement of serial gold notes, of bank and other indebtedness, and for additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—Certificate of incorporation will provide that on April 15 1929 and annually thereafter a sum of money equal to whichever is greater (a) a sum sufficient to redeem 2% of the maximum aggregate amount of pref. stock theretofore issued, or (b) a sum equal to 20% of the net earnings of the company, as defined in the certificate of incorporation, but not exceeding in any year a sum sufficient to redeem 5% of the maximum aggregate amount of pref. stock theretofore issued, shall be made available and applied to the redemption of this pref. stock at not exceeding \$105 per share and divs. Company will have the privilege of surrendering pref. stock to the sinking fund in lieu of cash.

Management.—No change in management is contemplated. Directors will be: J. W. Bettendorf, E. C. Mueller, Davenport, Ia.; A. J. Faerber, W. L. Mueller, Col. G. Watson French, Paul V. Shields (Shields & Co., Inc.), J. L. Hecht, Charles Shuler, M. A. Hemsing, T. J. Walsh, J. Reed Lane, C. W. Weisiger (Shields & Co., Inc.) and Joe R. Lane of Davenport, Ia.—V. 125, p. 1844.

Federal-Brandes, Inc., N. Y.—Registrar.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the preferred stock.—V. 125, p. 1587.

Firststone Tire & Rubber Co.—Buys Mill.

See Manomet Mills below.—V. 125, p. 1517.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Resignation.

J. D. Anderson has resigned as Vice-President in charge of manufacturing.—V. 125, p. 788.

Franklin Press & Offset Co., Detroit, Mich.—Stock Offering.

—Albee, Geiger & Co., Detroit, are offering the following stock for public subscription: \$156,400 7% cumul. non-taxable preferred stock (par \$100) and 30,000 shares of class A non-par, non-taxable, non-voting common stock, book value \$10.84 per share, in units, as follows:

Unit No. 1.—1 share 7% preferred and 5 shares class A, together with 1 additional share of fully paid and non-assessable class A as a bonus, for \$150 per unit. Book value, \$165.04; dividend yield should be 8.66-2-3%.

Unit No. 2.—10 shares of class A common, together with 1 share of fully paid and non-assessable class A as a bonus, at \$100 per unit. Book value, \$119.24. Dividend yield should exceed 10%.

Financial Structure.

\$450,000 7% cumul. pref., non-taxable stock (par \$100). \$293,600 outstanding \$156,400 to be sold.

40,000 shares of no-par class A common, non-taxable, non-voting, with prior preference over class B common of \$1 per share in dividends and \$5 per share in case of liquidation. 10,000 shares outstanding; 30,000 shares to be sold.

40,000 shares of no-par class B voting stock; all issued. This stock together with 10,000 shares of class A common and \$293,600 par value of 7% cumul. stock, was used as purchase price of The Franklin Press, Inc., and The Franklin Offset Co., leaving \$156,400 7% preferred stock and 30,000 shares of class A no-par stock to be sold to the public for extension of facilities, reduction of indebtedness and increased working capital to care for increased business. These stocks are non-taxable in the State of Michigan and non-taxable as to normal Federal taxes.

Data from Letter of Joseph Meadon, President of the Company.

Organized in June 1927 for the purpose of acquiring the business of The Franklin Press, Inc., and The Franklin Offset Co. Both of these companies, now combined, had a remarkable history in the course of their development. The Franklin Press, Inc., whose output was exclusively produced by the letterpress process, was taken over by the present management in 1912, at which time its working capital was only \$20,000. Since that time it has had a steadily increasing growth. The profits from year to year were substantial. During the 17 years of the present administration besides paying satisfactory dividends, the company multiplied its working capital approximately 31 times, entirely out of earnings.

In recent years, offset lithography has acquired an increasingly important position in the printing industry. In line with the management's determination to keep its facilities abreast with the times, The Franklin Offset Co. was organized in 1922 and at once opened a much wider field of operations and created new opportunities for increased business. The offset process, under certain conditions, offers economies and a character of product that have a wide appeal among large users of printing, in consequence of which the new company was immediately successful and has enjoyed a steadily increasing volume of business from year to year.

Although The Franklin Press, Inc., owned practically all the stock of The Franklin Offset Co., it was necessary, on account of lack of room, to locate the new organization in a separate manufacturing plant about three miles from the home office and operate it with a separate organization, an inconvenience which our present program will shortly eliminate.

In order to still further extend its facilities and service, company decided in Aug. 1923, to enter the field of rotary gravure printing. Complete equipment was at once acquired and put into operation, since which time the product of this unit has been outstanding in both quality and quantity in the rotary gravure branch of the printing industry.

Analysis of the Combined Sales.—Sales and profits shown below were taken from audits compiled by Ernst & Ernst over a period of 6 years—1921 to 1926, inclusive:

Total business for the 6-year period	\$5,026,815
Yearly average	837,802
Average net profits during the 6 years, per year	41,942
Average sales for the last 4 years, per year	960,422
Amount of sales for 1926	984,100
Average net profits for the last 4 years, per year	44,607
Profits for 1926	47,898

Executives of the company estimate that with the additional capacity their new quarters will give them, and with the increased working capital provided for, they may reasonably expect an increase in volume in 1928 of approximately \$500,000, making a probable total for the year of \$1,500,000.

Distribution of Estimated Earnings.

Est. profits of 10% upon the predicted volume of \$1,500,000 equals	\$150,000
Div. charges on the 7% cum. pref. stock for 1928	\$31,500
5% of the amount of the pref. issue as a reserve for amortization of good-will and prepaid accounts	22,500
For preferred stock redemption in 1929	17,000
Total	\$71,000
Divs. on 40,000 shs. of class A com. at \$1 per share	40,000
Balance to surplus	\$39,000

Gardner-Denver Co.—Exchange of Stock.

This company has notified the common stockholders of the Denver Rock Drill Mfg. Co., that it is prepared to exchange their stock for stock in the new company on the basis of one share of Gardner-Denver common stock and a pro-rata share in \$850,000, par value, of Gardner-Denver preferred stock for each share of Denver common. Any part of the \$850,000 preferred not absorbed under the offer will be sold by the company and the proceeds distributed pro-rata to Denver common stockholders. The preferred stock, together with the cash distribution, will be issued Nov. 1, 1927, to holders of record Oct. 1, 1927.

As a further step in the merger the Denver company has elected to purchase all its outstanding preferred stock at 105 and divs. The preferred stockholders may elect to exchange their stock share for share for Gardner-Denver preferred stock (see Denver company in V. 125, p. 920).—V. 125, p. 1058.

General Electric Co.—Contract for 300 Signals.

The red-and-green "Stop and Go" system of regulating traffic in New York City is to be greatly increased by the installation of 300 more signals along Broadway and other principal avenues of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, N. Y. The contract for the 300 signals, of the standard New York design, and for the 300 control boxes, has been awarded by the city to the General Electric Co.—V. 125, p. 1717.

General Electric Co., Germany.—Rights.

The National City Bank of New York has been advised by cable that at a general shareholders' meeting, held on Sept. 19, 1927, the company authorized an increase in its capital stock by the issue of additional common stock of an aggregate par value of 30,000,000 reichsmarks, and that holders of common stock now outstanding will have the right to subscribe to the new common stock at 140% of its par value (100 reichsmarks (par at the rate of 100 reichsmarks, par value, of new stock for every 600 reichsmarks, par value, of old stock held by them).

The National City Bank has been appointed agent to receive subscriptions for the new stock in this country, and is prepared to receive subscriptions to be transmitted by it to Berlin. Subscription rights may be exercised by presenting stock certificates to the National City Bank of New York for appropriate stamping on or before Oct. 19, 1927. Payment for the new stock will be due at the time of subscribing at the rate of exchange as fixed by the National City Bank from time to time.

Holders of National City Bank trust receipts issued on or prior to May 24, 1927 should exchange the same for stock certificates at the bank in order to be in a position themselves to exercise their rights.

Holders of National City Bank trust receipts issued after May 24, 1927 may arrange with the National City Bank, trustee, to subscribe to the new stock on their behalf or to dispose of their rights thereto.

Holders of stock who do not wish to exercise their rights to subscribe for new stock may sell their rights by presenting stock certificates or National City Bank trust receipts to the bank for appropriate stamping on or before Oct. 15, 1927.

Those who may wish to acquire sufficient additional rights to round out their holdings to a multiple of six rights should enter their orders with the National City Bank on or before Oct. 15, 1927.

Official trading in rights on the Berlin Stock Exchange will take place on Oct. 14, 15 and 17, 1927. It is expected that delivery of new shares will be made in Berlin on or about Nov. 1, 1927.—V. 125, p. 1845.

General Motors Corp.—Frigidaire Sales Increase.

Previous to his departure for Europe last Saturday, Oct. 1, E. G. Biechler, Pres. and Gen. Mgr. of the Frigidaire Corp., in addition to the statement on overseas business given in last week's "Chronicle," said in substance: "The output and gross sales of the Frigidaire company are running double last year's record, and despite several price cuts during the year it is expected earnings will show a considerable increase over 1926. Our foreign business is very satisfactory. We have established dealerships all over Europe and in other continents.

"The corporation does not contemplate any additions to plants, as present facilities are ample to take care of 1928 needs.

"An important factor in our growth is the addition to our line of the electric water cooler. We have experienced a very satisfactory demand for these machines, and have orders just received from a Philadelphia concern for 2,000 of these coolers." See also V. 125, p. 1846.

General Motors Truck Corp.—Receives Large Order.

An equipment order for \$1,250,000 was placed last week with the New York branch of the General Motors Truck Corp. for 600 taxicabs, according to an announcement by Ernest H. Miller, President of the Yellow Taxi Corp. of New York. The order involves delivery as soon as possible and at the rate of not less than 100 cabs per month, which will be put immediately into service. The 600 new cabs will replace just that many now in service, many of which are now declared obsolete. According to Mr. Miller, when delivery of the order is complete Yellow Taxi will have about 1,200 up-to-date cabs in operation.—V. 121, p. 1107.

General Petroleum Corp.—Notes Called.

All of the outstanding \$9,260,500 5-year 6% gold notes have been called for payment Dec. 1 next at 100 1/4 and int. at the Bank of California, San Francisco, Calif., or at the option of the holder, at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 931.

General Vending Corp. (of Va.)—Bonds Offered.

F. J. Lisman & Co., and B. J. Van Ingen Co., New York, are offering \$4,500,000 6% 10-year secured sinking fund gold bonds, (with stock purchase warrants), at 98 1/2 and int., to yield about 6.20%.

Dated Aug. 15, 1927; due Aug. 15, 1937. All cash realized from the exercise of the stock purchase warrants prior to Aug. 15, 1931 is to be applied to the purchase of bonds at not exceeding 100 or to red. by lot at 100 of principal amount on the next succeeding int. date after 30 days' notice, in either case with accrued int. A sinking fund commencing Feb. 15, 1931 will be provided to retire by maturity, in equal semi-annual installments on each int. payment date, all bonds outstanding on that date and not previously called for redemption, to be applied to redemption of bonds by lot, on 30 days' notice, at their principal amount plus int., the corporation to have the right to tender bonds to the sinking fund at their principal amount in lieu of cash. Under the provisions of the indenture, a redemption and renewal fund is to be set up immediately, equal to the yearly depreciation as determined by the board of directors. This fund is to be used only for the purchase or improvement of equipment or, to the extent required, to meet sinking fund payments. The bonds are red. otherwise than through the sinking fund after Aug. 15, 1930, as a whole or in part, at any time on 60 days' notice at 102 1/2% and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and int. payable (F. & A.) at Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Data from Letter of Thomas V. Salt, Pres. of the Corporation.

Company.—Incorp. in Virginia, was formerly the Peerless Scale Corp. Owns or is about to acquire all the issued and outstanding capital stocks

and funded debt of the following companies: Peerless Weighing Machine Co. (Me.); Peerless Weighing Machine Co. (Del.); Pacific Peerless Weighing Machine Corp. (Calif.); Rhodes-Hochriem Manufacturing Co. (Ill.); Hoff Vending Corp. of America (Del.).

Through these subsidiaries, it will own and operate automatic penny scales and Hoff gum vending machines, and will manufacture or control the patented mechanism essential to their operation. It will also own:

1. A contract extending to the maturity date of these bonds with the Wm. Wrigley, Jr., Co., whereby Hoff Vending Corp. of America is appointed the authorized distributor for the vending throughout the United States of Wrigley brands (Penny P. K., Chewing Sweet, Spearmint and Juicy Fruit Short-tab Vending Gum) of penny chewing gum in coin-controlled vending machines, except for certain locations covered by old contracts, which do not conflict with the business of the corporation. 2. Contracts for the placement of scales and (or) vending machines with such important chain store systems as Woolworth, Liggett's, United Cigar Stores, Union News, J. C. Penney, McCrory, Grant, Metropolitan, Owl, Walgreen and many others. Many of these provide for exclusive placements.

At the present time, the subsidiaries own and operate 36,679 scales, of which 6,171 are of the modern ticket-printing type perfected in 1925. The majority of old dial scales can be readily converted into the new ticket type. This conversion is being rapidly accomplished.

The Hoff Vending Corp. also distributes Wrigley gum through 25,000 Hoff vending machines actually or about to be in operation. It is planning to increase this number to 100,000.

Earnings.—Peerless Weighing Machine Co. (Me.) has been in operation since 1914 and has a record of continuous and steadily increasing earnings since that date. Earnings during this period before depreciation, interest and Federal taxes, have been as follows:

Cal. Yrs.—	Earnings		Cal. Yrs.—	Earnings	
	Gross Income	Avail. for Int.		Gross Income	Avail. for Int.
1914	\$30,478	\$8,469	1921	\$506,763	\$195,936
1915	135,710	72,763	1922	504,942	264,702
1916	173,956	109,953	1923	566,451	308,739
1917	217,344	128,658	1924	612,338	367,856
1918	280,826	183,601	1925	898,743	400,595
1919	347,174	178,757	1926	1,207,440	718,394
1920	430,365	205,031			

Consolidated Companies Years Ended May 31.

1926	\$2,575,787	\$850,742
1927	3,242,842	959,163

The profit from operations of the consolidated companies for the year ending May 31, 1927 available for interest, was equal to 3.55 times maximum annual interest charges on these bonds.

a Includes approximately \$191,000 inter-company profit. b Includes approximately \$70,000 inter-company profit and \$185,416 adjustment for capital items charged to operations as estimated by General Valuations Co., Inc.

Security.—Secured by pledge with trustee of the entire outstanding capital stocks and funded debt of all the above mentioned subsidiary companies. The properties, both tangible and intangible, of these companies, after deduction of current liabilities, based on the appraisals of the General Valuations Co. and the audit of Haskins & Sells, are valued at \$10,432,489, equivalent to \$2.318 per \$1,000 bond.

Capitalization (After Giving Effect to this Financing).

6% 10-year secured sinking fund gold bonds (closed)	\$4,500,000
8% cumulative preferred stock	\$3,300,000
Common stock (no par value)	\$365,000 shs.
x Authorized \$5,000,000.	y Authorized 500,000 shs., of which 100,000 shares are to be reserved for issue against stock purchase warrants, and other options.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Bonds will carry detachable warrants entitling the holder to purchase common stock of the General Vending Corp., in the ratio of 10 shares for each \$1,000 bond, at the following prices per share: Up to Aug. 15, 1928 at \$30 per share; up to Aug. 15, 1929 to \$40 per share; up to Aug. 15, 1930 at \$50 per share; and up to Aug. 15, 1931 at \$60 per share.

In the event that the corporation shall authorize and issue common stock in addition to the 500,000 shares presently authorized, the above prices may, under certain circumstances to be specified in the indenture, be reduced.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to purchase the entire outstanding capital stock of the Hoff Vending Corp., to retire \$1,400,000 7% gold notes of the Peerless Weighing Machine Co. (Me.); to convert dial scales into ticket scales; to purchase gum vending machines and for additional working capital.

Directors.—Wm. Wrigley, Jr. (Chairman, Wm. Wrigley, Jr., Co.); Robert F. Sniffen (Former director Sears, Roebuck & Co.); Robert E. Allen (V.-Pres., Central Union Trust Co., New York; F. J. Lisman (F. J. Lisman & Co.); Durbin Bond (B. J. Van Ingen & Co.); Thomas V. Salt (Pres., General Vending Corp.); Stanley Nowak (V.-Pres., General Vending Corp.).

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31, 1927 (Giving Effect to this Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$2,346,829	Current liabilities	\$1,071,468
Other current assets	361,422	6% sinking fund bonds	4,500,000
Weighing machines, gum machines, &c.	4,942,505	Special res. for completion, reconditioning and conversion of scales and for purchase of additional gum vending machines	1,889,600
Est. cost to recondition all convert scales	1,133,760	Preferred stock	3,300,000
Location contracts for scales & gum machines, Wrigley contract, &c.	3,853,202	Common stock (no par)	403,793
Deferred charges	548,591	Surplus	2,021,447
Total	\$13,186,308	Total	\$13,186,308

a As appraised by General Valuations Co., Inc., except property, \$407,934 and intangibles, \$60,000 which are at book value.—V. 125, p. 1846.

Georgetown Coated Paper Mills, Ltd.—Bonds Offered.

—R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto, recently offered at 100 and int., \$200,000 20-year 6 1/2% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1927; due Aug. 1, 1947.

The business of the company was started in the year 1910. Company now owns one of the most modern coated paper plants in Canada, with an average daily output of 20,000 lbs. of finished product.

The present issue of \$200,000 is secured by a first mortgage on the total net assets of the company which, at the present time, are equal to \$493,524, or over \$2.460 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue.

The net earnings available for bond interest for the past 3 years have averaged \$65,718 per annum, or over 5 times the amount required for a full year's interest on these bonds.

Georgia Manufacturing Co., White Hall, Ga.—Bonds Offered.

—An issue of \$125,000 1st mtge. (closed) serial 7% gold bonds was recently sold at 101 and int. by Citizens & Southern Co., Savannah, Ga.

Dated Aug. 15, 1927; due serially Aug. 1929-1942. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Citizens & Southern National Bank (trustee) at Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, Augusta, Athens, Valdosta, Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 1/4 and int.

Company was established in 1829 and has been in continuous operation since that time. Company has produced sheetings, yarns, &c., and proposes at this time to install sufficient looms to weave its entire production of yarns. The property has been in the possession of and operated by the White family (the present owners) during its entire history of almost 100 years. The plant and properties are situated at White Hall, Ga., on approximately 600 acres of land owned in fee. The mill buildings are of modern textile construction, equipped with 12,000 spindles (140 to 150 looms to be installed), together with complete complementary machinery, steam heat, wet sprinkler system, storage warehouse, &c. Company owns a hydro-electric plant located on its property now developed to 550 h.p. 10-hour day use for year. Company has installed a steam plant, and available power is further increased by the ownership of a direct line connecting with the Georgia Ry. & Power Co.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by an absolute closed mortgage on all fixed assets of the company, which were appraised as of April 1, 1925 at a replacement value of \$655,365 and a depreciated value of \$423,661. Bringing this appraisal up to date by adding additions since April 1, 1925 and including additions to be acquired through present financing, will reflect

a replacement value of \$721,254 and a depreciated value of \$489,551. Fire insurance policies now in force amount to \$306,500.

Earnings.—Average earnings for the years 1917-1926 amount to \$33,000 annually before depreciation, and it is estimated that the change in operations from a yarn mill to a cloth mill will materially increase the margin of profit in its current manufacturing to over three times the maximum interest and maturity requirements of this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off and retire all floating indebtedness, and for the purchase and erection of cloth machinery.

(H. W.) Gossard Co., Chicago.—Acquisition.—The company announces the acquisition of a substantial interest in the capital stock of the Modart Corset Co. of Saginaw, Mich. According to R. C. Stirton, President of the Gossard Co., the identity and individuality of the Modart Co. will be preserved and J. B. Pitcher will continue as President of the Modart Co.—V. 125, p. 1467.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.—1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$1,002,414 \$799,141 \$203,273 \$8,247,210 \$6,701,164 \$1,546,046 —V. 125, p. 1467.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.).—Sales.—1927—September—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$3,279,172 \$2,771,901 \$507,271 \$26,476,817 \$21,955,177 \$4,521,640 —V. 125, p. 1467.

Hamburg-American Line.—Buys Italian Steamship.—Announcement was made last month that the company had purchased the twin-screw 8,700 gross ton passenger steamship Neptunia from the Servis Maritimi, Society of Genoa, which will be renamed the Oceana and added to its fleet of cruising steamers.—V. 123, p. 718.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Acquisition.—See Rogers-Brown Iron Co. below.—V. 125, p. 527.

Hanover Fire Insurance Co.—Executive Com. Member.—Rollin C. Bortle, Vice-President of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., has been elected a member of the executive committee to succeed Ralph Van Vechten.—V. 124, p. 2127.

Hart & Hegeman Manufacturing Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—A syndicate headed by Thomson, Fenn & Co., Hartford, Conn., and including Putnam & Co., Chas. W. Seranton & Co., Buell, Campbell & Co., Adams, Merrill & Co., Roy T. H. Barnes & Co. and the R. F. Griggs Co., are offering at 98 1/2% and div., to yield about 6.60%, \$1,333,300 6 1/2% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Cumulative dividends payable Q.-J. Callable all or part upon not less than 60 days' notice at 108 and div. Dividends exempt from present Federal normal income tax. Not subject to Conn. property taxes. Transfer agent, Hartford National Bank & Trust Co.

Data from Letter of President Samuel P. Williams, Hartford, Conn. Company.—Organized in 1890; was incorp. in 1891 in Connecticut. Is engaged primarily in the manufacture of electric switches, and is generally recognized as a pioneer and leader in that line. The trade-mark "H & H" is among the company's most valuable assets. Hart & Hegeman products reach all parts of the United States and many of the foreign markets, through connection with the better electrical distributors.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)----- \$1,333,300 \$1,333,300 Common stock (par \$25)----- 750,000 500,000

Sinking Fund.—On or before the expiration of 60 days after Dec. 31 1928, and each year thereafter, the company is to set aside as a sinking fund for the preferred stock 20% of the net earnings of the company for the preceding year after deduction of all taxes and all dividends on the preferred stock whether or not paid. The preferred stock sinking fund shall be under the management of a committee composed of George H. Burt, Robert B. Newell and George S. Stevenson, all of Hartford.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the preferred stock on the Hartford Stock Exchange.

Earnings.—The company's business as reflected in volume of sales has shown a substantial growth. Consolidated net earnings for the five-year period ended Nov. 30 1926, after depreciation and Federal and State taxes, available for preferred dividends, have been as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1923, 1925, 1924, 1923), Earnings avall. for pref. divs., Earnings persh. on new pf. stk., and values.

Net earnings which would have been available for dividends on the new preferred stock as shown above have averaged \$387,588 for the five-year period. These earnings are equivalent to \$29.06 per share, or more than 4.47 times the maximum dividend requirements on this preferred stock.

The Auditor's report shows that earnings for the 8 months ended July 31 1927, amounted to \$237,949, nearly \$18 per share on this preferred stock. Due to the seasonal character of the business, it is the experience of the company that the last four months of the year is the best earning period. Company has paid dividends without interruption on its common stock since 1891 and dividends on its preferred stock since the latter was issued as a stock dividend in 1922.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31 1927 (Adjusted to Give Effect to Present Recapitalization).

Consolidated Balance Sheet table with Assets and Liabilities sections, listing cash, securities, notes, advances, inventories, taxes, land, patents, accounts payable, accrued commissions, royalties, and taxes.

Hill Building Corp., Washington, D. C.—Notes Offered.—The Federal-American Co., Washington, D. C. recently offered at par and int. \$325,000 first deed of trust (first mortgage) notes.

Dated Sept. 1 1927; maturing in 1 to 5 years. Denom. \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000. Federal-American National Bank of Washington, trustee.

Security.—Secured by a closed first deed of trust (first mortgage) on the new 10-story office building known as the Hill Building and leasehold on the land located on the southeast corner of 17th and Eye Sts., Northwest, Washington, D. C., containing about 5,475 sq. ft., fronting 100 ft. on 17th St. and 54.75 ft. on Eye St.

The building is a 10-story and basement, stone, brick and re-inforced concrete, fire-proof structure, the first floor being divided into shops of the better class and the upper floors are arranged for office purposes so that they may be rented in units of varying sizes. The demand for this type of building is such that a great many reservations were made therein before the ground was broken. The building is now approximately 70% rented.

Income.—The gross annual rental of the building is \$93,150 and the net annual rental is estimated at \$55,000 per year, or approximately 3 times the amount of annual interest on the loan.

Guaranty.—The payment of the note is unconditionally guaranteed by Wm. A. Hill (Pres. of Moore & Hill, Inc., real estate) and Frank J. Hogan (attorney).

Hupp Motor Car Corporation.—Production.—Month of Sept. 1927. Aug. 1927. Sept. 1926.

Table showing production numbers for Hupp Motor Car Corporation for Sept 1927, Aug 1927, and Sept 1926.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Production.—The company reports 87,000 cars for the July-August-September quarter just closed—the largest third quarter in the company's history, it is stated. This is 25,000 cars more than were built in the corresponding quarter one

year ago; and in fact only one three-month period in the company's history exceeds it in volume—the peak season of last spring.

Total production for the 9 months of 1927 has been 255,000 cars, as against 227,500 for all of 1926.—V. 125, p. 1589.

Illinois Brick Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927 net profit of approximately \$577,000 after all charges and Federal taxes, equivalent to \$2.45 a share on 235,000 shares (par \$25) capital stock outstanding.—V. 124, p. 3360.

India Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O.—Earnings—All Negotiations Relative to the Proposed Bond Issue Terminated.—A letter to the stockholders says: "Operations for the 7 months ended July 31 resulted in net profits of \$215,056, after all charges for interest, depreciation, and Federal taxes. These profits, together with the addition of \$302,000 of new capital brought in through the recent sale of common stock, have aided materially in financing the increased volume of business. Sales continue to show increases over last year, the sales to July 31 having been 41% in excess of the same period in 1926, in value. Increases in unit sales amounted to 110%.

"Profits to July 31 amounted to \$2.61 per share of common stock, after providing for preferred dividends. This represents an annual return at the rate of 21% upon the common stock. All dividend requirements for the year were carried in the first 6 months, and there are promising prospects for the last half year.

"The special meeting of stockholders called on June 22 1927, for the purpose of considering the issuance and sale of \$1,500,000 of 10-year sinking fund, 6% gold debenture bonds, which meeting was adjourned from time to time, was finally adjourned Sept. 1, without future call. All negotiations relative to the bond issue have been terminated, and our proposal for the sale of bonds has been definitely withdrawn. There will be no further consideration of new financing for the present."—V. 125, p. 1468.

Incorporated Investors.—Earnings 3 Mos. Ended Aug. 25 1927.—

Table showing dividends and interest received, management fee, taxes, legal services, and other expenses for Incorporated Investors.

Table showing current earnings and balance, current earnings account, May 25 1927.

Table showing current earnings for Aug. 25 1927, exclusive of profit on sale of securities.

Balance Sheet Aug. 25 1927. Assets: Cash, Call loan, Securities, Accounts receivable. Liabilities: Capital stock, Current earnings, Surplus.

Total \$2,586,554. Before dividends of \$1 per share, payable Sept. 1 on 24,843 shares outstanding on Aug. 25 1927.

Incorporated Investors is a Mass. corporation, organized in 1925. At the present time it has its capital invested in about 30 stocks of American corporations, diversified among rails, insurance, banks, and industrials of the highest grade. All securities owned by the trust are held by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston under a custodianship agreement.

Directors.—Charles Sumner Bird, Jr., Warren Motley, William A. Parker (Pres.), Edward G. Leffler (V. Pres.), John T. Nightingale, George Putnam (Pres.), and Benjamin Loring Young.

Voting Trustee.—The stock has been placed in a voting trust for 15 years, with the following trustees: Charles Sumner Bird, Jr., Warren Motley, John T. Nightingale, William A. Parker, and George Putnam.

The Parker Corp., 60 State Street, Boston, are general distributors for this investment trust.

Inland Investors, Inc.—Stock Offered.—Otis & Co. and The Guardian Securities Co., Cleveland, are offering 40,000 shares capital stock (no par value) at \$52.50 per share, payable 75% immediately and 25% Nov. 1 1927.

Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, transfer agent. Otis Safe Deposit Co. Cleveland, registrar. Company has agreed to pay such franchise taxes in Ohio as will under the present Ohio statutes exempt the holder from listing this stock for taxation as personal property in Ohio. Dividends on this stock are exempt from the present normal Federal income tax.

Capitalization.—Authorized, 100,000 shares; to be outstanding, 40,000 shares.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Has been organized as an investment company and as such will have power to buy, sell and underwrite securities. It will invest in securities approved by its board of directors and subject to restrictions set out in the by-laws of the company which will provide, among other things, as follows: (a) Company shall not invest in stocks of corporations organized in countries other than United States and Canada; (b) company shall not invest in stocks of corporations unless such corporations (or their predecessor, constituent or subsidiary corporations) shall have been in business for a period of at least 3 years and shall have paid dividends in not less than 3 years upon the class of stock in which it is proposed to invest (or upon any class of stock for which the stock in question may have been exchanged).

(c) Company shall not invest more than 10% of its capital and surplus in the stock of any one corporation nor more than 25% of such capital and surplus in the stock of corporations whose principal operations belong to the same particular line of industry or business;

(d) Company shall not invest in the stock of any corporation if thereby the company would become the owner of more than 12 1/2% of the then outstanding voting stock of such corporation; (e) Company shall not become indebted in an amount exceeding in the aggregate 40% of its assets at the time such indebtedness is incurred.

Subject to the foregoing, the directors shall have absolute discretion in the employment of the company's funds and may deposit such funds in any bank and may deal with any bank, firm or corporation in which any of the directors or officers may be interested or employed.

Management.—Directors will include J. O. Eaton, J. Arthur House, Richard Inglis, H. C. Robinson and F. F. Prentiss.

Dividend Policy.—The by-laws will provide that the directors may declare a dividend, semi-annually, of so much of the net profits as they shall deem expedient after carrying 1-10th of the net profits of the preceding half-year to its surplus fund until the same shall amount to 20% of its paid-in capital. It is believed that dividends during the first year can be paid at the rate of from \$2 to \$2.50 per share.

International Cigar Machinery Co.—Sales.—Eight Months Ended Aug. 31— 1927. 1926. Increase.

Table showing royalties and foreign sales for International Cigar Machinery Co. for Aug 31 1927, 1926, and increase.

See also American Machine & Foundry Co. above.—V. 125, p. 1200.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Otis & Co. have sold the unsold balance of 50,000 shares \$7 cum. conv. pref. stock at \$101 and div. per share, to yield about 6.93%. The stock was first offered to the common stockholders.

Transfer agent, Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Bankers Trust Co., New York. Preferred as to assets and dividends over the common stock. Cumulative dividends at the rate of \$7 per share per annum, payable Q.-J. Entitled in liquidation to \$100 per share and divs. Redeemable, all or part, by lot on 30 days' notice at \$110 per share plus dividends. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax.

Convertible.—Each share of preferred stock is convertible at any time into one share of common stock.

Data from Letter of George E. Learnard, President of the Corporation

Company.—Organized in Delaware in 1920 as a holding company to effect a consolidation through stock ownership of American, English and French companies which had been in business for some years. Company now controls directly or indirectly through practically 100% stock ownership, 21 domestic and foreign subsidiaries engaged in the engineering, manufacturing and selling of the corporation's equipment.

The corporation, the leader throughout the world in its field of operations, is engaged in the manufacture of equipment for the most efficient and economical use of coal and the production of steam; also the erection of plants for the low temperature distillation of coal, thereby recovering the valuable by-products which are now lost through burning coal in its raw state.

Products include equipment for preparing and burning coal in pulverized form, automatic stokers, boilers, steam generators, furnaces, air heaters, ash conveyors, and equipment for pulverizing coal, minerals, cement, pigments, &c.

The business abroad also includes the engineering and construction of complete power plants and of plants for the low temperature distillation of coal and the recovery of the by-products.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the construction of a low temperature coal distillation plant at New Brunswick, N. J., for additional working capital, and to reimburse the corporation for the cash paid as part consideration in the recent acquisition of the entire capital stock of F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co. of Chicago, one of the three largest coal tar distilling companies in the country.

Earnings.—Consolidated net earnings, after all charges including depreciation and Federal taxes, of International Combustion Engineering Corp. and subsidiaries (including F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co. and its subsidiaries) for the three years 1924 to 1926, inclusive, are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1924, 1925, 1926), 3-Yr. Avege., and Earnings. Values range from \$1,367,518 to \$2,767,818.

The average annual net earnings for the 3-year period given above were 5.27 times the annual dividend requirements of the preferred stock to be outstanding. Such net earnings for 1926 were equivalent to 7.9 times such requirements.

For the six months ending June 30 1927, such companies reported consolidated net earnings, after depreciation and Federal taxes, of \$941,974. The first six months of the year are normally less profitable than the last six months, and it is expected that earnings for the entire year 1927 will be in excess of those for 1926.

Unfilled orders on the books as of Sept. 15 1927 were approximately \$31,000,000, the largest in the corporation's history.

Assets.—The consolidated balance sheet of corporation and subsidiaries (including F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co. and subsidiaries) as of June 30 1927, after giving effect to appraisal and valuation of fixed assets of F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co. and its subsidiary companies, the purchase of the entire capital stock of F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co. by International corporation and financing incidental thereto, shows current assets of \$15,053,403, or 26 times current liabilities of \$577,744.66. Net current assets are equivalent to \$185 and net tangible assets (exclusive of patents, trade marks and goodwill) are equivalent to \$505 for each share of preferred stock to be outstanding.

Listing.—Application has been made to list this issue on the New York Stock Exchange.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 50,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 1,100,000 shs. 874,501 shs.

* Includes 50,000 shares reserved for conversion of preferred stock. There are outstanding bond issues of subsidiary companies totalling \$1,011,500.

Sinking Fund.—Corporation shall on Jan. 1 and July 1 1929 and on Jan. 1 and July 1 in each year thereafter, set aside out of surplus or net profits as a sinking fund for the purchase and redemption of the preferred stock a sum equal to \$1 per share for the greatest number of shares of the preferred stock at any time outstanding. Such sinking fund shall be cumulative. Moneys in the sinking fund shall be used semi-annually for the purchase of outstanding shares of preferred stock in the open market at not exceeding the redemption price or by call at the redemption price. Preferred stock redeemed by the sinking fund shall be canceled and not subject to re-issue.—V. 125, p. 1847.

International Paper Co.—Calls 6% Convertible Debentures.—The company has called for redemption on Dec. 1 1927 all of its 15-year 6% convertible gold debentures which will be outstanding at that time, at 102 1/2 and int. Of a \$25,000,000 issue sold in 1926, approximately \$13,700,000 of the debentures have been converted, while \$10,000,000 were recently called for redemption on Oct. 1.

In connection with the notice of redemption the company also calls attention to the right to convert the debentures into cumulative 7% preferred stock, as well as the right, exercisable at the time of such conversion, to purchase common stock at \$40 a share on the basis of two shares for each \$1,000 of debentures converted. The conversion privilege extends to the date of presentation of debentures for redemption, but not later than April 2 1928.

Holders of the debentures may deposit their securities, either for payment or conversion into pref. stock, at the Chase National Bank, New York, the First National Bank of Boston or the Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal.—V. 125, p. 1859.

International Salt Co.—Tenders.—The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., trustee, 55 Cedar St., New York City, will until Oct. 14 receive bids for the sale to it of first and consol. collateral trust mortgage bonds, dated Oct. 1 1901, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$94,015, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 125, p. 529.

Jeddo-Highland Coal Co.—Bonds Called.—One hundred seventy-one (\$171,000) 1st mtge. (leasehold) 6% bonds, due Nov. 1 1941, have been called for payment Nov. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Marble Banking & Trust Co., trustee, Hazleton, Pa., or at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.—V. 123, p. 2786.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—First 36 Weeks of— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Sales \$9,784,849 \$9,901,856 \$9,411,823 \$9,242,088 Ave. number of sales routes 1,091 1,070 1,038 1,021 Sales for the four weeks ended Sept. 10 1927 amounted to \$1,046,448, against \$1,030,002 in the same period of the previous year, an increase of \$16,446, or 1.60%.—V. 125, p. 1332, 1200.

(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc.—Earnings.—Net earnings, after Federal taxes and all charges, for the 10-year period ended Oct. 1 1927 (1927 partly estimated) have averaged \$1,320,799, or \$13.28 a share per annum. For the three years ended Oct. 1 1927 such earnings have averaged \$1,739,238, or \$17.49 per share.

These figures do not include substantial earnings made by wholly owned subsidiaries which have been re-invested in those properties and are therefore not reflected in the above figures.

Comparative Balance Sheet. Table with 6 columns: Assets (Plant & prop., Treasury stock, Investments, Sinking fund, Inventory, Options contracts, Cash, Adv. account raw material pur., Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Prepaid accounts) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Gold deb. bonds, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued interest, taxes, &c., Other reserves, Res. for deprec., Surplus). Totals: 22,392,788 vs 21,604,579.

Kinnear Stores Co.—Sales.—Period End. Sept. 30— 1927—Month—1926. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Sales \$272,112 \$149,196 \$1,799,358 \$1,433,429.—V. 125, p. 1589.

Knickerbocker Ice Co.—October Sales.—It is announced that October sales are 25% ahead of any previous record of the company for this period. During the first two working days of the month the company's wagons distributed over 39,000,000 pounds, which averages 5 1/2 pounds of ice for every person living in the metropolitan district.—V. 124, p. 3640.

Knight Finance Corporation.—Village Sold at Auction. The village of White Rock, R. I., with its broad main street of macadam lined with tall maple trees, its public school building, brick store and

frame dwellings, went on the auctioneer's block Aug. 25 and was parceled out to bidders who gathered for the sale.

The village was put on the market by the Knight Finance Corp., a liquidating company, subsidiary of B. B. & R. Knight Corp. The Knight Finance Corp. sold the Village of Manchaug, Mass., on Aug. 23.

The auctioneer offered 34 houses containing 95 tenements, of which 86 were occupied.—V. 125, p. 1590.

Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Earnings Years Ended Aug. 31 (Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd.)

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended Aug. 31 (1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24). Rows include Divs. received from Kerr Lake Mining Co., Ltd., Divs. received from Rimu Gold Dredging Co., Ltd., Interest received, Profit on sale of securities, Total income, Admin. & genera. exp., Sundry expl. & mine exp., Loss on realiz. of Goldalve Mines, Ltd., shares, Dividends paid, Balance, Earnings per share on 600,000 shs. (par \$4) cap. stk. outstanding.

Earnings Years Ended Aug. 31 (Kerr Lake Mining Co., Ltd.)

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended Aug. 31 (1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24). Rows include Total income, Expenses and taxes, Net profit, Dividends, Deficit, Profit and loss, surplus, x Includes \$3,556 loss on sale and redemption of securities in 1927 and \$4,014 in 1926.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31 (Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd.)

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Kerr Lake M. Co., Ltd., Accts. receivable, Ottawa Mining Co. notes rec., Tahoe Mine notes received, Inv. in outside prop, Cash) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Sundry liabilities, Unclaimed divs., Profit and loss). Totals: \$3,319,785 vs \$3,274,948.

x Kerr Lake Mining Co., Ltd., of Ontario, Can., shares acquired in consideration of the issue of capital stock of this company, \$3,000,000; less amount received from Kerr Lake Mining Co., Ltd., applied to the reduction of the share capital per resolution at meeting held July 8 1919, \$600,000, leaving (as above) \$2,400,000. y As follows: (a) 1,001,000 shares Tahoe Mine, Utah, \$397,000; (b) 95,242 ordinary shares (\$400,017) and 15,265 pref. shares (\$52,890); Rimu Gold Dredging Co., Ltd., New Zealand, \$452,907; (c) 132,000 shares Wettlaufer Loyal Silver Mines, Ltd., \$6,600; (d) advances on acct. of prospecting, \$4,317; total, \$860,824.—V. 124, p. 1676.

Knott Corp.—Stock Sold.—Hoit, Rose & Troster, N. Y. City, have placed privately 150,000 shares of capital stock. A circular issued by the bankers affords the following:

Corporation.—Incorp. in Delaware to take over the active management of the Knott companies. The business taken over by the Knott Corp. was established in Washington Square, N. Y. City, 35 years ago, and has had a conservative, steady growth.

The value of the stock of this corporation lies in its ownership, through subsidiaries, of well-located hotels and real estate in N. Y. City and elsewhere, and also long-term leases which are held by these subsidiaries.

