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### The Financial Situation.

The stock market the present week has been trying to steady itself, and after severe declines last Saturday enjoyed substantial rallies. Confidence has by no means been completely restored, yet the tone is much better than it was. Drives have continued against stocks which by manipulation had been carried to undue heights and these have been very successful as a rule, prices tumbling badly in such cases, declines of large proportions being often effected within an hour or two and often within a few minutes. Cliques stocks have fared badly, especially those ordinarily inactive, prices not infrequently dropping several points between sales. The cliques either were unable to extend further support or thought it best to let the stocks take care of themselves for the time being. At the same time it has not been found impossible to conduct active operations for a rise in other specialties not previously prominent, some of these being rushed up with great rapidity.

The general market however has not been much influenced by any of these operations. Its course has been governed entirely by the movements of certain high class and high priced stocks which have been market leaders for so long—that is share properties like U. S. Steel, Gen. Motors, Gen. Elec. and a few railroad stocks, including N. Y. Central and Southern Ry. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 134 $\frac{3}{8}$  after having closed at 130 $\frac{5}{8}$  on Friday of last week. On Sept. 16 this stock had sold at 160 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Gen. Motors closed yesterday at 129 $\frac{3}{4}$  for the new stock against 125 $\frac{3}{8}$  Friday of last week and 141 Oct. 4. Gen. Elec. closed yesterday at 126 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 122 $\frac{1}{4}$  last Friday and 146 $\frac{5}{8}$  Sept. 7. The close of N. Y. Central was 162 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 157 $\frac{3}{8}$  last Friday and the high for the year of 171 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Oct. 4. The close of

Southern Ry. com. was 135 $\frac{7}{8}$  as against 119 $\frac{1}{2}$  last Friday and 137 Oct. 4. As a rule the railroad shares have held up better than the industrial stocks, though considerable success has attended drives against stocks singled out for that purpose, like Erie common, Western Maryland etc., in which speculation had been active in the past. Accounts regarding the steel trade have not been encouraging, still the hope is being entertained that a turn for the better may be near.

Encouragement has been derived from the fact that a Congressional committee is now at work on a tax reduction measure and that there is definite promise of partial relief at least from the high taxes which have been weighing down business so heavily. Nothing would tend to revive trade so readily and have a more invigorating effect than knowledge that the high Federal income taxes were to be very substantially reduced. It was very gratifying to find the railroads at last protesting (as they did at the committee hearings this week) against the high corporate taxes from which these properties are suffering in common with corporations of every other class and description. Secretary Mellon's statement before the committee was well received but the hope is everywhere expressed that it may be found possible to grant greater tax relief than the Secretary indicated.

Yesterday the stock market encountered somewhat of a drawback in the fact that this week's Federal Reserve statement showed a renewed increase in brokers' loans, but only a temporary recession in values occurred. It is evident that for several weeks now the Stock Market has been largely left to itself, that is, has been, as a rule, without the supporting orders that had previously been so readily and so freely extended, whenever the list showed a severe downward plunge.

The moot question is whether this betokens simply a temporary change, adopted as a matter of policy to correct speculative excesses, or whether it means that the big financial interests who have so long been the real power behind the forward movement in prices have completely unloaded their holdings on the public and mean to stand aloof from market movements until the outlook for trade again becomes encouraging or stocks drop so low that they may safely be purchased for a long pull.

Strange as it may seem, last week's contraction in brokers loans, which it was supposed would be the forerunner of a long series of reductions, has been followed the present week by renewed expansion. Last week the grand total of these loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) by the 52 member banks in New York City of the

Federal Reserve system fell from \$3,434,107,000 to \$3,343,777,000. This week the total has risen again, the amount for Nov. 2 standing at \$3,371,705,000. Yet liquidation on the Stock Exchange has continued, though at a diminished rate. Really the course of these brokers loans is inexplicable. We can only repeat that the present total exceeds by nearly three quarters of a billion dollars the figure for the corresponding date a year ago, the amount now at \$3,371,705,000 for Nov. 2, 1927, comparing with \$2,640,379,000 on Nov. 3, 1926. As heretofore, too, these loans are very much larger under each one of the leading categories or subdivisions. The amount of the loans made by the 52 banks for their own account is now \$1,082,938,000 against \$839,582,000 in 1926; the amount for account of out-town banks \$1,279,378,000 against \$1,047,443,000 and the amount for account of others \$1,009,389,000 against \$753,354,000.

The New York Stock Exchange figures, which are compiled only monthly and which therefore are for the end of October, have also been issued the present week. In this case further increase to a new high record was a foregone conclusion in view of what the Federal Reserve statements have been showing during the successive weeks of the month. If the experience in the case of the Federal Reserve reports can be accepted as a guide there was some contraction the latter part of the month after further expansion the early part, but not enough contraction to offset this expansion. At all events, the net result has been a further increase to a new high record. As to these Stock Exchange figures, it is again to be said that the grand total is always several hundred million dollars larger than the totals of the Federal Reserve Board, presumably because the Stock Exchange compilation is all inclusive, embracing borrowing from every source, including (1) net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies, and (2) net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies and others in the city of New York, while the Federal Reserve figures relate entirely to the 52 reporting member banks in New York City of the Federal Reserve, even though these show loans made not only for their own account, but also for account of out-of-town banks and for account of others. The further increase in these Stock Exchange figures during October it appears was \$31,509,804, which would not be very striking in itself, but derives significance by reason of the fact that it follows \$240,736,237 increase in October and larger or smaller increases in each and every preceding month back to last January. At the end of September the total was approaching the \$4,000,000,000 mark at \$3,914,627,570. At the end of October it is still closer to that mark at \$3,946,137,374. On Jan. 31 last the amount was only \$3,138,786,338 and on Oct. 31 of last year it was \$3,111,176,925, the increase for the twelve months hence being no less than \$803,450,645. Such results speak for themselves as indicating the extent of the expansion, and further comment would be superfluous.

Coming now to the returns of the Federal Reserve Banks themselves it again appears that the member banks are able to extend accommodation to the Stock Exchange in this constantly increasing degree without new resort to the facilities of the Federal Reserve banks. It also again appears that these latter institutions are determined to keep substan-

tially the same amount of Reserve credit employed as before, even though not needed, and are achieving this end by extending their so-called open-market operations, that is by adding to their holdings of acceptances and U. S. Government securities. As compared with a week ago the volume of their discounts for the Member banks diminished from \$402,398,000 to \$379,221,000, but their acceptance holdings increased from \$301,111,000 to \$334,576,000 and their holdings of U. S. Government securities from \$510,630,000 to \$526,376,000. Accordingly total bill and security holdings are now \$1,240,773,000 as against \$1,214,759,000 on Oct. 26, that is a week ago. It seems well enough to note here that as compared with the corresponding period of last year discounts have fallen from \$675,898,000 to \$379,221,000, but holdings of U. S. Government securities have risen from \$302,346,000 to \$526,376,000. The total of Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased during the week from \$1,702,999,000 to \$1,717,116,000 and the deposits of the 12 Reserve banks (representing mainly, the reserves of the Member banks) increased from \$2,403,951,000 to \$2,404,294,000. Gold reserves are somewhat lower this week, being \$2,931,797,000 Nov. 2 against \$2,957,052,000 on Oct. 26. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York standing by itself shows discounts reduced during the week from \$110,424,000 to \$75,885,000, but acceptance holdings increased from \$99,152,000 to \$101,649,000 and U. S. Government securities up from \$101,548,000 to \$106,404,000. This left the total of bills and securities at \$283,938,000 against \$311,124,000 on Wednesday of last week.

The New York Clearing House Banks and Trust companies in their return last Saturday showed that the impairment of reserves existing the previous Saturday had been removed and by one of those striking changes which are becoming so common in these statements of the Clearing House institutions. The impairment, too, was corrected notwithstanding that U. S. Government deposits, against which no reserves are required, were further reduced during the week from \$76,582,000 to \$59,176,000. Net demand deposits increased during week \$16,859,000 and time deposits \$8,711,000. Loans increased only \$7,741,000 and these Clearing House institutions were able to augment their reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the huge sum of \$75,780,000. It was through this notable replenishment of reserves that the institutions were able to convert their deficit of \$43,583,650 shown on Oct. 22 into a surplus above legal requirements on Oct. 29 in amount of \$29,561,460.

Commercial failures in the United States continue quite as numerous as in the earlier months of the year. The number for October, according to R. G. Dun & Co., was 1,787 with liabilities of \$36,235,872. These figures compare with 1,573 similar defaults in September for \$32,786,125 of indebtedness and 1,763 in October of last year involving \$33,230,720. The increase in number last month over a year ago is only 1.4 per cent, whereas for September there was an increase of 9.5 per cent over September, 1926. Each month this year mercantile defaults have been more numerous than in the preceding year or for the corresponding months of 1925. The additions have been quite marked in

every month. The number first became noticeably large in October of last year. Compared with October, 1925, there was an increase this year of 13.0 per cent, while for September the increase in the number of defaults over September, 1925, was but 7.4 per cent. For the ten months of the current year there have been 19,120 insolvencies in commercial lines, with an indebtedness of \$432,895,422, as against 17,874 during the same period of 1926, owing \$330,928,707 and 17,664 in 1925 involving \$371,193,691. The addition in number this year over last year's is 7.5 per cent, but in the liabilities there is an expansion of more than 30 per cent.

The increase both in number and in liabilities last month over a year ago was largely in the manufacturing division. Trading failures were fewer in number in October this year than they were in October, 1926, and the indebtedness was slightly smaller, while as to agents and brokers there was an increase in the number of such defaults last month, but the liabilities are less than they were a year ago.

There were 488 insolvencies in October this year in the manufacturing division, for \$17,134,042 of indebtedness; 1,170 trading defaults involving \$14,657,147 and 129 of Agents and brokers owing a total of \$4,444,683. These figures compare with 450 manufacturing failures in October of last year for \$11,649,671; 1,205 insolvencies in trading lines involving \$15,874,320 and 108 failures of agents and brokers owing \$5,706,729. In the manufacturing division the increase as to number is largely in the classification of lumber lines. There is also quite an increase in the number of defaults in iron, foundries, etc., in hats and gloves, and in the printing division. On the other hand, machinery lines show a reduction in the number of failures this year; likewise earthenware and glass, tobacco manufacturing, and bakers.

The big increase as to liabilities last month was in the iron manufacturing division, where some large failures occurred. The indebtedness shown in the lumber classification this year is also higher than it was a year ago, and this is likewise true of the division embracing clothing and cotton goods. Among trading failures, there is a notable decrease as to the number of defaults last month in the classes covering grocers and allied lines; also general stores. On the other hand the number of defaults among hotels and restaurants, and dealers in jewelry is much larger. Little change appears in the remaining trading classes. Liabilities were much less last month than a year ago for grocers, for the dry goods division and for furniture and crockery, and, although the total of indebtedness reported for the trading class was somewhat lower last month than in October, 1926, there was quite a marked increase for hotels and restaurants.

It is in the classification covering the larger defaults that an explanation is to be found for the increase in the liabilities shown in October, this year. There were some large manufacturing insolvencies last month, 29 being reported where the indebtedness in each instance was \$100,000 or more, the total of liabilities for these 29 bankruptcies being \$10,664,696. In October, 1926, the number of large manufacturing failures was only 17 with a total indebtedness of \$4,758,308. There were this year 459 other manufacturing failures with total liabilities of \$6,469,346, as against 433 similar defaults a year ago involving \$6,891,363. The larger trading fail-

ures numbered 16 last month, the same as in October of last year, with the total of liabilities at \$4,100,704 for the 16 defaults this year was only slightly higher than it was a year ago. The total of all large insolvencies last month, including all three classifications was 54 against 43 in October, 1926, with total indebtedness this year of \$17,224,189, and \$12,577,500 a year ago. It is this increase in the liabilities of large failures last month which accounts for the heavier indebtedness recorded for that period.

A further French note on the tariff question between France and the United States was handed Sheldon Whitehouse, American Charge d'Affaires in Paris on Nov. 2. It was described in French official circles as the final written communication on the subject from the French Government before opening negotiations for a commercial treaty. As the note follows upon the statement made Oct. 26 by Minister of Commerce Bokanowski that a practical agreement had been reached, it would seem to be intended to secure from Washington a formal statement for the carrying out of the provisions of that agreement. Accordingly, a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" said, the United States Government is requested to state that it is in perfect accord on these questions:

1. That the American Government agrees to remove the countervailing duties applied by the Treasury Department soon after the tariff on American products was raised by France.
2. That no further attempt will be made by Treasury agents to investigate "on the ground" the cost of French production and that henceforth the United States Government will accept all information of this character from recognized French official sources.
3. That the American Government agrees, so far as is possible, to remove sanitary agricultural and pharmaceutical restrictions which hamper the entry of French goods to America.
4. That America agrees to open at once—and the French are most insistent on this point—an inquiry by the Tariff Commission to ascertain whether the duties on certain French goods—notably silks, textiles and perfumes—can be reduced.
5. That the Tariff Commission will finally report the result of its investigations before the conclusion of the Franco-American treaty negotiations.

The communication was provoked, it was said, by the refusal of the American Government to sign a protocol wherein France would have set forth the concessions she was willing to make and the American Government those it agreed to carry out. To a request for such a preliminary understanding Washington replied that no such document was necessary, since the American Government had already stated plainly what it proposed to do. Moreover, France was said still to insist that a permanent commercial treaty between the two countries shall be negotiated on the basis of reciprocity. Great emphasis is placed on the final paragraph of the French note, which states clearly that France cannot sign any commercial accord with the United States until the final results of the United States Tariff Commission inquiry are made known. The purpose of this inquiry is to ascertain whether the duties on French silks, perfumes, and other products can be reduced under the elastic clauses of the Fordney-McCumber Act. Only on such findings, it is said, can France determine the treatment to be accorded to American products. These French reservations, however, apply

only to the ultimate treaty of commerce desired by both Governments. All that stands in the way of a temporary accord, Paris dispatches said, is acceptance by Washington of the five points outlined in the French note. That the French requests probably will be met was indicated in a Washington special of Nov. 3 to the New York "Times."

The conclusion by France and Yugoslavia of a treaty of friendship and mutual defense was announced at the Quai d'Orsay last Sunday, marking the further development of one of the most interesting phases of European affairs. The present treaty, to which signatures are to be affixed on Nov. 15, was preceded by four similar ones concluded by France with Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania. The series of agreements thus links to French interests a group of 80,000,000 people, and gives France a zone of influence stretching from the Baltic to the Adriatic. The French Government, it is stated, has been building up this system of mutual defense treaties for the last seven years, and the treaty with Yugoslavia may be said to complete the system. It is considered to form a basis of security for France from both Germany and Russia. Furthermore, Italy is said now to be definitely shut off from the expansion in the Balkans that is believed to be so ardently desired by Premier Mussolini, even taking into consideration the Italian hold on Albania. England was said at one time to have been antagonistic to the formation of the "French bloc" in Europe, but lately, according to a London dispatch of Oct. 30 to the New York "Times," Sir Austin Chamberlain has tended to accept the French group as a *fait accompli*. Paris does not desire, the "Times" dispatch added, that these treaties be called alliances, although the treaties with Belgium and Poland would fall within that category. It is contended that the treaties comply with the provisions of the League of Nations and they are all registered at Geneva. France describes the arrangements as Regional Security Compacts. Nevertheless, it is pointed out by the "Times" London correspondent, that they not only give France military strength in return for risks on the part of Paris, but they also give France political strength on the Continent, "for it stands to reason that France will expect her satellites generally to favor the French point of view in major world issues."

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm von Prittwitz-Gaffron was appointed in Berlin early this week as the new German Ambassador to Washington to succeed the lamented Baron Ago von Maltzan. The appointment was approved by the Reichstag Executive Committee Nov. 2, despite some objections raised by the Nationalists. On the following day President von Hindenburg ratified Dr. Stresemann's choice after word had been received from Washington that Dr. von Prittwitz was acceptable to the American Government. The new envoy was counselor to the German Embassy in Rome when the appointment was made. He returned to Berlin and, it is said, will shortly proceed to his new post. Dr. von Prittwitz is a veteran in the German diplomatic service, and was previously attached to the Washington Embassy.

Borough elections in England and Scotland on Nov. 1 were followed with great interest by political

observers in the hope of detecting the trend that Britain is likely to follow in the next general elections. No change in the Borough Councils of London and the metropolitan area will take place until next year, but otherwise the voting was quite general. In all, 330 Conservative, 130 Liberal, 184 Socialist and 104 Independent seats were contested. The results again showed a gain for the Socialists, who declared themselves well pleased with what they called the consolidation of their position. In only one more city, Birkenhead, have the Socialists obtained a majority of the Council, thus bringing the list of towns ruled by Socialist Councils up to seven. In a number of cases, however, the Socialists are the biggest single party in the Councils, and remain in a minority only because of coalitions between the Conservatives and the Liberals. The Socialists advocate extension of the powers of local authorities and the fullest utilization of the powers they already possess to take over such services as health, housing, education, roads, street cars and other public utilities. In boroughs which they control they have instituted municipal printing works, brick works, banks and insurance schemes. It was remarked that the Socialist gains, though substantial, do not show sufficient strength to win a majority for the Labor Party in the next House of Commons. Nor is there any reason for expecting an early general election, as Prime Minister Baldwin holds his Conservative majority practically intact.

Something of a stir was caused in European capitals late last week by the unexpected visit of a squadron of Italian warships to the internationalized Moroccan city of Tangier. Concerning the status of Tangier, negotiations have been in progress between France and Spain for more than two years and it was generally considered that Italy would confine her interests to Tripoli, recognizing the superior interests of France in Morocco. Agreements between Paris and Rome dating back to 1900 and 1902 appeared to make this a foregone conclusion and the French Government, therefore, is said to have been considerably irritated over the Italian display of naval force in Tangier. The visit of the squadron, headed by the Prince of Udine, coincided with the anniversary of the advent of Fascismo in Italy. The actual occasion of the visit was the opening of an Italian school in the former Sultan's palace, but more than a slight political tinge was added by the appearance of the Italian Consul and most of the Italian population in black shirts. In addition, a Paris cablegram of Oct. 29 to the New York "Times" said, obviously inspired dispatches from Tangier described the visit as an assertion of Italian rights. And atop that the Roman press drew attention to a political situation regarded as one of the keys to the Mediterranean. In consequence, the French press compared the visit of the Prince of Udine to the flamboyant one to the same place made by the German Kaiser in 1904—the "Panther Incident" of history.

In London it was made clear in official circles Monday that Italy has the sympathy of the British Government in her intention to share in any future reorganization of the international administration of Tangier. It was pointed out, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "that under its international status Tangier is apart from Morocco, and the fact that Italy is one of the principal Mediterranean

powers makes it essential that she share in any international agreement in which there is hope of permanence." The administration of Tangier was described as "a complicated governmental system of mixed tribunals in which Italy has refused to take part because not consulted about their creation. It has long been recognized here that the system cried for reform and more than a year ago Britain endeavored to get Spain and France to agree on reforms which would be ratifiable by herself and Italy later." The view was taken in London that the visit was merely a theatrical gesture typical of Mussolino to advertise a claim Britain holds sound.

The determination of Italy to be a party to any possible reopening of the international status of Tangier was illustrated in Rome Tuesday in a statement made by Tomaso Tittoni, President of the Italian Senate. Signor Tittoni, according to a dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune," set forth Italy's claims and cited treaty clauses in an agreement signed by himself with France while he was the Italian Ambassador at Paris in 1916. The provisions of this treaty, Signor Tittoni said, were never extended to Tangier and this he declared to be proof positive that France recognized a special category for Tangier. Because of this treaty, he asserted, Italy refused to recognize the international administration regime for Tangier which was agreed upon in 1923 by France, Spain and Great Britain, without consulting Italy. In Berlin a somewhat cynical view of the incident was taken, the newspapers portraying every possible sort of political intrigue as brewing among England, France, Spain and Italy. The Italian visit terminated Oct. 31 after a four-day stay.

The participation of Soviet Russia in the work of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations was announced at Geneva Monday. Satisfaction was expressed by League officials over this development, as the absence of Russia had been considered one of the biggest obstacles to the convocation of a conference that would stand a chance of success in the reduction of land armaments. The Russian decision was regarded as removing the chief objection of the nations bordering Russia to serious discussions of the disarmament problem. Several of these nations have made their acceptance of any treaty conditional upon the adherence of Russia to the compact. Furthermore, coming after Soviet collaboration in the International Economic Conference, Moscow's latest decision was regarded as additional proof that Russia seeks to return to the European concert of nations. A Geneva dispatch on Oct. 31 (Associated Press) points out further that Soviet participation in the conference may throw new light on the treaties Russia has made with Germany, Persia and Lithuania and on compacts of non-aggression on which there have been some negotiations with other countries. Insisting that reduction of armaments is closely linked with European peace, some observers held that Russia's acceptance may be the first concrete move to make Russia a part of the European peace fabric. The Russian decision was hailed with satisfaction by the German Foreign Office which is said to expect the Soviet to prove a powerful ally in a demand for the levelling of European armaments. In Paris some dubiety was expressed and it was pointed out that Russian participation in the Disarmament

Conference is more likely to complicate further an already complicated debate than supply any material help. The Commission will meet again in Geneva on November 30. The United States is represented on it.

The fifth anniversary of the Fascist Regime in Italy was celebrated Oct. 30 "with deeds and not words," according to the instructions of Premier Mussolini. New schools, railroads, gardens, parks, public buildings, dwellings and monuments were dedicated and other important works begun. The Premier had previously issued a statement directing that the anniversary be devoted to such activities. Reviewing briefly some of the achievements of Fascism, this statement said, "Blackshirts, the fifth year also closes with a formidable surplus on the credit side of the ledger. Some events among many entitle it to a place in the history of the Fascista regime: The victorious defense of the lira, the rent laws and the promulgation of the labor charter. New, great labors await us. But the Fascista regime does not retreat before difficulties. It faces and overcomes them. The events of the sixth year which begins tomorrow will prove it." Signor Mussolini himself delivered the only speech of the day of celebration. He spoke in Rome before 50,000 wildly cheering Fascist militiamen. The din was so continuous that only a very few heard any of the words of the Premier. Il Duce was obliged to finish his speech vainly trying to make his voice heard above the shouts of his followers. The city was unusually crowded, people having come from far and wide to witness the celebration.

Alarming reports of revolution in Rumania, precipitated by the expressed desire of former Crown Prince Carol to return and rule the land, were again prominent early this week. They were, however, largely dispelled by a Bucharest dispatch of Nov. 1 to the New York "Times" which was relayed via Budapest and thus escaped the rigid Rumanian censorship. Despite the swift succession of wild rumors, nothing of a sensational character occurred in the Rumanian Capital, this dispatch said. "Instead of Bucharest being on the threshold of revolution, with martial law maintaining the waning prestige of the Government, as reported, Rumania and its capital had only a short-lived political quarrel to relieve its humdrum existence." It was pointed out further that not a single event indicated the existence of a plot to bring Carol to the throne. The Prince's name, it was asserted, has not even figured in the verbal skirmishes in and out of Parliament. The censorship, nevertheless, will be continued and almost every report dealing with Rumanian politics is withheld, whether intended to dispel false reports or not. The Rumanian Government, it was added, is unquestionably passing through difficulties, but these are described as arising naturally, for the Liberal Party of Premier Bratianu is faced with an opposition led by clever men. There was said to be no active sympathy for Carol, though he was regarded as a distinct rallying point around which the opposition gathers to embarrass the Premier responsible for his exile. In short, the issue in Rumania is not Carol but Bratianu. The latter admittedly is unpopular with the peasants, because of lack of farm credits and the lack of transportation facilities to move their products, but "the Ruman-

ians are so apathetic that it would take serious conditions to react against the Cabinet in Bucharest or for the exiled Prince."

An attempt on the life of Admiral Kondouriotis, President of Greece, was made in Athens last Sunday by an alleged young Communist. Fortunately, it proved unsuccessful. The Greek President was entering his motor car after opening the Congress of Mayors in the Athens Town Hall when a young man approached the car, apparently anxious to hand a petition to the Executive. When close to the car he produced a revolver and shot at the Admiral at close range, the bullet shattering the wind shield of the car and passing through the President's hat, wounding him in the right temple. After a slight operation at a nearby hospital, President Kondouriotis was able to return to his home. The assailant, a former waiter at Larissa, was immediately seized by the police and an investigation was said to have shown that he was correspondent in Larissa for the sole Greek Communist journal, the Rizospastis. An Athens dispatch of Nov. 1 to the New York "Times" said that the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Michalakopoulos, had been instructed to request the United States Government to lend to Greece a copy of an act which has been enforced in the United States for some years past against Communist propaganda, in order to determine whether it is applicable to Greece.

Never in recent years has the Chinese political stage been more crowded with actors than it is at the present time. New Governments and new revolts are reported with astonishing frequency from all parts of the country and a condition of veritable chaos prevails. Fighting is in progress in at least six different war areas and a Winter of widespread suffering and hardship for the people appears inevitable. At the moment attention centres on the conflict of the former Nationalist allies, Nanking and Hankow, on the Yangtze River, both of which lay claim to local successes. North of the Yangtze four campaigns are in progress, the most important being that east of Chengchow Junction in Honan Province, where the Shantung-Chili army of the Northern War Lords Alliance is proceeding westward. The siege of 3,000 Shansi troops in the city of Chochow, remnants of the precipitous rush on Peking of a month ago, is also attracting attention. The Chochow siege is a striking combination of modern and medieval warfare, and the ancient walls of the city have proved unexpectedly strong against modern artillery fire. The defenders, dug in in modern trenches on top of the great walls, have successfully repelled the troops seeking to scale them. Reports from Shanghai and Peking, meantime, indicate that further developments are on foot among the torn and scattered fragments of the Nationalist regime. Canton, it is said, will again assume the lead in attempting to weld a government intended to pacify and unify all China. Wang Ching-wei, one of the outstanding figures amid the wreckage of the Nationalist revolution, was reported in Canton last Saturday and this was regarded as "peculiarly significant." Wang is said to be corresponding with General Chiang Kai-shek, the youthful military leader of the Nationalists who resigned several months ago. But as it is apparent that dissention extends into the innermost circles of the Nationalist

faction foreigners are viewing the developments with considerable scepticism.

An unmistakable note of increasing confidence and friendliness has marked the diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico since the appointment of Dwight W. Morrow as American Ambassador to Mexico City. Mr. Morrow was formally received by President Elias Calles last Saturday and presented his credentials amid surroundings of unusual gravity. "I enter upon my duties," he said to the Mexican Executive, "with a full consciousness of the honor which my Government has conferred upon me in entrusting to my hands the representation of its interests in this great neighboring State. I welcome the opportunity of co-operating with your Excellency in finding a mutually satisfactory solution of the problems with which our two countries are now faced. It is my earnest hope that, animated with a common desire to promote the welfare of the United States of Mexico and of the United States of America, we shall not fail to adjust the outstanding questions with that dignity and mutual respect which should mark the international relationship of two sovereign and independent States." President Calles, in reply, echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Morrow. "Like your Excellency," he said, "I am disposed that the Government of Mexico shall co-operate with that of the United States in finding a mutually satisfactory solution of the matters pending between the two nations, and in the same hope I trust that on such bases of unshaken dignity and respect independent and sovereign nations, cordial decisions may be adopted which once and for all may dispel misunderstandings and establish those solid principles of constant co-operation, harmony and loyal friendship which should characterize the relations between two peoples of such co-relative interests and such intimate proximity."

A much less formal and more intimate meeting between President Calles and Ambassador Morrow occurred on the morning of Nov. 2, at the ranch of the Mexican Executive near Mexico City. A rambling walk over the Hacienda and a four-hour talk were commented on by observers as of no little significance. The fact, a Mexico City dispatch to the New York Times said, "that these two men are seeking to solve the problems of Mexican-United States relations, makes their having hot cakes and ham and eggs together seem of importance, possibly overshadowing the formalities of regular diplomatic occasions." Additional significance was seen by well-informed observers in the coincidental promulgation by President Calles of several degrees which were construed as possible gestures of good-will. The first of these effected a cancellation of the embargo against the purchase of supplies for the Government from United States firms. The original embargo order was issued as a reprisal for an embargo established by American authorities on airplane shipments to Mexico. A further source of friction in Mexican-American relations was smoothed over last Saturday with the abandonment by the Calles Government of the practice of stopping mail of American insurance companies in that country. It was understood in Washington that the elimination of the difficulty between American Insurance companies and the Mexican Government has come about through no change in the Mexican law, which

requires foreign companies to invest a certain percentage of their funds in Mexico, but rather because the Calles Government has chosen not to take punitive measures against insurance companies not obeying the letter of the law.

The Bank of Norway on Nov. 1 advanced its discount rate from 4½% to 5%, being the first change since October of last year. Otherwise official discount rates at leading European centres have undergone no change during the week. They remain at 7% in Germany and Italy; 6½% in Austria; 5% in Paris, Belgium, Denmark and Madrid; 4½% in London and Holland; 4% in Sweden and 3½% in Switzerland. In London open market discounts yesterday were 4¼% for short bills, as against 4 3-16@4¼% on Friday of last week and 4 5-16@4¾% for long bills, the same as a week ago. Money on call in London on Tuesday was 4½% but yesterday was down to 3¼%, against 3¾% on Friday of last week. At Paris the open market discount rate has further advanced from 2⅛% to 2¾% and in Switzerland from 3⅞% to 3 7-16%.

A loss of £559,728 in gold was reported by the Bank of England in its statement issued on Thursday, for the week ending Nov. 2. As notes in circulation increased £803,000, the loss in the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department amounted to £1,363,000. The total of this latter item now stands at £34,425,000, against £33,019,717 and £27,354,026 in 1926 and 1925, respectively. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liabilities dropped to 28.45% from 32.01% last week, and 29.16% for the week of Oct. 19. Both the deposit items increased, public deposits £380,000 and other deposits £9,808,000. The bank's loans on Government securities increased £3,921,000 and other securities £7,675,000. The total of notes in circulation is now £136,575,000, as against £139,537,365 last year. In 1925 it was £141,442,830. Gold holdings now total £151,251,087, which compares with £152,807,082 in 1926 and £149,046,856 in 1925. The Bank's official discount rate remains at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England return for five years:

**BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.**

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 7
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation b.....	136,575,000	139,537,365	141,442,830	123,847,105	124,861,955
Public deposits.....	21,346,000	19,158,212	14,212,839	16,406,074	18,349,997
Other deposits.....	100,654,000	103,068,630	105,800,826	109,352,057	101,050,772
Govt. securities.....	44,611,000	35,435,435	35,209,941	40,458,443	42,888,506
Other securities.....	60,673,000	71,466,127	75,148,114	78,592,064	71,649,873
Reserve notes & coin	34,425,000	33,019,717	27,354,026	24,397,459	25,562,809
Coin and bullion a.....	151,251,087	152,807,082	149,046,856	128,494,564	127,674,764
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	28.45%	27.01%	22¾%	19¾%	18.78%
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.

The Bank of France in its report as of Nov. 2 showed an increase of 1,155,668,000 francs in note circulation, raising the total to 55,833,303,580 francs, as compared with 55,650,775,040 francs last year and 48,011,479,885 francs in 1925. The State, by borrowing 900,000,000 francs from the bank this week, brought the total of advances to the State up to 25,750,000,000 francs. On the corresponding dates in 1926 and 1925 the amount owed the bank stood at 36,550,000,000 francs and 31,900,000,000

francs, respectively. Gold was unchanged during the week. Total gold at home and abroad is 5,544,829,327 francs, which compares with 5,548,793,507 at the same time last year and 5,547,593,980 francs in 1925. Divers assets decreased 167,913,000 francs, trade advances 1,332,000 francs, and general deposits 527,381,000 francs. Silver holdings rose 897 francs, bills discounted 684,358,000 francs, and Treasury deposits 2,513,000 francs. The statement below furnishes a comparison of the various items for three years:

**BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.**

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Nov. 2 1927.	Nov. 3 1926.	Nov. 5 1925.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....	Unchanged	3,680,508,414	3,684,472,599	3,683,273,072
Abroad available.....	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Abroad, non-avail.....	Unchanged	1,401,549,425		
Total.....	Unchanged	5,544,829,327	5,548,793,507	5,547,593,980
Silver.....	Inc. 897	342,937,734	339,054,875	311,090,731
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 684,358,000	2,316,797,503	5,988,579,185	4,467,749,506
Trade advances.....	Dec. 1,332,000	1,662,307,448	2,127,099,899	2,577,760,287
Note circulation.....	Inc. 1,155,668,000	55,833,303,580	55,650,775,040	48,011,479,885
Treasury deposits.....	Inc. 2,513,000	35,870,635	15,763,262	15,712,482
General deposits.....	Dec. 527,381,000	10,225,359,979	3,400,015,189	2,368,417,289
Advances to State.....	Inc. 900,000,000	25,750,000,000	36,550,000,000	31,900,000,000
Divers assets.....	Dec. 167,913,000	23,911,600,518	4,189,005,588	3,238,443,245

The statement of the Bank of Germany for the last week of October showed the customary end of the month increase in note circulation, this time of 598,812,000 marks, bringing the total of that item up to 4,209,568,000 marks, against 3,325,834,000 marks in 1926. Other daily maturing obligations fell off 223,830,000 marks, and other liabilities 38,940,000 marks. Gold and bullion holdings showed a loss of 205,000 marks. Deposits abroad remained unchanged, as did also investments, while reserve in foreign currencies increased 597,000 marks. Other assets diminished 17,155,000 marks, notes on other German banks 13,198,000 marks and silver and other coin 15,994,000 marks. Total gold holdings amount to 1,851,309,000 marks, comparing with 1,716,055,000 marks at this time last year. Below we give a detailed comparative statement of these items for three years:

**REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.**

Assets—	Changes for Week.			
	Oct. 29 1927.	Oct. 30 1926.	Oct. 31 1925.	
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 205,000	1,851,309,000	1,716,055,000	1,206,866,000
Of when depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	66,543,000	179,993,000	126,484,000
Res've in for'n curr.....	Inc. 597,000	162,313,000	412,593,000	348,321,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....	Inc. 367,596,000	2,802,380,000	1,415,016,000	1,630,076,000
Silver and other coin.....	Dec. 15,994,000	51,816,000	114,724,000	64,579,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Dec. 13,198,000	8,042,000	6,148,000	8,356,000
Advances.....	Inc. 14,401,000	45,978,000	42,806,000	22,196,000
Investments.....	Unchanged	92,075,000	91,326,000	219,508,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 17,155,000	570,773,000	631,339,000	682,074,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	Inc. 598,812,000	4,209,568,000	3,325,834,000	2,802,884,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig.....	Dec. 223,840,000	608,073,000	532,606,000	617,722,000
Other liabilities.....	Dec. 38,940,000	379,095,000	211,694,000	452,793,000

The New York money market showed no deviation the past week from its continued ease. Demand funds were not quite so abundant Monday as they were during all of the previous week. This, however, was recognized as due to month-end settlements. The rate for demand loans accordingly opened at 4% Monday and was maintained at this figure all day, calling of loans by the banks amounting to approximately \$20,000,000. On Tuesday the rate again dropped to 3½%, while in the unofficial or "street" market business was transacted at 3¼%. No further change occurred on the Stock Exchange, but in the outside market the plethora of funds was reflected Thursday in a lowering of the rate to 3%, thus touching again the low figure of the year. The supply of funds in the middle of the week was notably large and considerably in excess of the demand. But

banks called \$25,000,000 more yesterday, probably for adjustment of their reserve position, and this appeared to absorb the overflow as no outside offerings were reported. Time loans remained quiet and unchanged. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral showed renewed expansion in the weekly compilation of the Federal Reserve Board for the New York reporting member banks made public Thursday evening. The increase for the week amounted to \$27,928,000. The monthly compilation of the New York Stock Exchange was also published Thursday and likewise showed a considerable increase.

In the Stock Exchange tabulation the rise for October was \$31,509,804, carrying the total to a new high record. Both sets of figures would seem to indicate that the upward movement has not yet reached its culmination.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, all call loans on the New York Stock Exchange on Monday were at 4%, including renewals. On Tuesday the renewal rate was still 4%, but later in the day the general rate fell to 3½% and this latter continued to be the rate the rest of the week both for renewals and on all other loans. Rates for time loans are about ⅛ of 1% lower for the shorter maturities, being quoted yesterday at 3¾@4% for 30 days, 4@4½% for 60 days, 4¼% for 90 days and 4¼@4¾% for all other periods from four to six months. Commercial paper rates for four to six months' names of choice character remain at 4%, though for the shorter choice names the quotation is 3¾@4%. For names less well known the quotation is 4¼%. For New England mill paper the range is 4@4¼%.

In the market for banks' and bankers' acceptances the American Acceptance Council marked up the rate for call loans against acceptances on Tuesday from 3¼% to 3½%, but reduced it again to 3¼% on Wednesday and has kept it unchanged since then. The Council has not made any change in the rates for acceptances, the posted rates yesterday on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks being 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running 30 days; 3¼% bid and 3⅛% asked for bills running 60 days; 3¾% bid and 3¼% asked for 90 days; 3½% bid and 3¾% asked for 120 days, and 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market rates also remain unchanged as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¾	3¾	3½	3½	3¾
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks.....	3¾ bid				
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¾ bid				

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Nov. 4.	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 has been under pressure this week. The market opened off in Saturday's trading at 4.87 1-16 for cable transfers, and, although trading was slack with practically no demand, a few month-end commercial transactions forced the rate down at noon to 4.87 1-32 for cables. The dull market responded to every slight offering of commercial bills until the late trading on Thursday. On Wednesday cable transfers were quoted as low as 4.86¾, which represented a decline of ½c. from the high reached on Oct. 19. In the late afternoon on Thursday there was a sharp rally, owing to a more decided increase in demand which revealed that there was really a shortage of sterling. Cable transfers moved up to 4.86 27-32 on Wednesday and to 4.87 1-16 Thursday. New York foreign exchange traders state that the reaction since the middle of October has been due to a lull in demand rather than to an increased supply. The supply has been light for the past three months. In Thursday's market there were many large bids, a good part apparently coming from London. During the past two weeks there has been less money going over to London to take advantage of the higher money rates there, but with the renewal of easier money rates on this side, and with a further firming up of some of the European money markets, it is expected that sterling exchange will be in somewhat greater demand for the next few days. It is unquestioned that the demand for sterling for financial rather than commercial transactions was the noticeable feature throughout September and the first half of October. This week and last the quantity of commercial offerings had not changed perceptibly, so that bankers are at a loss to explain the ease in sterling during the past ten days except by a let-up in financial transfers. New York foreign exchange traders doubt that sterling can better its October record, as sterling commodity bills should be more plentiful during the next two months.

However, as long as money rates continue low on this side, and there is a demand for short-term money in London and on the Continent at good rates, and foreign borrowings continue in nearly the proportions of September and October, it is conceivable that these financial transactions may cause a sufficient demand, offsetting commercial offerings, to keep sterling above parity. In London it was stated a few weeks ago that sterling had every prospect of going to 4.87½ for cable transfers before the unseasonably high movement was over. It seems hardly possible from the New York point of view that such a figure can be realized. While New York bankers feel that money rates will be easy on this side during November, nevertheless in view of the seasonal demand for currency toward the end of the month and the heavy requirements in December, with the approaching year-end settlements, the prospects are that money rates on this side will stiffen sufficiently to reduce considerably the amount of sterling and other exchange being transferred for financial accommodation. The New York Federal Reserve Bank says that the general rise in the exchanges which began in the early summer and continued into October, and which saw most of the principal European exchanges now legally stabilized, move to or above parity with the dollar, was due in part to the tendency of funds to move abroad from the New York money market, accompanying large sales of new foreign issues in this market at a time when money rates here have tended to be lower than those abroad. The differen-



tial is illustrated in the changes in central bank rates. As previously noted in these columns, the German Reichsbank rediscount rate was increased on Oct. 4 from 6 to 7%, the Netherlands Bank rate was increased on Oct. 13 from 3½ to 4½%, and this week, on Oct. 31, the Norwegian Bank rate was raised from 4½ to 5%.

The Bank of England shows a decrease of £559,728 in gold holdings this week, as compared with an increase a week ago of £596,761. On Thursday the Bank of England sold £7,000 in gold bars and £16,000 in gold sovereigns to India, and sold £10,000 in sovereigns to a designation not stated, and £5,000 to Germany. Yesterday the Bank released £500,000 in gold sovereigns to South Africa and exported £10,000 to Holland. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Nov. 2, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, consisted of imports of \$130,000, chiefly from Latin America, and exports of \$355,000 to Mexico and Straits Settlements. The Federal Reserve Bank makes a notation in its regular weekly report of the gold movement that \$1,000,000 was shipped to Canada. This is the identical shipment, noted here last week, made by the International Acceptance Bank for account of Harris, Forbes & Co.'s Montreal office. Canadian exchange continues at a premium, ranging this week from ⅛ of 1% to 9-64 of 1%. More than half of the Canadian wheat crop has been threshed, and at the end of October more than 100,000,000 bushels had been delivered to terminals, of which over half had been marketed. The crop is expected to be well over 400,000,000 bushels. This constitutes the main strength in Canadian exchange. The successful crop season, expanding industries, and generally good business throughout Canada, are bullish factors maintaining the premium on Montreal funds.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling last Saturday showed a tendency to ease off. The range was 4.86⅝@4.86¾ for bankers' sight, and 4.87 1-32@4.87 3-32 for cable transfers. On Monday there was a further recession. Demand ranged from 4.86½ to 4.86 11-16. Cable transfers were 4.86⅞@4.87 1-16. On Tuesday the market continued depressed. The range was 4.86 15-32@4.8660 for bankers' sight and 4.86⅞@4.86 15-16 for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling went still lower. The range was 4.86⅝@4.86½ for bankers' sight and 4.86¾@4.86 27-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday there was a recovery. The range was 4.86⅝@4.86 11-16 for bankers' sight, and 4.86 13-16@4.87 1-16 for cable transfers. On Friday the range was 4.86½@4.86⅝ for bankers' sight and 4.86⅞@4.87 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.86 9-16 for demand and 4.86 15-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.86 7-16, sixty-day bills at 4.82 9-16, ninety day bills at 4.80⅞, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4.82 9-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4.85⅞. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.86 7-16.

In the Continental exchanges there is a tendency to follow more or less the fluctuations in sterling, and the records this week show slight declines. French francs continue practically at the *de facto* stabilization point. The past week the Bank of France reduced its holdings of sundry assets, which include its foreign exchange holdings, 167,913,000 francs. These holdings are nevertheless at the

exceptionally high figure of 23,911,600,000 francs. The general business situation in France continues on the whole very satisfactory, as shown by the fact that there are only one-third as many idle reported in the industries as were reported in the middle of the year. There is renewed talk in foreign exchange circles of the probability of the franc being stabilized legally at a somewhat higher level, but Poincare's strength is as great as ever, and since the French general elections will not take place until May, the probabilities are that he will maintain his original stand to keep the franc at around its present level until the results of the next elections are certain. The large holdings of foreign exchange of the Bank of France are a sufficient guarantee that France will be able to prevent any speculative attempts to alter Poincare's policy. There is nothing especially new in the Italian situation. It has been pointed out on several occasions that Mussolini has guaranteed that Italian business may expect the present lire valuation to continue for a long time. A resumption of an upward movement in Italian lire would result in a severe crisis. The Fascist Government is making every effort to bring down retail prices, but merchants are nevertheless adopting all available means to maintain prices, so that the downward movement must proceed slowly and cannot go very far from the general trend of prices throughout the world. Until world prices take a downward turn the Italians will find themselves compelled to watch their exchange operations closely. The present favorable situation of Italy's balance of international payments which have been the dominant factor in determining the appreciation of the lire, results chiefly from the large volume of loans contracted abroad, and it seems improbable that such borrowing can continue at the same rate as during the past year or more. Meanwhile, there must be a large falling off in tourist spendings in Italy, so that this basis favoring a higher trend, will cease as a factor for many months to come. In addition, it will not be long before interest and amortization charges on loans already contracted will cause an outgo from Italy which may make it difficult for the Exchange Institute to maintain the upward course of the unit. Of course, the substitution of a legalized value, rather than a *de facto* stabilization, would go a long way toward strengthening the exchange. It would probably do more than any exchange operations to bring about an upward trend. It is generally believed that it is only a question of time before the Italian Government will take definite action in this respect, despite the repeated statements that it is not intended to resort to stabilization.

German marks continue well above gold parity. Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, stated last week that the bank will have to replenish its reserves of exchange in order to have sufficient on hand to further reparations transfers, and he therefore told the Reichstag that he had decided to buy the proceeds of the Rentenbank's new foreign loan, thus making an exception to the Reichsbank's general policy in the foreign exchange market. The Reichsbank's statement as of Oct. 31 showed a decrease of 205,000 marks in gold holdings, offset, however, by an increase of 597,000 marks in reserves in foreign currencies, and of 367,596,000 marks in holdings of bills of exchange and checks. The Berlin money market continues attractive to

foreign funds, although there is a temporary decrease in volume of the larger long-term loans. While the Reichsbank officials are opposed to loans for so-called luxury spending, the fact cannot be overlooked that the general plan of the Dawes Committee experts anticipated German borrowing abroad for a generation to come.

There will be a considerable demand for German exchange in the transfer of accommodation for industrial borrowings for a long time. Under a new arrangement for sanctioning foreign loans, an appeal from a decision of the Loans Advisory Committee is permitted to a higher committee. This higher committee will consist, it is understood, of representatives of the Ministries of Finance and Industry and of the Reichsbank. "Sanctioning," however, must be considered *de facto* and not *de jure*. Formally the committees will only "recommend" or "advise against" loans, and certain kinds of foreign loans will, as heretofore, not need to be submitted to the committees at all. These certain other loans are, of course, very largely the loans to the stronger industrial interests and other private loans. The general feeling in the European markets is that gold accumulations to the credit of Germany at New York, Amsterdam, and London will further enhance the exchange price of the mark. According to Amsterdam reports, if this takes place a flow of gold into Germany would be imminent, and no alternative would be left except limitation of domestic credits, or an advance in the Reichsbank rediscount rate. The Reichsbank is unwilling to buy foreign bills originating from foreign loans, since to do so would increase domestic note circulation to the detriment of the domestic purchasing power of the mark. An advance in the Reichsbank rediscount rate is talked of on the other side, but this would meet with strong opposition from the business interests.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.03 on Friday of this week, against 124.08 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.92 $\frac{3}{8}$ , against 3.92 $\frac{3}{8}$  a week ago; cable transfers at 3.92 $\frac{5}{8}$ , against 3.92 $\frac{5}{8}$ , and commercial sight bills at 3.92 $\frac{1}{8}$ , against 3.92 $\frac{1}{8}$ . Antwerp belgas finished at 13.93 for checks and at 13.94 for cable transfers, as against 13.92 and 13.93 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.86 $\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and 23.87 $\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.89 and 23.90 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.46 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.46 $\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, as against 5.46 and 5.46 $\frac{1}{2}$  last week. Austrian schillings have not been changed from 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ . Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$ , against 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; on Bucharest at 0.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ , against 0.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.32 $\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and at 1.32 $\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers, against 1.33 and 1.33 $\frac{1}{4}$  a week ago.

In the exchanges on the countries neutral during the war there are no developments of special interest this week. Holland guilders and Swedish krona continue to rule well above the gold parity point, but all the neutral exchanges are dull, so far as actual volume of trading is concerned. Holland guilders are the most active owing to financial operations, and while guilder commercial bills are offered in larger quantities, they are not in sufficient volume

really to depress the exchange quotation. The slight recession in the neutral currency this week is due to a normal sympathetic movement with sterling exchange. The Norwegian currency continues of interest to speculative elements. As noted under the comments on sterling exchange, the Norwegian Bank increased its rediscount rate on October 31 from 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 5%. Holland has been loaning extensively abroad. Dr. Vissering, president of the Netherlands Bank, in a recent article examining the effect upon the guilder of the extensive foreign borrowing in Holland, pointed out that the lending abroad has not affected Dutch exchange to any extent, owing to three circumstances: first, part of the proceeds of foreign loans were used for the repayment of old debts; second, part of the proceeds were reinvested in Holland; and third, invisible exports, represented by profits from the colonies, have counteracted the effect of foreign loans. Should the flow of foreign loans continue, Dr. Vissering thinks that it will be necessary to consider the possibility of a depreciation in the value of the guilder.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.30, against 40.28 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.32, against 40.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and commercial sight bills at 40.25, against 40.23. Swiss francs closed at 19.27 $\frac{1}{2}$  for bankers' sight bills and at 19.28 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.28 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 19.29 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.78 $\frac{1}{2}$  and cable transfers at 26.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ , against 26.79 and 26.80. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.89 and cable transfers at 26.90, against 26.92 and 26.93, while checks on Norway finished at 26.38 and cable transfers at 26.39, against 26.36 and 26.37. Spanish pesetas closed at 17.06 for checks and at 17.07 for cable transfers, which compares with 17.12 and 17.13 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges are quiet, with very little movement from the satisfactory rates prevailing since the improvement in the financial condition of Argentina and Brazil resulting from the full restoration of the gold standard. R. J. Hose, addressing the shareholders of the Anglo-South American Bank in London recently, gave a very glowing account of the commercial prospects in Argentina, and stated that the industrial development is likely to continue for a generation or more. He pointed out that since 1926 the United States has loaned to South American authorities £110,000,000, not including the recent Brazilian stabilization loan, against the comparatively small loans made by London houses. Coincidentally with this he said that the United States has secured at the expense of Great Britain a considerable proportion of the export trade of Latin America. "Since trade veers almost inevitably towards the source of loans, the removal of the remaining restrictions upon foreign capital in this country, namely the heavy stamp duty, would appear desirable." It is possible that Mr. Hose's views may carry weight with the Treasury Department in London, and that English capital will take a greater share in the development of the South American countries than it has since the Armistice. Such a change in policy would tend to strengthen these exchanges. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.67 for checks, as compared with 42.67 last week, and at 42.72 for cable transfers, against 42.72. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.99 for checks and at 12.00

for cable transfers, against 11.99 and 12.00. Chilean exchange closed at 12.17 for checks and at 12.18 for cable transfers, against 12.19 and 12.20, and Peru at 3.69 for checks and 3.70 for cable transfers, against 3.73 and 3.74.

The Far Eastern exchanges are firmer owing largely to the better price of silver. Forward silver in London is quoted around 26 5-16 pence. Any quotation above 26 pence represents highest levels since the announcement of the Indian Government sales three months ago. During August and September the tone of the silver market was weak and this was reflected in the foreign exchange quotations on Chinese centres. The more recent upward turn in the price of silver was initiated in China. The Government of India is committed to make further sales of the metal, as it is part of its declared policy to replace silver holdings by gold. In view of China's proved capacity to absorb the silver the Indian Government's sales to China as exchange transactions would seem to present a suitable method of carrying out future operations. Money continues easy in India and rupee exchange is inactive. It is thought to be a virtual certainty that Indian exchange will be firmer within the next few weeks, although the Government will maintain the stability of the quotations. Sir Basil Blackett, the Finance Member of the Government, left Bombay for London on October 29 in the hope that the Reserve Bank problem will yield to direct action. The whole question will be thrashed out in London. The aim of the London advisors is for a shareholders central bank free from Government or political control. The Indian politicians seek a large measure of government control and ownership. Not only in the working of India's new exchange ratio, but in the evolution of a scheme of financial autonomy for the provinces and the proper adjustment of financial relations between the Central and Provincial governments on a Federal basis, all depend to a large extent for their success on the establishment of a central bank controlling impartially the currency and credit of the country. Japanese exchange is on the whole steady, though on the average slightly lower than a week ago. Reconstruction of Japan's banking and industrial affairs is progressing satisfactorily. The larger banks are piling up deposits and confidence is more generally restored. Money is easier and proven enterprises find no difficulty in arranging credits cheaply. It will be recalled that the Bank of Japan reduced its rediscount rate on October 10 from 5.84% to 5.47%. There is a powerful element in Japan opposed to foreign borrowing and which maintains that the country is able to supply all its own funds for every description of legitimate borrowing. Nevertheless it is stated on good authority that Japan will seek considerable loans in the New York market. Many Japanese industrial and utility companies are seeking to market their securities here. Japan's import balance is smaller and totaled 207,000,000 yen for the nine months ended in September compared with 402,000,000 yen a year ago. An outstanding unfavorable factor is the great depression in the cotton and silk industries. The government has been obliged to advance credits to the silk reelers to the extent of 37,000,000 yen. Japan depends quite largely upon the Indian market for the disposal of cotton goods. Recently the Indian Legislative Assembly imposed a duty of 1½ annas

on cotton yarn imports and a tariff on cotton cloth is almost certain to follow. Consideration of such a measure has been postponed until March. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 46.45@46 5/8, against 46.55@46 3/4 on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 49.60@49 11-16, against 49 1/4; Shanghai at 62 7/8@63 1-16, against 62 1/4@62 3/8; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 56 3/8@56 1/2, against 56 3/8@56 1/2; Bombay at 36 9-16, against 36 9-16, and Calcutta at 36 9-16, against 36 9-16.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. OCT. 29 TO NOV. 4 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 29.	Oct. 31.	Nov. 1.	Nov. 2.	Nov. 3.	Nov. 4.
<b>EUROPE—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling.....	.14098	.14063	.14083	.14095	.14101	.14097
Belgium, belga.....	.1393	.1393	.1393	.1393	.1393	.1393
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007250	.007209	.007217	.007223	.007260	.007230
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029628	.029626	.029627	.029630	.029628	.029631
Denmark, krone.....	.2680	.2680	.2679	.2679	.2678	.2679
England, pound sterling.....	4.8703	4.8692	4.8683	4.8676	4.8688	4.8693
Finland, marka.....	.025179	.025190	.025181	.025191	.025190	.025196
France, franc.....	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0393
Germany, reichsmark.....	.2389	.2388	.2387	.2386	.2385	.2387
Greece, drachma.....	.013266	.013273	.013273	.013270	.013269	.013271
Holland, guilder.....	.4030	.4029	.4028	.4028	.4030	.4031
Hungary, pengo.....	.1745	.1746	.1746	.1746	.1746	.1747
Italy, lira.....	.0546	.0546	.0546	.0546	.0546	.0546
Norway, krone.....	.2635	.2635	.2638	.2639	.2637	.2637
Poland, zlot.....	.1119	.1119	.1123	.1116	.1121	.1125
Portugal, escudo.....	.0494	.0493	.0493	.0495	.0494	.0492
Romania, leu.....	.006123	.006137	.006124	.006115	.006124	.006114
Spain, peseta.....	.1711	.1706	.1707	.1703	.1709	.1707
Sweden, krona.....	.2692	.2692	.2692	.2691	.2689	.2689
Switzerland, franc.....	.1929	.1929	.1928	.1928	.1928	.1928
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.017611	.017606	.017607	.017607	.017604	.017605
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo tael.....	.6475	.6508	.6550	.6560	.6560	.6548
Hankow tael.....	.6308	.6342	.6358	.6381	.6377	.6369
Shanghai tael.....	.6211	.6238	.6266	.6285	.6279	.6272
Tientsin tael.....	.6533	.6563	.6604	.6523	.6606	.6602
Hong Kong dollar.....	4904	4922	4935	4945	4943	4947
Mexican dollar.....	4481	4503	4520	4543	4523	4520
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	4444	4454	4479	4496	4488	4508
Yuan dollar.....	4410	4421	4446	4463	4454	4450
India, rupee.....	.3640	.3641	.3641	.3642	.3642	.3645
Japan, yen.....	.4655	.4652	.4647	.4644	.4643	.4645
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	.5606	.5606	.5606	.5604	.5604	.5608
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar.....	1.001314	1.001167	1.001016	1.000797	1.000786	1.000938
Cuba, peso.....	.999344	.999344	.999438	.999438	.999469	.999438
Mexico, peso.....	.476500	.476333	.476333	.476417	.476583	.476687
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.998688	.998531	.998406	.998250	.998219	.998375
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.9704	.9703	.9696	.9698	.9698	.9702
Brazil, milreis.....	.1194	.1193	.1193	.1195	.1195	.1195
Chile, peso.....	.1218	.1218	.1217	.1217	.1217	.1217
Uruguay, peso.....	1.0254	1.0243	1.0264	10.271	1.0286	1.0299

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. 29.	Monday, Oct. 31.	Tuesday, Nov. 1.	Wednesday, Nov. 2.	Thursday, Nov. 3.	Friday, Nov. 4.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 75,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 130,000,000	\$ 125,000,000	\$ 115,000,000	\$ 116,000,000	Cr. 681,000,000

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	Nov. 3 1927.			Nov. 4 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England...	151,251,087	-----	151,251,087	152,807,082	-----	152,807,082
France a...	146,220,324	13,680,000	159,900,324	147,378,904	13,560,000	160,938,904
Germany b...	89,348,550	c994,600	90,343,150	76,805,000	c994,600	77,799,600
Spain	104,108,000	26,986,000	131,094,000	102,262,000	26,589,000	128,851,000
Italy	46,902,000	3,730,000	50,632,000	45,487,000	4,153,000	49,640,000
Netherl'ds.	32,177,000	2,300,000	34,477,000	34,900,000	2,262,000	37,162,000
Nat. Belg.	19,503,000	1,197,000	20,700,000	10,955,000	3,369,000	14,324,000
Switzerl'd.	18,461,000	2,515,000	20,976,000	17,697,000	2,887,000	20,584,000
Sweden	12,833,000	-----	12,833,000	12,562,000	-----	12,562,000
Denmark	10,116,000	691,000	10,807,000	11,616,000	921,000	12,537,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	639,099,961	52,093,600	691,193,561	620,649,986	54,735,600	675,385,586
Prev. week	638,898,639	51,938,600	690,837,239	620,595,698	54,304,600	674,900,298

a Gold holdings of the bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting the present year to £75,572,836. 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.

### French Alliances and the Future of Europe.

The announcement that France is shortly to sign a treaty of friendship and mutual defense with Yugoslavia will probably come as a surprise to those who have not followed closely the recent course of French diplomacy in eastern Europe. Until the text of the treaty is published, its precise terms will remain a matter of conjecture, and Paris dispatches leave some doubt as to whether or not the arbitration of disputes between the two Powers is also provided for. The usually well-informed Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," however, is authority for the statement that the new treaty, like those which France has already concluded with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania, provides that if either party is the victim of aggressive war the other party shall give military aid. An exception appears in the case of Rumania, where obligation to intervene is not imposed upon France in the event of an attempt on the part of Russia to recover Bessarabia, a province of which it was deprived as a result of the World War.

The immediate effect of the treaty with Yugoslavia will be to widen and strengthen the sphere of French influence in eastern Europe, and particularly in the Balkans, the foundations of which have already been laid. With Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia bound to France by offensive and defensive alliances, an extensive area of French influence has been created which touches geographically Germany, Austria, Russia and Italy, and which, if it develops any measure of political solidarity, can hardly fail to exert a far-reaching influence upon any plans of political or territorial expansion which either of those neighboring Powers may cherish. Something of French culture, perhaps, may be expected to follow upon French diplomatic penetration, and there may be trade consequences of importance, but the main thing is the marked accession of political influence in European councils if the eastern members of the alliance side with France in matters in which French interests are involved.

The question naturally arises why France, whose security against a possible German aggression has been assured by the Locarno pact, and whose virtual alliance with Belgium gives it additional security west of the Rhine, should have exerted itself to build up in eastern Europe a structure of alliances which, on the surface, seems to involve France in obligations at least as weighty as is the protection which it presumably is meant to extend. Treaties of offensive and defensive alliance, it is to be remembered, face both ways. If Poland, for example, is attacked, France is bound to give it aid; if aggressive war breaks upon Yugoslavia, it is French troops as well

as those of Yugoslavia that must take the field. Were the territories of these new allies contiguous to France, as that of Belgium is, the extension of military support would offer no natural difficulties. The four States of the east, however, are separated from France by some hundreds of miles, and a supporting army, before it can be of any use, must first be transported by sea, since none of the intervening Powers would be at all likely to permit its passage by land. For what purpose is France concluding such alliances as that with Yugoslavia?

As far as Germany and Austria are concerned, these alliances appear to be only another demonstration of the set purpose of France to prevent, by every means in its power, the union of Austria and Germany, and the recovery of the political influence which those two States, but particularly Germany, exercised before the World War in the affairs of southeastern Europe. It is true that Germany, save for its natural interest in the return of East Prussia and the obliteration of the artificial Dantzig corridor, has thus far shown no evidence of desiring political expansion in Europe, and the Locarno pacts include treaties of arbitration between Germany and Poland and Germany and Czechoslovakia applicable to any dispute that endangers peace. In spite of fulsome praise of the Locarno spirit, however, by M. Briand and others, the Poincare Government has never evinced much confidence in the sufficiency of the Locarno agreements, and has received with restrained cordiality the German expressions of peaceful intent and good will. The French alliances, accordingly, if not openly an attempt to pinch Germany and Austria between a French bloc in the west and another French bloc in the east, have the earmarks of a reminder to those Powers that an attempt at expansion will be resisted, and that the backbone of the resistance will be found in France.

The bearing of the new political combination upon Italy, on the other hand, seems much more important. Rightly or wrongly, the Mussolini Government has been credited with large hopes of territorial expansion. Precisely what the program involves is not known, but recent controversies between Italy and Yugoslavia have indicated a disposition, on the part of Mussolini, to claim a voice in affairs east of the Adriatic, and there have been disquieting rumors of Italian designs upon Albania, Greece, and even Turkey. If the new treaty between France and Yugoslavia is the offensive and defensive alliance which it is represented to be, it certainly seems to draw a line across the Italian path, and restricts the extension of Italian influence in the Balkans to the slight gains that might come from the control of Albania, a small and extremely backward State, and Greece, another small State whose political support has burnt the fingers of most Powers that have sought it.

There remains Russia, the one great State which is still, to a large extent, outside the European political family, and whose economic growth and political ambitions are widely regarded as a menace to European and Asiatic peace. Next Monday the Soviet State will celebrate the completion of its tenth year. Out of the indescribable confusion, political, economic and social, created by war and revolution, with a system of government which is viewed by many as inimical to the governmental systems of western Europe, with intermittent economic

blockades which have not yet wholly ceased, with political recognition tardily accorded by other States and still withheld by some of the most powerful, and with foreign debt controversies whose settlement is not yet in sight, Russia has nevertheless made an impressive economic recovery which the European and American business world has not failed to recognize, and which counts heavily to-day in the consideration of world problems of industry and trade. Is it still a menace politically, and, if it is, is the menace directed particularly at France and its eastern European allies?

The reservation, in the treaty between France and Rumania, of the Bessarabian question as one in which France is not to become involved in a military way, is perhaps to be interpreted as an intimation that France, whose friendship with Russia was one of the dominating factors in European history for years before the World War, is looking forward to the time when Russia, less anxious than it has hitherto seemed to be to propagate its peculiar political views in the world, shall again enter the family of nations on an equality with the other members. The announcement on Monday that the Russian Government, which has held aloof from the League of Nations since its controversy with Switzerland over the assassination of the Russian representative at the Lausanne Conference, in 1923, will take part in the forthcoming deliberations of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament, suggests that such a return may not be far distant. It is of course possible that Russia, once it is a member of the Preparatory Commission, may join with Germany in insisting upon actual disarmament; and disarmament, if it were actually brought about, would rob offensive and defensive alliances of much of their reason for being. French diplomacy, however, is notably shrewd and farseeing, and the conclusion of alliances with Jugoslavia and other eastern States may well turn out to be a device which shall restrain Russian aggressiveness if it is minded to go to war with any of its western neighbors, and at the same time pave the way for a rapprochement with Russia when the time for reconciliation comes.

All of these French alliances, it is to be noted, have been concluded quite outside of the League of Nations, and, as far as we know, without consultation with that organization. The new treaty, it is said, will be registered with the League, as other treaties have been, but beyond that formality the League, apparently will know officially nothing about it. To be sure, the League itself has made a virtue of necessity, and sanctioned the conclusion of regional pacts without the intervention of the League, so that with the Locarno pacts as the outstanding precedent, the action of France and its allies is not novel. There may well be question, however, what useful purpose the League now serves as a regulator of international intercourse or a conserver of peace, when member States, large and small, conclude between themselves such agreements or alliances as seem to them good. One thing at least appears evident. The League can no longer claim to be either the guardian or the guarantor of European peace. The peace of Europe, like the peace of the rest of the world, is maintained to-day by the Powers that are interested in maintaining it, singly and unofficially where that suffices, formally and in combination when that seems to offer the greater advantage.

The whole episode, in short, is one more striking illustration of the extent to which Europe has reverted to the political conditions and practices that obtained before the war. An alliance is an alliance, by whatever name it may be called, and the object of an alliance is the advantage or protection of its members against other States that are not parties to it. The inevitable consequence of alliances is the development in Europe of the very evil which President Wilson sought to remove, namely, a balance of power, and which many persons hoped the World War would destroy. The Peace Conference, by its ill-advised settlements and changes, made the perpetuation of the old system possible, and we are now well on the road to a return of the old order of things. It is a curious reflection that, at a moment when a "United States of Europe" is being talked about as a solution of the problems of economic organization, the nations of Europe should be grouping themselves politically in well-entrenched camps, and embodying in treaties the conditions under which they shall go to war as a means of preserving peace.

#### *"Reflective Thinking."*

On October 18th Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University delivered an address before the Institute of Arts and Sciences of the university on "The Lost Art of Thinking." A report declares his thesis to be conveyed in the statement "the power of reflective thinking has by no means kept pace with the extension of man's knowledge of nature." The application of the thesis to the political life of our time seems to have attracted chief interest, in the newspaper report that lies before us, as the practical part of the address, the academic introduction having been barely mentioned. We think this unfortunate; and in itself a demonstration of Dr. Butler's contention. And we find his thesis applicable to the mass thinking in all walks of life.

To dwell upon the power of thought, to try to analyze our own thoughts, to apply our thinking to thought itself, and to relate thought to the means and object of life, in an "academic" sense, is at least a pleasurable occupation even if it lacks a practical application. To sit apart and watch the procession of life go by may seem idle to the doers of the world but it tempers the spirit and softens the action which may follow. It is a magnificent spectacle we look upon in this decade of our century, for the genius of invention and construction is working a wonderful panorama for all to behold. And only a little reflection discloses the "ivory tower" almost mystically revealed in the sublime physical works, the tremendous commerce and trade, the ceaseless endeavor we witness on every hand.

What is it all for, and why do we do it? The theme admits of wide expansion. Sometimes our "reflective thinking" induces a degree of pessimism. Is man growing better or worse? Are we using our great gifts in a reasonable way? Are we attuning life to our consciousness of the divine? The "turmoil" often induces doubt. But we may put that aside, urged by contemplation of tendencies in thought and works, if we will; and dwell upon, for a time, the evidences of good in the scheme of things as they are. We shall have true joy in the effort. Out of the thick of the social, political, economic contest we shall be free to think on the Unfolding Purpose. In this state of mind, progress will take

on wings of light, the gradgrind toil of the material will issue into benevolence, evil will transform into good, and, as so often said, competition will turn into cooperation. We will find that our effort is based on a substratum of philosophy and that we are not as chaff blown upon the winds. For while, individually, we are in the current of conflicting affairs, while we seem to act first and think afterward, we are at the same time accepting the general opinion of what it is to be and to do, and in this attitude we stand above all and ask the question Why? Progress could not otherwise endure. Momentum may temporarily carry us away. The means may obscure the cause. But the corrective power lies within; and but a little contemplative and reflective thought will disclose that the world is not lost!

For example, let us believe that we need more leisure for reflection than we have. The "bread and butter battle" absorbs our energies, our outward mind. Must we seek it in shorter work days and mass production, when as individuals, if we will, we sit on the top of the world, in the temple of our reason, and in the sanctuary of our love? It is in this magic of the inner man that we triumph over personal failure, unrequited effort, and undeserved adversity. Time, wealth, knowledge, peace, power, pleasure, all these are overcome by "reflective thinking." We see that the whole is greater than its parts. While many trifle, while some suffer, while a majority even may be superficial thinkers, the evolution continues, the mass moves forward, and mankind is wiser than men, tolerance softens the harshness of effort and the hardness of knowledge, and individualism flourishes despite the thousand phases of collectivism that hedge us about. Though beneath the commercial and social and political environment there lies the actuating spiritual, the reactions of the material are also refining and elevating. So that, as long as we "stop to think," we know that personally we can always extract the joy of existence, and we can believe that "the best is yet to come?" Nothing, then, is futile, and the excesses of wasteful living may ultimately lead us into frugal and conserving lives. And there is reason to believe there is more of this thought in the minds of the people at large than we ourselves are aware.

It is a great privilege to live in a mechanistic age, even though an inconspicuous part thereof. The marvelous inventions that harness the powers of nature for our use and pleasure can become ethical utilities for our advance, when they do not devour us with conceit. But the stars, the flowers, hills and streams are still in their places—the open book of Nature for our constant perusal. Beauty and Truth are still ours for the asking. Thanks to the transcendent vitality of our Constitution we still preserve a form of government that shields us despite the froth and expediency of our politics and political thinking. Wealth and Power are not more than passing phases of a life that can be reflective, tolerant, humble, trusting, reverent, and devout. Books that treasure up the lifeblood of the ages past, multiply in populous centers and have ever-increasing lodgment in wayside homes. And though one pass this way but once "there is food for thought, calm, restful, benign, though one have little of this world's goods. In the soul may man escape the "fine frenzy" called living, if he will. So that we may be contented and joyful; and above all thankful for this

great gift of life. More than this even there is always some one to work for and to love—and, also, always there are "the others" who constitute the Brotherhood of Man. If to think on these things is "to stand and wait," there is time and opportunity to contemplate the meaning of "progress" and "prosperity" and to gather the fruits of wisdom from the plenitude of knowledge.

Are we submerged in reforms, smothered in organizations and associations, restive because of self-constituted "leaders" covertly seeking place or enamored of their own ideas? Do we despair of a rapid transition which hurries us we know not where? Are we the victims of our own interests and endeavors? Do commerce, industry, enterprise enervate us for "reflective thought"? Let us not believe these things too strongly. There is an undercurrent of questioning now among the masses that bodes ill to the mad rush for pleasure and the idle acceptance of undirected politics and unassimilated discoveries. A great newspaper in a great city on Monday morning devotes a page to synopses of sermons in metropolitan pulpits. These treat in variety of spiritual things. The page is read by hundreds of thousands; and a paper is known by its readers. It is not an answer to say that there are six pages devoted to sports. Life is complex; and it is diffuse. The leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Though the wind bloweth where it listeth the rain falls on the just and the unjust. If only half of the eligible vote, the fact registers, if only in a negative way, a degree of protest we cannot adequately measure, which in time may become overwhelmingly effective. Men of the farm who do not follow the false proposals for "relief" are still thinking deeply. More and more the "working men" are finding the true freedom of the right to work when, where and for whom they will—without the dictation of outside collectivism. Popular education is being called upon to render a reason for its being. On the currents of a riotous activity the fragments of both the old and the new are tossed about, but the quiet of the deeps is untouched. If "democracy" is on trial, the verdict is not yet rendered. Meanwhile the individual who sees and knows, who is in the midst of things but not of them, analyzes, estimates, seeks the truth, eager to embrace it. Millions everywhere are thinking on peace, though there is no peace. And by the fireside and under the evening lamp, in city and country, at the suggestion of the stimuli of printed words, men and women are asking "what is the world coming to?" And when the answer is given we shall not despair!

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#### *The Rockefeller Foundation—President Vincent's Report.*

The sudden death from yellow fever of the distinguished London pathologist, Dr. Adrian Stokes, Sept. 19, on the west coast of Africa, indicates a phase of the cost of the philanthropic work of the Rockefeller Foundation which President Vincent's report, with all its graphic details, does not cover. It is a repetition of the sacrifice made by the American, Dr. Walter Reed, and his heroic associates in delivering Cuba and eventually Central America from the same dreaded pest.

After Dr. Stokes's heroic service in the war at the British front in the trenches, where he found the epidemic of jaundice, the first cousin of yellow fever, was carried by rats, he was sent by the Rockefeller

Commission to Africa to investigate yellow fever. When in May of this year the work there had come to a pause he was invited to go out again to deal with the problem, and there, just on the eve of its solution, he was stricken and died. His death is a contribution to the cause he represents far beyond the eradication of a single disease, however deadly that has proved.

Turning to the report, we have the account of a work so extensive and widely effective that we have space only to call attention to a few of its more important features. That it involves the expenditure of some ten millions of dollars the past year from a principal fund of over 165 millions, all of which is held available in case of need, has a highly significant but only relative importance in this day of the frequent devotion of millions of dollars to philanthropic purposes.

More unusual is the range and variety of the work, and none the less the intelligence and skill with which it is conducted. A glance at the map supplied in the report shows that the range extends from Oslo to Constantinople in Europe; from Syria across Asia to Peking, from Tokio to Ceylon and the Malay Peninsula; in the Pacific from the Philippines to New Zealand; on the west coast of Africa; and in America, north and south, from Canada to Argentina, with no less than 244 counties in the United States and 34 districts in 12 other countries. It embraces hospitals and schools for medical, nursing and professional health training; active and continuous co-operative measures directed against prevailing diseases, with funds for their support; with books and laboratory supplies for persistent and scientific research in many lands. To promote all this work it has provided 889 fellowships for men and women in 48 different countries; sent out for inspection and instruction 69 officials or professors, besides aiding the Health Committee of the League of Nations to send on international study tours 120 health officers from 48 countries; made surveys of health conditions in 31 countries, and lent its own staff to develop special relief, or as consultants with many Governments and local institutions.

In recent years much has been accomplished in preventive medicine. Between 1900 and 1925 the general death rate in London dropped per thousand births from 159 to 68, and in New York from 192 to 65. Smallpox is almost unknown to-day in some parts of Europe and in some States of the United States; typhoid epidemics are rare in efficiently administered communities; tuberculosis is diminishing among many populations; diphtheria is coming under control; scarlet fever also by degrees; malaria is ousted from various of its strongholds; yellow fever seems to be making its last stand; cholera is disappearing, and typhus, with its awful ravages, is now a tradition.

The distinguishing feature of the philanthropic work of the Foundation is that it escapes the danger not uncommon with great benefactions, of breeding helplessness and drying up individual effort. Its policy from the first has been to give aid only to those who are helping themselves or where there is readiness to accept responsibility when the way is opened or shown. Each year gives increasing evidence that this policy has proved both enlightened and eminently successful. The Foundation aims to be a partner, not a patron. It finds its chief opportunities in lending a hand in the field of medical

research, training, health personnel, and organizing health services in connection with universities or Government agencies, local, State or national. It aims at quality rather than quantity; applies the test of attainable results, and withdraws completely when the project is officially assumed and supported by public funds. To secure this result it diffuses education to reach the local public, presents no standardized system of its own, and seeks to spread the idea of preventing disease and promoting rather than merely restoring health.

To give effect to this line of public service there are more than 400 medical teaching centres scattered in various countries varying greatly in their methods and efficiency. A selected number of these are helpful to demonstrate plans of improvement, and already an array of results in curative attainment, broader vision and co-operation can be shown. It is proving that progress in public health is largely dependent upon the leadership of physicians of imagination and public spirit, and it is worth while for the community to maintain medical schools of the best kind and to co-operate in securing doctors of the new type who will devote themselves to obtaining the training and will give the time necessary to obtain the desired results. To avoid committing itself to any one national program of medical education and public health, to escape narrow provincialism and promote the freest possible exchange of ideas throughout the world, aid has been given to the health commission of the League of Nations and many fellowships have been given to students of medicine and hygiene, and to make possible visits of health officers, scientists and administrators in other lands than their own.

There are interesting accounts of the work done in individual countries. Brazil invited aid from the Foundation in a campaign against hookworm, which was promptly given and has continued for ten years. The results are so extensive that only for the last year can they be detailed. Rural health work has been widely extended, co-operative control of malaria has secured important scientific information about the Brazilian form of the malaria-carrying mosquito; comprehensive plans have been supplied for building modern medical centres; temporary foreign nurses have been secured for service while native nurses are being trained; medical students are sent abroad for study, and American professors have been brought over to give graduate courses of instruction under the auspices of the medical faculty of Rio de Janeiro. A campaign against yellow fever instituted in northern Brazil was also pushed forward in connection with the critical effort in that line now under way on the west coast of Africa.

Special aid in various directions and in large amounts has been given in the Far East, in Siam, in China, in the widely scattered British possessions, and even in Great Britain and from France and Spain across Europe as far as Turkey, to secure international co-operation, especially in connection with general hygiene and dealing with special diseases like tuberculosis, hookworm and malaria. The systematic attempt against yellow fever organized in 1918 by General Gorgas under the auspices of the Foundation proved so successful that by the end of 1925 its eradication from Central America and the adjoining region seemed certain. But in 1926 it flared up in Brazil, where measures were promptly renewed, and seem to be entirely successful. An

agency was established in 1920 at Lagos on the west coast of Africa which was believed to be a pestilential breeding spot. There it is now expected to secure a complete extermination of the disease, though at the sad cost to which we have already referred.

Malaria, which prevailed so extensively in the United States, occupied a large share of the attention of the Foundation at first, but it is now so well understood by the public and can be so effectively dealt with by the local communities that the hookworm has become a chief object of attack. The Hookworm Commission, set up in 1909 with funds given by Mr. Rockefeller, was in 1913 expanded into the International Health Board and made a part of the Foundation. In 1926 this special work was continued in some twenty different countries. The character of the worm and its life history are well understood, its development in moist soil, its lodging in the bare feet of children, and the method of its destruction; till the task of the commission is largely limited to spreading popular instruction about it. In our Southern States this means the creation of full-time health organizations in no less than 329 counties gradually becoming locally supported, though the Foundation is still contributing about 16% of the cost of one-fourth of the number. The same system is pursued by the Foundation in many foreign countries and in establishing field stations for the training of health officers in the work of rural administration for similar service in some specially needy centres in our own land, and as far away as in Corsica and Poland.

The health of the mind and the science of life are to-day attracting general attention and the Foundation is enlarging the range of its work in both directions. Protection is needed against fanatics and charlatans who trade upon the little understood causes and character of mental disease. Biological science as underlying all the forces of body, mind and social organization needs to be advanced, and the Foundation is taking active measures in both directions. It distributes bulletins of medical progress without cost to medical schools throughout the world and has contributed the past year to the health budget of the League of Nations \$150,000, or two-thirds, of its entire cost.

After this review we may well adopt President Vincent's closing statement that "the Rockefeller Foundation seeks to increase and distribute knowledge, to promote organization nationally and internationally, to improve professional efficiency, to deepen a sense of comradeship in science, and thus to further its chartered aim, 'the well-being of mankind throughout the world.'"

#### *An Object-Lesson in Mid-West Farming.*

It is said one-half the world does not know how the other half lives. Perhaps we ought not to know—that is, in too intimate a sense. And if we bring the question home to our own country, it may be that prying into the economic life of sections of our vast country is going further than the general interests demands. But when we come to examine the political phases of our zeal to know we find we are often chasing phantoms, and that those in whose behalf we are raising the most clamor, are living a life of comparative content, careless of our endeavors. At any rate, it is interesting and instructive to run across a study of the mid-West farmer that is entirely free from "farm relief."

In the October "Scribner's," Allen D. Albert, under the title "Where the Prairie Money Goes," gives us such a study. A local manufacturer dealing in "advertising specialties" gave to Mr. Albert a commission to inquire into the wants and needs and buying ability of his customers. The scene of the survey is Edgar County, Illinois; area 675 square miles, population 26,000, of which 8,000 are in the small city of Paris, the county seat. He thus describes the county: "Black loam and brown silt, fields crisscrossed by thousands of corn rows, clusters of trees breaking the roof lines of farm houses in gentle rollings of the land, villages every five or six miles centred on church spires, roads converging from all directions upon Paris, the county seat."

Mr. Albert believes this to be a typical county of the region. He sets about his task by making personal inquiries to which not a single person refused an answer. He was further aided by the Edgar County Farm Bureau. Interested almost exclusively in the financial side of his problem, he attained to some very definite figures. We give some of the more important of them. He found the money income of the country to be "very great." "From major sources alone it passed \$11,400,000. This is the equivalent of \$2,500 for each household." We quote the following paragraph as to earnings: "Industrial wage earners in Paris factories earned \$845 a year on an average. Storekeepers had an average earning of \$2,650 each. Town workers above the grade of helpers were paid \$1,100 on the average. All that remain of workers not on farms, that is to say the clerks in the stores, the half-skilled laborers, the waiters in small restaurants, the drivers of delivery wagons and the like, earned in the towns an average of \$830 a year." As to workers on the farms he found: "Hired help on the farms seemed to be at least equally well paid. There are 2,352 farm units, and four of them out of five took on workers by the year for about \$40 a month for each man," families "somewhat more. . . . In each case a room was furnished or a house; and for each family the means were provided for the growing of all the green food, all the meat, and all the dairy products the family could use, along with most of its fuel." And then there appears this "remarkable statement": "there is no poverty in all Edgar County!"

Follows another important statement: "Not a dollar has been added to the savings of Edgar County in two years. On the contrary, the money on deposit for savings has diminished." Let us state some of the bare figures deduced. Community income "cannot be put much above \$12,000,000." Total for food and apparel about \$1,990,000; transportation of all kinds, \$3,583,306; "and of this about two-thirds—the great sum of \$2,190,000—is spent for the purchase of automobiles, for garage service and accessories, for gasoline and lubricants." Again: "Edgar County rural sections spend more than one dollar in four of their gross income on automobiling. This is fifteen times what used to be spent on pleasure vehicles for these same farms." The general store gets about a fourth as much trade "as the larger stores at the county seat." Mail order houses sell on the installment plan as well as for cash. "All in all, not counting bulk commodities such as coal and building materials, a full third of all the retail trade of Edgar County is transacted through mail order firms at a distance." Total taxes paid "\$1,367,000 for 1926." "Interest on loans of all kinds exacts



another tenth, \$1,030,423, though the payments to banks and mortgage companies seem not more than \$827,000." The investigator's conclusions are as follows: "That in a rich countryside all financial operations are now subject to riding in automobiles; that installment buying by mail is routing direct buying over the counter; that taxes and interest on loans have become lesser items of expense; that at least for the year 1926 money is not being saved; that a relatively small amount of financial planning and reorganization would greatly increase the comfort of these households."

We have quoted thus copiously from Mr. Albert's article because of its high interest and importance. We believe in physical character this is an average county of the mid-West—though there are sections where the soil is more diversified and not so rich in loam, and perhaps better adapted to varied farming. The modes of household life which he depicts are probably an average for the whole section, though owing to universities and colleges there are counties and even States that would show a higher average of taste and culture, we think, than is typified by this one county. But production and consumption and transportation on these farms does not, in our judgment, differ materially from that prevailing in the whole section. "And there is no poverty." Crossing the Alleghanies in the manufacturing section where wages *are* high there *is* poverty. Again, as seems evident, the increase in total savings bank deposits must upon this appraisal come from the manufacturing section. And there are many gaps in this financial showing that must be filled to gain a complete view. Notwithstanding, while we have here no statistics as to average acreage in the unit farm, bulk production of grains, prices at the markets, so-called buying power of the dollar, we find no real groundwork for the "revolt in the West." "Two-thirds of the homes in Edgar County have phonographs now, beyond question, probably half have radios," and therefore, while interior furnishings may be crude, these farm communities are striving to live up to the new fashions, be they considered luxuries or necessities. Where does the political revolution so direly hinted, then, have its origin?

Again, if the farmer in this section must sell his corn and wheat at world prices, does he not buy at world prices when he patronizes the mail order department store at a distance? This farmer pays out a tenth of his income for taxes and nearly another

tenth for interest on loans, these two items about equaling the automobile expenditure. We do not have the average price of land per acre. But taxes and interest bulk large against the total income. So that, even in a single county, there may be widely different degrees of living. Yet, applying the estimates we have, if a farmer has no interest to pay and can do without the automobile he could save three-tenths of *his* income, or at least three-tenths of his share of the total income of the county. And while the figures given us are far from conclusive, they *do* indicate that there is both room for saving and need for it. No doubt some who are industrious, thrifty and capable *do* save. The excessive expenditures of others wipe this fact out in the averages. Country banks hold deposits that in fact are savings, though not so named. Averages are often misleading. What is disclosed is that here is a farming community that is living so well that it can and does enjoy certain semi-luxuries and for the time being at least escapes poverty. If, therefore, the income indicated permits this sort of living the wolf is not crying at the door. Can Government, then, be asked to average the mode of living between the various industries and occupations throughout the country because one business or section has more income than another, and could it do so if it tried?

The impressive value of this investigation is not that it tells the whole story of farming, but that it *proves* that the farmer has it in his power to help himself without Government relief. One such investigation must be coupled with many others in order to give us a complete view. But we have enough to show that when times of unemployment and depression come the basis of this mode of life and living will be less affected than many others. And it *may* appear before many years have passed that the mid-West farmer has already seen his worst days.

The land boom of the inflation period is over and there are signs of recuperation and of a steadying. The black loam of this region is practically inexhaustible. If the plant is kept in its natural good condition, and if energy and forethought are applied, it will go on producing indefinitely. The fads and fashions of an era of spending and enjoying may pass, but the necessities of life will continue unabated. The farmer primarily deals in these necessities, though the figures show he is avid for the luxuries. A proper balance in his own mode of living would do much to relieve his perplexities.

## Indications of Business Activity

### STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, Nov. 4 1927.*

Much of the week warm weather continued to affect retail trade unfavorably and also for that matter wholesale and jobbing business. The retail trade felt the unseasonable temperatures the most. But the last few days temperatures have fallen at the West and the South and within 48 hours at New York and along the Northeastern Atlantic Coast. Snow storms occurred at the West. This will probably cause some increase in business. As for iron and steel, however, there are no signs of improvement. There is no doubt that the sales of these commodities are disappointing, even at yielding prices. The trade in automobiles not up to expectations either. General trade is well below the level of a year ago. There is a very noticeable decrease from 1926 in car loadings, although on the other hand the

total has just reached the highest level of the year which may mean a turn for the better. For 10 months mail order sales are 3½% larger than in 1926. Failures are more numerous than those of a year ago, except in the Northwest and at the South. The South is getting \$45 a bale more for cotton than it did at this time last year. Southern banks are carrying larger balances and money is easy there. The amount of commercial paper outstanding is said to be nearly as large as that of a year ago. In some cases iron and steel have declined and also bituminous coal, lead and zinc as well as tin. Rails have been in rather better demand. A better export inquiry has recently prevailed for copper at some advance. The grain markets have advanced slightly. But latterly partly owing to a holiday in Europe export business in wheat has been slower. Today the sales though not at all large included

hard wheat of this country to go to Portugal and some red wheat to France. A recent estimate of the Australian wheat crop was 94,000,000 bushels. This it is supposed will leave only 50,000,000 bushels for export as against 110,000,000 on the last crop. Europe it is believed will have to buy more American wheat than it did last year. Prolonged rains in France and Germany lowered the grade of wheat for milling purposes. The total wheat exports from North America thus far this year are practically equal now to those of a year ago though at one time they fell well behind those of 1926. The weather has been more favorable for curing the corn crop, and latterly there has been no pressure on the part of the country to sell. It is noticed that Argentine has exported during the past week nearly 300,000 bushels of corn to the United States and about one-third as much to Canada. The Far West and the Pacific Coast are buying corn in the Central West. Farm reserves are 70,000 bushels smaller than a year ago. The price of oats is considered unduly low, and it has advanced somewhat during the week. There is some tendency towards foreign buying of oats, as well as corn, though not as yet on any considerable scale. Rye has moved up about one cent, although the export demand has subsided for the time being. Recent reports about the German rye crop were unfavorable and later on there may be a German demand in this country. Provisions have declined somewhat. Coffee has advanced noticeably in response to rising prices for the most part in Brazil. Brazil seems to be well supplied with funds for the "defense" of the price of coffee, and for some months this year there was a tendency here to oversell the market in the belief that the crop would prove too burdensome for Brazil to handle. It has not turned out so as yet. Sugar has declined somewhat in a dull market awaiting action by the Cuban authorities as to the date of beginning grinding of the crop in Cuba. Cuba has agents in Europe endeavoring to secure the co-operation of producing countries in crop restrictive measures there and seems to be meeting with some success, in Czechoslovakia and elsewhere. Meanwhile sugar refineries are not having a satisfactory trade and prices have declined. Cotton advanced \$3.50 to \$4 a bale during the week owing partly to the prevalence of frost over the Southwest which spread at one time to the Central and Eastern belt. Killing frost occurred in Tennessee and Texas. It is said not to have done very much harm as it was not general. But it had an effect for all that. The average crop estimate at the Exchange here is 12,555,000 bales. Last month it was very close to the Government total. The into-sight movement for the week was very heavy but it was offset by large spinners takings and with diminished hedge selling and a trade demand partly from the Japanese. As to the immediate future of prices much depends upon the tenor of the Government report on the size of the crop and the ginings to be issued on November 9. Rubber has advanced nearly a cent during the week as it looks as though more stringent measures will be taken to enforce the Stevenson plan to restrict output and exports. The stock market of late has shown an upward tendency with railroad and industrial shares in demand, and shorts covering freely. Not unnaturally there were a few weak spots. Today copper, tobacco and some other specialties advanced, and the transactions in general continued on a remarkably large scale. The total sales today were 2,063,500 shares which is some 600,000 shares larger than on the same day last year. The total thus far in 1927 is about 70,000,000 shares larger than up to this time in 1926 and much more than double some of the earlier years. In other words the extraordinary activity in stocks which has been in progress for years past shows no signs of real abatement. It certainly makes a striking page in the business history of the United States. Of late foreign exchange in general has been somewhat firmer. Money has remained at around 3½%. London was more active and strong today. The Bank of England is shipping gold. Paris was irregular. Japan is understood to be preparing for a return to the gold standard in the near future.

Statements for the first 41 public utility companies to report income for the month of September show a gain in gross earnings of 7.3% over September last year and 15% in net operating income. At Lowell, Mass., on October

31 a reduction of 10% in wages went into effect at the Lowell plant of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. affecting some 1,400 employees. The plant is being run at 75% of capacity figured on a pound production basis. Manchester, N. H. wired that with several of central New Hampshire's hosiery mills working overtime it is estimated that this particular industry is operating at an average of 75%, against 50 a year ago. At Lawrence, Mass. production in the Wood Worsted Mill of the American Woolen Co. is running ahead of a year ago and the plant which normally employs 7,500 hands is operating close to 75% of capacity, the highest rate it is said reached in several years. Augusta, Me. wired that reports are current that several woolen and worsted mills in Maine, idle for some time will be reopened. The Center Woolen Mill at Dexter, Me. which has been idle since May has resumed operations. Charlotte, N. C. also wired that Carolina textile mills face a period of continued prosperity with a highly favorable reaction on business in general. Greenville S. C. mills are reported to be very busy.

Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s sales for October were \$21,567,455, an increase of 7% over October 1926. Sales for the first 10 months of this year amounted to \$156,013,344, a decrease of 0.1% from the corresponding period last year. Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales for October were \$29,301,592, an increase of 9.1% over October 1926. Sales for the first 10 months of this year totaled \$228,567,254, an increase of 6.4% over the same period last year.

The weather here has been mostly mild and indeed summerlike. Rain fell on the 2nd and 2rd insts. but temperatures have been 20 degrees higher than a year ago. The highest on the 2nd inst. was 68 degrees; average 62, or 13 degrees higher than the average for 46 years. The West has been cooler with rain this week. In Canada there have been snows and rains. Chicago earlier in the week had temperatures of 44 to 46 degrees; Cincinnati 46 to 52, Cleveland 48 to 54; Detroit 48 to 54; Duluth 36 to 48; Indianapolis 48 to 50; Minneapolis 44 to 50; Milwaukee 42 to 48; Omaha 54 to 56 and Winnipeg 30 to 40. On the 3rd inst. came rains here which continued up to an early hour this morning, and something over 1½ inches fell yesterday. There were snows and rains in Northern New York. Rains with floods swept New England, Rutland, Vermont was isolated. Many trains were stalled. The National Guard of Vermont was called out to aid refugee families. In Massachusetts traffic was delayed. In fact the Boston & Maine lines at Boston, Mass. was made impassable by washouts. Railroads were tied up in Vermont. Big rainfalls and swollen streams hit Northern New York. Highways were closed in Connecticut. Brooklyn and Long Island suffered in New York, the temperatures were 60 to 64, in Chicago 38 to 54, in Cleveland 44 to 48, in Kansas City 42 to 64, in St. Paul 46 to 48, in Winnipeg 24 to 48. Today it is stated that the Hudson River shows a rise of 10 feet at Albany. Here today the temperature at 3 o'clock was 43. The forecast was for cloudy and continued cool weather.

#### Business Outlook Based on Reports of Shippers' Regional Advisory Board—Freight Car Requirements for Next Three Months Below Those of Year Ago.

Transportation requirements for 27 of the principal commodities in the fourth quarter this year (the months of October, November and December) will be approximately 174,000 cars below the same period last year, or a decrease of 1.9%, according to reports just received and made public Oct. 17 by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association from the thirteen Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards which now cover the entire United States. On the basis of these reports, which are compiled as a result of information collected by the various commodity committees of the thirteen separate Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards, the Car Service Division estimates that 9,232,000 cars will be required to move those commodities in the last three months this year, compared with 9,406,000 cars for the same months in 1926. The further advices from the American Railway Association state:

Of the thirteen boards, six estimated an increase in transportation requirements for the last three months of the year compared with the same period last year, while the other seven estimated a decrease. The six boards estimating an increase over the preceding year were the Middle Atlantic States, Ohio Valley, Northwestern, Central Western, Pacific Coast and the Pacific Northwest. Those estimating a decrease were the New England, Allegheny, Great Lakes, Southeastern, Middle Western, Trans-Missouri-Kansas and the Southwestern boards.

The estimate by each Shippers' Regional Advisory Board as to what freight loadings by cars are anticipated for the 27 principal commodities in the last three months of this year compared with the corresponding period in 1926 and the percentage of increase or decrease follow:

Board—	1926.	1927.	Per Cent of Increase or Decrease.
New England.....	165,394	165,310	—0.05
Middle Atlantic States.....	1,073,916	1,088,766	1.4 Increase
Ohio Valley.....	1,240,622	1,265,355	2.0 Increase
Northwestern.....	379,845	427,298	12.5 Increase
Central Western.....	338,178	342,200	1.2 Increase
Pacific Coast.....	381,205	416,611	9.3 Increase
Pacific Northwest.....	305,881	322,104	5.3 Increase
Allegheny.....	1,397,133	1,309,373	6.3 Decrease
Great Lakes.....	571,470	528,804	7.5 Decrease
Southeastern.....	1,208,688	1,145,553	5.2 Decrease
Middle Western.....	1,206,643	1,129,649	6.4 Decrease
Trans-Missouri-Kansas.....	402,681	401,821	.2 Decrease
Southwestern.....	734,732	689,509	6.2 Decrease

In submitting reports to the Car Service Division, each board estimated what freight car requirements will be for the principal industries found in the territory covered by that board. On the basis of this information, the Car Service Division estimates that of the 27 commodities, increases in transportation requirements will be required for 14, as follows: All grain; flour, meal and other mill products; potatoes; other fresh vegetables; clay, gravel, sand and stone, including gypsum, crude and powdered; petroleum and petroleum products; sugar, syrup, glucose and molasses; cement; lime and plaster; agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobiles; fertilizers of all kinds; paper, printed matter and books; chemicals and explosives; and canned goods, which includes all canned food products.

Commodities for which a decrease is estimated include: Hay, straw and alfalfa; cotton; cotton seed and products, except oil; citrus fruits; other fresh fruits; live stock; coal and coke; ore and concentrates; lumber and forest products; iron and steel; castings, machinery and boilers; brick and clay products; and automobiles, trucks and parts.

The estimate as to what transportation requirements will be for various commodities for the fourth quarter compared with the same period last year follows:

Commodity—	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
All grain.....	+7.5
Flour, meal and other mill prod.....	+3.9
Hay, straw and alfalfa.....	-12.0
Cotton.....	-24.4
Cotton seed & prod'ts, except oil.....	-21.9
Citrus fruits.....	-3.0
Other fresh fruits.....	-16.5
Potatoes.....	+2.9
Other fresh vegetables.....	+1.1
Live stock.....	-1.3
Coal and coke.....	-2.0
Ore and concentrates.....	-5.9
Clay, gravel, sand and stone.....	+2.6
Lumber and forest products.....	-2.8
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	+3.0

**Wholesale Trade In U. S. in September As Reported By Federal Reserve Board—Less Than Seasonal Increase Shown.**

Volume of trade of wholesale firms reporting to the Federal Reserve system showed less than the usual seasonal increase between August and September. Compared with September a year ago total sales averaged 5% smaller, reflecting decreases in all reporting lines except shoes and drugs. Sales by wholesale distributors were in relatively large volume in August and this may, in part, account for the less than usual seasonal increase in September. In 1926, on the other hand, the volume of wholesale trade reached its peak in September and was in that month 5% larger than in September of this year. The Board also states:

For the first nine months of this year as a whole sales of reporting wholesale firms averaged 3.5% smaller than in the corresponding period of last year. Decreases were reported in all lines except shoes and drugs. Percentage changes in the value of sales in September, as compared with August of this year and September of last year, and in the first nine months of the year as a whole, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, are as follows:

Line—	Changes in Value of Wholesale Sales.		
	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in sales in Sept. 1927, Compared With First Nine Months of 1927.		
	August 1927	September, 1926	Compared with First Nine Months of 1926.
Grocery.....	+ 3.5	-7.1	-3.0
Meat.....	+ 6.4	-7.3	-6.8
Dry goods.....	- 2.4	-7.0	-4.4
Shoes.....	+ 9.7	+4.0	+4.0
Hardware.....	+10.0	-2.5	-3.2
Drugs.....	+ 3.9	+5.5	+1.5
Total, six lines.....	+ 3.6	-5.5	-3.5

Among the additional lines from which data are received but not included in the above table, sales of women's and men's clothing were slightly smaller than in September of last year, while those of furniture were somewhat larger. Domestic sales of agricultural machinery and farm equipment were 16% larger in September than a year earlier, according to reports received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago from 76 manufacturers. Orders for machine tools placed with firms reporting to the National Machine Tool Builders' Association were 38% smaller in September than in August and 45% smaller than in September of last year.

Merchandise stocks carried by reporting wholesale firms were smaller in value at the end of September than in August in all lines except groceries. Compared with September a year ago, stocks were smaller in all reporting lines except shoes.

Index numbers of the dollar value of sales in six leading lines of wholesale trade are given below. On the following pages are shown changes in sales stocks by lines and by Federal reserve districts.

1925.—	Value of Wholesale Trade by Lines.					
	(Index numbers with average monthly sales in 1919 as 100.)					
	Groceries.	Meat.	Dry Goods.	Shoes.	Hard-ware.	Drugs.
July.....	84	77	78	52	99	113
August.....	82	81	102	73	99	115
September.....	92	66	114	84	112	124
1927.—						
July.....	78	72	75	53	94	119
August.....	83	75	109	79	99	126
September.....	85	80	106	87	109	131

**CHANGES IN SALES AND STOCKS OF WHOLESALE FIRMS BY LINES AND BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS**

Line and Federal Reserve District	(Increase + decrease (—) %)		Stocks: September 1927 compared with Aug. 1927	
	Sales: September 1927 compared with Aug. 1927	Sept. 1926	Sept. 1926	Sept. 1926
<b>Groceries—</b>				
United States.....	+3.5	-7.1	+ 2.4	-6.2
Boston district.....	-1.8	-6.4	+7.5	-2.5
New York district.....	+6.3	-3.2	+9.4	-4.9
Philadelphia district.....	+2.4	-11.8	+2.9	-4.1
Cleveland district.....	+7.1	-9.7	+0.8	+1.5
Richmond district.....	+9.3	-5.2	+10.4	-0.1
Atlanta district.....	+0.1	-12.6	-0.6	-14.1
Chicago district.....	-2.5	-8.1	-0.1	-14.2
St. Louis district.....	+17.1	-16.5	+4.1	-2.8
Minneapolis district.....	-1.0	+6.0	-1.0	-6.0
Kansas City district.....	-5.2	-9.9	+1.5	-2.7
Dallas district.....	+11.2	-6.2	+7.8	-2.6
San Francisco district.....	+1.0	-5.8	+25.2	-6.6
<b>Dry Goods—</b>				
United States.....	-2.4	-7.0	-6.0	-2.6
New York district.....	-15.0	-20.8	-2.6	-19.7
Philadelphia district.....	+23.9	-8.4	+2.2	-10.3
Cleveland district.....	+3.5	-5.5	+2.2	+4.6
Richmond district.....	+3.4	+0.1	-6.6	+4.6
Atlanta district.....	+9.8	+8.7	-5.4	-24.5
Chicago district.....	+5.0	-18.3	-3.1	-15.0
St. Louis district.....	-20.8	-7.9	-6.0	+13.6
Kansas City district.....	-13.5	-2.2	-8.6	+13.0
Dallas district.....	-13.8	+8.0	-9.3	-3.7
San Francisco district.....	+2.5	+3.1	-7.4	-1.5
<b>Shoes—</b>				
United States.....	+9.7	+4.0	-1.9	+3.7
Boston district.....	+3.6	-6.6	-7.9	-3.8
New York district.....	+5.2	+7.6	-12.6	-40.8
Philadelphia district.....	+4.1	-17.1	-8.5	-20.4
Cleveland district.....	+7.9	-16.1	-13.9	-4.6
Richmond district.....	-3.7	+0.6	-14.2	-11.7
Atlanta district.....	+8.4	+5.0	-1.0	-1.0
Chicago district.....	-7.4	-13.4	+7.3	+8.2
St. Louis district.....	-1.1	+0.6	-7.8	-3.5
Minneapolis district.....	-6.0	-17.0	-14.0	-29.0
San Francisco district.....	-3.9	-1.4	-0.6	-4.6
<b>Hardware—</b>				
United States.....	+10.0	-2.5	-1.1	-3.0
New York district.....	+14.0	-2.0	-3.3	-16.6
Philadelphia district.....	+6.9	-4.5	-0.5	+0.7
Cleveland district.....	+8.3	-6.8	-3.7	-3.3
Richmond district.....	+9.5	+3.0	+1.9	-1.8
Atlanta district.....	+8.4	-8.6	+0.2	-12.9
Chicago district.....	+6.5	-9.0	-5.0	-1.9
St. Louis district.....	+6.2	-1.0	-5.6	-20.9
Minneapolis district.....	+8.0	+4.0	-1.0	-1.0
Kansas City district.....	+7.1	-3.2	-0.6	+1.7
Dallas district.....	+27.0	+4.5	-1.3	-1.6
San Francisco district.....	+6.0	-0.8	-4.0	-8.8
<b>Drugs—</b>				
United States.....	+3.9	+5.5	-1.3	-4.8
New York district.....	+27.7	+4.1	-1.9	-12.2
Philadelphia district.....	+2.0	-1.9	+3.5	25.8
Cleveland district.....	+5.4	+0.4	---	---
Richmond district.....	+7.6	+2.5	---	---
Atlanta district.....	+9.4	+6.0	---	---
Chicago district.....	+8.7	-4.4	-1.5	+0.7
St. Louis district.....	+14.4	+4.2	---	---
Kansas City district.....	+4.4	+13.5	-2.9	1.2
Dallas district.....	+6.3	-1.2	-4.6	-9.6
San Francisco district.....	+5.3	+6.8	---	3.2
<b>Furniture—</b>				
Richmond district.....	+0.2	-3.8	-7.1	-22.8
Atlanta district.....	+17.8	-0.6	-1.2	-24.4
St. Louis district.....	+22.5	-5.3	-1.2	-4.2
Kansas City district.....	+3.7	-4.3	0.5	-4.2
San Francisco district.....	+7.3	-2.4	5.1	5.1
<b>Agricultural Implements—</b>				
United States.....	-15.4	+16.3	---	---
Minneapolis district.....	-48.0	+66.0	+0.0	-7.0
Dallas district.....	+5.9	+4.6	+2.2	-10.4
<b>Stationery and Paper—</b>				
New York district.....	-3.8	-15.6	---	---
Philadelphia district.....	-4.7	-10.8	+0.2	+5.9
Atlanta district.....	+76.1	+9.6	---	---
San Francisco district.....	+7.0	-5.7	-7.9	-0.6
<b>Automotive Supplies—</b>				
San Francisco district.....	+1.0	+1.1	+0.1	+1.4
<b>Clothing—</b>				
New York district.....	-7.3	-10.7	---	---
St. Louis district.....	+37.4	+84.2	---	---
<b>Cotton Jobbers—</b>				
New York district.....	-0.2	-9.9	-1.8	-4.3
<b>Silk Goods—</b>				
New York district.....	-18.9	-19.1	---	---
<b>Machine Tools—</b>				
United States.....	-37.7	-45.3	---	---
<b>Diamonds—</b>				
New York district.....	+15.5	-20.2	---	---
<b>Jewelry—</b>				
New York district.....	+40.0	10.4	+9.9d	+1.4d
Philadelphia district.....	+5.7	-10.4	-2.5	-5.3
<b>Electrical Supplies—</b>				
Philadelphia district.....	+45.4	25.4	+3.3	-20.7
Atlanta district.....	+10.0	-16.0	+1.4	-21.8
St. Louis district.....	-2.3	-5.5	+14.3	+35.4
San Francisco district.....	+18.4	+5.1	+16.3	+0.5
<b>Stores—</b>				
St. Louis district.....	+4.4	-18.9	-3.0	+8.6

a Changes in total stocks for the United States are weighted averages computed on the basis of firms which have reported regularly to the Federal Reserve System since January 1923.

b Sales of agricultural implements for the United States are compiled by the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank from reports of leading manufacturers and include all of their domestic business.

c Based upon indexes of orders placed with manufacturers furnished by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

d Includes diamonds.

**Monthly Indexes of Department of Commerce—Increase in Production of Raw Material.**

The Department of Commerce presents under date of Oct. 31, the following monthly indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders:

**Production.**

Production of raw materials in September, as seen from the weighted index of the Department of Commerce, was greater than in September of last year, increases in the marketings of crops and the production of forest products being more than sufficient to offset declines in the output of minerals and in the marketings of animal products. The output of manufactures, after adjustment for differences in working time, showed no change from the preceding month but was lower than in September of last year. The unadjusted figures showed increases over the preceding month in the output of nonferrous metals and in the production of chemicals and oils, all other industrial groups either declining or showing no change. As compared with last year, increased output was registered in foodstuffs, textiles, leather and leather products, chemicals and oils, stone, clay and glass products and tobacco, all other groups declining.

Commodity Stocks.

Stocks of commodities, after adjustment for seasonal variations, were lower at the end of September than at the end of the previous month, but higher than a year ago. As compared with the preceding month, commodity stocks showed declines in the holdings of raw and manufactured foodstuffs, stocks of other manufactured commodities and raw materials for manufacture showing increases. As compared with last year, all groups showed increased stocks.

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled-order index, covering principally iron and steel and building materials, reached a new low point in September, both major groups being lower at the end of that month than at the end of either the previous month or a year ago.

The index numbers of the Department of Commerce are given below:

Production (Index numbers: 1919=100)—	Aug. 1927.	Sept. 1927.	Sept. '26.
Raw materials—total	132	159	148
Minerals	154	147	153
Animal products	113	107	111
Crops	137	202	172
Forestry	126	126	120
Manufacturing, grand total (adjusted)	128	128	135
Total (unadjusted)	133	128	135
Foodstuffs	133	125	114
Textiles	119	119	110
Iron and steel	117	110	132
Other metals	171	177	180
Lumber	148	145	151
Leather	106	102	94
Paper and printing	111	100	119
Chemicals and oils	190	198	187
Stone and clay products	190	181	165
Tobacco	144	143	133
Automobiles (included in miscellaneous group)	192	157	241
Miscellaneous	127	112	147
Commodity Stocks (Index numbers: 1919=100) (unadjusted)—			
Total	159	168	153
Raw foodstuffs	191	194	188
Raw materials for manufacture	124	172	138
Manufactured foodstuffs	108	99	94
Other manufactured commodities	186	192	172
(Adjusted for seasonal element)			
Total	205	192	175
Raw foodstuffs	319	277	256
Raw materials for manufacture	172	180	146
Manufactured foodstuffs	95	93	88
Other manufactured commodities	204	205	183
Unfilled Orders			
Total (1926=100)	40	38	49
Iron and steel	31	30	38
Building materials	77	69	92

New York Federal Reserve Bank's Indexes of Business Activity.

From the November 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York we take the following.

This bank's indexes of business activity for September continued to show mixed changes as compared with the previous month and a year ago. Bank debits in 140 centers outside of New York City increased sharply in September and were 10% larger than a year ago, compared with an average increase of 3% during the first 8 months of the year. The index of debits in New York City was higher than ever before, accompanying continued heavy stock exchange trading.

Car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight on a daily basis also increased in September by more than the usual seasonal amount and compared favorably with 1926 and 1925. Loadings of the heavy bulk freight, however, increased less than seasonally and were considerably smaller than a year ago. An increase of 4% in mail order sales over last year reflects the increased purchasing power in agricultural districts this year.

September indexes of business activity in percentages of the computed trend, with allowance for seasonal variations, and, where necessary, for price changes, are compared below with figures for recent months and a year ago.

(Computed Trend of Past Years=100%.)

	1926.		1927.		Sept.
	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
<b>Primary Distribution</b>					
Car loadings, merchandise and misc	109	105	103	105	
Car loadings, other	108	93	97	96	
Exports	106	104	105	102	
Imports	121	119	127	122	
Grain exports	112	63	120	166	
Panama Canal traffic	98	96	97	---	
<b>Distribution to Consumer</b>					
Department store sales, 2nd Dist.	105	101	108	108	
Chain store sales	104	106	101	105	
Mail order sales	108	117	121	110	
Life insurance paid for	115	109	113	111	
Real estate transfers	104	97	98	94	
Magazine advertising	104	97	104	100	
Newspaper advertising	107	97	102	102	
<b>General Business Activity</b>					
Bank debits, outside of N. Y. City	110	116	112	118	
Bank debits, New York City	123	136	146	151	
Bank debits, 2nd Dist. excl. N. Y. City	105	106	102	111	
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of New York City	98	119	104	109	
Velocity of bank deposits, N. Y. City	127	135	145	153	
Shares sold on N. Y. Stock Exchange*	173	176	234	235	
Postal receipts	99	92	98	93	
Electric power r	108r	106r	105r	---	
Employment in the United States	104	100	100	99	
Business failures	93r	104r	107r	101	
Building permits	133	104	129	119	
New corporations formed in N. Y. State	112	116	113	112	
General price level	186	183	184	184	

\* Seasonal variation not allowed for. p Preliminary. r Revised.

Railroad Revenue Car Loadings Large But Continue Below 1926.

Cars loaded with revenue freight for the week ended on Oct. 22 totaled 1,128,486 cars, according to reports filed on Nov. 1 by the railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 8,614 cars above the preceding week, with increases reported in the loading of grain and grain products, forest products, merchandise and less than carload lot freight and miscellaneous freight. Decreases, however, were shown in the loading of all other commodities. The total for the week of Oct. 22 was a decrease of 72,455 cars under the same week last year but 7,809 cars above the same week in 1925. Details are as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 442,496 cars, a decrease of 13,320 cars under the corresponding week last year but 8,615 cars above the same week in 1925.

Coal loading amounted to 193,272 cars. This was a decrease of 33,532 cars under the same week last year but an increase of 4,116 cars compared with the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 60,378 cars, an increase of 6,063 cars above the same week in 1926 and 11,954 cars above the same period in 1925. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 43,343 cars, an increase of 6,136 cars above the same week last year.

Live stock loading amounted to 40,670 cars, an increase of 571 cars above the same week last year but 523 cars below the same week in 1925. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 32,383 cars, an increase of 999 cars above the same week last year.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight totaled 269,346 cars, a decrease of 3,225 cars below the same week last year and 2,413 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading totaled 67,900 cars, 5,054 cars below the same week last year and 3,961 cars below the same week in 1925.

Ore loading totaled 45,036 cars, 20,259 cars below the same week in 1926 and 5,472 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 9,388 cars, a decrease of 3,699 cars under the same week in 1926 and 4,507 cars below the same period in 1925.

All districts except the Central Western, reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the corresponding period in 1926, but all except the Eastern, Allegheny and Pocahontas districts 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
Week ended Oct. 1	1,126,390	1,180,049	1,113,283
Week ended Oct. 8	1,100,552	1,174,928	1,106,036
Week ended Oct. 15	1,119,872	1,202,780	1,106,009
Week ended Oct. 22	1,128,486	1,200,941	1,120,677
Total	43,346,804	43,892,838	42,338,949

Production of Electric Power in the United States Shows Increase Over 1926.

The total output of electric power by public utility power plants in the United States for the month of September amounted to 6,559,840,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of about 5% over the corresponding month a year ago, according to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey. Of this amount 2,223,254,000 kilowatt hours were produced by water power and 4,336,586,000 kilowatt hours by fuels. Production for the month of August 1927 was 6,661,290,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of approximately 7% over the same month in 1926. The "Survey" further reports:

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

District.	July 1927.	August 1927.	September 1927.	Change in Output from Previous Year.				
				Aug.	Sept.			
				New England	420,105,000	442,236,000	448,273,000	+8%
Middle Atlantic	1,656,836,000	1,688,094,000	1,670,609,000	+1%	+1%			
East North Central	1,474,970,000	1,524,507,000	1,523,098,000	+5%	+1%			
West North Central	398,233,000	409,373,000	420,127,000	+5%	+7%			
South Atlantic	674,888,000	719,207,000	699,303,000	+18%	+15%			
East South Central	282,374,000	303,507,000	314,269,000	+21%	+18%			
West South Central	289,295,000	294,312,000	291,008,000	+27%	+21%			
Mountain	311,026,000	314,179,000	296,532,000	+3%	+0%			
Pacific	947,572,000	965,875,000	896,621,000	+12%	+10%			
Total United States				6,455,299,000	6,661,290,000	6,559,840,000	+7%	+5%

The average production of electricity by public utility power plants in the United States in September was 218,700,000 kilowatt hours per day, about 2% larger than the average output for August.

The usual seasonal increase in the demand for electricity which starts each year during the later part of the summer period was well under way in September, owing to low-water conditions in streams utilized for power purposes, was at about the minimum for the year.

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

	1926.		Increase 1927 Over 1926.	Produced by Water Power.	
	1926.	1927.		1926.	1927.
January	6,150,000,000	6,730,000,000	9%	32%	35%
February	5,629,000,000	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	6,455,000,000	8%	34%	38%
August	6,175,000,000	6,661,000,000	7%	34%	36%
September	6,221,000,000	6,560,000,000	5%	33%	34%
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 in the accompanying tables are on a 100% basis.

The following table containing data published by the Department of Trade and Commerce from Canada shows the amount of electricity exported to the United States from Canada and imported to Canada from the United States in 1926 and 1927 (in kilowatt-hours):

Month.	Exports.		Imports.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
January	115,793,000	130,894,000	297,000	281,000
February	101,155,000	121,829,000	282,000	266,000
March	110,911,000	133,702,000	310,000	446,000
April	115,696,000	129,709,000	260,000	408,000
May	119,398,000	124,749,000	268,000	424,000
June	127,251,000	139,439,000	249,000	408,000
July	132,251,000		258,000	
August	142,857,000		256,000	
September	146,678,000		252,000	
October	144,160,000		265,000	
November	119,381,000		245,000	
December	127,568,000		288,000	
Yearly total	1,503,173,000		3,230,000	

**Orders for Electrical Goods for Third Quarter of 1927—Comparison With Previous Periods.**

New orders booked during the third quarter of 1927, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 86 manufacturers of electrical goods, were \$233,521,000, as compared with \$235,725,548 for the second quarter of 1927 and \$241,114,209 for the third quarter of 1926. The following totals of bookings for each quarter since the beginning of 1922 are presented by the Department not as a complete statement of the industry but as probably sufficiently representative to indicate the trend:

**ORDERS FOR ELECTRICAL GOODS.**

Quarter.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
First	\$ 143,320,453	\$ 225,399,383	\$ 228,760,838	\$ 233,023,182	\$ 262,677,736	\$ 245,178,960
Second	165,370,750	240,542,824	221,167,876	227,502,652	248,000,075	235,725,548
Third	167,984,466	201,910,099	185,747,314	232,933,532	241,114,209	233,521,000
Fourth	192,473,402	218,165,415	231,470,552	244,597,050	260,078,082	
Total	669,149,071	886,017,721	867,146,580	938,056,416	1,011,870,102	

\* Revised.