There are 18 hotels in the Knott chain, 13 of which are situated in Manhattan. The other 5 are located as follows: Kew Gardens, L. I.; Watertown, N. Y.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Albany, N. Y., and Pittsburgh, Pa. (the latter in course of construction). Besides the hotels, there are two wholesale laundries and a wholesale bakery business.

The different properties controlled by the corporation were appraised by a prominent real estate firm and the furniture and furnishings were appraised by the American Appraisal Co.

Dividends.—It is understood that it is the intention of this corporation to pay dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per share, and it is estimated the earnings should be at least double that amount.

Capital Stock.—Authorized 250,000 shares (no par); outstanding about 150,000 shares.

Officers.—Wm. J. Knott, Pres.; J. A. Dillard, V.-Pres.; James E. Knott, Treas.; W. W. Wyckoff, Sec.

Directors.—David H. Knott, Chairman; George W. Olvany, John A. Dillard, C. Stanley Mitchell, William J. Knott, James E. Knott, W. W. Wyckoff.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31 1927 (Knott Companies).

Table with 6 columns: Assets (Cash, Investments, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Cash & securs. on deposit for rent, Real estate (as per appraisal), Furnish. & mach. (as per appraisal), Inventories, Insur. unexpired, Rent & int. in adv., Leases & good-will) and Liabilities (1st mtge. bonds, Preferred stock, Mortgages, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Securities on deposit for rent & rent paid in adv., Accrued interest on mortgages, Net worth). Totals: \$7,233,043 vs \$10,106,042.

Results of recent financing, when added to the above assets, should bring the book value of the stock to approximately \$50 per share.

Kraft Cheese Co.—Sales Increase.—

President J. L. Kraft says in substance: "Sales so far this year are substantially ahead of last year and should be close to \$40,000,000 for the full year. Profits should increase in proportion."

"While the nature of our business requires us to carry a fairly large inventory, we have been able to reduce our stocks materially by refining our manufacturing methods. The lower our inventory the less possibility of loss from fluctuation in cheese prices, a fact or which considerably affected our profits last year. Cheese prices, however, have become more stabilized due to the constantly increasing demand."

"We have made more progress this year in consolidating and unifying our operations than ever before."

"Our factory in England, which began operation in Oct. 1925, is now showing a good margin of profit."

"We have already found it necessary to develop new dairying sections in this country. Beginning in 1922, we developed dairying in Idaho and in the Bitter Root Valley of Montana. More recently we extended our operations into the North Platte Valley of Nebraska. Early this year we began developing an entirely new cheese-producing area in Indiana."

"These additional areas we have found insufficient to supply our factories, and consequently we are entering now on the biggest campaign in our history. We propose to change a large part of the cotton-growing territory in the South into a dairying area. This month we opened Tennessee's first cheese factory. We are building a plant at Wichita Falls, Tex. We are considering building several additional plants in Mississippi, several more in Tennessee, and several in Alabama.—V. 125, p. 1848.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales.—
1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase.
\$10,421,615 \$9,438,852 \$982,763 \$86,627,020 \$76,875,272 \$9,751,748

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.—
Period End. Sept. 30— 1927—Month—1926. 1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Sales \$4,555,633 \$3,880,691 \$36,536,636 \$33,118,950

Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—
Years Ended June 30— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924.
Bullion production— \$3,105,048 \$2,245,184 \$1,812,495 \$578,243

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.
Assets— 1927. 1926. Liabilities— 1927. 1926.
Bldgs., struc. & eq't. \$742,186 \$896,816 Capital stock— \$1,332,203 \$1,332,203

Lakewood (Ohio) Engineering Co.—Smaller Dividend.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5.

(Edward) Langer Printing Co., Inc.—Bonds Called.—
All of the first mortgage 6 1/2% bonds have been called for redemption Nov. 15 at 105 and interest. This bond issue, originally \$1,350,000, has been reduced to \$1,143,500 through serial amortization.

Lawrence Hotel Co., Erie, Pa.—Bonds Sold.—Hayden, Miller & Co. and Spencer, Kamerer & Co., Cleveland, have sold \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds at the following prices: 101 and int. for the 1928 maturity, to yield about 5%; 100.90 and int. for the 1929 maturity, to yield about 5 1/2%; 100 and int. for all other maturities.

Control.—All of the common stock of the company is owned by the United Hotels Co. of America, which directs the operation of a chain of 23 hotels in the United States and Canada.
Security.—Bonds will be secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the fee title to all the land and buildings owned by the company and consisting of approximately 28,950 square feet of land, together with the hotel structure and the addition thereto presently to be erected.

Earnings.—Earnings of the Lawrence Hotel for the past 4 years follow:
1923. 1924. 1925. 1926.
Net profit available for interest before depreciation— \$166,357 \$179,900 \$210,080 \$198,365

(P. T.) Legare Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., Montreal, recently offered at 99 and int., to yield about 6.10%, \$1,000,000 6% 1st mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Montreal, and Louis Normand, Inc., Three Rivers, are offering \$600,000 7% sinking fund cumulative convertible preferred stock at 100 and dividend. This stock carries with it a bonus of no-par common stock at the rate of three shares of common stock for every ten shares of preferred stock.

Transfer agent, Royal Trust Co. Registrar, Bankers Trust Co. Cumulative dividends payable Q.-M. by check negotiable at par at any branch in Canada of the Bank of Montreal, or at any branch in the Province of Quebec of La Banque Canadienne Nationale or La Banque Provinciale du Canada.

Convertible.—This issue of 7% sinking fund cumulative preferred stock is convertible in perpetuity at the holder's option in whole or in part into common shares of no par value on the basis of three common shares of no par value for each \$100 share of 7% preferred stock.

Sinking Fund.—Provision has been made for a yearly sinking fund, to be devoted to the purchase or calling of the preferred stock for cancellation, of 10% of the yearly profits available for dividends on the common stock.

Data from Letter of President J. H. Fortier, Quebec, P. Q., Aug. 18

Company.—The business now conducted by the company was established in 1877. So far as is known, it is the oldest chain store business of its kind in Canada. Company operates 52 chain stores located in all the principal cities and towns of the Province of Quebec.

Company's business is the merchandising of four principal classes of goods: (1) Home furnishings of every description; (2) stoves, furnaces, electric ranges, &c.; (3) wagons, buggies, farm implements and agricultural requisites of every description; (4) pianos, organs, radios, gramophones and musical goods in general.

The company's turnover in 1926 was approximately \$3,550,000. Total sales for the first six months of 1927 exceeded by over 30% total sales for the first six months of 1926.

Approximately half the company's business is cash business, and half credit business. Its credit department is thoroughly organized and efficiently managed, with the result that yearly losses are less than 1/2 of 1% of the total volume of credit business transacted.

Properties, &c.—Company's properties on which these bonds are a specific first mortgage, have been appraised by the Canadian Appraisal Co., Ltd., at \$2,017,153.

The company owns a substantial minority interest in the Legare Automobile & Supply Co., Ltd. This company distributes Hudson, Essex and Nash cars throughout the Province of Quebec, and Hudson and Essex cars in certain sections of Eastern Ontario, such as Ottawa and Kingston.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
6% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, due 1947— \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000
6% redeemable debentures, due 1977— 700,000 700,000

After provision for bond and debenture interest, this was equivalent to 2.46 times dividend requirements on the issue of preferred stock. Net earnings for 1926, available for dividends on this issue of preferred stock, were equivalent to 4.36 times the total preferred dividend requirements.

The foregoing earnings do not take into account any increase of earning power which may result from the investment in the business of the proceeds of this issue of preferred stock. This increase of earning power is conservatively estimated at \$50,000 per year.

Purpose.—Proceeds of the bond issue are being devoted to the retirement of the 7% first mortgage bonds. This 7% bond issue was originally \$1,200,000, but it has been reduced by the sinking fund to \$947,900, and is now being called at its redemption price.

The proceeds of the issue of preferred stock will be devoted to the expansion of the company's business throughout the Province of Quebec and especially in those sections of the province which are assured of great industrial development in the future, such as the Saguenay Valley region, the Gatineau Valley district and certain parts of the Eastern Townships.

Lefcourt Realty Corp.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Hemphill Noyes & Co. and Lage & Co., New York, have sold 100,000 shares convertible cumulative preference stock (no par value) at \$38 per share.

Preferred over the common stock as to assets and as to quarterly dividends, cumulative from Oct. 15 1927, at annual rate of \$3 a share. Red. all or part on any div. date upon not less than 60 days' notice at \$45 a share and divs. Upon any dissolution, entitled to \$45 a share and divs. before any distribution may be made to common stockholders.

Convertible at any time up to and including the fifth day prior to any date specified for redemption, at the option of the holder, into the no par value common stock of the company, on a share for share basis.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
Convertible cumul. preference stock (this issue) 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value) \$310,000 shs. 210,000 shs.

*100,000 shares reserved for conversion of 100,000 shares of convertible preference stock. There will also be outstanding real estate first mortgages aggregating \$9,580,000 on the various properties owned by subsidiaries.

Data from Letter of A. E. Lefcourt.
Company.—Is being organized in Delaware to acquire the entire capital stocks of 5 corporations which respectively own in fee simple 5 most important buildings erected and owned by A. E. Lefcourt of New York City.

Mr. Lefcourt will control a large majority of the common stock of this corporation. The properties comprise 5 buildings, all completed, in operation and fully rented, as follows: Times Square Post Office, Lefcourt Building, Lefcourt Marlboro Building, Lefcourt Madison Building, Lefcourt Manhattan Building.

Mr. Lefcourt has agreed to give the corporation an option to purchase any building constructed by him prior to Jan. 1 1940. The following buildings, now under construction, or recently completed, will be the first to come under such option: International Telephone Building, Lefcourt State Building (leasehold), Lefcourt Empire Building.

Twenty-one floors of the International Telephone Building have been leased (with option to lessee to purchase building) for a long term of years to International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. and subsidiaries, including All America Cables, Inc., this lease being the largest of this nature signed in the history of New York City real estate.

Earnings.—Combined net income of the buildings to be controlled by corporation, after deducting operating expenses, interest on first mortgages presently to be outstanding, management expenses on the basis of 2 1/2% of gross rentals, and Federal income taxes on such income at the rate of 13 1/2%, as prepared and certified to by Price, Waterhouse & Co., was as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Yr. Ended, Net Income, Per Share, Net After, Per Share, No. Bldgs., in Oper. Rows for 1925, 1926, and 1927.

The following estimated income is based on signed leases now in effect:

Table with 5 columns: Yr. end, June 30, 1928, Net Income, Per Share, Net After, Per Share.

Assets.—Brown, Wheelock, Harris, Vought & Co. Inc. have appraised the value of the lands and buildings to be controlled by the corporation as follows: Land, \$6,995,000; buildings, \$8,230,000; total, \$15,225,000.

There will be outstanding, upon completion of this financing and the transactions incident thereto, \$9,550,000 of first mortgages on the above mentioned five properties, leaving a consolidated net equity, based on such appraisals, and including net working capital of \$450,000, applicable to the preference stock of \$6,995,000, equivalent to \$60.95 per share. All except one of the outstanding mortgages are held by savings banks or insurance companies located in New York City.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part payment for the acquisition of the capital stocks of the operating companies for reduction of indebtedness, of such companies and for working capital.

Listing.—Corporation will agree to make application to list the preference stock on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 125, p. 1848.

Leonard, Fitzpatrick, Mueller Stores Co. (Del.)—Sales. 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. | 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$428,448 \$402,632 \$25,816 \$3,869,542 \$3,663,823 \$205,719 —V. 125, p. 1468.

Life Savers, Inc.—Earnings.— Results for 6 Months Ended June 30 1927. Operating profit, \$1,259,745; miscellaneous income, \$21,436; total, \$1,281,181. Expenses, 690,195.

Net income before taxes, \$590,986. Net income of \$590,986, before taxes for the 6 months ended June 30 1927 is equivalent to \$1.18 a share on 500,000 shares of no par capital stock outstanding, against \$801,819 or \$1.60 a share on the same share basis in the corresponding period of 1926.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Consolidated Balance Sheet table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Land, bldgs. and equipment, Pat's & tr. marks, etc.

—V. 125, p. 658.

Lincoln Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co., Newark, N. J.—Stock Sold.—Titus, Jones & Co., New York, have sold at \$60 per share 4,000 shares capital stock (par \$25). The stock was privately acquired and does not represent new financing on the part of the company.

Capital Stock.—Outstanding 60,000 shares (par \$25). Company was incorp. in 1926 under the Insurance Laws of New Jersey, by a group of insurance officials, attorneys, bankers and leading real estate experts. Its field of operations is confined largely to Northern New Jersey within what is known as the Metropolitan District. Experienced purchasers of mortgages, including insurance companies, recognize this section as one of the safest territories in the country for the operation of a mortgage company.

Company operates under the supervision of the Department of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey. See also V. 125, p. 1848.

Loft, Incorporated.—Sales.— Period end, Sept. 30— 1927—Month—1926. 1927—3 Mos.—1926. Sales, \$617,741 \$671,528 \$1,775,851 \$1,930,676 —V. 125, p. 1468, 924.

Lomaland Properties (Inc.), Point Loma, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—Bayly Brothers, Inc., Los Angeles, are offering at 101 and int., to yield about 6.90%, \$400,000 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1927; due Sept. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & S. at Southern Title & Trust Co., San Diego, Calif., trustee, or at the Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 35 days' notice at 102 1/2 and int. Exempt from personal property tax in Calif. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Security.—A first closed mortgage on approximately 330 acres of land with improvements, and collateral valued as follows: land, \$1,320,000; improvements, \$306,067; collateral, \$239,000; total value, \$1,865,067. Total security more than 4 times bonded indebtedness, making this issue less than a 25% loan.

Income.—Income estimated to be in excess of 4.2 times average annual interest requirements. Sinking Funds.—Sinking fund will retire bonds annually.

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Acquisitions.—

The corporation has completed the purchase of the United Oil Products Co. of Springfield, O., and the Marysville Oil Products Co. of Marysville, O., for a consideration of approximately \$300,000. Both are distributors of refined oil products with business of about 300,000 gallons monthly and will bring the Ohio business of the Louisiana Oil Co. up to about 1,500,000 gallons a month. Included in the transaction were 6 bulk and 23 retail stations, along with 400 loan equipment pump installations in 129 Ohio cities and towns.

The Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. has been expanding its marketing in Ohio since its entry into that State about a year ago, when it purchased the Ohio Refining Co. Railroad rates between Louisiana, where the company's refinery is located, and Ohio points are favorable to distribution of oil products in Ohio.—V. 125, p. 1060.

McCall Corp., N. Y.—To Retire 2d Preferred Stock.— All of the outstanding \$859,140 2d preferred stock has been called for payment Dec. 1 next at 110 and divs. at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 1521.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—Sales.— 1927—September—1926. Increase. | 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$3,019,852 \$2,543,084 \$476,768 \$25,913,087 \$21,706,138 \$4,206,949 —V. 125, p. 1469.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales.— 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. | 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$934,446 \$758,055 \$176,391 \$6,953,046 \$5,278,823 \$1,674,223 —V. 125, p. 1469.

Madison Clark Building (Corp.) Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Offering was made Sept. 13 by Robert S. Strauss & Co. of \$2,500,000 1st mtge. leasehold, 6 1/2% serial gold bonds, at 100 and int.

Dated March 15 1927; due March 15 1942. Int. payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable at 102 and int. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Mortgagor covenants to refund the Penn. 4 mills tax; the Conn. 4 mills tax; the Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax; the District of Columbia 5 mills tax; the Virginia 5 1/2 mills tax; the Iowa 6 mills tax and the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% to residents of said respective States. Bonds and coupons payable at the principal office of Robert S. Strauss & Co., Chicago. Chicago Title & Trust Co. of Chicago, trustee.

The President of the Madison-Clark Building Corp. summarizes his letter to us as follows:

Building.—The Madison Clark Building will be located on the southwest corner of Madison and Clark Streets. The building is to be a substantial structure of 23-stories, attic and two basements designed for shops, offices and commercial use. Each office has outside space, assuring maximum light and air for tenants. The building will be of fireproof steel construction throughout with an exterior finish of granite, terra cotta and brick. The interior finish will be of marble and mahogany.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the leasehold estate and the building to be erected thereon by the Madison-Clark Building Corp. The land has a frontage of 125.97 ft. on West Madison St. and 50.6 ft. on South Clark St., containing a ground area of approximately 6,300 sq. ft. Adequate fire and other insurance will be carried on the building and the policies deposited with the trustee as additional protection to the bondholders. The lease to the ground extends to Oct. 31 2025, without the right of reevaluation.

Earnings.—The total net annual income from the property, available for interest on these bonds after the payment of all operating expenses, ground rent and taxes (other than Federal taxes) and insurance, has been estimated by independent experts to be in excess of \$331,412 or over 2 times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue of bonds. The building corporation already has applications on file for practically the entire first, second, third floors and basement, and for general office space. The location of the building assures a steady, definite demand for space.

Manomet Mills of New Bedford.—Sells Mill.— A New Bedford, Mass., despatch announces the purchase of Manomet Mill No. 4 by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. B. M. Robinson, Assistant Secretary of the latter company, stated that the mill will probably employ 3,000 workers. The Manomet company is in process of liquidation. See V. 124, p. 2129.

Matson Navigation Co.—100% Stock Dividend.— The directors have voted to increase the capital stock (par \$100) to \$25,000,000, from \$15,000,000, and to declare a 100% stock dividend, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Oct. 15, subject to authorization by the stockholders. On Dec. 31 1926, there was \$12,226,567 capital stock outstanding. Chairman E. D. Tenney pointed out that the company has been ploughing back a considerable part of earnings for some years to meet developments and cost of the new liner Malolo. In 1922 a 150% stock dividend was paid.—V. 125, p. 659.

Mavis Bottling Co.—Sales Increase—Add'l Financing.— Sales in August were 417,439 cases, an increase of 251% over the 118,473 cases sold in May, the first month of active production and sales. July sales were 356,190 cases, and June sales 217,633 cases. As a result of sky writing advertising the New York plant has been running 24 hours a day for the past three weeks, producing 3,500 to 4,000 cases daily. Profits averaged nearly 5 cents per case in the period from May to Aug. 1, after deducting reserve of 2 1/2 cents per case for breakage and loss, and after maintenance and depreciation. As of July 31, current assets were \$1,062,803 and current liabilities \$396,010. Cash totaled \$318,303, and there were no bank loans.

To provide funds for the company's expansion the bankers recently exercised the option and privately distributed an additional 30,000 shares, bringing the total outstanding capitalization on July 31 to 380,000 shares out of 600,000 shares authorized.

The company now has 9 plants in operation. Contracts have been let for erection of additional plants at Goldsboro, N. C., Terra Alta, W. Va., Charlestown, W. Va., and New Orleans, La. It is also stated that plants will be erected at Pittsburgh and Boston later.—V. 124, p. 3080.

Medical & Dental Bldg., Seattle, Wash.—Bonds Called.— All of the outstanding first mortgage 6 1/2% bonds have been called for payment Nov. 15 at 103 and interest. The issue, originally \$1,475,000, has been reduced to \$1,440,000 by serial amortization. Payment will be made at the office of S. W. Strauss & Co., New York.—V. 118, p. 3137.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Sales.— 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. | 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$977,515 \$871,905 \$105,610 \$7,712,911 \$6,809,528 \$903,383 —V. 125, p. 1469.

Metropolitan Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Bonds Sold.— Carman, Snider & Co., Inc., New York, and Willison-Neely Corp., Ltd., Toronto, have sold at 99 and int., to yield over 6.05%, \$1,100,000 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, series "A," 6%.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1947. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the option of the holder in Canadian gold coin in Canada or in United States gold coin in Chicago or New York, without deduction for normal U. S. Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. 4-mills tax, Mich. 5-mills tax and Mass. 6% income tax on interest refundable. Red. all or part upon 60 days' notice on any int. date up to and incl. Oct. 1 1928 at 105 and int. and thereafter and prior to maturity at 105 and int. less 1/4 of 1% for each full year or fraction thereof which shall have elapsed. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Montreal Trust Co., trustee. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, paying agent. Authorized, \$1,300,000.

Data from Letter of E. W. Livingston, President of Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.

Company.—Metropolitan Corp. of Canada, Ltd., has been organized to acquire the ownership in fee of centrally located chain store properties in principal Canadian cities. Company now owns properties located in 10 cities, namely, Montreal, Que., Ottawa, Sherbrooke, London, Sault Ste. Marie, Peterboro, Kitchener and Brantford, Ont.; St. John, N. B., and Glace Bay, N. S. All of these properties are to be leased for a period of 25 years jointly to Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc., and its Canadian operating subsidiary, Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., at an annual net cash rental of \$240,000.

Business.—Metropolitan Corp. of Canada and the Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., are owned in their entirety by Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc., which operates directly or through subsidiaries a total of 89 chain store properties in many of the principal cities of the United States and Canada, and in 1926 had an aggregate gross business of nearly \$11,000,000. As the gross business in 1924 was \$7,199,066, this shows an increase of 54%. With a normal increase in the business of existing stores, together with the sales of the new units now being added to the chain, the total business for 1927 will approximate \$13,000,000.

Security.—This issue is secured by a direct first mortgage on the 10 Canadian properties owned in fee by the corporation and by deposit with the trustee of the 25-year leases of these properties to Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc., and Metropolitan Stores, Ltd.

Earnings.—The leases of the properties of the corporation extend for a period of 25 years and provide for the payment by Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., and Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc., of all taxes, insurance and miscellaneous expenses incidental to maintaining the stores and an aggregate annual cash rental of \$240,000. Such annual rental is equivalent to more than 3 times the maximum annual interest requirements and more than 2.25 times the maximum annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the total authorized issue of Series A 6% bonds. In the opinion of counsel, the rental payable under the leases to the corporation is an operating charge on the consolidated gross profit of Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc., and Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., subject only to Crown and U. S. Government claims such as taxes, and ranking equally with similar rental payments for which the parent company has obligated itself. The consolidated gross profit of Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc., and Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., for the year 1926 amounted to over \$2,500,000, after deducting all taxes

and other rentals. This sum is equivalent to more than 10 times the annual cash rental for the properties of Metropolitan Corp. of Canada, Ltd., and more than 24 times the maximum annual interest and sinking fund requirements of this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the acquisition of the properties by Metropolitan Corp. of Canada, Ltd., the retirement of certain indebtedness against such properties and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—Commencing Oct. 1 1930, a sinking fund in the amount of \$26,000 shall be created and used to retire bonds of this issue through purchase in the open market, or through call by lot at the current call price. In the succeeding years the sinking fund will be increased in the same amount as the interest is decreased through a provision that the annual sinking fund and interest charge added together shall always be in the amount of \$104,000. This provision insures the retirement of over \$700,000 of this issue by maturity through purchase at not exceeding the current redemption price or through call by lot at that price.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Expansion.

The company has begun preparations for large-scale production of its new mechanical steel-draulic brake. Plans include the installation of equipment for manufacturing the new product in the Cleveland plant and for the doubling of the brake producing capacity in the Detroit plant, according to President E. J. Kulas. Present plans for production of the brake follow its adoption by a number of important motor car makers on forthcoming models. Under the schedule now being worked out, the Cleveland plant is equipping for 4,000 brakes daily, and the Detroit plant's capacity is being increased to 8,000 brakes daily.—V. 125, p. 1720.

Mississippi Valley Utilities Corp.—Bonds Offered.—I. B. Tigrett & Co., Memphis, Tenn., and George H. Burr & Co., St. Louis, Mo., recently offered at prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity, \$120,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds, series B.

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1929 through 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. on 60 days' notice as follows: On or before June 29 1929 at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. June 30 1931 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. June 30 1933 at 101 1/2 and int.; thereafter to and incl. June 30 1935 at 101 and int.; thereafter to and incl. June 30 1937 at 100 1/2 and int.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Has purchased and consolidated 16 ice-manufacturing properties located in Tennessee and Mississippi. Company is primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of artificial ice, serving 20 communities with ice at retail, and in connection therewith coal is retailed in 7 communities. Company owns and operates one of the largest and most modern ice manufacturing plants in Memphis, Tenn. Outside of Memphis the company serves without competition communities having an estimated population of 63,000.

Security.—These bonds, together with \$300,000 series A bonds (see offering in V. 125, p. 530) constitute the entire funded debt of the company, and are secured by a direct first mortgage on all the fixed assets, including similar after-acquired property. According to appraisal by the American Appraisal Co. as of March 1926 and April 1927, the sound depreciated value of the mortgaged property is \$855,167. Company owns and operate 16 ice-manufacturing plants having a daily capacity of 307 tons, with a storage capacity of 3,260 tons, located at Memphis, Union City, McKenzie, Halls, Neubern, Somerville and Tiptonville, Tenn., and at Hot Springs, Charleston, Marks, Crenshaw, Como, Lula, Rolling Fork, New Albany and Oxford, Miss.

Earnings.—According to audit for 13 companies, and including estimated earnings of \$21,610 for the New Albany and Oxford, Miss., properties, and of \$17,098 for the Union City, Tenn., properties, recently acquired, the net operating profit of the consolidated companies for the year 1926 was \$148,485. After deducting depreciation, local and Federal taxes, the net earnings as above shown were in excess of 5 times the maximum annual interest requirements on all outstanding bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds are being used to provide funds for the acquisition of properties, betterments and extensions and for other corporate purposes. (See also V. 125, p. 530.)

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, etc. 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Month of September -- \$16,377,863 \$16,259,002 \$15,477,307 \$13,543,038

Morewood Gardens, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., recently offered at 100 and interest, \$875,000 first mortgage fee 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1927; due April 15 1939. Interest payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and interest payable at the offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., in New York City. Redeemable for sinking fund at 101 and interest. Callable, except for sinking fund, at 103 and int. on or before April 15 1931; at 102 1/2 and int. after April 15 1931 and on or before April 15 1935; and at 102 and int. after April 15 1935 and before April 15 1939. United States Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the borrower. Connecticut and Vermont 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, District of Columbia and Virginia 5 mills taxes, New Hampshire State tax not exceeding 3% of the interest per annum, and Massachusetts State income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum refunded. Pennsylvania 4 mills tax will be paid direct to Treasurer of the Commonwealth. Herbert S. Martin, Vice-President of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., trustee.

Security.—Secured by a direct closed first mortgage on land owned in fee by the borrowing corporation on the westside of Morewood Ave., 198 1/4 ft. north of Forbes St., Pittsburgh, Pa., together with the building to be erected thereon as hereinafter described. The land fronts 300 ft. on Morewood Ave., between Forbes St. and Fifth Ave., running back irregularly to an average mean depth of about 225 ft. and having a total area of approximately 64,500 sq. ft.

The building will be a brick, stone and concrete, strictly fireproof structure, built in the shape of a U. The centre part will be 7 stories in height and the two side wings 6 stories in height. The centre part, facing Morewood Ave., will be set back from the street about 132 ft. and the wings about 50 ft. The space between the two side wings will contain an underground garage, the roof of which will extend about three feet above ground level. The structure will occupy less than 30% of the plot, and the remainder of the area will be landscaped with driveways and paths. The building will contain 61 partitions, in units of from 4 to 7 rooms.

Valuation.—The borrowers have submitted appraisals valuing the land, building and garage at \$1,488,000, of which \$195,000 represents the value of the land. On the basis of appraisals this loan is less than 50% and there is an equity of \$613,000 above the amount of this first mortgage bond issue.

Earnings.—Based on a conservative rental schedule, gross earnings are estimated at \$197,800 per annum. After deducting taxes, operating costs including insurance, and with a liberal allowance for vacancies, net earnings of the property have been estimated at \$117,020 per annum. This sum is over twice the greatest annual interest charge and more than \$40,000 in excess of the greatest annual interest and sinking fund requirements combined.

Morgan Lithograph Co.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Period, Earnings, etc. 2 Mos. Ended Aug. 31, 1927, 1926. Net income after all charges and taxes \$112,284 def\$14,646

Morris Plan Co. of N. Y.—Increases Stock, &c.

The stockholders on Sept. 30 voted to increase the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 (par \$100), and to offer the new stock to existing shareholders at \$125 per share, on the basis of one share of new for each share of old owned as of Oct. 5 1927. Rights expire Oct. 31. See also V. 125, p. 1720, 1590.

Mount Emily Lumber Co.—Bonds Called.

The company has elected to redeem and pay off on Nov. 1 1927 \$16,400 of 1st mtge. 6% s. f. gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1924, at 102 and int. Payment will be made at the Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—V. 119, p. 2417.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—Sales.

Table with 4 columns: Period, Sales, etc. 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$770,628 \$685,671 \$84,957 \$6,429,909 \$5,165,031 \$1,264,878

National American Co., Inc.—Sells Controlling Interest in Bronx National Bank.

The company has sold its controlling interest in the Bronx National Bank to the Bank of the Manhattan Co., it was announced Oct. 4. The Bronx National Bank was acquired by National American on July 20 last.

Treasurer Harold G. Aron in a letter outlining the progress of the company and its principal subsidiary, the State Title & Mortgage Co., says in part: "The State Title company was organized by the National American Co., Inc., as a 100%-owned subsidiary and began business April 30 1927. Its officers and directors were selected from the board of the National American Co. The earnings of the State Title & Mtge. Co., before taxes, for the first 5 months of its operation, ending Sept. 30, approximated \$800,000, or in excess of 10 times the dividend requirements for the period. The principal business of the company is the guaranteeing and sale of first mortgages, which are sold to bankers, insurance companies, trust companies and estates, thus eliminating the necessity to create or maintain a sales organization."

In connection with the rights granted to stockholders of the National American Co., Inc., to purchase stock of the State Title & Mtge. Co. for \$200 per share, Mr. Aron added that it is expected that the same profitable use will be found for the additional capital to be provided through the sale of the shares for which the stockholders of the National American Co. received purchase warrants.

C. Stanley Mitchell has been elected President of the State Title & Mortgage Co., succeeding David H. Knott, who resigned and becomes Chairman of the Board. The directors also elected an executive committee consisting of Harold G. Aron, John A. Dillard, Lamar Hardy, David H. Knott and C. Stanley Mitchell. The following new members also were added to the board: Glover Beardsley (Gen. Mgr. of the Otis Elevator Co.), Louis Gold (Pres. of Realty Foundation, Inc.), Frank Hedley (Pres. Interboro Rapid Transit Co.), John C. McCall (V.-Pres. of New York Life Insurance Co.) and Ambrose G. Todd (of Reeves & Todd).

Stockholders Approve Stock Split-Up.

The stockholders on Oct. 7 approved the plan of the board of directors recommending a split-up in the capital stock by issuing four new shares for each share of old stock held. See V. 125, p. 1720.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Sales.

Table with 4 columns: Period, Sales, etc. 1927—Sept.—1926. Decrease. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Decrease. \$3,743,685 \$5,143,350 \$1,399,665 \$31,094,357 \$36,011,555 \$4,917,198

The company has discontinued its retail stores at 14th St., New York, Kansas City, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo., together with heavy merchandise lines of automobile accessories, tires, furniture, &c., which have been unprofitable.—V. 125, p. 1470.

National Credit Co., Seattle, Wash.—Notes Offered.

Marine National Co. and John E. Price & Co., Seattle, Wash. are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 collateral trust 7% serial gold notes.

Dated July 1 1927; due serially 5 to 10 years. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date after 30 days' notice at par plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% each year prior to maturity, but in no event shall such premium exceed 3%. Marine National Bank, Seattle, trustee.

Company.—Began business with a cash capital of \$300,000 which, through increases and earnings, has grown to a present capital and surplus of over \$700,000. Total resources are now \$1,754,912. During the 12 months ended May 31 1927, it purchased \$3,388,884 of automobile contracts and receivables, upon which collections during the same period were \$2,762,930.

The principal business of the company is the purchase of motor lien retail time sales contracts given for Ford automobiles upon which the purchaser has made a substantial down payment, the balance being payable in equal monthly payments, the average transaction being less than \$430. Company holds guaranteed title to all cars and is protected against loss due to fire, theft, embezzlement, confiscation or collision. Occasionally notes, acceptances and open accounts are purchased from responsible manufacturers and jobbers (who guarantee payment), the company paying about 80% upon the receipt of documents, the balance being withheld and paid only as collections are received.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for interest for the year ended May 31 1927, prior to Federal taxes, were over 3.45 times the amount required for interest and discount on the company's entire outstanding indebtedness.

Reserves.—From its inception the company has maintained a conservative policy in connection with the setting aside from current earnings substantial sums for reserve purposes. These reserves, after payment of all losses, increased from \$635 in June 1925 to \$74,369 as of May 31 1927.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for retirement of the company's short term indebtedness and for general company purposes.

Security.—The security for the collateral trust notes includes: (1) Over \$700,000 cash capital, surplus and reserves. (2) A trust indenture providing among other safeguards a limit of the liability of the company to five times its cash, capital, surplus and profits. (3) Self-liquidating obligations of over 5,000 purchasers of Ford automobiles widely distributed throughout four States; owing the National Credit Co. less than \$300 each. (4) Substantial down payment margins on the Ford automobile contracts, guaranteed title in the National Credit Co. with insurance against loss on the vehicles covered by such contracts.

National Lead Co.—New Vice-Presidents, &c.

Evans McCarty has been elected Vice-President to succeed the late Norris B. Gregg. Mr. McCarty is a member of the executive committee and in charge of the company's foreign affairs.

W. H. Crost, manager of the Magnus Co., a lead subsidiary, has been elected a director.

F. M. Carter, President of the Carter White Lead Co., and W. G. Beschorn, manager of the National Lead Co.'s Cincinnati branch, have been transferred to New York as Vice-Presidents.—V. 125, p. 1470.

National Lock Co.—Tenders.

The Mississippi Valley Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo., will until Oct. 17 receive bids for the sale to it of \$35,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds at prices not exceeding 103 and int.—V. 122, p. 2958.

National Mortgage Co. of Baltimore.—Bonds Called.

Forty-two (\$42,000) 1st mtge. guaranteed 6% gold bonds dated May 1 1926 have been called for payment Nov. 1 next at 102 and int. at the Century Trust Co. of Baltimore (Md.).—V. 121, p. 2283.

National Mortgage Co. of Calif.—Acquisition.

The directors on Sept. 13 completed and approved negotiations pending for several weeks to acquire the assets and business of the Commercial Mortgage and Commercial Loan companies of Los Angeles. Eugene Webb, Jr., head of the Commercial companies was elected as Vice-President and a member of the directorate and executive committee of the National Mortgage Co.

In addition to its representation of several Eastern life insurance companies, according to Pres. James L. Wright, the National Mortgage Co. has just been appointed by the Continental Bond & Investment Co. of Baltimore as its exclusive loan agent for California, Washington and Oregon. The latter company specializes in the purchase of city mortgage loans ranging from 50% to 60% of the appraised value of improved and income-producing businesses and residential properties.

The Continental company has just sold an issue of \$6,000,000 of bonds; the entire proceeds of which will be utilized in the acquisition of Pacific Coast city mortgages through the National Mortgage Co. at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a month.

The National Mortgage Co. commenced business in June 1924, with less than \$100,000 of resources and now has a paid-in capital of \$4,500,000, out of a fully subscribed capital of \$5,000,000 and maintains lending offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Fresno. In May of this year, the company acquired a controlling interest in the Security Housing Corp. of Los Angeles, the combined capital and surplus of the affiliated companies now aggregating \$10,000,000 with resources in excess of \$30,000,000.

"Earnings of the affiliated companies in the first 6 months of this year," Mr. Wright said, "were practically equal to the earnings for the entire year of 1926." (Los Angeles "Times.")—V. 124, p. 1230.

Nedick's, Inc., New York.—Employees Buy Stock.

The employees have subscribed for 3,500 shares of stock offered to them on a two-year part payment basis. The proceeds will be used to retire the company's bonds, of which \$915,000 are now outstanding.—V. 125, p. 1850.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—Sales.— 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$477,017 \$334,075 \$142,942 \$4,068,310 \$2,488,825 \$1,579,485 —V. 125, p. 1470.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales.— 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$1,229,038 \$812,381 \$416,657 \$9,061,264 \$5,958,740 \$3,102,524 —V. 125, p. 1470.

New England Southern Mills.—Time Extended.— The time for the deposit of preferred stock of the company at office of Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, has been extended to Nov. 15.—V. 125, p. 1335.

New Jefferson Hotel Co., St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.— Continental & Commercial Co. and First National Co., St. Louis, are offering \$3,200,000 first (closed) mtge. 6% serial gold bonds due semi-annually April 1 1930 to Oct. 1 1942, at prices to yield from about 5.50% to 6%, according to maturity.

The New Jefferson Hotel Co., which will own and operate the New Jefferson Hotel located on 12th St. between Locust and St. Charles Sts., in St. Louis, will erect on adjoining property a new 13-story addition, to contain approximately 756 rooms, a grill room, coffee shop, dining room and banquet halls as well as a number of retail stores. The total valuation of this contemplated project is \$5,442,750.

New River Co.—Pref. Div. of \$1.50—Plan Abandoned.— The directors have declared a preferred dividend (No. 59, due Feb. 1 1921) of \$1.50 per share, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. A distribution of like amount was made on Feb. 1 last; none since. This will reduce accumulations on this issue as of Nov. 1 next to \$40 1/2 per share. The directors have abandoned the capital readjustment proposal, under which 72,632 shares of 6% cum. preferred stock, and 38,379 shares of common stock, both of \$100 par value, would have been converted into 256,275 shares of new capital stock without par value, with the preferred stockholders also receiving a cash payment of \$10 per share (see V. 124, p. 2760). Over 80% of the outstanding stock was deposited in favor of the plan, but the directors desired practical unanimity before declaring the readjustment operative. Time for deposit of the old shares expired on Oct. 4.—V. 125, p. 1721.

New York Air Brake Co.—Earnings. Six Months Ended June 30— 1927. 1926. Gross profit \$899,927 \$1,634,755 Other income 118,510 Gross income \$998,437 \$1,753,265 Taxes and New York State franchise y355,569 218,266 Royalties 98,515 98,515 Interest paid y 98,515 99,798 Administrative expenses y Net income \$445,843 \$1,236,686 Dividends (net) \$126,870 88,300 Surplus \$18,973 \$1,148,386 Com. stock and surplus Jan. 1 15,830,991 12,036,675 Sundry charges (net) Dr.32,584 Cr.81,272 Com. stock and surplus June 30. \$15,817,380 \$13,266,333 Shares of common stock outstanding (no par) 300,000 200,000 Earnings per share on common stock \$1.48 \$5.32 x After deducting cost of manufacture, labor and materials, including repairs, renewals and depreciation. y Includes royalties and administrative expense.

Comparative Balance Sheet. June 30 '27. Dec. 31 '26. 1927. 1926. Assets— x Land, bldgs., machinery, equip. 4,671,667 4,866,700 Pats., tr. name, &c. 5,502,709 5,502,709 Cash 2,704,606 2,656,181 Market secur. 2,057,787 2,051,488 Accts. receivable 851,084 1,238,932 Inventories 1,539,310 1,319,269 Misc. accts. & int'ls 47,640 43,431 Beebe's Isl'd Water Power, &c. 1,509,517 1,509,517 Prepaid exp., supplies, &c. 13,919 191,626 Total 18,898,239 19,379,853 x After depreciat. y Represented by 300,000 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 1523.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Registrar.— The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of the capital stock.—V. 125, p. 1591.

North American Title Guaranty Co.—Expands.— The company, having qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey, is making plans to open the first of its offices in New Jersey. While the exact site has not yet been determined, it is understood that one of the principal cities in Bergen County will be selected.—V. 125, p. 1721.

North Butte Mining Co.—Plans to Refinance.— At a special meeting on Oct. 18 the stockholders will consider ways and means for funding or paying the current and overdue indebtedness of this company and for providing the necessary funds for the exploration and development of the company's properties in the Butte district and to recommend the same to the board of directors; provided, however, that any plan of financing approved or adopted by the directors requiring the approval of the stockholders shall be submitted to a special meeting of the stockholders called specifically for that purpose. The stockholders will also vote upon the question of recommending to the board that the office of the company in New York City be closed and the books, records and office fixtures and equipment be removed to the principal office of the company or to the office of the company in Butte, Mont. Such action as may be considered necessary or advisable to terminate or bring about the dismissal of the receivership proceedings now pending against the company will also be taken.—V. 125, p. 792.

Ohio Leather Co.—May Retire Notes or Accrued Divs.— According to Morton Lachenbruch & Co., the above company by reason of increasing cash reserve due to larger earnings, will either redeem additional of its outstanding 6% notes, or will take action to pay off all back dividends on its 1st pref. stock. If the company elects to pay dividends, there should be an earned amount sufficient to pay off all back dividends on the 1st pref. within 3 months, it is stated.—V. 125, p. 1335.