**Increase in Productivity of Manufacturing Industry in U. S. Through Improved Organization and Mechanization—67 Workers in 1925 Equaled Production of 100 Men in 1899.**

Mechanization and improved organization have so improved the productivity of the manufacturing industry in the United States since the beginning of the century that on an average 67 workers in 1925 produced as much as 100 men turned out in 1899, despite the shorter hours now prevailing, according to a study of productive efficiency made by the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York. The Board in making this known Oct. 24 states:

If the productivity of industry through mechanization should continue to increase in the same manner and at the same rate for the next 25 years, it would at the end of that time require but 45 men to produce what now requires a force of nearly 70, and which a little more than 25 years ago necessitated the employment of 100 men. Such calculation, however speculative it may be, does not overdraw the striking advances constantly being made in the way of mechanization and more efficient co-ordination of effort in manufacturing processes. Iron screws, for instance, are now being made by automatic machinery at a ratio of about 1,000 to every 1 formerly made by hand; spikes are being turned out by machinery at a ratio of 200 to every 1 previously turned out by hand, and in various other processes of the metal trades industry, such as boring, broaching, counter tapping, sinking, reaming and milling, mechanization has increased productivity at a ratio of about 50 to 1 per worker. Other industries, as for instance the iron and steel industry, the textile and textile products industries, shoe manufacturing, bottle blowing, baking, and printing all have undergone similar changes through mechanization.

This process of mechanization has multiplied the available stock of consumption goods, has made possible the wider use of many commodities formerly in the class of luxuries, and is strikingly reflected in an effective increase of our national income of more than 40% since 1914. The "real wage" of industrial workers, that is the purchasing power of the industrial wage earner's average weekly pay, according to the Conference Board's wage studies, is now more than a third greater than it was in 1914. The increased mechanization also in effect has released many, who otherwise would have been claimed by manual tasks, for activity in other fields, thus affording opportunity for not only a materially but also culturally richer and broader national life, as is evidenced by the increased proportion of the population attending schools and colleges during the past few years.

The increase of productive efficiency achieved by mechanization of course varies in the different industries, and has been most striking in the newer industries which are less handicapped by old established customs of procedure. An outstanding example is the automobile industry, which in 192 required less than a third as many workers to produce a given number of cars than it did in 1914. The rubber industry has advanced almost, but not quite as rapidly. In the leather and in the lumber industries, on the other hand, it takes about the same number of workers to turn out a given quantity of product as it did 25 years ago, in fact, probably owing to a decrease in the number of working hours, the number of persons in 1925 was even a trifle higher, in proportion to the amount produced than in 1899, although lower than it had been in 1914.

According to the Conference Board's computation, the production of 100 persons in 1899, including office and management personnel as well as manual workers, was matched in 1925 by the output of 75 persons in the food and food products industry; 83 in textile and textile products manufacturing; 81 in iron and steel; 101 in the lumber industry; 103 in leather manufacturing; 61 in the paper and printing industry; 47 in the chemical industry; 63 in stone, clay and glass manufacturing; 44 in the metal and metal products industry and 34 in tobacco manufacturing.

In the automobile industry, which was practically non-existent in 1899, it took in 1925 only 30 workers to produce what 100 men produced in the year 1914. In the rubber industry, which owes its modern development

mostly to the automobile industry, it took in 1925 only 40 workers to produce the same quantity which it took 100 men to turn out in 1914.

**Wholesale Trade in New York Federal Reserve District in September Below That of Year Ago.**

According to the November 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York "September wholesale trade in this district, as reported by representative dealers, fell 8% below that of September last year, following increases in July and August." The Bank adds:

All lines covered by the reports showed less favorable comparisons with 1926 sales in September than in August, with the exception of jewelry and diamonds. Machine tool sales were little more than half those of September 1926, and sales of dresses, silks, and stationery showed large declines.

Reported stocks of drugs and hardware were considerably smaller than a year ago, and stocks of groceries and cotton goods were somewhat smaller, but stocks of shoes remained well above the low levels of a year ago. Collections in September appear to have been slightly slower than last year in most lines.

Commodity.	Percentage Change Sept. 1927 from Aug. 1927.		Percentage Change Sept. 1927 from Sept. 1926.		Per Cent of Accounts Outstanding Aug. 31 Collected in September.	
	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	1927.	1926.
Groceries	+6.3	+9.4	-3.2	-4.9	76.3	77.4
Men's clothing	-15.8		-9.2		35.0	38.2
Women's dresses	-3.8		-26.6		58.2	60.0
Women's coats and suits	+0.4		+1.3			
Cotton goods—jobbers	-0.2	-1.8	-9.9	-4.3	37.2	38.3
Cotton goods—Commission	-3.3		-8.2			
Silk goods	-18.9		-19.1		44.3	47.7
Shoes	+5.2	-12.6	+7.6	+40.8	36.0	35.1
Drugs	+27.7	-1.9	+4.1	-12.2	42.9	47.3
Hardware	+14.0	+3.3	-2.0	-16.6	43.8	42.7
Machine tools*	-37.7		-45.3			
Stationery	-3.8		-15.6		63.4	59.4
Paper	+5.3		+4.2		57.4	67.7
Diamonds	+15.5	+9.9	(-20.2)	+1.4	27.7	26.1
Jewelry	+40.0		(+10.4)			
Weighted average	-0.7		-8.2		50.9	52.5

\* Reported by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

**Gains in Chain Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District During September.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York states in its November 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions that "increases over last year in sales of reporting chain store organizations, though not as large in September as in August, were substantial in several lines. Grocery and variety store systems continued to report large increases in total volume of business, and their average sales per store also were considerably above those of a year ago. Ten cent store and drug chains continued to show a fairly rapid rate of expansion, but sales of reporting tobacco, shoe, and candy chains were little if any above those of a year ago." Comparisons furnished by the Bank follow:

Type of Store.	Percentage Change Sept. 1927 from Sept. 1926.		
	Number of Stores.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.
Grocery	+8.3	+23.3	+13.9
Ten Cent	+9.3	+10.1	+0.7
Drug	+14.4	+12.1	-2.0
Tobacco	+2.7	-4.1	-6.5
Shoe	+7.8	+0.4	-6.9
Variety	+16.4	+26.7	+8.8
Candy	+5.3	+1.2	-4.0
Total	+8.0	+17.9	+9.2

**Department Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District in September Larger Than Year Ago.**

September sales of leading department stores in the Federal Reserve District of New York were 2% larger than in September a year ago, a smaller percentage increase than was reported for August. After allowance for an estimated decline of between 2 and 3% in retail prices during the past year, this increase would appear to indicate at least the usual annual rate of growth in the quantity of merchandise sold. The foregoing statement appears in the November 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York, from which we quote further as follows regarding the department store business:

The warm weather of September was reported to have retarded retail sales of Fall merchandise, however, and a number of localities showed smaller sales than a year previous.

The value of merchandise on hand in reporting stores at the end of the month averaged about the same as a year ago and outstanding orders for merchandise were small for the time of year. The rate of stock turnover or the month continued to be slightly higher than last year, and the rate of collection of accounts receivable also continued above that of a year ago.

Locality.	Percentage Change Sept. 1927 from Sept. 1926.		Per Cent. of Charge Accounts Outstanding Aug. 31 Collected in September.	
	Net Sales.	Stock on Hand End of Month.	1927.	1926.
New York	+1.4	+1.6	42.4	40.1
Buffalo	-1.4	-9.0	51.8	49.8
Rochester	-2.1	-5.6	35.1	36.4
Syracuse	+2.9	-9.5	---	---
Newark	+11.2	+9.1	43.1	42.2
Bridgeport	-7.9	-26.9	---	---
Elsewhere	-1.0	-2.6	31.0	31.9
Northern New York State	-1.3	---	---	---
Central New York State	+7.2	---	---	---
Southern New York State	-8.3	---	---	---
Hudson River Valley District	+3.8	---	---	---
Capital District	-2.3	---	---	---
Westchester District	+1.7	---	---	---
All department stores	+2.2	0.0	41.3	39.6
Apparel stores	-0.1	+4.5	46.7	39.7
Mall order houses	+3.9	---	---	---

Comparisons of sales and stocks in principal departments with those of a year ago are shown in the following table.

	Net Sales Percentage Change Sept. 1927 from Sept. 1926.	Stock on Hand Percentage Change Sept. 30 1927 from Sept. 30 1926.
Toys and sporting goods	+18.0	-2.2
Books and stationery	+13.8	-6.2
Women's and misses' ready-to-wear	+12.3	+14.0
Hosiery	+12.3	+9.9
Luggage and other leather goods	+8.4	-1.9
Shoes	+6.9	+6.0
Home furnishings	+5.4	-0.6
Furniture	+4.8	-0.3
Toilet articles and drugs	+3.8	-11.0
Men's furnishings	+3.6	+11.5
Silverware and jewelry	+2.8	-9.6
Women's ready-to-wear accessories	+1.3	-3.7
Linen and handkerchiefs	+1.0	+4.3
Musical instruments and radio	+0.5	-46.8
Silks and velvets	-0.5	-10.6
Men's and boys' wear	-3.2	+7.4
Cotton goods	-9.2	-8.4
Woolen goods	-13.6	-17.1
Miscellaneous	+0.4	-13.4

**Industrial Conditions in Illinois During September—Gains Shown in Factory Employment.**

According to the review of the industrial situation in Illinois, seven of the fourteen leading Illinois industrial centers report increases in factory employment during September. Seven free employment offices have issued statements indicating that jobs are easier to obtain than they were a month ago. In four centers more money has been paid in wages than was the case in August. The review, issued Oct. 14 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor, also says:

Fruit and vegetable canning activities led to the greatest gains. In Bloomington a 30.6% increase in employment is reported. The canning season promises to be a very short one because of short crops resulting from a rainy spring season. In many sections there have been strong exceptions to the general downward decline in the metal industry. In Cicero metal manufacturers have increased their working forces. The same is true of Danville. East St. Louis reports that its seasonal gain is greater than usual because of payroll additions in the meat packing industry. Unemployment conditions have improved very decidedly. September is more favorable from the standpoint of the jobseeker than any month in 1927. While jobs are more difficult to obtain than usual for September, employment office figures indicate that the number of jobseekers is not unusually great. A resumption of activities on the part of metal manufacturers would reduce unemployment to the level of the previous four years.

In its review of the situation by industries the Bureau states:

Recessions in the metal industry led to a decline of 0.2% in factory employment. In foundries, electrical products establishments and farm implement factories fewer workers are reported. Men's clothing makers also report reductions. Meat packers and cannery workers have more employees than in August. The present decline in factory employment is a reversal of the usual trend. With the exception of 1923 factory employment has always scored a gain in September.

**Glass Factories Approach High Level of 1926.**

A further increase of 3.6% in the number of names on the payrolls of glass manufacturers has brought the volume of employment near the high level which it reached in 1926. In no other industry have employment reports been so consistently optimistic as in this group. Since 1925 employment in glass factories has had an upward trend. For the building products group as a whole, employment conditions are less favorable. One and four-tenths fewer workers are employed than in August. There are now 5.1% fewer workers employed in building products factories than was the case in September 1926.

**Employment Records Indicate Curtailment of Production in Metal Industries.**

Employment in the metals group declined 1.8%. The present recession is a reversal of the trend experienced in 1925 and 1926. It is due largely to layoffs in iron foundries and in establishments manufacturing electrical products. A gain of 0.4% in the working forces of machine manufacturers is the only notable exception to the general reduction of employment in the metal industries. Comparison with a year ago reveals a drop in employment of 11.6%.

**A 4.8% Gain Carries Furniture Industry 6.4% Above 1922 Level.**

Seasonal gains in the furniture and musical instruments groups have led to a 1.6% increase in the wood products group. Lumber and planing mills report a drop of 3.9%. For the group as a whole, there are 10.4% fewer names on payrolls than was the case in September 1926.

**Gain in Fur Making Establishments—Loss in Leather Group.**

A 20.3% gain of employment in fur establishments is the single exception to the general decline in the leather products group. Payroll records show that 1.5% fewer workers are employed by shoe manufacturers than a month ago.

**Chemical Manufacturers Report Seasonal Gains.**

The September gain in the chemical industry is largely due to increased working forces in coke and gas manufacturing establishments. Oil refiners report 3.3% fewer workers than a month ago. Refiners' reports indicate that they have 21.0% fewer workers than in September 1926.

**Employment in Paper and Printing Industries 0.2% Below Sept 1926.**

A laying off of 5.9% of the working forces of printing establishments carried employment in the paper and printing group 3.1% below its August level. A gain of 1.5% in the number of names on the payrolls of tag and paper box makers is the most notable exception to the decline.

**Textile Mills Make Greatest September Gain in Five Years.**

Twelve and seven-tenths per cent more textile workers are employed this month than was the case in August. Additions in hosiery factories and in establishments making awnings and shades are to be accredited with the increase.

**Employment in Clothing Industries Makes Seasonal Drop.**

Men's clothing makers have followed their usual September policy of dismissing workers during the month. An addition of 0.1% in the volume of employment in women's clothing factories is also in line with previous September policies. One and five-tenths per cent fewer workers are employed in the clothing industries than was the case in the corresponding period in 1926.

**Meat Packers and Cannery Add Names to Payrolls.**

Three industries are to be accredited with the gain of 6.8% in the food products group. Meat packers made very considerable contributions by adding 0.4% more workers to their payroll. An increase of 272.1% is reported by cannery workers who report a very active season. Indications are that the season will be of short duration because of low acreage. The candy factories report their usual September increases.

**Mail Order Report Drop in Employment.**

A reduction of working forces in mail order houses led to a 1.6% drop in the trade group. Department stores have more workers than in August.

**Employment Drops in Public Utilities.**

Employment in the public utilities group shows a gain of 0.1%. Railroad car shops and telephone companies report reductions.

Coal mines report 70.3% more workers. Many mines have made local agreements with the miners.

Increases in all lines of building is reported.

The analysis by cities follows:

**Aurora.**—Nineteen leading Aurora factory owners have dismissed 3.1% of their workers during the past month. The decline has been a general one. The greatest reductions are reported by metal manufacturers and clothing makers. Several large metal shops are working part time. Night shifts have been discontinued. Building activity is slightly more than a month ago, although a decline from 1926 is noted. The unemployment situation is less favorable than either last month or a year ago.

**Bloomington.**—Canning activities are responsible for an improvement in the Bloomington employment situation. The increase in employment is greater than usual for this season. This is due to the support which Bloomington cannery workers received from other industries. Both metal establishments and paper products factories have increased their working forces. The employment office ratio reflects more unemployment than existed last month or in any September in the last four years. This is accounted for in part by a very short canning season that ended in the third week of September. The beginning of the born husking season will probably decrease the competition for jobs in Bloomington.

**Chicago.**—A 1.7% reduction of working force is reported by 530 leading Chicago manufacturers. They also report that they have paid 5.5% less money in wages during September than was the case in August. In this connection it should be noted that September had fewer working days. In 1923 and in 1924 September reductions of factory forces were reported. The present decline is not unusual for Chicago. There are many notable exceptions to the September decline. Chicago meat packers added names to their payrolls. More workers are also reported by machine manufacturers. Foundries, job printers and men's clothing manufacturers are the major influences in the present recession. Free employment office figures reflect better conditions than have existed for some time in Chicago. The present ratio of 149 applicants per 100 jobs is very favorable when compared with 189 for August. Thirty-five hundred fewer jobs have been offered to the free employment offices than was the case in September 1926 and 2,700 fewer applications for work were received.

**Cicero.**—The metal industry in Cicero showed unusual strength during the past month. While national and State reports indicate that metal manufacturers are curtailing production, employment records from Cicero indicate that metal manufacturers of that city are increasing their operations. The free employment office reports more unemployment than a month ago, but comparison with previous years indicates that jobs are not harder to obtain than in those years.

**Danville.**—Danville industry experienced a mixed trend during September. Paper products factories and lumber mills report reductions, and sheet metal manufacturers report increases. The canning industry has been undergoing a season of comparatively high activity. It is also reported that road construction work and farm work are providing jobs for many. The Danville free employment office reports considerable improvement in the unemployment situation.

**Decatur.**—Considerable variance is shown in the reports of Decatur manufacturers. Food and metal factories are being operated with reduced forces. Paper products concerns, lumber mills and clothing factories have more workers. A large railroad has been laying off its road men. The free employment office reports that the unemployment situation is similar to that of a month ago, although it is not as favorable as it was in September 1926. The source from which most jobs are coming at present is the building and farming industries. Reports indicate that building operations are quite heavy in Decatur.

**East St. Louis.**—Seasonal gains in factory employment have been greater than usual. The improved situation is due largely to the increased working forces of chemical products manufacturers who have made some large additions in the number of names on their payrolls. The gain over last year, however, is due to a reversal of policy on the part of meat packers. In September 1926 they laid off workers, and during the last month more names have been added to their payroll. Employment conditions will be helped somewhat in the coming month by the reopening of a large grain milling establishment. The repair of damage resulting from a storm in Venice is also affording work. The free employment office reports 125 applicants per 100 jobs as compared with 149 in August and 131 in September 1926.

**Joliet.**—Factory employment conditions in Joliet show very little change from a month ago. Changes in metal products establishments cancelled each other. A reduction of 65 workers is reported by a chemical establishment, and 104 female operators lost their jobs in a cloth products factory.

The free employment office reports that the demand for farm help has dropped considerably during the past month. The fact probably explain why the competition for jobs has been more keen than was the case in August. The present ratio of 164 is higher than for any September in the last five years.

**Moline-Rock Island.**—Employment conditions in the Moline-Rock Island district have improved considerably during the past month. It is apparent from the records of both the free employment office and leading manufacturers that jobs are much more abundant than they were in August. The gain is entirely seasonal, however. The customary increase of working forces on the part of farm implement and engine accessories manufacturers is to be accredited with the better conditions. Foundry owners in this district indicate that they have not been influenced by the general decline in their industry. Building permits show an increase in the estimated cost of buildings to be constructed, both over last month and Sept. 1926.

**Peoria.**—Reductions of working forces have been general in Peoria factories. Metal factory owners report the greatest reductions, although other industries account for much of the present drop in employment. One concern laid off 58 of its workers. Twenty-six fewer names appear on the payroll of an establishment manufacturing wood products. The only industry in which gains have been general is the food products group. In spite of the factory situation, however, unemployment conditions have improved. The ratio of applicants per 100 jobs has declined from 217 in August to 150 for the past month. The improvement is due largely to demand for unskilled labor and house cleaners.

**Quincy.**—An increase of 54 names on the payroll of a Quincy manufacturer was the only significant exception to the general downward trend in Quincy factory employment. A paper products factory reports that its working forces have been reduced to the extent of 30 people. Fewer clothing workers have jobs in Quincy than was the case in August. Reductions have been general in the metal industry. It should be noted that the present decline is the first September drop in four years. The free employment office reports that the demand for workers by builders has resulted in a reduction of the free employment office ratio from 179 in August to 153 in September. The ratio continues to be somewhat higher than in corresponding periods for previous years.

**Rockford.**—A slight increase in unemployment is noted in Rockford. The competition for jobs is slightly more severe than it was in August. Fewer names appear on the payrolls of Rockford manufacturers. Declines in the metal industries have been quite general. Implement manufacturers have made heavy reductions. Leather manufacturers and clothing factories report very little change. The free employment office reports that the increase in its ratio is due to an abundance of common labor. In many semi-skilled and skilled occupations a shortage of help is reported. At the present time there are not enough female power-machine operators and male pattern makers.

**Springfield.**—Springfield manufacturers report a 4.8% drop in the number of names on their payrolls. The present recession is the first September decline in Springfield during the last five years. The reversal of the usual trend is due largely to the metal industry in which working forces have been decreased in contrast to the usual September gains. The free employment office reports that its ratio declined from 117 applicants per 100 jobs in August to 112 in September. The improvement in the unemployment situation is due largely to the demand for unskilled help.

**Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Industrial Activity Gaining.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reports that "Activity in trade and industry in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District is moving forward at a moderate pace." In its further survey, in its November 1 Business Review, the Bank states:

Seasonal gains are evident in most lines of business, although the rate of expansion has not been as pronounced as that at the same time last year. Improvement in agricultural conditions, well sustained operations in most basic industries, larger distribution of goods, a further rise in the level of wholesale prices and an ample volume of funds available for the accommodation of business have been the principal features of the month.

Business transactions involving payments by check in the leading cities of the district in the first three weeks of October continued to show a greater volume than in the corresponding weeks a month and a year before. Railroad shipments of merchandise and miscellaneous commodities in the Allegheny district have increased in the month, but have been somewhat under the volume of a year ago. Total railroad shipments also were greater than a month earlier, but were almost 8% smaller than at the same time last year.

Early reports indicate that October business in retail and wholesale trade continues fair. Although retail trade during September increased seasonally, it failed by nearly 5% to equal the volume in the same month of last year. Similarly, wholesale trade, though increasing in the month nearly 7%, was smaller by about the same percentage than a year earlier. Sales of passenger cars by 13 distributors declined noticeably as compared with the previous month and a year before. Last year at the same time a marked increase occurred, particularly in the distribution of cars to dealers.

Industrial operations show a further seasonal broadening. Preliminary reports indicate that both factory employment and wage payments in October have increased, as is usual at this season. There occurred little change in employment between August and September, while employments worked and payrolls declined somewhat, chiefly because of the Labor Day shutdown.

Conditions in the iron and steel industries continue to be less satisfactory than a year ago, although recently some improvement in demand has been noted. Operations of metal working plants reporting to this bank are running at about 70% of capacity. The daily output of pig iron in this district increased 6% between August and September but was nearly 18% under a year before. Production of iron and steel castings decreased in the months, as did shipments. Unfilled orders for iron castings increased, while those for steel castings declined. The daily output of pig iron and steel ingots in the country was less in September than in the preceding month or in the same month last year.

The textile situation is characterized by a more active demand, a larger volume of unfilled orders, a higher rate of production and firm prices. Sales of wool, cotton and silk products have increased somewhat. Conditions in the clothing industry also compare rather well with the activity in the previous month and a year ago. The demand for full-fashioned hosiery is increasingly active, and that for seamless remains fair. Production increased 3% and unfilled orders 33% from August to September.

A fair amount of business also is reported in carpets and rugs, orders for spring delivery having improved since the recent auction sales.

The leather market is strong. Demand for goatskins, black and colored kid, and sole leather has increased in the month, and price advances have been numerous. Shoe manufacturers are experiencing a fair volume of business, although their sales are slightly below the total of last month. The shoe output in the district was nearly 7% smaller in September than in August.

Building activity continues well ahead of the rate prevailing at the same time last year. The value of contracts for residential buildings increased 20%, while the total dollar volume declined nearly 5% between August and September. Compared with a year before, contracts awarded were over 10% greater. The value of building permits also was about 17% larger than in September, 1926. The demand for building materials continues fairly moderate, and plant operations range from 70 to 80% of capacity. Production of cement especially remains near the record high level established in recent months.

Quickened largely by the stormy weather of late, the market for anthracite has been slightly more active. Production, though turning upward slightly after the decline in September, is still considerably behind that of a year ago. Reflecting industrial betterment, bituminous coal also is beginning to move in a somewhat larger volume, and weekly production in the first fortnight of October was the greatest since March.

The unusually fine weather prevailing in September stimulated the growth and maturing of late crops, pronounced improvement occurring in corn, potatoes and tobacco. The acreage planted to winter wheat appears to be somewhat larger than last fall. The condition of dairy herds and marketable hogs also compares favorably with that of last year. Prices of farm products advanced further—3.6%—from August to September, while the general price level increased only 1.7%. In the latter month agricultural prices were 6.6% above the level of a year earlier, while prices of all commodities were over 3% lower.

**Index Showing Course of Employment and Earnings in Illinois During September.**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor supplies the following index showing the course of employment and earnings in Illinois in September:

COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT & EARNINGS IN ILLINOIS IN SEPTEMBER.

Industry.	Per Cent Change from a Month Ago.	Index of Employment (Average 1922=100).			"Average" Weekly Earnings for September 1927.
		August 1927.	September 1927.	September 1926.	
All Industries.....	+0.2	97.6	97.8	108.7	\$28.68
All manufacturing industries.....	-0.2	94.4	94.2	102.9	27.65
Stone-clay-glass products.....	-1.4	127.2	125.4	132.1	27.42
Miscellaneous stone products.....	+3.5	101.5	105.1	115.7	27.61
Lime-cement-plaster.....	-22.3	142.0	110.3	137.2	32.46
Brick-tile-pottery.....	-5.2	119.7	113.5	128.0	31.79
Glass.....	+3.6	142.1	147.2	137.5	21.89
Metals-mach'y-conveyances.....	-1.8	100.4	98.6	111.6	28.39
Iron and steel.....	-0.8	115.2	114.3	117.5	30.88
Sheet metal work-hardware.....	-1.9	100.7	98.8	107.9	23.96
Tools and cutlery.....	+1.9	69.8	71.1	81.8	28.87
Cooking-heating apparatus.....	+0.2	110.0	110.2	110.9	26.06
Brass-copper-zinc-babbitt metal.....	+3.7	131.4	136.3	150.3	30.00
Cars and locomotives.....	-19.4	53.7	43.3	60.0	29.87
Automobiles-accessories.....	+2.6	98.3	100.9	119.6	27.13
Machinery.....	+0.4	125.3	125.8	139.1	29.89
Electrical apparatus.....	-1.0	99.7	98.7	116.3	25.37
Agricultural implements.....	-5.6	116.5	110.0	130.2	25.91
Instruments and appliances.....	-1.7	56.0	55.0	57.4	27.25
Watches-jewelry.....	+0.2	109.6	109.8	121.4	26.41
Wood products.....	+1.6	89.7	91.1	101.7	28.45
Saw mill-planing mill prod.....	-3.9	115.7	111.2	131.8	31.06
Furniture-cabinet work.....	+4.8	101.5	106.4	113.5	29.50
Pianos-organs-musical inst.....	+3.0	78.3	80.6	92.0	29.64
Miscellaneous wood products.....	-0.7	59.5	59.1	73.2	21.55
Household furnishings.....	-3.9	111.9	107.5	109.8	24.45
Furs and leather goods.....	-1.9	120.1	117.8	117.9	19.94
Leather.....	-3.1	108.5	105.1	96.9	26.27
Furs and fur goods.....	+20.3	72.7	87.5	77.4	41.80
Boots and shoes.....	-1.5	122.6	120.8	122.3	19.37
Miscellaneous leather goods.....	-5.2	76.7	72.7	75.6	13.33
Chemicals-oils-paints, &c.....	+0.2	116.8	117.0	127.5	26.66
Drugs and chemicals.....	+3.9	99.9	103.8	99.3	22.16
Paints-dyes and colors.....	-2.7	134.2	130.6	137.3	27.33
Mineral-vegetable oil.....	-3.3	112.4	108.7	137.6	28.65
Miscell. chemical products.....	+3.1	132.1	136.2	141.4	27.21
Printing and paper goods.....	-3.1	120.7	117.0	117.2	33.69
Paper boxes-bags-tubes.....	-1.7	145.5	143.0	145.8	24.39
Miscellaneous paper goods.....	+1.5	121.7	123.5	119.5	25.56
Job printing.....	+0.9	120.0	112.9	117.9	35.20
Newspaper-periodicals.....	+0.0	129.6	129.6	140.3	45.20
Edition bookbinding.....	+1.4	---	---	---	30.18
Textiles.....	+12.7	94.1	106.1	109.2	15.76
Cotton and woolen goods.....	-1.2	155.1	153.2	148.0	19.78
Knit goods-hosiery.....	+17.2	77.8	91.2	97.4	14.26
Thread and twine.....	+2.2	66.8	70.9	68.8	20.03
Clothing-millinery-laundering.....	-6.6	68.3	66.5	67.5	26.58
Men's clothing.....	-2.5	58.3	56.8	68.1	30.84
Men's shirts-furnishings.....	+0.4	102.6	103.0	97.5	16.47
Overalls-work clothing.....	-19.7	78.3	62.9	83.6	17.59
Men's hats and caps.....	-6.0	55.3	52.0	53.9	33.21
Women's clothing.....	+0.1	112.3	112.4	117.0	24.97
Women's underwear.....	-21.3	118.6	93.3	91.6	14.25
Women's hats.....	+3.9	80.7	83.8	78.5	25.58
Laundering-cleaning & dyeing.....	+2.9	123.0	126.6	124.3	21.58
Food-beverages-tobacco.....	+6.8	95.1	101.6	110.4	27.82
Flour-feed-other cereals.....	+3.0	113.3	116.7	123.5	24.03
Fruit-vegetable canning.....	+27.2	119.2	71.4	205.3	14.47
Miscellaneous groceries.....	+2.4	102.7	105.2	98.6	24.33
Slaughtering-meat packing.....	+0.4	89.1	89.5	91.7	26.31
Dairy products.....	-2.5	101.7	99.2	108.5	46.61
Bread-other bakery products.....	-0.1	91.0	90.9	91.2	27.78
Confectionery.....	+14.8	75.0	86.1	129.2	22.16
Beverages.....	+0.5	68.5	68.8	92.7	33.40
Cigars-other tobacco products.....	+6.0	85.7	90.8	87.0	18.05
Manufactured ice.....	+15.3	115.0	132.6	116.6	39.08
Ice cream.....	-3.6	---	---	---	55.41
Trade-Wholesale and retail.....	-1.6	76.2	75.0	70.0	22.57
Department stores.....	+3.9	115.9	120.4	118.0	23.53
Wholesale dry goods.....	+3.3	52.3	54.0	57.9	24.75
Wholesale groceries.....	-1.6	99.8	98.2	98.7	23.85
Mail order houses.....	-2.5	87.5	85.3	90.8	22.31
Public utilities.....	+0.1	138.1	138.2	139.8	31.21
Water-light-power.....	+0.5	133.9	134.6	136.8	35.38
Telephone.....	-1.2	132.8	131.2	128.2	26.75
Street railways.....	+1.5	112.4	114.1	114.9	34.92
Railway car repair shops.....	-0.2	57.6	57.5	64.3	27.77
Coal mining.....	+70.3	6.6	-11.2	84.8	29.85
Building and contracting.....	+3.4	144.1	149.0	158.2	42.71
Building construction.....	+4.0	99.1	103.1	114.9	42.57
Road construction.....	+22.3	680.8	832.6	338.8	36.28
Miscellaneous contracting.....	-9.3	262.9	238.5	272.5	47.84

**Improvement in Business Conditions in Boston Federal Reserve District Brings Activity to Highest Point of Year.**

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, business conditions in New England improved substantially in September, compared with August and the index of New England business activity rose to the highest point of the current year. The Bank, in its Nov. 1 Monthly Review, also states:

During the six months of March-August, inclusive, the index fluctuated less than one per cent, and in August was the same as in March. In September, however, the index advanced about 2 1/4% to a level equal to that of September a year ago. The level of activity for the entire country has not advanced recently, due to declines in automobile, iron and steel, and crude petroleum production, which factors do not affect directly the measurement of New England business activity. The number of wage-earners employed in identical factories in Massachusetts during September increased 1.4% from August, and the average weekly earnings increased 0.3%. The average daily cotton consumption by New England mills in September was about 3,000 bales larger than during August, and about 1,000 bales greater than in September a year ago. New England mills consumed more wool during September than in August or during September, 1926. Activity in the boot and shoe industry of New England during September was maintained at about the same level as in August, and was materially above that of the corresponding month a year ago. The value of new building contracts awarded in New England declined in September, as compared with August, and was also lower than during the corresponding month a year ago. The decline in September was general in all the important groups of building: residential, commercial, industrial, and public works. For the country as a whole, however, the value of contracts awarded for public works was greater in September than in August. The sales of New England department stores in September were about 2% larger than those of September a year ago, and the cumulative total of the year to date was about 2% ahead of the corresponding period of 1926. Since June the registrations of new automobiles in New England of all except two low-priced cars have been exceeding those of a year ago, but the total, including the sales of the two low-priced cars, has been substantially below that of the corresponding months a year ago. The number of commercial failures in New England in September was larger than during August, or September, 1926, but the liabilities in September were the lowest of any month during 1926 and 1927 to date.

to show an increase for the whole State during the first 9 months of 1927 as compared with the same months of 1926.

The following statistics are supplied by the Bureau.

**NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES IN SEPTEMBER 1927 BY CITIES ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.**

Cities.	Total.				
	September 1927.		August 1927.		Sept. 1926.
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.*	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Cost.
Whole State.....	3,869	\$35,929,246	4,457	\$36,302,668	\$36,016,876
<i>Metropolitan District—</i>					
Chicago.....	2,027	\$28,935,125	2,335	28,239,380	\$27,143,945
Berwyn.....	136	424,200	161	491,100	443,000
Blue Island.....	45	77,747	40	76,242	174,561
Cicero.....	39	336,590	54	356,320	395,127
Evanston.....	106	950,380	125	779,950	1,069,000
Glen Ellyn.....	19	66,465	27	115,680	67,400
Highland Park.....	39	175,285	35	160,825	202,540
Maywood*.....	29	108,400	58	165,150	558,655
Oak Park.....	107	655,145	80	939,576	357,100
Wilmette.....	29	41,635	34	144,890	154,515
Winnetka.....	20	137,250	20	241,250	79,250
<i>Outside Metropolitan Dist.—</i>					
Aurora.....	103	208,340	74	159,471	369,572
Bloomington.....	11	71,500	20	70,800	186,000
Canton.....	5	3,358	4	4,725	84,425
Danville.....	19	77,038	26	117,400	107,500
Decatur.....	156	386,140	181	411,790	1,282,987
East St. Louis.....	126	1,402,738	155	403,900	395,719
Elgin.....	88	120,995	128	239,350	117,933
Freeport.....	15	43,400	19	78,800	56,950
Joliet.....	44	113,150	54	179,800	853,700
Moline.....	80	165,134	88	139,081	56,324
Murphysboro.....	1	2,000	3	25,500	12,000
Peoria.....	130	304,050	173	580,325	475,475
Quincy.....	43	124,510	67	248,035	42,470
Rockford.....	164	397,470	201	658,805	694,330
Rock Island.....	104	179,557	84	68,015	83,694
Springfield.....	115	217,960	116	201,863	298,954
Waukegan.....	69	203,774	95	914,645	193,750

\*Total figure exceeds details by \$108,400, since detailed figures are not available for Maywood.

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

Cities.	Total.		
	Jan.-Sept. 1927.		Jan.-Sept. '26
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Cost.
Whole State.....	38,842	\$365,417,253*	\$351,425,380
<i>Metropolitan District—</i>			
Chicago.....	21,889	\$290,478,610	\$274,916,220
Berwyn.....	1,267	6,075,500	6,917,600
Blue Island.....	379	922,919	1,111,276
Cicero.....	489	3,819,589	4,284,208
Evanston.....	1,131	12,970,775	11,783,970
Glen Ellyn.....	198	1,146,795	1,391,950
Highland Park.....	292	1,583,396	1,845,230
Maywood*.....	458	1,604,820	3,776,105
Oak Park.....	762	6,017,065	4,943,413
Wilmette.....	264	1,505,461	1,213,362
Winnetka.....	200	1,739,280	1,138,200
<i>Outside Metropolitan District—</i>			
Aurora.....	844	2,146,121	3,331,586
Bloomington.....	138	733,700	934,150
Canton.....	31	123,253	141,475
Danville.....	181	843,588	1,253,800
Decatur.....	1,361	4,376,650	4,508,577
East St. Louis.....	1,030	4,993,336	3,716,832
Elgin.....	877	1,502,906	2,700,469
Freeport.....	175	808,301	1,323,002
Joliet.....	462	1,928,650	x
Moline.....	713	845,157	1,124,147
Murphysboro.....	13	60,500	221,400
Peoria.....	1,222	2,698,570	4,912,745
Quincy.....	323	827,636	1,069,836
Rockford.....	1,715	5,247,361	4,414,347
Rock Island.....	746	1,154,704	982,092
Springfield.....	936	3,467,519	3,781,465
Waukegan.....	686	5,795,091	3,687,932

\* Total figure exceeds details by \$1,604,820, since detailed figures are not available for Maywood.  
x No figures available for Joliet before April 1926.

**Decline in Illinois Building Operations During September—Chicago One of Few Cities Showing Gains.**

Building activity in Illinois declined slightly during September, as shown by permits issued in 28 cities in the State. The total estimated value for these cities was \$35,929,246 in September as compared with \$36,302,668 in August and \$36,016,876 in September a year ago. Only 10 cities reported gains this month over the preceding month and only 8 cities showed increases over September a year ago. Sidney W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor, in his review for the month, issued Oct. 17, reports further as follows:

Chicago was one of the cities whose building activity during September increased somewhat over that of August. Its September total estimated value is \$28,935,125, a gain of \$605,745 over the preceding month and this amount is \$1,791,180 above that of September a year ago. New housekeeping dwellings are planned for 2,947 families.

The other cities which reported increases both over Aug. 1927 and Sept. 1926 are East St. Louis, Moline and Rock Island.

In the metropolitan area outside Chicago, Evanston leads in September building with \$950,380. Oak Park is second with \$655,145, and Berwyn is third with \$424,200. In home-building within the same region, Evanston is again first, with provision for 89 families; Berwyn is second, with plans for 70 families; and Cicero is third, with new accommodations for 67 families.

Outside the metropolitan area East St. Louis leads in value of building with \$1,402,738, of which \$1,000,000 refers to a single building. No other city in this region approaches East St. Louis this month in this respect; but Rockford is second, with building estimated at \$397,470; and Decatur is third, with \$386,140. East St. Louis ranks second only to Chicago among the 28 cities reporting building figures to the Illinois Department of Labor. In home-building outside the metropolitan area, Rockford has provided new housekeeping dwellings for 65 families, and Decatur and East St. Louis have each planned accommodations for 56 families.

The total value of building authorized in all the reporting cities during the first 9 months of 1927 is \$365,417,253. Exclusive of Joliet, for which no figures are available before April 1926, the total for the State is \$363,488,603, a gain of \$12,063,214 over the corresponding months of 1926. It must be stated that most of this increase is accounted for by the earlier months of 1927, for more recent months have shown declines from the corresponding months of 1926.

Chicago building totals \$290,478,610 for the first 9 months of this year, and increase of \$15,562,390 over the first 9 months of 1926. During this period in 1927 Chicago has planned housekeeping dwellings for 31,769 families.

In the metropolitan area outside Chicago, Evanston, with a total of \$12,970,775, leads for the first 9 months of this year. This figure is \$1,186,805 more than was Evanston's total for the corresponding period of 1926. Berwyn is second, with \$6,075,500 and Oak Park third, with \$6,017,065. Home-building in this region for the first 9 months of the year has provided for 1,215 families in Evanston, for 1,022 families in Berwyn, and for 588 families in Oak Park.

Outside the metropolitan area, Waukegan leads in total value of building for the first 9 months of 1927 and ranks fourth in the State outside Chicago. Rockford follows closely with \$5,247,361; East St. Louis is third, with \$4,993,336; and Decatur is fourth, with \$4,376,650. In homebuilding in this region during the same period, Rockford is first, with provision for 706 families; Decatur is second, with 521 families; and East St. Louis is third, with 499 families.

Only 9 cities show increases in value of building for the first 9 months of 1927 over the corresponding period last year. They are Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park, Wilmette, Winnetka, East St. Louis, Rockford, Rock Island, and Waukegan. The increases in these 9 cities are sufficient, however,

**Merchandising Conditions In Chicago Federal Reserve District—Increase in Department Store and Wholesale Trade—Cautious Buying By Farmers.**

Gains in department store and wholesale trade during September in the Chicago Federal Reserve District are indicated in the following survey of merchandising conditions contained in the Nov. 1 number of the "Monthly Business Conditions Report" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

**Wholesale Trade.**

Wholesale grocers, druggists, hardware, and dry goods dealers reported increased sales during September over August, while shoe merchants showed declines. As compared with September of last year, all but druggists indicated smaller totals. A continued tendency toward cautious buying on the part of farmers, pending actual crop outcome, was evident; favorable weather, however, materially aided sales. Detailed figures for each of the five wholesale lines reporting to this bank are given in the following table.

**WHOLESALE TRADE DURING THE MONTH OF SEPT., 1927.**

	Net Sales During Month.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	Per Cent Change from		Per Cent Change from	
	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.
Groceries.....	(34) + 2.5	(34) - 8.1	(22) - 0.1	(22) - 14.2
Hardware.....	(14) + 6.6	(14) - 9.0	(9) - 6.0	(9) - 1.9
Dry Goods.....	(13) + 5.0	(13) - 18.3	(10) - 3.1	(10) - 15.0
Drugs.....	(11) + 8.7	(11) + 4.4	(8) - 1.5	(7) + 0.7
Shoes.....	(9) - 7.4	(9) - 13.4	(6) + 7.3	(6) + 8.2



	Accounts Outstanding End of Month Per Cent Change from			Collections During Month Per Cent Change from	
			Ratio to Net Sales During Month.		
	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.		Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.
Groceries.....	(30) + 4.6	(30) - 5.5	(30) 106.5	(26) - 0.5	(26) - 3.1
Hardware.....	(14) + 2.7	(14) - 5.8	(14) 196.7	(12) + 1.5	(12) + 0.8
Dry Goods.....	(11) + 10.6	(11) - 6.5	(11) 276.5	(9) + 0.4	(9) - 10.4
Drugs.....	(10) + 4.5	(9) - 8.7	(10) 126.0	(6) + 3.6	(6) + 4.2
Shoes.....	(7) + 10.6	(10) - 7.2	(7) 250.7	(6) + 2.9	(6) - 11.3

Figures in parentheses indicate number of firms included.

**Department Store Trade.**

Eighty-two department stores reporting September sales averaged an 18.0% increase over the preceding month and a decline of 2.2% from September, 1926, the latter due partly to extremely hot weather which greatly retarded sales. Individually, slightly more than half reported increases over August, while one-fifth showed advances over last September. Sale increases over August were large in Milwaukee and Detroit, while Chicago and Indianapolis showed declines, and the smaller communities indicated but little average change; as compared with last September, Detroit reported an increase, while Chicago, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and the total for smaller places all declined. For the first nine months of 1927 total sales averaged 1.8% larger than during the same period of last year. Inventory volume on Sept. 30 was 9.1% greater than a month earlier and 1.3% under that indicated at the end of September, 1926. Stock turnover, as measured by the ratio of total sales to average stocks, was 34.0% during September and 34.2% during the same month a year ago; for the three-quarter period these percentages were 275.4 and 266.8 for 1927 and 1926, respectively. Accounts receivable at the end of September and collections during the month increased over both August, 1927, and September, 1926, the former by 12.4 and 4.8%, and the latter by 2.9% and 7.4%, respectively.

**Retail Shoe Trade.**

September sales of 14 retail shoe dealers and the shoe sections of 26 department stores were 32.9% larger than the August total, and 4.4% under September of last year. Total sales for the first nine months of 1927 declined 4.3% from those for the same period of 1926. Stocks at the end of the month in reased 8.2% over thirty days earlier, and declined 2.9% from the volume reported at the end of last September. The 14 department stores showed accounts receivable on Sept. 30 as 2.1% larger than on Aug. 31 1927, and 35.7% less than at the end of September, 1926; collections were 4.5 and 28.1% smaller in the same comparisons. The ratio of accounts receivable on Sept. 30 to total sales during the month was 71.1%, the similar ratio of thirty days earlier 71.7%, and that for last September 93.8%. Individually, all of the reporting shoe dealers showed declines in sales as compared with a year ago, while nearly one-fourth of the department stores indicated increases. Similarly, less than one-third of the dealers reported total sales increases for the year so far, while almost one-half of the department stores showed advances over the same period of 1926.

**Retail Furniture Trade.**

Furniture sales of 24 dealers and the furniture sections of 28 department stores during the month of September advanced 23.6% over the August total and declined 2.1% from September, 1926. According to the reports of furniture dealers, installment sales increased 6.9 and 4.6% in the two comparisons. Total collections of dealers were reported as having been 3.3% under the August figure and 1.4% ahead of last September; collections on installment sales decreased by 7.7 and 2.8%, respectively, while accounts receivable increased 2.1 and 3.4%. Stocks of both dealers and department stores at the end of the month were 3.7% heavier than at the end of August and declined 4.1% from the total for Sept. 30 1926.

**Chain Store Trade.**

Twenty-three chains, consisting of two thousand individual stores and representing dealers in shoes, musical instruments, groceries, cigars, drugs, five-and-ten-cent goods, and clothing, reported in the aggregate an increased number of stores in operation during September over both the preceding month and September of last year. Total sales were under the August figure, but markedly ahead of the total for a year ago. Shoe dealers indicated declines in both comparisons; musical instrument chains had better sales than in August, though less than last September; grocery, cigar, drug and five-and-ten-cent chains reported reductions as compared with August, but advances over September, 1926; and those handling men's clothing show increases in both comparisons.

**Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.**

Marked contrasts in its district between different localities and the several lines of business are shown in reports to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The Bank's Monthly Review of Business Conditions, issued under date of Oct. 31, in stating this, adds:

Taken as a whole neither trade nor industry have picked up to the extent which has marked this season during the past several years. Weather conditions have been inimical to heavy distribution of fall and winter merchandise, and there is a general disposition on the part of merchants and the public to hold down their buying to immediate requirements. In a large majority of the lines investigated declines in September sales under those of the corresponding month last year were noted. In slightly more than half these lines, however, sales were larger than in August this year, and in a number of instances improvement in demand for merchandise has taken place since the final week of September. As was the case during the preceding thirty days, goods for ordinary consumption are relatively more active than those of a more permanent sort. The general trend of commodity prices was slightly upward, though some rather sharp declines were recorded in corn, fuel and some other materials.

Conditions generally through the South developed improvement, and the outlook for fall and winter trade in that section is considerably more favorable than was the case earlier in the season. Weather for cotton picking has been ideal, and full advantage of it has been taken by planters. Prices of cotton and cottonseed are considerably higher than at the same time last year, and the crop was made on a cheap basis and yields a substantial return. Prospects for corn improved during September, and relatively little damage from frost was reported. Retail trade in the agricultural sections was reported better than during the preceding thirty days, but department store sales in the principal cities of the district were 6.9% smaller than in September, 1926. Mail order houses and five and ten-cent stores showed a gain in September sales over last year, and total debits to individual accounts were 1.7% larger than last year.

Employment conditions underwent no marked change as compared with the preceding month, but the number of idle workers was greater than during the same period in 1926. Smaller forces were employed at iron and steel plants, and conditions in that industry are adversely affected by failure of the railroads and automotive industry to purchase in quantity. Textile mills in the South were for the most part on full time schedules, and increased employment was reported at paper and printing establishments, food and kindred products plants. Building operations decreased, and considerable unemployment was reported among both skilled and unskilled workers in that industry.

The principal development in the fuel situation during the past thirty days was the settlement of the strike of Illinois coal miners, which had been in effect since last April 1. The agreement between operators and the union was in the nature of a truce, during which negotiations will be carried on for a permanent agreement to become effective April 1, 1928. Being entirely unexpected, the resumption of production at Illinois mines exerted a generally weakening tendency in bituminous coal prices. This, however, was in a measure offset by cooler weather, and at the middle of October confusion incident to termination of the strike had disappeared, though the market still showed weakness. Demand for domestic coal is quiet, many householders and dealers having provided for their late fall and winter requirements during August and September. The steam coal situation showed weakness, due both to lack of demand and abundant supplies. Operators in the Kentucky fields report numerous cancellations of contracts, and since the first of this month have experienced difficulty in disposing of coal shipped on consignment to points ordinarily supplied by Illinois and Indiana coal. Price levels generally are below those of a year ago, when export buying was stimulated by suspended production in England. For the country as a whole production of bituminous coal for the calendar year to October 8, approximately 238 working days, amounted to 405,314,000 net tons, against 420,494,000 tons for the corresponding period in 1926, and 376,896,000 tons in 1925.

**Business Conditions in Kansas City Federal Reserve District.**

The Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank announces that "the high rates of industrial and trade activity, attained in August after a period of comparative midsummer quiet, continued through September and to the close of October." The Bank adds that "although it was apparent there was considerable unevenness as between lines, in some instances as between branches of the same line, the combined reports of all lines showed business as a whole was moving toward the end of 1927 in about the same volume as in 1926." We also take the following from the Bank's "Monthly Review" dated Nov. 1:

As crops came to maturity and were ready for the harvest it became more of a certainty, from the monthly Government and State reports, farm production in this district in 1927 would be greater, in both quantity and value, than in 1926. The composite figure of condition and yield of all crops in the district stood on Oct. 1 at 3.5 points above their ten-year average as of that date, or 12.9 points higher than four months earlier and 3.7 points above the United States average. Forecasts of yields were raised month by month and on Oct. 1 there was a promise that of 14 important field crops 9 would show larger yields than in 1926, while yields in 5 would be smaller.

Statistical reports on the value of this year's crops were not available for all states or parts of states in this district. However, the estimated value of crops produced in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma as officially reported was \$1,154,333,000 or 29.2% greater than the value of last year's production in the three states. With large production and higher average prices the states of Colorado and Wyoming, the northern 13 counties or about half of New Mexico, and the western 19 counties of Missouri, all included in the district area, were expected to show larger money returns for this year's crops.

The position of the livestock industry, next in importance to agriculture, showed further improvement, due to exceptionally fine condition of ranges and the feed supply, and higher average prices of meat animals. Market runs of all classes of livestock during September were smaller than is usual for that month and the slaughter at the meat packing plants was reduced.

Receipts of wheat at the primary markets were in smaller volume than during the earlier rush of new wheat to market, but the September receipts were heavier than in September 1926. Flour production increased, but the month's output was not quite up to that of a year ago.

The output of bituminous coal showed more than the usual seasonal increase and was larger than in September of last year. The production of crude oil was further reduced but was still greatly in excess of production at this time last year. The production and shipment of zinc and lead ores was smaller in September than in either the preceding month or the same month last year, largely the result of slow demand and weaker prices of ores.

Distribution of merchandise by wholesalers to retailers was in very large volume, although not so large as in September of last year. Retail trade in some lines was checked by warm weather in the early part of the month, but improved later and in October fall trade was under way and in increasingly heavy volume.

**Business Conditions in San Francisco Federal Reserve District—Indications of Increased Activity.**

Seasonal changes, with indications of increased activity in several lines of industry and trade, were apparent in the available data of business conditions in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District for September, says Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He adds:

The late agricultural marketing season, which heretofore has retarded marketing operations, served to intensify activity in movement of farm products as the end of the harvest approached. Industrial operations continued at approximately the levels of a year ago, as did distribution and trade, although trends in the latter field were not clearly defined during the month. Banking and credit statistics for late September and early October showed a pronounced recovery in district demands for credit. During September and early October, total loans reported by member banks of the district expanded to 1,291 million dollars, an increase of more than 40 million dollars (3.2%) since the recent low

point of September 7th. The increase was chiefly in "other loans—largely commercial." In the face of an increased demand, credit has continued in adequate supply, interest rates have remained relatively low for the season of the year, and borrowings from the Reserve Bank, although well above the levels of early September, are lower than one year ago.

Earlier forecasts indicating a total agricultural production approximately equal to that of 1926 generally have been substantiated by harvest returns. Prices are higher for most farm products than at this time last year.

Volume of industrial employment declined slightly during the month, while payrolls tended upward. Value of building permits was less in September, 1927, than in August, 1927, or September, 1926. Activity in the lumber and logging and flour milling industries increased during the month and was at higher levels than one year ago. Production of petroleum also increased, but was less than in September, 1926.

The daily average dollar value of sales at retail was greater in September, 1927, than one month ago or one year ago. Sales at wholesale and figures of carloadings were larger than one month ago but smaller than one year ago.

The volume of bank debits (check payments) in 20 principal cities of the district increased sharply during September. After the figures have been adjusted for usual seasonal fluctuations, however, the increase amounts to less than 3%. This bank's index of bank debits for recent months and for September and August, 1926, follows:

	Sept. 1927.	Aug. 1927.	July 1927.	Sept. 1926.	Aug. 1926.
With seasonal adjustment.....	129p	125r	123r	124	121
Without seasonal adjustment.....	140	111	121	120	110

\*Daily average volume of check payments, 1923-1925, equals 100. p Preliminary. r Revised.

**Lumber Buying Heavier Than One Year Ago.**

Shipments and orders of the organized lumber industry were about the same for the week ended Oct. 29 as for the preceding week, according to telegraphic reports received by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from 500 of the leading commercial lumber mills of the country. The 335 comparably reporting softwood mills showed production about the same and slight decreases in shipments and new business, when compared with reports from 345 mills for the week earlier. In comparison with the corresponding week a year ago, production was about the same with increases in shipments and new business—particularly heavy in new business. The 137 hardwood operations showed an increase in production and considerable decreases in shipments and new business, when compared with reports from 127 mills for the previous week. In comparison with the same period last year, when 19 fewer mills reported, there is an increase in production, a falling off in shipments and a marked decrease in new business, reports the National Association on Nov. 3, adding:

*Unfilled Orders.*

The unfilled orders of 224 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 546,124,379 ft., as against 537,499,924 ft. for 224 mills the previous week. The 106 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 205,623,765 ft. last week, as against 201,439,953 ft. for the week before. For the 118 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 340,491,614 ft., as against 336,059,971 ft. for 118 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 335 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 94%, and orders 92%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 95 and 101 and for the West Coast mills 88 and 89.

Of the reporting mills, the 703 with an established normal production for the week of 230,522,282 ft., gave actual production 102%, shipments 95% and orders 94% thereof.

The following table compares the lumber movement, as reflected by the reporting mills of seven softwood, and two hardwood, regional associations, for the three weeks indicated (000 omitted):

	Past Week.		Corresponding Week 1926.		Preceding Week 1927 (Revised).	
	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood
Mills.....	335	137	341	118	345	127
Production.....	244,483	20,876	234,255	18,188	244,811	19,560
Shipments.....	228,898	21,554	225,959	22,211	238,237	19,859
Orders.....	225,599	18,921	208,220	21,097	230,638	21,898

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables. Twenty of these mills, representing 63% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 24,187,000—shipments 25,214,000 and new business 20,291,000. Last week's report from 19 mills, representing 61% of the cut was:—Production 24,994,000 ft., shipments 25,378,000, and new business 26,974,000.

*West Coast Movement.*

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 118 mills reporting for the week ended Oct. 29, was 11% below production, and shipments were 12% below production. Of all new business taken during the week 42% was for future water delivery, amounting to 46,514,761 ft. of which 29,799,445 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery and 16,715,316 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 58,857,001 ft., or 53% of the week's new business. Forty-two per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 46,053,108 ft., of which 26,870,996 ft. moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 19,182,112 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 57,558,308 ft., or 52% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 6,153,292 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 104,440,398 ft., foreign 113,007,403 ft. and rail trade 123,043,813 ft.

*Southern Pine Reports.*

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 106 mills reporting, shipments were 5.30% below production and orders were

0.91% above production and 6.53% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 68,174,301 ft., (previous week 70,846,191) shipments 63,984,489 ft., (previous week 67,907,112); and production 67,955,531 ft., (previous week 70,182,296). The normal production of these mills is 72,434,915 ft.. Of the 104 mills reporting running time, 70 operated full time, 21 of the latter overtime. Three mills were shut down, and the rest operated from two to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., with one less mill reporting, shows noticeable decreases in production and shipments and new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif. reports production about the same, a good increase in shipments and new business considerably less than that reported for the preceding week.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with two more mills reporting, shows production about the same, a notable decrease in shipments and a heavy decrease in new business.

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

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., (in its softwood production) with one more mill reporting, shows production and shipments and new business about the same as those reported for the previous week.

*Hardwood Reports.*

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported from twenty mills (one more mill than reported for the week earlier) a material decrease in production, shipments about the same and a heavy decrease in new business.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 117 mills (nine more units than reported for the week before) notable increases in production and shipments and business a little less than that reported for the previous week. The normal production of these mills is 19,658,000 ft.

**West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.**

One hundred and eighteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Oct. 22 manufactured 120,416,234 feet, sold 104,065,856 feet and shipped 111,003,002 feet. New business was 16,350,378 feet less than production and shipments 9,413,232 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Oct. 22	Oct. 15.	Oct. 8	Oct. 1
Number of mills reporting	118	118	118	119
Production (feet).....	120,416,234	123,756,274	131,646,709	125,593,635
New business (feet).....	104,065,856	97,233,334	111,774,248	118,097,732
Shipments (feet).....	111,003,002	99,602,435	127,085,766	120,176,008
Unshipped Business—				
Rail (feet).....	124,031,437	120,425,577	131,346,493	126,483,478
Domestic cargo (feet)....	98,959,506	103,749,438	95,952,768	117,317,417
Export (feet).....	113,069,628	125,731,478	128,434,681	125,855,358
Total (feet).....	336,059,971	349,906,493	355,733,942	369,656,253
First 42 Weeks of—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Average number of mills.	92	106	115	123
Production (feet).....	3,761,433,290	4,442,406,615	4,242,657,539	3,952,181,758
New business (feet).....	3,757,132,377	4,538,041,467	4,351,552,667	3,938,117,500
Shipments (feet).....	3,743,941,428	4,503,988,911	4,397,876,471	4,081,133,099

**Agriculture Showing Marked Improvement Over Year Ago.**

Marked improvement in the farm situation as compared with this time a year ago is reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, in its Nov. 1 report. The Bureau's index of purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural products is placed at 92 for September, compared with 88 in August, the 1909-14 five-year period being used as a base of 100. The rise was due primarily to the advance in prices of cotton, dairy products, and poultry products during the month. The report states:

Conditions in general are rather reversed from last year. The cotton belt, the northern wheat belt, the cattle States, the northwestern apple districts are all in better shape. Some sections like the eastern corn belt and certain potato areas are perhaps not in as good shape, but the general balance as between the major lines of production is better than last year. There are no conspicuous surpluses nor shortages. Crop production per capita of population is next to the smallest in 33 years.

Cotton and corn this year are attributed by the bureau with having played an important part in the more stabilized situation. It further states:

The cotton crop is approximately a third smaller than last year, according to October estimates, and cotton prices more than a third higher. Gauged by October prices the South could sell this year's crop for nearly \$200,000,000 more than last year's production. The improvement in cotton affects nearly a third of American farms.

There is about an average supply of corn this year, and although corn prices are not entirely satisfactory to the cash corn grower, says the bureau, prices are still favorable to the livestock industries. There is considerably more corn than was expected, though the crop is a disappointment in the eastern corn belt. Corn is not finally sold off the farms as corn, but is a raw material sold chiefly as animal products. A corn failure such as appeared possible at one time during the summer would have seriously handicapped livestock feeders, whereas an excessive surplus would have given undue impetus to the expansion of pig production during the coming year.

For the first time since 1921, conditions this year are reported as having been more favorable for cattlemen than for sheepmen in the West, measured at least by comparison with the preceding year. Western cattle prices this year are on a fairly remunerative basis for the first time since the 1920 collapse, due to an advance of from \$2 to \$4 per 100 pounds on nearly all classes of cattle, equivalent to from \$12 to \$50 per head according to kind and weight.

While the total amount of wool shorn was somewhat larger this year than in 1926, says the report, the lower price received for this year's

clip resulted in a somewhat smaller net return for the western wool this year than last. The western lamb crop was smaller this year than last and the price of lambs has been lower, so that the net total return from lambs this year will be somewhat below last year. The demand for desirable breeding stock, however, is keen, and prices for ewe lambs and young ewes are probably the highest since 1920.

Prices of cotton, wheat and corn have declined somewhat lately but an unusually early maturity made it possible for producers to market considerable cotton and wheat before the most recent declines.

**September Pulp and Paper Production Statistics.**

Due to the fact that there were two less working days in September than in August the total September production of all grades of paper ran about 4% below August. The total daily average rate of production was 3½% higher than the August daily average, but this was offset by the fewer working days in September. The daily average production for September exceeded that of August in all grades of paper with the exception of newsprint, which ran about 3% under the August daily average. Hanging papers showed the most substantial gain over the August level of production. The daily average production for September was 18% over that of August and the total monthly production was about 10% over the month of August production.

Beginning with the September Summary, production and shipment figures are also expressed as a per cent of capacity. This feature is added in order to give a more accurate picture of the actual trend of the paper industry. Wrapping paper is shown as running at 94% of capacity and it must be remembered that this particular grade illustrates the activity in the companies reporting to the Association but is much too high in regard to the industry as a whole.

The summary is prepared by the American Paper and Pulp Association as the central organization of the paper industry in cooperation 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 September for identical mills as reported in August are:

Grade—	Mills.	No. Production, P.C. of		Shipments, P.C. of		Stks. on hand	
		Net	Norm'l	Net	Norm'l	Net	Norm'l
Newsprint	71	114,735	80	114,325	80	30,751	
Book	66	91,340	84	91,483	84	54,509	
Paper board	116	214,052	84	215,485	85	44,255	
Wrapping	73	51,183	94	49,687	91	46,407	
Bag	23	13,286	89	13,373	90	9,109	
Fine	74	29,863	92	29,417	91	40,605	
Tissue	46	13,734	100	14,235	103	15,244	
Hanging	9	5,853	85	5,828	84	3,558	
Felts and building	13	11,121	84	11,103	84	1,914	
Other grades	60	21,893	77	22,484	79	17,290	
<b>Total—all grades</b>		<b>567,060</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>567,420</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>263,642</b>	

The total pulp production for September was 5% below that of August, although the daily average production of September was 3% above that of August. This is due to September having 25 working days compared with 27 working days in August.

Grade—	Mills.	Production, Net		Used, Net		Shipments, Net		Stks. on han. end of Mo.	
		Tons.	Norm'l	Tons.	Norm'l	Tons.	Norm'l	Tons.	Norm'l
Groundwood	91	781,454		786,748		22,421		102,528	
Sulphite news	38	367,104		341,544		25,813		8,560	
Sulphite, bleached	23	212,860		188,902		24,815		2,554	
Sulphite, easy bl.	7	37,669		31,193		5,431		1,963	
Sulphite, Mitsch	6	60,360		52,452		8,277		427	
Sulphate	10	150,732		137,387		12,781		2,790	
Soda	11	150,609		110,048		40,494		2,789	
Pulp—other grades	2	382		186		36		172	
<b>Total—all grades</b>		<b>1,761,170</b>		<b>1,648,460</b>		<b>140,068</b>		<b>121,783</b>	

**Pepperell Cotton Mills Cut Wages by 10%.**

A 10% reduction in wages was put into effect at the Lowell plant of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. (the Massachusetts Cotton Mills) on Oct. 31, according to Boston advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which also state:

This reduction affects some 1,400 employees, applying to the office help as well as to the mill operatives. The reduction has been accepted by the employees with the best grace possible under the circumstances, and a tacit acknowledgment of its necessity, although the mill management has regretted that necessity.

That this reduction will solve the problems of the mill in full is hardly likely; it is said that there will be the necessity for some tax reduction and a conference between the Mayor and tax assessors of Lowell, and the mill agent has arranged to discuss this phase of the situation. It is becoming clear to the city of Lowell, it is said, that the company cannot afford to delay its removal from the city very long, unless it can be in a position to make rather than lose money.

To the end that the employees may be able to overcome the wages reduction as much as possible the company is planning to give them an opportunity for overtime work as far as possible. There are at present at the Massachusetts Cotton Mills plant some 98,000 spindles, as compared with 174,000 formerly. The plant is being run at 75% of capacity figured on a pound production basis.

**Report of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics—September Survey Made Available at Instance of Federal Reserve Board.**

The National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics, at the request of the Federal Reserve Board, arranges for a monthly survey within the industry. The results of the inquiries are herewith presented 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 member 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.
<b>Aug. 1927.</b>				
Total finished yards billed during month—				
District 1	9,465,523	18,555,714	10,588,727	41,878,304
2	5,837,253	672,956	2,524,076	15,648,573
3	8,258,256	5,510,588	-----	13,768,844
5	8,472,993	954,080	-----	9,427,073
8	4,057,434	-----	-----	84,057,434
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,091,459</b>	<b>25,693,338</b>	<b>13,112,803</b>	<b>84,780,228</b>
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	4,889,477	-----	13,135,791
5	7,636,790	1,303,426	-----	8,940,217
8	3,566,763	-----	-----	3,566,763
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,076,067</b>	<b>26,567,969</b>	<b>12,423,581</b>	<b>82,407,141</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,879</b>	<b>9,346</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>52,399</b>
Number of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month:				
District 1	3,188	2,860	1,933	15,420
2	6,214	1,012	-----	13,225
3	512	398	-----	4,980
5	-----	-----	-----	2,971
8	496	-----	-----	496
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,410</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>37,092</b>
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
<b>Sept. 1927.</b>				
Total finished yards billed during month:				
District 1	11,062,464	19,692,986	10,836,605	46,043,152
2	5,084,509	543,833	2,458,655	15,194,876
3	7,158,007	4,645,174	-----	11,803,181
5	7,611,523	898,954	-----	8,510,477
8	3,347,104	-----	-----	3,347,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,263,607</b>	<b>25,780,947</b>	<b>13,295,260</b>	<b>84,898,790</b>
Total average % of capacity operated:				
District 1	68	69	87	71
2	59	59	71	62
3	110	77	-----	81
5	74	-----	-----	74
8	152	-----	-----	152
Average for all districts	73	69	81	72
Total grey yardage of finished orders received:				
District 1	11,686,896	19,858,244	11,140,053	45,156,169
2	4,954,692	1,485,305	1,540,408	15,523,756
3	8,528,836	5,045,909	-----	13,574,745
5	8,429,434	1,064,232	-----	9,493,666
8	3,637,378	-----	-----	3,637,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,237,236</b>	<b>27,453,690</b>	<b>12,680,461</b>	<b>87,385,714</b>
Number of cases of finished goods shipped to customers:				
District 1	5,976	4,698	1,980	25,264
2	5,058	613	-----	12,499
3	4,452	3,304	-----	7,756
5	2,111	-----	-----	5,080
8	1,717	-----	-----	1,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,314</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>52,316</b>
Number of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month:				
District 1	3,336	3,110	2,104	16,201
2	6,032	823	-----	12,624
3	519	243	-----	5,024
5	-----	-----	-----	2,728
8	476	-----	-----	476
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>37,053</b>
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days:				
District 1	2.8	7.0	10.6	6.3
2	4.6	0.9	8.3	3.1
3	14.7	3.4	-----	4.7
5	7.4	-----	-----	7.4
8	17.2	-----	-----	17.2
Average for all districts	5.7	5.3	10.3	5.8

**Automobile Prices and New Models.**

A list of prices for the new six-cylinder line of Hupp automobiles introduced last week and mentioned in our Oct. 29 issue, page 2326, is as follows:

Standard sedan with wooden wheels, \$1,395; with five wire wheels, \$1,455; with fender wells and six disc wheels, \$1,475, and with six wire wheels, \$1,545. Four-passenger coupe with standard wheels, \$1,385; with five wire wheels, \$1,445; with fender wells and six disc wheels, \$1,465, and with six wire wheels, \$1,535. Four-door sedan (in standard model), \$1,345; with five wire wheels, \$1,405; with fender wells and six disc wheels, \$1,425 and with six wire wheels, \$1,495. Prices on the two open models have not yet been fixed as these cars are not in production.

A new bodytype known as the two-door sedan has been added to the standard six line of the Velie Motors Corp. introduced last week (see page 2326.). The new model is mounted on the standard six chassis of 112-inch wheelbase and is powered by the Velie built 3 1/8 x 4 1/4 valve-in-head airplane type motor. An interesting feature of the two-door sedan is the driver's seat, which is adjustable. By loosening two bolts it may be moved forward an inch or backward three inches.

Graham Brothers division of Dodge Brothers, Inc., have announced the addition of a 1/2-ton panel delivery car powered with the Dodge 124 4-cylinder motor. A feature of the new model, is its short wheelbase, which permits turning in a circle within a radius of less than twenty feet, and the convenient way in which the body is built to facilitate loading and unloading. It is equipped with a single driver's seat which can be augmented by folding taxi-type seat if a passenger is to be carried. The extra space provided by elimination of the full front seat allows room for the carrying of extra long bundles.

The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. is displaying to its distributing organization a new line of cars, the Series 81. New models are said to show many changes in appearance, and the power plant develops greater horsepower and speed than former models. While the prices of the new line have not been definitely determined, it is reported that they will be somewhat higher than prices on the Series 80 line, which range from \$2,495 to \$4,045 f.o.b. factory.

Rumors concerning the new Ford continue to rise from day to day. Press dispatches during the week indicated that dealers may be supplied with the new car within two weeks, that delivery of cars to purchasers will not be possible for some time, that the new model of a two-door sedan type weighs about 200 pounds more than Model T, that it resembles a small Marmon, that it resembles a Lincoln, that it has a speed of sixty-five miles an hour and has the selective instead of planetary type of transmission. In short, the new Ford remains shrouded in mystery after all these months. A new angle to the proposition was given by a report to the effect that an entirely new sales plan would be introduced when the new model is presented. Under this so-called "club plan" a buyer is said to pay \$150 down and \$12.50 a month for as long as the car is in use. At the end of a year he may have the car overhauled for a moderate charge or turn it in for a new car. The title of the car remains with the company, as an outright sale is never completed, the monthly charge of \$12.50 amounting to a rental charge. Regarding this report, a dispatch in the New York "Times" of Nov. 1 quotes an official of the company as having remarked: "Interesting, but I know nothing of such a plan."

**Reduction in Tire Prices by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. and Other Leading Companies.**

It was announced on Nov. 3 that all leading tire and rubber manufacturing companies have reduced prices of their leading line of tires 5% to meet the cut made by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Neither secondary nor third lines of tires or tubes are reduced in price. Among companies affected are United States Rubber, Goodyear, Goodrich and Kelly-Springfield, Ajax and others. Regarding the action of the Firestone, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of Nov. 2:

Prices of high-pressure and balloon casings have been reduced 5% by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company on its Firestone or first-grade line. This reduction is in addition to the 5% trade discount allowed dealers. The trade discount reduction was made by all other manufacturers, and it is expected that they will meet the latest price cut. The Firestone company has made no reduction in its tubes or in the Courier and Oldfield brands of casings.

**Agreement to Limit Production of Oil in Seminole Field (Oklahoma) Extended to Jan. 1.**

An agreement to limit production in the Seminole oil field of Oklahoma, despite a recent falling off in the output,

was reached at Tulsa (Okla.) at a meeting of operators of the area on Nov. 3, according to Associated Press advices which state:

Action of the producers in voting to extend their curtailment agreement to Jan. 1 was entirely unexpected and another surprise was furnished by the Seminole production figures for the last 24 hours, showing a flow of 403,405 barrels, an increase of 11,969 barrels over the previous day.

Before the conference to-day predictions had been made that as the result of the decline in production, all restrictions would be cast aside and the well owners would scramble to bring up the "black gold" while it lasted.

It was decided to take no chances, however, on unrestricted drilling of "outside" wells adjacent to the field and in the Little River area because of the possibility that the bringing in of new pools might undo all that had been accomplished toward holding down production under the agreed limit of 450,000 barrels a day.

Oil production continues too high for the present season of the year and new flush oil must be kept in the ground wherever possible, the operators agreed.

Ray M. Collins, umpire of the field, who has been enforcing the curtailment program adopted some months ago when the Seminole production shot up over the 500,000 barrel mark and brought a crisis in the petroleum industry, explained the attitude of the operators by declaring:

"They are afraid if they let up now this job would have to be done all over again. All the producers felt that present conditions in the industry warranted a continuance of the agreement."

The decline in Seminole production for the past two or three days, Mr. Collins said, was due principally to preparations to shoot some of the large producing wells that had been "pinched in."

"By the end of the year," he added, "the operators believe that the industry will have adjusted itself and restrictions may be lifted safely and without a recurrence of over-production in this particular area."

Restrictions will still be enforced on shooting the wells of the Little River area and on "outside wells" being drilled in the territory adjacent to the field. These are the only two remaining clauses of the operators' agreement.

Due to declining production and serious encroachment of salt water in the four older pools of Seminole City, Earlsboro, Seabright and Bowlegs, the restrictions in these pools have been removed.

The plans announced earlier in the year for restricting the output in the Seminole area were referred to in these columns May 21, page 2998; May 28 page 3138 and August 13, page 858.

**Report on Hosiery Industry in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.**

The following table, compiled by the Bureau of the Census, showing the activities of the hosiery mills in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District in September and a comparison with those in August, is made available by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

In Dozen Pairs.	Men's Full-fashoned.		Men's Seamless.		Women's Full-fashoned.		Women's Seamless.	
	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.
	Production.....	23,614	-1.5	264,538	+5.1	639,028	-1.0	122,078
Shipments.....	25,059	+4.7	307,166	+14.6	620,299	+7.5	138,018	+7.3
Stock, finished & in the gray.	47,956	-3.6	388,054	-0.8	904,021	-0.1	286,256	-2.0
Orders booked	27,996	+12.0	335,778	-5.1	856,803	+70.6	142,610	+16.3
Cancellations re- ceived.....	194	+16.2	5,345	-0.1	52,176	+526.1	2,355	+35.7
Unfilled orders, end of month.	22,955	+18.1	512,388	+5.3	1,541,398	+16.5	97,514	+2.9

In Dozen Pairs.	Boys' & Misses'.		Children's and Infants'.		Athletic and Sport.		Total.	
	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from Aug. 1927.	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.	Sept. 1927.	P. C. Change from August 1927.
	Production.....	29,627	-7.5	146,608	+12.8	53,650	+42.8	1,279,143
Shipments.....	43,733	+31.0	67,341	+45.1	46,732	+3.0	1,248,348	+11.2
Stock, finished & in the gray.	46,685	-4.7	288,965	+9.8	36,280	+23.0	1,998,217	+0.9
Orders booked	50,583	+33.5	191,974	-1.6	119,465	+96.2	1,725,209	+33.0
Cancellations re- ceived.....	620	+121.4	272	+353.3	3,740	+117.8	64,702	+266.7
Unfilled orders, end of month.	71,270	+24.8	682,417	+26.9	148,074	+87.7	3,076,016	+18.4

**New Bill Seeks to Prevent Accumulation of Rubber Export Rights.**

Henderson, Helm & Co., Inc., in their Weekly Market Letter, dated Oct. 28, stated that the rubber market closed quite firm, and the activity as well as the firmness was undoubtedly due to the cable received from London today, as follows:

On the advice of the Malayan Rubber Restriction Committee a bill is being introduced into the Legislative Council at Singapore with the object of preventing accumulation of export rights. It provides that the quantity of rubber authorized by license to be exported during the quarter beginning after Feb. 2, 1928, shall be exported in such quarter only. The balance so authorized, but not exported, may be exported during the next quarter, if and when the full amount authorized for that quarter shall have been exported. It is hoped that the measure will result in practically eliminating any carry-over.

Henderson, Helm & Co., Inc., interpret the cable to mean substantially the following:

In the first place, it is the first move to make the Restriction Enactment more effective, which may be taken as meaning that the thought of abolishing Restriction, even under notice, has been dispensed with.

The steps taken to eliminate the carry-over seem to be one method of checking up on assessments, because if the allowance granted an estate

as the basis on which it can produce 60% proves too high, there can be no carry-over, and if the estate is unable to ship the full quota allowed under the present 60%, it is evidence that the assessment is too high. In this case they are only permitted to ship the difference in the following quarter after the following quarter's quota has been exported. We assume from this that the permission is then cancelled.

This all means that there is apparently a definite determination to make Restriction effective. If this is the case, while one may argue that the effect in actual shipments will not be felt for many months to come, the market will undoubtedly react to the belief that the statistical position of rubber must necessarily improve before long.

**Fur Trade Prepares for Dating Changes—Factors Setting Up Machinery to Avoid Stock Congestion.**

Bankers have been informed that, as the fur industry is now constituted, it is necessary to change the period when raw fur bills should be liquidated from Dec. 31 to Mar. 31. The New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 26, in stating this adds:

This is considered the only feasible plan to bring about reasonable stabilization. The change is already under way, having been taken up by the members of the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., very recently at general meetings and the movement gotten under way during the early part of the present year.

The leading factors among dealers and manufacturers have enthusiastically sponsored the change because they find it necessary in response to changes in retail merchandising. With the bulk of retail selling coming after the first of the year it is felt essential that primary market factors should be under no necessity to sell furs at whatever prices they can realize, without relationship to cost, simply because creditors are seeking payment for merchandise which remains unsold.

At a meeting called following a resume of some of the conditions in the fur market, which appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" several days ago, the need to adapt trading policies to conform with changed retail practices was gone over by a number of the foremost factors in the business. It was shown that bankers have been apprised of the impending change, which will take another year to get into full swing. Meanwhile manufacturers have been coached to get ready for the trading alteration.

To make so drastic a shift in credit arrangements, a leading manufacturer stated, will require delicate co-operation between the various factors involved. The larger companies will naturally be the more generally benefited, since their financial condition can stand the scrutiny of money interests. Many smaller concerns are sound economically and only a relatively few are disposed to balk at a change.

In discussing the recent article on conditions in the fur industry which appeared in this paper exception was taken to the tone which gave the impression that the fur trade was in a panic state. The thought expressed was that current difficulties are usual each year during congestion periods. A similar condition is not thought likely to be repeated once the change is made to make early raw skin purchases come due at the close of March. Furriers say they will have more time to get out new styles and avoid forced sales.

At a meeting of the furriers' association the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, After a careful study of the prevailing conditions in the fur industry, the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., deems it advantageous to the whole sale manufacturing branch of the industry to change the end of the financial year at which accounts are balanced from Dec. 31 in each year, as is now the prevailing custom, to Mar. 31 in each year; be it therefore Resolved, That the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., hereby adopts a change in the fiscal year as at present practiced in the fur industry, so that on and after Jan. 1 1928, the end of the financial year of the wholesale fur manufacturers, when accounts are balanced, shall be Mar. 31 in each year and not Dec. 31; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., on and after Jan. 31 1928, so regulate their respective businesses that each member shall conform to the resolution hereby adopted and that their respective financial year shall end on Mar. 31 in each year."

**Final Payment of \$19,000,000 on 1926 Canadian Wheat Pool.**

A final payment of more than \$19,000,000 on the 1926 crop of pool wheat was announced on Oct. 19 by A. J. McPhail, president of the Canadian Wheat Pool. According to press accounts from Winnipeg which added:

Of the amount, the Saskatchewan Pool members receive \$12,929,207, Alberta members \$4,198,587 and Manitoba \$2,085,575.

The total payment made by the central selling agency to the three Provincial pools, represents the net balance after deducting all marketing costs incurred by the central selling agency, such as storage, interest charges and administrative expenses from the proceeds of the 1926 crop.

As in previous years the spreads between grades have been adjusted in the final payments which reflect the actual price secured for the various grades. The final payments make the total price on the principal grades as follows: No. 1 Northern \$1.42; No. 1 Durum, \$1.45; No. 2 Northern \$1.37 1/4; No. 3 Northern, \$1.31; No. 4, \$1.21 1/2; No. 5, \$1.09; No. 6, 97 1/2.

Mr. McPhail stated that the carrying charges and operating expenses of the Provincial pools are deducted from the final payment. In addition the Provincial pools made deductions for the commercial and elevator reserves, which are credited to the individual members.

The administrative expenses of the central selling agency for the crop year of 1926-27, according to Mr. McPhail, were covered by a deduction of less than a fifth of a cent a bushel. The distribution of more than \$19,000,000 brings the grand total paid by the pools since the Alberta Pool was formed in 1923 to more than \$674,000,000.

**Canadian Wheat Pool Costly to Farmer, Report—Canadians Who Marketed in Regular Channels Got 8 7/8c. a Bushel More, is Assertion.**

From the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 20 we take the following:

Wheat growers of northwest Canada who marketed their grain through established trade channels and exchanges got 8 7/8 cents a bushel more for their product than was paid the growers in the same territory who sold their wheat through the Canadian Wheat Pool, according to Winnipeg advices received yesterday.

The message said: "The Canadian Wheat Pool has made final payment of a distribution of 12 cents a bushel for No. 1 northern of the crop of

1926, bringing the price to \$1.42 a bushel. There are deductions from this of about 5 cents a bushel, the farmer really getting \$1.37 and a fraction. The average trade net price of No. 1 northern wheat for the crop year of 1926 is figured by the Grain Trade News at \$1.45 1/4 a bushel."

It has been figured by some of the Chicago statisticians that the average price paid for the 1926 wheat crop of the United States was \$1.43 a bushel, which compares with the Canadian pool price of \$1.37 and a fraction. The United States crop was practically all marketed through old established trade channels and exchanges.

More than \$19,000,000 representing the final payment on the 1926 crop of pool wheat, is being distributed to farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

**Saving of Millions in Marketing of This Year's Grain Predicted in Report of Committee of Canadian Research Council.**

A Canadian Press dispatch from Winnipeg Oct. 19 published in the Toronto "Globe" stated:

Important recommendations, estimated when put in practice to effect a saving of millions of dollars in the marketing of this year's prairie grain crop, are contained in a tentative report submitted to the Board of Grain Commissioners by the Grain Committee of the Canadian Research Council.

Scientists of the Research Council have discovered methods of commercial drying of tough and damp grain, which will prevent injury to the milling and baking qualities of wheat when practiced under proper conditions. The research is not complete, but enough progress has been made to put the theories into operation in the drying of this year's crop, it was stated.

**Crude Oil Production Continues to Decline.**

A decrease of 15,200 barrels was reported in the crude oil production of the United States during the week of Oct. 29. Statistics compiled by the American Petroleum Institute showed that the estimated daily average gross crude oil production in the country for that week was 2,466,550 barrels, as compared with 2,481,750 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,836,950 barrels, as compared with 1,856,850 barrels, a decrease of 19,900 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks reported below:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.				
In Barrels—	Oct. 29 '27.	Oct. 22 '27.	Oct. 15 '27	Oct. 30 '26.
Oklahoma.....	757,700	779,200	790,200	539,300
Kansas.....	105,350	104,950	104,750	114,750
Panhandle Texas.....	89,550	88,700	90,200	159,600
North Texas.....	78,650	79,300	82,150	93,000
West Central Texas.....	58,750	60,700	62,400	56,050
West Texas.....	210,950	211,000	205,950	50,650
East Central Texas.....	28,750	28,250	28,700	58,500
Southwest Texas.....	26,550	26,700	27,350	42,550
North Louisiana.....	50,850	51,050	51,600	59,450
Arkansas.....	100,050	100,900	101,050	148,050
Coastal Texas.....	125,050	123,250	120,250	159,650
Coastal Louisiana.....	14,800	15,400	15,200	11,450
Eastern.....	115,000	114,500	113,000	110,000
Wyoming.....	52,000	50,950	50,000	67,050
Montana.....	13,700	13,700	13,750	20,750
Colorado.....	7,000	6,400	6,400	7,550
New Mexico.....	2,250	1,900	2,200	4,600
California.....	629,600	624,900	629,200	628,300
Total.....	2,466,550	2,481,750	2,494,350	2,331,250

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. 29 was 1,507,150 barrels, as compared with 1,530,750 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 23,600 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Ark., heavy oil was 1,430,250 barrels as compared with 1,453,300 barrels, a decrease of 23,050 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. 29.	Oct. 22.	North Louisiana—		Oct. 29.	Oct. 22.
North Braman.....	2,750	2,550		Haynesville.....	7,150	7,150	
South Braman.....	2,250	2,250		Urania.....	9,200	9,300	
Tonkawa.....	17,150	17,900					
Garber.....	10,150	10,200					
Burbank.....	35,850	35,450					
Bristow Slick.....	24,900	24,850		Arkansas—			
Cromwell.....	11,300	11,450		Smackover, light.....	9,750	10,000	
Wewoka.....	12,700	14,200		Smackover, heavy.....	76,900	77,450	
Seminole.....	64,700	68,150					
Nowlegs.....	121,500	125,650		Coastal Texas—			
Sebright.....	26,300	26,950		West Columbia.....	9,050	8,900	
Little River.....	45,050	44,400		Blue Ridge.....	3,000	3,500	
Earlsboro.....	155,450	166,400		Pierce Junction.....	10,900	7,500	
				Hull.....	16,050	17,050	
Panhandle Texas—				Spindletop.....	53,500	53,550	
Hutchinson County.....	64,600	65,700		Orange County.....	4,550	4,100	
Carson County.....	8,100	8,100					
Gray.....	15,500	13,500		Wyoming—			
Wheeler.....	1,300	1,350		Salt Creek.....	34,050	32,400	
West Central Texas—							
Brown County.....	19,000	20,000		Montana—			
Shackelford County.....	5,250	5,000		Sunburst.....	11,500	11,500	
West Texas—							
Reagan County.....	23,250	23,400		California—			
Pecos County.....	30,700	31,400		Santa Fe Springs.....	39,000	39,000	
Crane & Upton Counties.....	127,400	132,500		Long Beach.....	98,500	93,000	
Winkler.....	15,750	10,300		Huntington Beach.....	61,000	61,500	
East Central Texas—				Torrance.....	20,000	20,000	
Corisana Powell.....	13,500	13,850		Dominguez.....	15,000	15,000	
Nigger Creek.....	2,400	1,400		Rosecans.....	8,000	7,500	
Southwest Texas—				Inglewood.....	32,500	32,500	
Luling.....	15,200	15,000		Midway Sunset.....	84,000	84,000	
Laredo District.....	8,200	8,500		Ventura Avenue.....	57,600	55,400	
				Seal Beach.....	56,000	59,000	

**Gasoline Prices Advance in Certain Sections—Crude Oil Remains Unchanged.**

Crude oil prices remained stable throughout the week, no changes of any importance having been reported. Some advances occurred in the price of gasoline, notably at Savannah, Tampa and New Orleans. The earliest of these to be

reported was that announced Oct. 29 by the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky, which advanced gasoline one cent a gallon at Savannah, Ga., and Tampe, Fla., the new prices being 17c. to dealers at Savannah and 18c. to dealers at Tampa.

This company also reduced the price of kerosene one cent a gallon to 14c. at Pensacola, Fla.

In New Orleans on Oct. 31, the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana advanced the price of gasoline 2c. a gallon making the tank wagon and service station prices both 15½c. a gallon, including the State and carriage tax.

The retail price of gasoline in Fort Collins and nearby territory varies from 13 to 16 cents per gallon as a result of the "price war" in northern Colorado. High test gasoline is selling two to three cents a gallon higher. These prices include three-cent State gasoline sales tax.

Wholesale prices in Chicago on Nov. 4, stood as follows: U. S. motor grade gasoline, 6 @ 6½c.; kerosene, 41-43 water white 4½ @ 4¾c.; fuel oil, 24-26 gravity, 82¼ @ 85c.

**World's Zinc Consumption in First Half of 1927.**

Zinc consumption of the world in the first half of the current year is estimated at 640,000 metric tons by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 22, which adds:

Of this total 255,500 tons were used in America, 355,600 tons in Europe, 20,700 tons in Asia, 1,500 tons in Africa and 6,700 tons in Australia. The monthly rate of world's consumption was 106,700 metric tons.

In the entire year 1926 consumption was 1,245,300 tons, of which American consumers took 549,400 tons, Europe 618,400 tons, Asia 57,400 tons, Africa 3,200 tons and Australia 16,900 tons. The monthly rate of consumption in 1926 was 103,800 tons.

The following table gives consumption in detail for years 1925 and 1926 and for the 6 months ended June 30, 1927—(figures in metric tons):

	Calendar Years		
	1925.	1926.	1st Half 1927.
United States.....	487,800	529,600	246,000
Other America.....	17,300	19,800	9,500
<b>Total America.....</b>	<b>505,100</b>	<b>549,400</b>	<b>225,500</b>
Austria.....	3,200	2,000	2,000
Belgium.....	96,500	101,400	58,100
Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.....	21,000	20,000	10,900
France.....	98,200	114,700	51,500
Germany.....	141,700	143,800	93,900
Great Britain.....	165,500	161,900	93,500
Holland.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
Italy.....	20,100	18,000	8,600
Russia.....	15,000	14,000	*7,000
Scandinavia.....	10,000	8,000	2,400
Spain.....	9,800	7,600	5,700
Other Europe.....	43,000	25,000	20,000
<b>Total Europe.....</b>	<b>626,000</b>	<b>618,400</b>	<b>355,600</b>
Japan.....	4,800	53,300	18,200
Other Asia.....	5,500	4,100	2,500
<b>Total Asia.....</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>20,700</b>
Africa.....	*3,000	3,200	1,500
Australia.....	17,800	16,000	6,700
<b>Total world's consumption.....</b>	<b>1,198,200</b>	<b>1,245,300</b>	<b>640,000</b>
Monthly rate.....	99,900	103,800	106,700

\*Conjectural.  
World's production in the first half of 1927 amounted to 655,600 metric tons; in the entire year 1926 it was 1,246,700 tons and in 1925 it amounted to 1,144,800 tons.

**Steel Operations Show Slight Recession—Pig Iron Price Declines to New Low.**

Close to a 4% reduction from the September rate was made in the output of steel-making pig iron in October, reports the "Iron Age" in its Nov. 3 issue. Merchant iron production held its own, however, so that the month's total production showed a 2.9% daily loss from September. Last month 2,784,112 tons were made, or 89,810 tons per day, while for the 30 days of September the amount was 2,774,949 tons, or 92,498 tons a day. As shown in another column in today's issue. The usual weekly review of conditions affecting the iron and steel markets expressed the opinion that the industry has shown a slight recession in activity. It further states:

The week in steel has shown here and there an accumulation of orders and some growth in the volume of inquiries, but it is doubtful that the industry as a whole has forged ahead. The betterment gives little promise as yet of helping this year's operations or fourth quarter profits. As November comes in, the rate of operations has receded slightly for while Pittsburgh holds its position, the Chicago district shows a drop of two points.

Price irregularities are less pronounced than a week ago. Instead there has been some withdrawal of special price concessions expected by some of the large preferential buyers.

In pig iron, the trend of prices is still downward. The latest reduction is a cut of \$1.25 a ton to \$16, base, by Alabama furnaces, the first change at Birmingham since early in July. At Detroit, shipments of pig iron in October were larger than in September, reflecting a gain in melt by automotive foundries.

The "Iron Age" composite price for pig iron has fallen from the \$17.84 of the last two weeks to \$17.54 per gross ton, the lowest in over eleven years. The finished steel composite price remains at last week's five year low point, or 2.293c. per lb. as shown in the following table:

Finished Steel.				Pig Iron.				
Nov. 1 1927, 2.293c. a Lb.				Nov. 1 1927, \$17.54 a Gross Ton.				
One week ago.....	2.293c.			One week ago.....	\$17.84			
One month ago.....	2.346c.			One month ago.....	18.09			
One year ago.....	2.453c.			One year ago.....	20.04			
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	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927.....	\$19.71	Jan. 4	\$17.54
1926.....	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	1926.....	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46
1925.....	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925.....	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96
1924.....	2.789c.	Jan. 15	2.460c.	Oct. 14	1924.....	23.88	Feb. 26	19.21
1923.....	2.824c.	Apr. 24	2.446c.	Jan. 2	1923.....	30.86	Mar. 20	20.77

November opens with the finished steel markets still better in the promise than the performance the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland observes in its Nov. 3 "Review" of market conditions: Considerable tonnage is opening up in pipe, over 200,000 tons in gas lines alone being projected or imminent, the railroads continue to buy satisfactorily for 1928 track programs, and by the grace of good weather structural steel demand is seasonally high. But orders for immediate shipment warrant no more than a 65 to 67% general operating rate declares the "Review," adding:

A stiffer attitude looms in prices. Producers are fresh from last week's American Iron and Steel institute meeting, where destructive price competition was roundly denounced and a constructive, co-operation spirit displayed. Third quarter financial statements, revealing some losses and many sharp reductions in earnings, emphasize the proximity of selling prices and costs. The bottom of the present price dip may not yet have been plumbed, but less business will be "bought."

October continued the decline which has marked the production of pig iron since May. At 90,652 tons, the October daily rate compared with 92,750 tons in September and 107,555 tons last October; it was the lowest rate since August, 1925. The longer month, however, brought October tonnage up to 2,810,231 tons, against 2,782,500 tons in September. For 10 months pig iron production stands at 30,927,257 tons or 6% under the like period of 1926. At the close of October 175 blast furnaces, or 48.4% of the total serviceable, were in blast, the percentage being the lowest since June 1925. The loss in active stocks from September was six.

Little pig iron has been sold the past week but the market setup is more competitive. Birmingham producers have cut \$1.25 per ton, to \$16, base, Birmingham, for November-December delivery, enabling them to compete more evenly in northern markets. Southern iron now is \$19.69, delivered Cincinnati, against \$19.65 to \$19.90 asked by lake furnaces. Another cargo of lake iron is being unloaded at Chicago and offered at 50 cents under the \$18.50, Chicago, market.

Curtailed production is the reaction of some beehive coke producers to the present weak market, which is unchanged at \$2.75 to \$3 for standard furnace coke. More foundries are turning to cheaper grades of foundry coke, available at \$3.75 to \$3.85.

An award is pending on the gas line from Amarillo, Tex., to Denver, requiring 100,000 tons of pipe. Other live projects include the Roxana Petroleum Co.'s 51,000-ton line, the proposed gas line from Colorado to Salt Lake City taking 35,000 tons, a line from the Texas Panhandle requiring an unstated tonnage and a riveted pipe line in New Jersey needing 30,000 tons of plates.

French cast iron pipe is again competing in eastern markets, having been specified for jobs requiring 6,000 tons and being low on 2,200 tons at Albany, N. Y. Domestic cast pipe prices tend to react from their recent extreme lows.

Warehouses in most centers have revised their extras on cold finished bars to correspond to similar action by the mills recently. Extras paid by shafting makers on hot rolled hexagons also have been revised.

From 150,000 to 175,000 tons of rails has been bought in the past week by railroads entering Chicago, with western mills booking about one half. Included are 60,000 tons by the Burlington and 30,000 tons by the Union Pacific. Current inquiry for rails approximates 40,000 tons, with the New York Central's 175,000 tons not yet placed. October, with less than 50 to its credit, was the lightest month in years in freight car buying.

The Lake Superior iron ore movement which is drawing to a close for the season is likely not to exceed 52,000,000 tons, compared with 60,000,000 tons last year. The movement to Nov. 1 this season, totaling 49,110,133 tons, is 10% less than in the comparable period in 1926.

Wage rates at unionized sheet and tin plate mills present the phenomenon of rising 3%, due to carryover of higher-priced business from last spring, at a time when the sheet market is distinctly softer. Individually larger sheet orders have been booked at Pittsburgh but the aggregate is no higher. Blue annealed sheets at Chicago are down to a range of 2.30c. to 2.35c.

The "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is unchanged this week at \$35.51.

**Pig Iron Output in October is New Low Record for the Year.**

Another sharp decrease in pig iron production was registered in October. Data collected by wire by the "Iron Age" on Nov. 1 show the daily rate to have been 89,810 tons, a decline of 2,688 tons, or 2.9%, from the 92,498 tons per day in September. In some cases estimates for the last day's output were made by a few companies. The October decrease is the seventh month in succession and the daily rate is the smallest since August, 1925, when it was 87,241 tons per day. For the last three years October has shown an increase over September; this year operations ran nearly parallel to October 1923; the decline then was 2,598 tons per day, or 2.5%.

October's total pig iron output was 2,784,112 gross tons, or 89,810 tons per day for the 31 days, against 2,774,949 tons, or 92,498 tons per day in September, a 30-day month. The decline of 2,688 tons in the daily rate last month compares with 2,575 tons in September, with 126 tons in August, with 7,789 tons in July and with 6,397 tons per day in June. A year ago the October daily rate was 107,553 tons, as shown in

the monthly statistics prepared by the "Age," portions of which we quoted herewith:

*Net Loss of 7 Furnaces.*

There were 10 furnaces shut down and 3 blown in—a net loss of 7 for the month. This compares with a net loss of 8 in September, 3 in August, 8 in July, 13 in June, 9 in May and 3 in April. In March there was a net gain of 3 furnaces.

Of the 10 furnaces shut down last month, 5 were Steel Corporation stacks, 4 belonged to independent steel companies and one was a merchant furnace. The 3 furnaces blown in represented one each for the Steel Corporation, the independent companies and the merchant producers.

*Possibly Active Furnaces Reduced.*

The Clinton furnace of the Clinton Iron & Steel Co., Pittsburgh, has been scrapped, which reduces the number of possibly active furnaces from 362 to 361.

*Capacity Active on Nov. 1.*

On Nov. 1 there were 172 furnaces blowing as compared with 179 on Oct. 1. The estimated daily rate of the 172 furnaces was 87,600 tons per day; on Oct. 1 the 179 furnaces had an estimated rate of 90,800 tons per day.

*Manganese Alloy Output.*

Ferromanganese made in October totaled 17,710 tons, the smallest this year. At no time also in 1926 was so little produced. The spiegelisen output at 6,129 tons last month was a little larger than the 6,037 tons in September, which was the smallest this year.

*Furnaces Blown In and Out.*

Only three furnaces were blown in during October: One Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; one furnace at the Cambria plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in western Pennsylvania, and the Belfont furnace in southern Ohio.

The following furnaces were blown out or banked during October: The furnace of the Hudson Valley Coke & By-Products Corp. in New York; one Donora furnace of the American Steel & Wire Co., one Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. and one Midland furnace of the Pittsburgh Crucible Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; one furnace at the Cambria plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in western Pennsylvania; one furnace of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in the Mahoning Valley; one (new) South Chicago furnace of the Illinois Steel Co. and one Gary furnace in the Chicago district; one furnace of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. in Colorado, and one Bessemer furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & R.R. Co. in Alabama.

**DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS.**

	Steel Works	Merchant*	Total
1926—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	80,595	24,429	105,024
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
October	80,595	24,429	89,810

\* Includes pig iron made for the market by steel companies.

**TOTAL PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON.**

	Beginning Jan. 1 1925—Gross Tons.		1927.
	1925.	1926.	
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	3,138,293	2,774,349
October	3,023,370	3,334,132	2,784,112
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.

**Iron and Steel Foundry Operations in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.**

Business an iron castings, as measured by the volume of shipments and unfilled orders, increased appreciably between August and September but production declined says the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank in its report on iron foundry operations during September. Compared with a year earlier, unfilled orders were noticeably larger but production and shipments were smaller. Stocks of pig iron and coke at the end of September were lighter but those of scrap heavier than on the same date last year. The statistics supplied by the Bank follow:

	Sept. 1927.	% Change Month Ago.	% Change Year Ago.
Capacity	10,617	---	---
Production	4,014	-5.7	-16.2
Malleable iron	259	-7.2	-28.5
Gray iron	3,775	-5.6	-15.3
Jobbing	3,156	-2.9	-5.8
For further manufacture	599	-17.7	-45.8
Shipments	4,810	+7.0	-2.4
Value	\$570,852	+13.3	-7.3
Unfilled orders	4,317	+20.2	+18.0
Value	\$504,870	+9.4	-0.9
Raw Stock:			
Pig iron	5,467	+13.3	-4.3
Scrap	3,046	-1.4	+2.3
Coke	1,348	-7.4	-11.6

**Reviewing steel foundry operations the Bank states:**

Reporting foundries making steel castings show that their volume of production, shipments and unfilled orders was considerably smaller in September than in August and a year before. Last year at the same time there were marked increases. Stocks of scrap and coke increased in September and those of coke were also greater than on the same date last year.

	Sept. 1927.	% Change Month Ago.	% Change Year Ago.
Capacity	12,490	---	---
Production	5,137	-22.1	-39.5
Shipments	4,185	-15.7	-24.0
Value	\$577,602	-21.2	-45.3
Unfilled orders	2,467	-11.9	-39.7
Value	\$440,321	-18.2	-42.8
Raw Stock:			
Pig iron	1,704	-6.3	-32.1
Scrap	7,710	+23.3	-1.4
Coke	1,470	+7.5	+38.0

**Bituminous Coal Trade Weakens—Anthracite Market Slowly Gains Strength.**

Bituminous coal markets of the United States are still struggling to effect a balance between supply and demand, reports the "Coal Age News" in its market review of Nov. 3. So far the general results have not been very successful and the pressure of unsold tonnage on wheels at mines, junction and terminal points weakens the entire price structure. As for weeks past, steam coals bear the brunt of the attack. Late figures on supplies held by the consumers are lacking, but estimates in some sections place the reserves high enough to last until Jan. 1, asserts the "News", which adds further facts as follows:

Until these stockpiles are depleted at a more rapid rate than is the case at the present time or coal men individually adopt a more radical program of curtailment of production there seems little basis for any genuine improvement in the market situation. That some acceleration of the rate of depletion may be expected is indicated by reports from many fields that contract customers have cut down deliveries to minimum quotas. Despite this fact, railroad stocks have been diminishing at the rate of less than 1,000,000 tons monthly.

Curtailment of production, of course, is complicated by unevenness of demand as between different sizes of coal. In Illinois, for example, most of the orders are concentrated on lump and even egg is dragging. Lake shipments of three-quarter coal augment slack tonnage in the East at a time when steam consumers are indifferent. These difficulties help to explain the slight drop in production. For the week ended last Saturday the National Coal Association estimates output at 10,100,000 net tons, as compared with U. S. Bureau of Mines figures of 10,283,000 tons for the preceding week.

Due to increased tonnage from Illinois the general level of spot prices yesterday rose to \$1.97. "Coal Age News" index of spot bituminous prices on Nov. 2 was 163. Compared with preliminary figures for Oct. 26 this was an increase of 6 points and 7c. A year ago the Index stood at 285 and the weighted average price was \$3.45. The 1926 figures reflected the influence of the extraordinary export demand during the summer of that year as the result of the prolonged British strike.

Few producing fields have escaped the weakness in the steam-coal markets. In southern Illinois "no-bill" screenings have become a real problem for the operators and prices yielded slightly. Central Illinois dropped more sharply and there was a softer tone to the Indiana list. High-volatile slack in the Cincinnati market, on the other hand, was a shade firmer and mine-run was less flabby. Smokeless mine-run was weaker outside the Cincinnati and Columbus markets.

The strike in Colorado, which appears to have tied up most of the production of that state, has boosted demand and prices on Utah and Wyoming coals for shipment into Colorado and other markets normally served by the Colorado mines, but the total tonnage so far affected has not been exceptional. Outside of this area and the Northwest the bituminous market situation is one of watchful waiting, with all sectors complaining of slack demand for fuel.

Connellsville coke demand is moribund and production is falling. There also has been a slowing down in by-product market in other parts of the country in both the metallurgical and domestic trades.

**The "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" on Nov. 3, in discussing the situation, said:**

In the bituminous market nothing would please us more than to scatter a soothing balm, a cure-all for the many woes that beset the trade; but it seems these gentlemen who make such courageous efforts and sacrifices to keep the wheels of the world moving must get together and work out their own salvation among themselves.

The only balm of the past week to the market was a decline of a couple of hundred thousand tons in total production, and this gap was largely filled by "no bill" coal that had backed up, due to the Western strike settlement, where the mines have not yet gotten fully under way. One buyer showed us this week an invoice for the same coal he had purchased in July at forty-five cents per ton cheaper. In justice to all concerned, operator, miner and the public, that should not occur at this season.

Here and there in districts where operators have found it necessary to take possession of their houses to provide homes for miners willing to work, we hear of miners moving out and finding homes in the houses of other operators in the same or adjacent district. One battalion of the "Pick and Shovel Brigade" moves out, another moves in. Surprising as it may seem, the result is increased production. The only limit to the progressive production in mines of central and western Pennsylvania that have changed from a closed-shop to an open-shop, competitive basis is the slack demand.

Ohio operators show no signs of receding from their efforts to continue the open-shop policy they have planned. Illinois and Indiana are waiting for the report of the loading machine commission that means so much to the thick vein operators or to those in regions where machines are and can be used. A six months' strike with lower prices than before prevailed is not stimulating to the industry or any other line of business.

**Recession Shown in Bituminous Coal Output—Anthracite and Coke Production Increase.**

Bituminous coal output receded from 10,550,000 net tons in the week of Oct. 15 to 10,283,000 net tons in the week of Oct. 22, as loss of 267,000 net tons, reports the current bulletin issued by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

The output of the corresponding week of 1926 was reported as 12,712,000 net tons. The anthracite tonnage for the week of Oct. 22 1927 amounted to 1,799,000 net tons, a slight gain over the 1,794,000 net tons produced during the preceding week. The current output, however, remains about 263,000 net tons below the output in the corresponding week one year ago. Further data is presented by the Bureau of Mines as follows:

**BITUMINOUS COAL.**

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Oct. 22, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 10,283,000 net tons. In comparison with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 267,000 tons, or 2.5%.

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

Week.	1927		1926	
	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.
Oct. 8.....	10,286,000	12,363,000	10,286,000	12,363,000
Daily average.....	1,714,000	2,061,000	1,714,000	2,061,000
Oct. 15.....	10,550,000	12,386,000	10,550,000	12,386,000
Daily average.....	1,758,000	2,064,000	1,758,000	2,064,000
Oct. 22.....	10,283,000	12,712,000	10,283,000	12,712,000
Daily average.....	1,714,000	2,119,000	1,714,000	2,119,000

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 Oct. 22 (approximately 250 working days) amounts to 426,149,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1926.....	445,592,000 net tons	1923.....	462,172,000 net tons
1925.....	400,621,000 net tons	1922.....	315,440,000 net tons
1924.....	378,578,000 net tons		

As already indicated by the figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Oct. 15 amounted to 10,550,000 net tons, an increase of 264,000 tons, or 2.6% over the output in the preceding 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				
	Oct. 15 1927.	Oct. 8 1927.	Oct. 16 1926.	Oct. 17 1925.a	October Average 1923.b
Alabama.....	380,000	376,000	473,000	439,000	380,000
Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.....	305,000	246,000	273,000	241,000	251,000
Colorado.....	298,000	300,000	239,000	253,000	217,000
Illinois.....	1,134,000	1,448,000	1,448,000	1,546,000	1,558,000
Indiana.....	240,000	253,000	484,000	458,000	518,000
Iowa.....	36,000	28,000	113,000	106,000	130,000
Kentucky—Eastern.....	1,025,000	1,101,000	1,002,000	981,000	764,000
Western.....	410,000	453,000	364,000	304,000	239,000
Maryland.....	63,000	65,000	75,000	51,000	36,000
Michigan.....	17,000	17,000	16,000	20,000	28,000
Montana.....	85,000	82,000	79,000	85,000	82,000
New Mexico.....	65,000	63,000	58,000	55,000	58,000
North Dakota.....	56,000	45,000	37,000	39,000	37,000
Ohio.....	148,000	155,000	640,000	620,000	817,000
Pennsylvania.....	2,555,000	2,512,000	3,185,000	2,969,000	3,155,000
Tennessee.....	90,000	95,000	129,000	117,000	117,000
Texas.....	23,000	24,000	28,000	20,000	25,000
Utah.....	108,000	103,000	104,000	122,000	121,000
Virginia.....	291,000	252,000	290,000	274,000	231,000
Washington.....	58,000	52,000	67,000	53,000	67,000
W. Virginia—Southern.....	2,135,000	2,231,000	2,285,000	1,919,000	1,521,000
Northern.....	868,000	923,000	842,000	829,000	772,000
Wyoming.....	187,000	182,000	151,000	199,000	184,000
Others.....	3,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	4,000

10,550,000 10,286,000 12,386,000 11,704,000 11,312,000

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 production of anthracite showed little change in the week ended Oct. 22. The total output, including washery and dredged coal, is estimated at 1,799,000 net tons, as against 1,794,000 tons in the preceding week. In the week in 1926 corresponding with that of Oct. 22 production amounted to 2,062,000 tons.

*Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).*

Week Ended—	1927		1926	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Oct. 8.....	1,597,000	62,101,000	2,069,000	64,059,000
Oct. 15.....	1,794,000	63,895,000	2,093,000	66,152,000
Oct. 22.....	1,799,000	65,694,000	2,062,000	68,214,000

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

**BEEHIVE COKE.**

An increase of 16,000 tons occurred in the output of beehive coke during the week of Oct. 22 compared with the production during the preceding week.

*Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).*

State	1927			1926	
	Oct. 22	Oct. 15	Oct. 23	1927	1926
Pennsylvania and Ohio.....	73,000	57,000	163,000	4,706,000	7,817,000
West Virginia.....	15,000	15,000	16,000	657,000	624,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn., & Georgia.....	5,000	4,000	6,000	211,000	518,000
Virginia.....	5,000	5,000	6,000	271,000	290,000
Colorado and New Mexico.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	166,000	212,000
Washington and Utah.....	2,000	3,000	3,000	137,000	140,000

United States total.....105,000 89,000 199,000 6,148,000 9,601,000

Daily average..... 18,000 15,000 33,000 24,000 38,000

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 production of bituminous coal in the United States during the week ended Oct. 29, as estimated from incomplete car loading figures by the National Coal Association, was somewhat under 10,100,000 net tons. These figures indicate a continuation of the decline shown for the week ended Oct. 22.

**Analysis of Imports and Exports of the United States for September.**

The Department of Commerce at Washington Oct. 27 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of September and the nine months ending

with September. 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:

**ANALYSIS OF EXPORTS FROM AND IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT. 1927.**

	Month of September.		Nine Mos. Ended September.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
	Value \$	Per Cent.	Value \$	Per Cent.
<b>Domestic Exports—</b>				
Crude materials.....	120,593	27.4	102,135	24.5
Crude foodstuffs and food animals.....	46,487	10.6	69,429	16.7
M'factured foodstuffs.....	47,835	10.9	38,551	9.3
Semi-manufactures.....	55,127	12.5	54,622	13.1
Finished manufactures.....	170,168	38.6	151,796	36.4
Tot. domestic exports.....	440,211	100.0	416,533	100.0
Foreign exports.....	7,860		8,778	
Total.....	448,071		425,311	
<b>Imports—</b>				
Crude materials.....	135,097	39.3	130,653	38.2
Crude foodstuffs and food animals.....	39,102	11.4	33,197	9.7
M'factured foodstuffs.....	32,581	9.5	33,010	9.7
Semi-manufactures.....	62,673	18.3	62,696	18.3
Finished manufactures.....	73,749	21.5	82,168	24.1
Total.....	343,202	100.0	341,724	100.0

**Farm Prices Continue Higher than Year Ago**

Continuance of the general level of farm prices above that of last year is reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, the index of farm prices being placed at 139 for Oct. 15, against 140 on Sept. 15, and 130 in October a year ago. No unusual price movements are reported by the bureau for the month ending Oct. 15. Under date of Oct. 28 the Bureau states:

Practically all kinds of livestock advanced in price during the month, but crops were slightly lower with the exception of oats and apples. The farm price of beef cattle Oct. 15 is the highest since October, 1920, the rise being attributed to light seasonal market receipts which have been considerably under those of last year, and the smallest in six years.

Hog prices also advanced due largely to smaller marketings as a result of improved prospects for corn and lower corn prices. The corn-hog ratio for the United States at 11.6 is 1.3 points above last month, while the Iowa ratio rose 1.5 points to 12.2. Practically all livestock products including eggs and butter made price gains.

The farm price of wheat was lower, especially in the important spring wheat producing States, the receipts of wheat at 14 primary markets up to October 15 being among the record movements. Oats, on the other hand, showed some tendency to improve. Cotton prices declined 1/2 cents per pound during the month ending October 15. Potato prices were down, influenced by the prospective size of the crop, and apple prices advanced in prospect of smaller production.

**Domestic Exports of Canned and Dried Foods in September and the Nine Months.**

The report of the exports of canned and dried foods, released by the Department of Commerce at Washington on Oct. 24, covers the month of September and the nine months period ending with September for the years 1927 and 1926. The report in detail follows:

**DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CANNED AND DRIED FOODS.**

	Month of September.		9 Mos. End. September.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Total canned meats, pounds.....	1,169,906	1,173,379	12,210,105	13,181,676
Value.....	\$382,178	\$428,121	\$4,105,711	\$4,719,218
Total dairy products, pounds.....	9,513,452	7,241,420	99,368,832	91,044,505
Value.....	\$1,392,729	\$1,139,370	\$14,506,829	\$13,494,532
Total canned vegetables, lbs.....	12,009,136	8,281,872	51,060,084	57,961,252
Value.....	\$1,061,830	\$778,627	\$4,923,685	\$5,435,062
Total dried & evaporated fruits, lbs.....	30,278,467	22,594,318	172,180,729	201,274,734
Value.....	\$2,693,236	\$2,171,090	\$15,301,616	\$15,064,302
Total canned fruits, pounds.....	36,478,781	27,309,937	143,831,841	157,309,821
Value.....	\$3,669,722	\$2,392,942	\$14,914,818	\$14,486,415
Beef, canned, pounds.....	189,298	107,639	2,050,058	2,210,524
Value.....	\$61,865	\$33,427	\$777,480	\$706,642
Sausage, canned, pounds.....	327,796	217,299	2,833,439	2,894,561
Value.....	\$93,967	\$61,760	\$863,907	\$856,643
Milk, condensed, sweetened, pounds.....	3,000,663	2,439,132	29,797,129	26,895,897
Value.....	\$436,532	\$383,923	\$4,587,478	\$4,208,957
Milk, evaporated, unsweetened, lbs.....	5,190,510	3,756,175	58,567,089	53,724,282
Value.....	\$506,139	\$399,449	\$6,041,463	\$5,692,371
Salmon, canned, pounds.....	8,926,149	2,245,535	28,569,745	31,791,536
Value.....	\$1,583,852	\$393,296	\$4,482,534	\$4,921,054
Sardines, canned, pounds.....	4,954,076	6,574,821	47,152,316	58,979,355
Value.....	\$445,204	\$572,379	\$4,014,929	\$5,114,884
Raisins, pounds.....	16,251,068	9,007,733	72,564,835	77,454,876
Value.....	\$1,279,941	\$691,698	\$5,892,790	\$5,559,731
Apples, dried, pounds.....	706,837	568,071	8,936,804	13,119,091
Value.....	\$80,081	\$65,100	\$1,018,597	\$1,261,640
Apricots, dried, pounds.....	2,105,201	5,666,303	10,712,871	15,281,510
Value.....	\$440,005	\$944,228	\$2,243,713	\$2,619,920
Peaches, dried, pounds.....	1,448,657	536,507	2,572,914	3,318,358
Value.....	\$204,676	\$52,771	\$393,618	\$372,788
Prunes, dried, pounds.....	8,471,459	5,877,050	71,480,695	84,176,540
Value.....	\$534,059	\$345,941	\$4,981,040	\$5,090,932
Apricots, canned, pounds.....	3,795,264	2,739,956	23,330,280	16,410,627
Value.....	\$393,907	\$248,565	\$2,329,992	\$1,555,354
Peaches, canned, pounds.....	14,279,996	9,136,964	43,774,185	48,787,034
Value.....	\$1,402,112	\$721,885	\$4,385,182	\$4,115,571
Pears, canned, pounds.....	10,091,215	6,429,168	30,180,406	38,251,692
Value.....	\$1,056,713	\$642,451	\$3,460,410	\$3,759,163
Pineapples, canned, pounds.....	5,512,702	7,082,707	22,411,665	31,397,077
Value.....	\$496,894	\$564,517	\$2,072,553	\$2,932,206



**Domestic Exports of Meats and Fats for September.**

The Department of Commerce at Washington on Oct. 24 made public its report on the domestic exports of meats and fats for September. This shows that in the month the total value of meat products exported was somewhat smaller than in the corresponding month last year, 34,351,049 pounds being shipped in September 1927 against 38,158,165 pounds in September 1926, and valued at only \$5,711,349 against \$7,624,310. The quantity and value of animal oils and fats exported in September this year was also smaller than in September last year. For the nine months ended with September the exports of meats and fats and animal oils and fats were less in both quantity and value than in the corresponding period a year ago. The report is as follows:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MEATS AND FATS.