One West 39th Street Bldg., N. Y. City.—Bonds Called.— All of the outstanding first mortgage 6 1/2% bonds were called for redemption as of Oct. 1 1927 at 105 and interest. This bond issue, originally \$1,100,000, and reduced to \$930,500 by serial amortization, has been re-financed with a \$900,000 loan from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York, at 5 1/2 and 5%.

Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Larger Dividend.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. The previous rate on the common stock was 1%. In addition, an extra of 1% was paid in Aug. of this year and in Aug. 1926.—V. 125, p. 660.

Osborn Mills, Fall River.—Proposed Reorganization.— A special meeting of the stockholders will be held Oct. 13 for the following purposes: 1. To consider the advisability of electing a new board of directors and new officers; 2. To hear the report of Elmer B. Estes, Ernest W. Watters, and Roland F. Tillson as to the work that they have done and are doing relative to protection of the rights of the stockholders, as well as the creditors; and to

take such action as may be deemed advisable relative to the said report and any plan of reorganization or refinancing that may be presented; 3. To consider the refusal of the receivers to permit representatives of the stockholders to look at the cotton, goods and stock in process in the mills and in the warehouses and storehouses, and to decide what action, if any, would be advisable concerning this matter; 4. To elect a committee of stockholders to act until the Osborn Mills is reorganized.—V. 125, p. 926.

Orpheum Circuit Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Report.— 6 Mos. End. June 30— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Gross receipts \$8,123,796 \$8,509,579 \$8,192,021 \$7,923,871 Rents, concessions, &c. 703,888 940,389 990,648 788,586 Total income \$8,827,684 \$9,449,968 \$9,182,669 \$8,712,457 Expenses, &c. 7,449,000 7,539,198 7,219,340 6,862,838 Interest and discounts 138,178 239,185 260,113 284,465 Amortization of lease 86,340 125,487 106,317 103,618 Depreciation 323,360 305,173 351,031 463,654 Federal taxes 94,000 146,000 154,500 127,000 Net income \$736,806 \$1,094,925 \$1,091,368 \$870,882 Preferred dividends 257,025 257,790 257,292 266,516 Common dividends 545,539 545,539 492,641 411,235 Surplus def\$65,758 \$296,587 \$341,435 \$193,131 Earnings per sh. on 549,170 shs. (par \$1) com.out. \$0.87 \$1.53 \$1.52 \$1.10

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30. 1927. 1926. Assets— Bldgs., eq., flxt. &c. \$21,051,426 19,014,401 Leaseholds 4,946,807 6,524,775 Goodwill, contr'ts, &c. 18,231,473 18,230,474 Inv. in other cos. 436,576 552,011 Loans 1,258,766 1,076,850 Cash 1,330,828 1,643,006 Dep. under leases 1,173,767 Treas. bds. & stks. 148,220 558,802 Marketable secur. 526,862 1,103,813 Other assets 371,612 187,676 Accts & notes rec. 685,357 943,197 Misc. curr. assets 445,649 420,901 Deferred charges 367,067 467,022 Total 50,974,410 50,722,928 Liabilities— Preferred stock 6,415,000 6,495,000 xCommon stock 549,170 549,170 Funded debt 6,465,000 5,780,300 Accounts payable 207,085 50,028 Deposits 15,786 17,369 Accrued accounts 249,291 221,978 Federal taxes 94,000 116,187 Dividends payable 219,833 Deprec'n reserve 4,384,941 3,851,073 Other reserve 1,492,656 1,213,272 Capital surplus 26,764,777 28,351,464 Profit and loss, surplus 4,116,871 4,077,087 Total 50,974,410 50,722,928 x Represented by 549,170 shares, par value \$1 per share.—V. 124, p. 1523.

Otis Steel Co., Cleveland.—To Install New Mill.— Installation of a new continuous sheet mill is planned by the company when perfection of the much-discussed process is completed, it was announced Sept. 30 by President E. J. Kulas upon his departure for a brief European trip. The company has a surplus of \$2,000,000 in cash, with which to finance such a major improvement, Pres. Kulas said. During the two full years of the present management, \$7,334,375 has been expended by the company for maintenance, repairs and improvements.—V. 125, p. 1721.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Sales Ahead of Production.— Sales are running substantially ahead of the corresponding period last year, according to a survey of the company's operations just completed by Hornblower & Weeks. Despite capacity operations at the factory, says the survey, the company is far behind on shipments. The present production schedule is indicated to be 50% heavier than at this time last year, while earnings for the first quarter of the present fiscal year are estimated to be running as high as \$2 a share on the 3,004,260 shares of stock outstanding. In the last full fiscal year the company earned \$5.27 a share. The company's aeroplane business is also increasing rapidly, it is added, but the greatest earning prospects continue, however, in the development and sale of its present line of automobiles. In the past year the company produced and delivered to the United States Government aeroplane engines with a total value of \$2,900,000, while contracts for motors on hand scheduled for delivery before Jan. 1 1928 totaled more than \$2,100,000.—V. 124, p. 3784.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.—Rights.— The common and conv. 2d pref. stockholders of record Oct. 18 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Nov. 7 for 300,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) at \$10 per share. This is subject to the action of the stockholders on Oct. 14, on which date the proposal to increase the authorized common stock will come up. The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has received word that the stockholders of record Oct. 18 will have the right, subject to the approval of the stockholders Oct. 14, to purchase new common stock at \$10 a share in the ratio of 0.266 of a share for each common share and 2.66 shares for each share of 2d pref. stock held. See V. 125, p. 1850.

Park Row Realty Co.—Tenders.— The American Exchange Irving Trust Co., sinking fund trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Nov. 2 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold loan certificates, due April 1 1943, at prices not exceeding 105 and int. to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,013.—V. 121, p. 1919.

Peerless Weighing Machine Co.—New Control.— See General Vending Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 336.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—Sales.— 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$1,005,894 \$875,705 \$130,189 \$8,963,383 \$7,660,616 \$1,302,767 At Sept. 30 1927 company had 364 stores in operation.—V. 125, p. 1471.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Sales.— 1927—Sept.—1926. Increase. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$13,735,131 \$10,622,292 \$3,112,839 \$95,937,309 \$73,107,140 \$22,830,169 The company had 883 stores in operation on Sept. 31 1927, against 735 stores on Sept. 31 1926.—V. 125, p. 1592, 1471.

Photomaton, Inc.—Contract—Additional Installations.— The corporation has signed a contract with Anatol M. Josepho, inventor of the machine, giving him as licensee, territorial rights for the entire State of California. The contract calls for the installation of a minimum number of 25 machines within one year and, in addition to that amount to be paid to that company as license fee, Mr. Josepho further guarantees the company a minimum royalty of \$75,000 a year for 5 years. General Robert C. Davis, President of the company, in a report to stockholders, announces that 104 machines were in operation in all locations as of Sept. 29, an increase of 27 machines in a month. Installations were made during the month in 6 additional department stores and 10 more installations are now being made in 4 different stores. Contracts have been closed with 7 more department stores and 3 chain stores, calling for the installation in all of 21 machines. Business at the company's studio at 1659 Broadway, N. Y. City, during the 10 days beginning Sept. 2, the first period for which comparative figures are available, was about on a par with a year ago, when the studio was opened for business.—V. 125, p. 1850.

Piggly Wiggly Corp.—Sales.— Period End. Aug. 31— 1927—Month—1926 1927—8 Mos.—1926 Sales \$14,667,672 \$11,937,533 \$119,728,264 \$102,557,837 —V. 125, p. 257.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments.— Period End. Sept. 31— 1927—Month—1926 1927—9 Mos.—1926 Shipm'ts crude oil (bbls.) 5,321,180 3,906,978 48,564,735 38,084,235 —V. 125, p. 1471.

Quebec Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.—Sale Ratified.— The shareholders on Oct. 3 ratified a proposal to sell the property and assets of the company to Price Bros. and Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Co. For details see V. 125, p. 1722.

(C. A.) Reed Co.—Results for Year Ended April 30 1927.—

Net profit from operation	\$111,010
Federal income tax	10,652
Net income	\$100,358
Dividends on class A stock	64,000
Balance, surplus	\$36,358
Previous surplus	25,527
Profit and loss, surplus	\$61,885

Comparative Balance Sheet April 30.

	1927.	1926.		1927.	1926.
Assets—					
Real est., bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$50,957	460,330	Capital stock	942,443	942,443
Cash	19,908	42,746	Accounts payable	24,253	16,065
Accounts receivable	95,335	68,072	Notes payable	70,000	—
Accr. int. receivable	—	103	Dividends payable	16,000	16,000
Notes & acceptances receivable (trade)	4,557	6,104	Accrued items	2,868	10,326
Inventory	253,255	221,898	Res. for income tax	10,856	12,432
Adv. on new bldg.	—	62,040	Surplus	61,885	25,527
Pats., pat. rts. & proc.	121,220	130,000			
Deferred charges	83,073	31,487			
			Total (each side)	1,128,305	1,022,783

After deducting \$41,312 reserves for depreciation. Represented by 32,000 shares of class A stock and 40,000 shares of class B stock, both of no par value.

Note.—6,000 additional shares of class A stock, consideration for which has already been received, are to be issued when net earnings available for dividends for 12 consecutive months shall have been at least \$152,000. At the time of the issuance of this additional stock, there will also be made due a cash payment of not exceeding \$10,000.—V. 123, p. 93.

Rogers-Brown Iron Co.—Sale.—The M. A. Hanna Co., Cleveland, has acquired the Rogers-Brown Iron Co., Buffalo, including stacks at Buffalo and ore mines in Michigan. The acquisition was made on bid of \$1,500,000 for all the assets of Rogers-Brown. Acceptance of the offer by the creditors' committee came at the conclusion of the second day of the hearing set at the instance of the referee in bankruptcy. Of the total bid accepted, \$750,000 is for fixed assets, which are bought subject to prior liens. The remaining \$750,000 is for accounts, inventories, &c.—V. 125, p. 1723, 794.

Rogers Paper Mfg. Co.—Initial Class A Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 90c. per share on the class A stock (no par value), payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. See offering in V. 125, p. 1204.

Rossia Insurance Co. of America.—Rights, &c.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 1 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,000, par \$25. It is proposed to offer the 16,000 additional shares for subscription at \$90 a share to stockholders of record Nov. 7, in the ratio of one new share for each four shares held. Rights will expire Dec. 16 and the new shares will be issued Dec. 20.—V. 124, p. 2922.

Rossmann Corp., New York.—Definitive Debentures Ready—To Retire \$40,000 of Issue.—Dillon, Read & Co. interim receipts for 15-year 6½% sinking fund debentures (with stock purchase warrants) are now exchangeable for definitive debentures (with stock purchase warrants) at the American Trust Co., 135 Broadway, N. Y. City. Forty (\$40,000) of these debentures have been called for redemption Nov. 1 next at 105 and int. at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., New York City. See V. 124, p. 3365.

Roxy Theatre (Roxy Theatre Corp.), N. Y. City.—May Pay Dividends on Class A Stock in Near Future.—The directors decided at a meeting on Oct. 4 to take up on Nov. 1 the question of initiating dividends on the class A stock. If the business of the corporation warrants, it was intimated, a dividend will be declared at that time to be payable on Dec. 1. No indication was given as to the size of the dividend.

Three directors representing the class A stockholders made a fight Oct. 4 for the establishment of a dividend policy. They are E. H. Schwab, Frederick Pope and H. L. Jones.—V. 125, p. 1336.

St. Regis Paper Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Hornblower & Weeks and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., are offering \$2,739,900 7% cumulative preferred stock at 102 and div. to yield 6.86%.

Preferred as to assets and dividends over the common stock. Fully paid and non-assessable. Entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, payable Q-J. Red. all or part on any div. date upon 30 days' prior notice at 110 per share and divs. Transfer agent, Equitable Trust Co., New York. Registrar, American Exchange Irving Trust Co. Has full voting power.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock, 7% cumul. (par \$100)	\$5,000,000	\$4,739,900
Common stock (no par value)	750,000 shs.	587,780 shs.
5-year 6% gold debentures, due 1931	\$5,000,000	\$4,754,500

* Retired by sinking fund, \$260,100.

Data from Letter of R. B. Maltby, Vice President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in New York in 1899. Is one of the largest producers of paper in the United States. Company operates manufacturing plants in northern New York, having a total annual capacity of 160,000 tons of paper, 175,000 tons of ground wood, and 28,000 tons of sulphite. A large proportion of the output consists of catalogue and directory papers and newsprint, but the company also manufactures manila wrapping, kraft, hanging, packers' wax, and grease-proof papers.

Investments.—Company, which has been for some time the largest single stockholder of Northeastern Power Corp., has recently acquired additional blocks of common stock and now owns 1,452,660 shares or over 50.8%.

Company controls practically all of the common shares of the following subsidiaries: St. Regis Paper Co. of Can., Ltd., Norwood & St. Lawrence RR., Harrisville Paper Corp. and Oswego Board Corp. It has a substantial interest in the common stock of Taggart Brothers Co., Inc., manufacturers of cement bags and flour bags.

Earnings.—The earnings of the company for the 12 months ended June 30 1927, adjusted to give effect to the dividend at current rate of \$0.60 per share annually on present holdings of Northeastern Power Corp. common stock follow:

Net sales	\$8,667,239
Cost of sales	7,342,099
Profit from manufacturing operations	\$1,325,139
Dividends (as above) and other income	1,036,139
Gross income	\$2,361,279
Interest, depreciation, Federal taxes and all other charges	689,169
Balance for dividends	\$1,672,109
Preferred stock dividend requirements	331,793

The above statement shows balance available for dividends on the entire issue of preferred stock equal to over 5 times dividend requirements. For the fiscal years 1922-1926 inclusive, the company's earnings available for preferred stock dividends averaged \$861,724, or over 2½ times the requirements on the preferred stock, including this issue.

Dividend Record.—Preferred stock has paid dividends continuously since its issuance in 1900. Company has paid dividends on its common stock without interruption since 1917, the rate since 1925 having been \$2 per share.

Sinking Fund.—5% of the annual net earnings of the company after provisions for depreciation, taxes and payments of dividends on the preferred stock must be used to retire and cancel preferred stock by purchase in the market at not to exceed \$110 a share, or by redemption by lot upon any dividend date on 30 days' prior notice at \$110 a share and unpaid accrued dividends.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied to the acquisition and development of additional properties by the company and its subsidiaries and for other corporate purposes.—V. 125, p. 1336.

San Carlos Milling Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividends.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 60 cents on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 7.—V. 124, p. 385.

Sanitary Grocery Co., Inc.—September Sales.—Period End. Sept. 30—1927—Month—1926. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Sales \$1,508,859 \$1,393,036 \$12,191,791 \$11,516,499

The above report includes September sales of the 49 Piggy-Wiggly Eastern Stores which were acquired as of Sept. 1 1927. The sales of these Piggy Wiggly stores for September amounted to \$237,388, as compared with \$204,692 for September 1926, an increase of 15.9%.—V. 125, p. 1472, 1336.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—Period End. Sept. 30. 1927—Month—1926. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Sales \$24,607,712 \$21,647,835 \$199,265,662 \$187,885,758 —V. 125, p. 1336, 795.

Servel Corp. (Del.)—Reorganization Plan.—A plan of reorganization for the Servel Corp. (of Del.), Servel Corp. (of Ind.), the Servel Co. p. of New York, the Servel Mfg. Co., and the Absorption Refrigerator Co., Inc., has been prepared by the reorganization committee (below). The plan has met the approval of holders of important amounts of claims and securities and it is believed to be fair to the various classes of debt and stock. A notice issued by the committee says:

Deposits of notes of and claims against the above companies must be made on or before Oct. 22 with Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, as depository, or, in the case of note or claims against the Servel Mfg. Co., with Old National Bank in Evansville as sub-depository. Five-year 6% convertible notes of Servel Corp. (of Del.) must be deposited in negotiable form and accompanied by the coupon maturing Oct. 1 1927, and all subsequent coupons. Assignment of all other claims must be executed in the form prescribed by the committee. Promissory notes must be endorsed without recourse.

Depositors of the 5-year 6% convertible notes of Servel Corp. (of Del.) or of other claims against that corporation, desiring to exercise the rights of subscription conferred upon them by the plan, at the time of deposit of their notes or claims must make payment to Central Union Trust Co. as depository for account of the reorganization committee, in New York funds, of the initial installment prescribed by the plan, viz.: \$25 for each \$100 of new 1st mtge. bonds accompanied by voting trust certificates for 12½ shares of new common stock, subscribed for subject to allotment, as provided in the plan.

Deposit of stock must be made on or before Oct. 22 1927 with Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, New York, as Depository, or, in the case of preferred stock of the Servel Mfg. Co., with Old National Bank in Evansville as sub-depository. Depositors of stock of the Servel Corp. (of Del.) and of the Servel Corp. of New York must at the time of deposit make the initial payment of \$1 per share prescribed by the plan, in New York funds, to the depository for account of the reorganization committee, and thereupon they will be entitled to receive, in case of the deposit of stock of the Servel Corp., participation warrants, and, in the case of the deposit of stock of the Servel Corp. of New York, purchase certificates, as provided in the plan.

Reorganization Committee.—George W. Davison, Chairman; Nicholas F. Brady, Murray H. Coggeshall, Charles M. Kittle, and Albert H. Wiggin, with C. E. Sigler, Sec., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.

A statement issued by the reorganization committee, accompanying the plan, says:

Frank E. Smith and Courtlandt Nicoll are the receivers of Servel Corp. (of Del.), of Absorption Refrigerator Co., Inc., and of Servel Corp. of New York, and ancillary receivers of Servel Corp. (of Ind.). Frank R. Wilson and Frank E. Smith are the receivers of the Servel Mfg. Co. and Frank R. Wilson, Frank E. Smith and Fred P. Nehrbaas are the receivers of Servel Corp. (of Ind.).

No receivership proceedings have been instituted against Electro-lux Servel Corp. (of Del.) or against Servel, Ltd., an English corporation. In view of the complexity of the corporate structure and the method of carrying on business, it would seem to be evident after expensive litigation and distribution of the proceeds could only be effected after expensive litigation to determine the rights of the various sets of creditors and stockholders and at a ruinous sacrifice of values, and that it is only through co-operation and reorganization and the continuance of the business under a simple corporate organization that the creditors' interests can be adequately protected.

In the judgment of the committee the plan deals fairly with the various interests thereby affected, and the committee recommends the prompt deposit thereunder of the claims and shares of stock called for. Servel, Ltd., can preferably be dealt with outside of the contemplated reorganization, but provision is made in the plan to include it later in the reorganization, if deemed advisable.

The committee realizes that the business of gas and electric refrigerating is a comparatively new field, and that keen competition will be met, but in its judgment there is no reason why without efficient and economical management, which the committee has endeavored to assure during the early years through the voting trust provided in the plan, the reorganized company should not be operated successfully and profitably. It has been advised that the new money provided by the plan should be sufficient to enable the new company to do a \$12,000,000 a year business, and if a lucrative business is built up, additional capital, if and to the extent needed, should be obtainable on reasonable terms.

Frank E. Smith, receiver, in a letter to the reorganization committee, says in part:

The principal patent rights on the electrically driven compression-type machines are owned or controlled by Servel Corp. (of Ind.). The machines (both boxes and refrigerating units) are manufactured for the Indiana company by the Servel Mfg. Co. on a cost-plus basis and are sold either by the Indiana company directly on its own account or through one of the other companies.

Electrolux Servel Corp. owns the patent rights in the U. S. and in Cuba (with license in Canada), to the refrigerating apparatus of the continuous absorption type, without moving parts, known as the Electro-lux Servel Refrigerator, which constitutes an important part of the assets and is believed to be of considerable value. Electro-lux Servel Corp. is required to pay a royalty on all Electro-lux Servel refrigerators sold, and in case such royalties remain unpaid or in case a receiver is appointed of its property, it loses its patent rights above mentioned.

The Electro-lux Servel refrigerators are manufactured by the Servel Mfg. Co. and the Absorption Refrigerator Co., Inc., on a cost-plus basis, in accordance with a contract between Electro-lux Servel Corp. and the Servel Corp. (of Del.). They are sold by Servel Corp. (of Ind.), as selling agent for Electro-lux Servel Corp., either directly or through the Servel Corp. of New York. These contracts provide that Electro-lux Servel Corp. is to be the owner of the completed machines, and of the accounts receivable and cash resulting from their sale, and that Electro-lux Servel Corp. shall not be required to pay for the machines until a month after their sale and only out of the proceeds of their sale.

The boxes for the machines are made by the Manufacturing company, and the machines to go in the boxes by the Refrigerator company, the assembling being done at both plants. Neither company has ever been given the right to sell either the completed machine or the refrigerating unit manufactured to be inserted in the boxes, and both the completed machines and the refrigerating units are covered by patents.

The licenses to sell these devices covered by patent are either in Electro-lux Servel Corp., the Servel Corp. (of Delaware), Servel Corp. (of Ind.) and (or) the Servel Corp. of New York and the latter two companies have been used to market the product in the United States, while Servel Ltd. has been used to market the compression machine in England.

In addition to manufacturing for the Servel companies, the Manufacturing company does a not inconsiderable business received from outside sources, chiefly in the manufacture of gas engines and automobile truck bodies.

It had been attempted to develop Servel much too rapidly—quantity production had been engaged in during a period when the first object of the corporation should have been to sell a perfect product. The rapid ex-

pansion of the business resulted in 1926 in a wave of failures of the product in operation and a tremendous volume of returned compressor type refrigerators. These defects have been corrected and our products are now sound and satisfactory. The involved corporate structure required bookkeeping and overhead expenses otherwise unnecessary. Contracts had been made which imposed upon the company expenditures unnecessarily large. Costs of manufacture were unnecessarily high and an efficient selling and service organization had not been built up. These manufacturing costs have been and are being constantly reduced and steps are being taken to develop a satisfactory sales and service organization. As the working capital which had been provided had almost entirely disappeared by April 1927, notwithstanding sales to an encouraging aggregate during the months of May and June, 1927, receivership was inevitable.

In my judgment, liquidation of the enterprise would be disastrous to creditors and stockholders. Inventories could be realized upon only to a small fraction of their cost. The patent rights to the absorption machines are in the Electrolux Serval Corp. and neither the Delaware company, the Manufacturing company nor the Absorption company has been given any license to sell the same, nor have the two latter companies any license to sell the electric machines covered by patents. Intricate legal questions involving the title to the completed machines would arise involving the conflicting rights of creditors of various classes, which would undoubtedly lead to protracted and expensive litigation. Materials which have been ordered and not yet delivered could not be absorbed, with the result of largely increasing the outstanding indebtedness and decreasing the amount per dollar of outstanding claims which creditors would receive in liquidation.

I believe that the company reorganized as completed, with a simple corporate structure, can be profitably operated. Burdensome contracts will be eliminated in reorganization. The manufacture should be concentrated in Evansville and cost of manufacture can be further reduced. I am satisfied that there is an adequate market for the product and, while I do not underestimate the competition which the reorganized company will encounter, its electric machine (the defects in which, encountered in 1926, having now been remedied) in efficiency, durability and cost of operation will excel the product of its competitors, and in its interest in the absorption type of machine the new company will have an asset that should eventually have great value and large earning power.

Careful study and my few months' experience in the business have satisfied me that during the first year after reorganization the new company can produce and sell not less than approximately 55,000 machines of the various types. On this volume of business I conservatively estimate the net profit after rentals, taxes (other than income taxes) and depreciation, but before interest charges on the new first mortgage bonds, at a minimum of \$1,000,000. As the business is conservatively developed from year to year, net earnings should exceed this amount by a very considerable sum. The amount of working capital which it is estimated will be available for the new company on the consummation of the reorganization should prove ample to enable it to carry on a business of even greater volume than that which I have estimated will produce a net income for the first year of not less than \$1,000,000.

Prompt acceptance of the plan by creditors and stockholders is, in my opinion, greatly in their interest.

Securities, Claims and Stock to Be Dealt with in Reorganization as Estimated.

(a) The principal or par amount of the securities, claims and shares of stock which are to be dealt with in the reorganization, as provided in the reorganization plan, estimated on the basis of the Aug. 4 1927 balance sheets, exclusive of (1) any claims or indebtedness not shown on the balance sheets of Aug. 4 1927, any reserves for unrecorded liabilities, (2) interest on indebtedness to the date of receivership, (3) contingent claims, and (4) unliquidated claims which may arise through the failure of the receivers or others to adopt, perform or assume any lease or other contract, is approximately as follows:

The Delaware company—Bank loans, principal amount.....	\$4,200,000
5-year 6% convertible notes.....	5,000,000
Accounts payable.....	1,443
Common stock.....	*756,003 shs.
The Indiana company—Notes and accounts payable (other than secured notes).....	\$341,934
The New York company—Accounts payable.....	\$88,278
Class A stock.....	12,695 shs.
The Manufacturing company—notes and accts. payable.....	\$1,240,718
Preferred stock (par value).....	2,798,100
The Refrigerator company—Accts. payable & other debt.....	\$214,833

*Includes the 8,748 shares of common stock issuable in exchange for the outstanding 7,488 shares of class A stock and the outstanding 630 shares of class B stock of the Serval Corp. (of Va.), and excludes stock reserved for conversion of the 5-year 6% convertible notes.

(b) The principal amounts of intercompany indebtedness that would disappear in reorganization, estimated on the basis of the Aug. 4 1927 balance sheets, is approximately as follows:

Claims in favor of the Delaware company against (a) the Indiana company, \$8,746,795; (b) the Refrigerator company, \$180,345.	
Claims in favor of the Indiana company against the New York company, \$2,114,955.	
Claims in favor of the Manufacturing company against (a) the Indiana company, \$1,431,427; (b) the Refrigerator company, \$2.	
Claims in favor of the Refrigerator company against the New York company, \$35.	

(c) The principal amount of claims to be paid in full in cash in reorganization (subject to offset, counterclaims and adjustment), estimated on the basis of the Aug. 4 1927 balance sheets, is approximately as follows:

Bank loans of the Indiana company, secured by receivables and trade acceptances.....	\$252,092
Deposits, officers' and employees' funds, &c.....	14,615
Total.....	\$266,707

The Delaware company owns all the outstanding capital stock of: (a) The Indiana company, consisting of 1,000 shs. of pref. stock, 6,000 shs. of common stock; (b) the Refrigerator company, consisting of 2,000 shs. of common stock.

Of the outstanding capital stock of the New York company, consisting of 12,695 shs. of no par value class A stock and 4,877 shs. of no par value class B stock, the Delaware company owns all the 4,877 shs. of cl. B stock.

Of the outstanding stock of the Manufacturing company, consisting of 8% cum. pref. stock of the par value of \$2,798,100 and common stock of the par value of \$2,773,700, the Delaware company owns all of the common stock of the par value of \$2,773,700.

Electrolux Serval Corp., which, subject to the terms of its contract with Platen-Munters Refrigerating System, Aktiebolag, is entitled to the patent rights in the United States and Cuba (with license in Canada) of the Electrolux refrigerator device, has outstanding: (a) 25,000 shs. of 8% pref. stock (par \$2,500,000), 25,000 shs. of class A common stock and 25,000 shs. of class B common stock.

The Delaware company owns: All of \$2,500,000 pref. stock of Electrolux Serval Corp.; all of the 25,000 shs. of class B common stock of Electrolux Serval Corp., subject to the pledge thereof to secure the obligation of the Delaware company to furnish additional capital to Electrolux Serval Corp.

As shown by the Aug. 4 1927 balance sheets: Electrolux Serval Corp. owes to the Delaware company payable out of the proceeds of sale of Electrolux refrigerators, \$1,583,924; to the Refrigerator company, \$2,427.

The Indiana company owes to Electrolux Serval Corp. \$641,056.

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New Company.—It is intended to organize a new company called "Serval, Inc." or other appropriate name in Delaware. It is intended to vest in the new company, either by direct ownership or through the ownership of securities and (or) shares of stock representative thereof, such of the plants and other properties of the following corporations as the committee may ultimately determine:

1. The Serval Corp. (Del.); 2. Serval Corporation (Ind.); 3. The Serval Corp. of New York; 4. The Serval Manufacturing Co.; 5. The Absorption Refrigerator Co., Inc.

The new company is also to acquire all the outstanding \$2,500,000 preferred stock of Electrolux Serval Corp., and the interest of the Delaware company in all the outstanding class B common stock of the Electrolux company and, subject to the right of the reorganization committee in its discretion to cancel, adjust, compromise, pay, collect or fund the same, all claims of the Delaware company and its aforesaid subsidiaries against the Electrolux company.

New Bonds, Notes and Stock.—In consideration of the properties to be acquired by it, the new company is to issue its bonds, notes and shares of stock to the amounts authorized by the plan.

First Mortgage 20-year 5% Gold Bonds.—Authorized \$5,500,000; int. from Jan. 1 1928, payable semi-annually. Principal will be expressed to be payable Jan. 1 1948. Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Secured on all the real estate, plants, machinery and patents, or securities

and (or) shares of stock representative thereof, which the reorganization committee shall ultimately determine to vest in the new company; the preferred stock of the Electrolux company; such shares of the class B common stock of the Electrolux company as shall be acquired in reorganization, subject to the existing pledge thereof and in the discretion of the reorganization committee such other property as it shall determine. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105. Denom. \$100 or any multiple thereof as the reorganization committee shall determine.

6% Secured Gold Notes.—Limited to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding 50% of the amount of claims against or indebtedness of the Manufacturing company as finally established. Will be issued in series. Approximately 1-3 in principal amount will be issued as series A notes and 2-3 as series B notes. Series A will be payable Jan. 1 1929, and series B Jan. 1 1930. Notes are to be dated and to bear interest from Jan. 1 1928. Chase National Bank, New York, trustee. Secured by pledge of an equal principal amount of 1st mtge. bonds. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice at par and int. The net earnings of the new company for the calendar years 1928 and 1929 after the payment of operating charges, depreciation, interest and taxes, shall be applied to the redemption of the secured notes series B, until all of such notes shall have been redeemed or paid.

Preferred Stock.—Shall consist of 65,000 shares (par \$100), and shall rank for dividends from Jan. 1 1928. Divs. payable as and when declared by directors. Entitled to divs. at rate of 7% per annum in preference to dividends on the common stock, and holders shall not be entitled to any further dividends or to preferential or other rights of subscription. Until Jan. 1 1933 divs. on pref. stock shall be non-cumulative. Until Jan. 1 1933 divs. on common stock shall be paid only out of the net earnings for any year ending Dec. 31 remaining after the payment therefrom of full dividends upon the preferred stock for such year or years, and, if not declared by directors prior to the July 1 next ensuing after any such Dec. 31, such net earnings shall become part of the surplus or working capital of the new company and prior to Jan. 1 1933, shall not be available for payment of dividends upon the common stock. From and after Jan. 1 1933, the divs. on the preferred stock shall be cumulative. After Jan. 1 1933, no dividend shall be paid on the common stock in any year unless all cumulative divs. on the pref. stock for years prior to such year shall have been paid or declared and set aside for payment in such year, nor except after declaration for payment in such year of full 7% dividends on the preferred stock for such year. Holders of the preferred stock shall be entitled to be paid in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if voluntary \$110 per share, and if involuntary \$100 per share, plus dividends (before any payment is made on the common). Preferred stock will be red. all or part, at \$110 and divs. Each share of preferred stock and each share of common stock shall have equal voting rights.

Common Stock.—Shall consist of 900,000 shares (without par value).

Voting Trust.—The preferred and common stock (other than directors' qualifying shares) will be assigned to the following voting trustees, viz.: Theodore G. Smith, Carl J. Schmidlapp and Murray H. Coggeshall, to be held by them jointly and their successors under a trust agreement for a period expiring not later than Dec. 31 1930, unless earlier terminated by the trustees.

Treatment of Deposited Claims and Stocks.—Holders of certificates of deposit issued under or otherwise subjected to the plan for notes, for claims or for stock, who shall have complied with the conditions of the plan and agreement, will be entitled, on completion of the reorganization and surrender of their certificates in negotiable form, bearing such stamps and accompanied by such certificates, if any, as may be required under Federal or State tax laws, to receive new securities for their claims as finally established or as admitted by the reorganization committee or for their stock, represented by their surrendered certificates of deposit, at the following rates:

Name of Company—	Existing Debt & Stock Amount.	Will Receive			
		Cash.	1st Mtge. Bonds.	Secured Notes.	Pfd. Stock Com. Shs. (V.T.C.) (V.T.C.)
b Delaware company indebtedness.....	\$9,201,443	-----	-----	-----	\$4,600,722 276,043
Each.....	1,000	-----	-----	-----	500 30 shs.
Indiana company indebtedness.....	341,934	-----	-----	-----	102,550 2,393
Each.....	1,000	-----	-----	-----	300 7 shs.
New York company indebtedness.....	88,278	-----	-----	-----	26,483 617
Each.....	1,000	-----	-----	-----	300 7 shs.
Manufacturing company indebtedness.....	1,240,718	\$620,359	-----	\$620,359	-----
Each.....	1,000	500	-----	a500	-----
Manufacturing company pref. stock.....	2,798,100	-----	\$1,399,050	-----	1,399,050
Each.....	100	-----	50	-----	50
Refrigerator company indebtedness.....	214,833	-----	-----	-----	171,866 430
Each.....	1,000	-----	-----	-----	800 2 shs.
Total.....		\$620,359	\$1,399,050	\$620,359	\$6,300,701 279,483
To be pledged as security for secured notes.....		-----	620,359	-----	-----
Avail. for sale to syndicate, reorg. purposes and (or) treasury of new company.....		-----	3,480,591	-----	199,299 620,517
Authorized issue.....		-----	\$5,500,000	-----	\$6,500,000 900,000

a \$166 2-3 in series A and \$333 1-3 in series B notes.
b See below also as to rights of subscription of creditors of Delaware company.

The foregoing table is only approximate as it takes into account only principal indebtedness shown on the Aug. 4 balance sheets. It makes no allowance for contingent or unliquidated claims. It assumes the deposit under the plan of all outstanding claims and securities.

In its discretion the reorganization committee, either before or after the plan shall have been declared operative, may exclude from the plan the Indiana company, the New York company and (or) the Refrigerator company and the indebtedness of such companies if in the uncontrolled judgment of the reorganization committee the deposit of the indebtedness of either such company under the plan has not been in aggregate amount sufficient to justify its retention in the reorganization or the retention thereof in the reorganization is inadvisable or for any other reason deemed sufficient by the reorganization committee.

In the event of the exclusion from the plan of any such company, any claims of the company so excluded against any of the companies which are not so excluded from the reorganization may be deposited under the plan and when finally established shall be entitled to the treatment thereunder of other indebtedness of the same class; otherwise as the plan makes provision for the outstanding indebtedness and shares of stock of the various corporations to be included in the reorganization not owned by the Delaware company or by such other companies, the inter-company indebtedness of the corporations to be included in the reorganization is not provided for in the plan and may not be deposited thereunder.

The committee may purchase, pay, adjust, compromise or settle in cash, or partly in cash and partly by the use of the new securities provided by the plan, or otherwise, claims against any of the companies included in the reorganization of less than \$5,000 (other than the 5-year 6% convertible notes of the Delaware company), and (or) unliquidated claims, and it may contract to cause the new company to adopt and (or) to agree to perform any or all outstanding contracts of the companies, or any of them, included in the reorganization.

In its discretion the reorganization committee may include in the reorganization Serval, Ltd., and may make, as it shall determine, to the creditors of the English company such offer of new securities as shall not be required for distribution to depositors under the plan, or delivery to the syndicate or to depositors exercising the rights of purchase conferred by the plan, or it may use any available cash for the purpose of any such settlement.

Stockholders' Rights of Purchase.

On the terms and conditions stated in the plan, depositors of the common stock of the Delaware company and of the Class A stock of the New York company will be given the opportunity to purchase first mortgage bonds and voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company.

Delaware Company.—Depositors of common stock of the Delaware company upon making at the time of the deposit of their stock the payment provided within the period prescribed, will be entitled to receive, in respect of the stock so deposited, participation warrants.

The participation warrants, which will be transferable only subject to the terms and conditions of the plan, will certify that the registered holder

thereof, on making in accordance with such warrants and with the plan, the payments called for by such warrants, will, on the completion of the reorganization and on the surrender of such warrants, duly stamped and in negotiable form for transfer, be entitled to receive, when issued and ready for delivery, 1st mtge. bonds and voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company, as specified in the warrants and in the plan.

The participation warrants will call for the payment for every share of deposited common stock of the Delaware company in respect of which the same shall be issued of the sum of \$4, payable: \$1 per share at the time of the deposit; and the remaining \$3 per share in three equal installments of \$1 per share each.

New York Company.—Depositors of Class A stock of the New York company upon making at the time of deposit of their stock the payment provided within the period prescribed, will be entitled to receive, in respect of the stock so deposited, purchase certificates.

The purchase certificates, which will be transferable, but only subject to the terms and conditions of the plan, will certify that the registered holder thereof, on making in accordance with such certificates and with the plan the payments called for by such certificates, will, on the completion of the reorganization and on the surrender of such certificates, duly stamped and in negotiable form for transfer, be entitled to receive, when issued and ready for delivery, voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company, as specified in the certificates and the plan.

The purchase certificates will call for the payment for every share of deposited class A stock of the New York company in respect of which the same shall be issued of the sum of \$7, payable \$1 per share at the time of the deposit, and the remaining \$6 per share in three equal installments of \$2 per share each.

Holders of common stock of the Delaware company and holders of class A stock of the New York company, must, at the time of deposit, make payment of the first installment called for by the participation warrants and purchase certificates, respectively, namely, \$1 per share for each share of stock deposited. No holder of common stock of the Delaware company or of class A stock of the New York company will be entitled to deposit under the plan without making such payment.

Payments of the installments payable under the participation warrants and the purchase certificates after their issue will be required to be made at intervals of not less than 30 days and must be made on call of the reorganization committee.

All payments must be made in New York funds, at the principal office of Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City, depository, and will be noted on the respective participation warrants or purchase certificates, which for that purpose must be produced at the time of payment. Failure to make payment of any installment when and as payable will forfeit all rights in respect of prior installments paid and otherwise under the participation warrant or the purchase certificate, as the case may be, under which default shall have been made and of all rights under the reorganization plan, and such participation warrant or purchase certificate, as the case may be, shall thereupon become void and of no effect for any purpose.

Any depositor of stock may elect to pay the entire amount of all installments under the participation warrants or the purchase certificates at the time of the deposit of his stock, and such payment will be appropriately noted on the participation warrant or the purchase certificate deliverable to him.

The principal amount of bonds and the number of shares of common stock (voting trust certificates) of the new company to be specified in the participation warrants and the number of shares of common stock (voting trust certificates) of the new company to be specified in the purchase certificates will be at the following rates:

Participation warrants at the rate per 10 shares of the common stock of the Delaware company deposited, of \$40 of first mortgage bonds, 5 shares of the common stock of the new company (voting trust certificates).

Purchase certificates at the rate per 10 shares of the class A stock of the New York company deposited, of 10 shares of the common stock of the new company (voting trust certificates).

Stock of the Serv-El Corp. (of Virginia).—Each of the outstanding 7,488 shares of class A stock of the Virginia company will be treated as the equivalent of one share of common stock of the Delaware company for which it is exchangeable, and each of the outstanding 630 shares of class B stock of the Virginia company will be treated as the equivalent of two shares of common stock of the Delaware company for which it is exchangeable, and the depositors under the plan of each share of stock of either class of the Virginia company may exercise the rights of purchase conferred by the plan upon depositing common stockholders of the Delaware company in all respects as if depositing thereunder shares of the common stock of the Delaware company.

Rights of Subscription of Creditors of the Delaware Company.

Depositors of notes of and claims against the Delaware company may, at the time of deposit of their notes or claims, elect to purchase the first mortgage bonds and common stock (voting trust certificates) of the new company offered under the plan to stockholders of the Delaware company which shall not be purchased and paid for in full by such stockholders, in units of \$100 first mortgage bonds and 12½ shares of common stock (voting trust certificates) at \$100 per unit. Depositors, at the time of deposit of such notes or claims, may subscribe for any number of units, subject, however, to allotment, and if the aggregate amount subscribed for exceeds the amount available for distribution among the subscribers, the reorganization committee will make allotments as it may determine.

Depositors of such notes and claims electing so to subscribe must, at the time of deposit, pay to the depository for account of the reorganization committee, \$25 for each \$100 of first mortgage bonds embraced in the units subscribed for. The remainder of the purchase price of units allotted to such subscribers will be payable after allotment on 30 days call by the reorganization committee. In respect of all such subscriptions subscription receipts will be issued to the subscribing depositors.