	Month of September.		9 Months Ended September.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Total meats & meat prods., lbs.	38,158,165	34,351,049	377,475,907	276,798,848
Value	\$7,624,310	\$5,711,349	\$77,887,787	\$51,026,862
Total animal oils and fats, lbs.	76,060,283	70,015,962	665,260,073	627,098,503
Value	\$11,523,837	\$9,465,547	\$101,717,268	\$82,447,360
Beef and veal, fresh, pounds	137,542	131,865	1,908,382	1,329,536
Value	\$23,107	\$23,731	\$333,837	\$261,595
Beef, pickled, &c., pounds	2,478,002	1,369,822	14,947,575	12,471,405
Value	\$268,738	\$137,903	\$1,768,366	\$1,348,399
Pork, fresh, pounds	772,954	532,419	10,238,511	5,351,296
Value	\$150,257	\$80,664	\$2,023,578	\$987,232
Wiltshire sides, pounds	36,529	104,904	5,979,450	517,803
Value	\$9,060	\$18,290	\$1,268,591	\$100,568
Cumberland sides, pounds	595,706	1,104,654	11,105,015	7,015,703
Value	\$143,655	\$195,395	\$2,455,072	\$1,321,770
Hams and shoulders, pounds	11,424,776	11,122,944	147,090,397	97,702,735
Value	\$2,925,445	\$2,201,027	\$34,705,622	\$20,511,056
Bacon, pounds	14,869,764	11,619,752	117,655,973	82,580,434
Value	\$2,821,868	\$1,731,847	\$22,438,356	\$13,263,736
Pickled pork, pounds	2,842,067	3,347,294	22,109,350	23,120,620
Value	\$447,524	\$450,972	\$3,665,562	\$3,325,096
Oleo oil, pounds	9,466,862	6,019,971	74,079,905	64,613,999
Value	\$1,128,684	\$780,368	\$9,256,912	\$7,400,239
Lard, pounds	61,577,221	59,735,969	545,804,751	518,456,672
Value	\$9,771,895	\$8,127,149	\$86,380,440	\$69,719,793
Neutral lard, pounds	1,288,497	1,546,043	13,435,758	15,697,621
Value	\$212,304	\$226,470	\$2,255,103	\$2,288,473
Lard compounds, animal fat	478,200	770,894	7,014,582	7,227,117
Value	\$72,248	\$104,692	\$1,024,629	\$910,016
Margarine of animal or Vegetable fats, pounds	104,706	35,216	1,179,674	625,187
Value	\$17,321	\$5,888	\$161,243	\$98,345
Cottonseed oil, pounds	759,953	1,842,539	26,425,644	48,404,278
Value	\$82,927	\$192,800	\$2,783,990	\$4,111,290
Lard compounds, vegetable fats, pounds	623,232	502,200	5,188,930	4,353,065
Value	\$94,125	\$69,754	\$791,676	\$554,477

**Domestic Exports of Grain and Grain Products.**

The Department of Commerce at Washington gave out on Oct. 24 its monthly report on the exports of principal grains and grain products for September and the nine months ending with September, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. Total values are considerably larger than for the same month of 1926, amounting to \$72,671,000 in September 1927, against \$50,950,000 in September 1926. Exports of grains were larger in September 1927 than in September 1926 except corn, oats, and malt. Exports of barley in September this year were 6,637,000 bushels as against only 2,663,000 bushels a year ago, exports of rice 7,551,000 pounds, against 2,633,000 pounds. Rye exports 7,734,000 bushels, against 2,122,000 bushels and wheat exports 33,748,000 bushels against 23,700,000 bushels. Exports of wheat flour were only 1,280,000 barrels as against 1,560,000 barrels, and corn exports only 507,000 bushels against 883,000 bushels. The details are as follows:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS.

	September.		9 Mos. End. September.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Barley, bushels	2,663,000	6,637,000	10,188,000	21,131,000
Value	\$1,914,000	\$3,030,000	\$7,747,000	\$19,582,000
Malt, bushels	249,000	214,000	2,538,000	1,982,000
Corn, bushels	883,000	507,000	18,244,000	11,108,000
Value	\$757,000	\$530,000	\$16,062,000	\$9,419,000
Cornmeal, barrels	42,000	16,000	316,000	321,000
Hominy and grits, pounds	1,822,000	954,000	20,487,000	22,576,000
Oats, bushels	849,000	632,000	10,632,000	8,849,000
Value	\$407,000	\$327,000	\$5,306,000	\$4,619,000
Oatmeal, pounds	17,505,000	7,805,000	105,195,000	45,401,000
Rice, pounds	2,633,000	7,551,000	22,024,000	191,706,000
Value	\$87,000	\$281,000	\$1,090,000	\$7,915,000
Broken rice, pounds	3,796,000	5,853,000	21,618,000	54,707,000
Value	\$128,000	\$180,000	\$770,000	\$1,677,000
Rye, bushels	2,122,000	7,734,000	11,040,000	25,446,000
Value	\$2,141,000	\$8,021,000	\$11,381,000	\$28,698,000
Wheat, bushels	23,700,000	33,748,000	96,643,000	111,380,000
Value	\$33,665,000	\$47,620,000	\$142,265,000	\$162,677,000
Wheat flour, barrels	1,560,000	1,280,000	7,993,000	8,853,000
Value	\$10,264,000	\$8,552,000	\$56,273,000	\$59,406,000
Biscuits, unsweetened, pounds	768,000	367,000	6,452,000	5,265,000
Sweetened, pounds	574,000	374,000	4,134,000	3,734,000
Macaroni, pounds	766,000	609,000	5,994,000	6,089,000
Total value	\$50,950,000	\$72,671,000	\$253,889,000	\$304,890,000

**Current Events and Discussions**

**The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.**

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Nov. 2, 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 \$26,000,000 in bill and security holdings, \$14,100,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and \$10,600,000 in member bank reserve deposits and a decrease of \$26,200,000 in cash reserves. Holdings of bills discounted for member banks declined \$23,200,000, while holdings of acceptances and Government securities purchased in the open market increased \$33,500,000 and \$15,700,000 respectively. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The principal changes in discount holdings for the week include decreases of \$34,500,000 and \$10,400,000 by the New York and Boston banks, and increases of \$13,500,000 and \$9,400,000 by Cleveland and Chicago. The System's holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market increased \$33,500,000 during the week, of United States bonds \$15,600,000, and of Treasury certificates \$22,200,000, while holdings of Treasury notes declined \$22,100,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation comprise increases of \$10,200,000 and \$3,000,000 reported by the Federal Reserve banks of New York and San Francisco and a decrease of \$3,300,000 by the Cleveland 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 2494 and 2495. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Nov. 2 1927 is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	+\$26,000,000	+\$132,000,000
Gold reserves	-\$25,300,000	+124,300,000
Total bills and securities	+26,000,000	-72,100,000
Bills discounted, total	-23,200,000	-296,700,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	-27,700,000	-138,300,000
Other bills discounted	+4,500,000	-158,400,000
Bills bought in open market	+33,500,000	+2,500,000
U. S. Government securities, total	+15,700,000	+224,000,000
Bonds	+15,600,000	+230,300,000
Treasury notes	-22,100,000	-33,600,000
Certificates of indebtedness	+22,200,000	+27,300,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	+14,100,000	-38,300,000
Total deposits	+300,000	+127,900,000
Members' reserve deposits	+10,600,000	+155,100,000
Government deposits	-18,700,000	-26,800,000

**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 again show an increase, the grand aggregate of these loans for Nov. 2 being \$3,371,705,000, against \$3,343,107,000 for Oct. 26, and \$3,434,107,000 for Oct. 19, this latter being the record figure.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York—52 Banks.		
	Nov. 2 1927.	Oct. 26 1927.	Nov. 3 1926.
Loans and investments—total	\$6,810,352,000	\$6,765,055,000	\$6,219,015,000
Loans and discounts—total	5,028,412,000	4,989,651,000	4,500,654,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	40,696,000	38,156,000	53,314,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	2,315,640,000	2,274,414,000	1,915,461,000
All other loans and discounts	2,672,076,000	2,677,081,000	2,531,879,000
Investments—total	1,781,920,000	1,775,404,000	1,718,361,000
U. S. Government securities	892,405,000	892,262,000	877,972,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	889,515,000	883,142,000	840,389,000
Reserve with F. R. Bank	737,190,000	751,991,000	653,141,000
Cash in vault	57,731,000	59,518,000	66,136,000
Net demand deposits	5,285,678,000	5,260,667,000	4,980,789,000
Time deposits	1,034,543,000	1,019,924,000	859,615,000
Government deposits	65,422,000	70,885,000	36,763,000
Due from banks	112,215,000	102,648,000	111,569,000
Due to banks	1,327,555,000	1,181,876,000	1,146,936,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	27,578,000	56,149,000	93,940,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	14,450,000	33,650,000	48,265,000
All other	13,128,000	22,499,000	45,675,000

	Nov. 2 1927.	Oct. 26 1927.	Nov. 3 1926.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds):			
For own account.....	1,082,938,000	1,048,234,000	839,582,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,279,378,000	1,324,068,000	1,047,443,000
For account of others.....	1,009,389,000	971,475,000	753,354,000
Total.....	3,371,705,000	3,343,777,000	2,640,379,000
On demand.....	2,579,173,000	2,559,885,000	1,929,519,000
On time.....	792,532,000	783,892,000	710,860,000
<b>Chicago—45 Banks.</b>			
Loans and investments—total.....	1,850,526,000	1,888,086,000	1,767,064,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	1,450,375,000	1,477,627,000	1,395,999,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	15,720,000	13,797,000	13,929,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	769,092,000	798,071,000	684,528,000
All other loans and discounts.....	665,563,000	665,759,000	697,542,000
Investments—total.....	400,151,000	410,459,000	371,065,000
U. S. Government securities.....	176,336,000	177,973,000	162,423,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	232,815,000	232,486,000	208,642,000
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	187,367,000	179,143,000	180,512,000
Cash in vault.....	17,874,000	18,680,000	23,549,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,261,294,000	1,282,278,000	1,207,251,000
Time deposits.....	561,350,000	569,174,000	519,558,000
Government deposits.....	11,462,000	12,430,000	9,170,000
Due from banks.....	359,317,000	337,390,000	160,420,000
Due to banks.....	147,451,000	358,970,000	358,259,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total.....	16,647,000	11,583,000	48,619,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	14,291,000	9,709,000	35,830,000
All other.....	2,356,000	1,874,000	12,789,000

**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 Oct. 26:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 660 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Oct. 26 shows decreases of \$36,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$19,000,000 in investments, \$48,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$58,000,000 in Government deposits and \$16,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$14,000,000 above the previous week's total in the Cleveland district and \$20,000,000 above at all reporting banks. All other loans and discounts declined \$56,000,000 during the week, decreases of \$28,000,000 being reported by banks in the Cleveland district and \$12,000,000 and \$9,000,000 by banks in the San Francisco and Chicago districts, respectively. Holdings of United States securities decreased \$13,000,000 and of other securities \$6,000,000. The principal changes in holdings of other securities were a decline of \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district and an increase of \$8,000,000 in the Chicago district.

Net demand deposits were \$35,000,000 below the total reported a week ago in the New York district and \$48,000,000 below at all reporting member banks. Government deposits declined \$58,000,000, all districts participating in the reduction.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were \$16,000,000 below the Oct. 19 figure, the principal changes in this item including increases of \$12,000,000 and \$11,000,000 in the Boston and New York districts, respectively, and decreases of \$13,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$5,000,000 each in the Richmond, Kansas City and San Francisco districts.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 660 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Oct. 26 1927 follows:

	Oct. 26 1927.	Increase or Decrease	During
	\$	Week.	Year.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	21,084,659,000	-54,128,000	+1,192,725,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	15,020,446,000	-35,544,000	+760,235,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	119,846,000	-1,756,000	-20,726,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	6,126,613,000	+21,897,000	+726,280,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,773,987,000	-55,685,000	+681,000
Investments—total.....	6,064,213,000	-18,584,000	+486,490,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,606,045,000	-12,971,000	+139,624,000
Other bonds, stocks & securities.....	3,458,168,000	-5,613,000	+346,866,000
Reserve with F. R. banks.....	1,729,319,000	-24,549,000	+94,529,000
Cash in vault.....	267,130,000	+2,369,000	-19,936,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,402,102,000	-47,719,000	+484,111,000
Time deposits.....	6,364,217,000	-4,392,000	+625,965,000
Government deposits.....	193,692,000	-58,401,000	+57,447,000
Due from banks.....	1,191,660,000	-37,465,000	-----
Due to banks.....	3,375,857,000	-103,117,000	-----
Borrowings from F. R. Banks—total.....	254,452,000	-16,484,000	-183,414,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	169,933,000	+5,988,000	-70,921,000
All other.....	84,519,000	-22,472,000	-112,493,000

**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 (Nov. 5) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advises by cable and other means of communication:

**AUSTRALIA.**

The seasonal situation was slightly improved by further rains during the week ended October 26. Wool sales at Geelong opened firm with Japanese, French and Russian buyers active. Sales at Brisbane were

firm to slight advances with American buyers very active and Japanese and Continental buyers in evidence.

**BRAZIL.**

The general tone of business in Brazil is more optimistic with slightly increased turnover. Money is still scarce in the interior, but in commercial centers it is easier. Bank rates for 90 day deposits average 7½%, for new commercial discounts 8%. The general confidence in the financial policy of the Government is favorably affecting business. Exchange is firmer, but no permanent improvement in the milreis is anticipated. Foreign trade figures for the first seven months of 1927 give import values of 1,902,798 contos (\$227,764,920) and exports of 1,867,667 contos (\$223,559,740) leaving an unfavorable balance of about \$4,200,000. Import values exceeded those of the same period of last year by 400,000 contos (\$57,000,000) and export values exceeded by 200,000 contos or half the value of the import surplus. The market is enjoying a strong export demand for coffee. Old crop stock is said to be scarce, but sufficient good quality new coffee is reported available if buyers are willing to pay the price and growers are making good profits, with expectations of a new pick-up in business. Estimates from trade sources for the next Santos crop (1928-29) are under 9,000,000 bags. In Rio de Janeiro the import market has been slightly more active with somewhat better prospects for many lines of goods. The tone in Sao Paulo is more optimistic too, although there is little concrete improvement. The south is less active with collections poor and money tight. Conditions in the north continue depressed, and a drought is affecting Bahian business unfavorably.

**CANADA.**

General trade conditions continue to improve and wholesalers and retailers are busy. A strong demand exists for steel for building purposes and for machine tools. Favorable weather has stimulated the sale of fall paint lines and prices have been steady with the exception of linseed oil which has been reduced 2 cents a gallon. The employment situation at the beginning of October was not quite so favorable as in the previous month; there was a pronounced seasonal curtailment in construction activity. The dollar volume of business in September shows a marked increase. Bank debits amounted to \$2,844,000,000, in increase of 21% over the same month in 1926. Bank clearings totaled \$1,652,000,000, an increase of 19.5% over the same month last year. Latest estimates of the fruit and vegetable crops have been revised downward. The potato crop is placed at 45,495,000 hundredweight or 93% of the 1926 crop; this is a decrease of 6% from the government forecast given out in September for which blight in the Maritime Provinces is responsible. The apple crop is estimated at 2,720,800 barrels or 91% of the 1926 crop; the commercial pear crop 114,330 bushels or 185% of last year, and grapes at 34,560,000 bushels or 90% of last year. The September output of coke, 150,271 tons, was the lowest for any month of the year. Imports of automobiles during September amounted to \$2,046,355, a decrease of 27% from August but an increase of 12% over the same month a year ago. In a decision made public by the Minister of Labor, the Proprietary Articles Trades Association, an organization of manufacturers, wholesale and retail druggists who have been operating for the last year under agreements fixing minimum resale prices, has been declared a combine against the interest of the public and therefore illegal. The proposed amalgamation recently announced two of the largest paper companies in Canada will consolidate a total annual production of 600,000 tons of newspaper. According to an estimate recently made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, tourists in Canada spent over \$190,000,000 during 1926.

**CHINA.**

The North China cotton crop is estimated to be the best on record, the wheat crop is most satisfactory and the walnut crop is abundant but of poor quality. New railway construction continues in Manchuria, which now represents the most prosperous region of all China. The proposal of the local Canton Government to increase customs surtaxes by 10% is said to be meeting with much opposition. Canton Central Bank of China notes are being maintained at par through a loan upon merchants of ten million (local) dollars, but the future outlook is unpromising.

**COLOMBIA.**

Conditions throughout Colombia remained good during October. Construction work on public works, principally railroads, maintains a demand for labor at high wages. Heavy rains in the interior of the country is keeping the Magdalena River in excellent condition. However, congestion of freight at the river ports of La Dorada and Giardot continues. The National congress has been prolonged thirty days in order to consider new petroleum legislation.

**DENMARK.**

The slow basic improvement in Denmark's economic situation continued during October with slightly higher industrial activity, slightly declining unemployment, stable prices and increasing financial stability. Industrial activity remains low although the slight improvement continues in certain branches. Labor conditions in general were unchanged. Commercial demand remains dull with decreased sales in a number of important lines, notably automobiles, luxury and semi-luxury goods. Bacon production and export showed slight increases although prices remained low. The improvement in butter prices continues. Several measures have been introduced in parliament for the relief of the present agricultural crisis. The proposals vary from direct financial assistance to a limited moratorium. Another legislature measure of importance is the proposal of an anti-dumping law. The easiness in the money market continued during October. The government floated an internal conversion loan of 30,000,000 crowns which was sold at 98 bearing 5% interest. The exchange remains firm. A further contraction occurred in loans while deposits were higher. Foreign exchange holdings were also again higher. State accounts just published and the proposed budget reveal a satisfactory trend in Danish financial affairs. The increased activity of the bourse continued during September with quotations showing a rising tendency. Price levels remained stable. Denmark's exports were higher and, with imports remaining unchanged, a lower unfavorable balance was returned.

**FRANCE.**

With the exception of modifications affecting minor items, Mr. Poincare is said to be holding the chamber Finance Committee strictly to the original budget proposals in connection with its study of the 1928 budget. The most recent estimates with regard to the proposed budget indicate that there may be a surplus of 123,000,000 francs. Total imports during the first 9 months of this year were valued at 38,529,000,000 francs and exports at 40,284,000,000 francs. Foreign

trade during September showed an export balance of 970,000,000 francs.

#### GERMANY.

The monthly average of the wholesale index for September was 139.7, as against 137.9 for August. The index of manufactured goods for production rose only .2%, but that of finished goods for consumption increased by 2.3% to 165.8. A seasonal increase in prices of livestock and products were reflected in the index for agricultural products. The index for vegetables foodstuffs declined. Prices of textiles, hides and leather and building materials were higher than in August; the indices for iron, metals, technical oils and fats and rubber were lower. The index for iron, 124.2, reflects lower prices for scrap iron and middle and thin sheets and the reduction in the price of pig iron effective September 1.

#### HAITI.

Haiti's export trade continues to decline as imports increase, with the result that the fiscal year ending September 30, 1927, closed with an unfavorable balance of trade amounting to \$2,452,000 as compared with the favorable excess of exports over imports in the previous year amounting to \$1,397,000. The heavy rains are retarding shipments of coffee which should be moving more rapidly at this season of the year. Lower volume of exports of coffee, the principal Haitian export, coupled with decreasing unit prices being received for important commodities of trade, are responsible for Haiti's declining trade. Bank note circulation is recovering from the unusually low levels of past months but general business conditions are slow.

#### INDIA.

Marked improvement is noted in all major markets following the Poojah holidays, with money plentiful and collections good.

#### ITALY.

Supplementing reductions of 40 to 70% in living cost bonuses paid to various Government employees which was effected May 5, 1927, the cabinet has approved further reductions in the salaries of Government employees. The former decrease abolished the bonuses of the first to fourth grades and made reductions below that grade. The new decree will abolish bonuses for fifth, sixth, and seventh grades and for all employees of inferior grades without dependent families. It is estimated that the saving effected will amount to 200,000,000 lire yearly.

#### JAMAICA.

Retail trade continues to show the usual seasonal dullness but the economic situation is excellent. Government revenues are estimated to be in excess of expenditures at the present time and the import trade continues to increase, and exports are high. A tropical storm is reported to have damaged a large number of bearing banana trees but this has not affected the general prosperity of the island. Declared exports to the United States decreased as a result of heavier shipments of bananas to Europe. Bank deposits and collections are normal. Sugar stocks on hand are said to be barely sufficient for local needs. Construction work is being retarded by the heavy rains.

#### MEXICO.

The commercial movement was marked by indecision and business was seriously disorganized during the first two weeks of October, on account of military activities. It was expected that with the restoration of normal conditions the atmosphere would clear and trade would be stimulated. However, with the exception of a few lines, no improvement has taken place. Automobile registrations continued to decrease during the month. Shoe factories are operating at only 50 or 60% of their capacity. As a result of the protective duties, local industries are being organized to manufacture vegetable shortening, oatmeal, cotton sacks, corrugated sheets, and electric wire. Collections continued difficult during the month with banks exercising extreme caution in the granting of credits. The value of silver coins remained fairly stable during the month, the present discount against gold being slightly less than 7%. Petroleum production amounted to 5,392,000 barrels during August as compared with 5,488,421 barrels in July, 1927, and 6,712,701 barrels in August, 1926, according to official figures recently issued.

#### NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

The Government estimate for 1927 rubber production in the Netherland East Indies places the native dry rubber output at 93,000 metric tons and estate rubber at 130,000 tons. A Government subsidy of \$292,000 for the Islands' Air Mail service is announced in the statement of the 1928 budget. The figure includes \$160,000 for hangars.

#### NETHERLANDS.

A heavy drain on the money market recently caused a further rise in the private discount rate which continues close to the new official rate of 4½%. Foreign loans during October greatly exceeded those issued during any preceding month of the year. It is too early to forecast the effect that this may have on general business. However, the situation appears to be righting itself without necessitating a further increase in the official rate. A further issue on October 24 of 60,000,000 florins of treasury paper was largely oversubscribed. Of that amount 47,000,000 florins are in 5% treasury bills and the balance in 3 ad 6 months promissory notes.

#### NEW ZEALAND.

General business conditions in New Zealand at present are considered to be particularly good. Money is generally easier and a good volume of forward buying is reported. Butter and cheese continues to sell at excellent prices. Motor cars sales during October have been heavier than for some months and the outlook for sales during the next six months is good.

#### NORWAY.

The recent election returns show a doubling in the representation of the labor party which now commands twice the strength possessed by any other single party. A change of cabinet is definitely expected with a strong possibility of a labor government. While a slight apprehension exists in political circles no fear is held for the immediate economic future. The exchange was somewhat disturbed by the election but the rate was maintained through intervention of the Norges Bank. Large sales of foreign currency also tended to disturb the market. The fears of a drop in the exchange as a result of the election appeared unfounded as both the labor and farmers' parties have declared their opposition to depreciation which they had previously advocated. The banking situation continued uncertain with the slight stringency increased in the money market. The unsatisfactory situation in communal finances continues as a source of worry affecting adversely the provincial banking situation with resultant continuation of depositors unrest and difficulties for an additional

number of provincial banks. A further contraction occurred in both loans and deposits. The bourse remained moderately active with very little change in quotations. Industrial activity remains low. Unemployment continues seasonally to increase. The fisheries are not yielding satisfactorily and the export of fish and fish products continued to decline. The markets for pulp and paper were practically unchanged. Imports showed a comparatively greater decline than exports in September but the unfavorable balance for the first nine months remains higher than in the corresponding period of last year. Declared exports to the United States were lower.

#### PERSIA.

Imports during the first nine months of the 1926/27 fiscal year (March 22-December 20), according to preliminary data, were valued at 570,000,000 kranas (1 kran equals approximately \$0.10) as compared with 670,000,000 kranas during the same period of 1925/26. The principal decrease occurred in imports of cotton goods. Exports during this period amounted to 800,900,000 kranas as against 802,000,000 kranas in 1925/26. Exports of oil increased from 408,700,000 kranas to 477,200,000 kranas in 1926/27, while large decreases are recorded in shipments of fruits and rice, largely owing to the Russian embargo on imports from Persia.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

As a result of lighter arrivals, the Philippine copra market has firmed. All oil mills operated during the past week, but two intermittently only. The provincial equivalent of rescade (dried copra) delivered at Manila is now 13 pesos per picul of 139 pounds; at Hondagua, 12.25 pesos; and Cebu, 13 pesos. (Peso equals \$0.50.) The abaca market continues weak with very little trading and a downward price tendency. Grade F is now 36 pesos; I, 33.25; JUS, 25.25; JUK, 19.75; and L, 18. The Acting Governor General, who has been studying the request of rice planters for a repeal of the embargo on rice exports except to the United States, has issued an executive order allowing the export of rice for four months, beginning November first. A bill has been introduced into the lower house of the Legislature, recommending government-inspection and analysis of all copra destined for export.

#### PORTO RICO.

The slow movement of tobacco, small tobacco crop and difficulty in liquidating collections are reflected in the general situation of business in Porto Rico during October, which was only fair. The appearance of the cane, weather conditions and acreage are said to indicate a forthcoming crop at least equal to that of 1925-1926 when sugar production equaled 629,000 short tons. Unfavorable weather which has killed plants in the tobacco seed beds in several parts of the islands necessitates some resowing so that planting in those areas will be delayed several weeks. The estimates for the coffee crop remain unchanged. Grapefruit shipments are declining as the season closes. Although business in general is only fair activity has increased in automobiles and accessories, musical instruments, hospital equipment, hand farm tools and replacements for agricultural machinery. On the other hand the textile and shoe dealers state that business is extremely dull in their lines. American iron and steel products are being stimulated in an ordinarily dull season of the year by the increased European freight rates on such commodities, coupled with recent price reduction of American lines such as barbed wire, nails and staples. Household and office furniture, paints, plumbing goods and industrial chemicals are in fair demand. Foodstuffs, lard and pickled pork are showing more activity than in the past weeks. Bank clearing for the first 28 days of October were \$19,743,000 as compared with \$19,010,000 for the same period of September and \$16,539,000 in October, 1926.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

The settlement of the flag issue has had a stimulating effect on business generally. The mining material market is dull, owing to the small amount of development and construction work under way, but local engineering establishments are well equipped with government and municipal contracts. Factories are working full time with the exception of the leather, boot and shoe industries, which show temporary slackness. The construction boom continues with subsequent good demand for lumber and other building materials. The agricultural outlook has brightened considerably with the advent of favorable rains. Both the maize and citrus export position is very satisfactory, shipments of the latter up to September 15 having exceeded by some 40,000 boxes the entire export in 1925 which was a record season. The United States position in the foreign trade of the Union appears to be well maintained. Both imports and exports are heavier this year than last. Mineral output has declined somewhat. Port Elizabeth wool sales are very active with heavy deliveries. The mohair market is also active with excellent prices and a large turnover.

#### SWEDEN.

No fundamental changes occurred in the prevailing favorable conditions in Sweden during September. The very easy tendency continued in the money market and funds remained plentiful as evidenced by the quick absorption of bonds offered. The crown rate remained strong. Loans and discounts continued to decline slightly and deposits were again higher. The activity of the bourse continued with a noticeably increased turnover and quotations were strong but showed a weakening tendency at the turn of the middle of October. The cost of living was unchanged while the wholesale index advanced one point. Swedish industries continued satisfactorily occupied and the generally favorable conditions were maintained. The lumber sale for 1927 has been practically concluded and orders for next year are on the increase. The log auctions disclosed improved demand and higher prices. Conditions in the pulp industries continued unfavorable although a closer cooperation was effected among producers. The uncertainty regarding the renewal of certain expiring wage agreements has caused a slight nervousness in industrial circles. The volume of trade was maintained during the month and it is estimated that the favorable balance was the same as for August. Trade for the first nine months of the current year has returned a favorable balance of 30,000,000 show improvement, engineering lines generally are more optimistic, and corresponding period of 1926.

#### UNITED KINGDOM.

The most recent addresses and industrial reviews by British business men and correspondent show that, generally speaking, a better tone prevails in British industry: Several branches of the iron and steel industry show improvement, engineering lines generally are more optimistic, and marine engineering shops appear to be busier, cutlery trade prospects are reported to be brighter and manufacturers of chemicals are said to be more active. On the other hand, the coal business continues quiet, although there is a slight seasonal improvement in the domestic demand.

The cotton trade does not seem appreciably improved, and about the same unsatisfactory conditions obtain in wool textiles, except that possibly a slightly better export demand is indicated. The general unemployment situation, with a total of 1,071,000 workpeople reported on the unemployment registers on October 17, is not substantially different from that reported for previous dates of the month.

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

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of Sept. 1927. The gold exports were \$24,443,978. The imports were \$12,978,592, \$9,739,208 of which came from Australia, and \$1,084,691 from Ecuador. Of the exports of the metal, \$23,139,900 went to Argentina.

#### GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Exports Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Dollars.	Dollars.
France	-----	1,885	-----	-----	232,105	960
Germany	-----	225	420,727	-----	7,607	-----
Norway	-----	-----	1,810	-----	1,020	-----
United Kingdom	-----	5,200	150,439	-----	81,801	1,232
Canada	87,232	855,426	111,773	169,654	178,286	556,631
Costa Rica	-----	25,589	-----	1,130	-----	688
Guatemala	-----	20,484	-----	-----	-----	-----
Honduras	-----	21,973	-----	187,300	-----	143,218
Nicaragua	-----	36,308	-----	3,678	-----	2,189
Panama	-----	930	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mexico	573,565	488,557	2,680,063	-----	64,940	3,045,577
Jamaica	-----	840	-----	-----	-----	1,250
Trinidad & Tobago	-----	30,800	-----	-----	530	-----
Other Brit. W. Ind.	-----	620	-----	-----	190	-----
Cuba	-----	3,683	-----	737	-----	430
Haitian Republic	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6,500
Argentina	23,139,900	21	-----	-----	1,800	1,059
Bolivia	-----	496	-----	-----	-----	71,998
Brazil	10,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	100,083
Chile	-----	33,981	-----	-----	-----	332
Colombia	-----	163,783	15,894	561	9,071	-----
Ecuador	-----	1,084,691	-----	-----	-----	179,311
Dutch Guiana	-----	3,512	-----	-----	-----	10,900
Peru	-----	110,165	-----	1,397	-----	765,173
Venezuela	-----	62,232	-----	-----	-----	-----
British India	36,500	-----	4,003,241	-----	2,204,883	-----
British Malaya	300,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ceylon	6,750	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
China	-----	-----	6,276,622	-----	3,480,858	-----
Java and Madura	180,000	133,016	-----	110,009	-----	63,181
Hongkong	110,031	-----	-----	-----	371,743	-----
Japan, Incl. Chosen	-----	116,858	674,587	-----	-----	1,795
Philippine Islands	-----	9,739,208	-----	-----	-----	-----
Australia	-----	28,453	-----	49	-----	27
New Zealand	-----	9,356	-----	-----	-----	16,469
Belgian Congo	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15,801
Brit. South Africa	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	24,443,978	12,978,592	11,655,093	3,154,578	6,627,227	4,992,411

### Dwight W. Morrow Presents His Credentials as Ambassador to Mexico.

Dwight W. Morrow, newly appointed Ambassador to Mexico, presented his credentials to President Calles at Mexico City on Oct. 29, the new Ambassador in his address expressing the hope that "we shall not fail to adjust the outstanding questions with that dignity and mutual respect which should mark the international relationship of two sovereign and independent states." President Calles in responding likewise expressing his hope in the adoption of cordial decisions which will dispel misunderstandings and establish "solid principles of constant co-operation, harmony and loyal friendship which should govern the relations between two countries so correlated in interests."

The following is Mr. Morrow's address as contained in copyright advices to the New York "Times":

"I have the honor formally to make known to you that the President of the United States of America has appointed me Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to your Government.

"I hereby present to your Excellency the letters of recall of my distinguished predecessor, the Hon. James Rockwell Sheffield, and tender at the same time my letters of credence.

"I enter upon my duties with a full consciousness of the honor which my Government has conferred upon me in entrusting to my hands the representation of its interests in this great neighboring State.

"I welcome the opportunity of co-operating with your Excellency in finding a mutually satisfactory solution of the problems with which our two countries are now faced.

"It is my earnest hope that, animated with a common desire to promote the welfare of the United States of Mexico and of the United States of America, we shall not fail to adjust the outstanding questions with that dignity and mutual respect which should mark the international relationship of two sovereign and independent States."

According to the same paper the Mexican Chief Executive, who spoke in Spanish, said, substantially:

"I have the honor to receive with your official announcement the letters with which His Excellency, the President of the United States of America, accredits you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Mexican Government.

"The conviction which you hold of the honor your Government has conferred on you in confiding its interests to your care is the best augury that your efforts will be based on the soundest propositions.

"I, like your Excellency, am disposed that the Government of Mexico shall co-operate with that of the United States in finding a mutually satisfactory solution of the matters pending between the two nations, and in the same hope I trust that on such bases of unshaken dignity and respect between independent and sovereign nations, cordial decisions may be adopted which once and for all may dispel misunderstandings and establish

those solid principles of constant co-operation, harmony and loyal friendship which should characterize the relations between two peoples of such co-relative interests and such intimate proximity."

Ambassador Morrow's arrival in Mexico was noted in our issue of Oct. 29, page 2337.

### Annual Payrolls of Anthracite Field Over \$300,000,000—Value of Product Estimated at \$475,000,000—Rising Costs of Labor, Supplies and Taxes in Decade Reviewed by S. D. Warringer.

In addressing the Scranton, Pa., Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 19, Samuel D. Warringer, Chairman, Anthracite Operators' Conference and President of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, referred to the rising costs of labor, supplies, taxes, etc., which the anthracite industry has had to face during the past decade, saying:

"The annual payrolls of the anthracite field are now in excess of \$300,000,000. The value of the anthracite product is approximately \$475,000,000. Of this amount from wages, taxes, etc., approximately \$400,000,000, flows back into this field largely from outside sources, and forms a basis of your business activity. Coal is your principal article of export and the revenues from it form your trade balance by means of which you can draw from outside sources the goods you desire and require. When the mines stop your trade balance disappears.

"I would like to emphasize the fundamental fact that, while the business stability of the anthracite field of course primarily rests upon its physical resources, yet in far larger measure it rests upon the capitalization of these resources, measured in terms of service to consumers of anthracite outside the region.

"The mere existence of these beds of anthracite coal does not of itself automatically create wealth. It is only when ways and means for the use of this coal as a means of service to the country as a whole are developed and coal is actually sold that it becomes a weapon of commercial advantage to this region.

"The records of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company show that originally a vast acreage of its coal lands was leased for the annual stipend of an ear of corn. This was because at that time there was no understanding of the use of coal and no means for its transport to market. It has required the expenditure of many millions and many years of work to give it value.

"In order that we may get a fair picture of the present situation, which is giving us concern and enlisting our united support, let me briefly survey the events leading up to the present.

"I do not intend to dwell unduly upon the increasing burdens which have confronted the industry in the last decade. We are more concerned in constructive plans for the future. Suffice it to say, however, these burdens have been heavy.

"In 1913, with practically the same tonnage as will probably be shipped this year, the labor bill was approximately \$113,000,000. The labor bill for the same production this year will be almost three times this amount.

"Taxes, exclusive of Federal income taxes, have increased, in round figures, from \$5,660,000 to \$28,000,000, of which between six and seven million dollars constitutes the Pennsylvania State Tonnage Tax, universally resented by customers of anthracite coal.

"It is fair to say that, while income taxes have been a burden, they have not been in recent years so excessive, mainly because of shrinking earnings in the industry. In 1924, the Secretary of the Treasury reported that out of 139 operating companies, 47 paid Federal income taxes, while 92 either made no profit or lost money, the total net income of the industry being between twenty-one and twenty-two million dollars, or less than 4% on the invested capital of approximately \$600,000,000. In 1925, the last available figures, the same authority reports net income from 37 companies of \$8,075,324, and a deficit from 80 companies of \$8,119,683, the total income tax paid by those 37 operating companies which showed a profit being \$1,070,029.

"To you, who are familiar with the idle time at the mines during the past summer, the news that anthracite shipments have shown little if any growth in recent years will cause no surprise.

"The facts are that the outer fringes of the anthracite consuming territory have been showing a decided tendency to shrink, and this shrinkage has been little more than equalized by the increased demands from the heart of our consuming territory. Western shipments, cut in half by the war-time Fuel Administration requirements, have not only not been regained but in the last several years have materially shrunk. Shipments from Lake Erie points to date this year are barely one-half of those of 1924. Total shipments for this year to date to New England have shrunk to 5,650,000 tons as compared with 7,000,000 tons for the same period of 1924 and 8,000,000 tons for the same period of 1923. Canadians to whom we formerly shipped as much as 4,000,000 tons annually, due to the effect of the slogan, 'Empire goods for Empire citizens,' as well as the prices at which English coal has been sold in Canada, are now buying very much less of our coal.

"Briefly summarizing the above facts, we see in review that the past decade has been one during which production of anthracite has been little more than maintained, costs of labor, supplies, taxes, etc., have risen by leaps and bounds, and correspondingly higher prices have necessarily been charged for anthracite coal.

"That the industry has been able to maintain itself as well as it has, under these conditions, and is still commanding for the same annual tonnage a trade balance measured by the value of its product of two and one-half times the amount received before the war, is a sign not of inherent decay in the industry but rather a sign of its inherent soundness, in spite of the handicaps with which it has been confronted.

#### Mr. Warringer also said:

"We are a company of practical men conferring together to-night on matters of common interest. It behooves us, therefore, to look facts in the face. It is our job to ascertain in the light of these facts how best, individually and collectively, we can further the common interests of these communities. Let us therefore speak plainly.

"Since the end of the World War we have been living in an age of intense progress. Not only has it been an age of creative thought on the part of engineers and captains of industry, but it has also been an age of rapidly changing modes of life. The great accrual of wealth in this country has rendered rapid development possible. Under these conditions, it is not to be wondered that there has been an insistent demand on the part

of people generally for added comforts and added conveniences in their mode of life.

"In the bituminous coal industry, our chief competitor, research has developed ways and means by which bituminous coal, which has not risen in price in comparison with the price of anthracite coal, can be used both directly and indirectly through the manufacture of gas and its by-products—like coke—into means of heating approaching but not equalling the comfort and convenience from the use of anthracite coal.

"Collaterally to this, the records of progress made in the utilization of gas and electricity as well as oil show amazing results. It is officially stated this year that 143,000,000 barrels of oil are going into domestic use. As an instance of the rapid progress in the developed use of electricity and gas, let me cite you the amazing record of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, operating in the heart of anthracite-consuming territory. Since 1915, the population in New Jersey served by the Public Service Corporation has grown approximately twenty-five per cent., but during this same time the per capita consumption of electricity has grown from 90 KWH to 388 KWH and of gas from 6,000 to 8,000 feet.

"It is not difficult to see the reasons for this rapid change. The old-fashioned home, dependent upon itself, is disappearing as surely as has disappeared the old-time feudal life, where families were dependent upon themselves for food, wearing apparel and all the conveniences of life. Our homes are now becoming but units of a community where many conveniences of life are automatically delivered. Our well filled lives make the appeal to conveniences overwhelming. Inventive genius supplies us gas for cooking or heat, electricity for light, for heat or for refrigeration. In increasing instances community boiler plants obviate the necessity for individual furnaces.

"It is useless to decry these facts. On the contrary, we must accept them and on the basis of them build for the protection of our own industry.

"How best can we do this?

"The chief partners in our industries are the operating companies, the business communities, labor directly dependent upon the mines, and the various railroad interests transporting our product to market. It is self-evident that not only must each one of these partners fulfill the obligations directly resting upon it, but that collectively they must so cooperate as best to produce results in the mutual interest.

"In the first place, we must definitely reject the doctrine that has been preached to us that anthracite coal as an essential of life is a natural monopoly unrestrained by competition, and as such immune from the laws of trade and barter, in differentiation from other commodities. It is high time that we realize the fact that this industry will only prosper as it renders better service in direct competition with the service rendered by any of the many methods of producing heat and power which are being rapidly developed to-day.

"I regret to say that too long has there been in the minds of these communities and in the minds of some of the other partners in this industry a conception of the anthracite industry as that of a Christmas tree, of use only to provide presents distributed by some Santa Claus, and not that of a tree implanted in the soil, whose life and growth will only continue so long as it is given constant care and some fertilization.

"It is gratifying indeed that in meetings like this it has begun to be realized that there is no Santa Claus.

"If we as partners will once realize the truly competitive character of our industry the first constructive step will have been taken. The obvious corollary of this is the necessity of community team play. It would be optimistic indeed to believe the future would hold no internal discord in our ranks, but if our attitude in such differences as may arise is one of common counsel instead of underlying hostility much will be accomplished. We are blessed by the existence of the raw material capable of producing heat, comfort and convenience to increasing millions beyond our industrial border; it is our job to manufacture this raw material to meet the rapidly changing demands of the consumer. This is not a job of dividing spoils but is a job challenging the constructive genius of the managers of our industry, the loyalty of the communities and the unremitting labors of each of the partners in our industry.

"From an individual standpoint, our engineers must meet the inventive developments of our rivals; our salesmen must be merchants of service and not distributors of production; our labor must expect to give a full day's work for a full day's pay; our railroads must so adjust their rates into the uttermost confines of anthracite consuming territory as to make these rates truly competitive with other fuels; and, above all, these communities must back the product by the use of it themselves as a weapon of trade.

"Speaking for the moment as an anthracite manager, I am aware we have been under criticism for an apparent failure of constructive co-operation in the conduct of the industry. I wonder if any of you realize the cumulative effect of years of attack against this industry as an 'anthracite trust' on the psychology of the management and its financial backers. It has tended to multiply and weaken the individual units of the industry, to discourage efforts to secure the advantages of the trade association idea, and this at a time when the association idea in rival industries was constantly being fostered. Direct contact with the consumer has been made more difficult and remote through dealers who have no more stake in anthracite than in other fuels. Under these circumstances, it has been difficult to formulate that trade association consciousness necessary to united effort.

"We have made certain progress along this line. Perhaps the most outstanding instance of it is the development of our Anthracite Coal Service, under which we have established offices in many cities from which radiate engineers whose job is to develop trade, satisfy complaints, and provide, if possible, new uses for our product. The results have been most encouraging.

"It is, however, a rather strange fact that the engineers of this Service have had to be sent up directly into the heart of the anthracite field to protect the use of anthracite in local communities. I noted last week in the reports of our engineers an instance of their being required to go to a large church located in the heart of the region to ensure anthracite being used for heating purposes in that church. With a proper community spirit, this ought not to be necessary.

"Let me assure you that we are conscious of our responsibilities and of the needs of the situation. Never have anthracite producers been more alert; never have they exerted so much effort to turn out a quality product and to merchandise it effectively. Our ambition is to make anthracite the best serviced fuel obtainable. So far as is humanly possible we intend to remove cause of complaint and minimize inconvenience and trouble in the use of anthracite. In this direction, we believe, lies the road to larger markets. Without going into the details of this effort, which involves a vast amount of work and no small outlay of money, I want to assure you, with all the earnestness and emphasis at my command, that the industry is awake, aggressive and determined to conquer. In this endeavor we welcome your aid.

"At the building of the tower of Babel when the Lord made men to speak different languages, great confusion developed. I sometimes think that to-day equal confusion among ourselves develops from a lack of understanding of men's minds. I am to-night holding no brief for any one of the partners in our common enterprise, but I am appealing for a common will to mutually understand and join hands in a common effort in behalf of our own neighborhood. Let us make it known as a place where a prime article of life is manufactured whose brand is known to perform a definite service, and create in the minds of our customers the confidence which inspires the will to buy and pay for goods well worth the price they pay."

#### New York Bankers Honor Baron Bruno Schröder of London at Luncheon Given by General Samuel McRoberts.

A group of merchants, manufacturers and financiers gathered in the Adam Room of the New York State Chamber of Commerce a week ago as guests of General Samuel McRoberts, Chairman of the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, at a luncheon tendered to Baron Bruno Schröder, senior partner of the London banking house of J. Henry Schröder and Company. Baron Schröder and his son Helmut Schröder, also a guest at the luncheon, are visiting America for consultations with the manager of their New York office, 27 Pine St. The Schröder firm, conducted by four generations of that family since 1804, and in continuous occupancy of the same site at 145 Leadenhall Street in the "City" district of London, is among the oldest and strongest in Britain. Representing the Chatham Phenix bank at the luncheon were First Vice President Ricard H. Higgins and Henry R. Johnston, Rollin C. Bortle, James T. Monahan and J. B. Glenn. Also in attendance were James H. Rand, Jr., President, Remington Rand, Inc.; William B. Joyce, Chairman, National Surety Company; H. Stuart Hotchkiss, Vice President, U. S. Rubber Company; Edgar S. Bloom, President, Western Electric Company; Pierre C. Cartier and Jacques Cartier of Cartier and Company; E. T. Tomlinson, Jr., Vice President, Doremus and Company; C. C. Cooper, President, General Motors Acceptance Corporation; Roy E. Tomlinson, President, National Biscuit Company; R. C. Kerr, President, American Thread Company; Governor G. S. Silzer, President, Interstate Trust Company; F. T. Wood, President, Fifth Avenue Coach Company; Arthur C. Mower, Vice President, American Tobacco Company. Others present included E. H. Boles, Charles K. Beekman, John W. Prentiss, A. C. Dent, Lloyd S. Gilmour, F. E. Wolker, G. F. Beal and W. W. Laird.

#### H. R. Ickelheimer Returns from Abroad—Views on European Conditions—Revision of Dawes Plan.

H. R. Ickelheimer of the New York banking house of Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co., who returned on Nov. 1 on the S. S. "Majestic" after a two-months' visit to Europe, had the following to say regarding European conditions:

"I believe the situation that is worrying Europe the most is, whether or not Germany will be able to meet the Dawes payments. If you listen to the German side of the story, it almost looks as if a revision is imperative if they are to go along meeting their payments uninteruptedly.

"The Germans complain that the existing trade agreements work against them, notably in the steel industry, and makes competition with other European countries extremely difficult, especially with those countries having a depreciated currency. The Germans evidently made the mistake of thinking they had enough working capital which was emphasized by the reduction of the German bank rate early this year and the flotation of a 5% loan.

"They were evidently encouraged to do this, as about a year ago there was a great abundance of short money. When the loan was made by the government the short money disappeared and a renewed demand for funds sprung up for their industries. Selling of industrial and other securities abroad naturally brought a great influx of money and had it not been for the sales of these securities they might have had an extremely stringent money market.

"The situation in France is evidently better today than it has been at any time since the war. The budget is balanced and therein are included the heavy interest charges and sinking fund requirements. In due course, when the French feel assured of regular remittances under the Dawes Plan, there will undoubtedly be made an effort to stabilize the franc and this once done, the country will again be run on a profitable basis without the constant worry of the problematic value of their currency.

"In England the feeling seems to be better and the general impression is one of encouragement, as there appears to be a decided improvement in their great textile industry.

"Money is in good demand which would indicate fair requirements for trade purposes."

#### Mackay & Co. See Critical Period of Dawes Plan Approaching.

The critical period of the Dawes Reparations Plan is approaching rapidly, Mackay & Co. point out in a statement issued Oct. 27, giving rise to the question if the payments will endanger Germany's credit. The statement says:

In less than eleven months Germany will have to pay reparations on an annual basis of Rmk. 2,500,000,000 and service charges of approximately Rmk. 300,000,000 on the commercial debt, i.e., loans taken up in this and other foreign markets since 1924.

To arrive at a conclusion concerning Germany's ability to pay it is necessary to investigate the present condition of the country. In 1926, 2,100,000 people were without employment. In 1927 the number of unemployed had dropped to 372,000. The coal consumed in 1924 amounted to a monthly average of 1,196,000 tons and in 1927 to 1,500,000 tons. Bankruptcies in 1925 averaged 932 monthly and in 1927 less than 500 for the same period. All these figures indicate the present prosperity of the country.

From their investigation of conditions the bankers have concluded that Germany will be able to bear the necessary taxation arising from reparation payments. The important thing to be taken into consideration, however, they say, is the fact that this money will go out of Germany instead of remaining in it, as is the case in normal collection of taxes and will reduce Germany's annual income by about 5% each succeeding year. This annual reduction, it is claimed, will presumably hinder the progress of Germany while its people are working at full speed. The statement adds:

A serious problem will have to be faced sooner or later. It is one thing for Germany to collect taxes and quite another for her to create Rmk. 2,900,000,000 worth of foreign exchange (gold) when there are no gold and silver mines or great undeveloped resources in the country. Germany's ability to meet her aggregate payments abroad on private and public accounts, without injury to her currency and exchange, will, therefore, depend upon her balance of trade.

The figures of the German trade balance are not very encouraging. Up to the present time, the German trade balance has contributed nothing to the payment of reparations. The funds placed by foreign investors at the disposal of Germany have been in excess of requirements of the Reparation transfer committee which is charged with the conversion of the Reichsmark into foreign currency.

All these problems seem to worry London a great deal more than they do New York, as evidenced by the fact that over a recent period German Government and municipal bonds declined as much as four points in London, while prices in New York for similar dollar bonds remained unchanged.

Highest grade foreign obligations sell in this market on a 4½% yield basis; the best German securities sell on a 6.20-6.50% basis, the statement concludes. The difference in yield of approximately 1½% supposedly compensates the investor for the additional risk involved.

In our opinion the interest of American and English bankers in Germany is so important that they will do their utmost to keep the loans intact over a long period of time. We are inclined to believe that the problems of commercial loans will be worked out satisfactorily. Pending a clearer solution of these matters, however, German securities will probably be subject to periods of market instability.

#### £4,000,000 Victoria Loan Subscribed in London

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following Associated Press advices from London Oct. 24:

Victoria's new loan of £4,000,000 5% bonds, at 97½, which was listed on the market last Friday, was fully subscribed this morning.

The issue was authorized by the new Australian Loan Council upon the various Australian states agreeing to allow the Commonwealth Government to handle state loans through a loan council.

The £4,000,000 issue represents funds to be used entirely for immediate public purposes.

#### Results of Great Britain's Offer for Conversion of War Loans—£306,991,000 of 3½% Conversion Bonds Issued.

The results of Great Britain's 3½ per cent. conversion loan offer, which closed Sept. 30, are made known in the following statement issued on Oct. 28 by the Department of Commerce at Washington:

According to figures issued recently, £306,991,000 in the 3½% conversion loan bonds were issued to holders of the 3½% War Loan and the 4 and 5% war bonds which were to be converted. Estimates of the amounts of these outstanding varied from £209,000,000 to £215,000,000. It was expected that many of these bonds held by "professional holders" would not be converted, whereas the private and small investors were expected to convert on a large scale.

From the amount of the new issue it would appear that there was a very heavy conversion from both sources. It was estimated in Britain that the new issue at 75 (or 25% below par) would increase the nominal national debt by £80,000,000. If approximately the £209,000,000 only were converted, the increase to the national debt is nearly £100,000,000 on the operation. The new 3½% bonds have already arisen to over 75.

Details of the British Government's offer to holders of three maturing war loans for conversion into a long-dated issue were given in the London "Financial News." The offering was announced Sept. 16 and remained open until Sept. 30. It was stated that a total of £222,382,429 of outstanding bonds was involved in the offer, which provided for the conversion of the 3½% war loan due March 1 1928; the 5% national war bonds and the 4% national war bonds, both due April 1 1928. In addition to this financing the British Treasury invited tenders Sept. 13 for an unlimited amount of 4½% Treasury bonds redeemable in 1934. Regarding the results of this offer, London advices Sept. 13 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

The result of the Government's issue of 4½% Treasury bonds by tender was considered highly satisfactory, as tenders totaled £80,070,000. The Government allotted bonds to the total amount of £65,000,000. The minimum price fixed for tenders was 99.3%.

Applicants who offered 99.325% received allotments of 51% of the application, while tenders above that price received full allotments.

It is assumed here that the £65,000,000 meets the Government's requirements for the bond issues maturing Oct. 1. Bonds of the new issue are repayable and callable at one year's notice.

In referring to the reception accorded the conversion plans announced Sept. 16, the New York "Times" in a copyright cablegram Sept. 18 from London stated:

The stock market's attention at the moment is riveted upon the Government's new conversion operation. Briefly, the Treasury is now endeavoring to convert the debt amounting to approximately £210,000,000, maturing early next year, into a long-dated debt on a basis slightly under 4½%. This does not represent any saving of interest and it is yet to be seen whether the operation will be successful, but there is no question as to the soundness of the Treasury policy in clearing away its short-term loans.

Where the Government fails, in the opinion of many London bankers, is in its policy of continuing to replace maturing debt by stock issued at substantial discounts. This policy reduces the rate of interest, but it fails to lower capital liabilities—which explains why the total British national debt is so little below its highest point, after years of conversion operations.

From the London "Financial News" of Sept. 16 we take the following relative to the financing

The Government's war debt conversion plans, promised ten days ago, are now available, and fall under three heads, the terms being as follows:

1. War loan 3½%, 1925-28.—Holders may surrender at the rate of £132 15s. 3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal stock held.

2. National war bonds, 5s, Series 2, due April 1928.—Holders may surrender at the rate of £142 3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal of bonds.

3. National war bonds, 4s, Series 2, due April 1928.—Holders may surrender at the rate of £134 3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal of bonds.

In all three instances holders may exchange in whole or in part.

Nothing in the nature of a surprise is contained in the Government's conversion plans, promised ten days ago and now available. The basis is virtually 75 and the terms will not disturb the gilt-edged market. Since the scheme was first mooted fears have prevailed in some quarters that the Chancellor of the Exchequer might possibly launch his plan upon such terms as to create a gap between existing values and the new value. Such, happily, is not the case, for the basis is consistent with the quotation for the existing 3½% conversion loan, which, in the closing stage of yesterday's market, had a harder tendency and advanced fractionally to 75½.

Holders of the three stocks involved will do well to study the exact conditions of exchange, which are appended, firstly by reason of the optional nature, and secondly by reason of the maturity of each issue in the spring of 1928. The prospectus sets forth that holdings may be surrendered in whole or in part by means of an exchange into 3½% conversion loan, which latter is a long-dated security redeemable at par on or after April 1 1961, at the option of the Government.

#### War 3½ Per Cents.

Holders of the £3 10s. per cent war loan, 1925-28, may surrender their holdings, in whole or in part, and receive in exchange therefor conversion loan at the rate of £132 15s.—3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal of 3½% war loan, 1925-28 surrendered. Holders who accept this offer will receive one month's interest on the 3½% war loan surrendered on the completion of conversion and a full six months' interest on the 3½% conversion loan on April 1 1928.

#### The Two War Bonds.

Holders of £5 per cent national war bonds, due April 1 1928 and the £4 per cents, due on the same date, may surrender their holdings, in whole or in part, and receive in exchange therefor conversion loan at the rate of:

£142—3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal 5% national war bonds due April 1 1928 surrendered.

£134—3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal 4% national war bonds due April 1 1928 surrendered.

Conversions will be effected ex the dividend due Oct. 1 1927, and holders who accept this offer will receive a full half year's interest on the 3½% conversion loan on April 1 1928.

#### Closing Date.

The Bank of England and the Bank of Ireland are authorized to receive applications for exchange upon these terms, and it is important to note that the list of applications will be closed on Friday, Sept. 30.

Conversions will be effected as on Oct. 1 1927; stock issued against the same will be in addition to and will rank pari passu with the stock of the 3½% conversion loan already existing, and will be chargeable on the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom.

A commission is payable to bankers or stock brokers on application bearing their stamp. The terms vary on the two weeks during which holders have time for consideration. On applications lodged not later than Friday, Sept. 23, the commission is 5s. per cent of nominal stock or bonds surrendered. Conversion applications lodged after that date will receive commissions at 2s. 6d. per cent of the nominal amounts surrendered. Provision is made for conversion of registered or inscribed stocks domiciled in this country or Ireland at the respective Banks of England or Ireland, but bearer bonds must be lodged with the first named, at the Loans Office, 5 and 6 Lombard Street, E. C. The necessary forms have been posted to all holders on the respective registers so far as inscribed and registered stocks are concerned.

#### Post Office Issue.

National war bonds due April 1 1928 of the Post Office issue, will not be convertible at the Bank of England; they will be convertible at the Post Office under the arrangements set forth in the separate prospectus issued by His Majesty's Postmaster-General.

#### Aggregate Involved.

In considering the above proposals it is important to bear in mind both the past history and the present position of the stocks which are affected.

The amounts outstanding of the debt maturing to be dealt with in the present offer are as follows:

3½% war loan, due March 1 1928	£62,713,997
5% national war bonds, due April 1 1928	122,283,334
4% national war bonds, due April 1 1928	37,385,098

£222,382,429

The 3½% war loan was issued in November 1914, at 95, the amount of the issue being £350,000,000. Subsequently, however, holders have been given several opportunities to convert, although never into a short-dated security, so that the amount now outstanding, as shown above, is less than £63,000,000.

Holders of the 5% and of the 4% national war bonds are in a different and more favored position. As regards the 5% bonds, issued at par at the

end of March 1918, holders will be able to exercise the final right, within fourteen days of the next half-yearly interest date (Oct. 1), of exchanging into 5% war loan at the rate of £100 of the latter for each £95 nominal of bonds. The cash redemption value is 105.

Holders of the 4% bonds, which were also issued at the end of March 1918, but at 101½, are in a similar position. Within the same period they have the right to convert into 4% war loan (income tax compounded) at the rate of £100 of loan for £100 of bonds. The cash redemption value is par.

**War Bond Options.**

It is important to notes that holders of these war bond maturities, totaling nearly £160,000,000, have now two conversion options before them. Assuming that they do not choose to wait until next year for repayment in cash, they may either accept the Treasury's new offer or avail themselves of the alternative rights outlined above.

As regards the stock into which the conversion is now invited, the 3½% conversion loan was originally issued in 1921 for conversion purposes at 61½, additions having been made to it since that date as follows: January 1925, £59,660,000; March 1925, £30,000,000, and September 1925, £40,000,000. The amount of the stock now outstanding is £760,015,376, while it carries with it a sinking fund amounting to 2% per annum, which is applied in purchases of stock for cancellation so long as the market price remains below 90.

A short table showing recent conversion operations is appended:

Date.	Stock Converted.	Exchanged Into	Terms.
April 1924-----	5% War Loan £148,407,112	4½% Conversion Loan	£103 Conversion Loan per £100 Par
Nov. 1924-----	5½% Exchequer Bonds £24,302,515 5¾% Exchequer Bonds £57,727,878	4½% Treasury Bonds (1934) 4½% Conversion Loan.	Par+£2 5s. cash. Par+£1 cash.
Sept. 1926-----	5% Treasury Bonds £83,817,214	4½% Treasury Bonds, 1934.	£117 15s. Consol. Loan per £100.
Dec. 1926-----	5% Treasury Bonds £9,172,559 5% National War Bonds £65,226,217 4% National War Bonds £3,386,500	4% Consol'd'd Loan. 4% Consol'd'd Loan. 4% Consol'd'd Loan.	£124 5s. Consol. Loan per £100. £118 Consol'd'd Loan per £100.

**Existing quotations.**

As intimated above, the old conversion 3½ per cents improved at the close yesterday to 75½. National war 5s finished at 105½ and the 4s at 100½. The war loan 3½ per cents affected by the conversion were quoted at 99 9-16; the big war 5s ruled steady at 102 1-16, with funding loan 4s again a good market at 87 9-16.

The following editorial comment on the conversion offer is also taken from the "Financial News":

The details of the Treasury's conversion offer now made available contain little, we imagine, which will cause any great stir either in Lombard Street or the gilt-edged market. Nothing surprising has been looked for, and nothing surprising has taken place. Holders of the 3½% war loan maturities, amounting to £62,713,997, are asked to convert at the rate of £132 15s. per cent conversion loan for each £100 nominal of war loan surrendered. On the basis of the present quotation of their war loan holdings, a conversion at the rate given would be equivalent to a purchase of conversion loan at roughly £75 per cent, in other words, at the market price now ruling, but holders who accept the offer will receive one month's interest on the stock surrendered on the completion of conversion. On the other hand, holders of both the 5% national war bond maturities, totaling £122,283,334, and the 4% national war bonds, totaling £37,385,098, are given an appreciable inducement to accept the Treasury's offer. In both cases, conversion on the terms offered is the equivalent of a purchase of 3½% conversion loan at a price roughly 8s. below the present quotation of £75½.

The Treasury is to be congratulated on having made a reasonable compromise between the necessity, on the one hand, of holding out an inducement which is likely to attract conversions, and the desirability, on the other hand, of safeguarding the interests of existing holders of the 3½% conversion loan.

As to the likelihood of the success of the new scheme, we imagine that prophecies will be far from unanimous. Clearly, the needs of holders of so large an amount of maturing debt must necessarily vary very considerably. Some holders will doubtless await the due date of maturity and receive cash; others may sell their securities in the market and take up the new 4½% Treasury bonds. In the case of the 5% and the 4% national war bonds, which constitute roughly three-quarters of the maturities dealt with, holders will have from now until the end of the month to consider a double option. They may elect either to exercise their right to convert into 5% and 4% national war loan within fourteen days of Oct. 1, or they may accept the present offer before Sept. 30. Some will undoubtedly adopt the first course; but many, we feel sure, will be attracted by the terms which are now offered. As we have previously pointed out in these columns, the 3½% conversion loan possesses several features which must commend it to those investors, and especially the trustee class, who are seeking an excellent long-term stock. There is a powerful sinking fund, which must inevitably become more effective when the issue is finally closed, as it soon must be if it is not to reach unwieldy proportions. There is a satisfactory return assured virtually in perpetuity, and a possibility of capital appreciation. These are advantages which the cautious investor will do well to weigh very carefully before passing them over.

The official offering appeared as follows in the same paper Sept. 16:

**Offer of Conversion to Holders of**

£3 10s. Per Cent War Loan, 1925-1928.

£5 Per Cent National War Bonds, due 1st April 1928 (Series 2).

£4 Per Cent National War Bonds, due 1st April 1928 (Series 2).

Holders of the above-named issues may surrender their holdings, in whole or in part, as set forth below in exchange for

£3 10s. Per Cent Conversion Loan

Redeemable at par on any half-yearly interest date on or after 1st April 1921, at the option of His Majesty's Government, at three months' notice.

The Stock is an Investment Authorized by "The Trustee Act, 1925."

£3 10s. Per Cent War Loan, 1925-1928.

Holders of this loan may surrender their holdings, in whole or in part, and receive in exchange therefor conversion loan at the rate of £132 15s.—3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal of 3½% war loan, 1925-1928, surrendered.

Holders who accept this offer will receive one month's interest on the 3½% war loan surrendered on the completion of conversion and a full six months' interest on the 3½% conversion loan on the 1st April 1928.

**£5 Per Cent National War Bonds, due 1st April 1928.—£4 Per Cent National War Bonds, due 1st April 1928.**

Holders of these bonds may surrender their holdings, in whole or in part, and receive in exchange therefor conversion loan at the rate of:

£142—3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal 5% national war bonds due 1st April 1928 surrendered.

£134—3½% conversion loan for each £100 nominal 4% national war bonds due 1st April 1928 surrendered.

Conversions will be effected ex the dividend due 1st October 1927, and holders who accept this offer will receive a full half-year's interest on the 3½% conversion loan on the 1st April 1928.

The Governor and company of the Bank of England and the Governor and company of the Bank of Ireland are authorized to receive from holders of 3½% war loan, 1925-1928, and national war bonds, due 1st April 1928, applications for the conversion of their holdings into 3½% conversion loan at the respective rates quoted above.

Conversions will be effected as on the 1st October 1927; stock issued in respect thereof will be in addition to and will rank pari passu with the stock of the 3½% conversion loan already existing and will be chargeable on the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom.

Applications for the conversion of registered stock or bonds transferable by deed must be accompanied by the relative register certificate(s); applications for the conversion of bearer bonds must be accompanied by the relative bonds, together with the coupon due subsequent to the 1st October 1927.

Inscribed or registered holdings will be convertible into stock which will in each case be transferable in the same manner as the converted holding. Bearer bonds will be convertible into stock "transferable in the books" or "transferable by deed" at the option of the holder. Stock will be exchangeable for bonds to bearer.

Commission as under will be paid to bankers or stock brokers in respect of applications bearing their stamp, viz:

On conversion applications received by the Bank of England or Bank of Ireland not later than Friday, the 23d September 1927, 5s. per £100 nominal or stock or bonds surrendered.

On conversion applications received by the Bank of England or Bank of Ireland after the 23d September 1927, 2s. 6d. per £100 nominal of stock or bonds surrendered.

**Applications:**

1. For the conversion of stock or bonds inscribed or registered in the books of the Bank of England, must be lodged at the Bank of England, London, E. C. 2.

2. For the conversion of stock or bonds inscribed or registered in the books of the Bank of Ireland, Dublin, must be lodged at the Bank of Ireland, Dublin.

3. For the conversion of stock or bonds inscribed or registered in the books of the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, must be lodged at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast.

4. For the conversion of bearer bonds, must be lodged at the Bank of England, Loans Office, 5 and 6 Lombard Street, E. C. 3.

Application forms may be obtained, together with copies of this prospectus, at the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland; of Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford & Co., 13 George Street, Mansion House, E. C. 4, and at any bank or stock exchange in the United Kingdom.

Application forms have already been sent by post to all holders of registered or inscribed stock or bonds (in the case of joint accounts to the first holder).

The list of applications will be closed on Friday, the 30th September 1927. Bank of England, London, 15th September 1927.

N. B.—National war bonds, due 1st April 1928, of the Post Office Issue will not be convertible at the Bank of England; they will be convertible at the Post Office under the arrangements set forth in the separate prospectus issued by His Majesty's Postmaster-General.

**Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark During September.**

The Danish National Bank of Copenhagen and the Danish Statistical Department in their statement regarding the economic and industrial conditions in Denmark during September, state:

The Danish export of agricultural products was in September, as during the preceding months this year, considerably larger than during the corresponding month last year. The average weekly exportations were:

Butter: 2,670,800 Kilos (Sept. 1926, 2,543,800 Kilos). Eggs, 913,800 scores (Sept. 1926, 986,300 scores). Bacon, 4,936,600 Kilos (Sept. 1926, 3,679,600 Kilos). Beef and cattle, 1,222,100 Kilos (Sept. 1926, 1,095,300 Kilos).

The prices of the exported products were for all articles higher than during the preceding month, and with the exception of the price of bacon, considerably higher than in September last year. The average weekly quotations were:

Butter, 326 kr. (Sept. 1926, 304 kr.) per 100 kilo. Eggs, 1.69 kr. (Sept. 1926, 1.60 kr.) per kilo. Bacon, 1.43 kr. (Sept. 1926, 1.74 kr.) per kilo. Beef, 5s ore (Sept. 1926, 5s ore) per kilo on the hoof.

The trade balance with foreign countries in August amounted to 136,000,000 kr. for imports and 124,000,000 kr. for exports; there was thus an import surplus of 12,000,000 kr. against 4,000,000 kr. in Aug. 1926. For the months Jan.-Aug. the import surplus this year was 65,000,000 kr. against 9,000,000 kr. last year.

The Statistical Department's wholesale index was in September, as in August, 153. There have, however, since August been changes in the index figures of the different groups, thus fall in the prices for fuel and vegetables, and increase in the prices of the Danish export products: animal food stuffs, as well as the textile, clothing and leather groups. While the index figure for the import group during several preceding months has been higher than for the export group, the fluctuation of the prices in August placed the two groups on about the same level. The freight rate figure for September is figured at 109.0 against 129.8 in Sept. 1926, when the English coal strike caused a considerable increase for the freight rates.

Concerning banking and financial conditions, the following should be noted: In the three principal private banks the loans have during the month decreased about 7,000,000 kr. At the same time the deposits show an increase of about 43,000,000 kr., which is especially due to an increase of the account current of the Landmandsbank as a result of this account being charged with a dollar amount which by the Government is placed at the disposal of the Landmandsbank, and by this used to decrease its debts to foreign countries. The banks have during the month repaid about 15,000,000 kr. on their debt to the National Bank, whose outstanding loans have gone down about 14,000,000 kr., as the Ministry of Finance at the same time has overdrawn its account with approximately 3,000,000 kr.

The National Bank's stock of currency has during the month increased with about 10,000,000 kr. and the amount of bills has been increased with about the same amount, as it has gone up from 343,400,000 to 351,400,000 kr. As the stock of gold is about the same during this month, the percentage for covering is somewhat smaller than at the end of last month, namely 56,400,000 against 57,800,000.

The transactions in bonds and stocks on the Copenhagen stock exchange amounted in September to about the same as in August; the average weekly transactions in bonds amounted to 1,800,000 kr. (August 1,700,000 kr.) and in stocks, 2,200,000 kr. (August 2,000,000 kr.). In Sept. 1926 the figures were respectively 1,800,000 and 3,100,000 kr.

In the index for the stock exchange quotations there was during the month increase for bonds as well as especially for stocks. The increase for stocks was found in all groups, but especially in shipping stocks. The bond index for September was 89,100,000 (August 88,900,000) the stock index 97,700,000 (August 95,700,000) when the quotations of July 1st, 1914 are fixed at 100. Compared with September last year the increase in all stock groups was still larger, as banks increased from 79,600,000 to 85,500,000, shipping stocks from 104,600,000 to 118,000,000, industrial stocks from 84,600,000 to 94,600,000 and the complete index from 88,900,000 to 97,700,000.

The unemployment was at the end of September this year 16.2% or of very nearly the same size as in September 1926, when it was 16.3%. In the industrial professions, proper the percentage was both this year and last year 17.5%.

The Government's revenue from consumption taxes was in September 12,700,000 kr. of which 4,700,000 kr. were custom taxes proper. In Sept. 1926 the corresponding figures were 13,800,000 and 4,600,000 kr.

**Extension of Time for Exchanging German Bonds Under Revaluation Proceedings.**

The Special Commissioner (in New York) for German Government loans makes the following announcement under date of Nov. 1:

According to advice received from Berlin, German Government Bonds (i.e. either direct issues of the German Reich, or such bonds of the following States: Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Wuerttemberg, Baden, Hessen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Oldenburg, as have been taken over by the Reich) may again be accepted under the new possession procedure, until further notice.

**Proposed Issuance of Danish Treasury Bills**

According to copyright advices from Copenhagen to the New York "Times" the Lower House on Oct. 27 agreed to issue Treasury Bills to the amount of 30,000,000 kroner.

**Troubled Again Over Reparations Transfer—Talk of Situation "Becoming Critical"—Plea for an All-Around Settlement.**

Under date of Sept. 4 the New York "Times" announced the following cablegram (copyright) from Berlin:

The Berlin Official Institute, which began work on Sept. 1, declares that the question of reparations transfers are speedily becoming critical. It is particularly inclined to criticize the further cash transfer by the Reparation Agent of 113,000,000 marks during August, which makes 255,000,000 marks cash transferred in the past reparation year.

Ex-Minister of Industry, Professor Julius Hirsch, also declares that the transfer question is approaching a critical stage. He regards the Reparations Agent's last report on German economical conditions as too rosy and complains that no real reparations policy is being pursued.

Hirsch concludes with the prediction that the reparations question can be satisfactorily settled only as part of an all-around debt settlement with America participating.

**Details of Payments by Germany in Third Annuity Year.**

In an item in our issue of Sept. 3 (page 1265) we referred to an announcement by S. Parker Gilbert, Agent General for Reparations Payments, that with the payment on Sept. 1 of 55,000,000 gold marks by the German Railway Co., Germany has completed the payments for the third year under the Dawes Plan, amounting to 1,500,000,000 marks, except for a balance of 20,000,000 on account of the transport tax, which would not become due until Sept. 15. We are since in receipt of the official statement issued Sept. 1 by the Office of the Agent General for Reparations Payments, and give the same herewith:

The Agent General for Reparations Payments announces that with the payment this morning of 55,000,000 gold marks by the German Railway Co., Germany has made payment of the full Annuity of 1,500,000,000 gold marks provided for the third year of the Experts' Plan, except for a balance of 20,000,000 gold marks on account of the Transport Tax, which does not become due until September 15, 1927. Today's payment by the German Railway Co. represents the balance due Sept. 1 1927, on account of the third year's interest on its reparations bonds. Germany has thus made fully and punctually all the payments falling due during the third year of the Plan.

The payments thus far received on account of the third Annuity are as follows:

	Gold Marks.
1. Normal contribution from the German Budget.....	110,000,000
2. Supplementary contribution from the German Budget.....	300,000,000
3. Transport Tax.....	270,000,000
4. Interest on German Railway Bonds.....	550,000,000
5. Interest on German Industrial Debentures.....	250,000,000
	<hr/> 1,480,000,000

Further details will be given in the regular monthly statement of receipts and payments, to be issued shortly. The transfers made during the third Annuity year (that is to say, from Sept. 1 1926, to Aug. 31 1927) may, however, be summarized in round figures as follows (excluding for this purpose the September 1 1927, payment of 55,000,000 gold marks of Railway interest, and the final payment of 20,000,000 gold marks that comes due

Sept. 15 1927, on account of the Transport Tax, neither of which became available for transfer during the third Annuity year):

The funds available for transfer in the third Annuity year have amounted in round figures to 1,568 million gold marks, of which 1,382 millions were actually transferred during the year. This compares with transfers of 1,176 millions in the second Annuity year. Transfers made in foreign currencies have amounted to 49.45% of the total transfers in the third year, as compared with 35.35% in the second year. Transfers made through the medium of gold mark payments in Germany have amounted to 50.55% of the total transfers in the third year, as compared with 64.65% in the second year.

At the close of business on August 31 1927, the cash balance in the Agent General's account amounted to 185 million gold marks, of which over 182 millions were received during the last week of the Annuity year.

The details of the transfers for the year, according to the preliminary figures, are as follows:

Funds Available for Transfer—	Gold Marks.
(a) Balance of cash unexpended at Aug. 31 1926.....	93,626,000
(b) Balance of the Second Annuity due and received in September 1926.....	53,096,000
(c) Receipts on account of the Third Annuity during the period Sept. 1 1926-Aug. 31 1927.....	1,425,000,000
(d) Interest earned on cash balances.....	2,761,000
Total.....	<hr/> 1,574,483,000

Deduct—	
a. Discount on interest on German Railway Bonds received in advance of due dates.....	6,481,000
b. Loss in exchange.....	426,000
	<hr/> 6,907,000

Balance available for transfer during period Sept. 1 1926 to Aug. 31 1927.....	<hr/> 1,567,576,000
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Transfers Made—	
1. Transferred in foreign currencies:	
(a) Service of German External Loan, 1924.....	91,318,000
(b) British Reparations Recovery Act.....	230,608,000
(c) French Reparations Recovery Act.....	59,510,000
(d) Deliveries under agreement to the United States of America.....	40,199,000
(e) Transport of coal on the Lower Rhine.....	33,000
(f) Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by Germany prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	3,462,000
(g) Transferred in Cash.....	255,111,000
(h) Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	3,151,000
(i) Costs of Arbitral Bodies.....	73,000
	<hr/> 683,465,000
2. Transferred by Gold Mark payments for:	
(a) Deliveries in kind.....	616,969,000
(b) Armies of Occupation.....	73,522,000
(c) Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	6,847,000
(d) Miscellaneous payments.....	1,286,000
	<hr/> 698,624,000

Total amount transferred.....	1,382,089,000
Leaving a balance of cash unexpended at Aug. 31 1927 of.....	185,487,000
Total.....	<hr/> 1,567,576,000

**Time for Deposit of German State and City Bonds Under Revaluation Plan Expires January 14.**

The special commissioner in New York for German Government loans calls attention to the fact that German State and City bonds cannot be accepted for revaluation after Jan. 14. The following notice in the matter is issued by him to holders of mark loans of German States, Cities and Municipal associations residing in the United States of America, including territories and dependencies.

Mark loans of German States (e. g., Hamburg, Bremen, &c.) Cities, Municipal and similar associations, may be offered for exchange into a new "Loan Liquidation Debt," in accordance with the German Law of July 16 1925, at the rate of 25 Reichsmark for 1,000 Marks face value of the old loan, provided that the loan was issued prior to Jan. 1 1919. For loans issued after Dec. 31 1918, Reichsmark 25 loan liquidation debt will be granted for each Mark 1,000 gold value of the old loan. The gold value will be calculated on the basis of the value which the debtor received through the issue of the loan. Goldmark 500 is the minimum amount of bonds which can be accepted for revaluation.

Both, old holders (i. e., owners since prior to July 1 1920) who have neglected to deposit their bonds under the old possession procedure, and new holders (i. e., owners since June 30 1920) may deposit their bonds under the above conditions between Oct. 1 1927 and Jan. 14 1928.

Bonds not filed within the said time limit become void, and no longer represent any claim against the debtor.

Applications must be filed at one of the following banks, where blanks and other papers may be obtained:

New York, N. Y.....	The National City Bank of New York
New York, N. Y.....	International Acceptance Bank
Atlanta, Ga.....	Fourth National Bank
Baltimore, Md.....	Citizens National Bank
Boston, Mass.....	National Shawmut Bank
Chicago, Ill.....	Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank
Chicago, Ill.....	First Trust & Savings Bank
Cleveland, Ohio.....	Central National Bank
Dallas, Texas.....	American Exchange National Bank
Denver, Colo.....	Colorado National Bank
Detroit, Mich.....	Guardian Trust Co
Jacksonville, Fla.....	Florida National Bank
Manila, P. I.....	International Banking Corporation
Milwaukee, Wis.....	First Wisconsin National Bank
Minneapolis, Minn.....	Northwestern National Bank
New Orleans, La.....	The Franklin & Trust Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.....	The Franklin Fourth Street National Bank
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Mellon National Bank
Portland, Ore.....	United States National Bank
St. Louis, Mo.....	First National Bank in St. Louis
San Francisco, Calif.....	Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co.
Seattle, Wash.....	Seattle National Bank
Washington, D. C.....	Riggs National Bank

Not to be considered as State loans are such loans of States which have been taken over by the Reich, as for instance, Prussian Consols, which had to be deposited under a previous procedure.

New York, September 1927.

**New Loan Strengthens Poland—Bank Reserves Increased to 324,000,000 Zlotys.**

The New York "Times" reports the following wireless message from Warsaw Oct. 27 (copyright):

The first report by the Bank of Poland after the stabilization of Polish money effected through the recent foreign loan was published today.



The zloty is valued at 12 cents. Reserves were raised to 324,000,000 zlotys and foreign securities to 394,000,000, according to the report covering the first twenty days of October. Gold reserves are 88%.

Effects of the new capital are felt in private banking circles. New York interests have a representative in Warsaw negotiating for mortgage bonds in Polish industry which are to total \$5,000,000. Another New York man is expected here soon to negotiate with the Ministry of Railroads for a \$10,000,000 loan for rebuilding the Polish railroad system.

The loan was referred to in these columns Oct. 22, page 2212.

#### **Powers of American Adviser Under Polish Stabilization Plan.**

When Charles S. Dewey, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, assumes his duties as financial adviser to the Polish Government in the disbursement of the \$70,000,000 international bankers' loan, he will exercise a broad and general control of all of the country's finances under the Polish stabilization plan according to Associated Press advices from Washington Oct. 31. The despatches add:

The plan represents a new departure in international finance and is the first operation of its kind under distinctly American leadership, although the loan is supported by Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Holland and Sweden.

Mr. Dewey's position also includes membership on the Board of the Bank of Poland and authority to appoint an Advisory Committee. The post is for three years and he may prolong the work if needed. In case of disagreement between the adviser and the Polish Government, an arbitrator may be appointed whose decisions will be final.

#### **Plans New Polish Coins—Cabinet Drafts Currency Scheme, With Ducat at 25 Zloty.**

The following Warsaw advices Oct. 28 (Associated Press) are from the New York "Times":

As part of its stabilization plan in connection with the recent foreign loan, the Cabinet has approved a draft ordinance by President Moscicki changing the monetary system of Poland and introducing a new unit, which will be known as the ducat, having a value of 25 zloty.

The ordinance fixes the currency medium to be struck by the State Treasury and establishes the right to mint money as an exclusive State privilege.

Gold coins will be issued in denominations of 100, 50 and 25 zloty, the latter of which will be known as the ducat. There will be silver coins of 5 and 2 zloty and nickel of 1 zloty and 50, 20 and 10 grosz. The divisions of the zloty. Bronze coins of 5, 2 and 1 grosz also will be issued.

Measures are provided for the method of liquidating transactions in the existing paper money and gold zloty.

#### **Establishment of Polish Cotton Consumers Syndicate.**

A cablegram Oct. 30 to the New York "Times" (copy-right) from Berlin stated:

The establishment of Polish cotton consumers' syndicate, for the purpose of importing directly without the intermediation of Liverpool or Bremen, is attracting much discussion. President Cramer of the Bremen Cotton Exchange denied last week that the Poles will make the expected money saving through that process.

The trade journal *Industrie Handelszeitung* makes the point that Bremen's success, during the last two years, in holding its own against the competition of American firms in delivering cotton through Lodz, was made possible through Germany's borrowings abroad. This foreign capital, it reasons, enabled Bremen to offer Polish importers the most favorable credit facilities.

#### **Polish Budget Presented—Deputies Asked to Pass Bill for \$300,000,000 Without Details.**

Under date of Oct. 31 a copyright message from Warsaw to the New York "Times" stated:

The Polish Finance Minister presented the budget bill for the coming fiscal year to the Sejm today, the Constitution requiring that this be done before Nov. 1. It totals 2,350,000,000 zloty (about \$300,000,000), which is 237,000,000 zloty larger than last year.

Only the total amount was given the Sejm, the details of the various Ministries being omitted, and they will not be brought up even in the discussion beginning Nov. 3 if Dictator Pilsudski is able to prevent it. Parliament will be dissolved on Nov. 28.

The bill conforms throughout with the American stabilization plan introduced in connection with the recent dollar loan. The Deputies are asked to take the framer's word that all is correct, though the presence of the Marshal in his stained uniform may be necessary in parliamentary halls in order to drown the growing rumbles against buying a pig in a poke.

#### **Cotton Credit to Poles—Lodz Spinners May Buy Direct From America.**

Warsaw advices Oct. 26 published in the New York "Evening Post" state:

Some Lodz textile interests are arranging large credits with an American financial group for purchase of cotton direct from the United States.

Negotiations also are on for a long-term loan of \$10,000,000 to the Lodz Cotton Spinners Association for improved equipment.

#### **Revenues of Department of Cauca Valley (Republic of Colombia)**

Advices received from the Department of Cauca Valley, Republic of Colombia, by J. & W. Seligman & Co., Fiscal Agents for the Department's 7½% secured sinking fund

gold bonds of 1926, state that the yield of the tobacco, liquor and slaughter taxes pledged as security for these Bonds amounted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927, to \$3,415,781, of which the proportion securing the bonds amounted to \$2,985,292, with Colombian pesos calculated at 98.5 cents, or more than ten times the annual service charges on the Bonds. This compares with \$2,468,060 available for the Bonds in the previous fiscal year, an increase of \$517,232, or approximately 21%. The bonds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are currently quoted at 98½ to yield 7.72% to maturity.

#### **Gold Notes of Mortgage Bank of Chile in Definitive Form Ready for Delivery.**

Mortgage Bank of Chile five-year 6% agricultural gold notes, due December 31, 1931, in definitive form, having coupons due December 31, 1927, and subsequent attached, are ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim certificates (beginning November 3), at the corporate trust department of Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

#### **Bonds of City of Porto Alegre (Brazil) Loan of 1921 Drawn for Redemption.**

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., as fiscal agents have drawn \$10,000 principal amount of City of Porto Alegre forty-year 8% sinking und gold bonds, external loan of 1921, for redemption on December 1, 1927, at 105% and accrued interest.

#### **Tenders of Bonds of Buenos Aires Consolidation Loan of 1926 Sought for Retirement Through Sinking Fund.**

Hallgarten & Co and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. as fiscal agents of the Province of Buenos Aires for the Province of Buenos Aires 7% external sinking fund gold bonds, Consolidation Loan of 1926, are requesting tenders of bonds sufficient to exhaust the sum of \$125,322.50 now held in the sinking fund. Notice of acceptance of tenders accepted will be mailed Nov. 12, and bonds so accepted must be delivered to the fiscal agents at either of their offices on or before Nov. 17, 1927, when interest thereon will cease.

#### **Bonds of Department of Cundinamarca Retired Through Sinking Fund.**

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hallgarten & Co. announce that they have retired \$42,000 principal amount of Department of Cundinamarca 20-year external 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds, Series A, due Dec. 1, 1946, out of moneys which they have received from the Department to meet the sinking fund retirements and the coupon payment on Dec. 1, 1927. There now remains \$2,919,000 principal amount of bonds outstanding.

#### **Tenders Asked for Purchase of Argentine Bonds for Sinking Fund.**

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank of New York as fiscal agents have issued a notice to holders of Argentine Government Loan 1927, external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, public works issue, due May 1, 1961, to the effect that \$106,000 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of such bonds as are tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders on the bonds with coupons due on and after May 1, 1928, should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the head office of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York, prior to 3 p. m. December 1, 1927.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank of New York as fiscal agents have also issued a notice to holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds due May 1, 1960, to the effect that \$106,635 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 the bonds with coupons due on and after May 1, 1928, should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the head office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, New York, prior to 3 p. m. December 1, 1927.

#### **Offering of \$4,000,000 Bonds of Mortgage Bank of Colombia.**

Offering was made on Nov. 4 of a new issue of \$4,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Colombia 20-year 6½% sinking fund gold bonds of 1927, dated Oct. 1, 1927, and due Oct. 1, 1947.

The bonds were offered by a banking group consisting of Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., and the Angelo-South American Trust Co. A cumulative sinking fund beginning April 1 1928, operating semi-annually, is calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity through purchase in the open market below par on drawings at par. The bonds were priced at 91½ and accrued interest, to yield over 7.31%. The issue will be redeemable (otherwise than through the sinking fund) as a whole or in part of any interest payment date at 102½ and accrued interest on or before October 1, 1932; thereafter the premium decreasing ½% per annum to and including October 1, 1936, and redeemable after that date at the principal amount of the bonds and accrued interest. The bonds, coupon in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, will be registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (April 1 and October 1) will be payable in New York City at the principal office of the trustee in gold coin of the United States of America of or equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on October 1, 1927, without deduction for any taxes or future, levied or imposed by the Republic of Colombia or by any taxing authority therein or thereof. The International Acceptance Securities & Trust Company is trustee. The proceeds of this loan, under the term of the Trust Agreement, are to be used to retire outstanding mortgage bonds of higher coupon rate, to reimburse the Bank for mortgage loans already made but against which mortgage bonds have not as yet been issued, and to effect additional mortgage loans. In a previous offering of bonds of the Mortgage Bank (referred to in our issue of March 12, 1927, Page 1450) we indicated its functions. Carlos A. Davila, manager and director of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia, in advices to the banking syndicate says:

During the 9 months' period ended Sept. 30 1927, the Mortgage Bank of Colombia granted new mortgage loans to the amount of \$6,603,996, secured by first mortgages on properties having an appraised value of \$15,419,566. The conservative policy of the Bank is evidenced by the fact that these loans amounted to less than 43% of the appraised value of the properties securing such loans.

The total value of properties mortgaged to the Bank as security for loans, at the original appraised value of such properties, amounted on Oct. 31 1927, to \$41,176,067. Mortgage loans against these properties totalled 38.1% of this amount or \$15,688,745, while mortgage bonds (cedulas) outstanding amounted to \$12,872,865 or 31.3% of the property valuation. The losses sustained by the Bank on the entire amount of mortgage loans made since the Bank's organization have been but thirty-two thousandths of 1% (.00032).

#### Security.

These bonds are the direct obligations of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia. All mortgage loans of the Bank, by express provision of the Colombian mortgage bank law, constitute specific security for its outstanding mortgage bonds. The amount of such bonds outstanding is limited by law to an amount not exceeding mortgage loans in force. Mortgage loans, by the terms of the Trust Agreement, may not be made in excess of 50% of the appraised valuation of mortgaged property, except that, with the approval of two-thirds of the board of directors of the Bank, loans may be made up to 60% of such valuation. As a matter of established policy, the Bank usually limits its mortgage loans to less than 50% of the appraised valuation of the mortgaged property. New mortgage loans granted during the first 9 months of 1927 averaged but 43% of such valuation.

The mortgage bonds of the Bank are secured by at least an equal amount of mortgage loans, which, as of Oct. 31 1927, in turn were secured by first mortgages on properties having a total appraised value in excess of three times the par value of the bonds. In addition, as the bonds are the direct obligations of the Bank, they are further secured by their proportionate share of the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Bank, amounting, as of the same date, to approximately \$3,000,000.

#### Receiver Compton of Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank Makes Preliminary Report—Chaotic Conditions Found and Substantial Losses Feared.

In a preliminary report presented to the Federal Farm Loan Board on Oct. 30, William R. Compton of St. Louis, Receiver for the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, declares (according to Associated Press accounts from St. Louis) that diversion of assets and obscure dealings with interlocking directorates of allied companies placed the bank in a "chaotic condition," from which "substantial losses" may be expected. The Associated Press advices also state:

Quoting from the report of an auditing firm, which required more than a year to audit the bank, that "our investigation was prolonged because of the thousands of obscure entries on the books of account," Mr. Compton says that due to the "involved and complicated condition," it was impossible to make more than a preliminary or progress report at this time.

Walter Cravens, former president of the bank; R. Harold Cravens, Richard B. Cravens, Russell C. Cravens, Miss Alice B. Todd and Ralph W. Street, former officers and directors, who also were officers or directors of allied companies, are under Federal indictment in connection with the affairs of the bank.

The bank went into receivership under Mr. Compton, May 4, 1927, the immediate cause being inability to meet interest payments on outstanding bonds. The bank has outstanding in the hands of investors bonds totaling \$44,367,500, the receiver said, part having been issued by the Joint Stock Land Bank and part by banks merged with it.

"According to the books of this bank," Mr. Compton said, "assets of the apparent book or face value of approximately \$44,440,921.91 were held as security for payment of these bonds." These assets included farm mortgages amounting to \$42,638,223.13.

Reappraisals have been made in cases where loans were delinquent ninety days, the receiver said, and "indicate very clearly that substantial losses may be expected in these particular assets."

In the case of other assets "of substantial value" not directly pledged for protection of bonds, Mr. Compton said, "reappraisals indicate a much larger percentage of loss may be expected, which undoubtedly will result in a serious impairment of the bank's capital and reserves." There were innumerable transactions between the bank and allied companies, Mr. Compton said, many of which are "exceedingly obscure and complicated by questionable book entries." Five allied companies were listed, Farmers' Fund, Inc.; Kansas City Finance Company, Cravens Mortgage Company, Missouri Hydro-Electric Power Company and the Missouri-Kansas Farm Company.

Referring to the hydro-electric company, organized to promote a power project on the Osage River in central Missouri, Mr. Compton said: "A large amount of real estate heretofore acquired under foreclosure or by deeds from insolvent borrowers had been traded for lands in Camden, Morgan, Miller and Benton Counties, Missouri. It is difficult to trace all these transactions. As closely as can now be determined interest and principal aggregating approximately \$1,700,000 have been thus invested."

"Apparently it was the policy of this bank not to carry real estate acquired under foreclosure, or otherwise, as real estate. This bank owns a large number of 'straw mortgages,' the practice in this regard apparently having been to induce some irresponsible person to assume temporary title to such lands and then to execute a mortgage to the bank, representing in general the bank's investment in such land, regardless of the value of the particular property. The signers of such 'straw mortgages' would then deed the equity in such land to the Farmers' Fund, Inc., and in a majority of instances the Farmers' Fund, Inc., in turn would deed such land to this bank."

"A very large percentage of this land in the hydro district is not in cultivation and consists of rough, hilly land of an undeveloped nature."

"This bank also has a book investment totaling \$905,856.14 in a twelve-story office building, which, however, is subject to a mortgage on which there is an unpaid balance of \$437,500. This mortgage, which, of course, should be shown on the books of the bank as a charge against the building, is not so shown nor is any liability set up on the books on account of this mortgage."

The bank, Mr. Compton said, had loans in five states, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois, while the Farm Loan Act limited it to two states. Many of these loans, he said, were on inferior lands. Despite the conditions, Mr. Compton said, there were many encouraging signs. The present crop, when harvested and marketed, should enable numerous borrowers to reinstate their mortgages through payment of their delinquent installments and taxes. Values generally should increase, and it is hoped these farms will be more readily saleable than at the present time."

From the *United States Daily* of Nov. 3 it is learned that the report, according to Chester Morrill, Secretary and General Counsel of the Federal Farm Loan Board, has been taken under consideration by members of the Board. The text of the conclusions of Mr. Compton's report are given as follows in the *Daily*:

"I have been unable to find any records in the bank which would show that any stockholders' meeting for the election of officers has been held since January 19, 1926, or that there has been any meeting of directors for the election of officers of the bank since that date."

The following officers and/or directors of this bank are now under indictment by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Mo., for alleged misconduct in connection with the affairs of the bank—Walter Cravens, R. Harold Cravens, Richard P. Cravens, C. Russell Cravens, Alice B. Todd, and Ralph W. Street.

According to the records, the outstanding capital stock of this bank is \$3,800,000.00, all of the outstanding stock being subject under the Farm Loan Act to an assessment of 100%. No attempt has been made as yet to check actual holdings of the stock with the bank's stock books. The capital stock of the bank is divided into 64,020 shares of the par value of \$5 per share, and 34,799 shares of the par value of \$100 per share. Apparently the two classes of stock, regardless of their par value, have equal voting rights.

In this connection also mention should be made of the fact that the Kansas City Finance Company in a suit brought by your Receiver against that company has set up, by way of counterclaim, an alleged indebtedness due it from this bank of \$123,865.38, being the amount claimed by it to have been paid out for the account of this bank in connection with the construction of the bank building, in excess of the sums received by it for that purpose from this bank. In that same suit it further counterclaims for \$7,500 and alleges that that amount is due it for its services in acting as trustee in certain deeds of trust foreclosed by the bank.

I believe that these two claims of the Kansas City Finance Company, and also the suit brought by the Cravens Mortgage Company, mentioned above, should be vigorously contested. Counsel for the Receiver believe that the suits are not justified.

The Missouri-Kansas Farms Company mentioned above is also in the hands of a receiver in the State Court of Kansas City. This company was organized by Walter Cravens, apparently for the purpose of dealing in farms in which this bank was interested either as owner or by way of holding mortgages upon such farms. A large amount of stock in this company was sold to people in other parts of the country, particularly in the New England States and Ohio, and, in his report filed in the State Court, the receiver of the company has indicated that he will probably claim that large sums of money were diverted from the Missouri-Kansas Farm Company to this bank, and it is intimated that a suit will be filed by him to recover these alleged sums.

Several suits have already been filed and are now pending in which damages are sought for alleged misrepresentations or for breach of contract in connection with trading contracts made by Farmers' Fund, Inc. The Land Bank has been joined as a party defendant in some of these suits, apparently on the theory that the Land Bank had a direct interest in such trading contracts. In addition, I am advised that a very considerable number of other suits are about to be brought by parties who had contracts with the Farmers' Fund, Inc., for the exchange of properties. Some of these suits will attempt to have a lien

declared upon farms now held by the bank or still of record in the name of the Farmers' Fund, Inc.

#### Other Litigation Pending.

Your Board has already been advised of some very vexatious and expensive litigation which has been instituted and is now pending against this bank and against me as its receiver. Edwin A. Krauthoff, an attorney of Kansas City, who in open court stated that he bought five of this bank's bonds after the date of appointment of the receiver herein, has filed four different suits which are now pending in the Federal courts, in which he attempts to oust the receiver-ship under the Federal Farm Loan Board and to have a receiver or receivers appointed in various jurisdictions for the assets of this bank.

In addition to these four suits, Mr. Krauthoff, as attorney for one stockholder of this bank, has filed three other suits. Four of these cases have been decided by the United States District Courts of Missouri and Kansas adversely to Mr. Krauthoff and to this stockholder, but appeals were taken to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and those appeals have been argued, briefed and submitted, and are now under consideration by the court. It is hoped that an early decision will be had. This litigation has required the expenditure of a large amount of time and energy by my counsel. In my opinion an administration of the assets of this bank by different receivers in different jurisdictions would result in a much more expensive and long drawn out receivership.

This bank has loans in five separate States—Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois. Under the Farm Loan Act it is not contemplated that loans will be made in more than two States, i. e., the State in which the bank is located and one adjoining State. However, this bank from time to time has acquired the entire capital stock and assumed the liabilities of other banks which operated in adjoining States. In each of these States a considerable proportion of the bank's investments has been on lands of an inferior character. Still other loans were made in territories which were devastated by the recent floods in the Mississippi Valley.

#### Many Encouraging Signs.

Nevertheless, there are many encouraging signs. The present crop, when harvested and marketed, should enable numerous borrowers to reinstate their mortgages through payment of their delinquent installments and taxes. Values generally should increase and it is hoped these farms will be more readily saleable than at the present time.

It would seem from my investigation that the difficulties and losses of this bank are largely due to its management. The territory which it serves in general is one of the best agricultural sections in the United States and the bank can fill a great need in the development and prosperity of the States in which it was authorized to loan. It is sincerely hoped that a long drawn out liquidation of the bank's assets can be avoided, as such liquidation would result in increased loss.

In closing this report, I would suggest that a copy of it should be made immediately available to the stockholders and bondholders of the bank and to any other parties in interest. I expect to follow this report with a more complete report as soon as the investigations which are now going on are complete.

#### To Pass November Interest of Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank—44 Million of Bonds Largely Eastern Held.

The following is from the Kansas City "Star" of Oct. 28:

The more important bond brokers over the country have been acquainted with the fact that the Receiver of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank will not pay the November interest on the bonds of this Joint Stock Land Bank, whose former officials are under indictment on charges of mismanagement and misconduct. The bonds, held largely in the East, total 44 million dollars.

Under the receivership, now six months old, the Land Bank here has been checked thoroughly, with assurances in a recent period that the principal invested in the bonds was not impaired, although it develops that the institution is not in shape as a going concern to earn its interest charges. This will be covered thoroughly in a receiver's report, not available until next week.

It was the arrival of a corresponding interest period May 1 that precipitated the receivership, although following the continued scrutiny of government agents, indictments against the executive heads of the bank had been returned in two federal courts.

Although the Joint Stock Land Bank here did not have the cash to meet its May interest payments in full, at the order of Walter Cravens, President, it paid the coupons as presented, up to the last moment. When W. R. Compton, a nationally known investment banker of St. Louis, came in as Receiver, named by the Federal Farm Loan Board, he arranged bank loans to meet the interest deficit of last May.

Such action, it is now known, is not to be taken on the November interest.

#### Future of Joint Stock Land Banks Good, According to J. F. Barry, of Gilbert, Elliott & Co.—Marked Improvement Seen Since Eugene Meyer Took Charge.

The Joint Stock Land Banks may be said to have turned the corner, and the outlook for the future of these institutions is good, according to John F. Barry, of Gilbert Elliott & Company, who attended a conference in Washington between the Presidents of the Joint Stock Land Banks and the members of the Federal Farm Loan Board. Mr. Barry says:

The whole atmosphere of the conference was encouraging, and close cooperation between the Joint Stock Land Banks and the Farm Loan Bureau may confidently be looked for in the future. The Association of Joint Stock Land Banks has been reorganized and the Board of Directors will consist of the head of one bank in each of the twelve Federated Land Bank Districts and three Directors at large. A. W. Hendrick, President of the California Joint Stock Land Bank, was elected President of the Association, an appointment that met with general approval, as Mr. Hendrick is regarded as one of the best-informed bankers in the system.

The consensus of opinion at the conference was that a marked improvement has been made since Eugene Meyer became Farm Loan

Commissioner, and the examinations of the banks are now much more rigid and follow the general lines of national bank examinations as made by the Comptroller of the Currency. The general feeling seemed to be that the Joint Stock Land Banks had made a strong showing, when the seriousness of the agricultural depression is considered, in conjunction with the extremely rapid growth of the Land Bank System. Within ten years the banks had loaned over \$600,000,000.

There is a growing demand for farms in all parts of the country, according to the bankers, and in some instances in the Middle West more inquiries regarding farms were received during the month of October than during the preceding six months. A considerable number of farms have been sold by the banks at fairly good prices, and the prosperity of the farmers indicates that farm values are definitely moving upward.

"The mistake made by the average investor," Mr. Hendrick pointed out at the meeting, according to Mr. Barry, "is that all the 55 Joint Stock Land Banks are grouped together, and if one bank gets into trouble, it is thoughtlessly believed that the other banks are affected thereby. As a matter of fact, there is no more relationship between the Joint Stock Land Banks than there is between the national banks. As a matter of fact, he said, the majority of the Joint Stock Land Banks are in fine condition, and even in the case of the few that have been in trouble there is no reason why anyone should assume at this stage that a dollar is going to be lost by any investor."

#### American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks Adopts Plan for Examination of Member Banks—Newly Elected Officers of Association.

According to the Washington "Post" one of the most important steps yet taken by the American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks was the adoption on Oct. 31 of a system for examinations of member banks similar to those in effect in many clearing house associations. This action was taken at the annual meeting of the association at the Hotel Harrington, says the "Post," which adds:

In reporting out the plan the Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws made it clear that system of examinations was advisable as a means of informing the investing public that the general condition of Joint Stock Land Banks is such as to warrant the highest public confidence at all times. It was pointed out that the recent difficulties in three banks, now in receivers' hands, in no way affect the other Joint Stock Land Banks, each of these institutions being an independent corporation and standing on its own individual reputation, and being in no way responsible for the financial policies or condition of any other land bank.

The amendment to the by-laws provides for the creation of a board of governors of the association who shall be authorized to provide an annual audit of each member bank and a careful inspection of its methods of operation.

In its account of the concluding session on Nov. 1 the "Post" stated:

George A. Harris, President of the Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank of Washington, was yesterday elected First Vice President of the American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks at the final meeting of a two-day session of the association held in the Hotel Harrington.

A. W. Hendrick of San Francisco, was elected President; E. Rivers, Atlanta, Ga., Second Vice President; Samuel L. McCune, Cleveland, Treasurer, and W. W. Powell, Washington, Secretary.

Plans for publicity occupied the major portion of yesterday's final session, representatives of the bond houses which have sold more than \$600,000,000 Joint Stock Land bonds being present during this part of the meeting and taking part in a thorough discussion of the advisability of keeping the investors fully informed on the condition of the banks. This grew out of the action of the association on Monday in adopting a plan for examination of the member banks after the plan of many of the clearing house associations.

Representatives of the bond houses were in hearty accord with the proposed plan of examination of the institutions, but urged that to make these examinations effective, so far as informing the public is concerned, there should be a campaign of advertising in the daily newspapers which would put before the investing public facts and figures about these institutions which affect the market for their bonds and stocks.

At the morning session Eugene Meyer, Farm Loan Commissioner, members of the Farm Loan Board and the general counsel continued to sit in conference with the bankers, discussing problems of banks' administration and field operation.

#### Growth of Omaha Federal Land Bank.

Omaha advices as follows appeared in the Philadelphia "News Bureau" of Oct. 21:

President D. P. Hogan of Omaha Federal Land Bank, reporting to representatives of loan associations at the annual meeting of the bank, said it has grown to be the largest financial institution in the four States it serves—Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming and South Dakota. From nothing it has grown to a bank with \$150,000,000 in loans, \$8,000,000 in capital and \$2,500,000 in surplus and profits. Amortization plan of federal banks has been a large influence in lowering interest rates to farmers and ranchmen in these states. Borrowers also have shared in the bank's profits of \$3,744,652 in the 10 years of its existence. Loans now are being made on half the appraised value of the land and 20% of the insured improvements' value.

Secretary Carmody reported that up to October 1 the bank had loaned \$186,352,690 to 30,752 farmers and stockmen, and now has on its books 25,866 borrowers. Iowa farmers have borrowed \$68,000,000, Nebraska farmers \$45,000,000, South Dakota \$29,000,000 and Wyoming \$7,000,000.

Consensus of the bank's agents reporting crop conditions was that production this year for the four states is the greatest in years.

**Further Increase in Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Exchange—Total Now Reaches \$3,946,137,374.**

A new high total for outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange has been reached, the Oct. 31 figures made public on Nov. 3 by the Exchange totaling \$3,946,137,374. The latest figures exceed the Sept. 30 total by \$31,509,804, the amount of loans outstanding on that date having been \$3,914,627,570—the previous high figure. Of the Oct. 31 total \$3,023,238,874 represent demand loans and \$922,898,500 time loans. Commenting on the Stock Exchange and Federal Reserve figures of brokers' loans the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (Nov. 4) said:

*Federal Reserve Figures.*

The advance of \$27,928,000 in brokers' loans, as reported by Federal Reserve member banks in New York city during the week ended November 2, also announced yesterday, reflects, it is thought, the partial recovery in stock prices during the period. It also bears out the opinion expressed in some quarters that, although during the week there was a decline of about \$50,000,000 in the volume of new financing, a large proportion of the new issues recently placed has not yet gone into distribution and still must be carried by issuing houses. On November 2 brokers' loans by New York city member banks totaled \$3,371,705,000, as compared with \$3,343,777,000 on Oct. 26.

In the four-week period from October 5 to November 2 there was a net increase of about \$24,000,000 in brokers' loans as reported by New York city member banks. However, the fairly close agreement of this increase with the advance of about \$32,000,000 during the month of October reported in loans of Stock Exchange members is of little significance, since there is no reason to expect the two sets of figures to agree, except in a very general way. While some of the same items are included in both totals, one important point of difference between the two is the fact that the Stock Exchange figures include loans borrowed by Stock Exchange members directly from out-of-town banks. These loans would, of course, not be included in the New York member bank figures. The New York member bank figures, on the other hand, include loans made to firms which are not members of the New York Stock Exchange, another point of difference, although it is not believed that such loans form a very large proportion of the total.

Even if the individual items included in the two totals were the same the difference of several days between the two periods covered would practically destroy their comparability, since loans of this character contracted in a single day, particularly in the end of the month is approaching, frequently total more than \$50,000,000.

The following is the statement issued by the Exchange this week:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business October 31st, 1927, aggregated \$3,946,137,374.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	
	\$	\$	
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York Banks or Trust Cos.....	2,548,572,389	814,438,000	
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from Private Bankers, Brokers, Foreign Bank Agencies or others in the City of New York.....	474,666,485	108,460,500	
	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	
	Combined total of Time on Demand Loans \$3,946,137,374.		

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
Apr. 30.....	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28.....	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30.....	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31.....	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31.....	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30.....	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31.....	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30.....	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31.....	2,541,681,885	751,178,370	3,292,860,255
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.....	2,604,687,674	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	923,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30.....	3,017,674,325	896,953,245	3,914,627,570
Oct. 31.....	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374

**Resolution of Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange on Death of Charles M. Newcombe.**

At a special meeting of the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, held this day, the following resolution was adopted, recording the sense of loss suffered in the death of Charles M. Newcombe:

Charles M. Newcombe was a member of the New York Stock Exchange for thirty-three years and a member of the Governing Committee from 1902 to 1915. During those years he served the Exchange in many important and responsible positions, from the office of vice-president, in the critical period of the outbreak of the World War, through a long list of standing and special committees to the day of his death when he was still Secretary and Treasurer of the Gratuity Fund.

For such long and invaluable services the members of the Exchange owe him a debt of imperishable gratitude, but their feeling in memory

of him will rest on qualities higher even than those he exhibited in the management of the Exchange. As a man of unblemished character, of high ideals, and of generous kindness of heart, his contemporaries and his successors will ever look back upon him with affection and profound respect.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that the Governing Committee do hereby record their sense of profound obligation to Charles M. Newcombe for the many and varied services he rendered to the New York Stock Exchange, and express their admiration for the high qualities of character which endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions properly engrossed be presented to the family of Mr. Newcombe.

Mr. Newcombe's death was referred to in our issue of Oct. 29, page 2344.

**New York Curb Market Utilizes Facilities of Guaranty Trust Co. for Admission of Foreign Securities to Its Unlisted Department.**

It was learned in authoritative circles on Nov. 3 that the New York Curb Exchange will utilize the facilities of the Guaranty Trust Company for the admission of foreign securities to its unlisted department and that such shares are to be issued in pursuance to an American Depositary Receipt for capital stock of the company issued by the Guaranty Trust Company which entitles the holder of such receipt upon surrender to said Trust Company and upon the payment of a fee, together with the necessary foreign transfer tax, to a certificate or certificates for such shares.

In furtherance of this arrangement there was admitted to unlisted trading privileges on Nov. 4 Columbia Graphophone Company, Ltd., an English company, and the introduction of this stock inaugurate trading in the first foreign security admitted under the new requirements for admission of stocks to unlisted trading privileges. It is further announced that:

Under the newly formulated rules, the Curb Exchange is to admit to its unlisted section, only issues of long established foreign companies whose reputations are based upon experience, which have stood the test of time, are fully seasoned, and comprise what are termed investment securities with long dividend records. It is felt that in giving to the public an open market in a foreign security of high standing the Curb Exchange will perform an important and beneficial function to the public itself.

Foreign securities will be admitted to unlisted trading privileges only when the Committee on Listing and its expert advisers are satisfied as to its established character and no foreign security will be placed upon the list unless its financial condition and history are reported in "Stock Exchange Year Book" (Union Stock Exchange), Gids bij de Pricourant van de Vereeniging Veer Den Effectenhandel (Amsterdam), or Saling Boersen Jahrbuch (Berlin), or an authoritative statement in respect thereto is before the Committee.

**Roy A. Young on Practical Uses of American Institute of Banking.**

In an article in the official publication of the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, the statement is made that "the American Institute of Banking is to the banking profession what the research laboratory is to the manufacturing plant." Roy A. Young, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board is the author of the article, which is presented under the title "Practical Uses of the American Institute of Banking." Mr. Young states that "the American Institute of Banking is of the greatest possible value in three ways to the man or woman who seriously contemplates making a profession of banking."

First, and perhaps most important to his success, the classes of the Institute enable the student to learn in the shortest possible time and in the most definite manner the fundamentals of banking. As in any other trade or profession, the principles may be learned through the long process of years of fumbling experience. But what experience takes years to teach, a competent instructor and a definitely mapped out course under the auspices of bankers can give in a few weeks. The old legend that it takes fifty years for a bank clerk to work up through the ranks to an official position has become obsolete since the institution of courses in banking fundamentals and allied subjects.

Second, the social contacts which are a part of membership in the American Institute of Banking are an invaluable means of making friends among the officials of the member's own bank and other banks. The success of advertising as a means of building prestige for any commodity may well be taken as proving that it is vital to progress to make oneself known among the people who are leaders. This does not mean that the bank employee joins the Institute with this idea definitely in mind. But the friendships he may form in this way with the barrier of a multitude of business details removed may prove the open sesame to almost any opportunity for him.

The third benefit which the bank employee may derive from his membership is very much akin to the second. The A. I. B. member who enrolls in the Institute classes becomes a prominent member of his banking community, prominent in the eyes of his own fellow-workers and his bank's officers. This prominence, naturally, makes him a marked man when promotions are considered or when some man who has expert knowledge of some certain branch of banking is sought.

The same issue of the Chapter's organ contains a character sketch of Mr. Young by Homer Guck, Director of Publications of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit. Both articles are copyrighted. From the one dealing with Mr. Young's rise to his present post we quote the following paragraphs:

Ten years ago, Roy Young was cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Houghton, in the copper district of the northern peninsula. He had been

appointed to that position after serving as Assistant Cashier in the First National Bank at Lake Linden. His unusual courtesy to the clients of that bank attracted attention all over the Copper section. When he took hold of the Citizens Bank, the progress of that institution immediately enhanced. The upper peninsula of Michigan is part of the ninth Federal Reserve bank system, the bank itself being situated in Minneapolis. From the time of its organization, it has been customary to recognize this upper Michigan section by the appointment of one member of the Minneapolis reserve board from northern Michigan. John W. Black, then a prominent business man at Houghton, was the Democrat honored with this appointment by President Wilson. Mr. Black was a stockholder of the Citizens National Bank. Returning from a meeting of the Minneapolis Board, he informed Mr. Young that he had recommended him for a position in the Minneapolis Bank, basing that recommendation on his knowledge of Mr. Young's banking ability and the record he made in the Lake Linden bank and in the Houghton Bank.

The appointment followed immediately. The bank at Minneapolis was then in the process of organizing its business on a practical basis. Mr. Young's intimate knowledge of banking detail was invaluable in that work. He immediately turned chaos into orderly banking procedure and his work inside the bank was recognized by appointment as Assistant to the Governor in charge. Within a year following the retirement of the then Governor, Theodore Wold, he was the one man considered for promotion.

To jump from a job as messenger in a Marquette bank at forty dollars a month to a job as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board in fifteen years is going some.

It is a common thing for bankers to tell people to be honest. Roy Young's life has been one steady evidence of being honest with himself as a slogan for success. He never spent money before he earned it. He never spent more than he earned.

And Roy Young made it a practice all his life to be of service to somebody else, never with a selfish motive in view, never with a thought to personal advantage, never expecting a return on that sort of an investment. The result was that when President Coolidge and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon sought a young man for the important position as head of this great system, Roy Young was one of the many considered, the one selected.

### Treasury Department Further Extends Time for Purchase of Second Liberty Loan Bonds By Federal Reserve Banks.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has again extended the time for the purchase, from holders, by the Federal Reserve Banks, of Second Liberty Loan Bonds. His announcement, issued Oct. 30, follows:

Secretary Mellon, in again calling attention to the fact that Second Liberty Loan bonds have been called for redemption on Nov. 15 1927, and will cease to bear interest after that date, announced that for the convenience of holders he has authorized the Federal Reserve Banks to purchase, at the option of holders, Second Liberty Loan 4½% coupon bonds at 100 1-32 and accrued interest to date of such optional purchase. Such purchases will be made for account of the sinking fund. This offer will remain open during the period beginning Monday, Oct. 31, and ending Monday, Nov. 7, and will terminate at the close of business on the latter date without further notice. It should be noted that coupon bonds only may be presented under this offer, registered bonds being excluded because of the impossibility of discharging registration after Oct. 31 on any account except for redemption on Nov. 15. Second Liberty Loan 4% bonds are not included in this offer to purchase.

*Offer to Purchase Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 8.*

Secretary Mellon further announced that he has authorized the Federal Reserve Banks, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 8, to purchase at the option of holders Second Liberty Loan 4% and 4½% coupon bonds at par and accrued interest to the date of such optional purchase. Such purchases will be made for account of the sinking fund. This offer will remain open until the close of business Saturday, Nov. 12, and will then terminate without further notice.

### U. S. Treasury Will Issue New Bonds Nov. 15.

In addition to probable Treasury financing Dec. 15, Secretary Mellon let it be known on Nov. 3 that a new issue of bonds would be authorized to meet the outstanding block of \$757,502,400 Second Liberty Loan maturing on call Nov. 15 said a Washington dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce." It added:

While Secretary Mellon explained that no decision had yet been reached as to rates, maturity dates, or whether more than one issue would be authorized, undoubtedly the new bonds will bear a lower interest rate than the 4½% liberties.

Experts said that the issue will be announced probably next Monday morning, but that the various details of the bonds would not be determined upon until late Saturday. Mellon indicated that the Treasury was making a careful study of market conditions, the Government's money requirements in the next few months, the receptivity of the market for Government securities, trends of interest rates and future maturity dates of other issue.

The Secretary is endeavoring to bring about an equitable distribution of maturity dates in order that retirements may be met with the least upset of the market and Government finances.

### Meeting of Governors and Agents of Federal Reserve Banks With Federal Reserve Board.—Ruling on Chicago Discount Rate Held in Abeyance.

The Federal Reserve Board began on Oct. 31 a series of conferences with Governors and Agents of the twelve Federal Reserve districts to discuss general credit conditions and the revision of Federal Reserve regulations to conform with the McFadden bill. These are the first conferences called since the installation of the new Governor of the board, Roy A. Young, formerly Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. With the opening of the conferences Associated Press accounts from Washington stated:

Although the Board declined to give details of the deliberations, one of the main topics for consideration is understood to deal with the operating

problems of the Board with a view to establishing uniformity in the bank's practices to increase the efficiency of the system. The conferences also are expected to bring forth some discussions on discount rates and open market operations.