All payments must be made in New York funds at the principal office of Central Union Trust Co., depository. Failure to make payment of any installment when and as payable will forfeit all rights in respect of all prior installments paid and otherwise under the subscription receipt under which default shall have been made, and of all rights under the reorganization plan and such subscription receipts shall thereupon become void and of no effect for any purpose.

New Money.—Under the preceding provisions of the plan—
The stockholders of the Delaware company are called upon to pay (underwritten) \$3,024,012
The class A stockholders of the New York company are called upon to pay (not underwritten) 88,865

Total.....	\$3,112,877
Estimated cash payments to creditors of the Manufacturing company on principal of claims as per balance sheets of Aug. 4 1927.....	\$620,350
Estimated cash payment of one-half accrued interest to date of receivership on indebtedness of the Manufacturing company.....	1,114
Other cash payments required as estimated.....	266,707
Total.....	888,180

Balance Available for accrued taxes, salaries, wages, liability insurance and commissions, as shown by the balance sheets of Aug. 4, in the aggregate amount of \$171,893, to the extent that the same are not absorbed during operations in receivership, purposes of reorganization, reorganization expenses and working capital.

Earnings and Charges of New Company.

The President of the Delaware company has estimated for the first year after the completion of the reorganization the net earnings of the new company after rentals, taxes (other than income taxes, and depreciation, but before interest charges on the new 1st mtge. bonds, at not less than..... \$1,000,000
5% interest on \$5,500,000 1st mtge. bonds..... 275,000
Estimated additional interest on secured notes..... 6,000

Available for payment of income taxes, dividends and (or) other purposes of the new company..... \$719,000
7% dividends on \$6,500,000 new preferred stock..... 455,000

Balance without debiting for income taxes nor crediting for interest on the 1st mtge. bonds and dividends on new pref. stock estimated to remain in treasury after completion of reorganization..... \$264,000

Syndicate.—Chase Securities Corp. has undertaken to form a syndicate to underwrite the exercise by the holders of the common stock of the Delaware company or by its creditors of the right conferred by the plan to

purchase first mortgage bonds and voting trust certificates or common stock of the new company. The only compensation payable to the syndicate is a commission of 75,000 shares of the common stock (voting trust certificates) of the new company. The syndicate shall be obligated to take all first mortgage bonds and voting trust certificates for the common stock of the new company offered under the plan to holders of common stock of the Delaware company.

Electrolux Servel Corp.—It is intended to amend the certificate of incorporation of the company so as to make its preferred stock non-cumulative until Jan. 1 1931, to delete the provisions regarding a sinking fund for the retirement of such preferred stock, to postpone until Jan. 2 1931 any change in the present voting power of the class A stock and of the class B stock, to prohibit, except by the affirmative vote of 5 out of 7 directors, the company from lending money to the new company, from going into new lines of business or from making permanent investments and, after the company shall have accumulated an earned surplus of \$500,000 to provide that not less than 60% of the earnings of the company available for dividends on its common stock shall be declared in such dividends, unless otherwise determined by the affirmative vote of 5 out of 7 directors. It is likewise intended (1) to waive all accumulated dividends on the preferred stock, (2) to have the company, irrespective of the number of refrigerator machines sold, agree to pay royalties of not less than \$75,000 up to Jan. 1 1929, of not less than \$110,000 during the year 1929 and of not less than \$150,000 during the year 1930; and (3) to have the new company agree, to the extent that dividends are not paid on the class A stock of the Electrolux company in the amounts and on or before the respective dates mentioned, to pay to the holders thereof \$75,000 on Feb. 2 1929, \$75,000 on Aug. 2 1929, \$75,000 on Feb. 2 1930 and \$75,000 on Aug. 2 1930.

Estimated Assets and Liabilities upon Consummation of Reorganization on Basis of Aug. 4 1927

[but not giving effect to new working capital provided by reorganization].	
Assets—	
Cash.....	\$134,383
Notes receivable and accounts receivable, \$1,883,189; less reserve for doubtful notes and accounts, \$810,649.....	1,072,540
Inventory of raw material and finished stock, \$4,165,127; less reserve to reduce the value of stock of refrigerators to the basis of anticipated cost, \$737,127.....	3,428,000
Plant at Evansville and equipment, \$5,662,244; less reserve for depreciation and moving expense, \$2,738,348.....	2,923,896
Investments: Electrolux Servel Corp., 25,000 shs. pref. stock, \$2,500,000; class B common stock, 25,000 shs., pref. stock, \$1 per share, \$25,000; income notes 6% cum. and int. accrued thereon to date of receivership, \$241,522; amounts payable to Delaware Co. (\$1,583,924) and to the Refrigerator Co. (\$2,427) by Electrolux Servel Corp. but only out of the proceeds of sale of Electrolux refrigerators less the claim of Electrolux Servel Corp. (\$641,056) against the Indiana company, \$945,295.....	3,711,817
Patents at approximate cash cost.....	302,885
Total.....	\$11,573,521
Liabilities—	
1st mtge. 5% bonds or notes secured by pledge of 1st mtge. bonds to an equal principal amount.....	\$5,500,000
Preferred stock par value.....	6,500,000
Total.....	\$12,000,000

No effect is given in the foregoing statement to the new working capital raised in reorganization or to the value of good-will, &c., or to the interest of the new company in Servel Ltd., or to the amount of new securities which may remain in treasury of new company on completion of reorganization, or to any reserve that may be created to meet payments during the years 1929 and 1930 which the new company may be required to make to class A stockholders of the Electrolux Servel Corp.—V. 125, p. 1204.

Service Appliance Co., Inc., Schenectady, N. Y.—Stock Offered.—The company, with offices at 165 Broadway, New York City, is offering 3,500 units (consisting of 2 shares of pref. stock and 1 share of common stock) at \$140 per unit, to yield 7.14%. The price is payable as follows: \$15 per unit on subscription; balance due upon allotted units on or before Oct. 31.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock, 8% cumulative (par \$50).....	60,000 shs.	27,323 shs.
Common stock, no par value.....	150,000 shs.	70,631 shs.

Preferred stock has preference both as to dividends and assets. The issue is not redeemable until Nov. 1933 at a 10% premium.

Company.—Incorp. in New York in July 1923. On Aug. 1 1923 the first store was opened at Schenectady, N. Y. To-day the company is the world's largest retail chain store system retailing household appliances with 180 stores in six different States.

Assets—	June 30 1926.	June 30 1927.
Current assets.....	\$2,926,797	\$4,039,220
Current liabilities.....	1,332,596	1,919,995
Net worth.....	1,886,266	2,525,495

Earnings—

	Sales.	Net Profits.	No. of Stores.
Year ended June 30 1924.....	\$622,681	\$17,173	20
Year ended June 30 1925.....	1,271,916	108,532	60
Year ended June 30 1926.....	2,641,849	235,906	145
Year ended June 30 1927.....	4,445,758	x	180

x Net earnings for the period ended June 30 1927 were not determined due to the company changing its fiscal year to end on Dec. 31 1927. The earnings during this period were in proportion to sales as in the previous year, or approximately \$400,000.

Dividends.—The preferred and common stock dividends are payable semi-annually (J. & D.). Common stock dividend rate is \$2 per annum. On April 12 1926 the company declared a 500% stock dividend on the common stock. To date the common stock has averaged better than 15% since the inception of the company. The company has never passed a dividend.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list both the preferred and common stock on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Shell Union Oil Corp.—Permanent Debentures.—Permanent 20-year 5% sinking fund gold debentures are now ready for delivery in exchange for interim certificates, at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago. (For offering, see V. 124, p. 2443.)—V. 125, p. 1852.

(Isaac) Silver & Brothers, Inc.—Sales.

1927—Sept.—1926.....	Increase.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.....	Increase.
\$468,385	\$397,163	\$71,222	\$3,562,193
—V. 125, p. 1472.			\$2,893,449
			\$668,744

Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence, Providence Hospital, Seattle.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$500,000 1st mtge. (closed) 5% serial gold bonds was recently offered at 100 and int. by Ferris & Hardgrove, Portland, and Baillargeon, Winslow & Co., Seattle.

Dated Sept. 15 1927; due serially 1932 to 1947, incl. Interest payable M. & S. Callable in inverse numerical order on 20 days' notice at 100 and int. after Sept. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Seattle National Bank, Seattle, trustee. Eligible for the investment of trust funds and by insurance companies, savings and loan associations and savings banks in the State of Washington.

These bonds are a direct obligation of the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence in the Territory of Washington, and are specifically secured by a first closed mortgage on land and buildings comprising the Providence Hospital, Seattle, and the new nurses' home adjoining. The Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence was founded on March 25 1843, in the city of Montreal, the present location of the general motherhouse. For purposes of administration, the organization is divided into seven provinces, each a separate corporation, of which the Sisters of Charity of Providence in the Territory of Washington, incorp. in 1859, is one. The organization conducts 107 institutions situated throughout Canada and the United States, and since its inception has enjoyed the highest credit standing.

Providence Hospital, which comprises the specific first mortgage security for this issue of bonds, has been appraised by Henry Broderick, Inc., as to the real estate, and A. W. Quist & Co., engineers, as to the buildings, as follows: Land (entire square block bounded by 17th Ave. and Jefferson

St.), \$60,000; Providence Hospital, \$1,875,000; Nurses' Home (now under construction), \$375,000; total, \$2,310,000. This issue of bonds therefore represents less than 22% of the value of the physical security.

The proceeds of this issue of bonds will be used to refund maturing indebtedness of the corporation; for the retirement of outstanding bonds bearing a higher rate of interest; and for the construction of a Nurses' Home.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—To Split Up Shares.—

The stockholders will vote Oct. 19 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 100,000 shares to 500,000 shares, 5 new shares to be issued in exchange for each common share now held.

Results for Years Ended July 31.

Table with columns for years 1927, 1926, and 1925. Rows include Profits for period, Depreciation, Interest, Reserve for Federal & State inc. tax, Net income, Preferred dividends (7%), Common dividends, Preferred sinking fund reserve, Balance, surplus, Earns. per share on 100,000 shares of no par common stock, and After deducting all manufacturing, selling and general expenses, including reserve for depreciation and amortization of discount.

Condensed Balance Sheet July 31.

Table with columns for years 1927 and 1926. Rows are divided into Assets (Cash, Goodwill, Marketable securities, Accounts and notes receivable, Inventories, Other assets, Land, bldgs., &c., Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st M. 6 1/2% bds., Accounts payable, Notes payable, Payroll, Dividends payable, Empl. bond subsc., Accrued items, Reserve for conting., Surplus).

Total (each side) ... \$23,348,211 23,523,650. x After deducting \$4,858,347 reserve for depreciation and amortization. y After reserve for doubtful accounts. z Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 2293.

Smith & Wesson Co.—Reopens Plant.—

Operations were resumed Oct. 3 at the Springfield (Mass.) plant which had been shut down for five months. Over 500 men will be employed. The plant will operate on a 48-hour week.—V. 123, p. 2532.

Snider Packing Corp.—Definitive Notes Ready.—

The National Bank of Commerce in New York is prepared to exchange definitive 5-year 6% convertible gold notes, dated May 1 1927, for the temporary notes now outstanding. (For offering see V. 124, p. 2764.) —V. 125, p. 1064.

Sonora Phonograph Co., Inc.—New Control.—

See Acoustic Products Co. above.—V. 118, p. 2583.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—10% Stock Dividend.—The directors on Oct. 5 formally declared the 10% stock dividend on the common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. This action is in line with the announcement made last May (see V. 124, p. 2924). Including the stock dividend there will be 745,735 shares of no par value common stock outstanding.—V. 125, p. 1337.

C. G. Spring & Bumper Co.—Earnings.—

The earnings of company for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31 1927, after all charges including taxes, were at the rate of \$1.62 per share on the outstanding common stock. This is more than twice the dividend requirements at the present rate of 80 cents per annum.—V. 125, p. 662.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Subs. Co. Expansion.—

The Dixie Oil Co., a subsidiary, has formed the Dixie Pipe Line Co. to operate a system of pipe lines to be laid in north Louisiana, which are to supply crude oil to the Dixie Oil Co.'s refinery at Superior, La. The refinery, which is a 3,000 barrel daily capacity skimming plant, has been shut down for 4 years, but it is understood that the company plans changes at the plant and will place it in operation within 6 months.—V. 125, p. 1473. 928, 796, 258. V. 124, p. 3645, 3226.

Sullivan, Smythfield Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for years 1927 and 1926. Rows include Assets (Cash, Bills & loans rec., Accts. rec.—net., Merchandise, Sundry items) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Bills payable, Sundry items, Excess of current assets over current liabilities).

Total ... \$1,701,172 \$2,163,119. The real estate and capital items are omitted from the statement pending completion of the purchase and payment of the prior pref. stock. Goodwill and other intangible assets are carried at \$1. The amount represented by the equipment and fixture accounts has been reduced, following the usual procedure, and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities has been increased.—V. 123, p. 1260.

(Hugo) Stinnes Corp.—Stock Listed.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 750,000 shares, without par value (out of a total authorized issue of 1,200,000 shares) capital stock, with authority to add thereto 250,000 additional shares as the same may be issued through the exercise of certain stock warrants.

These shares as issued are full paid, and non-assessable, and no personal liability attaches to ownership.

Corporation was organized in Maryland Oct. 23 1926 and its purpose was to acquire directly or through its subsidiaries, all of the coal and coke products holdings and certain other interests recently owned or controlled by the sole legate of the late Hugo Stinnes, Sr., of Mulheim, Germany. It owns all of the capital stock outstanding of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc. In addition, it controls, by stock ownership, a diversified group of manufacturing enterprises, real estate enterprises and timber lands, substantially all of which are located in Germany.

Corporation has only one class of stock, the authorized number of shares being 1,200,000, each share without par value, 750,000 of which were outstanding at this date, and 250,000 additional shares will be issued on the exercise of certain warrants.

These 250,000 additional shares are deposited with the Central Union Trust Co., New York, as trustee, under a trust agreement dated Oct. 1 1926, between the corporation and the trustee pursuant to which there have been issued stock warrants A and stock purchase warrants B attached to the 10-year 7% gold notes of the Hugo Stinnes Corp. and 20-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures of Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., calling in the aggregate for the entire 250,000 shares. These warrants may be exercised on and after Oct. 1 1927.

Transfer agents, State Street Trust Co., Boston, and Central Union Trust Co., New York. Registrars, National Rockland Bank, Boston, and Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

Under terms of the trust agreement between this corporation and the trustee, holders of Hugo Stinnes Corp. 10-year 7% gold notes, due Oct. 1 1936, and Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc., 20-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures, due Oct. 1 1946, are entitled (1) to receive during a period of 30 days beginning Oct. 1 1927, 5 shares of Hugo Stinnes Corp. stock for each \$1,000 of notes or debentures held; (2) to purchase, after Oct. 1 1927, and on or before Jan. 1 1929, 5 additional shares of the same stock at \$20 per share.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. G. Becker & Co., joint fiscal agents, announce that either or both of these privileges may be exercised through

presentation of the detachable warrant accompanying the above issues, within the periods specified.—V. 125, p. 1589.

(Hugo) Stinnes Industries, Inc.—Exercise of Warrants. See Hugo Stinnes Corp. above.—V. 124, p. 1681.

Superheater Co., New York.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5. The last previous extra disbursement was \$5 per share, made in Jan. 1927.—V. 123, p. 3335.

(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Period End. Sept. 30—1927—Month—1926. 1927—9 Mos.—1926. Sales—\$1,161,097 \$1,170,684 \$10,677,680 \$10,683,448 —V. 125, p. 1594, 1473.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Omits Common Div.—

The directors have decided to take no action on the quarterly common dividend, the declaration of which was due about this time. The company paid 15 cents a share on the common stock on Aug. 1, prior to which it paid 30 cents a share quarterly.

President Axtell J. Byles stated that while results of the first eight months' operations and a forecast of the last four months indicate that earnings would cover the present rate of common dividends after all charges, yet, in view of the general continued overproduction of crude, with resultant unsatisfactory realizations, the directors have considered it advisable to take no dividend action on the common stock until conditions in the industry show definite signs of improvement. He also pointed out that in addition to the continuing daily overproduction of crude oil, there is a large amount of production shut in.—V. 125, p. 1473, 796.

Tide Water Associated Transport Corp.—Equipment Bonds.—

An issue of \$1,300,000 1st lien 10-year marine equip. 5% sinking fund gold bonds has been placed privately by a syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Inc. Guaranteed as to principal, interest and sinking fund by endorsement by Tide Water Associated Oil Co.

Dated Sept. 15 1927. Due Sept. 15 1937. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Interest payable (M. & S.) in New York at principal office either of Chase National Bank of New York (trustee), or of Blair & Co., without deduction of Federal income taxes to the extent of 2% per annum. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. if red. on or before Sept. 15 1928, the premium decreasing thereafter 1/4 of 1% for each successive 12 months period or part thereof. Penn. and Calif. personal property tax refundable up to 4 mills per annum.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first preferred mortgage on a new tank steamship of the latest design, the "Axell J. Byles," which is being constructed at a cost of approximately \$1,550,000, or a margin of about 20% over and above the face amount of these bonds. The new tanker (completed Oct. 1 1927) was constructed by the Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. It has a deadweight tonnage of at least 13,236 tons and a cargo capacity of approximately 90,000 barrels.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide a semi-annual sinking fund payable in equal installments on Jan. 15 and July 15 of each year commencing with Jan. 15 1928, which will be sufficient to retire all these bonds by maturity.

Transport Corporation.—Is a Delaware corporation (controlled by Tidewater Associated Oil Co.), which, including the new acquisition, owns a fleet of three modern tank steamships with an aggregate deadweight tonnage of 45,703. All three tankers are under charter to the Tide Water Oil Co. for use in the transportation of oil from California and Gulf ports to the Atlantic Seaboard. They operate under the American flag. These tankers are all equipped in the most modern manner to qualify under the highest classification standards for such vessels. The income of the Tidewater Associated Transport Corp. from the above tankers, based on its charter contracts, would be at the rate of about 5 times all its bond interest charges, including the present issue of \$1,300,000 bonds.—V. 125, p. 796.

Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc.—Special Dividend.—

The directors have declared a special extra dividend applicable to the year 1927 of 20c. a share on the A stock and 20c. a share on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 45c. a share on the A stock and 20c. a share on the common, all payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 20.

Net profit for the first half of the current year amounted to \$404,459, or at the rate of \$808,918 for the year, equal, under the participating privilege, to \$3.19 a share on the class A and \$2.19 on the common stock. Net profit last year was \$709,628, against \$528,924 in 1922.

The financial position of the company as of June 30 last shows net current assets of \$1,087,109, of which \$258,811 was in cash and \$425,146 in short-term marketable securities, while current liabilities were \$198,854. The surplus account was \$1,075,401, against surplus of \$561,667 as of Dec. 31 1925.—V. 125, p. 928.

Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha, Ltd.—Stock Div.—

The directors have declared a 50% stock dividend on the capital stock (par \$100), payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5.

The directors announced that the annual dividend rate on the increased stock would be 6% as compared with 8% on the present stock.—V. 125, p. 1852.

Union & United Tobacco Corp.—Agent.—

The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed agent to disburse Union Tobacco Co. class A and common stock to stockholders of the Union & United Tobacco Corp.—V. 124, p. 122.

United Dyewood Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years 1927, 1926, and 1925. Rows include Dividend received, Interest received, Total income, General & administrative expense, Foreign exchange, Foreign taxes, Net income, Profit and loss surplus Jan. 1, Total surplus, Miscellaneous adjustments, Dividend on preferred stock, Profit and loss surplus June 30, Consol. Income Account of Sub. Companies for Six Months End. June 30, Net profit from operations, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deprec., taxes, int. &c., Provisions for reserves, &c., Net income, Profit & loss surplus, Jan. 1 (adj.), Gross surplus, Int. paid to United Dyewood Corp. bonds and notes, Divs. paid to United Dyewood Corp., Divs. paid to minority int., Profit and loss surplus, June 30, x, Equity therein of United Dyewood Corp., Equity therein of minority interests.

In the above summary of consolidated income, profit and loss, the accounts of foreign cos. are included at rates of exchange prevailing on June 30 1927, 1926 and 1925, respectively.—V. 124, p. 2605.

United Investors Securities Corp.—Stock Offered Privately.—Archibald C. Emery, Pres., has announced that the common stock of the corporation, which has just been organized, is being privately subscribed for at \$10 per share. The corporation now has about 2,000 stockholders. The capital consists of 50,000 shares of preferred stock and 420,000 shares of common stock.

The corporation, it is announced, will invest and reinvest the funds subscribed. The board of directors, subject to the approval of its investment committee, has full freedom in the choice of investments.

Mr. Emery, who is also President of the Hamilton National Bank, now has actively associated with him in the management of the United Investors Securities Corp., Frederick E. Voegelin as Vice-Pres., and C. O. M. Sprague, both of whom are on the investment committee with Mr. Emery. Mr. Voegelin was head of the research department of J. P. Morgan & Co. for about eight years during and after the war, and later a Vice-Pres. of Case, Pomeroy & Co. Mr. Sprague is a partner in the investment firm of Wood, Low & Co.

Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts are counsel, and Haslins & Sells are auditors.

United Subsidiary Corp., with Mr. Emery as Chairman and Mr. Voegelin as President, is fiscal agent for United Investors Security Corp., with office at 551 Fifth Ave.

United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.—Extra Div.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 4 1/2% (\$2.25 per share) and an extra dividend of 2% (\$1 per share) on the capital stock, payable Oct. 6 1927 to holders of record Oct. 4.—V. 123, p. 3196.

United States Freight Co.—Subscriptions.—Subscriptions to the 20,000 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) which will be offered at \$43 per share to the stockholders of record Oct. 15, will be payable at the Bank of America, 44 Wall St., N. Y. City. See V. 125, p. 1853.

Valvoline Oil Co.—Debentures Called.—Certain 15-year 7% gold debentures, due May 1 1937, aggregating \$28,500, have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 104 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 1474.

Warner Gear Co., Muncie, Ind.—Stock Offered.—George M. Forman & Co., Inc.; John Burnham & Co., Inc., and Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago, are offering at \$28.50 per share 70,000 shares class A stock (par \$25).

Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax under present laws, and exempt from personal property taxes when held by residents of Indiana. Transfer agent, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago. Registrar, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Capitalization—
 Class A stock (par \$25) Authorized. Outstanding.
 Common stock (no par value) 70,000 shs. 70,000 shs.
 * 70,000 shares reserved for conversion of class A stock. 140,000 shs.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list this class A stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of R. P. Johnson, President of the Company.

History.—Business was founded as a partnership in 1901, and was incorporated in 1908 in Indiana. The original investment was \$40,000, which has since grown to a present appraised net worth of more than \$4,000,000, in addition to cash dividends paid to stockholders, amounting to more than \$2,000,000. Company's business consists principally of the manufacture of transmissions for automobiles. Company is now the largest company in the United States specializing in the manufacture of transmissions for passenger automobiles, and produces about 90% of all passenger car transmissions used by car manufacturers who do not build their own units.

Assets.—Company's balance sheet dated Aug. 31 1927, after giving effect to the present financing, shows net tangible assets of approximately \$39 per share on the class A stock. However, the fixed assets of the company as appraised by Lloyd-Thomas Co. are valued greatly in excess of the company's figures, and based on this appraisal, the actual net tangible assets, exclusive of patents, good-will, &c., amount to more than \$56 per share of class A stock. Current assets are approximately four times current liabilities.

Class A Stock Provisions.—Is entitled to cumulative preferential dividends of \$2 per share per annum, payable Q.-J., before any dividends can be paid on the common stock. Has preference in the event of liquidation, to the extent of \$35 per share and divs., and is red. on any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$35 per share and divs. Class A stock has full voting power.

Convertibility.—Class A stock is convertible at any date prior to July 1 1933, at the option of the holder thereof, into common stock, share for share. If the entire issue of class A stock were converted into common, the earnings for 1927 (estimating four months) would amount to approximately \$3.67 per share on 210,000 shares of common stock.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after all charges including depreciation and Federal income tax at present rates, for the 11 years and 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927, were \$3,853,106, or an annual average of \$330,264. During recent years the company's manufacturing facilities have been expanded, resulting in a material increase in earnings. For the 2 years and 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927 average annual earnings as stated by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., were \$535,653, or more than 3.8 times the cumulative dividends of \$2 per share on the class A stock. For the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927, net earnings available for dividends on the present issue of class A stock were \$602,051, which is more than six times dividend requirements on this issue for that period.

	Sales.	Net after Taxes.	Times Div. Earned Class A Stock.	Net per sh. com. after Div. Class A.	Net per Com.
1925	\$2,806,070	\$326,805	2.3	\$1.33	\$1.55
1926	3,800,660	499,650	3.6	2.57	2.38
1927 (8 mos.)	3,573,333	602,051	5.5	*4.50	*3.66

*Annual rate; eight months actual, four months estimated. x If entire issue of class A stock were converted.—V. 125, p. 1066.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—September Sales.—
 Period— 1927. 1926. 1925.
 Month of September \$20,740,350 \$19,339,149 \$18,129,308
 First nine months of year 179,082,814 164,954,320 156,036,610

Of the total gain reported for September, the old stores were responsible for \$528,701, an increase in old store trade of 2.74%; for the nine months they were responsible for \$8,023,892 of the total gain, or an increase in old stores of 4.92%.

Pres. H. T. Parson says in substance: "Every district showed an increase for the month, with the gains well distributed over United States, Canada and Cuba. We are going into the last quarter of the year with a good outlook. Trade is fine. The stores are well stocked with merchandise and we have plenty of cash."—V. 125, p. 1474.

Wyandot Copper Co.—To Sell Assets at Auction.—All assets of the company, both real and personal, except cash, will be sold at public auction at Houghton, Mich., on Nov. 17. The sale is made pursuant to a vote of the stockholders at a special meeting on Sept. 26. The property has been idle for years.—V. 125, p. 1854.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Zimmermann Co., 52 Broadway, New York, dealers in domestic and foreign securities, and Ricard May & Co., 15 William St., New York, have formed a co-partnership to be known as Zimmermann & May, with offices at 52 Broadway, where they will transact business in investment securities, foreign stocks and bonds, and foreign exchange. Alfred Zimmermann has been in Wall Street for a period of 27 years, and was formerly affiliated with the firm of Zimmermann & Forsahy. Richard May has

been specializing in foreign exchange, and has transacted business with most of the largest banks and trust companies in the country.

—Announcement has been made of the election of William H. Hodge as a Vice-President of Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp., and the appointment of Mr. Hodge as manager of a newly created sales and advertising Department of that company at its Chicago headquarters. The sales and advertising department will have general charge of the development of new business and advertising at all of the Byllesby utility properties, which now compose one of the larger groups of these enterprises under unified management in the United States, including companies serving Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Louisville and San Diego.

—Prescott, Wright, Snider & Co., investment bankers, Kansas City, Mo., announce that H. P. Wright, who has recently resigned as Chairman of the Board, will continue as a director and stockholder. They also announce that Lowell Mason and William P. Waters of New York, and Paul Arbenz and Charles Beggs, who have been associated with them for several years, have become Vice-Presidents. R. H. Tinsman has become Assistant Secretary. John A. Prescott remains as President and Executive Officer and O. C. Snider remains as Senior Vice-President.

—"Advertising in the Development of the Trust Department," was the title of an address delivered by Charles R. Holden, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, at the annual convention of the Financial Advertisers' Association at West Baden, Indiana, last month. The Union Trust Co. has made up mimeograph copies of Mr. Holden's address, which we believe they would be glad to send to those interested on request.

—Charles Appelbaum, formerly with F. J. Lisman & Co., and Lehman Brothers, Edwin C. Peck, formerly with F. J. Lisman & Co., and Bert V. Lichtie have formed the firm of Appelbaum, Lichtie & Peck, with offices at 52 Broadway, New York, to deal in and distribute investment securities.

—Reginald Victor Hiscoe, formerly of Struthers & Hiscoe, and John Bradley Cumings, formerly with Joseph Walker & Sons, have formed the firm of Hiscoe & Cumings, members New York Stock Exchange, with offices at 115 Broadway, New York, to transact a general commission business in stocks and bonds.

—Hoit, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, New York, announce that Willis M. Summers, formerly manager of the bond department of Livingston & Co. (members New York Stock Exchange), and John D. Rocamora have been admitted to general partnership in the firm.

—Samuel J. Sonderling of Lehman Brothers has been appointed by Governor Smith as the delegate to represent New York State at the Twentieth National Conference on Taxation, to be held at Toronto, Canada, during the week of Oct. 10.

—The Citizens National Bank of Baltimore has opened an investment department under the management of Baldwin Goodwin, formerly head of the investment banking firm of Baldwin Goodwin & Co., which has now been dissolved.

—Griswold-First State Company, owned and controlled by Griswold-First State Bank of Detroit, announces the opening of a New York office at 24 Broad Street, in charge of Maurice M. Minton Jr., recently elected a Vice-President.

—Jas. H. Oliphant & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 61 Broadway, New York, announce that Robert Studebaker Binkerd, formerly Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Eastern Railroads, has become a general partner of their firm.

—Struthers & Hiscoe announce that Reginald V. Hiscoe has retired from the firm and that the firm name has been changed to Struthers & Dean, members New York Stock Exchange. They will continue in the same offices at 74 Broadway, New York.

—McVickar & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a branch office in the Garfield-Grant Hotel, Long Branch, N. J., under the management of Benjamin F. Luyster.

—Hollander, Schiffman Co. announce the opening of offices in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Newark, N. J., to engage in buying and selling bank, insurance and title and mortgage company securities.

—William R. Compton Company, of 44 Wall Street, New York, announce the opening of a Philadelphia office in the Packard Building, 15th and Chestnut Streets, under the management of Richard L. Weidenbacher.

—Hewitt, Brand & Grumet, 100 Broadway, New York, announce that Clifford Miller, Richard Murdock and Herman Baron have become associated with their sales department.

—Sutro Bros. & Co. have prepared for distribution a circular setting forth the attractive features of the new issue of New Haven 7% cumulative preferred stock from an investment viewpoint.

—On account of the retirement of Charles E. Dinkey, the corporate name of Dinkey & Todd Co., investment dealers, Diamond Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., has been changed to K. W. Todd & Co., Inc.

—The Franklin Loan & Discount Co. of Jersey City, N. J., announce that Frank M. Wohl, formerly senior member of Wohl, South & Co. of New York City, has become Chairman of board of directors.

—Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc., announce that Frank J. Williams, formerly of Paine, Webber & Co., has become associated with them as resident manager of the Philadelphia office.

—H. Randolph Knowlton, formerly of J. R. Schmeltzer & Co., has become a general partner of Bramley & Smith, members New York Stock Exchange, 52 Broadway, New York.

—Bond & Goodwin, Inc., announce that Thomas A. Kirwan, formerly of their Boston office, has been appointed manager of their Securities Department.

—E. E. MacCrone & Co., investment dealers, Detroit, Mich., have opened a branch office on the main floor of the General Motors Building, Detroit.

—C. E. Welles & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York City, announce that Edward M. Dowling is associated with their firm.

—The Bankers Capital-Eastern Bankers Trust announces change of name to Bankers Financial Trust.

—Redmond & Co. announce the removal of their Albany office from 38 State St. to the New York State National Bank Building, Albany.

—Harold B. White has become associated with Messrs. E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia, in their bond department.

—Frazier & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their Philadelphia office from 1600 Walnut Street to 1420 Walnut Street.

—Tobey & Kirk announce that John Mason Jr. has become associated with them in their listed stock department.

—Lewis C. Sheridan is now with G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., 52 Broadway, New York, in their bond department.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

[The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, Oct. 7 1927.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet but firm with Santos 4s up to 20c. and Rio 7s at 14c. Fair to good Cucuta, 21 to 22c.; Bucaramanga washed, 26¼ to 26¾c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 27½ to 28c.; Medellin, 28 to 28½c.; Manizales, 27¾ to 28¼c.; Mexican washed, 26½ to 28c.; Surinam, 25 to 26½c.; Ankola, 36 to 39c. Spot coffee continued firm later, it was stated, particularly the good grades, and Brazil's exporters are indifferent and not in sympathy with the views of consuming markets. Brazilian advices stated that weather conditions up-country, owing to persistent rains, while not unfavorable for the flowerings, have been such that a considerable amount of harm was done to the actual crop, of which there is still a large proportion to be harvested, and the quality of the receipts from March-April 1928, onwards, is bound to show a large percentage of rain-damaged coffees. Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States during September were 149,871 bags, against 219,082 bags during August and 280,331 in September last year. Deliveries were 244,868 during September, against 201,371 in the previous month and 233,165 in September last year. Stock of mild coffee in the United States on Sept. 1 was 195,602 bags, against 290,599 on Aug. 1 and 389,306 on Sept. 1 last year.

E. Laneville of Havre estimated the world's visible supply on Oct. 1 at 4,627,000 bags, against 4,727,000 on Sept. 1 and 4,637,000 last year. He put the deliveries of all kinds of coffee during September at 1,783,000 bags, against 1,678,000 during September last year and 2,022,000 two years ago; deliveries for the past 3 months this year aggregated 5,302,000 bags, against 5,019,000 for the same period last year and 5,254,000 two years ago. The cost and freight market on Oct. 1 was firmer. For prompt shipment Bourbon 4s, good roasters, strictly soft, were quoted at 18.65c. to 19c.; 5s and 6s at 18.10c.; 4-5s at 18½c.; 6s at 19c.; 6-7s at 17.65c.; 5s at 18.33c.; 4s, genuine Bourbon, at 19c.; 7-8s at 16.25c. November shipment, part Bourbon, part flat bean, at 18.75c. for 4s; 4s for January shipment, strictly soft, at 18.15c.; November-January, part, 4s, at 18.45c. Prompt shipment Rio 7s at 13.30 to 13.45c.; 7s, minus 25, at 13.20c. On the 3d inst. cost and freight offers were higher. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 20.95c.; 3s at 21c.; 3-4s at 19.70 to 20.45c.; 3-5s at 19 to 19½c.; 4-5s at 18.90 to 18.95c.; 5s at 18¾ to 19c.; 5-6s at 17¾c.; 6s at 17¾ to 18c.; 6-7s at 17.90c.; 7-8s at 16.95c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 19c.; 4-5s at 19.40c. Peaberry 5s at 18½c. Rio 7s at 13.65c. Victoria 7-8s at 12½ to 12.85c.; for future shipment the offerings included Bourbon 4s for November-December at 18.70c.; 4-5s at 18.55c.; 5s at 18.20c.; for November-January, part Bourbon, 4s at 18¾c.; for January-March Bourbon 4s at 18.45c.; for April-June Bourbon 4s at 18c. Victoria 7-8s for October-November at 12.70c.

On the 5th inst. cost and freight offers were plentiful and lower. They included prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 20.95 to 21¼c.; 3s at 20 to 20½c.; 3-4s at 19½ to 20¼c.; 3-5s at 18.60 to 19½c.; 4-5s at 18.65 to 18.90c.; 5s at 18.40 to 19.05c.; 5-6s at 17.80 to 18.55c.; 6s at 17¾ to 18¾c.; 6-7s at 17½ to 17.70c.; 7-8s at 17c.; 6s separations at 17½c.; 6-7s at 16.30c.; 7-8s at 14.90c.; to 16.35c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-5s at 19c.; 6s at 17¾c.; peaberry 3-4s at 19.30c.; 4s at 18¾ to 19.15c.; Rio colory 3-5s at 15½c.; 7s at 13.15 to 13¼c.; 7-8s at 12.85c.; Victoria 7-8s at 12½c. The future shipments were of Santos Bourbon 4-5s for October-November at 18½c.; Bourbon 3s for November-December at 18¾c.; 3-5s at 18½c.; part Bourbon 3-4s at 18.50c. for November-January. Bourbon 4s at 18¾c.; January-March 4s at 18¼ to 19.45c.; January-June 4s at 17¾c.; April-June 4s at 17¾c. The recent advance in prices was attributed to better financial conditions in Brazil and a stronger technical position in the importing countries. The reports of loans to Santos, Rio and Minas to help finance their coffee crops are believed to be well founded. The Federal Government, it is believed, will secure a loan of \$100,000,000. To-day choice Santos and mild coffee were firm. Santos 4s, 20 to 20½c.; Rio 7s, 14c.

Futures on the 4th inst. declined 17 to 32 points with increased receipts permitted at Santos and New York and Europe selling. This offset the firmness of the cabled prices. A cable to the Exchange stated that receipts at Santos were to be increased, effective on the 5th inst. to 36,700 bags, which with 8,000 bags representing the extra quota permitted under the recently adopted regulation will make a total of 44,700 bags daily. Later in the day the tone became firmer. Santos cables were firm if those from Rio were 125 to 325 reis lower; exchange 5 31-32d. against 7 15-32d. a year ago; dollars 8\$270 against 6\$630 a

year ago. Cost and freight offers from Rio and Santos were generally reported firm. Some reports say that the present crop has been much damaged by persistent rains. They interfered with harvesting. Some assert that the total outturn will be 2,000,000 bags. There are not a few in the trade predicting higher prices on the theory that Brazil has the situation well in hand, and that buyers in the interior must enter the market. But getting speculation to take this view is another matter. Some stress the amount of coffee in Brazil and say that the accumulation there is going to be a weak factor. Rio's stock was 312,000 bags against 290,000 last year and Santos 910,000 against 950,000 last year. Santos receipts on the 5th inst. were 39,000, Sao Paulo 38,000, Jundiahy 29,000, Rio 19,000. The American visible supply is 1,041,041 bags against 1,030,190 last year 983,906 in 1925. The New York stock is 326,644 bags against 398,453 last year; total in the United States 354,941 against 497,090 last year. To-day futures ended 10 to 20 points lower with sales of 23,000 bags. Rio was lower, if Hamburg and Havre were higher and Santos unchanged. Spot markets were firm here but there was enough pressure on futures to cause a decline. A cable despatch from Brazil it is stated intimated that the Defense Committee would again refuse permission to ship the extra quota of 8,000 bags in daily receipts owing to the New York decline of Thursday. There is comment here on what is termed the juggling with receipts. Final prices show a decline on December here of 49 points.

Spot unofficial	14.00	March	12.45a	July	12.32a
Dec	12.50a	May	12.36a	Sept	12.20a

SUGAR.—Prompt raw Cubans were quiet. According to some reports between 100,000 and 150,000 bags of Cubans and duty-free sugars were offered or available on the basis of 2½c. c. & f. with bids of 2 13-16c. A sale of 500 tons of Peru to a Clyde refiner for early October shipment was made at 12s. 6d., or 2.51c. f.o.b. A bid of 12s. 4½c. c.i.f. London, or 2.48c. f.o.b. was declined. Java cabled that sowings for 1928 are 193,540 hectares, an increase of 4.40% over this year. The Mauritius Sugar Syndicate was reported to have reduced its estimate of the Mauritius crop from 235,000 tons to 215,000 tons. Here refined was quiet at 5.80 to 6.10c. Raw sugar futures were 1 to 2 points higher on the 5th inst. but ended unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 77,500 tons. President Machado has been given authority to do thus and so. The question is just what he will do and how soon. On the 3d inst. there was a rumor that grinding of the new crop may be delayed until Jan. 15, and it caused buying of January for a time. London terminal on the 3d inst. closed 3d. lower to 1½d. net higher. President Machado of Cuba signed the restriction bill on Oct. 4 after both houses of Congress had favorably acted upon the measure. With the restriction bill finally signed by President Machado of Cuba, the attention of the trade is now centred on the decree limiting the crop. The general impression in the trade here is that the next crop will be limited to 4,000,000 tons. One comment was: "Sentiment has been unsettled by President Machado's failure to use the powers vested in him by the Tarafa bill simultaneously with its passage, thus leaving the trade as much in the dark as to what the actual restriction and control of the next crop will be as they were a month ago. Until these facts are definitely known, a nervous tone may continue, but we still are confident of somewhat of an improvement later."

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 49,615 tons, against 40,453 tons in the previous week, 60,721 last year and 67,859 two years ago; meltings 53,000, against 54,000 last week, 64,000 last year and 55,000 two years ago; importers' stock 133,843, against 134,977 last week, 167,392 last year and 47,782 two years ago; refiners' stock 49,621, against 51,872 last week, 48,608 last year and 100,071 two years ago; total stocks 183,464, against 186,849 last week, 216,000 last year and 147,853 two years ago. To-day futures closed 2 to 4 points lower with sales of 45,250 tons. Products were selling. The demand was poor. Prompt raws were quoted at 2½c. Domestic beet crop is estimated at 924,000 tons, against 801,000 last year. This and the dulness of the spot cane market were depressing factors; 4,000 tons of Philippine due next week sold at 4.58c. delivered. London was quiet and unchanged. December sugar closed 9 points lower than a week ago, with spot raws 3-32c lower than then.