No announcement of credit policies is expected to issue until after the Federal Advisory Council, composed of business men, meets with the board late next month, some board members believe there will be no change in policy until after the first of the year. It is pointed out, however, that the reserve banks are in a position to dominate credit conditions by their large holdings of Government securities, heavy sales of which could have the effect on the open markets as an increase in discount rates.

The bankers are inclined to shun discussion of the controversy growing out of the lowering of discount rates of the Chicago bank by the Reserve Board, but it is believed that this subject will be touched on during the week's conferences.

It was stated by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Nov. 3 that with the approval of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, the application of that institution for a ruling from Attorney General Sargent to the authority of the Federal Reserve Board to establish rediscount rates over the protest of bank directorates has been pigeon-holed on the desk of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. It was further stated in the dispatch.

At Mr. Mellon's office today it was learned that the request for the Justice Department's ruling has not been withdrawn, but that the bank is willing that it be held in abeyance, pending future developments. Some surprise was expressed that Secretary Mellon had obtained the approval of the bank to withhold the application, since it is generally understood that the Chicago bank officials never have agreed with the action of the board in forcing the new discount rate.

#### *Conference Discussion Likely.*

Under the law and custom jointly the President or heads of departments may request legal opinions from the Attorney General and for this reason it was necessary that the request of the Chicago bank should go through the Secretary of the Treasury, the chairman and ex-officio member of the Board.

Despite reiterated denials that the conference of Federal Reserve agents and Governors with the Board, now in session, has given any attention to the controversy which arose when the Board cut the Chicago rate from 4 to 3½%, it was apparent today that the gathering has given the matter at least informal notice.

It was believed that the conference would endeavor to work out a slightly modified plan of discount rate establishment which would be satisfactory to the Chicago and other banks within the system. That the Board would willingly surrender what is now regarded as their legal authority in this respect, however, is extremely doubtful.

From Secretary Mellon it was learned that the matter so far has not been considered at an open session of the conference. The Bank's willingness to drop temporarily the attack on the legal phases of the situation was taken to indicate that its officials had received assurance of a satisfactory nature from the Board.

#### *Argument for Uniform Policy.*

In spite of the attack made by Senator Glass (Democrat), of Virginia, on the Board for alleged arbitrary action and the belief of Mr. Glass and other anti-Administration Senators that more discretion in rate-fixing should be allowed the individual banks, there is a strong sentiment here for the retention of such power as would make for standardization and uniformity of policy and procedure within the system.

If the power of establishing rates without approval of individual banks, were withdrawn from the Board it would upset the policy of keeping American rates below those of London and other European capitals and thus, according to experts, operate against the effort to start gold moving abroad. While this is an international question, experts feel that it is one of intense concern to the United States. Stimulation of the buying power and stability of finance in foreign nations will react at once to the benefit of American agriculture and manufacturers through expansion of markets abroad, experts declared.

Most members of the Federal Reserve system would deplore seeing the Federal Reserve Act becoming involved in a Congressional fight. Fear was expressed that should an effort be made to modify certain sections of the law entirely new amendments, which might destroy the real value and purpose of the system, would be written into the act.

"These questions are of a fundamental economic nature, and if you try to settle them by politics little good will result," was the way the situation was put in one quarter.

Just why the Treasury Department and the Reserve Board do not desire to put the discount rate question before Attorney General Sargent has not been made clear, since officials favoring the present policy profess to believe that its practice is well within the Board's legal power.

### Hearings Before House Ways and Means Committee on Tax Revision—Recommendations of Secretary Mellon—Proposals of U. S. Chamber of Commerce and Others.

Hearings on proposals for the revision of Federal taxes were brought under way on Oct. 31 by the House Ways and Means Committee. The hearings were opened with a statement by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon embodying his recommendations, these proposals limiting the proposal-tax reduction to approximately \$225,000,000. Secretary Mellon's recommendations were summarized by him as follows:

I suggest the following:

1. A reduction of the rate of tax on corporate income from 13½ to 12%. It is estimated that such a change will result in a loss in revenue of approximately \$135,000,000.
2. Amending those provisions of the law that apply to the tax on corporate income so as to permit corporations with net income of \$25,000 or less, and with not more than ten stockholders, to file returns and pay the tax as partnerships at their option. It is estimated that such an amendment will result in a loss of from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 in revenue.
3. A readjustment of the rates applicable to individual incomes that fall in the so-called intermediate brackets according to the plan outlined below and the table contained in the body of this report. It is esti-

mated that such a change will result in a loss in revenue of approximately \$50,000,000.

4. Repeal of the estate tax, resulting in a revenue reduction of \$7,000,000.

5. Exemption from taxation of the income derived from American bankers acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue.

Secretary Mellon's statement, in which he discusses his recommendations in detail, is given in full elsewhere in this issue. He states therein that "the factor which definitely determines the extent to which we may reduce taxes is the 1929 surplus. Continuing, he says:

Assuming that a tax revision bill becomes law prior to March 15 next, the reductions will affect only the revenue for the last six months of 1928. That is to say, tax reductions will be only 50% effective during the present fiscal year. They will, however, apply to the full twelve months in 1929. Therefore, even leaving out of consideration the fact that the 1928 surplus largely exceeds the prospective surplus for 1929, a reduction in revenue, which would be fully justified if the present year were considered alone, would almost certainly produce a substantial deficit in the fiscal year 1929.

It is noted by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" that Mr. Mellon requested that Undersecretary Ogden L. Mills be permitted to read his (Mr. Mellon's) prepared statement to the committee. He explained that his voice was weak and it might at times be difficult to hear him. The same account said:

The cross-examination of Mr. Mills, which followed his presentation of the Mellon statement, brought out the fact that the Treasury Department favors the immediate application of the lowered corporate tax rates. Mr. Mills declared: "There is no excuse for delay in view of the financial condition indicated for 1928."

The suggestions of Mr. Mellon are predicated on estimated surplus, exclusive of extraordinary revenue items, of \$137,000,000 in the fiscal year 1928 and \$199,000,000 in the fiscal year 1929. Estimated total surplus, including extraordinary revenue items, will amount to \$445,000,000 in the fiscal year 1928 and \$274,000,000 in the fiscal year 1929.

One of the taxes which Secretary Mellon contends should be retained is that on sales of automobiles. As to this, he said in part:

The Federal appropriation for good roads in the fiscal year 1928 runs as high as \$71,000,000, and in the fiscal year 1929 will be \$75,000,000. These expenditures by the Federal Government are for the direct and immediate benefit of automobile owners. They should make some contribution in return.

The automobile is a semi-luxury article of such widespread use that it furnishes a broad base on which to apply a low tax. The rate being low, there is no appreciable hardship to the taxpayer; the base being broad, the tax is a good revenue producer. Unless we are to rely almost exclusively on direct taxes paid by a few and are prepared to see our national government supported not by the entire body of our citizens, but by a limited class, this is the kind of tax which should be retained.

On the eve of the opening of the hearings it was stated that the Committee's program for the hearings had tentatively been arranged as follows:

- Oct. 31 and Nov. 1—General taxation.
- Nov. 2—Corporation income tax.
- Nov. 3—Individual income tax.
- Nov. 4—Board of Tax Appeals and general administrative features.
- Nov. 5 and 6—No sessions.
- Nov. 7—Excise and stamp taxes.
- Nov. 8—Federal estate tax.
- Nov. 9—Open day.
- Nov. 10—Miscellaneous.

Chairman Green, of the House Ways and Means Committee, in announcing on Oct. 29 that the Committee expected to have the revenue bill ready to submit to Congress within a few days after it convened, said:

There seems to be a misunderstanding as to the effect of the amount of the surplus will have on tax reduction. The problem is not as to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, for as to that year only one-half of the reductions will apply. There will be a good-sized surplus for that year after all reductions are made, having due regard for the future. What Congress must decide is the amount of the reductions which can be made and leave no deficit for the fiscal year 1929 and ensuing years.

Large sums will be paid into the Treasury by the railroads and received from back taxes during the fiscal year 1928, but these sums should not be considered in determining the amount of the tax thereafter.

Little, if any, will be paid by the railroads in 1929, and the amount receivable from back taxes, now decreasing, will rapidly decrease after the fiscal year 1928, as the big cases dating back to the war times are being settled and the Treasury Department is becoming nearer current with its work in auditing the other cases. There are also some taxes which will either decrease or go off entirely in the fiscal year 1929 and thereafter.

Viewing the situation from this standpoint, it becomes doubtful whether the sum of \$700,000,000, which I have heretofore mentioned, can be reached in the reduction without creating a deficit. We can tell better about this when we get the estimated expenditures from the Budget Bureau.

The joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation has temporarily adjourned while the report is being prepared, which it is hoped will be ready to submit to the Ways and Means Committee before the hearings on the revenue bill are concluded. It is expected that the Ways and Means Committee will have the revenue bill ready to submit to Congress within a few days after it convenes, in order that it may be passed by the House before the holidays, get through the Senate and become a law in time to apply to the taxes of this year payable in 1928.

In its account of the hearing on Nov. 1, following the presentation of Secretary Mellon's statement, the Washington advices to the New York "Times" said in part:

#### Mellon's Program Criticized.

Representative Garner, minority leader, told Mr. Mellon he could not trust the Treasury estimates and demanded basis figures from Under-Secretary Mills, Mr. Mellon's spokesman of the afternoon, so as to "let Congress decide for itself."

Chairman Green said he did not agree with the estate tax statistics submitted. Representative Bacharach, Republican, wanted a larger cut in the corporation tax and retention of the estate tax. Representative Collier also urged a larger cut in the corporation tax. Mr. Garner objected to changing the intermediate brackets of the surtax.

Representative Hull, Democrat, asked whether the Treasury thought the time had come when the country could be put upon a permanent tax plan, discarding all "war levies." Mr. Mills replied that he would be unwilling to "look forward beyond eighteen months."

Urging relief for corporations, Mr. Mellon pointed out that individual stockholders were taxed 13½% on their stock, regardless of whether they had sufficient income to subject them to the ordinary income tax.

The intermediate surtax rates urged by the Secretary would grant relief to all surtax payers, but especially to those in the brackets covering \$18,000 to \$70,000 incomes. The 10% rate would apply to \$46,000 to \$50,000 incomes; 15% to \$60,000 to \$70,000 incomes, and 19% to \$90,000 to \$100,000 incomes.

The Federal estate tax, Mr. Mellon declared, would gradually dwindle, and it was "beyond dispute that the States need this revenue and that the Federal Government does not." He said that, because of the 80% credit to the States, the tax would not pay the Government more than \$20,000,000 in five years, and that the revenue loss in 1929 would be only \$7,000,000 if the tax was repealed.

Mr. Mellon said "no" when Mr. Garner asked if the Treasury suggested tinkering with tariff schedules.

Pointing out that the President consulted the Treasury on estimates, Mr. Garner said the President had "made mistakes" for five years in successive underestimates of \$174,000,000, \$183,000,000, \$115,000,000, \$252,000,000 and \$255,000,000.

"Although," said Mr. Garner, "the President did not intentionally make these mistakes, don't you think Congress is entitled to believe that there is such inefficiency or inaccuracy, either in the President's office or in the Treasury, that it could reduce taxes beyond your figure?"

"We have endeavored to give you the reasons for the mistakes," Mr. Mellon answered.

Mr. Garner accused Mr. Mills of denying small stockholder an additional cut of a half per cent. in the corporation tax in order to benefit taxpayers in the middle surtax brackets.

In part the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" had the following to say under date of Oct. 31:

The declaration by Mr. Mills, in the course of cross examination, that the Treasury Department favors the immediate application of the lowered corporate tax rates did not appeal to some of the Democratic members, who led him into quite an argument over whether or not this action would not be in the nature of a gift of a vast amount of money to corporations that had already passed the prospective income tax on the consumers.

Representative Garner sought from Mr. Mills a statement whether or not the tax was indeed passed on and as to who would be the beneficiary of the proposed reduction. Mr. Mills would not admit that all of the tax levy was included in the cost to the consumer of the merchandise purchased from the corporations or that it was all absorbed in the earnings of the latter. Chairman Green of the committee stated that an industrial investigation had developed some years ago that profits taxes cannot be passed on.

#### Garner Favors Estate Tax.

A great deal of opposition appears to exist against the recommendation of the Treasury Department that the estate taxes be repealed. Mr. Garner suggested that it might be well to keep this method of raising revenue as an aid to the retirement of the public debt. Representative Isaacs Bacharach (Republican) of New Jersey wanted the revenue thus derived to be used in providing an additional 1% reduction in the corporate tax rate.

Mr. Mills argued that if the estate taxes were to be repealed at this time the 1929 loss in revenue would amount to but about \$7,000,000. It is expected that estate tax collections in the two succeeding years will amount to \$75,000,000 and \$65,000,000, respectively, since the bulk of those sums would come from estates the owners of which died prior to now and that the future offered but a slight prospect of large returns, particularly in view of the fact that a number of the States are taking advantage as far as they can of the 80% rebate provision of the law. Mr. Mills explained that by reason of various provisions of the law it is several years before the Government receives the tax. To Mr. Bacharach he asserted that it would not be possible to make even a 34% reduction in the corporate rate on the strength of estate taxes collected without throwing the Treasury into a deficit.

Representative Collier, of Mississippi, declared he was hopeful of seeing a larger reduction in the corporation tax rates, favoring \$300,000,000 relief, which would bring the rate to 10%. He said that about one-half of that would be distributed to the stockholders and the balance would go to corporate reserve.

#### Indirect Levies Defended.

Treasury recommendations against the removal of the remaining war taxes apparently met with disapproval among the Democrats. Mr. Mills, answering their particular questions, declared that to confine tax gathering to direct levies on income afforded too narrow a base and that income taxes should be balanced with certain other taxes such as those upon tobacco products, admissions and dues, automobiles and the few remaining stamp taxes. He was questioned by Representative Cordell Hull, Democrat, of Tennessee, as to what he considered a permanent, a peace-time structure, applicable to a normal business year.

He suggested that Mr. Hull, as a member of the committee, was in as good a position as himself to determine that, since the figures were all before him and there was available information as to business conditions. Two things are to be considered—the growth of the country and the reduction of the national debt, since the interest charges on the latter are very heavy items of expenditure, next year amounting to \$670,000,000. But Mr. Mills would not enter into any speculation as to the future, taking the position that the department is required only to budget for eighteen months and that to look ahead of that period to consider tax reduction was dangerous.

Mr. Hull referred to the contentions he alleged had been advanced by the Treasury Department in former years advocating a 10% maximum surtax rate for individuals, but Mr. Mills was not in the department on the occasion of the making of tax recommendations heretofore. Whether or not the existing nuisance taxes would be continued would be a matter for Congress to decide, he added. He asserted his belief that as long as the World War debt existed it was reasonable to utilize these taxes in its curtailment. Later, Mr. Garner took a like stand with respect to the retention of the estate taxes. Mr. Hull said that automobiles have paid into the Treasury a little over \$1,000,000,000 and estates between \$500,000,000 and \$600,000,000, and he thought that these fields of taxation should be left to the States. Answering the Treasury argument, he expressed the thought that the railroads that have been hurt by automobiles would not in any event make a profit. Mr. Mills would not agree to that.

#### Estimates Criticized.

In support of a demand for a greater decrease in the nation's tax burden, Mr. Garner took issue with the Treasury officials over the failure of the Administration to present better estimates.

"Cannot Congress at least come to the conclusion that, while the President did not intentionally underestimate the revenues, the methods pursued in the Treasury or in the President's offices are so inefficient or so inadequate over the past five years that Congress can cut taxes more than is now recommended?" he inquired of Mr. Mills.

He also criticized the Treasury for having declared during the preparation of the present law that \$250,000,000 was the maximum of tax reduction that could be entered into at that time without creating a deficit, while Congress provided a cut of \$387,000,000 (\$137,000,000 more than the Treasury wanted), and now there is a surplus available for a further reduction of \$225,000,000.

"Instead of reaching the danger point, we did not get to it within \$52,000,000," declared Mr. Garner.

Tax revision proposals in behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce were submitted at the House Committee's hearing on Nov. 1, and at the same time the American Farm Bureau Federation was also among the organizations heard that day, the Federation arguing for a reduction of \$1,000,000,000 annually in the public debt, its recommendations being summarized as follows in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

#### Farmers' Recommendations.

Retain individual income taxes without new exemptions, with the possibility of removing some of the exemptions now granted.

Secure 75% of the needed revenue from income, estate, tobacco, liquor, special and miscellaneous taxes; 25% from customs duties, admissions and dues, automotive taxes, stamp and sales taxes, but in no event to reduce the corporate rate below 12%.

Retain the estate tax schedule.

Retain the nuisance taxes, other than automobile (recommended for repeal), until no longer needed.

Delete sales and general consumption taxes, which weigh most heavily on those who consume the staple commodities.

#### The same paper stated:

Some idea of what Committee members are thinking of in the way of tax reduction was given by Representative John N. Garner (Democrat) of Texas, when he let it be known that the Advisory Committee assisting the Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation had suggested that from any rate agreed on applicable to corporate incomes a further reduction of 20% of that rate be provided where the income is distributed. Mr. Garner stated that if the Ways and Means Committee accepted Secretary Mellon's recommendations for a 12% rate he would advocate a 10% rate where the distribution is made, the higher levy to apply to profits set aside as surplus.

From the New York "Times" dispatch from Washington Nov. 1 we take the following:

Striking contrasts with the Treasury recommendation of a tax reduction limited to \$225,000,000 were drawn before the Ways and Means Committee today, when the Chamber of Commerce of the United States demanded a cut of \$400,000,000 and the American Farm Bureau Federation opposed any reduction whatever, but urged instead an annual minimum slash of \$1,000,000,000 in the public debt.

Doubt was thrown on the Treasury estimates from various sources. James R. MacColl, Chairman of the Chamber Taxation Committee, asserted that it was "common knowledge" that surpluses had far exceeded estimates in the past. Representative Garner, the Democratic tax leader, insisted that the 1928 surplus would reach \$600,000,000, instead of the Mellon figure of \$455,000,000, and Senator Simmons, after a White House visit, said the reduction could certainly reach \$400,000,000.

Senator Simmons, who will be highly influential in the matter when the tax legislation reaches the Senate, desired to reduce the corporation tax below Mr. Mellon's 12%, to abolish the automobile and other "nuisance" taxes and to give some benefit to the payers of tobacco taxes. He urged the repeal of the estate tax and also agreed with Secretary Mellon on the proposed reduction of the middle surtax brackets.

"The Democrats tried to do this in 1926," he said. "I congratulate Mr. Mellon on adopting our method."

C. B. Clark, of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, attracted special attention from the committee when he proposed an ultimately permanent tax plan through which Congress would annually fix a percentage to be applied to normal and surtaxes for the individual and corporation taxes for business. He would anticipate a yearly revenue of \$3,000,000,000, of which \$2,000,000,000 would come from income levies, and the percentage imposed on the taxpayer would depend on what part of the revenue was apportioned to the public debt and how much to tax reduction.

#### Chamber of Commerce Program.

The Chamber of Commerce program, suggested by its Taxation Committee and now before its members for a referendum vote, included reduction of the corporation tax to 10% and repeal of the estate, produce sales, theatre admissions and automobile taxes. H. H. Rice, assistant to the President of the General Motors Corporation and one of the Chamber's spokesmen, made a bitter attack on Mr. Mellon's opposition to eliminating the last two levies.

"The Tunney-Dempsey fight and the world's series," he said, "are not fair examples of a tax imposed upon the patrons of drama, music and other forms of cultural entertainment. It is about as fair to class these together as to place the automobile in the same category with pistols or to name it a semi-luxury with tobacco."

Speaking for a reduction in the corporation tax, Felix McWhirter, of Indianapolis, another Chamber representative, declared that the Government now took almost one-seventh of the profits of American business annually and, in addition, taxed the stockholders through the income tax.

"No such ratio is justifiable under any circumstances except war," he said.

Another witness advocating a corporation tax cut was James A. Emery, general counsel for the National Manufacturers' Association, who asked that the tax be made the "major subject of reduction" and other taxes be subordinated in comparison. He opposed further exemption of individual incomes as unfair and unsound.

#### Electric Representatives Heard.

Leslie Vickers, of the American Electric Railway Association, and Carl D. Jackson, general counsel for the American Gas and National Electric Light Associations, both asked for a cut in the corporation levy.

The attitude of the American Farm Bureau Federation against a tax reduction was defined when Chester H. Gray appeared as the last witness of the day.

"In writing the bill, tax reduction should not be the primary object," he said. "The present job is one of public debt reduction. The debt was created in times of prosperity and should be paid in such times, rather than refunding taxes to persons and corporations."

"The interest on the debt was almost \$882,000,000 for 1925. Tax reduction would mean a per capita saving of only about \$2 annually, and if it were not equitably distributed it would be even more hard to defend."

The Merchants Association of New York submitted on Nov. 2 its views on the subject of tax revision to the House Committee, as to which we quote the following from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

#### Merchants' Association Presents Program.

The Merchants' Association of New York believes that the condition of the national Treasury is such as to warrant a further reduction of Federal taxation during the next session of the Congress, S. C. Mead, secretary of the association, declared.

The association believes that the objectives of such a reduction should be:

1. A corporation income tax of not more than 10%.
2. Lowering of the tax rates upon income within the brackets from \$28,000 to \$60,000.
3. Repeal of the Federal estate tax.
4. Repeal of the remaining war excise taxes.

The corporation income tax should be reduced not only to lessen the handicap which it places upon the successful corporation in competition with other forms of business organization, but also because this tax has not been reduced as rapidly as other taxes in recent years and is still so high as unduly to burden industry, Mr. Mead explained.

In the latest revisions of the income tax law, while the rates on incomes in the higher brackets were very substantially reduced and the exemptions upon smaller incomes have been carried as far as is compatible with sound economic principles and good public policy, the rates on incomes in the brackets between \$28,000 and \$60,000 have been reduced but slightly. The rates upon these intermediate sized incomes should, therefore, be brought into line now.

The war created emergency need for revenue which has passed away sufficiently to make desirable the repeal of the remaining Federal estate tax and the relinquishment of that source of revenue to the States.

The occasion for war excise taxes has likewise passed away. This form of taxation produces inequities, imposes handicaps and causes public irritation to a greater extent than almost any other and at the same time is relatively neither a prolific nor economical source of revenue. The taxes of this type left in force by the latest revision should now be repealed both for the relief to be afforded and for the simplification of the system to be obtained.

#### Corporation Relief First.

The association realizes, however, that upon the conclusion of studies now being made of certain pressing Federal problems, such as the Mississippi Valley flood control, concrete proposals may be entertained for expenditures which would reduce the prospective Treasury surplus so far as to make unwise reductions to the extent suggested above. If that situation should arise, the association urges strongly that reduction in the corporation income tax should be given precedence over the other suggestions to the fullest extent that the state of the Treasury will warrant.

#### The same paper also said in part:

Ways and Means Committee today (Nov. 2) virtually was asked by the representatives of national organizations to ignore the Mellon tax reduction recommendations and to submit to Congress a plan reducing the corporate income tax \$90,000,000 more than the total Mellon maximum, disregard all other claims for tax relief and to make revisions of the Administration provisions of the law that would afford further aid. They demand that the present rate be cut to 10%.

These suggestions were presented on behalf of the Association of Railway Executives, the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the National Coal Association, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the National Wholesale Druggists Association, American Manufacturers of Toilet Articles and the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco Association.

#### Corporate Tax Chief Issue.

Today's discussion centered on the corporation tax to the exclusion of all other rate features, and in several instances the plea was to ignore all further reduction of the individual rates, even to remove the present exemption for earned income. Alfred P. Thom, general counsel of the Association of Railway Executives, and Dr. C. S. Duncan, economist of the association, urged reduction of the corporate tax rate to 10%. Dr. Duncan said that the Treasury has always been conservative and that the revenues could stand the \$90,000,000 which this cut would provide in excess of the \$225,000,000 made the limit by Secretary Mellon.

Repeal of the capital gain and loss section of the law was one of the outstanding recommendations today presented to the committee by P. W. Pinkerton, of Chicago, representing the Illinois Chamber of

Commerce. Mr. Pinkerton suggested a considerable number of changes which his organization believes desirable to be made in the present law among the administrative provisions.

He declared that removal of this section from the law would render unnecessary the present complicated provisions with reference to reorganization and the basis for determining gain or loss. He added that probably no one change in the law could be devised which would greatly simplify the law and the change would probably result in no loss of revenue to the Government inasmuch as the deduction of capital losses would no longer be permitted. It was pointed out to the committee that Great Britain never has taxed capital gains and that this is one reason why the tax laws of that country are so much simpler than our own.

Mr. Pinkerton told the committee that in view of reductions in the surtax rates made since the war, and in view of the fact that corporations which still have undistributed surplus accumulated prior to March 1, 1913, have that surplus so tied up in fixed assets that a distribution without liquidation is impracticable, the law should now be simplified by making dividends taxable regardless of when the earnings or surplus accrued to the corporation declaring the dividends.

A petition that the same exemption on individual income tax returns be accorded unmarried men and men as applies in the case of married persons, was made on Nov. 3 by three women; the "Times" dispatch in reporting this, said:

A delegation representing the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs was heard. It was composed of Miss Lena M. Phillips, of New York, Miss Martha L. Connole, of St. Louis, and Miss Cornelia Adair, of Richmond, Va.

The committee, holding hearings on the proposed tax reduction bill, was told that the Treasury is collecting a little more than \$5,572,000 a year from a group of 2,012,000 single persons, but that the yield was without profit, inasmuch as the cost of administration approximated \$2.50 for each \$2.23 turned in to the Government.

#### Picture Unjust Discriminations.

The Misses Phillips, Connole and Adair protested against what they described as an "unjust discrimination" against single men and women who, they said, were allowed an exemption of only \$1,500, whereas \$3,500 a year, plus \$400 for each minor child, was the exemption granted to married persons.

As to further recommendations the same day the "Times" stated in part:

#### For Bank Deposit Exemption.

R. C. Stevenson, of South Bend, Ind., spokesman for the American Bankers' Association, said the exemption of \$300 allowed on returns from investment in building association stock should be extended to banks and trust company depositors in order to correct a discrimination that has been the subject of widespread public comment.

"It would look as if the Government were attempting to foster and encourage the building and loan associations in a way that discriminates against other savings institutions," Mr. Stevenson said.

C. Clinton James, of this city, representing a league of building associations, said he had no objection to the change proposed by Mr. Stevenson. He wanted to be sure, he said, that the present exemption as to building associations would not be repealed.

W. L. McChesney, of Chicago, counsel of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, concluded his appearance before the committee by advocating removal of the 25% initial payment on instalment sales. He argued that State agents should have the same advantage in this regard as others who sold on the instalment plan.

Another recommendation made by Mr. McChesney, that real estate boards be exempted from tax either as business or social organizations, aroused opposition in the committee. Representative Treadway, of Massachusetts, Republican, asserted that he was opposed to changes in the law for special groups.

L. A. Lecher, of Milwaukee, advocated a change in the law with respect to the market value of property by bequest, devise or inheritance. He said that under court decisions and Treasury regulations income tax is assessed against executors of estates and holders of trusts.

In a brief, filed in behalf of the Investment Bankers' Association, repeal of the Federal estate tax, reduction in the corporation tax and exemption from tax of interest on paper of American corporations held by non-resident aliens were recommended.

### Statement Submitted by Secretary Mellon to House Committee on Tax Reduction.

Elsewhere in the issue of our paper to-day we are referring at length to the hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee on the subject of Federal tax revision. These hearings were opened on Oct. 31 with the submission of a statement to the committee by Secretary Mellon of changes in taxation proposed by the Treasury Department. Herewith we give Mr. Mellon's statement in full:

As an essential preliminary to any program of tax reduction, it is necessary to estimate revenue and expenditures not only for the present but also for the next fiscal year. It is further desirable to ascertain, if possible, by eliminating temporary and unusual items, what the normal revenues of the Government are under existing tax laws, given average business conditions. Financial policy to be sound must not be based upon the experience of a single year. We must not be unduly impressed by the revenue results of a year of unusual prosperity or a year of large receipts from temporary sources.

In co-operation with the Budget Bureau the Treasury Department has prepared its estimates, but before presenting them it seems desirable to say a word or two about past estimates, and in order to avoid similar errors in the future to point out the reasons for such miscalculations as have occurred in the more immediate past.

The last estimates for the fiscal year 1926 were made just prior to the passage of the Revenue act of 1926. As published in The Congressional Record, they showed total internal revenue collection of \$2,612,500,000, whereas actual collections aggregated \$2,835,999,892, or, in other words, internal revenue collections were underestimated by \$223,499,892. The return from corporation taxes was overestimated by \$55,000,000, and that from miscellaneous internal revenue underestimated by approximately \$20,000,000. But the two principal items which contributed to

the large underestimate all revenue were individual income taxes, the yield of which was estimated at \$603,800,000, whereas collections aggregated \$745,392,481, and back tax collections, which were estimated at \$180,000,000 but which reached the figure of \$295,982,056.

#### Revenue Act of 1926

The revenue act of 1926 eliminated about 2,000,000 individual taxpayers; it increased by 50% and 40% respectively the exemptions for single and for married persons; it cut the moral tax rates drastically and reduced maximum surtax rates from 40% to 20%; it doubled the limit of income to which the earned income provision applied.

#### Larger Return in 1926 Than in 1924

It was very naturally anticipated that these changes would result in a considerable loss of revenue. In its report the Ways and Means Committee estimated a reduction of \$46,000,000 in normal tax, over \$98,000,000 in returns from the surtax, and a further loss in revenue of \$42,000,000 due to increased exemptions. As a matter of fact, however, the individual returns filed for the calendar year 1925 showed a larger tax return than did those for 1924, the total (net income) tax returned increasing from \$704,000,000 to \$734,000,000.

The Treasury Department had always contended that lower rates would be more productive than the very high rates which prevailed, but neither the Treasury Department nor the Congress had anticipated such an immediate increase, an increase which was, of course, greatly accelerated by the rising tide of prosperity. Had the reductions contained in the 1926 act been applied to the 1924 returns the tax would have been over 30% less than that actually returned for 1924.

Back tax collection exceeded the estimates by approximately \$116,000,000.

#### Treasury Estimates for Fiscal Year 1927

In October, 1926, after the new act had been in force for about nine months, the Secretary of the Treasury submitted estimates for the fiscal year 1927. In those estimates the return from the corporation income tax was estimated at \$1,120,000,000. Actual collections aggregated about \$1,125,000,000, or an underestimate of \$5,000,000. Individual income tax returns were estimated at \$820,000,000, whereas actual collections aggregated approximately \$763,000,000, or an overestimate of \$57,000,000. Back taxes were estimated at \$250,000,000; \$331,000,000 was actually collected, or an underestimate of \$81,000,000. Miscellaneous internal revenue taxes were estimated at \$619,000,000, whereas actual collections aggregated \$646,000,000. The total internal revenue taxes were estimated at \$2,809,000,000, and actually \$56,000,000 more than the estimate was collected.

But had there not been such a large increase in back tax collections the estimate would actually have been some \$25,000,000 too high.

Turning now to the question of surplus, we find that the surplus for 1927 exceeded the estimate by \$252,000,000. This is accounted for by an increase of \$102,000,000 in total receipts and a decrease of \$150,000,000 in expenditures. On the receipts side the increase is accounted for by two items, an increase of \$81,000,000 in back tax collections and an increase of \$57,000,000 in receipts from the railroads on account of the realization of capital assets. The increase in these two items more than offset an overestimate of current revenue.

If the items going to make up the surplus be analyzed it will be found that 65% of the surplus of \$635,000,000 is due to receipts on account of the disposal of capital assets, back income tax, collections in excess of internal revenue refunds and other items of a fast disappearing or non-recurring character. Without these special and non-recurring items, which aggregated \$414,000,000, the surplus would have been \$221,000,000.

This is likewise true of the fiscal year 1926. The surplus that year was \$377,000,000, but exclusive of net back tax collections and receipts from capital assets of a non-recurring character, the surplus amounted to only \$162,000,000.

#### 1926 and 1927 Back Tax Collections.

In 1926 back tax collections, less revenue refunds, amounted to \$113,000,000, and in 1927 to \$214,000,000; receipts from railroad securities amounted in 1926 to \$36,000,000, and in 1927 to \$89,000,000; receipts from Federal Farm Loan bonds and other minor securities amounted to \$34,000,000 in 1926, and \$63,000,000 in 1927; receipts from the War Finance Corporation assets amounted to \$19,000,000 in 1926, and to \$27,000,000 in 1927; receipts from the capital stock tax, which was repealed in 1926, amounted in the year 1927 to \$8,000,000; receipts from the sale of surplus war supplies amounted to \$13,000,000 in 1926, and to \$8,000,000 in 1927; while the surplus was further increased to the extent of \$5,000,000 received from a judgment of the court relating to the naval oil lease.

All told, the receipts from these items of a non-recurring character amounted in 1926 to \$215,000,000, and in 1927 to \$414,000,000.

One of the principal items that have caused errors in past estimates is that of back taxes. In the fiscal year 1927, back tax collections on income alone were underestimated by \$81,000,000, whereas internal revenue refunds were overestimated by \$35,000,000, these two items accounting for an error in the estimates aggregating \$116,000,000. The Treasury Department has made every effort to ascertain prospective back tax collections and probable refunds, but there seems to be no test which will determine accurately future yield.

Accordingly, it seems wiser to segregate back tax collections and internal revenue refunds and present them in a separate part of the estimate as items more or less speculative in character. After the close of the fiscal year 1929, with the closing of all of the cases arising under the excess profits and other war taxes, it is reasonably certain that there will be a falling off in back tax collections.

In presenting the estimates of probable total revenue, the revenue from temporary sources that must disappear in the course of the next year or two is likewise presented separately. In this connection it should be noted that whereas \$169,000,000 will be received on account of principal and interest of loans made under Sections 207 and 210 of the Transportation act in 1928, the revenue from this source will drop to approximately \$24,000,000, or a falling off of \$145,000,000, in the fiscal year 1929, and after that little or no revenue is anticipated under this head, as only \$49,000,000 principal amount of railroad obligations will be left out of the \$230,000,000 held on June 30, 1927.

This item and a difference of \$87,000,000 in estimated net back tax collections of \$181,000,000 between the estimated surplus for 1928 and that for 1929.

I am submitting herewith two tables: The first shows for the fiscal years 1928 and 1929 estimated current or normal receipts, extraordinary or temporary items, total receipts exclusive of temporary items, as estimated by the Budget Bureau, estimated surplus exclusive of extraordinary revenue items and estimated actual surplus. The second



table shows the principal receipt items of a temporary character for the fiscal years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEARS 1928 AND 1929.**

	1928.	1929.
<i>Current Revenue—</i>		
Customs.....	\$602,000,000	\$602,000,000
<i>Internal Revenue—</i>		
Income tax.....	1,885,000,000	1,885,000,000
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	638,000,000	640,000,000
Miscellaneous receipts.....	482,000,000	468,000,000
	\$3,607,000,000	\$3,595,000,000
Special receipts, incl. total back income tax collections.....	469,000,000	213,000,000
<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$4,076,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,808,000,000</b>
Expenditures, exclusive of internal revenue refunds.....	\$3,470,000,000	\$3,396,000,000
Internal revenue refunds.....	151,000,000	138,000,000
<b>Total expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$3,621,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,534,000,000</b>
Surplus of current revenue over expenditures, exclusive of internal revenue refunds.....	137,000,000	199,000,000
Surplus of total receipts over total expenditures.....	\$455,000,000	\$274,000,000

**PRINCIPAL RECEIPT ITEMS OF NON-RECURRING TYPE INCREASING THE SURPLUS IN FISCAL YEARS 1926, 1927, 1928 AND 1929.**

Items—	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Back income tax collections.....	\$295,000,000	\$331,000,000	\$280,000,000	\$180,000,000
Less internal revenue refunds.....	182,000,000	117,000,000	151,000,000	138,000,000
<b>Net.....</b>	<b>\$113,000,000</b>	<b>\$214,000,000</b>	<b>\$129,000,000</b>	<b>\$42,000,000</b>
Railroad securities.....	36,000,000	89,000,000	169,000,000	24,000,000
Federal farm loan bonds and other minor securities.....	34,000,000	63,000,000	1,500,000	5,000,000
War Finance Corp. assets.....	19,000,000	27,000,000	-----	-----
Capital stock tax.....	-----	8,000,000	-----	-----
Sale, surplus war supplies.....	13,000,000	8,000,000	5,500,000	4,000,000
Navy oil judgment.....	-----	*5,000,000	13,000,000	-----
	\$215,000,000	\$414,000,000	\$318,000,000	\$75,000,000
Surplus.....	\$377,000,000	\$635,000,000	\$455,000,000	\$274,000,000
Surp. excl. of above net rec'ts.....	162,000,000	221,000,000	137,000,000	199,000,000

\*Exclusive of amount paid in Liberty bonds aggregating \$5,500,000 principal amt. Estimated Surplus for 1928-1927.

Estimated surplus, exclusive of extraordinary revenue items, will amount to \$137,000,000 in the fiscal year 1928, and \$199,000,000 in the fiscal year 1929. Estimated total surplus, including extraordinary revenue items, will amount to \$455,000,000 in the fiscal year 1928 and \$274,000,000 in the fiscal year 1929.

In estimating the amount by which we can safely reduce the tax revenues in 1928 and 1929, the actual surplus figures are the important ones. But looking to the future, it is essential that Congress should take into consideration the temporary character of some of our existing resources.

The factor which definitely determines the extent to which we may reduce taxes is the 1929 surplus. Assuming that a tax revision bill becomes law prior to March 15 next, the reductions will only affect the revenue for the last six months of 1928. That is to say, tax reductions will only be 50% effective during the present fiscal year. They will, however, apply to the full twelve months in 1929. Therefore, even leaving out of consideration the fact that the 1928 surplus largely exceeds the prospective surplus for 1929, a reduction in revenue which would be fully justified if the present year were considered alone, would almost certainly produce a substantial deficit in the fiscal year 1929.

It may be urged that the estimated surplus for 1929 is placed at too low a figure in view of the actual large surplus in 1927 and the size of the estimated surplus in 1928. The answer is that those surpluses were in the main due to certain resources which cannot be available in 1929, since by that time they will have been exhausted. In so far as current revenue is concerned, it should be noted that the Treasury estimates that substantially the same receipts will be available in 1929 as in 1928, and as were actually collected in 1927.

There is no evidence available to justify the assumption that they will no longer. There are certain definite indications that they may be smaller, but the department hopes that these unfavorable factors will be offset by the normal growth of the country.

For a number of years past the Treasury estimates have underestimated the revenue which was later realized. It is not true, however, that this was the result of deliberate intention or policy. Every effort to avoid a repetition of this result has been made in the preparation of the estimates here presented. It would be unwarranted and unwise to assume that in the present estimates there is any concealed surplus. In these figures the Treasury has not consciously nor as a matter of policy played safe.

If tax reduction are made or appropriations voted on the assumption that the present figures understatement probable future receipts, responsibility for such reductions or appropriations must be assumed by those who advocate them. The patible with the most dependable forecasts and facts which careful and disinterested investigation could secure.

So far as expenditure are concerned, the estimates have been furnished by the Bureau of the Budget. It should be remembered that estimates do not include any expenditures that may be incurred by reason of new legislation. The belief is that tax reduction should not in any event be in excess of approximately \$225,000,000.

I suggested the following:

1. A reduction of the rate of tax on corporate income from 13½% to 12%. It is estimated that such a change will result in a loss in revenue of approximately \$135,000,000.
2. Amending those provisions of the law that apply to the tax on corporate income so as to permit corporations with net income of \$25,000 or less and with not more than ten stockholders, to file returns and pay the tax as partnerships at their option. It is estimated that such an amendment will result in a loss of from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 in revenue.
3. A readjustment of the rates applicable to individual incomes that fall in the so-called intermediate brackets according to the plan outlined below and the table contained in the body of this report. It is estimated that such a change will result in a loss in revenue of approximately \$50,000,000.
4. Repeal of the estate tax, resulting in a revenue reduction of \$7,000,000.
5. Exemption from taxation of the income derived from American bankers' acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue.

I shall now discuss these recommendations in greater detail.

**Corporation Tax**

Corporations last received relief from taxation in the Revenue act of 1921, which repealed the excess profits tax, and even then the in-

come tax rate was increased. Since that time while other classes of taxpayers have been benefited either by the repeal of war taxes or the sharp reduction of wartime rates, corporations have continued to bear a heavy burden. The time has come to revise the corporation tax rates downward.

Business conducted under the corporate form is today overtaxed as compared with individuals business enterprises and partnerships, a condition which spells particular hardship to the small corporations with a limited net income and to the stockholder of limited means, whether he be a stockholder in a large or a small corporation. Corporations are not only large contributors to the Federal Treasury, they pay their full share of the cost of local and State Governments.

In the calendar year 1924 all corporations reporting net income reported a net income, before all taxes, of \$8,890,821,499. They paid in taxes other than income tax \$1,304,169,207, and in income tax \$881,549,546 at the then rate of 12½%, making a total of \$2,185,718,753. In other words, 24.58% of their net income was paid in taxes. In the same year these corporations paid \$3,994,990,754 in cash dividends, which was 44.93% of their net income. For every dollar paid in dividends 54 cents was paid in taxes.

If all corporations be included that is to say, corporations reporting a deficit as well as those reporting net income, the percentage of net income paid in taxes is 36.28%. Including both the Federal and State taxes the percentage of taxes to net income paid in some of our principal industrial States ranges from 26.25% in Michigan to 41.04% in Connecticut, 47.72% in Minnesota and 49.78% in Massachusetts.

Corporation taxes are paid either by the consumers or by the stockholders. No general rule can be laid down as to the incidence of this tax. It is estimated that there are not less than 3,000,000 individual owners of corporate stock in the United States. There are probably more. Through the corporation income tax these individuals are taxed at the rate of 13½% on their proportionate share of income of the corporation, and this irrespective of whether their individual income is sufficiently great to subject them to the individual income tax.

If we include the tax paid by individuals on the dividends received from corporations, the rate of the tax on net corporate income is 15.27%, whereas had all the corporations been taxed as partnerships the average rate of tax on their net income would have been 9.10%.

There are only 2,500,000 individuals who return taxable net income, and the average rate of tax on their income has been reduced to 4.20%, as compared with 3,000,000 stockholders who are virtually taxed on a part of their income at the rate of 13.50%. There are less than 9,000 individual income taxpayers whose average tax as return equals or exceeds 13½% of their taxable income.

Thus we have a strange and inconsistent situation in which the owners of our corporations, some 3,000,000 individuals, are taxed indirectly at the rate of 13½% on all or part of their income, whereas under the present individual income tax law this rate of 13½% or more is paid by less than 9,000 individuals, and these with net incomes in excess of \$10,000.

It is interesting to note that according to the 1925 returns, of \$5,189,000,000 distributed in cash dividends, \$1,724,000,000 went to sources other than individuals making income tax returns. While, of course, a large part of this was paid to other corporations, it is certain that a very considerable sum was paid to individuals with incomes insufficient to require an income tax return. Of the dividends distributed, \$740,000,000 was returned by persons with net income of less than \$10,000, and the average rate of tax on all incomes not in excess of \$10,000 was .26 of 1%.

The Treasury Department made a study of a number of corporations owned by a comparatively few people and with net incomes moderate in amount. It found that the chief stockholders in corporations having net incomes of \$55,000 or less, would, without exception, have paid a smaller tax to the Federal Government had they done business as partners rather than as a corporation, whereas in 86% of the cases where the net income of the corporation was \$100,000 and less a similar conclusion was true.

Out of 252,334 corporate reporting net income for the calendar year 1925, no less than 232,346 had incomes of less than \$50,000 a year. So that the latest figures available show that 92% of the corporations reporting net income paid higher taxes in a given year than they would have had they been partnerships.

The situation is not quite as bad as these figures would indicate. For, whereas the number of corporations with incomes of less than \$50,000 is high, the amount of income reported by them is comparatively small. One-third of the total corporation taxes is paid by 196 corporations with net incomes in excess of \$5,000,000; 53% of the corporation income tax is paid by 1,113 corporations with net incomes in excess of \$1,000,000; over 70% is paid by 4,469 corporations with net incomes of over \$250,000.

But even so, the discrimination appears to weigh with more than usual severity on the stockholder in the closely held corporation whose net income falls in the smaller amounts.

**Smaller Corporations Entitled to Relief.**

It may be urged that the owner or owners of a closely held corporation with a limited income are no worse off than the stockholder of limited means in a very large corporation who is taxed 13½% on his proportionate share of the net income of the corporation, whereas the tax which the latter might have to pay on that net income were it derived from some other source might not exceed 1½%.

While this is apparently true, it is probable that the latter class of stockholder looks upon his stock purchases as strictly of an investment character. In other words, he buys this share of stock just as would a bond on the basis of its actual income yield, and to that extent in making the purchase he has completely discounted the corporation tax.

Therefore, as I see the situation, while it is desirable to reduce the rate on all corporations, some additional relief should be granted the stockholders of the small, closely held corporations, whose situation is substantially the same as that of a partnership, though they do business in corporate form.

The Treasury Department recommends that the present corporation rate of 13½% be reduced to 12%. This will cause a loss of revenue of approximately \$135,000,000.

In order to give further relief to the owners of the closely held corporations with a small net income, the Treasury recommends that all corporations with net income of \$25,000 or less and the number of whose stockholders does not exceed ten, be allowed to file their income tax returns as if they were a partnership and be taxed on the partnership basis. It is estimated roughly that this will occasion a loss of revenue of from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

**Surtax Rates.**

The Revenue act of 1926 reduced the rates of the normal tax from 2, 4 and 6% to 1½, 3 and 5% and cut the maximum surtax rate from 40% to 20%. While there was a readjustment of the intermediate surtax rates, the effect of the drastic cut in the maximum surtax rates and the sharp reduction in normal rates was to benefit the small taxpayers and the large taxpayers somewhat more than those whose taxable incomes fall in the brackets running from \$18,000 to \$70,000. In view of the above I recommend a revision of the rates applicable to the so-called intermediate brackets.

Under the Revenue act of 1926 incomes from \$14,000 to \$24,000 are graded by steps of \$2,000. That is to say, the income tax rate increases 1% for every additional \$2,000 of income. From \$24,000 to \$64,000 the brackets are graded by steps of \$4,000.

By the simple expedient of adjusting the rate so that it will rise uniformly, increasing 1% for each additional \$4,000 of income on incomes from \$10,000 to \$70,000, some reductions will be granted to all surtax-payers, but more particularly to those whose incomes fall in the intermediate brackets. Thus, under the act of 1926 a 10% rate applies to incomes ranging from \$36,000 to \$40,000, whereas under the proposed plan the 10% rate will apply to incomes ranging from \$46,000 to \$50,000; the 15% rate instead of being reached at \$56,000, will be reached at \$66,000; the 18% rate at \$80,000, instead of \$70,000; and the 19% rate at \$90,000 instead of \$80,000.

There are attached hereto two tables, the one showing the suggested changes in surtax rates from those of the 1926 act, and the second showing the individual income tax upon certain specified taxable net incomes under the Revenue act of 1924, the Revenue act of 1926 and under the suggested rates.

**SUGGESTED CHANGE IN SURTAX RATES FROM THOSE OF 1926 REVENUE ACT.**

1926 Revenue Act.		Proposed Plan.	
Income Tax Zones—	Rates.	Income Tax Zones—	Rates.
\$10,000 to \$14,000	1%	\$10,000 to \$14,000	1%
14,000 to 16,000	2%	14,000 to 18,000	2%
16,000 to 18,000	3%	18,000 to 22,000	3%
18,000 to 20,000	4%	22,000 to 26,000	4%
20,000 to 22,000	5%	26,000 to 30,000	5%
22,000 to 24,000	6%	30,000 to 34,000	6%
24,000 to 28,000	7%	34,000 to 38,000	7%
28,000 to 32,000	8%	38,000 to 42,000	8%
32,000 to 36,000	9%	42,000 to 46,000	9%
36,000 to 40,000	10%	46,000 to 50,000	10%
40,000 to 44,000	11%	50,000 to 54,000	11%
44,000 to 48,000	12%	54,000 to 58,000	12%
48,000 to 52,000	13%	58,000 to 62,000	13%
52,000 to 56,000	14%	62,000 to 66,000	14%
56,000 to 60,000	15%	66,000 to 70,000	15%
60,000 to 64,000	16%	70,000 to 75,000	16%
64,000 to 70,000	17%	75,000 to 80,000	17%
70,000 to 80,000	18%	80,000 to 90,000	18%
80,000 to 100,000	19%	90,000 to 100,000	19%
Over \$100,000	20%	Over \$100,000	20%

**INDIVIDUAL TAX ON CERTAIN TAXABLE NET INCOMES.**

The rates given below are for a married person with two dependents and no capital gains or dividends:

Taxable Net Income.	Revenue Act 1924.			Revenue Act 1926.			Suggest. Surtax Rates	
	Norm. Tax.	Surtax.	Total Tax.	Normal Tax.	Surtax.	Total Tax.	Surtax.	Total Tax.
\$10,000	\$141	\$0	\$141	\$83.25	\$0	\$83.25	\$0	\$83.25
12,000	235	20	255	143.25	20	163.25	20	163.25
14,000	355	40	395	237.25	40	277.25	40	277.25
16,000	475	80	555	337.25	80	417.25	80	417.25
18,000	595	140	735	437.25	140	577.25	120	557.25
20,000	715	220	935	537.25	220	757.25	180	717.25
22,000	835	320	1,155	637.25	320	957.25	240	877.25
24,000	955	440	1,395	737.25	440	1,177.25	320	1,057.25
26,000	1,075	580	1,655	837.25	580	1,417.25	400	1,237.25
28,000	1,195	740	1,935	937.25	720	1,657.25	500	1,437.25
30,000	1,315	920	2,235	1,037.25	880	1,917.25	600	1,637.25
32,000	1,435	1,120	2,555	1,137.25	1,040	2,177.25	720	1,857.25
34,000	1,555	1,540	3,215	1,337.25	1,400	2,737.25	980	2,317.25
36,000	1,675	2,040	3,955	1,537.25	1,800	3,337.25	1,280	2,817.25
40,000	1,915	2,040	3,955	1,537.25	2,360	4,147.25	1,710	3,497.25
45,000	2,215	2,730	4,945	1,787.25	2,980	5,017.25	2,200	4,237.25
50,000	2,515	3,540	6,055	2,037.25	3,660	5,947.25	2,760	5,047.25
55,000	2,815	4,470	7,285	2,287.25	4,400	6,937.25	3,380	5,917.25
60,000	3,115	5,480	8,595	2,537.25	5,210	7,997.25	4,060	6,047.25
65,000	3,415	6,570	9,985	2,787.25	6,060	9,097.25	4,800	7,837.25
70,000	3,715	7,780	11,495	3,037.25	6,960	10,247.25	5,600	8,887.25
75,000	4,015	9,100	13,105	3,287.25	7,860	11,397.25	6,450	9,987.25
80,000	4,315	10,480	14,795	3,537.25	8,760	12,547.25	7,250	11,087.25
90,000	4,915	13,540	18,455	4,037.25	9,760	13,797.25	8,250	12,287.25
100,000	5,515	17,020	22,535	4,537.25	11,660	16,197.25	10,150	14,687.25
150,000	8,515	30,520	39,035	7,037.25	21,660	28,697.25	20,150	27,187.25
200,000	11,515	54,020	65,535	9,537.25	31,660	41,197.25	30,150	39,687.25
300,000	17,515	92,020	109,535	14,537.25	51,660	66,197.25	50,150	64,687.25
500,000	29,515	170,020	199,535	24,537.25	91,660	116,197.25	90,150	114,687.25
1,000,000	59,515	370,020	429,535	49,537.25	191,660	241,197.25	190,150	239,687.25

**Estate Tax.**

The Treasury Department renews its recommendation that the Federal estate tax be repealed. By tradition, legal theory and revenue necessity, this tax belongs to the States. They and not the Federal Government have developed inheritance taxation in the United States. It is true that they have made many mistakes, but it is not apparent that the entrance of the Federal Government into this field has had any beneficial effect. The Federal Government has only made use of the estate or inheritance tax four times in its history, and then during war emergencies. As soon as the emergency was past the tax was repealed.

There is no occasion to change this policy. It is not based on opposition to the inheritance or estate form of taxation, but on the theory that some taxes inhere to the States and can more properly be levied by them than by the Federal Government and that the estate tax is one of these. It is beyond dispute that the States need this revenue and that the Federal Government does not.

Ever since the war Federal revenue needs have steadily diminished as the cost of Government was reduced. It has been found possible to repeal most of the war taxes and to cut rates drastically. The contrary is true of the States and of their political sub-divisions. Their cost of government continues to mount steadily. Taking the long point of view, this position, in so far as the Federal Government is concerned, is likely to continue. As the national debt is paid off the burden of Federal taxes should grow lighter. But it is impossible to foresee the point at which the upward movement of State and local expenditures will be arrested. Moreover, Federal taxes are fairly well diversified and bear some relation to the taxpayer's ability to pay. State and local taxes rest on altogether too narrow a base. The Federal Government should, therefore, retire from the inheritance tax field, and should definitely announce the policy not to resort to this form of taxation save in emergencies.

The loss in revenue will be insignificant. Owing to the 80% credit on the taxes paid the States, it is estimated that in five years the Federal estate tax will not produce more than \$20,000,000. Should it be repealed the loss in revenue in the fiscal year 1929 will not exceed \$7,000,000.

**Automobile Tax.**

I realize that great pressure will be brought to bear on the Congress to repeal the excise tax on the sale of automobiles. I cannot agree to the advisability of such a repeal.

The Federal appropriation for good roads in the fiscal year 1928 runs as high as \$71,000,000, and in the fiscal year 1929 will be \$75,000,000. These expenditures by the Federal Government are for the direct and immediate benefit of automobile owners. They should make some contribution in return.

There is another aspect of this situation deserving consideration from the standpoint of justice and fairness. The automobile is one of the railroad's chief competitors. Our railroads are paying heavy taxes to the United States Government, a part of which is being used for highway purposes. The Revenue act of 1926 materially reduced the tax on automobiles designed for the transportation of passengers, and repealed the tax on trucks and accessories. The latest available figures for railroad corporations having taxable net income indicate an increase in the income tax paid by them to the Federal Government from \$57,000,000 for the calendar year 1924, to \$94,000,000 for the calendar year 1925. Is it quite fair to ask the railroads to contribute to the construction and maintenance of the roads on which their rivals operate while exempting the latter from any contribution?

The automobile is a semi-luxury article of such widespread use that it furnishes a broad base on which to apply a low tax. The rate being low, there is no appreciable hardship to the taxpayer; the base being broad, the tax is a good revenue producer. Unless we are to rely almost exclusively on direct taxes paid by a few and are prepared to see our national Government supported not by the entire body of our citizens, but by a limited class, this is the kind of tax which should be retained.

**Income Tax Class Rather Than National Tax.**

The income tax has gradually become so restricted in its application, that it is a class rather than a national tax. For the calendar year 1925, 9,560 taxpayers returned about 49% of the total tax returned; 327,018 individuals returned \$701,497,726 out of a total of \$734,555,183. Out of our entire population of 114,000,000, only 2,501,166 individuals returned taxable income, and of these 2,174,148 returned only \$33,000,000 of tax, the balance of \$701,000,000 being returned by 327,018 individuals.

According to these returns, less than three-tenths of 1% of our population returned 95.5% of our total income tax; about 1.9% returned 4.5% and the remaining 97.8% of the population returned no tax whatsoever. Obviously, some other taxes should be retained.

Once the automobile tax is repealed, it cannot be reimposed in time of peace. This creates a situation which should squarely be faced at this time. Both the Treasury Department and the Congress desire to reduce taxes to the greatest possible extent consistent with the prospective revenue needs of the Government. The reduction will be made under the reasonable assumption that business conditions will continue to be fairly prosperous.

Should this assumption prove to be false and should there be a falling off in business, with a consequent immediate reduction in the yield of the corporation and individual income taxes, or should the day come when taxes as revised at this session of Congress are inadequate to meet the cost of Government, it is obvious that revenue needs will compel an increase in rates of the taxes then existing.

It is equally obvious that under such circumstances corporation income tax rates and income tax rates on individuals will have to be increased to an extent where they will not only make good the loss of revenue resulting from the reduction of income returned, but will in addition be required to contribute the \$66,000,000 more or less that the present excise tax on automobile sales now yields.

In other words, the narrowing of the tax base in days of prosperity inevitably means that when the time for increased tax burdens arrives those taxpayers who are unfortunate enough to remain on the rolls are compelled to pay more than their just share.

Injustices in the field of taxation are inevitably committed under the pressure of necessity and the time to preserve the integrity of a well-rounded, well-balanced system is in days of prosperity, when rates can be kept at a minimum and no particular hardship is inflicted on any one class. Under such circumstances to yield to the temptation to dispense with a tax which some day may prove to be an essential part of the tax system is to be guilty of the most short-sighted economic error. It should never be forgotten that in taxation the ideal to be aimed at is a broad base and low rates.

**Retention of Excise Levies.**

We have eliminated most of our excise taxes. There remain for revenue purposes the excise tax on tobacco and automobile sales, the admissions tax and a few stamp taxes. All of these should be retained in the interest of a well-balanced tax system. I have not seen it suggested that the excise tax on tobacco should be reduced, but when we consider the burden borne by the users of tobacco, an article which is likewise of the semi-luxury type—though many would classify it as a necessity—the 3% automobile sales tax appears insignificant in character.

Because this 3% is levied upon the factory, or wholesale price, which is much smaller than the retail price, the automobile tax amounts to but 2 cents for every dollar paid by the ultimate consumer. Contrast this with the fact that for every dollar spent by our citizens for the articles enumerated, there is a tax required of 2 cents to 5 cents on cigars, 9 cents on theatre and other admissions, 20 cents on playing cards, from 4 to 22 cents on chewing and smoking tobacco and from 17 to 40 cents on cigarettes.