Spot unofficial	3 13-16	March	2.80a	Sept	3.04a
Dec	2.87a	May	2.88a		
Jan	2.87a	July	2.96a		

LARD on the spot was firmer with a fair demand. Prime Western, 13.20 to 13.30c.; refined Continent, 14c.; South American, 14½c.; Brazil, 15½c. Exports of lard from the principal United States ports for the week ending Oct. 1 totalled 12,964,000 lbs., against 9,636,000 for the corresponding week last year. Stocks of lard at Chicago on Oct. 1 were estimated at 57,852,357 lbs. Stocks of all

kinds decreased 28,000,000 lbs. for September. They are 65,523,000 lbs., against 46,345,000 last year. To-day on the spot lard was firmer, thought not at all active. Prime Western, 13.40c.; refined Continent, 14c.; South America, 14 1/2c.; Brazil, 15 1/2c. Futures advanced on the 3d inst. on a higher hog market, light receipts and a noteworthy decrease in lard stocks in the last half of September. The strength of cottonseed oil prices helped lard. October deliveries in Chicago were 1,000,000 lbs. Futures advanced on the 4th inst. 7 to 10 points with December ribs at one time on that day 40 points higher, with intimations of a foreign demand. Packers bought. Cash prices were well maintained. Shorts covered. Yet hogs were lower despite the fact that the receipts were not large; i. e., 75,700 at all points, as against 73,200 a week ago and 77,000 last year. Deliveries on contracts on the 4th inst. were 250,000 lbs. of lard and 200,000 lbs. of bellies. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. higher. Futures on the 5th inst. closed 10 to 15 points lower in a dull market. Hogs fell 10 to 15c. on rather large receipts. January was pressed on the market for Eastern and foreign interests. Also there was selling on unsettled grain markets. Liverpool lard was 3d. higher to 3d. lower. Total Western receipts were 72,200, against 62,700 last week and 78,000 last year. Total receipts at Chicago on Thursday were expected to be 25,000. Deliveries on contracts at Chicago were 50,000 lbs. of lard, 50,000 lbs. of ribs and 50,000 lbs. of bellies. To-day futures ended 5 to 17 points net higher. Hog products in general were firmer. Packers were buying. Warehouse people and commission firms also bought. Back of it all was the strength of the hog market. That closed steady to 15c. higher with the top \$11.85. October lard closed 50 points higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October.....cts.	12.30	12.40	12.47	12.40	12.55	12.72
December.....	12.55	13.65	12.75	13.65	12.82	12.95
January.....	13.05	13.07	13.10	13.00	13.10	13.15

PORK steady; mess, \$33; family, \$37 to \$41; fat-back pork, \$29 to \$32.50; ribs, Chicago, cash, 12.25c., basis of 50 to 60 pounds average. Beef, firm; mess, \$19 to \$20; packet, \$20 to \$21; family, \$23 to \$25; extra India mess, \$36; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$5.25; 6 pounds, South America, \$18.50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60. Cut meats steady and quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 pounds, 18 1/4 to 18 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 pounds, 22 1/4 to 23 1/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 10 to 20 pounds, 16 1/2c.; 14 to 16 pounds, 18c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 38 to 50c. Cheese, flats, 27 to 29c. Eggs, medium to extras, 26 to 50c.

OILS.—Linseed was a little more active at 10.1c. for raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis. Inquiries were freer from jobbers. Much of the buying, however, was in small quantities. In tanks, 9.4c. was quoted; 5 bbls. or more, 10.8c.; less than 5 bbls., 11.2c. Coconut, Manila, coast, tanks, 8 1/2c.; spot, tanks, 8 3/4c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, low acid, 9 3/4c. Olive, Den., \$1.75. China wood, New York, drums, spot, 15 1/2c.; Pacific Coast, spot, tanks, 12 1/2c. Soya bean, coast, tanks, 9 1/4c. Lard, prime, 16 3/4c.; extra strained winter, New York, 13 1/2c. Cod, Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Turpentine, 52 1/2 to 57 1/2c. Rosin, \$9.40 to \$13.50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 33,800 bbls. Crude, S.E., 10c. bid. Prices closed as follows

Spot.....c.	11.15a	December	11.20a	11.21	March	11.38a	11.36
October	11.10a	11.25	January	11.26a	April	11.40a	11.44
November	11.10a	11.18	February	11.25a	11.35	May	11.56a

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was cut 3c. a gallon at the retail stations in Toledo early in the week by the Sinclair Co. A cut of 2c. was previously announced by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio and Hickok Producing Co. throughout Ohio. A feature of the week was the sale of 500,000 bbls. of crude oil to the Magnolia Petroleum Co. at the market price. Bulk gasoline was in good demand with the outlook promising. Leading refiners quoted 8 to 8 1/4c. for U. S. motor in tank cars at refineries and 9 to 9 1/4c. in tank cars delivered to the trade. There was a good inquiry at the Gulf. Foreign demand, however, continues small. Gulf refiners asked 7 1/4c. for U. S. motor and 8 1/4c. for 64-66 gravity 375 e.p. in bulk at refineries. Kerosene was in good demand at 7c. for 41-43 water white at refineries and 8c. in tank cars delivered to the trade. A good jobbing demand was reported. The world's petroleum output, it is estimated, will gain 12% in 1927; total, 1-229,500,000 bbls. For C grade bunker oil a better demand was reported with leading refiners quoting \$1.55. The New York f.a.s. harbor price was \$1.61 1/2. Gas oil was in fair demand and steady. Lubricating oils were steady. The demand for spindle oil is increasing. Medicinal oils were quiet.

Pennsylvania.....	\$2.65	Buckeye.....	\$2.25	Eureka.....	\$2.50
Corning.....	1.45	Bradford.....	2.65	Illinois.....	1.60
Cabell.....	1.40	Lima.....	1.71	Wyoming, 37 deg.	1.30
Worham, 40 deg.	1.36	Indiana.....	1.48	Plymouth.....	1.33
Rock Creek.....	1.25	Princeton.....	1.60	Wooster.....	1.57
Smackover 24 deg.	1.15	Canadian.....	2.24	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.57
		Corsicana heavy	1.10	Panhandle, 44 deg.	1.12
Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas		Elk Basin.....			1.33
40-40.9.....	\$1.36	Big Muddy.....			1.25
32-32.9.....	1.20	Lance Creek.....			1.33
52 and above.....	1.60	Grass Creek.....			1.33
Louisiana and Arkansas		Bellevue.....			1.25
32-32.9.....	1.20	West Texas all deg.			0.60
35-35.9.....	1.26	Somerset light.....			2.35
Spindletop, 35 deg and up	1.37				

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications deodorized, 24.40c.; bulk refinery, 8c.; Kerosene, cargo lots, S. W. cases, 17.15c.; bulk 41-43, 6 3/4c.; W. W. 150 deg., cases, 18.15c.; bulk, 43-45, 7c.; Bunker Oil,

f. o. b., \$1.55. Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl., \$2.10; Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28-34 deg., 5c.; 36-40 deg., 5 1/4c.; New Orleans, U. S. Motor bulk, 7 1/4c.; 64-66 gravity 375 e. p. 8 1/4c.; Kerosene, prime white, 6c.; water white, 7c. Local service station owners and jobbers' price guide: U. S. Motor bulk, refineries, 8 to 8 1/4c.; tank cars delivered to nearby trade, 9 to 9 1/4c.; Calif. U. S. Motor at terminals, 8c.; U. S. Motor delivered to N. Y. City garages in steel bls., 17c.; Up-State and New England, 17c.; Naphtha, V. M. P. deodorized, steel bbls., 18c.; Kerosene, water white, 43-45 gravity, bulk refinery, 7c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 8c.; Prime white, 41-43 gravity, bulk refinery, 6 3/4c.; 41-43 delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 7 3/4c.; tank wagon to store, 15c.; furnace oil, bulk refinery, 38-42 gravity, 6c.; tank wagon, 10c.

RUBBER.—New York on the 3d inst. declined 10 to 40 points with sales of 1,610 long tons. Some 58 transferable notices were issued. London was weaker. That and the increase in the London stock of nearly 1,300 tons had a depressing effect here. The outside market was slow. There was a rumor that the price of tires had been reduced! Everything seemed to be against the market. Long liquidation was paramount. Rallies were brief. At the New York Exchange October-November and December on that day closed at 33c., January at 33.20c., February at 33.40c. Ribbed smoked spot and October 33 to 33 1/4c., November-December 33 1/4 to 33 1/2c. First latex crepe, 32 3/4 to 33c.; clean, thin, brown, 28 to 28 1/2c. Para-up-River fine, spot, 27 1/2c. London on the 3d inst. was lower; spot and October closed at 15 3/4 to 15 1/2d., November at 15 1/2 to 16d., December 16 to 16 1/2d. The London stock increased last week to be exact, 1,266 tons. That made the total 68,519 tons, the highest in nearly 5 years; a week previous it was 67,253 tons; a month ago 65,162; three months ago 63,917, and a year ago only 36,065 tons. Singapore on the 3d inst. was 15 3/4d. for October, 16 1/4d. for January, and March and 17 1/4d. for April-June. Revision of tire prices by leading rubber and tire companies was reported of about 5% decrease in cost to dealers. It is understood this reduction has been made in order to give dealers a larger margin of profit and it is not intended to mean any lowering of tire prices to consumers.

On the 4th inst. prices suddenly advanced 40 to 60 points. London was up 1/8d. Here the sales were 1,182 tons. October at the Exchange on that day closed at 33.50c., November at 33.40c., December at 33.60c., January at 33.70c., March at 34.20c., May at 34.60c., July at 35c. Outside prices were as follows: Smoked sheets, spot and October, 33 1/2 to 33 3/4c.; November-December, 33 3/4 to 33 1/2c.; January-March, 34 to 34 1/4c.; first latex crepe, 33 1/2 to 33 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe, 28 3/4 to 29c.; specky brown crepe, 28 to 28 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 26 1/4 to 26 3/4c.; No. 2 amber, 29 1/4 to 29 1/2c.; No. 3 amber, 28 3/4 to 29c.; No. 4 amber, 28 1/4 to 28 1/2c. In London business was good and the tone strong. Spot and October closed at 15 3/4d. to 17d. on the 4th inst.; December at 16 1/2 to 16 1/4d.; January-March at 16 1/2 to 16 3/4d.; April-June at 16 1/2 to 17d. In Singapore on the 4th inst. October was 15 3/4d.; January-March, 16 1/2d.; and April-June, 17 1/4d., but Singapore is always behind London.

On the 5th inst. after advancing early on higher London cables prices eased and wound up for the day at a net loss of 10 to 30 points. October at the Exchange here closed at 33.30c.; November at 33.30c.; December at 33.50c.; January at 33.60c.; February at 33.80c.; March at 34.10c.; April at 34.20c.; May at 34.30c.; June at 34.60c.; July at 34.80c.; August at 35c., and September at 35.20c. Outside prices were: Smoked ribbed sheets spot, October and November, 33 3/8 to 33 3/4c.; first latex crepe, 33 1/4 to 33 1/2c.; clean thin brown crepe, 28 1/2 to 28 3/4c.; specky brown crepe, 27 3/4 to 28c.; rolled brown crepe, 26 to 26 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 29 1/4 to 30c.; No. 3 amber, 28 1/4 to 28 1/2c.; No. 4 amber, 27 3/4 to 28c.; Paras, up-river, fine, spot, 27 1/2c.; coarse, 20c.; Acre fine, 28c.; Caucho ball-upper, 20 1/2c.; Island fine, 24c.; Centrals, Esmeralda, 19 1/4 to 19 1/2c. In London on the 5th inst. a good demand was reported; spot and October closed at 15 3/4d.; December at 16 1/4d.; January-March at 16 1/2c., and April-June at 16 3/4d. Singapore on the 5th inst. October, 16d.; January-March, 16 3/4d.; April-June, 17 3/4d.

On the 6th inst. New York October closed at 33.60c. an advance of 30 points; December 33.70c., or 20 points up; spot and October ribbed smoked 33 1/2 to 33 3/4c. Up-river Para, fine spot 27 1/4 to 27 3/4c.; First latex crepe 33 1/4 to 33 1/2c. Esmeralda Central 19 1/4 to 19 1/2c.; London spot and October 15 3/4 to 16 1/4d.; Singapore October 16d. Today prices ended unchanged to 10 points lower. Trade was quiet and the tone more or less unsettled. Visible stocks are expected to increase. September consumption is supposed to have been something under 30,000 tons. Final prices show a rise for the week of about 10 points. London to-day was quiet and closed 1/8d. higher. Spot and October ended at 16d.; November at 16 1/4d.; December at 16 1/4d.; January-March 16 3/4d.; and April-June 17d.

HIDES.—Late last week large sales were made of River Plate frigorifico hides, reaching 62,000 hides, at 20 3/8 to 21 7-16c. Stocks of Argentine steers were reduced to about 18,000. United States tanners bought freely; Europe held aloof. Early this week trade has been generally small but prices have been steady. Common dry hides, Antioquias, 29c.; Orinocos, 25 1/2c.; Maracaibo, 24 1/2 to 25c.; Central America, 26c.; Savanillas, 25c. Packer hides,

spread native steers, 24c.; native steers, 22½c.; butt brands, 21½c.; Colorados, 21c.; bulls, native, 17c.; frigorifico, cows, c. & f. New York, 21c.; steers, 27 7-16c.; New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 1.90 to 2c.; 7-9s, 2.35 to 2.40c.; 9-12s., 3.35 to 3.40c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain tonnage was in fair demand. Rates declined later.

CHARTERS included grain, 32,000 qrs., 10% more or less, Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, Oct. 15-31, 15½c., or Hamburg or Bremen, 16½c.; 27,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 14½c., or Hamburg or Bremen, 15½c., Oct. 3-10; Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 15½c., or Hamburg or Bremen 16½c., Oct. 17-28; 39,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 15½c., or Hamburg or Bremen, 16½c., Oct. 20 to Nov. 10; 25,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 15½c., or Hamburg or Bremen 16½c., or Mediterranean, 19c.; Adriatic 20c., or four Danish or Swedish ports 23½c., Nov. 1-20; 40,000 qrs. New York to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 14c.; Hamburg or Bremen, 15c.; two ports l.c. extra, Oct. 25 to Nov. 10; Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 16c., Hamburg or Bremen 17c., United Kingdom 3s. 6d., Oct.-Nov.; 35,000 qrs. St. John to Mediterranean, 19c.; range, 18c., Dec. 10-25 option range, at 18c.; 43,000 qrs. Gulf to Antwerp, Amsterdam or Rotterdam, 15½c., second half October; 40,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 15c.; Hamburg or Bremen, 16c., Oct. 18-30; Montreal to three ports Sweden, 24c., Oct. 20-Nov. 10; 35,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 15c., or Hamburg or Bremen 16c., Oct. 3-8; 35,000 qrs. Montreal to Piræus, 21½c., first half Nov.; 28,000 qrs. range excluding New York to Mediterranean, 17c. basis, Nov. 15-30, or St. John, 18c., Nov. 25 to Dec. 10; North Pacific grain, wheat, Portland, Puget Sound or Vancouver to United Kingdom or Continent, January, 34s. 6d.; wheat Vancouver to United Kingdom or Continent, 33s. 9d., December; wheat Puget Sound to United Kingdom or Continent, 35s., Oct.-Nov.; wheat Vancouver to United Kingdom or Continent, 33s. 9d.; Vancouver to United Kingdom or Continent, Nov., 33s. 6d.; coal, part cargo Hampton Roads to Rosario, \$4, Nov. 15 canceling; Hampton Roads to Cornerbrook, \$1.15, October; lumber, North Pacific to two ports in Australia, \$13.50, November. Tankers: Constanza to United Kingdom-Continent, 19s. benzine, Oct.; 17s. 9d. kerosene. Clean oil, California to United Kingdom-Continent, 30s. October. Time: Delivery range, trip across, \$2; trip down, prompt, from Canada, \$2; 6,500 tons steamer round trip West Indies trade, \$1.15, delivery north of letters, prompt loading; 719 tons, delivery Montreal, redelivery Mediterranean, \$5,500 per month fish trade, October loading; 3,000 tons, delivery Hampton Roads, redelivery United Kingdom or Continent, \$2.25, prompt loading.

TOBACCO has been reported steady with weather in the tobacco belt unfavorable. There is no improvement in trade, however. Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 10c.; binder, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 75c. to \$1.10; Connecticut top leaf, 21c.; No. 1 second 1925 crop, 65c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65c.; dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 40c.; light wrappers, \$1.25.

COAL.—Trade here is quiet. The only demand is to supply immediate wants. Business at Hampton Roads has latterly fallen off. The spot index price for bituminous coal is stated at \$2.02, a decline of 4c. within a week. Sales at Hampton Roads for the week are the smallest thus far this year. The weather has recently been unseasonably warm. That could hardly fail to have a detrimental effect on the coal business in general. Navy standard mines, \$2.50; supplementary mines, \$2 to \$2.25; anthracite independent egg, \$8.30 to \$8.65; stove, \$9 to \$9.35; Company, egg, \$8.75 to \$8.85; stove, \$9.25 to \$9.35; Coke, Connellsville, furnace, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

COPPER was steady but quiet at 13¼c. delivered to the Connecticut Valley. Export demand was small with the price at 13¼c. c.i.f. Europe. Some do not think there will be much demand until after September statistics are announced. The expectation is that the figures generally will be favorable. Standard copper in London on the 4th inst. was unchanged at £53 18s. 9d. for spot and £54 5s. for futures; sales, 200 tons spot and 800 futures; spot electrolytic unchanged at £61 15s.; futures up 7s. 6d. to £62 5s. On the 5th inst. domestic trade continued quiet but good export sales were reported. The domestic price was still 13¼c. delivered to Connecticut Valley. Standard copper in London on the 5th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £54 for spot and £54 6s. 3d. for futures; sales, 100 tons spot and 950 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £61 15s. for spot and £62 5s. for futures. Latterly there has been a good export demand reported but domestic trade has been small. The nominal price is 13¼c. delivered to Connecticut Valley. Buyers shy at it. London on the 6th inst. declined 5s. on spot standard; futures fell 6s. 3d. to £54 with sales of 50 tons spot and 550 futures; electrolytic on the spot was £61 15s., with futures 5s. lower at £62.

TIN was higher on the 4th inst. both here and in London. Some January shipments, London limits, sold early in the day at 59½c. Prompt Straits sold early at 59½c. and later at 59½c.; December early, 59½c.; later, 59½c.; next year deliveries, 58½c. Bids were about ½c. under sellers' ideas. The world's visible supply is expected to be around 15,000 tons at the end of September. Spot standard in London on the 4th inst. advanced £2 to £269 5s.; futures up £2 5s. to £266 15s.; sales, 100 tons spot and 650 tons futures. Spot Straits advanced £2 10s. to £275 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London up £4 5s. to £271 5s.; sales, 100 tons. On the 5th inst. prices declined about 1c. a pound and London was lower. Straits tin sold at 58½c. Prompt tin sold early in the day at 59c. but later declined to 58½c.; November sold at 58½c.; December at 58½c., and January at 58c. It was predicted that the world's visible supply would decrease 1,000 tons this month. Spot standard in London on the 5th inst. fell £2 to £267 5s.; futures off £3 2s. 6d. to £263 12s. 6d.; sales, 50 tons spot and 750 tons futures. Spot Straits declined £2 to £273 5s., Eastern c.i.f. London dropped £1 12s. 6d. to £269 12s. 6d. on sales of 200 tons. Of late prices have been declining but on the 6th inst. the ending was rather more steady. October-November Straits, 58½c.; December, 58½c.; January, 58½c. Earlier in the day November sold at 58½c., January at 57½c. and December at 68½c. One of the smaller metal firms in Lon-

don suspended, it was said, owing, it is believed, to the recent rapid decline in metals, especially tin. London on the 6th inst. fell £2 15s. to £264 10s. for spot standard; futures dropped £1 12s. 6d. to £262 with sales of 50 tons (pot and 300 tons futures. Spot Straits fell £2 15s. to £27 10s.

LEAD.—There is a better feeling in the market. Many believe that the bottom has been reached and from now on prices will tend higher. Prices were 6d. to 6.05c. East St. Louis and 6.25c. New York. Producers are well sold ahead. Some are said to even have their October production under contract. Lead ore in the tri-State district was \$80. per ton. Reserve stocks have been sold of late. Spot lead in London on the 4th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £20 5s.; futures up 3s. 9d. to £20 18s. 9d.; sales 500 tons spot and 800 futures. Good buying was reported on the 5th inst. Prices were steady. Spot lead in London on that day was unchanged at £20 5s.; futures off 1s. 3d. to £20 17s. 6d.; sales 550 tons spot and 1,150 futures. Latterly with London prices off New York rather weakened. The American Co. here however was still quoting at 6.25c. East St. Louis was quoted at 6c. The output has been reduced in some districts. In London on the 6th inst. prices fell 3s. 9d. to £20 1s. 3d. for spot and £20 13s. 9d. for futures; sales 500 tons futures.

ZINC was in slightly better demand and steady. East St. Louis, 6c. Bids of 5.97½c. were refused. Ore in the tri-State district was \$38 per ton. Spot zinc in London was unchanged on the 4th inst. at £26 12s. 6d.; futures off 1s. 3d. to £26 10s.; sales, 350 tons spot and 800 futures. There was a good demand for zinc on the 5th inst. East St. Louis, 6.02½c. In London on the 5th inst. prices fell 3s. 9d. to £26 8s. 9d. for spot and £26 6s. 3d. for futures; sales, 900 tons spot and 1,400 futures. Latterly prices have been firmer, but trade has fallen off. East St. Louis is generally quoted at 6.05c., though it is hinted that 6.02½c. might in some cases be accepted. Recent sales were as low as 5.95c. Buying is mostly of October with some of November delivery. In London on the 6th inst. spot was £26 8s. 9d.; futures, £26 6s. 3d., with sales of 650 tons spot and 1,000 futures.

STEEL.—In general, trade shows no improvement, but there is a better demand for rails. The prospects for the fourth quarter are believed to be better for the steel trade as a whole. Pittsburgh is quiet, with operations at 50 to 60%. The output of wire products has fallen off a little there; it is now 55 to 60%. Prices are 2.40c. for plain wire and 2.25c. for steel wire nails. But, what is more important, of course, is that the Pennsylvania R.R. has ordered it seems, 200,000 tons of steel rails with an option to buy 100,000 more. The New York Central is inquiring, it is said, for 176,000 tons. The Missouri Kansas & Texas wants 12,500 tons. The Pennsylvania R.R. has opened bids on 320,000 tie plates, 2,000,000 lbs. of spikes and 46,000 pairs of joint bars. In most lines the steel trade is said to be just about holding its own. It remains to be seen what the outcome of October will be. It is believed that a general improvement in steel business cannot be far off. Youngstown reports that full finished sheets some times sell at 4.15c. for No. 20 gauge, auto body stock. Rollers of prime material quote 4.25c., but there seems to be some doubt whether this price is always insisted upon.

PIG IRON.—Trade has been very quiet in the East and in fact in most parts of the country. Prices are for the most part nominal. Viewed from that standpoint they seem steady enough. The point is that they are not being tested by tempting business. The demand is too slack for that. The total production in Sept. was 2½% smaller than in August. Eight active furnaces stopped during the month. For 9 months the output is 1,300,000 tons smaller than for the same period last year. Foundries in this district are running at 65%. There is said to be a somewhat better demand for castings. The competition for business, however, is very sharp. Inferentially prices are eased from time to time. Buffalo quotes \$17 for pig iron and seems to mean it, or at any rate is more strict than some other districts according to common report. The composite price is \$18.09. Eastern Pennsylvania, \$19 to \$19.50; Chicago, \$19.50 to \$20.

WOOL has been quiet and steady. Boston reports in some cases, say, that business has fallen off, but it adds that there is a slight advancing tendency on some grades which are more salable than others and none too freely offered at the moment. Ohio fine delaine sold, it was asserted, at 47 in the grease; Missouri ¼ blood at 45c.; Territory ¼ blood 48s-50s at 82 to 85c. and ⅓ blood 56s at 93 to 95c. scoured basis, for strictly combing wools. Foreign markets were reported strong. Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine is generally quoted at 46 to 46½c.; ½ blood, 46c., and ⅓ and ¼ blood the same. Medium qualities sell the best, especially ¼ blood wool, and that is the steadiest. Weavers and knitters in some cases, it is stated, have latterly been buying such wool rather more freely. Boston wired: "The strength of the medium domestic wools continues to be the feature of trading in wool. While all lines of domestic wools are moderately active at least to some extent, it is the medium quality stock that is showing outstanding signs of improvement. Territory and fleece ⅓ and ¼ blood wools have been kept well sold all season. With very little unsold spot foreign wool of equivalent grades on the market and with the

The above figures for 1927 show an increase over last week of 298,921 bales, a gain of 739,820 over 1926, an increase of 1,486,420 bales over 1925, and an increase of 2,489,582 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 Oct. 7 1927 and Oct. 8 1926 for various towns. Columns include Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Aug. 5, Aug. 6), and Stocks (Aug. 5, Aug. 6).

Total, 57 towns 275,644 1,196,197 180,104 742,848 310,574 1,138,714 183,490 869,793

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 95,243 bales and are to-night 126,945 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 for 1927 and 1926. Columns include Week, Since Aug. 1, and 1926 Since Aug. 1.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 1,027 bales, against 7,957 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 31,178 bales.

Table showing receipts at ports to Oct. 7 and net overland to Oct. 7 for 1927 and 1926. Columns include Week, Since Aug. 1, and 1926 Since Aug. 1.

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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 Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week, listing months from October to July.

INDIA COTTON CROP INFORMATION.—The Monitor des Interets Materiels (Brussels) under date of Aug. 17 1927 published the following information regarding the India Cotton Crop:

Bombay reports that the damage caused by floods to the India cotton crop is much less important than has been thought.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the rain has fallen during the week in most sections of the cotton belt west of the Mississippi and in a few sections of the eastern portion of the belt and in many instances precipitation has been heavy.

Texas.—Grades of cotton in this State have been somewhat lowered by rains. Considerable insect damage is reported. Picking is well advanced except in the northwest portion of the State.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather during the week has been hot and dry. Very little cotton remains in the fields.

Table showing rain, rainfall, and thermometer readings for various locations like Galveston, Texas, Abilene, Brenham, etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing the height of rivers at various points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given, listing locations like New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1927, 1926, 1925), Stocks at Interior Towns (1927, 1926, 1925), Receipts from Plantations (1927, 1926, 1925). Rows include July, Aug., and Sept. data.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 2,730,912 bales; in 1926 were 2,935,629 bales, and in 1925 were 3,307,852 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 421,022 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 517,045 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 95,243 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 748,126 bales and for 1925 they were 547,516 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 titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season.' with columns for 1927 and 1926, each split into Week and Season. Rows include Visible supply, Bombay receipts, and Total supply.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,051,000 bales in 1927 and 898,000 bales in 1926—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 2,470,900 bales in 1927 and 2,328,974 bales in 1926, of which 1,481,540 bales and 1,550,574 bales American. b Estimated.

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 showing India Cotton Movement with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, split into Week and Since Aug. 1. Includes sub-tables for Receipts at Bombay and Exports.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 7,000 bales. Exports from all India ports since Aug. 1 show an increase of 28,500 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table for Alexandria Receipts and Shipments with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Table for Alexandria Receipts and Shipments with columns for This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include Receipts and Exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Oct. 5 were 280,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 19,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for both India

and China is poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table showing Cotton Prices with columns for 1927 and 1926, split into d. and s. d. for various cotton grades like 32s Cop Twst, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-tns, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 302,261 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Large table of Shipping News listing destinations like NEW YORK, GALVESTON, SAVANNAH, HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, CORPUS CHRISTI, NORFOLK, WILMINGTON, CHARLESTON, SAN PEDRO, BALTIMORE, MOBILE, PENSACOLA with corresponding bale counts.

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table for Cotton Freight showing rates for various ports like Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Oslo, Stockholm, Trieste, Flume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Bremen, Hamburg, Piraeus, Salonica, Venice.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 16.	Sept. 23.	Sept. 30.	Oct. 7.
Sales of the week	50,000	37,000	39,000	51,000
Of which American	2,600	22,000	24,000	32,000
Actual exports	2,000	3,000	2,000	3,000
Forwarded	58,000	55,000	52,000	58,000
Total stocks	1,042,000	1,010,000	1,006,000	970,000
Of which American	713,000	688,000	676,000	642,000
Total imports	43,000	29,000	44,000	25,000
Of which American	19,000	7,000	30,000	7,000
Amount afloat	151,000	148,000	147,000	168,000
Of which American	49,000	53,000	54,000	80,000

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.	Quiet.	Good demand.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Good demand.	A fair business doing.
Mid. Upl'ds	11.64d.	11.94d.	11.82d.	11.73d.	11.46d.	11.72d.
Sales	5,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	10,000	8,000
Futures. Market opened	Quiet 9 to 14 pts. decline.	Steady 8 to 11 pts. advance.	Steady 11 to 16 pts. decline.	Steady 1 to 2 pts. decline.	Q't but st'y 2 to 4 pts. decline.	Firm, 21 to 26 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady 14 to 18 pts. advance.	Steady 5 to 24 pts. advance.	Q't but st'y 10 to 15 pts. decline.	Barely st'y 10 to 16 pts. decline.	Steady 5 to 7 pts. decline.	Quiet but steady, 17 to 23 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 1 to Oct. 8.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
October	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
November	11.30	11.54	11.42	11.28	11.33	11.13
December	11.39	11.60	11.47	11.32	11.36	11.17
January	11.43	11.63	11.49	11.36	11.39	11.21
February	11.43	11.62	11.61	11.47	11.35	11.38
March	11.46	11.64	11.64	11.50	11.37	11.40
April	11.45	11.65	11.62	11.48	11.35	11.37
May	11.48	11.65	11.64	11.49	11.37	11.39
June	11.43	11.58	11.57	11.42	11.31	11.33
July	11.40	11.54	11.53	11.38	11.27	11.29
August	11.30	11.42	11.40	11.28	11.17	11.18
September	11.19	11.30	11.24	11.12	11.03	11.04
October	11.09	11.15	11.09	10.98	10.89	10.91

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 7 1927.

Flour advanced on some grades owing to a rise in wheat, but the rise failed to stimulate trade. It was mostly in small lots. It was not so large as a month ago. Export trade, though somewhat better, was still small. The clearances from Atlantic and Gulf ports have recently been small. Later a somewhat better export business was reported with Europe. Fair New York clearances to Germany were reported. But Southwestern mills were doing less business. Southwestern flour mills are said to be running at full time on old sales.

Wheat was higher early in the trading on the 3d inst., but later was 1/2 to 1c. lower, with the Northwest offering more freely, Winnipeg weakened under large country offerings, export demand small, with sales of only 300,000 bushels, the United States visible increased 3,157,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 1,894,000 bushels. The total now is up to 78,383,000 bushels, against 75,067,000 a year ago. But later on the 5th inst. prices rallied. Rains were forecast for Canada. They would interrupt threshing. The effect of Canadian deliveries of 4,000,000 bushels on Saturday died out. The position was oversold.

On the 4th inst. prices were 1 to 1 1/2c. higher, with Winnipeg the leader in the rise. For the weather was rainy or snowy in parts of western Canada. There has been a very noticeable delay in some parts in threshing. Rains, it is feared, may lower the grade. Liverpool closed 3/8 to 3/4d. higher. Rains and delayed seeding of winter wheat cause complaints in Kansas. The transactions in futures on the 3d inst. in Chicago were 31,033,000 bushels. The Chicago stock was 4,830,000 bushels on the 3d inst., showing little change for the week. A year ago the stock there was 3,028,000 bushels. The rise took place despite receipts at the interior—some 4,000,000 bushels. Winnipeg had 1,865 car lots. Export sales were only 300,000 bushels. But with bad weather for threshing and the quality endangered by rains, the tone was firm without being rampant. Liverpool closed 3/8d. to 3/4d. higher and Buenos Aires 1/4c. higher. Cash houses bought late in the day.

On the 5th inst. the market was dull and 1/2 to 1c. lower after an early advance in response to a sharp rise in October at Winnipeg, due to further rains in the West, but offerings increased on the rise. Demand fell off. Later Winnipeg weakened. Liverpool closed 3/8 to 3/4d. higher on the unfavorable Canadian weather, and the estimate of New South Wales crop as 30,000,000 less than last year. But demand for actual wheat abroad was still said to be small. Export sales on the 5th inst. were estimated at about 500,000 bushels, largely Manitoba, with some advices that Manitoba wheat was being offered at lower than cost basis. Ca-

nadian marketings on the 4th inst. were 2,598,000 bushels. The weather overnight and during the day was not favorable for threshing. On account of wet weather conditions the percentage of high grade wheat may be rather small this season. Both winter and spring wheat in United States markets of good milling quality is significantly enough at high premiums, while the medium and low grades are slow of sale. Red wheat at Chicago was in keen demand.

New wheat deliveries now approximate 5,000,000 bushels daily to prairie railways, according to Winnipeg advices. Northwest Grain Dealers' Association announced that the yield of wheat from 19,889,100 acres will be 409,478,000 bushels. This is 50,000,000 under the Federal Government's estimate of Sept. 11. Pool officials assert that this estimate is nearer correct than the Government report of two weeks ago. Australian advices said the weather is now ideal for the growing wheat. An official report states that only a small surplus of wheat for export is expected from New South Wales. Conditions in western Australia are quite favorable, says Broomhall, and the crop is expected to be 7,000,000 bushels larger than last year. The new crop in Queensland is in fair condition and the situation in south Australia has improved. Crop of west Australia is estimated at 36,000,000 bushels, against 29,000,000 last year. It is stated that about 50% of the arrivals of wheat at Winnipeg grade below No. 6 Northern, part of which could be made into contract grades with handling. The percentage of tough grain, it is also said, is likely to increase unless there is a change in weather conditions, as threshing is at a standstill at a number of points and will not be resumed until the middle of next week, even with fair weather. On the 6th inst. the Royal Bank of Canada estimated the crop as fully 100,000,000 bushels larger than last year. Canadian weather was better. Export demand was again moderate. Russia is said to have a surplus of 20,000,000 bushels. Crop news from Argentina and Australia was better.

To-day prices ended 5/8 to 1c. lower. Liquidation was general. But much of the selling was by professionals. Prices were irregular. The tone was nervous. Prospects of better weather in Canada caused an early decline. Export sales seemed to be small. They reached ultimately 600,000 to 700,000 bushels. Receipts were large. The outside interest in the speculation was not great. Yet later reports of rain and snow in western Canada and the comparative firmness of Winnipeg caused a recovery of the early decline. Canadian marketings were only 1,616,000 bushels, against 2,000,000 more than this a year ago. That had some effect also. So did the better export demand. It was mostly for Manitoba wheat. Still later came another downward turn. The decline in corn affected wheat. Continental freight room was offered at 6c. per 100, against 20c. to 25c. a year ago. That is supposed to mean that the export demand has been disappointing to the freight market. Bradstreet's North American exports were 12,069,000 bushels, or some 1,500,000 bushels more than in the same week last year. Australian shipments this week were 792,000; Argentina, 1,458,000. The total looks like 15,280,000 bushels. Persistent reports were received of delayed seeding of winter wheat in the Southwest. There is some talk about this. Cash markets were firm, especially in the Southwest and Northwest. Southwestern flour mills were said to be running at 100% on old business. Liverpool closed at 7/8 to 1 1/8d. higher. Argentina was stronger. December wheat at Chicago closed 1/4c. higher than a week ago.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	cts. 131 1/4	132 1/4	133 1/4	132 1/4	133 1/4	132 1/4
May	138	139	138			

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October	cts. 138 3/4	140 1/4	141 1/4	140 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4
December	133 1/4	135 1/4	136 1/4	135 1/4	136 1/4	137

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	138 3/4	142 1/4	140 3/4	141 1/4	142 1/4	141 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	cts. 129 1/4	130 1/4	131 1/4	130 1/4	131 1/4	130 1/4
March delivery in elevator	132 1/4	133 1/4	134 1/4	133 1/4	134 1/4	133 1/4
May delivery in elevator	134 1/4	135 1/4	136 1/4	135 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery in elevator	cts. 133 1/4	135 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	137	137
December delivery in elevator	128 1/4	130 1/4	130 1/4	130 1/4	131 1/4	130 1/4
May delivery in elevator	132 1/4	134 1/4	135	134 1/4	135 1/4	134 1/4

Indian corn on the 3d inst., after a decline of 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c., rallied 2 1/2 to 3c. from the low of the day on the upward swing of wheat and heavy covering. The market had become oversold. Offerings of old corn to arrive were small. Receipts fell off sharply. It is true that the crop estimates increased. The average was 2,582,000,000 bushels. That was 134,000,000 larger than a month ago. But the technical position was strong. The rise in other grain also told. Shipping demand, however, was small. The United States visible supply last week decreased 46,000 bushels, against an increase last year of 93,000 bushels. The total is now 23,687,000 bushels, against 17,381,000 last year.

On the 4th inst. prices declined 5/8 to 7/8c., but rallied later, though the close was 1/4 to 3/8c. net lower. The upturn from the low was due to covering. Besides, offerings were not large. The indications pointed to rains and colder weather, with probable snow in western sections of the Dakotas. The receipts were small, the smallest, indeed, for some time. The weather on the 3d and 4th insts., how-

ever, had been favorable. There was certainly enough selling on good weather to cause a small net decline. The Kansas State report said: "Corn made some progress toward maturity in spite of unfavorable curing weather." The Chicago stock on the 3d inst. was 3,950,000 bushels, an increase for the week of 430,000 bushels; a year ago the stock there was 2,087,000. On the 3d inst. transactions at Chicago in futures were 30,030,000 bushels.

On the 5th inst. prices ended somewhat lower, partly on short selling, though commission houses took the offerings readily, as the belt needs good drying weather. The weather over the belt continued bad, though not so much as it was earlier in the week. Offerings were very light and receipts small. The shipping demand, however, was not brisk. The Iowa report said: "Another cool, cloudy, rainy week was unfavorable for maturing corn. In some localities the rains amounted to excessive and damaging downpours. Fields were so wet that corn could not be hauled to the silos, so this work was nearly at a standstill. A little was cut for fodder. Some of the very late corn has taken on renewed growth, which will improve its feeding value, but with little chance of reaching maturity. The wet weather is starting the corn to mold where on or near the ground. The outlook is for increased sunshine during the next few days, and this will improve conditions."

To-day prices ended 1 to 1 1/4c. lower, though early in the day there was an advance of 1/2 to 3/4c. Frosts were reported early. The forecast was for frost over much of the belt to-night. Shorts and commission houses bought. Very soon, however, profit taking was encountered. Selling was heavy. The technical position was weaker. Next week it is believed the Government will increase its estimate of the crop. Some sold corn and bought wheat. Interior receipts were moderate. Country offerings were small. Cash corn was relatively steady. What the crop needs is dry, warm weather over the whole belt. December corn closed 1 3/4c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Prices range from 109 1/4 to 110 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: December delivery, March delivery, May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Prices range from 93 to 99 3/4.

Oats early in the week were 1/2 to 1 1/4c. lower, that is on the 3d inst., but there was a rally later on the same day. Some private estimates were as low as 1,169,000,000 bushels. That is somewhat smaller than the last Government estimate. The United States visible decreased last week 202,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 443,000 bushels. The total is 24,931,000 bushels, against 48,450,000. Oats were helped by the firmness of other grain, notably corn. On the 4th inst. oats were quiet, but firm, ending 1/4 to 3/8c. higher after small trading. The Chicago stock was 3,231,000 bushels, an increase in a week of 634,000 bushels. The total a year ago was 2,568,000 bushels. Though a fraction lower at one time on the 5th inst., a rally came later. Good premiums prevailed for cash oats, receipts were small and the undertone was firm without speculation showing much life.

To-day prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. lower, after advancing 1/4c. on December early in the day. Cash oats were steady. There were reports of further rains and snow in western Canada. Moderate hedging sales were noticed, but receipts were rather small. On declines the market ran into buying orders. But oats sympathized more or less with other grain. Otherwise it look as though they might have advanced. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/8c. on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Prices range from 61 to 61 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: December delivery, March delivery, May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Prices range from 48 1/2 to 51 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with 6 columns: October delivery, December delivery, May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Prices range from 54 1/2 to 62 1/2.

Rye declined 1 1/4c. on the 3d inst. and then rallied. But export business was small or absent. Larger receipts were expected. That had some effect. Speculation was small. The United States visible supply increased 491,000 bushels, against 576,000. The total is now 2,814,000 bushels, against 11,315,000 a year ago. On the 4th inst. prices were 1 1/2 to 1 5/8c. higher, with wheat up and shorts covering. Nothing was said, however, of an export trade. Chicago's stock is 213,000 bushels, against 2,196,000 a year ago. On the 5th inst. prices declined with wheat and also owing to hedging sales. Reports from Scandinavia said that there would be a fair demand for foreign rye this season on account of the poor quality of home-grown grain. Little export business was reported, however, in this country. Winnipeg wired that the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association estimated the yield of rye at 10,967,000 bushels and of barley at 75,819,000 bushels.

To-day prices ended unchanged to 5/8c. lower. Trading was moderate. Eastern houses bought. Hedge sales were small. Cash grain was not pressed on the market. But

later on the weakness of wheat and some realizing caused a reaction after an early advance of 3/8 to 1/2c. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1c. on December. Export sales to-day were estimated at 50,000 to 100,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: December delivery, March delivery, May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Prices range from 95 1/2 to 101 1/2.

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: GRAIN and FLOUR. Lists prices for Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, and various flour types.

For other tables usually given here, see page 1935.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1927 is as below:

Table with 6 columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns for Week and Since.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 1, were as follows:

Table with 6 columns: United States, Canadian, Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian. Sub-columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley.

Summary table with 6 columns: American, Canadian. Sub-columns for Total Oct. 1 1927, Total Sept. 24 1927, Total Oct. 2 1926.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, no bushels, against 553,000 bushels in 1926. Barley, New York, 1,000; Duluth, 26,000; total, 27,000 bushels, against 1,444,000 bushels in 1926. Wheat, New York, 550,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 243,000; Baltimore, 407,000; Buffalo, 2,317,000; Buffalo afloat, 86,000; Duluth, 76,000; on Lakes, 370,000; total, 4,049,000 bushels, against 5,142,000 bushels in 1926.

Summary table with 6 columns: American, Canadian. Sub-columns for Total Oct. 1 1927, Total Sept. 24 1927, Total Oct. 2 1926.

Summary table with 6 columns: American, Canadian. Sub-columns for Total Oct. 1 1927, Total Sept. 24 1927, Total Oct. 2 1926.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Sept. 30, and since July 1 1927 and 1926, are shown in the following:

Table with 6 columns: Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns for 1927, 1926. Further sub-columns for Week and Since.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED OCT. 4.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Oct. 4, follows:

While the week was decidedly cool in Central and Northern States west of the Mississippi River, as shown on Chart 1, the area covered by freezing

weather or killing frosts in recent weeks was not enlarged during that ending October 4; in fact, the freezing line did not extend as far eastward as last week; see Chart I. To the present time, general killing frosts and freezing weather have not overspread quite as much of the agricultural sections of the country as in an average year, the average southern limit to October 4, based on records of all first-order stations, being indicated on Chart I. East of the Mississippi River, in marked contrast to last week, the weather was abnormally warm, with the mean temperature ranging mostly from 6 degrees to as much as 15 degrees above normal. It was also warmer than normal in the west Gulf area and along the immediate Pacific coast.

Chart II shows that participation during the week was substantial to heavy. In many places excessive, quite generally from the Ohio Valley northward and throughout practically all of the trans-Mississippi sections from Iowa and eastern Nebraska southward to the Gulf coast. In most of these areas the weekly totals ranged from 2 to more than 8 inches. Generous falls occurred also in nearly all of the Atlantic Coast States; but the amounts were again light in most Appalachian Mountain districts and in much of the Southeast. West of the Rocky Mountains precipitation was heavy in the north, but practically no rain fell in the south.

Rains, in many places heavy, from the Ohio Valley northward and from the Mississippi River westward to the Great Plains interfered with the usual farm operations, and growing vegetation made generally poor progress toward maturity. The rains were excessive and damaging in some sections and, as a result of soft ground, considerable corn was blown down. The moisture, however, was beneficial in many places, and the soil is now generally supplied throughout the interior valleys and in most of the Northern States. The rains were especially helpful in most of the Atlantic Coast States, the Ohio Valley, and the Lake region.

The only area of considerable extent still droughty includes a belt from West Virginia southward over the Piedmont of the Carolinas and eastern Tennessee, and practically all of Georgia and Alabama, as well as much of Florida. There was no widespread frost damage during the week, though some local harm to unmaturing vegetation was reported from a number of places in the more western States, including much damage to alfalfa seed in South Dakota.

SMALL GRAINS.—While rains and wet soil delayed the seeding of winter wheat to a greater or less extent, the additional moisture was beneficial to the crop already seeded, and the soil throughout nearly the entire winter wheat belt is now well supplied with moisture. Early seeded wheat is up to a good stand quite generally and making fine growth, while rains in the Atlantic Coast States were very helpful. Conditions were also favorable in the far Northwestern States. There was interruption to late threshing in the Northwest, but this work is now well along. There was some frost damage to grain sorghums in New Mexico, and these crops are not more than half matured, as yet, in Kansas.

CORN.—With the prevailing warm weather, corn matured rapidly from Ohio and Kentucky eastward and northeastward, and the crop is now mostly safe from frost east of the Appalachian Mountains, while satisfactory progress was reported from Michigan. The bulk of the crop is now safe also west of the Mississippi River, except in parts of Iowa, where progress toward maturity was slow, as well as in Illinois and Indiana, where the late fields need considerable warm, dry weather for maturing. Soft soil from heavy rains, and considerable wind, caused the lodging of much corn in the central valley States, and that on or near the ground in Iowa was reported as beginning to mold, but the clear and drying weather near the close of the week was beneficial. To date there have been no materially damaging frosts over the main corn belt, although in an average year frosts and freezing weather extend well into the belt during the first ten days of October.

COTTON.—Substantial to heavy rains occurred quite generally over the cotton belt from the Mississippi Valley westward and in much of the Carolinas, but elsewhere the week was mostly dry. Moderately warm weather was the rule, except in the northwest portion. East of the Mississippi Valley the weather was generally favorable for picking and ginning and this work made rapid progress until the rains near the close of the week in the northeastern districts. In some Piedmont sections the top crop continued to deteriorate because of drought.

From the Mississippi Valley westward the general rains, which were heavy to excessive in many places, were unfavorable, with considerable lowering of grade in sections. In Arkansas, progress was poor and the opening of bolls was checked, though there is some improvement in top crop prospect in the east and north. In Oklahoma, general deterioration was reported because of cloudy weather and heavy, washing rains, with picking nearly suspended. In Texas, advance was mostly poor also, with still considerable insect damage and some lowering of grade by rains; picking was delayed, but this work is well advanced, except in the northwest.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Strong winds and rain Monday. Cotton maturing and opening; weather favorable for checking weevil damage, but some storm damage Monday. Good progress in harvesting hay and corn. Rainfall beneficial for some late corn and fall truck and to soften soil for plowing, but more needed in mountains.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Drenching rains effectively relieved the drought in east, central and south, but only light showers in Piedmont. Rains came too late, except for late truck, gardens and pastures. Cotton opening rapidly; picking well along and ginning proceeding satisfactorily; top crop in Piedmont deteriorated account dryness.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Light rains at close insufficient to break drought, except in immediate coast districts. Dry, sunny, warm weather favorable for harvesting operations, which are far in advance of normal, but preparations for seeding winter cereals backward. Cotton all picked in southern half and picking made rapid progress to northern limit of State; condition unchanged.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Dry in west and on most of peninsula, except northeast coast, where beneficial rains. High midday temperatures unfavorable for truck. Irrigation in effect locally. Citrus groves fair to good, but fruit needs rain. Soil good condition in Everglades, where trucking advanced.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Fair weather favorable for harvesting, but drought damaging to growing crops and preventing or delaying fall plowing and planting. Early-planted corn and sweet potatoes mostly fair to good condition; late-planted damaged by dryness. Cotton picking progressed rapidly; practically finished in most sections of south and far advanced to northern border; ginning generally well up; top bloom and young bolls reported locally in southeast.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: In north, frequent rains rendered weekly progress of cotton picking somewhat slow locally, although seasonal progress throughout excellent, with little remaining in fields in south; probable moderate damage to staple in extreme north account rains. Housing corn continues throughout as weather permits.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Frequent, local showers sufficient for most crops. Rains interrupted cotton picking in northwest, with local lowering of grade, but fairly good advance in picking and ginning in most other sections. Gathering corn; cutting and threshing late rice.

Texas.—Houston: Considerable cloudiness and moderate to excessive rains delayed farm work, but beneficial pastures, wheat, fall truck, and late minor crops. Progress and condition of cotton mostly poor and also top crop prospects. Insect damage still moderate, except in northwest; rain lowered grade with some cotton beaten out and picking and ginning delayed; picking well advanced, however, except in northwest.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cool and mostly cloudy with heavy to excessive rains. Cotton deteriorated generally account cloudy, wet weather and heavy, washing rains; picking mostly suspended account rain and wet fields; condition very poor to poor in south-central and east; condition fair to very good in north-central and west. Sowing wheat interrupted by rain; early-sown good stand and progress. Corn damaged in fields by frequent rains and harvesting retarded.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton poor due to daily rains; opening slowly, with little picking and ginning possible and grade lowered; top crop improving in eastern and northern portions; crop made in south. Progress of late corn very good; early slightly damaged by rains.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Scattered showers improved conditions, except in east where still dry. Progress and condition of early and middle corn very good, while late injured by drought. Cotton opening rapidly with picking under way and ginning progressing; condition fair. Stalk land being disced preparatory to seeding winter wheat.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures above normal; general rains mostly beneficial; heavy to excessive in west with soil washing and corn blown down locally. Progress of late corn excellent; much improved and half nearing maturity; remainder needs 10 days. Cutting early tobacco practically completed.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Oct. 7 1927.

Among the features in the textile markets is the success of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co.'s auction of approximately 97,000 bales of rugs and carpetings. Throughout the week the sale has been largely attended, as buyers from all over the country are on hand. Bidding has been so brisk that prices have continued firm, following an average advance of 5% on the first day. As the total offerings is much smaller than in previous years, it is expected that it will be absorbed by the first of next week. Representatives from Western and mid-Western sections appear to be in the majority and they are active bidders. Improved crop conditions, which have resulted in better consumer purchasing power, are held responsible for their heavy buying. A feature of the bidding is that it has been well balanced between axminsters, velvets and tapestries. In regard to the silk division, a surprise was afforded in the monthly statistics published by the Silk Association of America. Despite continued reports of a poor demand throughout the month of September, according to the association's figures, deliveries of silk to American mills were the highest on record, indicating continued high consumption. September deliveries totaled 50,107 bales, compared with 47,042 the previous month. On the other hand, imports fell off, amounting to only 52,475 bales, against 59,819 during August. Stocks on hand on Oct. 1 were larger than on Sept. 1, the totals being 58,986 and 56,618, respectively. Elsewhere in the textile markets conditions are more or less irregular.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The observance of a close Jewish holiday, unseasonably warm weather, an irregular staple market, and the proximity of another Government cotton crop report, all contributed to restrict business in the markets for domestic cotton goods. Although the movement on past orders continues fair, new business is hesitant. Some even estimate that the total sales of gray goods and colored goods were somewhat below the ratio of output. Many complaints are coming to light concerning profit margins, principally due to heavy production. This is true of towelings, duck, pajama check, some of the broad-cloth shirtings, bleached cottons, sheets and pillow cases and some other lines. On the other hand, however, printed goods have been stimulated to a point exceeding expectations, by the naming of old prices for spring delivery. It has been many seasons since buyers of percales and other kindred printed goods have been so prompt in response to new quotations. Orders have been general, not only from a geographical standpoint, but also in the number of lines taken. These goods are actively bought on the belief that prices are attractive, and also that levels will be advanced in the event of the forthcoming Government crop report indicating any reduction in the probable yield. Mail orders from the Middle Western sections of the country are said to be particularly good. The settlement of the prolonged coal strike in Illinois and the improved conditions in the agricultural States are resulting in better business sentiment. The volume of orders emanating from the Southern districts is also increasing, owing to the higher prices for cotton and expectations among merchants that they will have an active fall and winter season. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 65's construction, are quoted at 7c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 11½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The freak spell of warm weather adversely affected the distribution of woolen and worsted goods. However, this is regarded as a temporary condition and factors look for a renewal of active buying. Prices will likely rule firm, as the lack of surplus stocks makes it easy to maintain quotations. An illustration of this is afforded in the advances instituted by the American Woolen Co. of 5c. per yard on three numbers of its women's spring poiret twills. This is considered indicative of the firm statistical position of the industry as a whole. As to the women's wear division, it is expected that the big factor will open its fancy women's wear lines for next spring within a few days. However, showings of lines for the same season by other of the larger independent manufacturers, are not expected to take place until later on.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Despite the approaching year-end holidays and the possibilities of higher prices, buyers in the linen markets are more or less backward about placing orders. Importers are at a loss to account for the lack of buying, for usually at this time of the year holiday purchases have totaled quite sizeably. Apparently retailers are holding off until the eleventh hour, as they have learned they can get their own prices from the consumer at holiday time. Thus they are delaying purchases and willing to pay a premium to the distributor for the privilege. About the only exception to this apathy is noted in the dress goods division, where a good business is being done for spring delivery. Present indications are that these fabrics will repeat their popularity next year. Buyers from Southern sections of the country appeared to be placing the majority of orders. Burlaps are lifeless, owing to the observance of holidays in primary markets. Light weights are quoted at 7.90c., and heavies at 10.45c. to 10.50c.

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State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Florida (State of).—Surplus Everglades Drainage Funds to Be Invested in Municipal Bonds.—Governor Martin, according to a Jacksonville dispatch to the Atlanta "Constitution" of Sept. 26, in reply to a question put by a newspaper editor as to why the State should lose the possible earning power of funds, raised by the recent \$10,000,000 bond issue, lying in banks at only 3%, stated that funds not being used in the drainage work will be invested in good municipal bonds that may be readily marketed.

Houston Independent School District (P. O. Houston), Tex.—Harrisburg Independent School District Annexed.—The Houston School Board on Oct. 1, acting upon petition of the residents of Harrisburg Independent School District, resolved to annex that district.

Massachusetts (State of).—Additions to Savings Bank Legals List.—The Bank Commissioner on Oct. 3 issued a bulletin announcing the following additions to the list of securities eligible for savings bank investment:

	1927 Assessment	1928 Assessment	1927 Assessment	1928 Assessment
	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
Manhattan—Real estate	\$7,344,260.055	\$8,506,611.105	480	480
Real estate of corporations	162,351.050	162,351.050	480	480
Total	\$7,506,611.105	\$8,506,611.105	480	480
The Bronx—Real estate	\$1,303,493.230	\$1,303,493.230	4,293	4,293
Real estate of corporations	55,466.150	55,466.150	4,293	4,293
Total	\$1,358,959.380	\$1,358,959.380	4,293	4,293
Brooklyn—Real estate	\$3,433,061.830	\$3,433,061.830	9,284	9,284
Real estate of corporations	52,325.530	52,325.530	9,284	9,284
Total	\$3,485,387.360	\$3,485,387.360	9,284	9,284
Queens—Real estate	\$1,337,029.390	\$1,337,029.390	19,092	19,092
Real estate of corporations	47,767.500	47,767.500	19,092	19,092
Total	\$1,384,796.890	\$1,384,796.890	19,092	19,092
Richmond—Real estate	\$243,633.710	\$243,633.710	1,555	1,555
Real estate of corporations	6,645.100	6,645.100	1,555	1,555
Total	\$250,278.810	\$250,278.810	1,555	1,555
Grand total—Real estate	\$13,711,408.215	\$13,711,408.215	34,704	34,704
Real estate of corporations	324,558.550	324,558.550	34,704	34,704
Total	\$14,035,966.765	\$14,035,966.765	34,704	34,704
1927 assessment roll	\$14,035,966.765			
1928 increase	2,346,559.750			
Total	\$16,382,526.515			
Less new building exemption	916,042.640			
1928 tentative valuation	\$15,466,483.875			

New York City, N. Y.—Tax Rolls Jump Billion and Half.—The Department of Taxes and Assessments on Oct. 1 issued a statement bearing on the assessed valuation of property in the city for 1928. The new rolls show a tentative total of \$15,466,183,675 taxable real estate, an increase of \$1,430,217,110 over 1927. The statement follows:

The tentative assessment of taxable real estate, exclusive of special franchises, for the year 1928 for the five Boroughs of New York City is \$15,466,183,675.

Special franchise assessments will not be made up until early next year. Applying, however, last year's experience, would give an estimated assessment for special franchises of approximately \$510,000,000. The latter sum added to the taxable real estate would aggregate a taxable assessment (exclusive of personal property) of \$15,976,183,675.

In these figures there is not included property partially exempt under the so-called New Building Exemption Ordinances passed during the late housing shortage period. This partial exemption of buildings amounts to \$916,042,640.

The total exemptions, wholly as well as partial, on property of every kind and class that is exemptible under the law, aggregates \$4,340,213,236. Thus, the total taxable and non-taxable real estate and estimated special franchises reaches the gigantic approximate sum of \$20,316,397,586.

The total increase of the taxable assessment of real estate, exclusive of special franchises for 1928 over the final assessments for 1927, is tentatively \$1,430,217,110.

In so far as partial exemptions under the housing shortage is concerned, the law provides that State taxes shall be paid on the amounts allowed for the exemption. The State tax rate for 1928 has not yet been fixed.

Personal estate assessments which under the law can cover only tangible personal property, amount to \$1,106,911,550, so that the total tentative assessment of taxable real and personal property, exclusive of special franchises is \$16,573,394,225.

The increase of realty assessments result mainly from the large amount of new building construction that has been going on throughout the city, and consequent development of land in localities where such operations on an extensive scale have taken place, as well too, as the assembling of ordinary lots into large plots for building purposes.

In outlying boroughs, the increase in land values resulted generally from the cutting up of acres into building lots, many of which have been intensively improved, especially along lines of travel having good transit facilities.

In connection with the increase of assessments over that of last year, slight must not be lost of the fact that approximately 35,000 new buildings were erected, or were in course of erection during the year—from October to October. Many of these were apartment houses, hotels and office structures of great size and immense proportions, having beautiful architectural and highly expensive features and of luxurious type. Some of these edifices have added greatly to the adornment, beauty and wealth of our metropolis.

While the aggregate figures of assessed valuation now reach proportions that seem staggering to the average mind, it is nevertheless a fact that the appraisals made by the Deputies in this department have been very conservatively made. The net rents received in many of the larger structures, the sales prices obtained in their neighborhood, the loans made on them by well established and reputable financial institutions, as well as other varied elements which enter in making appraisals, have fairly justified the tentative assessments.

There are 765,000 parcels of real estate to be assessed, spread throughout the enormous territory of the city. Many of the assessment districts have undergone such rapid, wonderful improvement and development, that they have become too large to be handled by the limited number of Deputy Tax Commissioners in this department, and to relieve that condition the department has urged in the mutual interest of the city and taxpayers generally, appointment of additional Deputy Tax Commissioners and clerical help.

The city is entitled to receive a proportionate share of the State Income and Corporation Tax, which last year yielded the city \$25,828,130. On the other hand the city paid to the State for direct State tax last year \$12,922,697. The State tax is based on assessments made here locally, and it indicates how enormously our city contributes to the financial benefit and advantage of up-State towns and rural communities.

The following tabulation compares the taxable realty valuations, borough by borough, for 1927 and 1928:

	1928 Valuation	1927 Valuation	Net Increase	Decrease	Increase for Improvements	New Bldg. Exemption	1927 Assessment	1928 Assessment	New Bldg. Exemption	1928 Incr., Incl. New Bldg. Ex.	1928 Less New Bldg. Exemption	1928 Tentative Increase	1927 Assessment Roll	1928 Tentative Valuation
Manhattan	\$8,506,611.105	\$7,506,611.105	\$1,000,000.000	\$19,645,100	\$343,659,700	\$19,645,100	\$7,506,611.105	\$8,506,611.105	\$19,645,100	\$2,346,559.750	\$1,000,000.000	\$1,430,217.110	\$14,035,966.765	\$15,466,183.675
The Bronx	\$1,358,959.380	\$1,303,493.230	\$55,466.150	\$3,340,400	\$179,203,150	\$3,340,400	\$1,303,493.230	\$1,358,959.380	\$55,466.150	\$1,358,959.380	\$55,466.150	\$1,430,217.110	\$1,358,959.380	\$1,358,959.380
Brooklyn	\$3,485,387.360	\$3,433,061.830	\$52,325.530	\$7,828,955	\$191,517,125	\$7,828,955	\$3,433,061.830	\$3,485,387.360	\$52,325.530	\$3,485,387.360	\$52,325.530	\$1,430,217.110	\$3,485,387.360	\$3,485,387.360
Queens	\$1,384,796.890	\$1,337,029.390	\$47,767.500	\$8,906,390	\$122,627,190	\$8,906,390	\$1,337,029.390	\$1,384,796.890	\$47,767.500	\$1,384,796.890	\$47,767.500	\$1,430,217.110	\$1,384,796.890	\$1,384,796.890
Richmond	\$250,278.810	\$243,633.710	\$6,645.100	\$1,453,130	\$9,337,750	\$1,453,130	\$243,633.710	\$250,278.810	\$6,645.100	\$250,278.810	\$6,645.100	\$1,430,217.110	\$250,278.810	\$250,278.810
Grand total	\$14,035,966.765	\$13,711,408.215	\$324,558.550	\$41,233,975	\$846,344,915	\$41,233,975	\$13,711,408.215	\$14,035,966.765	\$324,558.550	\$2,346,559.750	\$1,000,000.000	\$1,430,217.110	\$14,035,966.765	\$15,466,183.675

New York City, N. Y.—Salary Increase Efforts.—Commissioner of Plant and Structures Albert Goldman anticipated the efforts of engineers and other technical workers for a salary increase, and had included in the 1928 budget request a sum for increased salaries for these workers, it became known on Oct. 2. The New York "Times" of Oct. 3 said:

A wage increase sought for city employees, engineers, architects, draftsmen and associated workers, by the Union of Technical Men, Local 37, has been in part anticipated by the Department of Plant and Structures, according to Daniel J. Hauer, Business Manager of the union, who made public yesterday part of a letter he had received from Albert Goldman, Commissioner of Plant and Structures. Mr. Hauer said that other city department heads were "taking decided stands in favor of the increase in wages."

"Please be advised that I am in hearty sympathy with the appeal for increased pay for engineers and have included in the budget request for 1928 a lump sum to provide an increase," Commissioner Goldman said in his letter.

Mr. Hauer said the contemplated increase did not come up to the schedule of 35% increase submitted by the union, but he was confident that Commissioner Goldman would support the union's proposed scale.

"Engineers are employed in almost every department of the city government," Mr. Hauer said. "Their main job, in the final analysis, is to save the city money without loss of efficiency. The officials in charge are beginning to realize that no matter how much more they give those technical men in salary it will be more than made up by the money they save in the promotion of various municipal projects."

The commanding officers of the Police Department on Oct. 1, in support of their request for provision for salary increases in 1928, issued the following statement of the history of police salaries since the consolidation, according to the New York "Times" of Oct. 2:

The salaries of the various ranks in the Police Department as fixed at the time of consolidation in 1898 were as follows:
 Chief Inspector, \$3,500; inspectors, \$3,500; captains, \$2,750; lieutenants, \$2,000; sergeants, \$1,500; patrolmen, \$800 to \$1,400, according to grade.
 These salaries remained unchanged until 1917 except that in 1909 the lieutenants were raised to \$2,250 and the sergeants to \$1,750, and in 1915 the Chief Inspector was raised to \$5,000. In 1917 the salaries were raised as follows:

Chief Inspector, \$6,000; Deputy Chief Inspector, \$4,200; inspectors, \$3,900; captains, \$3,120; lieutenants, \$2,250; sergeants, \$1,750; patrolmen, \$1,000 to \$1,450, according to grade.

In 1918 the salary of lieutenants was raised to \$2,450; the sergeants, \$1,950, and the patrolmen, \$1,200 to \$1,650. This year the inspectors and captains received no rise.

In 1920 all ranks received rises in salary, as follows: Chief Inspector, \$7,500; Deputy Chief Inspector, \$5,300; inspectors, \$4,900; captains, \$4,000; lieutenants, \$3,300; sergeants, \$2,700; patrolmen, \$1,769 to \$2,280.

In 1924, as a result of a city-wide referendum, the first-grade patrolmen were raised from \$2,280 to \$2,500, the lower grade patrolmen remaining the same, \$1,769, and in 1925 the sergeants were raised from \$2,700 to \$2,900. The inspectors and captains received no rises at this time, but have been promised a rise each year.

The rises proposed in the budget estimate submitted by Commissioner Warren give the inspectors \$6,000, Captains \$4,500 and Chief Inspector \$8,500.

School Budget.—The Public Education Association on Oct. 2 made an announcement bearing on the budget request of about \$161,500,000 for educational purposes in 1928. The announcement, as taken from the New York "Times" of Oct. 3, follows:

This year the State's appropriation amounted to approximately \$23,800,000. Next year it will total nearly \$40,200,000.

The total amount requested for all purposes during 1928 is approximately \$161,500,000, or nearly \$28,400,000 more than the budget estimate for the present year. This sum comprises the following requests:

The major part, nearly \$125,800,000, is for instruction and for operating expenses. This is nearly \$18,300,000 more than was spent for these purposes this year.

Approximately \$353,700, or about \$13,500 more than for the present year, is requested for administering the teachers' retirement fund.

Nearly \$344,000, or about \$115,000 more than for this year, is needed to redeem special revenue bonds that have been issued to meet shortages for current expenses.

The remaining \$35,000,000 is for the construction of new buildings and is \$10,000,000 greater than the amount requested for the present year.

As the last item of \$35,000,000 for building construction is for permanent improvements, the city must raise it entirely by bond issue.

All the rest, comprising the first three items and totaling nearly \$126,500,000, is for the cost of operation and must therefore be paid from the annual tax income. It is toward this sum that the \$40,200,000 noted above is appropriated by the State, leaving approximately \$86,300,000 for the city to raise by local taxation.

The substantial aid from the State, the report adds, will enable the city to increase teachers' salaries by \$14,000,000, increase general operating expenses by \$4,300,000, increase the cost of administering the teachers' retirement system by \$13,500 and increase the amount required to redeem special revenue bonds by over \$15,000 more than was needed at the beginning of the present fiscal year.

New York State.—*Proposed Constitutional Amendments on November Ballot.*—Nine proposals to amend the Constitution of the State, including a budget plan for the State, a four-year term for Governor, an increase in the Governor's salary to \$25,000 a year, an increase of \$300,000,000 in New York City's borrowing capacity, and legislative power in the apportionment of the State's and municipalities' share of the cost of eliminating grade crossings, will be submitted to the electorate at the Nov. 8 election.

Amendment No. 1 proposes a new article—IV-A—providing for placing the State finances on a budget system. The proposed article reads:

Article IV-A.

Section 1. On or before the 15th day of October in the year 1928 and in each year thereafter the head of each department of the State Government, except the Legislature and Judiciary, shall submit to the Governor itemized estimates of appropriations to meet the financial needs of such department, including a statement in detail of all moneys for which any general or special appropriation is desired at the ensuing session of the Legislature, classified according to relative importance and in such form and with such explanations as the Governor may require. Copies of such estimates shall be simultaneously furnished to the designated representatives of the appropriate committees of the Legislature for their information.

The Governor, after hearings thereon, at which he may require the attendance of heads of departments and their subordinates, shall revise such estimates according to his judgment. The representatives aforesaid of the committees of the Legislature shall be invited to attend such hearings, and under regulations to be provided by law shall be entitled to make inquiry in respect to the estimates and the revision thereof.

Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the Legislature certified by the presiding officer of each house and of the Judiciary certified by the Comptroller shall be transmitted to the Governor on or before said 15th day of October for inclusion in the budget without revision but with such recommendation as he may think proper.

Sec. 2. On or before the 15th day of January next succeeding (except in the case of a newly elected Governor and then on or before the first day of February) he shall submit to the Legislature a budget containing a complete plan of proposed expenditures and estimated revenues. It shall contain all the estimates so revised or certified and clearly itemized, and shall be accompanied by a bill or bills for all proposed appropriations and reappropriations; it shall show the estimated revenues for the ensuing fiscal year and the estimated surplus or deficit of revenues at the end of the current fiscal year together with the measures of taxation, if any, which the Governor may propose for the increase of the revenues. It shall be accompanied by a statement of current assets, liabilities, reserves and surplus or deficit of the State; statements of the debts and funds of the State; an estimate of its financial condition as of the beginning and end of the ensuing fiscal year; and a statement of revenues and expenditures for the two fiscal years next preceding said year in form suitable for comparison. The Governor may before final action by the Legislature thereon, and not more than 30 days after submission thereof, amend or supplement the budget; he may also with the consent of the Legislature, submit such amendment or a supplemental bill at any time before the adjournment of the Legislature.

A copy of the budget and of any amendments or additions thereto shall be forthwith transmitted by the Governor to the Comptroller.

Sec. 3. The Governor and the heads of departments shall have the right, and it shall be the duty of the heads of departments when requested by either house of the Legislature, to appear and be heard in respect to the budget during the consideration thereof, and to answer inquiries relevant thereto. The procedure for such appearance and inquiries shall be provided by law. The Legislature may not alter an appropriation bill submitted by the Governor except to strike out or reduce items therein, but it may add thereto items of appropriation provided that such additions are stated separately and distinctly from the original items of the bill and refer each to a single object or purpose; none of the restrictions of this provision, however, shall apply to appropriations for the Legislature or Judiciary. Such a bill when passed by both houses shall be a law immediately without further action by the Governor, except that appropriations for the Legislature and Judiciary and separate items added to the Governor's bills by the Legislature shall be subject to his approval as provided in Section 9 of Article 4.

Sec. 4. Neither House shall consider further appropriations until the appropriation bills proposed by the Governor shall have been finally acted upon by both Houses; nor shall such further appropriations be then made except by separate bills each for a single work or object, which bills shall be subject to the Governor's approval as provided in Section 9 of Article 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Governor from recommending that one or more of his proposed bills be passed in advance of the others to supply the immediate needs of Government or to meet an emergency.

Amendment No. 2, which would authorize New York City to borrow \$300,000,000 for subways, over the 10% of assessed valuation of taxable real estate, and which

would give cities with a population of from 250,000 to 1,000,000 an additional \$10,000,000 borrowing power, and cities of from 175,000 to 250,000 population an additional \$5,000,000 borrowing power, would change Section 10 of Article 8 to read as given below, and would add Section 10-a. New matter proposed in the amendment is in italics.

Sec. 10. No county, city, town or village shall hereafter give any money or property, or loan its money or credit to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation, or become directly or indirectly the owner of stock in, or bonds of, any association or corporation; nor shall any such county, city, town or village be allowed to incur any indebtedness except for county, city, town or village purposes. This section shall not prevent such county, city, town or village from making such provision for the aid or support of its poor as may be authorized by law. No county or city shall be allowed to become indebted for any purpose or in any manner to an amount which including existing indebtedness, shall exceed 10% of the assessed valuation of the real estate of such county or city subject to taxation, as it appeared by the assessment rolls of said county or city on the last assessment for State or county taxes prior to the incurring of such indebtedness; and all indebtedness in excess of such limitation, except such as now may exist, shall be absolutely void, except as herein otherwise provided. No county or city whose present indebtedness exceeds 10% of the assessed valuation of its real estate subject to taxation, shall be allowed to become indebted in any further amount until such indebtedness shall be reduced within such limit. This section shall not be construed to prevent the issuing of certificates of indebtedness or revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes for amounts actually contained or to be contained in the taxes for the year when such certificates or revenue bonds are issued and payable out of such taxes; nor to prevent the City of New York from issuing bonds to be redeemed out of the tax levy for the year next succeeding the year of their issue, provided that the amount of such bonds which may be issued in any one year in excess of the limitations herein contained shall not exceed 1-10 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the real estate of said city subject to taxation. [Nor shall this section be construed to prevent the issue of bonds to provide for the supply of water, but the term of the bonds issued or provide for the supply of water, in excess of the limitation of indebtedness fixed herein, shall not exceed 20 years, and a sinking fund shall be created on the issuing of the said bonds for their redemption, by raising annually a sum which will produce an amount equal to the sum of the principal and interest of said bonds at their maturity.] All certificates of indebtedness or revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, which are not retired within five years after their date of issue, [and bonds issued to provide for the supply of water,] and any debt hereafter incurred by any portion or part of a city, if there shall be any such debt, shall be included in ascertaining the power of the city to become otherwise indebted; except that debts heretofore or hereafter incurred by any city of the first class after the first day of January 1904, and debts incurred by any city of the second class after the first day of January 1908, and debts incurred by any city of the third class after the first day of January 1910, to provide for the supply of water, shall not be so included; and except that debts not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of ten million dollars, heretofore or hereafter incurred by any city with a population of not less than 250,000 and not more than 1,000,000, and except that debts not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$5,000,000 heretofore or hereafter incurred by any city with a population of not less than 175,000 and not more than 250,000, for so much of the cost and expense of any public improvement as may be required by the ordinance or other local legislative law therein assessing the same to be raised by assessment upon local property or territory, shall not be so included; and except further that any debt hereafter incurred by the City of New York for a public improvement owned or to be owned by the city, which yields to the city current net revenue, after making any necessary allowance for repairs and maintenance for which the city is liable, in excess of the interest on said debt and of the annual installments necessary for its amortization may be excluded in ascertaining the power of said city to become otherwise indebted, provided that a sinking fund for its amortization shall have been established and maintained and that the indebtedness shall not be so excluded during any period of time when the revenue aforesaid shall not be sufficient to equal the said interest and amortization installments, and except further that any indebtedness heretofore incurred by the City of New York for any rapid transit or dock investment may be so excluded proportionately to the extent to which the current net revenue received by said city therefrom shall meet the interest and amortization installments thereof, provided that any increase in the debt-incurring power of the City of New York which shall result from the exclusion of debts heretofore incurred shall be available only for the acquisition or construction of properties to be used for rapid transit or dock purposes. The Legislature shall prescribe the method by which and the terms and conditions under which the amount of any debt incurred by the City of New York for a revenue producing improvement to be so excluded shall be determined, and no such debt shall be excluded except in accordance with the determination so prescribed. The Legislature may in its discretion confer appropriate jurisdiction on the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial Department for the purpose of determining the amount of any debt to be so excluded. No indebtedness of a city valid at the time of its inception shall thereafter become invalid by reason of the operation of any of the provisions of this section. Whenever the boundaries of any city are the same as those of a county, or when any city shall include within its boundaries more than one county, the power of any county wholly included within such city to become indebted shall cease, but the debt of the county, heretofore existing, shall not, for the purposes of this section, be reckoned as a part of the city debt. The amount hereafter to be raised by tax for county or city purposes, in any county containing a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, or in any such city of this State, in addition to providing for the principal and interest of the existing county or city debt, shall not in the aggregate exceed in any one year 2% of the assessed valuation of the real and personal estate of such county or city, to be ascertained as prescribed in this section in respect to county or city debt.

Sec. 10-a. Notwithstanding any of the limitations prescribed by the preceding section, debts may be incurred by the City of New York after Jan. 1 1928 for the construction or equipment, or both, of new rapid transit railroads not exceeding the sum of \$300,000,000, and such debts shall not be included in computing the debt limit of such city for the purpose of ascertaining the power of such city to become otherwise indebted.

The third amendment proposes that the 50% of State debt incurred for grade crossing elimination to be borne by State and localities together, shall be divided between State and local Governments in proportion to be determined by law, instead of 25% and 25%, as at present. Section 14 of Article 7, if amended, would read as follows, the new matter being italicized and the matter to be eliminated being enclosed in brackets:

Sec. 14. The Legislature may authorize by law the creation of a debt or debts of the State, not exceeding in the aggregate \$300,000,000, to provide moneys for the elimination under State supervision, of railroad crossings at grade within the State, at the expense of the State, railroad companies, counties and cities, [towns and villages] as hereinafter provided. Of the expense of a grade crossing elimination to which any of the proceeds of such debt are applied, [twenty-five] fifty per cent shall be borne by the [State, twenty-five per cent by the city, town or village, and fifty per cent by the railroad company]. The remaining fifty per cent shall be borne by the State and the county in which the crossing is located, or by the State and the city in which it is located if the city contain two or more counties; except that if so provided by law, such remaining fifty per cent of the expense of elimination of a grade crossing in any other city shall be borne by the State, the county and such city. The proportions of the expense of a grade crossing elimination to be borne by the State and county, State and city, or State, county and city, under the provisions of this section, shall be determined by or pursuant to law. Laws shall be enacted to provide, so far as practicable, for repayment to the State of moneys advanced in aid of railroad companies, counties and cities, [towns and villages], at such times, in such manner and with interest at such rate, that the State shall be able to pay when due the portion of the State debt equal to the proceeds which shall have been so advanced, and interest thereon. The provisions of this article, not inconsistent with this section, relating to the issuance of bonds for a debt or debts of the State and the maturity and payment thereof, shall apply to a State debt or debts created pursuant to this section; except that the law authorizing the contracting of such debt or debts

shall take effect without submission to the people pursuant to Section 4 of this article. *The aggregate amount of a State debt or debts which may be created pursuant to this section, as hereby amended, shall not exceed the difference between the amount of the debt or debts heretofore created or authorized by law, under the former provisions of this section, and the sum of \$300,000,000; and the Legislature, by law, may authorize or require a county to bear all or part of the portion of the expense of any such crossing elimination, heretofore begun or authorized, which was imposed by former provisions of this section on a city, town or village therein.*

The fourth proposal is to increase the Governor's salary to \$25,000 a year, the Lieutenant-Governor's salary to \$10,000, and the Legislators' salaries to \$2,500.

Number five on the ballot, if adopted, would make the Governor head of the Executive Department of the State.

A four-year term for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Comptroller, Attorney-General and State Senators, a two-year term for Assemblymen, and the requirement that proposed constitutional amendments be approved by two Legislatures, the assembly of the second of which shall be newly elected, are proposed in amendment six. If adopted, by the voters, the Governor elected in 1928 will hold office for four years, the Senators elected in 1926 will continue in office until Dec. 31 1929, and their successors will serve for four years, and the Assemblymen chosen in November 1928 will serve for two years.

Amendment No. 7, if approved, will permit the State to construct a highway in the Essex County Forest Preserve, from Wilmington to the top of Whiteface Mountain.

Permission to counties to condemn more land than needed for constructing parks, public places, highways or streets, provided the additional land is not more than sufficient to form suitable building sites adjoining and to sell or lease any portion of the lands not needed, is proposed in Amendment Eight.

Number Nine would prevent a city from annexing any territory until the residents of that territory had given their consent by a majority vote.

The Citizens Union on Oct. 2 made public its attitude toward the various proposed amendments. The voters were urged to defeat the four-year Governor term, the \$300,000,000 New York City debt limit increase, and the construction of a highway up Whiteface Mountain. The Union endorses the six remaining proposals. The following is taken from the New York "Times" of Oct 3:

The Citizens Union in a statement made public yesterday recommended to the voters of the State that they approve six of the nine proposed amendments to the Constitution and the one proposed amendment to the City Charter and that they defeat the other three constitutional amendments.

The four-year term for Governor and other elective State officers, the \$300,000,000 debt limit extension for New York City for subways, and the construction of a highway in the Adirondack Forest Preserve of Essex County are definitely disapproved by the Citizens Union, which urges the electors to vote "No" in each case. In taking this stand on the four-year term amendment the organization supports the contention of the Democratic Party that the holding of a State election at the same time that a President is chosen will subordinate State issues.

The amendments endorsed by the Union include the executive budget, the change in assessing the costs of grade-crossing elimination, increase in the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and members of the Legislature, designation of the Governor as the head of the State Executive Department, the grant of excess condemnation powers to counties, and the ban on annexation of territory by cities without the consent of the majority in the territory.

Lease Exemption Approved.

Endorsement is also given to the proposition exempting from the City Charter limitation upon the leases of city property such land as has been acquired in excess condemnation and leased for housing purposes.

Urging the handling of the subway situation as a business problem the Citizens Union statement on the \$300,000,000 debt limit extension amendment declares:

"The Hylan Administration and the present City Administration as well have treated the 5-cent fare shibboleth as the all-important aim. The Citizens Union believes that there are two aims of far greater importance: (1) To find out whether with or without unification of facilities, the subways can be made to pay their way on a 5-cent fare; and (2) to fix a fare which will make the \$300,000,000 of city money now invested in the subways self-supporting, and thus automatically release the same amount from the debt limit without constitutional or statutory change. The present city policy merely postpones an evil day and, by piling up further debt, aggravates the situation. The rejection of the amendment will force the adoption of a definite financial policy."

Opposes Form of Amendment.

A four-year term for Governor, with elections in non-Presidential years, is urged by the Union in rejecting the present amendment.

"The Governor and other State officers," it declares, "should be chosen for four-year terms, provided the election is held at a time and in a manner calculated to secure a fair and deliberate choice by the voters. This will not be the case if the State election is held in the same year as the national election. The Citizens Union is therefore opposed to the amendment in the form submitted. Involved in every State election are distinct issues having no relation to national affairs or politics, and the attention of voters should be focused directly upon them. New York State affairs are too important to be submerged under Presidential campaigns. It is no answer to say that the ballot budget it points out that the Union has advocated the reform for years to 'stabilize the whole system of State finance.' Opposition to the Essex County State highway is based on the constitutional provision for keeping the Adirondack Forest Preserve 'wild forest lands.'"

Mrs. Knapp, Former Secretary of State, Accused.—Governor Smith, following charges made by the Cities Census Committee against Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp that she was guilty of irregularities in the distribution of funds in the administration of the 1925 State Census, on Oct. 5 appointed R. J. Le Bouef Jr., former Deputy Attorney-General, a Moreland Act Commissioner to investigate the charges.

Tennessee (State of).—Governor Peay Dies.—Austin Peay, Governor of Tennessee since January 1922, died on the evening of Oct. 2. It is reported that Henry Norton, Speaker of the Senate, will succeed to the office left vacant.

Tucuman (Province of), Argentine Republic.—\$2,122,500 Sinking Fund Gold Bonds Sold.—Paine, Webber & Co. of New York City, offered and quickly sold on Monday, Oct. 3, an issue of \$2,122,500 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Province of Tucuman at 94½ and accrued interest, to yield over 7.50%. Date Oct. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 and \$500 denoms. registerable as to principal only. Due Oct. 1 1950. Principal and interest

payable in New York, in United States gold coin of the present standard time of weight and fineness without any deductions for any Argentine national or local taxes present or future. According to the official offering circular, a cumulative sinking fund of 2% per annum, operating semi-annually, is calculated to retire the entire issue before maturity through redemption by lot at par or purchase in the market if less than par. Sinking fund may be increased at the option of the province.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ADAIR COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$150,000 issue of 5% coupon road and bridge bonds was purchased on Sept. 12 by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville for a price of 100.666. Date Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially from 1932 to 1957. Not retireable before maturity. Interest payable M. & N.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas J. Connelly, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$11,000 4½% road improvement bonds. Date Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$660 and \$440. Due May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1932, inclusive.

AMARILLO, Potter County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$350,000 issue of not exceeding 5% serial funding warrants offered on Sept. 27—V. 125, p. 1609—was awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita as 4¼% bonds. Bonds are due serially on or before 1937. Legal expenses to be paid by purchaser.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, were recently awarded an issue of \$18,000 4½% temporary building bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 April 1 1928 to 1933, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

AUDUBON, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, recently purchased an issue of \$106,000 5% temporary improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$74,000, 1933, and \$32,000, 1937. Principal and interest payable at the Audubon National Bank. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

AVON PARK, Highlands County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 6% street improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 125, p. 1219—was awarded to the Langston Construction Co. of Orlando, at a discount price of 95, a basis of about 7.20%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1927, and due \$6,000 from May 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the American Exchange-Irving Trust Co.

Ayr, Cass County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—\$2,500 of the \$3,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered village bonds offered for sale on Sept. 24—V. 125, p. 1737—was awarded to two local investors for a price of par. The remaining \$500 was not issued as it was found unnecessary. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 July 1 1931, 1935, 1939 and 1943; \$1,000 in 1947.

BALTIMORE, Md.—STOCK SALE.—A syndicate headed by the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. and including Baker, Watts & Co., Stein Bros. & Boyce, and Nelson, Cook & Co., all of Baltimore, and Estabrook & Co., of New York, was awarded on Sept. 30 \$2,000,000 4% registered harbor stock at 100.9, a basis of about 3.93%. Date May 1 1927. Due May 1 as follows: 1930, \$40,000; 1931, \$43,000; 1932, \$44,000; 1933, \$46,000; 1934, \$48,000; 1935, \$50,000; 1936, \$52,000; 1937, \$54,000; 1938, \$56,000; 1939, \$58,000; 1940, \$61,000; 1941, \$63,000; 1942, \$66,000; 1943, \$69,000; 1944, \$71,000; 1945, \$75,000; 1946, \$77,000; 1947, \$81,000; 1948, \$84,000; 1949, \$87,000; 1950, \$91,000; 1951, \$94,000; 1952, \$98,000; 1953, \$103,000; 1954, \$106,000; 1955, \$111,000; 1956, \$116,000; 1957, \$56,000. This corrects the report given in V. 125, p. 1867. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	100.816
First National Bank, New York; Barr Bros. & Kountze & Co.	100.639
Alexander Brown & Sons, Harris, Forbes & Co., Eldredge & Co.	
New York, and Guaranty Co., New York	100.568
Bankers Trust Co., Robert Garrett & Sons and Union Trust Co.	100.459
National City Co. and Owen Daley & Co.	100.439
Roosevelt & Sons and Dewey Bacon & Co.	100.228
Baltimore Trust Co., Jenkins, Whedbee & Poe, J. S. Wilson & Co., Hambleton & Co. and Gillett & Co.	100.15

BASTROP COUNTY (P. O. Bastrop), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Oct. 8 for the purpose of passing upon the proposition of issuing \$60,000 in bonds for constructing and maintaining a highway through Red Rock and Rosansky to the Caldwell County line.

BAY, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jesse L. Sadler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) Oct. 11 for the purchase of an issue of \$9,281.02 5% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$500, one bond for \$281.02. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1929, 1930 to 1934 incl., 1935, 1936 and 1937, and \$1,281.02 in 1938. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Guardian Trust Co., Rocky River. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

BEAUMONT HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$71,500 issue of 5½% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1867—was awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for a premium of \$7,068, equal to 109.88.

BEAVER, Beaver County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 24 there will be an election for the voters to decide the issuance of \$35,000 electric light plant bonds.

BEAVER CITY, Furnas County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—There will be an election on Oct. 11, for the voters to decide the issuance of \$65,000 4½% refunding school bonds.

BECKHAM COUNTY (P. O. Sayre), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Sept. 26 the voters authorized a \$760,000 road bond issue by a majority vote of 2,765 to 530.

BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. Allen, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Central standard time) Nov. 1 for the purchase of an issue of \$63,375 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$375. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$7,375, 1929, and \$7,000, Nov. 1 1930 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

BELLINGHAM, Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of not to exceed 5% coupon water betterment bonds offered on Oct. 3 (V. 125, p. 1487) was awarded to a syndicate composed of Dean, Witter & Co. of Los Angeles, Conrad & Broom and Geo. H. Burr of Seattle and the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. of Spokane as 4¼% bonds for a price of 103.75, a basis of about 3.92%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$100 to \$1,000. Due serially from 1929 to 1957. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer in Bellingham.

BESSEMER, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$186,000 issue of 6% public improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1609—was awarded to Steiner Bros. of Birmingham, for a price of 104.26, a basis of about 5.45%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

BEXLEY EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$75,000 bonds to acquire real estate for building and playgrounds. The maximum length of time for which such bonds are to run is 20 years.

BLACKFORD COUNTY (P. O. Hartford), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis was awarded on Sept. 26 an issue of \$22,400 4 1/2% road bonds at a premium of \$427, equal to 101.90, a basis of about 4.09%.

BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward M. Fries, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Oct. 25 for the purpose of disposing of \$350,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 Mar. and Sept. 1 1928 to 1952 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of Board of Education. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for \$1,000 is required.

BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Maude M. Northrup, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 10 for the purchase of an issue of \$7,000 5% refunding street, water works and bridge bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1927. Due Sept. 15 1932. A certified check for \$150 is required.

BRADY, McCulloch County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of bonds, aggregating a total of \$180,000, have recently been purchased by unknown investors. The issues are as follows: \$75,000 paving warrant refunding bonds, \$75,000 street improvement bonds and \$30,000 fire station and city hall bonds.

BRECKSVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 5 1/2% coupon school equipment bonds offered on Oct. 1 (V. 125, p. 1609) were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus at a premium of \$105, equal to 102.10, a basis of about 4.82%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$500 Oct. 1 1928; \$500 April and Oct. 1 1929 to 1932 incl., and \$500 April 1 1933. Other bidders were: A. E. Aub & Co. \$5,078; Guardian Trust Co. 5,014; Quigley & Co. 5,010.

BRILLION, Calumet County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$6,654.48 6% coupon street improvement bonds was purchased on Sept. 9 by Hugo Muhlbach of Brillion, paying for them a premium of \$166.36, a price of 102.50. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due serially from 1928 to 1931 incl. Int. payable Dec. 31. (These are the bonds erroneously reported as \$7,861.88—V. 125, p. 1354.)

BROOKHAVEN-YAPHANK FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Yaphank), Suffolk County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness was awarded on Sept. 24 to the Bellport National Bank of Bellport as 5s at par.

BURTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Flint, Route No. 2), Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% street graveling bonds offered on Oct. 3 (V. 125, p. 1867) were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$1,610, equal to 103.57, a basis of about 4.37%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., \$8,000 1935 and 1936, and \$4,000, 1937.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Allison), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. F. Shirer, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Oct. 19 for a \$35,000 issue of 4 1/2% road bonds. Date Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 from May 1 1932 to 1938 incl. Int. payable annually. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish legal approval. Purchaser required to furnish blank bonds. A certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

CALDWELL COUNTY (P. O. Lenoir), N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—There were no bids submitted on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1738—for the purchase of the \$27,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered road bonds.

CALN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coatesville), Chester County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia were awarded on May 4 an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 105.28, a basis of about 3.22%. Dated April 1 1927. Due April 1 \$2,000, 1929 to 1956 incl., and \$4,000, 1957; optional after 1932.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Harlingen), Texas.—BOND SALE.—A \$500,000 issue of arroyo navigation bonds, was recently purchased by C. P. Ellis & Co. of New Orleans.

CANAJOHARIE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Montgomery County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Veronica Cummines, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids, until 11 a. m. Oct. 21, at the office of B. H. Brower, Esq., Canajoharie, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds: \$250,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1932, incl.; \$8,000, 1933 to 1937, incl.; \$10,000, 1938 to 1955 incl., and \$5,000, 1956. 9,000 school bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1932 to 1940, inclusive. Date Aug. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (F. & O.) payable at the Canajoharie National Bank. A certified check for 10% of the bonds offered is required. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Oct. 14—V. 125, p. 1868.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Sept. 28 the voters approved the issuance of \$400,000 in bonds by a majority of nearly three to one to build county all-weather roads.

CARSON, Grant County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 issue of 6% coupon town hall building bonds offered for sale on Sept. 24—V. 125, p. 1738—was awarded to the First State Bank of Carson at par. Denom. \$400. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due in 1937. Not retireable before maturity. Int. payable annually.

CARTERET, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles A. Brady, Borough Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered public impt. bonds not to exceed \$287,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$287,000. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1945 incl.; \$8,000, 1946, and \$9,000, 1947 to 1965 incl. Prin. and int. on coupon bonds payable in gold at the Carteret Trust Co., Carteret; the int. on the registered bonds to be remitted by mail. The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seals impressed thereon. A certified check, payable to the order of the Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Cadwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

CENTER HILL, Sumter County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta recently purchased an issue of \$120,000 miscellaneous purpose bonds. (Rate and price not given.)

CENTRE ISLAND (P. O. Oyster Bay), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1738—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of N. Y. City, at a premium of \$720, equal to 101.44, a basis of about 4.32%. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due \$2,500 Oct. 1 1928 to 1947 incl.

CHAGRIN FALLS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Gladys M. Foster, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$3,758.53 5 1/2% special assessment impt. bonds. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$400 April 1 1929; \$458.53 Oct. 1 1929, \$400 April 1 and \$500 Oct. 1 1930 to 1936 incl., and \$400 April and Oct. 1 1937 and 1938. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required. Bids may be submitted for bonds bearing a different rate of interest than stated above, provided that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiples thereof.

CHEETOWAGA (P. O. Buffalo), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$134,000, offered at public auction on Sept. 27—V. 125, p. 1738—were awarded the Manufacturers & Traders Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo as 4 1/2 at 100.07, a basis of about 4.99%: \$71,000 highway bonds. Due \$7,100 July 1 1928 to 1937 inclusive. \$3,000 highway bonds. Due \$6,300 July 1 1928 to 1937 inclusive. Date July 1 1927. R. F. De Voe & Co. of N. Y. City, was the only other bidder, offering 100.06 for 4 1/2% bonds.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds (51st issue) offered on Oct. 6—V. 125, p. 1868—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the First Trust & Savings Bank, the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and the Continental & Commercial Co., all of Chicago, at 101.86, a basis of about 4.03%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$250,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

CHICKASHA, Grady County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Clearing House of Chickasha was awarded on Sept. 8—V. 125, p. 1220—the \$90,000

issue of 4 1/2% coupon water main extension bonds for a price of \$100.89. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Optional \$5,000 yearly after 1930. Int. payable M. & S. (This corrects the report as given in V. 125, p. 1738.)

CHINO VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Chino Valley), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—An \$85,000 issue of 6% irrigation bonds has recently been purchased by the Frank C. Evans Co. of Denver.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Hayesville), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Grover P. Ledford, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until Oct. 19 for a \$30,000 issue of 6% road and bridge funding bonds.

CLOVER, York County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of 5 1/2 or 6% coupon water works extension bonds was awarded to R. S. Dickson & Co. of Gastonia on Sept. 28—V. 125, p. 1610—as 5 1/2% bonds, paying a premium of \$501.60, equal to 105.016, a basis of about 5.08%. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1947. Int. payable annually. The other bids for the issue were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Includes S. C. National Bank, J. H. Helmsman, etc.

COLUMBIA, Boone County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—There will be a city bond election on Oct. 18 for the voters to pass on the proposition of issuing \$375,000 in bonds for a new city hall.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. St. Helens), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 5—V. 125, p. 1220—was awarded to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland for a price of 102, a basis of about 4.30%. Dated Aug. 15 1927 and due on Aug. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1938, 1943 and 1944; \$500, 1939 to 1942, and \$5,000, 1945 to 1947.

COLUMBIA Richland County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of paving bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1738—was awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit as 4 1/2% bonds for a premium of \$1,437, equal to 101.43. Int. payable A. & O. The following is a complete list of the bidders and bids submitted:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, Int. Rate. Includes Peoples Security Co. of Charleston, South Carolina National Bank, etc.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The issue of \$43,400 promissory notes offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1868—was awarded to Grau & Co. of Cincinnati as 4 1/2 at a premium of \$17, equal to 100.03. Dated Oct. 15 1927 and maturing April 15 1929.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry H. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Oct. 10 for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 promissory notes on an interest basis. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$5,000. Due May 1 1929. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

COMPTON CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 5% school building and improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 26—V. 125, p. 1488—was awarded to R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$8,702.50, equal to 108.702, a basis of about 4.33%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1927 and due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$3,000, 1948 to 1967, incl. Prin. and int. payable at County Treasurer's office. A complete list of the other bids and bidders is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Bid, Bidder, Bid. Includes Bank of Italy, Alvin H. Frank & Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bk., etc.

COOPERSBURG, Lehigh County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 4 1/2% coupon water supply bonds offered on Sept. 27—V. 125, p. 1610—were awarded to Thomas T. Lenhart of Northampton at a premium of \$200, equal to 102, a basis of about 3.80%. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 1957; optional after Oct. 1 1932.

CORTLAND, Cortland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 3 (V. 125, p. 1738) were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. and Roosevelt & Son, both of N. Y. City, jointly at a premium of \$6,505.50, equal to 104.33, a basis of about 4.02%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$6,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$7,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$8,000, 1939 to 1941 incl.; \$9,000, 1942 and 1943; \$10,000, 1943 and 1945, and \$11,000, 1946 and 1947. The following is a list of other bidders:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Price Paid. Includes Harris, Forbes & Co., Rutter & Co., Pulley & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, etc.

CRESCENT, Logan County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds, aggregating \$38,000, were sold on Sept. 19 to the First State Bank of Guthrie as follows: \$24,000 5% sewer bonds for a premium of \$115, equal to 100.479. 14,000 5 1/2% water bonds for a premium of \$75, equal to 100.535.

CRESTLINE, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Zona Morkel, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 24 for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 5 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

CROSBY, Divide County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 19 by O. Woolfrey, City Auditor, for a \$5,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 5% is required.

CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex.—A \$15,000 issue of 5% school bonds has recently been purchased by H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are informed by Louis Simon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, that due to an error in the first maturity date shown in bond resolution and notice scheduled for sale on Oct. 15, the Board will be obliged to re-advertise the bonds and set a later date for acceptance of bids. Full particulars of the offering appeared in V. 125, p. 1738.

DALLAS, Gaston County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon of Oct. 20 by Town Clerk J. P. Hoffman for a \$50,000 issue of not exceeding 6% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1957 and \$2,000 from 1958 to 1968 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in N. Y. City in gold. Chester B. Masslich of New York will furnish the legal approval. The Town Clerk will furnish the required forms.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon school improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 5—V. 125, p. 1868—has been awarded to Stifle, Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis and

the Dallas Trust Co., jointly, for a price of 100.06, equal to a basis of 4.16%...

DAVIDSON COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Nov. 7 by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners...

DAVIESS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,440 4 1/2% W. A. Perrine et al public highway bonds offered on Sept. 30...

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium, City Security Corp, Meyer-Kiser Bank, Inland Investment Co, Fletcher American Co.

DAYTONA BEACH, Volusia County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 issue of 6% coupon improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3...

Table with columns: Names of Other Bidders, Price Bid, W. L. Slayton & Co, Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Breed, Elliott & Harrison.

DECATUR PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Decatur) Macon County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. of Chicago, were awarded the \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon park bonds offered on Sept. 28...

DECORAH, Winneshiek County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, have recently purchased an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% paying bonds...

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Provident Trust Co. of Columbia City was awarded on Sept. 27 an issue of \$11,600 4 1/2% road bonds...

DELMAR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wellsboro) Tioga County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% registered school bonds offered on Oct. 1...

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Soldiers and Sailors Hospital, M. M. Freeman & Co.

DUVAL COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Jacksonville), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3...

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5.30 p. m. on Oct. 14 by John H. Kimball, Secretary of the Board of Directors...

EASTLAND, Eastland County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of warrants has recently been purchased by J. L. Arlitt & Co. of Austin.

EDINBURG, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On Sept. 27 the voters approved at a special election the proposition of issuing \$200,000 in bonds for refunding and improvement purposes.

ELLIS COUNTY (P. O. Waxahachie), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 18 there will be an election held for the voters to decide the issuance of \$200,000 5% Road District No. 1 bonds.

EUCLID (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of special assessment bonds aggregating \$451,289.46 offered on Oct. 3...

- List of bond issues for Euclid: Noble sewer district bonds, Central sewer district bonds, East 180th St. paving bonds, Sherwood Forest Sewer District bonds, Sherwood Forest water bonds, street improvement No. 2 bonds.

FAIRFIELD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 6...

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid, H. L. Allen & Co, R. L. Day & Co, Fairfield Trust Co, Bridgeport Trust Co.

FAIRVIEW (P. O. North Olmstead) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 17...

FAIRVIEW VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At the November elections the voters will be asked to approve the issuance of \$250,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting a new fireproof school building.

FAYETTEVILLE, Lincoln County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—In a special municipal election held on Sept. 29 the voters authorized the sale of a \$50,000 issue of high school building bonds...

FITCHBURG, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 3 3/4% bonds aggregating \$65,000 were awarded to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston at 100.37...

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Curtis & Sanger, Old Colony Corporation, F. S. Moseley & Co, Atlantic-Merrill-Oldham Corporation, Paine, Webber & Co, Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Estabrook & Co, Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc, Shawmut Corporation, Worcester County National Bank.

FORDSON (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$1,205,000 offered on Oct. 4...

FORESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Forestport) Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 4...

FORSYTH, Rosebud County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Henry V. Beaman, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Harmon Irrigation District until 2 p. m. on Oct. 8...

FORSYTH COUNTY (P. O. Winston-Salem), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of not exceeding 5% coupon bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3...

FORT CALHOUN, Washington County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An \$11,000 issue of 5% district paying bonds was recently purchased by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha at par...

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% public improvement bonds which are being offered for sale on Oct. 11...

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% local improvement bonds offered on Sept. 27...

FORT PIERCE, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The 2 issues of 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$494,600 offered for sale on Oct. 3...

GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Tremont), Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$28,000 issue of 4 1/2% school building bonds has recently been purchased by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha...

GALVESTON COUNTY (P. O. Galveston), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John M. Murch, County Auditor, until 3 p. m. on Oct. 17...

GENESEE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$59,688 road assessment districts Nos. 79 to 82, inclusive, coupon bonds offered on Sept. 29...

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium, Int. Rate, Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Genesee County Savings Bank, First National Bank (Flint), W. L. Slayton & Co, W. K. Terry & Co, Prudden & Co.

GLEN COVE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on Oct. 3...

GREENBURGH-GREENVILLE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles D. Millard, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Oct. 13...

GREENWICH, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4% highway improvement bonds offered on Oct. 6...

GROSSE POINTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Grosse Pointe), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$365,000 offered on Oct. 3...

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,600 4½% Stoney Creek Bridge bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 125, p. 1611—were awarded to Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. at a premium of \$123, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 4.31%. Due May 15 and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 4½% coupon Slater Bridge bonds offered on the same date were also awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$78, equal to 100.86, a basis of about 4.32%. Due May 15 and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

The following is a list of other bidders:

For \$13,600 Issue.		For \$9,000 Issue.	
Bidder	Premium.	Bidder	Premium.
City Security Co., Indianapolis	\$73.00	City Security Corp., Indianapolis	\$51.00
Merchants Bank, Muncie	55.00	Merchant's Bank, Muncie	25.00
Inland Invest. Co., Indianapolis	61.00	Inland Invest. Co., Indianapolis	41.00

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert Reinhardt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 25 for the purchase of an issue of \$390,363.23 4½% improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000; bond No. 1 \$363.23. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$39,363.23, 1929, and \$39,000, 1930 to 1938 incl. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of Samuel Ach, County Treasurer, for \$500, is required.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mays Landing), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Archie H. Smith, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 18 for the purchase of an issue of 4½% coupon or registered school bonds not exceeding \$210,000. Date Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1928 to 1962, incl., and \$7,000 1963 to 1967, incl. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$210,000. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank, Mays Landing. A certified check payable to the order of the Cutsodian of School Moneys, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

HANCOCK AND KOSSUTH COUNTIES JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 issue of drainage bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 125, p. 1740—was awarded to the Ballard Hasset Co. of Des Moines as 4½% for a premium of \$349, equal to 101.24, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due \$4,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1938, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,090.40 5½% coupon county bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1869—were awarded to the Kenton National Bank of Kenton at a premium of \$20.10, equal to 100.96, a basis of about 5.11%. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Due \$522.60, Sept. 1 1928 to 1931 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Premium.
A. E. Aub & Co., Cincinnati	\$3.60
First National Bank, Kenton	11.40
First National Bank, Ada	Par

HARNEY COUNTY (P. O. Burns), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 10 by County Clerk Chas. E. Dillman for an issue of \$100,000 4½% permanent road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 15 1927 and due \$10,000 on Sept. 15 from 1937 to 1946, incl. A reputable bond attorney will furnish legal approval. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

HARTFORD, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles H. Slocum, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 20 for the purchase of \$1,600,000 4% coupon or registered permanent improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1943 incl. Int. on coupon bonds will be payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office; on registered bonds the interest will be forwarded by mail. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement (Valuation of Taxable Property 1926.)

Grand List: Real	Personal
\$294,289,899	42,206,102
\$336,496,001	
Personal, corporation stock, taxable value	228,951,863
Total lists for assessment of taxes	\$565,447,864
Tax rate, 1926 grand list, 20 mills	
Percentage of net city indebtedness to assessed valuation	1.21%
Percentage, including net debt of school districts	2.14%
Total debt	\$13,446,481
Less: City sinking fund	\$1,744,623
Water debt	4,870,000
Cash reserved for matured bond	1,000
Net city debt	6,615,623
Net indebtedness of school districts (not included in city debt statement)	\$6,830,858
Water department sinking fund (not included in city sinking fund)	5,292,797
Debt limitation (Laws of 1925, Chapter 162)	608,550
	\$19,838,806

HASTINGS, Dakota County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by N. F. Kranz, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Oct. 17 for a \$7,500 issue of certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 6% is required.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Baldwin), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles L. Wheeler, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 11 for the purchase of an issue of \$18,500 4½% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated April 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1936 inclusive. A certified check payable to the order of Herman Sessler, Treasurer, for \$25 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

HERSHEY BRIDGE DISTRICT (P. O. North Platte), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% coupon bridge building bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1740—was awarded to the United States Trust Co. of Omaha for a premium of \$956, equal to 103.824. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1924. Due serially from 1934 to 1944. Not retireable. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

HIGHLAND PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 17 by the Board of Trustees for a \$200,000 issue of 4½% school building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 10 1927. Due \$5,000 from April 10 1928 to 1967 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 10) payable at the State Treasury in Austin or at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$5,000 must be mailed with bid to J. S. Bradfield, President of the Board. The taxable value of personal property in the district for 1926 is \$3,574,155, and for real property in the district for 1926 is \$10,722,470, making total of \$14,296,625. The 1927 tax rolls will be approved early in October 1927, and will show a taxable value of real and personal property in excess of \$15,000,000. The total indebtedness of the district, including this bond issue, is \$826,124.57, all of which is bonded indebtedness except \$15,624.57. A maintenance tax of 70 cents was levied for the year 1927, and a tax of 30 cents on the \$100 for the year 1927 to take care of interest and sinking fund on outstanding bonded indebtedness. Annual tax levy for 1928 will be made early in January 1928 to take care of all maintenance, interest and sinking fund.

HOLLIDAYS COVE, Hancock County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of street improvement bonds has recently been purchased by the State of West Virginia at par.

HOUSTON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Crockett), Tex.—BONDS SOLD.—The Thomas Investment Co. of Dallas, was recently awarded a \$25,000 issue of 5½% series B road bonds. Int. payable semi-annually.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Howard National Bank of Kokomo was awarded on Sept. 24 an issue of \$11,700 4½% road bonds at a premium of \$245.70, equal to 102.10, a basis of about 4.02%. Due May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,800 5% Clark Township coupon special assessment road bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1740—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus at a premium of \$692.96, equal to 101.41, a basis of about 4.44%. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Due \$4,880 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive.

The following is a list of other bidders. Except as stated otherwise, all bids were for 5% bonds:

Bidders	Price Bid.
Seasongood & Mayer	\$49,484.00
Devoll Trust Co.	49,326.00
Provident Savings Bank	49,314.84
W. L. Slayton	49,182.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	49,048.88
W. K. Terry & Co.	48,907.36
Eldredge & Co. (for 4½% bonds)	48,856.86
Otis & Co. (for 4½% bonds)	48,841.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis (for 4½% bonds)	48,030.30

HUENEME SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4 (V. 125, p. 1745) was awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for a premium of \$2,838, equal to 105.67, a basis of about 4.40%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1927. Due \$2,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1952, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 4½% city hall improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 27—V. 125, p. 1740—was awarded to the Hutchinson State Bank of Hutchinson for a premium of \$140, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.19%. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due serially from 1928 to 1937 incl. Interest payable A. & O. 1.

JACKSON CIVIL TOWNSHIP, Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—We are informed by the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis that the sale of \$25,000 5% coupon community building bonds awarded to it at 104.10—V. 125, p. 1741—was not consummated, as their attorneys refused to approve the issue.

JASPER, Hamilton County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 issue of 6% local improvement bonds unsuccessfully offered on April 25 (V. 124, p. 2639) has since been purchased.

JAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Milton), Santa Rosa County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$10,000 issue of 6% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 6—V. 125, p. 1222—have not as yet been sold. Dated Sept. 6 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank of Milton.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Monticello), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 25 by W. M. Scruggs, Superintendent of the Board of Public Instruction, for two issues of 6% school bonds aggregating \$85,000 as follows: \$50,000 Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1927 and due from 1928 to 1952 incl. A certified check for 2% is required.

JESUP, Wayne County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Oct. 3 the voters passed favorably on the proposition of issuing \$70,000 in bonds for water works, sewage and paving purposes. The issues were all carried by a large majority.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis was awarded on Sept. 29 an issue of \$5,500 4½% road bonds at a premium of \$95.60, equal to 101.73, a basis of about 4.11%. Due May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 inclusive.

KINGS MILLS RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Warren County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—John W. Wilson, Clerk Board of Education, informs us that an election held on Nov. 8, to vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 bonds for the purpose of acquiring land and pay for the erection of a new fire-proof school building.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$68,000 4½% 10-year court house equipment bonds offered on Sept. 13—V. 125, p. 1083—were awarded the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Leonard H. Huffer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$13,200 4½% William Zimmer et al Wayne Township improvement bonds. Date Oct. 15 1927. Due May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. J. Spaulding, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) Oct. 17, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds:

- \$5,100.00 5½% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$100. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$1,100, 1933.
- 4,674.25 5% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$674.25. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1931, incl., and \$674.25, 1932.

Date Oct. 1 1927. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$500 for each issue is required.

LAKE CRYSTAL, Blue Earth County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,000 issue of 4½% municipal building bonds was recently awarded to the First National Bank of Lake Crystal for a price of par. Due \$1,000 from Oct. 1 1930 to 1937, incl.

LAKEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. W. Grill, Clerk-Treasurer Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (to be opened at 7:30 p. m.) Oct. 14 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1941 incl., and \$3,000, 1942 to 1944 incl. Bids for a rate of interest other than given above stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1% will also be considered. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check, payable to the order of the above mentioned official for 5% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William J. Coulter, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of an issue of \$1,250,000 4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$30,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$35,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$45,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.; and \$55,000, 1948 to 1952 incl., and \$60,000, 1953 to 1957 incl. Principal and int. payable in Lancaster. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

LANSDALE, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 4½% coupon or registered sewerage system bonds offered on Sept. 19—V. 125, p. 1612—were awarded to R. M. Snyder & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$2,050, equal to 102.72, a basis of about 4.03%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1942, and \$7,000, 1943 to 1952, inclusive.

LAREDO, Webb County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$312,000 issue of 5% city bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4 (V. 125, p. 1612) was awarded to a syndicate composed of Taylor, Evans & Co. of Chicago and the Central Trust Co. and National City Bank, both of San Antonio, for a premium of \$18,052, equal to 105.78. Date Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable semi-annually. Printing and legal expenses to be paid by purchaser.

LEE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Madison), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 issue of 6% school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 26—V. 125, p. 1612—was purchased by the Citizens Bank of Madison for a price of par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1927. Due \$2,000, March 1 1930 and \$1,000, 1931 to 1948, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Superintendent.

LEESBURG, Lake County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of improvement bonds has recently been sold to the First National Bank of Leesburg at par.

LIBERTY, Gage County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha, recently purchased an issue of \$28,000 school bonds, at a premium of \$527, equal to 101.88.

LIMA, Beaverhead County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 26 by Town Clerk H. T. Kraabel for an issue of \$14,400 not exceeding 6% electric lighting plant bonds. Bonds are to be either 20-year amortization or 20-year serial bonds. If serial they will be in the following denominations: 1 for \$400, 4 for \$500 and 12 for \$1,000. Due \$400 on Dec. 1 1931; \$500, 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000, 1936 to

1947, incl. Optional at any time. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Prin. and int payable at the fiscal agency of any suitable State. Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis will furnish legal approval. A certified check, payable to the Town Treasurer, for 3% of the bid is required.

LINCOLN PARK, Alcona County, Mich.—PRICE PAID.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The price paid for the \$20,000 special assessment District No. 118 bonds awarded to Matthew Finn of Detroit in V. 125, p. 1741 was 100.26, a basis of about 5.11%. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denoms. bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/4% and maturing \$4,000, yearly from July 1 1928 to 1932, incl. Interest payable J. & J.

LINDEN, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas H. Sullivan, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/4, 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds no to exceed \$623,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$623,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1944 incl., and \$16,000, 1945 to 1967 incl. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Linden National Bank & Trust Co., Linden. A certified check, payable to the order of the city for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required. The proceedings in connection with the issuance of these bonds have been prepared under the supervision of Whittemore & McLean of Elizabeth.

LITTLETON, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co. of Denver, recently purchased an issue of \$25,000 4% water extension bonds. Date June 15 1927.

LIVINGSTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Livingston), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1741—was awarded to Lehman Bros. of New York City, taking \$163,000 (\$165,000 offered), paying \$165,661.50, equal to 101.63, a basis of about 4.44%. Due \$5,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1960, incl., and \$3,000, 1961.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Bellefontaine), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Peoples Commercial Bank of Bellefontaine was awarded the \$1,500 6% ditch bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 125, p. 870—(after all bids had been rejected). Date Oct. 1 1927. Due \$150, March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive.

LONGMONT PAVING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$27,052 issue of 4% paying bonds which was sold on Sept. 27—V. 125, p. 1870—to Newton & Co. of Denver for a price of 97.877, is further described as follows: Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$500 and \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due in 1942 and callable on any interest-paying date before that time. Int. payable on Jan. 1 and July 1. Basis about 4.19%.

LOS ANGELES (City and County), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 11 by Robert Dominguez, City Clerk, for seven issues of bonds, aggregating \$6,986,000, as follows: \$2,500,000 Class D electric plant bonds of 1926 election. Not exceeding 4 1/2%. Dated Nov. 1 1926 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$63,000, 1927 to 1965, and \$43,000, 1966.

1,500,000 Class D, series 2, electric plant bonds of 1924 election. Not exceeding 4 1/2%. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$38,000, 1928 to 1966, and \$18,000, 1967.

1,000,000 Class B water works bonds of 1925 election. Not exceeding 4 1/2%. Dated Nov. 1 1926 and due \$25,000 on Nov. 1 from 1927 to 1966, incl.

500,000 Class B 4 1/2% water works bonds. Election of 1926. Dated Dec. 1 1926 and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1927 to 1961, and \$10,000, 1962.

500,000 Class B 4 1/2% electric plant bonds. Election of 1926. Dated Nov. 1 1926 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1927 to 1961, and \$10,000, 1962.

500,000 Class C 4 1/2% electric plant bonds. Election of 1926. Dated Nov. 1 1926 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1927 to 1961, and \$10,000, 1962.

486,000 Class D, series 1, 4 1/2% electric plant bonds. Election of 1924. Dated Oct. 1 1926 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1928 to 1961, and \$10,000, 1962.

Denom. \$1,000. Split bids will not be considered. Prin. and int. payable at the Bowery & East River National Bank in New York City or at the office of the City Treasurer. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approving opinion. A certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, for 2% par value of the bonds, is required.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received for the purchase of a \$320,000 issue of 5 1/2% improvement bonds by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors until Oct. 13.

LUFKIN, Angelina County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The five issues of bonds aggregating \$300,000 sold on Sept. 23—V. 125, p. 1741—to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville for a premium of \$21,719, equal to 107.239 are due serially from 1928 to 1967, giving a basis of about 4.90% as they bear 5 1/2% interest.

LUZERNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brownsville), Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The National Deposit Co. of Brownsville was awarded the \$150,000 4 1/2% series A coupon road improvement bonds offered on June 7—V. 124, p. 3106—at a premium of \$2,400, equal to 101.60 a basis of about 4.17%. Due \$15,000, 1928 to 1937 inclusive.

LYNN HAVEN, Bay County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 issue of 6% general purpose bonds offered on Sept. 14—V. 125, p. 1034—have not as yet been awarded. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due \$8,000, Oct. 1 1932 to 1956 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Public auction can be resorted to for the sale of these bonds.

MCDONALD, Rawlins County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 14 by H. I. Bastin, City Clerk, for an issue of \$10,199.45 5% curb and gutter improvement bonds. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. A certified check for \$210 is required.

MADISON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mansfield), Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Merle Pecht, Clerk Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time), Oct. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$15,400 5% road bonds. Date Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,400. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,400, 1928, and \$3,000, 1929 to 1932, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Township Clerk. A certified check payable to the order of the Clerk Board of School Trustees, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

MALVERNE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas A. Hays, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$71,746.19 4 1/2% coupon or registered street paving bonds. Date Oct. 15 1927. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and one bond for \$1,746.19. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$3,500, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$1,746.19, 1948. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Lynbrook National Bank, Lynbrook. A certified check payable to the order of Albert J. Brown, Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$79,600 offered on Sept. 30—V. 125, p. 1742—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City, at 104.25, a basis of about 4.07%: \$45,000 highway improvement bonds. Due \$3,000 Sept. 1 1932 to 1946, inclusive.

34,600 Weaver Street, Part 1, highway improvement bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1943, incl., and \$600, 1949. Date Sept. 1 1927

Other bidders were:
Bidder— Rate Bid. Bidder— Rate Bid.
Larchmont National Bank—103.81 Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.—104.14
Trust Co. of Larchmont—102.00 Batchelder, Wack & Co.—103.04
Trust Co. of Mamaroneck—102.85 Clark, Williams & Co.—102.50
L. F. Rothschild—103.13 Pulley & Co.—103.16

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,200 sanitary sewer bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1871—were awarded to the Richland Savings Bank, at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.25, maturing as follows: \$4,250, Apr. 1 1928; \$4,800, Oct. 1 1928; \$4,225, Apr. 1 1929; \$4,725, Oct. 1 1929; \$4,200, Apr. 1 1930; \$4,650, Oct. 1 1930; \$2,250, Apr. 1 1931; \$2,450, Oct. 1 1931; \$2,250, Apr. 1 1932 and \$2,400, Oct. 1 1932. Date Oct. 1 1927.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 31 by J. B. White, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for a \$58,000 issue of not exceeding 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Expense of legal opinion and furnishing of blank bonds to be borne by purchaser. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in New York at Bankers Trust Co. or at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

MARIN COUNTY (P. O. San Rafael), Calif.—BOND SALE.—Heller, Bruce & Co. and the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., both of San Francisco, jointly, were the purchasers of the \$190,000 4 1/2% highway bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1871—paying \$6,911 premium, equal to 103.63, a basis of about 4.15%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1929 to 1941 and \$10,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office or the fiscal agency in New York in gold.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Stuart), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 14 by Edward Mapp, Superintendent of the Board of Public Instruction, for a \$50,000 issue of 6% coupon instruction board bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927 and due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 from 1929 to 1953. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in N. Y. City at the Seaboard National Bank. Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City attorneys, will furnish legal approval. A certified check for \$1,500 is required.

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. W. Masters, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. Oct. 26, for the purchase of an issue of \$19,000 5% special assessment, improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1938, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the sinking fund trustees. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Cuddy, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$123,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$123,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.; \$5,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; \$5,500, 1947 and 1948, and \$6,000, 1949 to 1953 incl. If the bids submitted do not warrant the sale of 4 1/2% bonds, then bids for 4 3/4% will be considered. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Peoples Trust & Guaranty Co., Hackensack. A certified check, payable to the order of the Custodian of School Moneys for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City.

MEDIA, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 6 the \$24,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on that date—V. 125, p. 1871—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia, for \$24,700.80, equal to 102.92, a basis of about 4.07%. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due \$10,000 Oct. 1 1932 and \$14,000 Oct. 1 1937. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh—\$549.00; Yarnall & Co., Philadelphia—578.64; R. M. Snyder & Co., Philadelphia—650.00; E. H. Rollins & Co., Philadelphia—677.28; W. H. Newbold's Sons & Co., Philadelphia—669.48; A. B. Leach & Co., Philadelphia—559.20; C. C. Collings & Co., Philadelphia—617.58; First National Bank, Media, Pa.—600.00

MELVINDALE (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sylvester C. Mabie, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3.30 p. m. Oct. 12, for the purchase of \$18,000 special assessment bonds not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500, Oct. 1 1929 to 1932, incl. Principal and interest payable at the American State Bank, Detroit. A certified check for \$500 is required.

MELVINDALE, Mich.—NO BIDS.—Sylvester C. Mabie, Village Clerk, informs us that there were no bids submitted for the \$18,000 not to exceed 6% special assessment bonds offered on Sept. 28 (V. 125, p. 1612). The bonds mature serially from Oct. 1 1929 to 1932 inclusive.

MEXIA, Limestone County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Oct. 27 for the voters to decide on the proposition of issuing \$50,000 in bonds for street paving and \$10,000 for storm sewers.

MIAMISBURG, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl F. Lenz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 o'c. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,000 6% coupon special assessment. Tenth Street paving bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$100. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

MIDDLEBURG, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Bevins, Village President, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 11 for the purchase of \$35,000 coupon or registered water bonds not to exceed 5%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1962 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Middleburg. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for \$1,000, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MIDLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 issue of 5 1/2% school bonds offered for sale on May 2—V. 124, p. 2641—has been awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco, which paid a premium of \$958, a price of 103.991, or a basis of about 4.75%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1927. Due \$2,000 from 1928 to 1934; \$3,000 in 1935; \$4,000, 1936, and \$3,000, 1937.

MITCHELL, Davison County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 issue of not exceeding 5% coupon water works improvement bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1613—was awarded to the Mitchell National Bank and the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Mitchell as 4 1/2% bonds for a price of 104.62, a basis of about 4.15%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due on Nov. 1 1947. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) will be paid at point satisfactory to both purchaser and city.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Troy), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 7 by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for an \$80,000 issue of 4 1/2% county bonds. Interest payable semi-annually.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BONDS OFFERED BY WESTERN BANKERS.—The \$590,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon metropolitan sewerage bonds which was sold on Sept. 28—V. 125, p. 1871—is now being offered for investment by the purchasers, the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at prices to yield, regardless of maturities, 4%. Principal may be registered only. These bonds are pledged securities of the county. Tax exempt, including sure taxes. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

Table with 2 columns: Assessed valuation of Milwaukee County, 1927 and Assessed valuation of metropolitan sewerage area. Total debt Milwaukee County (incl. \$18,369,000 sewerage bonds)—19,763,000; Less sinking funds—131,492; Net debt—19,631,508. Population of Milwaukee County, 539,469; population of metropolitan sewerage area, 527,287.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The First Minneapolis Trust Co. and the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, jointly, purchased on Sept. 28 a \$1,500,000 issue of 3.85% certificates of indebtedness. The notes run from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a detailed statement of the bids received on Sept. 28—V. 125, p. 1871—for the sale of the \$1,857,731.94 4% coupon or registered gold improvement bonds:

1. Awarded to the First National Bank of New York, and First National Bank of Minneapolis, for par and a premium of \$4,088, said bonds to bear interest at 4%. (Rate of yield 3.97684%)

The following bids were also presented:
2. Eldredge & Co. and Wells-Dickey Co., par and a premium of \$3,716 for bonds bearing interest at 4%. (Rate of yield 3.97895%)
3. Estabrook & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Kountze Bros., and Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., par and a premium of \$3,160, for bonds bearing interest at 4%. (Rate of yield 3.9821%)
4. White, Weld & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler,

and Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul, par and a premium of \$873.14, for bonds bearing interest at 4%.

5. Kalman & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons., Phelps, Fenn & Co., Howe, Snow & Co., and Pulleyn & Co., par and a premium of \$371.54, for bonds bearing interest as follows:

- \$1,285,731.94 maturing in 1928 to 1945, incl. 4 1/4%
572,000.00 maturing in 1945 to 1952, incl. 3 3/4%

\$1,857,731.94

6. Bankers Trust Co. of New York, Guaranty Co. of New York, National City Co., and First Minneapolis Trust Co., par and a premium of \$375, for bonds bearing interest as follows:

- \$370,731.94 maturing 1928 to 1932, incl. 5%
1,487,000.00 maturing 1933 to 1952, incl. 4%

\$1,857,731.94

7. W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Eastman, Dillon & Co., R. H. Moulton & Co., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., and Ames, Emerich & Co., par for bonds bearing interest as follows:

- \$518,731.94 maturing 1928 to 1934, incl. 4 1/4%
1,339,000.00 maturing 1935 to 1952, incl. 4%

\$1,857,731.94

8. Halsey, Stuart & Co., Old Colony Corp., and R. M. Schmidt & Co., par and a premium of \$2,044, for bonds bearing interest as follows:

- \$370,731.94 maturing 1928 to 1932, incl. 5%
1,487,000.00 maturing 1933 to 1952, incl. 4%

\$1,857,731.94

9. Wm. R. Compton Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Continental & Commercial Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Detroit Co., and Northern Trust Co., par and a premium of \$272, for bonds bearing interest as follows:

- \$296,731.94 maturing 1928 to 1931, incl. 5%
1,561,000.00 maturing 1932 to 1952, incl. 4%

\$1,857,731.94

MONROE, Union County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Boyte, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until noon on Oct. 18 for a \$200,000 issue of 5 1/4% public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 21 as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1939; \$6,000, 1940 to 1954 and \$7,000, 1955 to 1964, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, will furnish legal approval. City will furnish required forms. A \$4,000 certified check, payable to the City Clerk is required.

MOUNT AIRY, Surry County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 10 by Town Clerk F. M. Poore for the purchase of an issue of \$195,000 5% water works bonds.

MOUNT CLEMENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Macomb County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on Sept. 27 the voters rejected the proposition of issuing \$298,000 bonds to pay for an addition to the local high school by a vote of 326 to 119.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of not exceeding 6% school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1742—was awarded to the Hugh B. McGuire & Co. of Portland as 4 1/8 for a price of 101.47, a basis of about 4.36%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 1947. Prin. and int. payable in New York at Oregon fiscal agency or at the County Treasurer's office. The following is a complete list of bids received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Bid Price, and Amount. Includes entries like *Hugh B. McGuire & Co., Lumbermen's Trust Co., Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Municipal Reserve, Peirce, Fair & Co., Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Oregon State Treasurer, and *Successful bidder.

NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 21 by James S. Rickards, District Secretary, for a \$250,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000 1937 and 1938; \$9,000 1939, \$10,000 1940 to 1947; \$15,000 1948 to 1950, and \$20,000 1951 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the National Park Bank in New York City, or at the office of the District Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston, were awarded on Sept. 30 a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.42% discount basis, plus a premium of \$4.00. The loan matures Feb. 15 1928.

NASHVILLE, Davidson County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$725,000 of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds offered for sale on Oct. 5—V. 125, p. 1742—was awarded to a group consisting of Lehman Bros., Kean, Taylor & Co. and the National Park Bank, all of New York, and J. C. Bradford & Co. of Nashville, for a premium of \$24,070, equal to 103.32, a basis of about 4.27%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1927 and due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$25,000, 1938 to 1942; \$30,000, 1943 to 1947; \$40,000, 1948 to 1952, and \$50,000, 1953 to 1957, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Park Bank in New York City or at the office of the Secretary of the Board. The other bidders were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Bid Price, and Amount. Includes entries like Kountze Bros. and C. W. McNear & Co., Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson, Morris, Mather & Co. of Chicago.

NETCONG, Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of coupon registered water bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1742—were awarded to Rufus Waples & Co. of Philadelphia as 4 1/4 at a premium of \$410, equal to 101.64, a basis of about 4.58%. Dated Aug. 1 1927. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1929 to 1953 incl.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer until 12 m. Oct. 10 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$500,000 temporary loan maturing on April 5 1928.

NEW LONDON, New London County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Carey Congdon, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 11 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$450,000:

\$250,000 series No. 6 public improvement bonds. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$12,000 1928 to 1937 incl., and \$13,000, 1938 to 1947 incl. 200,000 series No. 11 water works improvement bonds. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1937 incl., and \$7,000, 1938 to 1957 incl. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 15) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office or at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; the said trust company will also supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the sealed impressed thereon. A certified check payable to the order of the city for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon gold serial city bonds, offered for sale on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1742—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Caldwell & Co., Redmond & Co., R. W. Pressprich & Co., the First National Bank of New York, the Old Colony Corporation of Boston and Wheeler & Woolfolk of New Orleans, for a premium of \$168,300, equal to 103.74, a basis of about 4.28%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Oct. 1 1927, and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$46,000 in 1929, \$25,000 in 1930 to 1932, \$30,000 in 1933 and 1934, \$36,000 in 1935, \$38,000 in 1936 and 1937, \$41,000 in 1938, \$44,000 in 1939, \$45,000 in 1940 and 1941, \$48,000 in 1942, \$49,000 in 1943, \$52,000 in 1944, \$55,000 in 1945, \$57,000 in 1946, \$60,000 in 1947, \$62,000 in 1948, \$65,000 in 1949, \$67,000 in 1950, \$72,000 in 1951, \$75,000 in 1952, \$79,000 in 1953, \$82,000 in 1954, \$85,000 in 1955, \$90,000 in 1956, \$92,000 in 1957, \$98,000 in 1958, \$102,000 in 1959, \$106,000 in 1960, \$110,000 in 1961, \$115,000 in 1962, \$120,000 in 1963, \$125,000 in 1964, \$132,000 in 1965, \$137,000 in 1966, \$144,000 in 1967, \$150,000 in 1968, \$155,000 in 1969, \$165,000 in 1970, \$170,000 in 1971, \$180,000 in 1972, \$185,000 in 1973, \$195,000 in 1974, \$205,000 in 1975, \$210,000 in 1976 and \$138,000 in 1977. The second highest bid was submitted by a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. and including the Wm. R. Compton Co., Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc., the National City Co., and the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans, offering a premium of \$140,116.50, equal to 103.1173. Third highest bid offered a premium of \$117,450,

equal to 102.61, and it was made by the Lehman Bros. group and included the City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Shreveport.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William N. Mullen, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. Oct. 10 for the purchase of an issue of \$65,000 coupon or registered fire house and apparatus bonds not to exceed 5%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$13,000 Jan. 1 1929 to 1933 incl. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Manhasset. A certified check payable to the order of the town for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City.

NORTH PELHAM (P. O. Pelham), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$375,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1743—were awarded to Rutter & Co. and Redmond & Co., both of New York City, jointly, as 4.10s at 100.05; a basis of about 4.09%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1928, and \$20,000, 1929 to 1946 inclusive.

OKLAND, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 issue of 4 1/4% harbor improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 29 (V. 125, p. 1872) was awarded to the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco, the Bank of Italy and Dean Witter & Co. for a premium of \$38,772, equal to 104.30, a basis of about 4.11%. Date July 1 1927 and due on July 1 as follows: \$71,000 in 1929, \$23,000 from 1930 to 1944, and \$22,000 1945 to 1966, inclusive. Other bidders for the issue were: E. R. Gundelfinger, Inc., Heller, Bruce & Co., The Detroit Co., Weeden & Co. and the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co., \$37,311; R. H. Moulton & Co., the Security Co. (Los Angeles), and the American National Co., \$35,750; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, National City Co., Anglo California Trust Co. and the California Securities Co., \$33,183; Blyth, Witter & Co., Crocker First National Bank and E. H. Rollins & Sons, \$31,535. The bonds are an additional issue of a block of \$9,960,000 voted Nov. 10 1925, for the purpose of improving the Oakland harbor, constructing piers, water ways and general terminal facilities.

OCEAN BEACH, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Roland W. McCurdy, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 17 at the office of LeRoy B. Iserman, 115 Broadway, New York City, for the purchase of an issue of \$8,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds not to exceed 6%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1935 incl. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the South Side Bank, Bay Shore. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village for \$200, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

OHIO COUNTY (P. O. Hartford), Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% indebtedness bonds was recently purchased for par by J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati.

OLMITO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cameron County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$52,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the State at par.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Paoli), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,200 4 1/4% coupon road bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1872—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$233.70, equal to 101.81, a basis of about 4.12%. Due May 15 and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Bid Price, and Amount. Includes entries like Fletcher American Co., Inland Investment Co.

OSWEGO, Oswego County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$525,000 offered on Oct. 5—V. 125, p. 1743—were awarded to Roosevelt & Son and George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, jointly, at 100.04, a basis of about 3.96%, as follows: \$500,000 school bonds, as 4s. Due \$20,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1952, incl. 25,000 water bonds, as 3 1/4s. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1942, incl., and \$2,000, 1943 to 1947, incl.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Bid Price, and Amount. Includes entries like Remick, Hodges & Co., Second National Bank, National City Bank, Estabrook & Co., C. W. McNear & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., W. R. Compton Co., H. L. Allen & Co., Edward Lowber Stokes & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Guardian Detroit Co., Pulleyn & Co., Manufacturers & Traders, Peoples Trust Co., Bankers Trust Co.

PADUCAH, McCracken County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Nov. 8 to vote on the proposition of issuing \$300,000 storm water trunk sewer bonds. Bonds to mature \$10,000 yearly for 30 years. Int. rate to be at not above 4 1/2% and payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. A two-thirds majority vote is required.

PAINESVILLE, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,585.71 5% coupon paying bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 125, p. 1743—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$266.46, equal to 102.29, a basis of about 4.64%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,235.71, 1929; \$1,100, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$1,500, 1934, and \$1,200, 1935 to 1938, incl.

PATTERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The four issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds offered on Oct. 7—V. 125, p. 1743—were awarded as follows:

To a syndicate headed by George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York: \$817,000 school bonds (\$857,000 offered) at 104.91, a basis of about 4.13%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1951 incl.; \$25,000, 1952 to 1964 incl., and \$12,000, 1965. 401,000 water bonds (\$420,000 offered) at 104.92, a basis of about 4.09%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1963 incl.; \$15,000, 1964 and 1965, and \$11,000, 1966. 306,000 general impt. bonds (\$318,000 offered) at 104.08, a basis of about 4.08%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1957 incl., and \$6,000, 1958. To a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, New York: \$144,000 Passaic Valley Sewer bonds (\$150,000 offered) at 103.44, a basis of about 4.22%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1961 incl., and \$3,000, 1962. Date Oct. 1 1927.

PHARR, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co. of Denver, were the purchasers of a \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% water bonds.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Philadelphia County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 3 1/2% registered gold bonds offered on Oct. 7—V. 125, p. 1614—were awarded to the Sinking Fund of the City of Philadelphia. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due \$100,000 Oct. 1 1938 to 1957 incl. There were no other bids submitted for the entire issue.

PINAL COUNTY ELECTRICAL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Casa Grande), Ari.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 3 by Secretary Floyd C. Templeton for a \$100,000 issue of 6% power bonds. Due on July 1 1943. A certified check for 5% is required.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Warren R. F. D. No. 4), Warren County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/4% highway bonds offered on June 25—V. 124, p. 3808—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia at 103.61, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated July 1 1927. Due July 1 1947. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis was awarded on Sept. 26 an issue of \$14,800 4 1/2% road bonds at 101.93. Other bidders were: Union Trust Co., 101.91; City Securities Corp., 101.72; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., 101.74; Fletcher-American Co., 101.70.

PORT OF ANACORTES (P. O. Anacortes), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Oct. 11 by Howard J. Sackett, Secretary of the Port Commission, for a \$93,000 issue of not exceeding 6% coupon improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1947. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

PORTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Youngstown), Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1872—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$878.40, equal to 101.83, a basis of about 4.34%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as fol-

lows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1944 incl., and \$2,000, 1945 to 1960 incl. The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
R. F. DeVoe & Co.	101.57
George B. Gibbons & Co.	101.37
Pulleyn & Co.	101.33
National Bank & Trust Co., Niagara	101.00

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS (P. O. New Orleans), La.—PORT BONDS OFFERED BY SYNDICATE.—The syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Wm. R. Compton Co., both of New York, and the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans, is offering for investment the \$3,000,000 4 1/2% serial gold bonds awarded on Aug. 31—V. 125, p. 1352—to them for a \$32,400 premium. Bonds are in \$500 and \$1,000 denom. Prin. and semi-annual int. (F. & A. 1) payable in gold at State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency in New York City. Coupon or registered bonds dated Aug. 1, 1927. Priced to yield 4.25% on all maturities. Legal investment for Massachusetts savings banks. General obligations of the State of Louisiana.

Financial Statement.

Assessed value taxable property, 1926	\$1,717,877,125
Total bonded debt, including this issue	57,319,420
Sinking fund	\$111,275
Net bonded debt	57,208,145
Population, 1920 United States Census, 1,798,509.	

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$172,986.35 assessment street improvement bonds offered on Sept. 20 (V. 125, p. 1491) were awarded to Ercod, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati as 4 1/2% at a premium of \$1,401.16, equal to 100.81, a basis of about 4.33%. Dated July 1, 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$17,986.35, 1929; \$17,000, 1930; \$18,000, 1931; \$17,000, 1932 and 1933; \$18,000, 1934, and \$17,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.

POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mount Vernon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Mount Vernon National Bank & Trust Co. of Mount Vernon, was awarded on Sept. 29, an issue of \$26,000 4 1/2% road bonds at a premium of \$679, equal to 102.61, a basis of about 3.92%. Due May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

PRICHARD, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—A \$48,000 issue of 6% public improvement bonds has recently been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of New York City. Date July 1 1927 and due on July 1 1937. Optional after 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York at the Hanover National Bank.

PRYOR, Mayes County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$7,500 improvement bonds was awarded on Sept. 28 to the water sinking fund of the city.

PULASKI COUNTY PAVING DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Little Rock), Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$233,000 issue of 6% paving bonds was recently purchased by Geo. H. Burr & Co. of St. Louis and Taussig, Day, Fairbanks & Co. of St. Louis, jointly. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years. Int. payable Apr. and Oct. 1.

RITTMAN, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Newberry, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$5,000 6% improvement bonds. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$625. Due \$625 from 1928 to 1935, incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

ROBESON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Lumberton), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 26 by Junius J. Goodwin, the attorney for the district, for a \$50,000 issue of 6% improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927 and due \$6,000 on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1946, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York at the Hanover National Bank. A certified check for 2% of the bid required.

ROBERTSON COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$455,000 issue of 4 1/2% highway bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1614—was awarded to the American National Co. of Nashville as 4 1/2% bonds for a premium of \$8,500, equaling 101.87, a basis of about 4.38%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1927 and due on Aug. 1 1948. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

ROCHESTER, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Oct. 17, for the purchase of voting on the question of appropriating \$150,000 by floating a bond issue to pay the cost of building a new school house.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The following issues of notes, aggregating \$1,530,000, were awarded to the National Bank of Rochester on a 3.38% discount basis:

\$300,000 transit subway.
25,000 water works improvement.
65,000 Winton Road subway.
15,000 municipal land purchase.
350,000 overdue tax.
125,000 school construction.

Dated Oct. 10 1927. The overdue tax notes mature on Dec. 10 1927 and the other issues on Feb. 10 1928.

ROCHESTER, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$55,000 street improvement bonds awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, at 102.30 in V. 125, p. 1873—bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and are more fully described as follows: Date Sept. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denom. Due serially Sept. 1, 1942 to 1955 incl. Int. payable M. & S.

ROCK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rock Hill), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—R. O. Burts, Secretary & Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids for \$25,000 5% coupon school bonds until 11 a. m. on Oct. 20. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1944; \$2,000, 1945 and \$5,000, 1946 and 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish legal approval. A certified check, payable to the Trustee for 2% of the bid, is required.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bid until 12 m. Nov. 1 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% special assessment bonds: \$22,900 water main construction bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,900, 1929; \$2,000 in each of the years, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, and 1937; and \$3,000 in each of the years 1932, 1936, and 1938. 6,700 lateral water bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,200, 1929 and \$1,500 in each of the years, 1930, 1931, and 1933, and \$1,000, 1932. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

ROSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Cando), N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 10 by Evelyn Anderson, District Clerk, for a \$9,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 5% is required.

ROWAN COUNTY (P. O. Salisbury), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon on Oct. 10 by Max L. Barker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the purchase of a \$417,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon county notes. Date Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$92,000, on July 1 1928 and \$325,000 on July 1 1929. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in New York at the National Park Bank. Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish legal approval. A certified check, payable to the Board of County Commissioners for 2% of the bid, is required.

SACRAMENTO, Sacramento County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Sept. 27 the voters defeated the proposition of issuing \$11,600,000 in bonds to replace the old Sacramento River water supply with a mountain supply. The vote failed of a two-thirds needed majority, the total count being 8,838 "for" to 6,834 "against."

ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Port Huron), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$240,000 offered on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1744—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit, at 102.16, a basis of about 4.34%:

\$67,000 Assessment District No. 90 bonds.
50,000 Assessment District No. 91 bonds.
47,000 Assessment District No. 93 bonds.
38,500 Assessment District No. 92 bonds.
31,000 Assessment District No. 97 bonds.
16,500 Assessment District No. 59 bonds.

The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1927, and mature serially from May 1 1929 to 1937, inclusive.

The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Rate Bid.	Bidder	Rate Bid.
Detroit Trust Co., Detroit	101.80	W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	101.39
Guardian Trust Co., Detroit	101.68	Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Cincinnati	101.76
Prudden & Co., Toledo	101.63		

ST. CLAIR SHORES (P. O. Mt. Clemens), Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 special assessment water works bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1614—were awarded to a syndicate composed of E. A. McCrone & Co., Lewis & Co. and Joel Stockard & Co., all of Detroit, as 4 1/2% at 100.63, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1929; \$40,000, 1930 to 1932 incl., and \$50,000, 1933.

ST. LOUIS, Buchanan County, Mo.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete list of the bidders and bids submitted on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1873—for the \$7,861,000 issue of 4% coupon or registered public building and improvement bonds:

Bidder	Price Bid.
*Kauffman, Smith & Co., Estabrook & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Kountze Bros., Kean, Taylor & Co., Detroit Trust Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee and Second Ward Securities Co.	\$7,927,818.50
Knight, Dysart & Gamble	7,897,632.26
Blair & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Hallgarten & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Liberty Central Trust Co., Batchelder, Waack & Co., Stephens & Co., Pulleyn & Co., H. L. Allen & Co. and Mercantile Trust Co.	7,889,142.38
Eldredge & Co., First National Co.	7,884,504.39
First National Bank (New York), Redmond & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Old Colony Corp., Phelps, Fenn & Co., Stix & Co. and Smith, Moore & Co.	7,876,722.00
Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Federal Commerce Trust Co. and Mississippi Valley Trust Co.	7,876,643.39
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Equitable Trust Co., R. G. Becker & Co., R. W. Pressprich & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Howe, Snow & Co., First National Co. (Detroit) and Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.	7,872,010.00
Wm. R. Compton Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Guardian Trust Co., L. P. Rothschild & Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Continental & Commercial Co., Stone, Webster & Blodgett and Curtis & Sanger	7,871,221.50

*Successful bidder.

SABINE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Many), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. M. Abington, Secretary of the Police Jury, until Oct. 26 for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% road bonds. (For a previous offer on Sept. 12 of these bonds, see V. 125, p. 1224.)

SAINT CLOUD, Osceola County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Oct. 14 by George M. Mitchell, City Manager, for a \$78,000 issue of 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1928 to 1936, and \$6,000, 1937. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of 4 1/2% water and sewer bonds has recently been awarded to A. D. Wakeman & Co. of Portland for a price of \$11,037, a basis of about 4.38%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Due \$10,000 from 1928 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in New York at the Oregon fiscal agency. (This report supplements that given in V. 125, p. 1873.)

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 4 1/2% city bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3 (V. 125, p. 1873) was awarded to Dean Witter & Co. of Portland. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$20,000 Oct. 1 1936 and 1937.

SALINA, Salina County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$158,881.96 4 1/2% improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1873—was purchased by the State for the school fund at par. Denoms. \$1,000 and one for \$881.96. Dated Aug. 1 1927 and due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$14,881.96 in 1928 and \$16,000 from 1929 to 1937 incl. Int. payable Feb. and Aug. 1.

SANDSTONE TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Parma), Cuyahoga County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—L. O. Hunn, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 18 for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1935 incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1946 incl., and \$3,000, 1947 to 1956 incl. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. Successful bidder to furnish blank bonds and legal opinion.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on Oct. 17 by J. S. Dunningan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for a \$700,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered Bernal Cut bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$35,000 from 1932 to 1951 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the office of the Treasurer of the City and County or at the fiscal agency of the city in New York. Bids may be for the whole or any part of the bonds stating the year or years of maturity on bids for less than the total amount. A certified check, drawn payable to the Clerk of the Board for 5% of the bid, is required.

Financial Statement.

The outstanding bonded debt of the city and county Sept. 28 1927 was:	
Water, 1910	\$37,000,000
Hetch Hetchy, 1925	7,400,000
Other bonds	\$44,400,000
	40,294,200
Total	\$84,697,200
The city has no floating indebtedness nor debt created in anticipation of taxes. The assessment roll for the current fiscal year is:	
City and county non-operative property	\$783,771,568
State operative property	241,014,877
Total assessment	\$1,024,786,445
Property assessed at approximately 50% of its value.	

SAN FRANCISCO, San Francisco County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—At the regular election on Nov. 8 the voters will be called upon to pass on the proposition of issuing \$15,980,000 in bonds for roads, railway and power transmission line purposes.

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Wm. R. Staats & Co. of San Francisco was awarded the \$450,000 issue of 4 1/2% Cabrillo Blvd. and Booth Point Road bonds offered for sale on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1614—for a price of 102.51, a basis of about 4.25%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927 and due \$15,000 on July 1 from 1928 to 1957, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at City Treasurer's office. All bids were rejected on the \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2% incinerator bonds. (This corrects the report as given in V. 125, p. 1873.)

SAUSALITO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Rafael), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 873—was sold to Heller, Bruce & Co. of San Francisco for a premium of \$1,840, equal to 111.15.

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur Herbert, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 11 at the office of William Cravath White, 217 Broadway, New York, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon drainage bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Scarsdale National Bank, Scarsdale. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds, is required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

SCOTLAND NECK GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Halifax), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of not to exceed 6% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 125, p. 1745—was awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo as 5% bonds for a premium of \$163.66, equal to 101.09, a basis of about 4.87%. Denom. \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due \$500 yearly from Nov. 1 1928 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold in New York.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 8 there will be an election for the voters to decide on the issuance of \$20,000 airport bonds.

SELMA RURAL DISTRICT, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5% school bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 125, p. 1492—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$252, equal to 102.10, a basis of about 4.62%. Date Sept. 1 1927. Due \$500 semi-annually, from 1928 to 1939, incl.

SHAKOPEE, Scott County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of water works improvement bonds has been purchased recently by the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul.

SHANDAKEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Kingston), Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—A banking group composed of the Kingston Savings Bank, the Rondout Savings Bank and the National Ulster County Savings Bank, all of Kingston, was awarded on Sept. 13 an issue of \$19,000 4 1/2% school bonds at a premium of \$1,000, equal to 105.26.

SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. P. Rudolph, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 11 for the purchase of an issue of \$103,500 4 1/2% coupon special assessment, street improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,500, 1929; \$11,000, 1930; \$12,000, 1931; \$11,000, 1932; \$12,000, 1933; \$11,000, 1934; \$12,000, 1935; \$11,000, 1936, and \$12,000, 1937. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required. Bids will be opened at 8 p. m. These are the bonds originally scheduled to be sold on Sept. 29.—V. 125, p. 1745.

SHARPSVILLE, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Graber, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Oct. 19 for the purchase of an issue of \$35,000 4 1/4% or 4 1/2% borough bonds, and \$10,000, 1939, 1944 and 1947. A certified check, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Columbiana), Ala.—WARRANT SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 6% school warrants has been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of New York. Dated March 1 1927 and due in 1937. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable in New York at the National Park Bank.

SIDNEY, Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y. City were recently awarded two issues of 5% improvement bonds aggregating \$26,000 at 103.76.

SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Orange), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1745—were awarded to the First National Bank of New York City as 4 1/4% as follows:

\$830,000 series A bonds (\$834,000 offered) at 100.54, a basis of about 4.21%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$20,000, 1934 to 1946 incl.; \$25,000, 1947 to 1965 incl.; and \$20,000, 1966.

169,000 series B bonds at 100.52, a basis of about 4.21%. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$5,000, 1934 to 1966 incl.; and \$4,000, 1967.

Dated Jan. 1 1927. The successful bidder is now offering the bonds at prices to yield as follows:

Table with columns: Due, To Yield, Due, To Yield, Due, To Yield. Rows for 1929-30, 1931-32, 1933-35, 1936-37, 4.15%.

SPENCER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, were recently awarded an issue of \$33,000 3 1/2% water bonds, at 100.33. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Bidder, Rate Bid. Rows for Old Colony Corp., Shawmut Corp.

STANFORD, Judith Basin County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Nov. 7 by H. H. Galt, Town Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of not exceeding 6% bonds, aggregating \$60,000, as follows:

\$50,000 water bonds. Either amortization or serial bonds. If serial, they shall be in denom. of \$500 and due \$1,000 on July 1 and \$1,500 on Jan. 1 for 20 years.

10,000 sewer bonds. Amortization or serial. Denom. \$250 if serial and due \$250 on Jan. and July 1 for 20 years.

Dated Jan. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Town Treasurer or at purchaser's desired spot. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

STANHOPE, Sussex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Job J. Shaw, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% water bonds not to exceed \$19,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$19,000. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1945 incl.; and \$500, 1946 to 1947. Prin. and int. payable at the Citizens' National Bank, Netcong. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

STEVENS POINT, Portage County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon storm sewer construction bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 125, p. 1874—was awarded to H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$755, equal to 101.51, a basis of about 4.32%. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1927 and due on April 1 1938. Not retireable before maturity. Interest payable April and Oct. 1.

SUPERIOR, Nuckolls County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 4% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1942, and \$2,000, 1943 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Vevay), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 4 1/2% Glenn Shaw et al Pleasant Twp. road bonds offered on Sept. 27—V. 125, p. 1615—were awarded to the First National Bank of Vevay, at a premium of \$165, equal to 102.75, a basis of about 4.07%. Date Sept. 15 1927. Due May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1939 inclusive.

TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville)—BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of not exceeding 5% coupon or registered bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 125, p. 1745—were awarded to the National City Co. of New York, and W. H. Newbolds Son & Co. of Philadelphia, jointly, as 4% bonds, paying a premium of \$1,185, equaling a price of 100.079, a basis of about 3.99%. The two issues aggregated \$1,500,000 and were divided as follows:

\$1,000,000 4% rural public school building and repair bonds. Date July 1 1927 and due on July 1 1947.

500,000 4% University of Tennessee building bonds. Date July 1 1927, and due on July 1 1942.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$452,000 issue of 4 1/4% paving bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1874—was not sold, all bids submitted thereupon being rejected. A \$252,000 issue for immediate delivery will be offered for sale on Oct. 18. F. W. Knapp, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids.

TOPPENISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,700 issue of not exceeding 6% school bonds has recently been awarded at par on 5% bonds to the State of Washington.

TORRINGTON, Goshen County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Cotton, Clerk to the Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 22 for a \$12,000 issue of not exceeding 5% school house bonds. A certified check for \$500 is required.

TRINIDAD, Las Animas County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—M. H. Butler, City Clerk, will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. Oct. 24 for the purchase of an issue of \$57,000 4% refunding water bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due \$5,000, Jan. 1 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$6,000, 1932 to 1938 incl. Also for \$24,000 4% refunding sewer bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1934 incl.; and \$3,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—David H. Thomas, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 7 for the purchase of an issue of \$123,000 4 1/4% road bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$7,000, April and Oct. 1 1928; \$7,000, April and \$6,000, Oct. 1 1929, and 6,000 April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of Frank H. Musser, County Treasurer, for \$1,000, is required.

TWIN FALLS, Twin Falls County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$337,500 4 1/4 and 5% refunding water bonds was recently awarded to Edgerton & Co. of Salt Lake City at par. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due serially from 1929 to 1947.

VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Keosauqua), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Nov. 15 for the purpose of voting on the proposition of issuing \$500,000 in bonds to pave the primary roads.

VERMILLION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 4 1/2% coupon O. P. Ponton et al Helt Twp. road bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 125, p. 1615—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$85.00, equal to 101.70, a basis of about 4.14%. Date Oct. 1 1927. Due \$250, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Rows for Inland Investment Co., Fletcher American Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Meyer-Kiser Bank.

WARSAW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Warsaw), Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$6,000 school bonds awarded to Loren S. Duggan of Gainesville on Sept. 10 at a premium of \$145, equal to 102.58, are in \$300 denom. and mature \$300 on Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Chipley), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of 5% court house bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1746—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, the Atlantic National Bank and the Chipley State Bank for a price of 95, a basis of about 5.40%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1927 and due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1932; \$20,000, 1937; \$30,000, 1942; \$40,000, 1947, and \$50,000 in 1952 and 1957. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York City at the Chase National Bank. The \$500,000 issue of 5% highway bonds, also offered on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 1615—was not sold, all bids being rejected.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Stone, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$14,000 5% road improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,500, and one bond for \$500. Due semi-annually. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 15), payable at the Bellville Savings Bank, Bellville. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

WATERVILLE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. L. Mills, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 24 for the purchase of an issue of \$36,000 5% special assessment water works bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1929 to 1937 incl.; and \$4,500, 1938. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

WESTERLY, Washington County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—James M. Pendleton, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 4% coupon bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1957. Principal and interest payable at the office of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; the said trust company will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

WESTERVILLE, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Kline, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$17,000 5% coupon special assessment, Summit St. improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$1,500, 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$1,500, 1933 and 1934; \$2,000, 1935; \$1,500, 1936; \$2,000, 1937, and \$1,500, 1938. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

WEST UNION, Adams County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. McManis, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$2,700 6% village's portion, improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 Oct. 1 1929 to 1937, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

WHITE PLAINS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Loren S. Spoor, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 14 for the purchase of the following issues of registered bonds, aggregating \$743,000, not to exceed 5%:

- \$235,000 school site bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1937 to 1959, incl.; and \$5,000, 1960.
160,000 incinerator bonds. Due \$10,000, Oct. 1 1937 to 1952, incl.
85,000 series A highway bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; and \$2,000, 1937.
60,000 storm water drainage bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; and \$4,000, 1937.
39,000 school bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1937 to 1955, incl.; and \$1,000, 1956.
28,000 series B highway bonds. Due \$4,000, Oct. 1 1930 to 1936, incl.
25,000 series B street impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; and \$4,000, 1937.
110,000 series A street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; and \$12,000, 1937.
Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1-20th of 1%. Principal and interest payable at the office of the above-mentioned official. A certified check, payable to the order of the city, for \$15,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of 4 1/4% bonds were recently purchased by the Branch-Middlekauff Co. of Wichita at a discount price of 95.62. The three issues aggregate \$214,000 and are divided as follows: \$100,000 public building bonds, \$100,000 water works funding bonds, and \$14,000 cemetery bonds.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Tex.—WARRANTS SALE.—The Branch-Middlekauff & Co. of Wichita, recently purchased 3 issues of 4 1/4% warrants, aggregating \$214,000 as follows: \$100,000 public building warrants, \$100,000 water funding warrants, and \$14,000 city cemetery warrants.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon or registered drainage bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1875—was awarded to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Wildwood, taking \$55,000 (\$56,000 offered) paying \$56,111, equal to 102.02, a basis of about 4.78%. Date Sept. 15 1927. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1954, incl.; and \$1,000, 1955.

WILKINS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Linhart), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Andrew L. Patterson, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 24 for the purchase of an issue of \$90,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1943 incl.; \$5,000, 1944 to 1955 incl.; and \$4,000, 1956. A certified check, payable to the order of the District Treasurer for \$2,000, is required. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds.

WILLMAR, Kandiyohi County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 10 by City Clerk, Hans Gunderson, for a \$2,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness.

WILLSBORO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Willsboro), Essex County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—C. W. Grupe, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 14, at the offices of the Essex County National Bank, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1937, incl.; \$5,000, 1938 to 1943, incl.; \$6,000, 1944 to 1954, incl.; and \$7,000, 1955 and 1956. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in gold at the order of Elizabeth M. Martin, Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of Elizabeth M. Martin, Treasurer, for \$7,500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

WINNER, Tripp County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$68,000 issue of 5% street improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 9—V. 125, p. 1616—was awarded to the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis at a \$1,000 discount, a price of 98.48, a basis of about 5.11%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due in 1947.

WINONA, Winona County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon street improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4

—V. 125, p. 1746—was awarded to Winona Banks for a premium of \$500, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.12%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1927 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 & 1930; \$20,000, 1931; \$25,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1934 to 1936 and \$10,000 in 1937. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. The following is a complete list of the bids:

Bidder	Price Bid
Northwestern Trust Co.	\$100,130
Paine, Webber & Co.	100,440
Continental & Commercial Co.	100,429
Wells Dickey Co.	100,457
Stevenson, Perry, Stacy Co.	100,228

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Woodbridge), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—B. Joseph Dunigan, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of an issue of 4½% coupon or registered general improvement bonds not to exceed \$248,500, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$248,500. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Woodbridge National Bank, Woodbridge. Dated Oct. 10 1928. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1958 incl., and \$8,500, 1959. A certified check, payable to the order of the township for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Z. G. Murray, President Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 11 for the purchase of an issue of \$21,903.90 5% road improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,103.90, 1929, and \$2,200, 1930 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Auditor for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

YAKIMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Oct. 22 for two issues of not exceeding 6% coupon school bonds aggregating \$25,000 as follows: \$22,000 school construction and \$3,000 school equipment bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927 and due on Nov. 1 from 1929 to 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 5% is required.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,700 issue of coupon building and furnishing school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 24—V. 125, p. 1493—was awarded to the State of Washington as for a price of par. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due in 1947 and optional at any int. paying date. Int. payable Jan. 1 and July 1.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29 (P. O. Clarkdale), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 high school building bonds has recently been disposed of to an unknown purchaser.

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MONTMAGNY, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 125, p. 1875—were awarded to Versailles, Vidicaire & Co. of Montreal at 99.53, a basis of about 5.10%. The bonds are dated July 1 1927 and mature serially from 1928 to 1937 incl. Payable in Montmagny. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid	Bidder	Rate Bid
Societe Generale de Finance	99.37	Bray, Caron & Dube	99.27
Hamel Figele & Co.	99.24	Corporation D'obligation Mu-	98.12
Corporation de Piels	98.85	nicipales	98.12

MONTREAL, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,200,000 5% school bond offered on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 1747—were awarded to Bell, Gouinlock & Co. of Toronto and associates at 102.11, a basis of about 4.87%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 1962. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Syndicate of Bank of Montreal	\$101.09
Syndicate of Wood, Gundy & Co.	101.43
Syndicate of Hanson Bros.	101.43

MONTREAL METROPOLITAN COMMISSION (P. O. Montreal), Que.—BIDS.—The following is a list of other bidders for the three issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$6,037,000 awarded to a syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co. and the Bankers Trust Co., both of New York, and Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto, and the First National Bank of Boston at 96.20 a basis of about 4.76%—V. 125, p. 1875:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., and Canadian Bank of Commerce	95.83
Wood, Gundy & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; National City Co., and Guaranty Co.	95.32
Bank of Montreal; First National Bank; Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co.; A. E. Ames & Co.; Redmond & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Eldredge & Co.; Salomon Bros. & Hutzeler, and Hanson Bros.	95.33

REGINA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Cunningham, Sec.-Treas., will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$200,000 school bonds.

SASKATCHEWAN, Sask.—AUTHORIZATIONS.—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Sept. 10 to Sept. 17: Schools: Denholm No. 1916, \$5,000; File Hills No. 957, \$800; Heathland No. 1166, \$1,500; Reigate No. 4624, \$700; Ashdell No. 4725, \$3,000; Horton No. 2087, \$2,500; Irandale No. 4719, \$4,800; Wakaw P. P. S. No. 6 (village), \$8,500.

DEBENTURES SOLD.—The following is a list of debentures reported sold by the Local Government Board from Sept. 10 to Sept. 17: Newburg, No. 4603, \$4,000, 10 years, 5½%, Turner & Co., Regina; Wynyard No. 840, 2499, \$7,000, 10 years, 5½%, Turner & Co., Regina; Dewdrop No. 840, \$4,500, 15 years, 5½%, National School Supply; Flora No. 4087, \$3,700, 10 years, 6%, Turner & Co., Regina; Hawarden No. 2339, \$7,000, 5½%, Waterman, Waterbury Co., Regina; Esther No. 4706, \$2,000, 15 years, 5½%, H. J. Birkett & Co., Regina; Lashburn No. 1743, \$15,500, 10 years, 5½%, H. J. Birkett & Co., Regina; Sunny Brook No. 3826, \$800, 8 years, 6%, E. N. Watchler, Regina.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP Can.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Stewart, Township Treasurer, Council Chambers, Birch Cliff, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$345,812 5% debentures running from 5 to 30 years in maturities from 1927 to 1957, inclusive.

SHAWVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% 25-year serial bonds offered on Sept. 24 (V. 125, p. 1616) were awarded to O. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto at 98.06, a basis of about 5.21%. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid
L. A. Beaubien & Co.	97.00
Hanson Bros.	95.77

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