For the fiscal year 1927 the tobacco taxes yielded \$376,170,205.04, as compared with \$66,437,881.32 for automobiles. The use of tobacco in its various forms is widespread, and the Federal tax on tobacco no doubt affects a greater number of our citizens than does any other class of tax. The man who smokes a nickel cigar now pays one-fifth of 1 cent in tax to the Government. This is at a rate double that upon automobiles. The man who smokes an eight-cent cigar pays a tax of three-tenths of 1 cent to the Government on every cigar that he smokes.

Out of every 15 cents paid for a package of twenty cigarettes, 6 cents, or 40% of the total retail cost, is paid to the Government. Chewing and smoking tobacco is now taxed at the rate of 18 cents per pound. During the fiscal year 1927 it accounted for \$65,070,195.26.

That is, chewing and smoking tobacco alone produced practically as much tax as all of the automobiles sold that year in the United States.

*Tax on Admissions.*

The same reasoning applies with equal force to the tax on admissions. It is difficult to imagine a more ideal tax than one on the \$40 ringside seats at the recent Tunney-Dempsey fight. Surely no one will contend that the men and women who were willing to pay \$40 for a seat for thirty minutes of boxing could not well afford to contribute \$3.64 to the United States Government. The revenue yield from that particular fight was \$242,065.71.

The tax of 60 cents for a box seat costing \$6 for a world's series baseball game, and the tax of 30 cents for a \$3 box seat at a representative theatre is not considered excessive. The exemption of all admissions of 75 cents or less eliminates the tax on the recreation and amusement of an overwhelming majority of our citizens. Those who pay more than 75 cents can well afford to make a contribution to the Government, and such an excise tax cannot be held to be burdensome or to impose a restriction on legitimate recreation.

*Taxes on Income Received From Bankers' Acceptances Held By Foreign Banks of Issue.*

Under the provisions of Section 230 of the Revenue act of 1926 a tax of 13 1/2% is imposed upon the discount received by any foreign corporation on American bankers' acceptances. Sections 233 and 217 of that act, however, exempt from taxation any interest on bank deposits received by a foreign corporation not doing business within the United States and not having an office therein. Under the terms of Section 236 interest upon obligations of the United States is not subject to tax.

*Gold Exchange Standard.*

An increasing number of countries have adopted the gold exchange standard. This means that banks of issue in those countries must carry large balances abroad, largely in the American market. Unless appropriate investments are available, however, these balances will be lost to London or to some other gold standard country.

Generally speaking, the chief ways in which a foreign bank, especially a foreign bank of issue, employs its surplus funds in this market are: 1, on deposit; 2, in short-time Government securities; and 3, in bankers' acceptances. At the present time, the law exempts from taxation income derived from the first two, but taxes the third. Foreign banks of issue with surplus funds to invest must seek the most liquid short-time investments available. Many banks of issue are prohibited by law from investing their funds for longer than three months. Others are prohibited from investing their funds in any Government securities which are not issued on a discount basis.

In such cases as these, where funds cannot be invested in Government securities for one reason or another, a bank of issue must invest its funds either in bankers' bills, subject to the tax, or else place its funds on deposit at materially lower rates of interest.

The serious effect of this is the resulting tendency to withdraw funds from this market for investment either in London or elsewhere. In other words, the present law places a serious handicap on the free development of our dollar acceptance market. In effect it tends to keep foreign funds out of our market and to force American merchants to finance their transactions abroad rather than through the dollar acceptance.

One of the main purposes of the Federal Reserve act was to authorize and foster the development of the American acceptance market as an effective and economical means of financing our foreign trade. Congress has done its part in aiding this development by a series of amendments to the Federal Reserve act. Undoubtedly, however, the present provision of the Revenue act, which imposes a tax on the discount earned from our bankers' acceptances, is proving an obstacle to the full accomplishment of this purpose.

I recommend, therefore, that the Revenue act of 1926 be amended so as to exempt from the income tax income derived from American bankers' acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue.

The Treasury Department would like at a later date to present to the committee certain suggested amendments to the Income Tax law of a technical character.

**Proclamation of President Coolidge Designating Nov. 24 as Thanksgiving Day.**

In a proclamation, dated Oct. 26, President Coolidge designates November 24 as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and urges the people of the nation to lay aside their usual tasks and "give thanks to Him who holds all in the hollow of His hand." "It is fitting that as a nation and as individuals, in accordance with time-honored, sacred custom," says the proclamation, "we should consider the manifold blessings granted to us. While in gratitude we rejoice, we should humbly pray that we may be worthy of a continuation of divine favor." The proclamation follows:

By the President of the United States of America.

**A PROCLAMATION:**

Under the guidance and watchful care of the divine and beneficent Providence this country has been carried safely through another year. Almighty God has continued to bestow upon us the light of His countenance and we have prospered. Not only have we enjoyed material success but we have advanced in wisdom and in spiritual understanding. The products of our fields and our factories and of our manifold activities have been maintained on a high level. We have gained in knowledge of the higher values of life. There has been advancement in our physical well-being. We have increased our desire for the things that minister to the mind and to the soul. We have raised the mental and moral standards of life.

We have had the blessings of peace and of honorable and friendly relations with our sister nations throughout the world. Disasters visiting certain of our States have touched the heart of a sympathetic nation, which has responded generously out of its abundance. In continuing to remember those in affliction we should rejoice in our ability to give them relief.

Now that these twelve months are drawing to a close, it is fitting that, as a nation and as individuals, in accordance with time-honored sacred custom, we should consider the manifold blessings granted to us,

While in gratitude we rejoice, we should humbly pray that we may be worthy of a continuation of divine favor.

Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set apart and designate Thursday, the 24th day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and recommend and urge that on that day our people lay aside their usual tasks, and by the family fireside and in their accustomed places of public worship give thanks to Him who holds all in the hollow of His hand.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-second.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President.

FRANK B. KELLOGG,  
Secretary of State.

**Proclamation of President Coolidge Requesting Observance of Armistice Day, Nov. 11.**

The observance of Armistice Day, November 11, with appropriate ceremonies "giving expression to our gratitude that peace exists" is asked by President Coolidge, in the following proclamation issued No. 2:

Armistice Day, 1927.

By the President of the United States of America.

**A PROCLAMATION:**

Whereas the 11th of November, 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary and far-reaching war in human annals; and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this day should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and by exercises designed to further the cause of permanent peace through the maintenance of good-will and friendly relations between nations; and

Whereas, by concurrent resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in 1926, the President was requested to issue a proclamation for the observance of Armistice Day;

Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, in pursuance of the said concurrent resolution, do hereby order that the flag of the United States be displayed on all Government buildings on Nov. 11, 1927, and do invite the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies giving expression to our gratitude that peace exists and to our sincere desire that such amicable relations with all other peoples may continue.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the City of Washington this second day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and fifty-second.

(Seal) CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President.

FRANK B. KELLOGG,  
Secretary of State.

**N. Y. Chamber of Commerce Urges Voters to Defeat Constitutional Amendment Empowering New York City to Borrow Outside Debt Limit for Subway Construction.**

James Brown, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, on Nov. 1 gave out the following statement with reference to the rapid transit situation:

"The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York requests the voters on November 8th to vote NO to the Second Amendment to the State Constitution submitted for a referendum vote.

"Why is this action requested?

"Because in the form and under the conditions submitted it is a dangerous authority to grant to a municipal government either in New York City or in any other of the cities of the State having a population in excess of 175,000 people; for the amendment is general in its scope and not simply applicable to New York City.

"This amendment proposes to permit cities of the State arbitrarily to exclude from the debt limit, in cities having a population between 250,000 and 1,000,000, and cities having a population between 175,000 and 250,000, the sum of \$5,000,000 for any public improvement on the say-so of the local government, and further permits the City of New York to incur debts irrespective of any debt limitations, in the sum of \$300,000,000 for construction and equipment of new rapid transit railroads.

"Already the fallacy of providing for new rapid transit this immense sum outside of the debt limit, is disclosed; for the city government already avows its intention to spend this capital obtained from sale of bonds, to recapture existing railroads now being operated as parts of operating systems, and further to generally improve at an expense of \$60,000,000, upon plans not yet made and quite nebulous, the system of the Interborough company.

"All this financing is made necessary because the City insists on operating its rapid transit railroads at less than cost of service and on hauling passengers not resident in the City and not contributing anything to the general taxation, for less than the cost of operation. How long will the long suffering people of this City stand for this kind of conduct of its affairs? Who pays the difference? In the first place obviously the taxpayer. Every man who owns property within the City limits. But that house or property owner passes the charges along, either in increased rents or by additions to the cost of food supplies, clothing and every other necessity of life; so that in the final analysis it is the entire people of the City who pays. The honest course would be for the person benefited or in other words, the rider to pay for his own cost of service. In this way the outsider and the City resident will pay his proper share.

"This bond issue is evidently, to judge by statements made by the City administration, not by any means the end of the demands for money beyond the Debt Limit. The new City subways, being built by the Board of Transportation will, with very little doubt, cost for construction, stations, track and equipment, the vast sum of \$700,000,000, and as soon as the sum now asked (\$300,000,000) is expended, it is reasonably certain that additional bond issues will be asked for and a still further exemption from the Debt Limit with the interest charges all paid out of taxation since the properties are not to be self sustaining.

"The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York stands for rapid transit for New York City, honestly financed and honestly constructed and administered. It further stands unalterably for unification of all rapid transit lines with the City, under control and management which is free from politics and on an operating basis which shall be self-supporting.

"Vote NO on Amendment No. 2."

### North Carolina Cotton to Be Carried to Market by Motor Trucks, Effecting Savings In Freight Charges.

A large part of the cotton market at Kingston, N. C., this year will be carried by motor trucks and boats to Norfolk with a good saving in freight charges says a press dispatch from that city Oct. 18, published in the New York "Evening Post."

### Analysis of Terms of Loans Obtained in United States by Germany Since 1923.

A detailed analysis of the terms of the loans obtained by Germany since the end of 1923 and publicly offered in the investment markets of the United States, is the chief subject matter of a volume just announced by Harold G. Moulton, Director of the Institute of Economics at Washington. The book is entitled "American Loans to Germany." The author is Robert R. Kuczynski, economist and statistician, of Berlin. The Institute of Economics in its announcement regarding the volume says:

Few people realize how extensive have been the borrowing operations of the citizens of Germany since the inauguration of the Dawes Plan. In the last three years the total par value of Germany's long-term public borrowings in the United States alone has amounted to \$581,047,500. To this should be added the sum of \$304,016,100 publicly offered in other countries, making a total of \$885,063,600. The foregoing total includes the reparation loan floated in connection with the inauguration of the Dawes Plan, but most of the sum is accounted for by the borrowings of German municipalities, corporations and religious and welfare institutions. The annual charges, inclusive of payments on the principal, will amount to more than \$70,000,000 a year on the average for the period 1925 to 1951.

These figures, however, relate only to loans which have been publicly floated in the investment markets, and do not measure the full total of the obligations which have been incurred by Germany since 1923. In order to ascertain the total payments due from Germany to the citizens of the United States and of other countries through credit operations undertaken from 1924 through 1926, account would also have to be taken of the loans privately placed, of commercial short-term credits to German firms, and of foreign purchases of German mark bonds and stocks. While there are sufficient data to indicate that these operations aggregate a very considerable total, it is impossible to estimate whether the volume equals or exceeds that of the public bond flotations.

One interesting aspect of these loans is the fact that the American lenders in almost no instances attached any conditions concerning the way in which the money should be spent. The agreements between the lenders and the borrowers did not, with very few exceptions, require that the German recipients of the money buy goods in the United States, or establish definite commercial relations with American firms. They did not, furthermore, carry any provisions for American control of German corporations, either by requiring representation on boards of directors or by granting privileges for favorable purchase of stock. One or two tying clauses in the contracts afford an exception to the foregoing procedure. For example, when the Berlin Universal Film Company (Ufa) obtained in December 1925 a loan from the Famous Players Lasky Corporation and the Metro-Goldwyn Distributing Company, it agreed to distribute annually in Germany 50 pictures from the American companies, while the latter agreed to show annually 10 Ufa films in the United States.

The half billion and more of loans publicly subscribed in the United States are covered in this volume with minute thoroughness. Details are given not only concerning the identity of all the German borrowers and all the American investment banks, but also concerning the actual terms of the contracts. Successive chapters analyze the purpose of the loans, the types of securities, the registration and denominations of securities, the provisions governing payments, the tax provisions, the rules of optional amortization and of compulsory amortization, the provisions for security, the yield to the subscribers, and the burden to the borrowers. Many pertinent passages from prospectuses and indentures are quoted. The information in the text is extensively tabulated for greater ease of comprehension. This exhaustive study will be of great interest to any investors or bankers who have been connected with these German borrowings. It will also be of interest to all students of financial matters, particularly in view of the fact that this is the first time in history that a highly developed industrial nation has resorted to foreign loans on a vast scale. In the past such obligations have been incurred only by developing countries possessed of unexploited natural resources.

### Court Now Deliberating On O'Fallon Case.

The following is from the Oct. 21 issue of "Railroad Data" published by the Committee on Public Relations of the Eastern Railroads:

The application of the St. Louis & O'Fallon and the Manufacturers Railway for a permanent injunction to restrain the Commission from enforcing its order for the recapture of excess earnings under the recapture clause of the Transportation Act of 1920 was taken under advisement by the court after hearing the arguments of both sides on Oct. 5, 6 and 7. It is expected that the court's decision will be rendered before Dec. 10, the effective date to which attorneys for the Commission indicated that the recapture order would be extended.

A brief history of the case was published in "Railroad Data" on Sept. 30 1927.

Discussing this case in its current issue, the "Railway Age" says in part:

"The most significant feature of the hearing in the O'Fallon railway valuation case in the Federal court at Kansas City last week was the argument in support of the Interstate Commerce Commission's method of valuation made by the attorneys of the Commission. Counsel for the railroads showed clearly that in its recent decisions in the Southwestern Bell Telephone case, the Indianapolis Waterworks case and other cases the Supreme Court had held that in valuations of public utilities effective weight must be given to present day costs.

#### Argument for the Commission.

"The attorneys for the Commission defended its 'prudent investment' theory upon the ground that principles applied by the Court to public utility property are not applicable to railroad property. They went still farther and contended in effect that railroads are not property at all in the usual sense. They argued that a railroad is merely an instrument of the government performing a function of government, and is therefore not entitled to the constitutional protection which safeguards private property generally. They urged that the right test to be applied by a court in passing upon the valuation of a railroad is whether, with the return actually allowed to be earned upon this valuation, the railroad is prosperous measured especially by its ability to raise adequate capital. The present condition of the railroad stock market was used as proof of the present profitability of the railroad industry.

#### Railroads Are Private Property.

"The courts first held that the rates of railroads were subject to public regulation. There was then soon raised the question as to how far such regulation could be carried. The reasoning of the courts in answering the question was simple and clear. Railroads, they reasoned, are subject to regulation of their rates, but they are private property. Such property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. Just compensation is payment of its present value for property, and to regulate railroads so as to prevent them from earning a fair return upon the present value of their property would be indirectly to confiscate them.

#### The Recognized Law.

"This was the recognized law of the land when the railroad valuation law was passed and the work of making a valuation was begun. Now the Commission says that what the railroads should be allowed to earn is the amount required to enable them to raise adequate capital. Obviously, if this is the correct legal principle there is no need whatever, and never was, for a valuation as a basis for the regulation of rates."

"The Class I railroads since 1920 have earned annually a net operating income ranging from \$601,000,000 to \$1,213,000,000 and averaging \$940,000,000. The Commission's attorneys contend, in effect, that present condition of the railroad industry shows this has been sufficient. If mere observation of the physical and financial condition of the railroad industry at any given time or over any given period will show whether the net return earned by it is or has been sufficient both to avoid confiscation and to enable it to function satisfactorily, why did the Commission begin saying years ago that a valuation was needed to enable it to determine what the railroads ought to be allowed to earn? If the defense now made of its method of valuation is sound, the more than \$120,000,000 that has been spent in making valuation has been wasted."

### Government Denies Right of O'Fallon Road Review.

St. Louis Associated Press advices Oct. 28 appeared as follows in New York "Evening Post":

The Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that the St. Louis & O'Fallon and other manufacturers' railway companies controlled by August Busch interests are not under common control and management as a single system is not reviewable by the Federal District Court here, the Federal Government's brief asserts.

The commission order, undergoing court test, involves the question of recapture of excess earnings and lays down a principle of valuating railroads that is to be followed in the case of every system in the country.

Blackburn Esterline, assistant to the United States Solicitor General, contends that the O'Fallon company has failed to show that the commission order involved confiscation of property or any other question of constitutional law. He adds that the order gives the O'Fallon company 11.43% earnings on the commission valuation and 8.29 on the company's claimed valuation. The Government is entitled to recapture half of all earnings in excess of 6%.

The roads contend that the Supreme Court decision in the Indianapolis Water Company case entitles them to a valuation based on the cost of reproduction new.

The Commerce Commission ruling of March 31, 1927, declared that Federal valuation would be based upon costs, prices and wages in 1914, rather than upon those of later years.

### Representative Hoch Favors Inter-State Commerce Commission Valuation—Says Attempts to Upset Decisions in O'Sullivan Case Is Likely to Breed Ill-Will and Public's Retaliation.

From its Washington Bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 21 reported the following:

Attempt to upset the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the St. Louis & O'Fallon valuation case and secure valuations based on cost of reproduction at present prices, is an attack upon the whole system of rate regulation and an attitude likely to breed ill-will and retaliation from the public, Congressman Homer Hoch of Kansas, co-author of the Hoch-Smith rate structure investigation resolution, told the "Wall Street Journal."

"It is a sane and fair decision which does no injustice to the railroads; does not in any way threaten their ability to secure money in the market for needed development and at the same time gives consideration to the primary question of public interest," said Congressman Hoch.

"Railroads are having no trouble in securing money by capital stock issues, which indicates investors are satisfied with prospects of a fair return on present valuations."

He declared the recapture provision will be of no value in solving the problems of the weak roads. The only benefit from the recapture provision, in his opinion, is that some of the railroads have practically "silver-plated" their roads to avoid excess earnings and recapture. Most of this, however, he said, was in the form of "frill" in better passenger service, etc., although there is possibly some overmaintenance in certain instances. There is no chance of a repeal of the recapture provision alone. According to Hoch, the rule of rate making (fair return) would go with it.

#### Valuation and Stability

Further defending the Commerce Commission's valuation decision, Congressman Hoch stated it means stability for the railroads. Once the valuation is fixed by the commission under the present scheme, it is a mere

method of accounting to determine the valuation to date, he reasoned. This method, he said, is to be preferred to the constantly changing conditions to be had under the cost of reproducing the properties at present prices as advocated by the carriers. Some of the roads do not favor the latter method for that reason, Hoch stated. He also pointed out that the railroads' contention might prove adverse to them. "Taking a long view of it, during a period of high prices as at present, they would greatly benefit, but, in a period of low prices their theory might give them a black eye."

Attempting to distinguish from railroad decisions, the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Indianapolis Water Co. case favoring a valuation on basis of present reproduction costs, Hoch stated it was unnecessary to find a replacement value to reach final value. Expressions by the Supreme Court on this point, in his opinion, were "dicta" and without force as a holding in fact. He sees some distinction between the power of Congress over railroads and public utilities located in the States. In the case of the former, he said, the power of Congress is very broad.

The only question, in Hoch's opinion, for the courts to decide in the O'Fallon case is that of "confiscation." In this connection he noted that rate making was a legislative function, a matter for Congress through the Interstate Commerce Commission—and not judicial, for the Supreme Court.

#### *His Attitude on Consolidation*

The railroad consolidation movement, which is widespread, Hoch observed, should be purged of any suspicion it is a banking or a stock speculation proposition. It is his belief the commission has been honestly seeking to protect the interests of minority stockholders, to guard against financial juggling and to stay within the limits of the present law dealing with consolidation.

"Congress should approach the railroad consolidation question solely from the standpoint of the transportation needs of the country and the protection of the public interest," he continued. On that basis he believes there is a strong case to be made out for the consolidation movement and for new legislation under which it may be promoted. In his judgment the greatest argument for consolidation is that it would simplify the regulation of rates.

"While there might be considerable economies effected by consolidations, I doubt whether they would be anything as great as some hope for," he said. "In any event, simply speaking as one member of the committee and of the House, I will support consolidation legislation only after the most thorough consideration of every provision and when I am convinced every safeguard is included to protect the public interest and to prevent financial juggling. Railroads should not be permitted to set up an increased capitalization solely as the result of consolidation. Freight and passenger rates are fixed to provide a fair return on determined valuations. If railroads are permitted to merge and the merger proves profitable, the public should benefit from this prosperity and not be given an added burden because of it."

#### **B. M. Anderson, Jr., of Chase National Bank on Major Forces in International Money Market—Immense Bank Expansion and Artificial Ease of Money Misleading—Proposal in Behalf of British Investments to check Expansion.**

An address dealing with the practice of Central banks carrying part of their reserves in other countries—a form of gold exchange standard—was delivered on Oct. 26 by Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, at the Fourth Public Conference on Education and Industry, under the auspices of the University of Chicago and the Institute of American Meat Packers with the co-operation of the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Commerce Club of Chicago and the Industrial Club of Chicago. Mr. Anderson notes that the practice "has gone far enough to generate an immense bank expansion and an artificial ease of money which misleads us as to the real facts regarding capital accumulation." Among other things Mr. Anderson says:

The expansion which began in 1922 has not been in response to the needs of commerce. Commercial borrowing has increased very little. Virtually all of the immense increase in bank credit has been taken up by increased collateral loans against securities, increased bank investments in securities, increased bank holdings of real estate mortgages, and increased bank holdings of instalment finance paper. We cannot afford to go further in these directions for the sake of an incidental and temporary benefit to our friends on the other side of the water.

London needs no advice regarding her own policies. London has great financial wisdom and experience, as well as great financial prestige and strength, and has doubtless already given consideration to the suggestion which follows. In addition to others which may be better suited to her problems. But it is, of course, proper that American opinion should be expressed as to the kind of international co-operation which we can afford to undertake, and the following suggestion is made from that point of view. A specific gold loan, a placement with American investors of long-term British securities, would put gold into the vaults of the Bank of England, which England would not be obliged to send back to us immediately as soon as our money rates tighten, and the making of such a loan, instead of encouraging further bank expansion in the United States, would operate to check expansion here.

While the actual gold proceeds of such a loan were being withdrawn from the American money market, the Federal Reserve System could prevent money rates in the United States from rising too fast or too far by moderate purchases of United States Government securities, in amounts substantially smaller than the withdrawals of gold, the actual amounts required being determined experimentally as the process went on.

The foregoing analysis would seem to suggest that the ideal in Federal Reserve Bank policy at the present time, whether such a transaction as this is put through or not, would be, not a sharp and violent reversal of policy which would compel general liquidation, but rather such a decree of "holding back" as would prevent further expansion.

We also quote as follows from the speech:

The past year has seen a great further extension of one of the most remarkable post-war financial developments, namely, the practice of central banks carrying part of their reserves in other countries—a form of the gold exchange standard as distinguished from the strict gold standard. Under the strict gold standard, each country carries its gold reserves within its

own borders, redeems its paper money on demand in gold, and issues new paper money freely against gold. Under the gold exchange standard, paper money is protected in value either by redemption in drafts on foreign banks, or sometimes merely by "pegging" foreign exchange rates through operations in the exchange market.

Thirty central-banks in July of 1927 carried approximately \$1,900,000,000 of foreign liquid assets. The Reichbank, the Netherlands Bank, and the National Bank of Norway reduced their holdings of foreign liquid assets between July, 1926, and July, 1927, but the Bank of Italy trebled its foreign holdings during that period; the National Bank of Belgium's figure rose from a small sum to 2,220,000,000 francs, while the growth of the foreign balances of the Bank of France has been in many ways the outstanding financial event of the year, the figure rising from a small amount in the middle of 1926 to, roughly, a billion dollars at the present time.

Before the war, the gold exchange standard was looked upon as a makeshift device, designed as a transition measure toward the full gold standard, a convenient device for poor countries or for small countries. It was looked upon as possible only because it was unusual, and because there was a great gold standard world on which the gold exchange standard countries could depend. Confined to minor money markets, it constituted a safe enough device.

If, however, the effort be made to universalize the gold exchange standard, obviously impossible problems arise. (1) Obviously, if no country is willing to hold gold, the gold would find no home, and there would be a constant expansion of deposit balances as the gold moved about, being first deposited in one country and then in another. (2) If no country paid out gold in redeeming its paper money, but merely paid in drafts on some other country, the holder of paper money could not get gold. (3) The process would lead to a violent break in money rates as surplus reserves piled up in every market, with an immense and indeed unlimited expansion of bank credit. The post-war world has not gone so far as this, but has gone far enough to generate an immense bank expansion and an artificial ease of money which misleads us as to the real facts regarding capital accumulation.

Gold has come to the United States since the middle of 1920 (a) because of Europe's debt on current account to the United States, (b) because of the use of foreign balances as a substitute for gold reserve in vault by foreign banks, and (c) because of the operation of Gresham's Law. During 1926 and 1927 the balance of current indebtedness has been against the United States, but we have still gained gold because of the growth of the gold exchange standard and the operation of Gresham's Law. There are still comparatively few money markets, among them our own, to which gold bullion can be taken and converted without loss into domestic currency. In France, for example, though the Bank of France will buy foreign exchange at the market rate, issuing francs to pay for it, it is not legally obliged to take gold bullion in return for francs, except at the old par, and at this rate the holder of gold would lose approximately 80%. Therefore, foreigners wishing francs, and French holders of foreign values wishing francs, bring foreign exchange rather than gold to Paris.

During 1925 and the first half of 1926 there was an immense outflow of capital from France, French investors converting their holdings as far as possible into liquid form and accumulating foreign balances and foreign securities. With the financial reforms and the return of confidence in the late summer of 1926, the tide turned and an immense backflow of capital came to France, forcing the franc to rise rapidly in value. In December of 1926, the French Government and the Bank of France, deciding that the franc had risen high enough, made a *de facto* stabilization, and the Bank of France bought all the foreign exchange offered at an approximately fixed rate, preventing a further rise in the franc. Since then most of the immense accumulation of foreign exchange in the hands of the Bank has come.

Money rates in Paris have sunk very low, and the Bank of France has been concerned with the development and has sought to deal with it in a statesmanlike way. The Bank of France has been handicapped, however, (a) by the fact that the French Government has not deemed it wise, for political reasons, to put the franc on an unqualified gold basis at a new par, and (b) by the desire of the Bank of France not to make complications for outside money markets, notably London. Had France gone on the strict gold standard in December of 1926, the Bank of France would not have gained a billion dollars in foreign liquid assets, but rather, perhaps, \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 in actual gold. The point is that had actual gold moved to Paris it would have cut under the gold reserves of other money markets, forcing them to raise their rates at the same time that rates were falling in Paris. This would have led to foreign borrowing in Paris, which would have established a backflow of funds, and an equilibrium point would have been reached long before a billion dollars of gold moved to Paris.

Since the automatic commercial forces which regulate the international flow of gold were not operative, the Bank of France apparently undertook direct action. To prevent the use of the same gold as reserves, in two money markets at the same time, from generating an unsound expansion, the Bank of France began to buy gold with its foreign balances in London, and also to transfer part of its holdings of foreign exchange from Europe to New York by selling sterling and buying dollars.

These transactions put a burden on sterling exchange and made heavy drains on the gold reserves of the Bank of England. There was no question of London's ability to protect itself, but to do this London would have had to raise the Bank of England rate and tighten up the monetary fabric, which she was reluctant to do. The matter has been frankly discussed in the London press. The Bank of France, in view of the situation in the London money market, apparently relaxed its pressure both on London's gold and on sterling, but not before a considerable tightening up in London had taken place. The London bill rate, for example, which stood at 3 11-16% on May 13, rose to 4% on June 3. The Berlin market also tightened up, but this was partly due to independent action by the Reichsbank.

The policy of the Federal Reserve System during May had the effect merely of preventing the European developments from affecting the American money market. But, beginning in late July, a decisive change in Federal Reserve policy has taken place, which is understood to be expected, in part at least, to take pressure from the London money market. The Federal Reserve System, beginning in the week July 27-Aug. 3, made a sharp increase in its purchases of government securities, the figure rising from \$385,000,000 on July 27 to approximately \$500,000,000 on Sept. 7, an increase of \$114,450,000 in six weeks, and also reduced its buying rates on acceptances, and its discount rates, in late July and early August. All these things in conjunction made money very abundant and cheap in the United States.

In this short period these seven hundred banks expanded their loans and investments \$616,000,000, of which \$410,000,000 went to the securities market. On the basis of the usual relations between the loans, discounts, and investments of these banks and those of all the commercial banks of the United States, the total increase in bank credit between Aug. 3 and Oct. 5 was \$1,329,000,000—though it may be uncertain whether the banks, as a whole would move as rapidly as this, our evidence for the ratios used being based on year-to-year comparisons. An incidental consequence has

has been a moderate rise in the price of sterling, and a temporary flow of a certain volume of American short-term funds to the London money market.

The chief consequence of this abundant cheap money appears to have been an increase of bank funds in the securities market, either in the form of investments in securities or as collateral loans, as shown by the following figures for the seven hundred "reporting member banks":

REPORTING MEMBER BANKS (in millions of dollars)

	Loans on stock and bond collateral	Investments in Securities	Combined investments in securities and loans on stock and bond collateral	"All other Loans"	Total Loans and Investments
1927					
Oct. 5-----	6,291	6,056	12,347	8,801	21,148
Aug. 3-----	5,989	5,948	11,937	8,594	20,532
Increase.....	302	108	410	207	616

We must view this expansion of bank credit, not as an isolated episode, but rather as a continuation of the expansion which has taken place since the beginning of 1922, and which, interrupted in 1923, has continued in a large way ever since. From June 30 1922 to Oct. 12 1927, the deposits of commercial banks in the United States have increased \$11,766,000,000, and their loans, discounts and investments, \$12,311,000,000. This expansion far exceeds the expansion of the period of our participation in the war, when commodity prices were far higher and rapidly rising, when the Government's immense war finance had to be facilitated by bank expansion, when industries had to be transformed from a peace to a war basis, when armies had to be sent across the water, and when shipments of goods from all over the world to our Allies had to be financed by America. During the period of our participation in the war, deposits expanded only \$5,835,000,000, and loans, discounts and investments expanded only \$7,056,000,000.

### Shopmen in Employ of Baltimore & Ohio Seek Pay Rise.

An increase in wages, approximating 25%, is being demanded by shopmen of the Baltimore & Ohio RR., marking the fourth such demand to be presented to leading railroads this year, said the New York "Times" of Oct. 16. Continuing, it said:

As far as could be learned, officials of the Baltimore & Ohio have not yet discussed the increase with the shopmen. The present wage of the shopman on the Baltimore & Ohio is about 76 cents an hour, and the present demand calls for 93 3/4 cents an hour.

The New York Central recently refused to grant an increase to its shop men and the matter has not been taken up further. The Chesapeake & Ohio also refused a like increase, and the shopmen have determined to take the matter before the United States Board of Mediation.

Shopmen of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul also have asked for an increase in pay, but no action has been taken on the request thus far. It has been reported in the financial district that shopmen of the Southern Railway will soon make a demand for increased wages.

Regarding the demands of the Chesapeake & Ohio, advices from Richmond published in the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 10, stated:

Shopmen in the employ of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway are said to have made an unsuccessful effort to induce the company to advance the average pay in that craft from the present average of about 75 cents an hour to 90 cents an hour, which is the figure that prevailed in 1921.

But the shopmen's fight is not ended. In order to get the case before the United States Mediation Board, it is necessary that the employee first exhaust efforts at agreement with officials of the company. It is understood that a mediator will be sent shortly to Richmond in an effort to adjust the matter.

Shopmen of other systems are said to be keenly following the Chesapeake & Ohio negotiations. Representatives of the shop crafts of the Southern Railway met at Chattanooga about ten days ago and are reported to have determined to seek new and more favorable wage agreements.

At the general offices of the Southern in Washington it was denied that the company is at present carrying on any negotiations with any of the crafts looking to modification of wage agreements.

Reports of a general conference in Washington relating to railway shopmen's pay on roads in the southeastern territory were investigated with wholly negative results. The United States Mediation Board said it knew of no such conference. The Association of Railway Executives likewise pleaded entire ignorance. The American Federation of Labor had no information of the alleged conference.

Discussing editorially the increase sought by shopmen in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 17 said:

Shopmen working for the Baltimore & Ohio RR. have filed a demand for an increase of 25% in wages. They are now getting 76 cents an hour and they want 93 3/4 cents an hour. The demand is apparently the first of a series of such demands, several other railroads being quite certainly involved if this request should be acceded to. As a result the probable increase in wages on Class 1 roads would run up into the hundreds of millions of dollars if it were to be general all around. Even a 3% increase on total shopmen's wages would amount to about \$25,000,000.

Now what ought to be thought of these recurring demands for increasing the pay of a large body of employees who are already highly paid? The answer comes back, as in so many cases, to the question how much the railroads have available for wage increases and what can reasonably be expected of them. Let it be admitted at once that a few of the railroads have been making handsome returns during the past year or two and probably could "stand" a good deal in the way of wage increase. That is not what the shopman or any other railroad workers want. The railroad "brotherhoods" have always insisted upon having a wage increase passed completely around so that it affects both the just and the unjust, the prosperous and the unprosperous, and applies to both the efficient and inefficient among the men. That makes it a general question.

Looking at it from that standpoint, there can be no doubt that the railroads are not in a position to go much further with wage increases. They simply have not the necessary revenue and are not likely to get it. Their incomes fell off very decidedly this past summer and are more likely to remain lower than to recover. Their net earnings have been greatly depleted as the result of very large wage increases that have been quietly made during the past year or two. There ought, as a matter of fact, to be reductions in wages rather than increases, for prices of commodities have fallen considerably since the last adjustments were made. Put this in another way and it merely amounts to a statement that the community at large can use railroad incomes much more fairly and to better purpose in improving service than in raising wages, already too high.

### T. W. Lamont Reaches San Francisco on Return from Japan.

Thomas W. Lamont, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, arrived at San Francisco on Nov. 3 aboard the steamship *President Pierce*, following a tour of Japan, where he studied financial conditions. The Associated Press accounts from San Francisco, in reporting this said:

Rumors that Mr. Lamont's trip concerned important loans were dismissed by the banker as too vague to be denied or discussed.

"I am glad to express confidence in underlying conditions in Japan," he said. "Reconstruction is remarkably advanced and highly satisfactory. I can endorse the opinions of leaders in banking and Government that the worst is over. Within four years the Japanese have been obliged to confront serious conditions caused by the earthquake and the banking panic. The situation has been met with courage. The Japanese are following a course which indicated that the future will take care of itself."

Mr. Lamont was decorated by the Japanese Government with the Order of the Rising Sun and had an audience with the Emperor. Accompanying him were Martin Egan of the Morgan firm and Jeremiah Smith, Jr., of Boston. They were the guests of San Francisco bankers at luncheon to-day.

### Inauguration of Money Raising Campaign in Behalf of Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies—Bankers and Brokers Division.

The Bankers and Brokers profession will be represented at the Federation dinner of 1927 to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on Sunday evening, Nov. 6, to inaugurate the \$5,000,000 money-raising program of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies in behalf of its 91 constituent agencies. The trade's quota is \$850,000, and the following councillor and division heads will direct the work:

Councillor—Albert J. Erdmann.

Division Heads—Samuel Sachs, Albert J. Erdmann, Edwin H. Stern and Moses Newborg.

Quotas totaling \$4,924,840 have been accepted by the councillors and division heads representing the 134 trades and professions comprising the Business Men's Council of the Federation. Percy S. Straus, Vice-President of Macy's, is Chairman of the Council; Sol. M. Stroock is president of the Federation and Felix M. Warburg is Chairman of the Board. Col. Michael Friedsam has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the dinner gathering and Dudley D. Sicher will be the active Chairman, with Mortimer L. Schiff as the Presiding Officer. The money-raising efforts are in charge of a triumvirate of leaders including Arthur Lehman, William Goldman and Bernard K. Marcus. Prominent speakers and famous entertainers will be on the program. The Federation, which prides itself on being the greatest community chest in the world both in point of money raised and the number of institutions maintained, is bringing its eleventh year of service to a close. By way of celebrating the occasion, the Federation will hold the assembly and dinner Nov. 6.

### ITEMS, ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of W. L. Ross was reported posted for transfer this week to W. D. Stewart, the consideration being stated as \$270,000.

A Chicago Board of Trade membership was reported sold this week for \$7,300 net to buyer. Last preceding sale \$7,200.

Alexander Dana Noyes, Financial Editor of the New York "Times" is to deliver a lecture on Wednesday next, Nov. 9, at 3.30 p. m. at the New School for Social Research, 465 West 23rd Street. Mr. Noyes' subject will be "The Financial News in Relation to the Security Market."

Vice-President S. Stern of the Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has returned to his desk after a two months' trip to Europe, in the course of which he visited the bank's correspondents and studied economic and financial conditions abroad.

Ninian S. Marshall, for twenty-eight years prominently identified with banking in the Far East and during recent years associated with the International Banking Corporation, was on Nov. 1, elected a Vice-President of The National City Bank of New York. Mr. Marshall, who has just arrived from Shanghai, will be located at the head office of the bank, bringing to the institution a close and intimate understanding of Far Eastern and particularly Chinese affairs. During his years of service with the International Banking Corporation, Mr. Marshall was at various times in charge of the branch offices of that corporation located in Manila, Kobe, Hong Kong and Shanghai. Mr. Marshall, as the representative of the corporation, which is a wholly owned affiliate of The National City Bank of New York, had an active part in the upbuilding and development of these offices. Last January the Far Eastern offices of the International Banking Corporation were made direct branches of the city bank. Mr. Marshall obtained his early training with the Royal

Bank of Scotland, later going to the Far East for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Seven official appointments were announced by the Guaranty Company of New York on Nov. 2. I. D. Fish, F. L. Moore, O. J. Matthews, and J. D. Harrison were appointed Assistant Vice-Presidents; H. K. Farrar and P. C. Harper were named Branch Office Managers, and J. A. Wright, Jr., was appointed Manager of the Syndicate Department.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York held Nov. 3, Hugh Blair-Smith, Treasurer of American Telephone and Telegraph Company, was elected a director.

The Bank of the United States reports as of Sept. 30 1927, total deposits of \$90,537,256, an increase of 1250% over a nine-year period, the unusual feature of this gain being that it has been accomplished without any absorptions of or mergers with other banks. The policy of remaining independent of other similar institutions is also to be followed it is stated in connection with operations of The City Financial Corporation, organized by the same interests as identified with the Bank of the United States. The City Financial Corp. was organized to own and operate its own allied companies and in building up these institutions it will, like the Bank of the United States, proceed independently it is declared. An initial dividend on the Class "A" stock of The City Financial Corporation is expected to be declared in January. B. K. Marcus and Saul Singer, President and Executive Vice President respectively, of The Bank of the United States, are the organizers.

The Bank of Montreal celebrated on Nov. 3 the 110th anniversary of the foundation of the institution. In connection with the event the bank published figures showing total resources in excess of \$819,000,000, the highest figure in the annals of the bank. One hundred and ten years ago, the Bank started with one small office in rented premises in Montreal, with a paid-up capital of \$350,000. To-day it has over 600 branches throughout the Dominion and in Newfoundland, and its own offices in the financial centres of Great Britain, France, the United States and Mexico, while its paid-up capital amounts to \$29,916,700 with a reserve account of like amount. The New York office of the Bank, which occupies its own building at 64-68 Wall Street, was established in 1859. The New York site now occupied by the Bank of Montreal is that upon which stood the old "Buttonwood Tree" under which the brokers in the early days of 1791 met and transacted the business of the day. It might be said that upon this spot was established the first New York Stock Exchange.

The controlling interest in the Citizens National Bank of Freeport, L. I., was purchased on Oct. 21 by a group of Long Island business men, namely, Ellory C. Huntington of Garden City, William F. Fowler of Lynbrook, Gustave H. Kehr of Lynbrook, William J. Martin a director of the Citizens National Bank and William J. Duane, Vice President of the bank. This group has already acquired a bank in Hemstead and is said to be planning the formation of a chain of banks.

We are advised by the National City Bank of Troy, N. Y., that the personnel of the institution is now as follows: William F. Polk, President; Howard S. Kennedy, Burton K. Woodward and Rollin S. Polk, Vice-Presidents, and J. Frank Beebe, Cashier. The capital of the institution is \$300,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$574,545. At the close of business as of June 30, 1927, deposits and due from banks amounted to \$7,350,531 and total resources to \$8,784,327.

The stockholders of the First National Bank & Trust Company of Woodbury, N. J., on October 21, voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The stock (par \$50) is being placed at \$175 per share; a 50% payment is due Nov. 20, and the final 50% will be due December 15.

Two important changes took place in the personnel of the American Trust Co. of Boston recently when Russell G. Fessenden, heretofore President of the institution, became Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Arthur B. Chapin, for the past sixteen years a Vice-President, was promoted to the Presidency in his stead. C. L. Stevens of the C. L. Stevens Company, consulting engineers, and President of

the Reed-Prentice Company of Worcester, Mass., was added to the Board of Directors of the institution. The Boston "Transcript" of Oct. 22 in reporting the elections stated that Mr. Chapin, the new President, was formerly State Treasurer of Massachusetts, serving a full five-year term. Later, as Bank Commissioner of Massachusetts, he was a member of three important commissions, including that to appraise the assets of the New Haven Railroad; that which investigated the building of workmen's homes; and that which investigated the five-mill tax on personal property. Prior to becoming Bank Commissioner, he was a member of the committee which suggested to the Legislature numerous changes for the betterment of State savings bank laws, which were subsequently adopted. In addition to his duties at the American Trust Co. Mr. Chapin is a trustee and a member of the board of investment of the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, a director of the Farr Alpacá Co., and a trustee of the Union Safe Deposit Co.

The Atlantic National Bank of Boston has installed at its Huntington Avenue branch a "Night Safe" by which their clients may make deposits of currency or coins at any time during the night on Sundays and holidays. According to the Boston "Herald" of Oct. 25 the Atlantic National is the first Boston bank to provide continuous banking service. The paper mentioned said in part:

The device is attached to the outside of the building, through which entrance is gained to a chute leading to the depository safe protected by the bank's burglar alarm system. Primarily the service is installed to meet the need of merchants, business men and others who have considerable money taken in after banking hours which requires safe keeping over night or over Sunday or a holiday.

This arrangement provides a continuous service to clients and gives the public "a bank which is never closed." Through its operation, the client places his deposit in a bag, unlocks the entrance door with a key furnished by the bank, drops the bag through the chute into the safe, guarded by the burglar alarm system of the bank. When the deposit bag is placed in the safe, a duplicate deposit slip is mailed to the bank in keeping with burglary insurance regulations, and also providing both depositor and bank with a duplicate check on the deposit. Through an electrical connection the bag, in its passage through the chute, lights a red signal, assuring the depositor that his money has reached the burglar-proof safe.

The Atlantic National was the first bank in Boston to provide its depositors with the security of Donsteel vaults. These are the last word in banking safety. Donsteel being the only metal known which cannot be penetrated by the oxyacetylene torch, drill or electric arc.

Consummation of the merger of the West End Trust Co., the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co. and the Land Title & Trust Co., all of Philadelphia, was effected on Tuesday of this week, Nov. 1, when the new organization, the Real Estate Land Title & Trust Co. began business under a charter granted at Harrisburg on Oct. 31. The main office of the new company is at the Southwest corner of Broad and Chestnut Streets, with a branch office at 517 Chestnut Street. The new company has a combined capital and surplus of \$22,500,000, total resources of more than \$76,000,000 and individual trust funds of \$127,000,000. The officers of the institution are as follows: William R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Board; J. Willison Smith, President; Edward H. Bonsall, Lewis P. Geiger, Oakley Cowdrick, Claude Simpler, Antrim H. Jones, Daniel Houseman, and William S. Johnson (and Treasurer) Vice-Presidents; Samuel L. Hayes, Secretary; Francis T. Reinhart, J. H. Fairlamb and Frank G. Treston, Assistant Treasurers; William J. Hamilton, Jr., LeFevre W. Downing, Raymond L. Hayman, Harold L. McKaig and Edward K. Merrill Assistant Secretaries; John M. Strong, and A. King Dickson, Trust Officers; Aaron L. Deeter, John W. Brock, Jr., and Thomas Evans, Assistant Trust Officers; S. Eugene Kuen, and Pierce Mecutchen, Title Officers; William McKee, Manager of the title department and Samuel Earley, Assistant Manager of the title department. Our last reference to the consolidation of these important companies appeared in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 29, page 2346.

The stockholders of the William Penn Title & Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pa., on October 21 voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The new stock will be offered to present shareholders at \$62.50 a share, on a share for share basis. The par value is \$50. The right given to stockholders to subscribe to the new stock will expire November 30, 1927.

The directors of the Tradesmen's National Bank of Philadelphia have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$3.50 per share, at the rate of 14% per annum, payable November 1st to stockholders of record at the close of business Oct. 31, 1927. The sum of \$500,000 was transferred from Undivided Profits to Surplus, making the latter \$3,000,000.

On Oct. 23 the directors of the Tradesmen's National Bank of Philadelphia voted to transfer \$500,000 from undivided profits to surplus account, making the latter fund \$3,000,000. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$3.50 a share, payable Nov. 1.

The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Waynesburg, Pa., representing a reorganization of the Citizens' National Bank of that place, opened on Nov. 1, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 24. As indicated in our issue of Oct. 1 page 1793, the new institution is capitalized at \$250,000 with surplus of like amount, all fully paid. S. M. Smith is President.

A special dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" on Oct. 28 stated that according to announcement on that day by E. H. Blair, Superintendent of Banks for Ohio, the Farmers' State Bank of Eldorado, Preble County, which was closed on Sept. 12, last, following the suicide of its cashier, Carl D. Miller, would reopen the following day (Oct. 29). Continuing the dispatch said:

Confronted with the necessity of obtaining approximately \$100,000 before business could be resumed, directors, stockholders and depositors of the bank voluntarily accepted the plan under which it has been reorganized and restored to solvency.

Of the amount collected, the stockholders paid \$25,000, representing the capital stock of the bank, which had been destroyed, and for replacement of which they could be held under the stockholders' liability act. The stockholders willingly met the assessment required to make good the depleted capital.

At a public meeting, the depositors, 600 in number, agreed to contribute 20% of their deposits to make it possible to obtain \$60,000 to replace bad paper in such an amount, ordered charged out of the bank's assets by the department. The task of obtaining the signature of each depositor to such agreement was difficult, due to the large number of depositors to be canvassed and the limited time in which to do the work.

The closing of the Farmers' State Bank of Eldorado was reported in our issue of Sept. 24 last, page 1665.

John J. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. of Chicago and for many years one of the most prominent bankers of the Middle West, was killed in an automobile accident last Saturday morning, Oct. 29, while en route to Chicago from his country home, Ceylon Court, near Lake Geneva, Wis. Mrs. Mitchell, who accompanied the banker, also lost her life. The accident occurred near Libertyville, Ill., when Mr. Mitchell's chauffeur, the morning being foggy, was forced to swerve the car suddenly to the side of the road to avoid running into a group of people who had gathered at the scene of another automobile accident. The Mitchell car plunged into the ditch and turned over on its side, killing Mrs. Mitchell instantly. Mr. Mitchell was still breathing when lifted from the wreck, and died shortly afterwards in Libertyville, where he had been hastily taken for medical aid. Mr. Mitchell was born at Alton, Ill., on Nov. 3, 1853, the son of William H. Mitchell, who took a prominent part in the establishment of the Chicago & Alton R. R. After receiving his education in the public schools of Alton and at Kent's Hill, Me., he, at the age of twenty, moved to Chicago with his parents, and began his banking career as messenger for the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank of that city at a salary of \$10 a week. Six years later he had become President of the institution. His spectacular rise to the head of the bank came about in this way. In 1878, when Mr. Mitchell was Assistant Cashier, the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank faced a crisis in its affairs and the directors had almost concluded the institution should be dissolved. They reduced the capital to only \$100,000 (it had previously been \$500,000) and then the young Assistant Cashier came before them with a plan for the development of the institution. The plan was adopted and proved eminently successful. So impressed were the directors by what he had accomplished that when the President retired two years later Mr. Mitchell was chosen President. Eight years from that time the bank had so grown that larger quarters had to be obtained. In twenty years of the Mitchell regime, the bank's deposits increased from \$1,000,000 to \$69,000,000. Mr. Mitchell continued to hold the Presidency until 1919, when he became Chairman of the Board. Four years later (1923), when the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co. and the Corn Exchange National Bank were merged to form the present Illinois Merchants' Trust Co., Mr. Mitchell was called to the Presidency of the new bank and held the office until February of this year, when he succeeded the late Ernest A. Hamill as Chairman of the Board, the position he held at the time of his death.

In its issue of Oct. 31 the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" paid the following tribute to the deceased banker:

The whole world of business is sincerely mourning the death of John J. Mitchell. More than a banker, more than a business man, more than a public-spirited citizen, John J. Mitchell was an international figure in finance and industry. He was as big and respected in New York as he was in Chicago, almost as well known in London.

No greater testimonial ever was paid a business man than the scene in the office of John J. Mitchell on Saturday. Within fifteen minutes after word of his sudden death was flashed to Chicago a procession to that office began. It was no ordinary procession. It represented a blue book of finance and industry and contained men who were drawn to the desk of John J. Mitchell as the only way they could think of at the moment to pay respect.

The first to arrive was the head of one of Chicago's biggest banks. He came in disconsolately merely to tell someone who knew John J. Mitchell intimately how hard he had been hit. Then came the president of a transcontinental railroad.

Every branch of industry, trade and finance was represented in that office by an outstanding executive within an hour and each of them were plainly grief stricken. These were men who have every minute filled, who cannot be seen without advance appointment. But they dropped everything when the news of John J. Mitchell's death was received. It was a shock to them. There was no advance warning, no opportunity to say good-bye and this suddenness stunned La Salle Street and its environs.

Few men who became famous in business or any of its divisions were as beloved as John J. Mitchell, none respected more. By experience his counsel and his wisdom had become known throughout the world. English bankers invariably called upon John J. Mitchell when they came to America. Captains of industry were proud when they could induce him to sit upon their directorates. And throughout his varied activities he was a dominating personality, a respected figure.

A special dispatch from Chicago yesterday (Nov. 4) to the New York "Evening Post," said:

Merger of the National Bank of the Republic and the Standard Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago will give Chicago another big bank, with assets of \$130,000,000 and deposits of \$111,000,000. Stockholders will vote on the proposition Jan. 3 1928.

Capital stock of the National Bank of the Republic, \$4,000,000, is to be increased to \$6,000,000. Its stock is selling at \$500 a share, and stockholders will get the right to subscribe for one share of new stock for every four of old at \$100 a share.

The remaining \$1,000,000 of new stock is to be given to stockholders of the Standard Trust and Savings Bank on a share for share basis. Its stock is valued at around \$350.

Standard Trust has \$1,000,000 capital and will withhold between \$400,000 and \$500,000 of surplus and undivided profits from the merger, which will permit a 40 to 50% dividend.

John A. Lynch will remain as Chairman of the merged banks, with David A. Forgan and George Woodruff as Vice-Chairman. Hugo E. Otis, Republic's president, will be promoted to Vice-Chairman; Charles S. Castle, Standard president, will be President of the merged banks, and his son, Ward C. Castle, Vice-President. Officers and employees of Standard are to be retained. The merged banks will retain the present Republic building at La Salle and Adams Streets.

Two years ago the National Bank of the Republic took over the National City Bank of Chicago, of which David C. Forgan was the head.

Failure of the First National Bank of Sallisaw, Okla., and of the First National Bank of Muldrow, Okla., an affiliated institution, it is understood, of the former, were reported in the following dispatch by the Associated Press from Sallisaw on Oct. 24, printed in the New York "Times" of the following day:

The First National Bank, oldest and largest bank in Sequoyah County, failed to open its doors to-day. A Federal Bank examiner took charge of the institution. Poor crops and low prices for farm products since 1919 are said to be the cause of the failure. The First National Bank of Muldrow later went into the hands of the Federal Bank Examiner. The majority of the stock in the two banks was held by the same persons.

Consolidation of two banks in Milan, Sullivan County, Mo., namely the Sullivan County Bank and the International Bank, was approved by State Finance Commissioner, S. L. Cantley, on Oct. 19, according to a press dispatch from Jefferson City on that date, appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Oct. 20. The enlarged institution, which will have resources of \$375,000, will continue the title of the Sullivan County Bank. James A. Morehead will remain as President of the institution, while A. D. Campbell, heretofore Cashier of the International Bank, will be Cashier. The dispatch furthermore stated that the International Bank, which was chartered in December 1925, will not be discontinued. The Sullivan County Bank began business in March 1891.

A small Missouri institution, the Bank of Darlington, Darlington, Gentry County, was reported closed by its directors in a special dispatch from Jefferson City on Oct. 20 to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." The closing of the institution made the thirty-ninth State bank failure in Missouri since the beginning of the present year, it was said.

Green Hicks, Assistant Cashier of the Carter County Commercial Bank of Olive Hill, Ky., was arrested on Oct. 28, following the finding of a shortage in his accounts estimated between \$30,000 and \$60,000, according to a special dispatch from Olive Hill on that day to the Cincinnati "Enquirer." State bank examiners, it was said, uncovered the discrepancy in the Assistant Cashier's books during the course of their



regular audit. Despite the finding of the examiners of the bank was not closed when the stockholders agreed to meet the shortage. The dispatch furthermore stated that Hicks in a statement to the examiners had admitted that there was a shortage in his accounts, but denied that he had taken any of the money. "He said it had gone to friends in the form of loans." A dispatch by the Associated Press from Olive Hill on the same date (Oct. 28) appearing in the New York "Times" of Oct. 29, reported the shortage in Hicks' accounts as being \$95,000.

Colonel J. Burger has resigned as President of the Bank of Maryville, Maryville, Tenn., to take effect in January next, according to a special dispatch from that place on Oct. 20 to the Nashville "Banner." Mr. Burger leaves the Bank of Maryville after more than forty years of service, beginning as Cashier. For the past several years he has been President. He was one of the organizers of the institution and has, it is said, the distinction of being one of the oldest active bankers in East Tennessee.

According to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Oct. 26, the stockholders of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association (headquarters San Francisco) on Nov. 25 approved the proposed increase in the capitalization of the bank and of the National Bankitaly Co. (which two institutions are indissolubly bound together, joint ownership being evidenced in the share certificates) referred to in our issue of Oct. 15, pages 2067 and 2068. The capital of the former was increased from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 and, of the latter from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000. This increases the number of shares of each from 1,200,000 to 2,000,000, the par value of the bank's shares being \$25 a share and of the company \$10 a share. The combined capital resources of the Bank of Italy and the National Bankitaly Co. are increased by the stockholders' action by \$90,000,000 or to approximately \$200,000,000. The approval of the increase in capital by the stockholders is preliminary to the payment on Nov. 12 of a 25% stock dividend, amounting to 300,000 shares, to stockholders of record Oct. 25. Of the remaining 500,000 shares, 250,000 will be offered to present stockholders at \$180 a share, and the balance will be sold to the Bankitaly Corporation at the same price.

Advices by the Associated Press from San Francisco on Oct. 27, appearing in the Los Angeles "Times" of the following day, stated that the National Bankitaly Company (the stock of which is owned share for share by the stockholders of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, with headquarters in San Francisco) had announced in San Francisco on that day (Oct. 27) the purchase of the First National Bank of Healdsburg, Cal., for a consideration of approximately \$2,000,000. The acquired bank, it was further announced, would continue operations under the same name and officers as heretofore. C. W. Weaver is President of the institution and J. H. Miller, Cashier. The institution was founded in 1877 and is known as one of the oldest banks in Northern California.

The banking hall on the ground floor of the new head office of the Midland Bank Limited of London is now open to the public. The new building of the bank when completed will contain ten stories and a total floor space of over six acres. Ultimately the edifice will extend from St. Mildred's Court to Grocer's Hall Court in Poultry, London, E. C.

The National Provincial Bank, Ltd., announces the opening of a branch of the Bank at 145, Portland Road, Hove, England, the officer in charge being J. B. R. Edwards.

In view of the expansion of the business and the increase of the total assets the Board of Directors of the Union Bank of Switzerland (Union de Banques Suisses) on Oct. 20, passed a resolution creating 20,000 new bearer shares of Fes. 500 each, thus raising the share-capital of the Bank from Fes. 70,000,000 to Fes. 80,000,000. The new shares will be entitled to full dividend as from Jan. 1 1928, and are being offered exclusively to the old shareholders who may subscribe in the proportion of one in seven. The price of issue of the new shares is Fes. 575. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association of the Bank the Board of Directors has full competence to pass a resolution concerning the issue of new shares amounting to Fes. 10,000,000, without convoking a general meeting of the shareholders. The subscription books which opened Oct. 24 will remain open until Nov. 8.

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market slumped badly last Saturday, marking a continuation of the break witnessed the preceding day and a number of new low records were established. On Monday sharp recovery ensued and the market thereafter moved forward until on Friday when increases in the figures of brokers loan for October and in the Federal Reserve report for the week ending Nov. 2, caused irregularity. Oil stocks have been unusually active; copper issues have shown marked improvement, and during the latter part of the week many industrials and specialties have participated in the general improvement. Bear attacks against United States Steel common had a demoralizing effect on the market during the short period of trading on Saturday. Some of the market leaders yielded from 2 to 4 points, United States Steel common and General Motors dropping back to the lowest levels since they reached their top prices for the year. Russia Insurance, which on Friday sold up to 194 and later reacted to 172½, was again pressed on the market and dropped to 145, a recession of 27 points, making a total loss of 49 points from Friday's high. Houston Oil moved in a similar fashion and slipped back 11 points to 133. Du Pont yielded 9 points to 297, as compared with its recent high at 343¾. During the last hour many stocks were forced down to new low levels for the movement, particularly American Can, which dropped back about 2 points to 61, and General Electric, which was in continued supply and sold down to 121. Colorado Fuel had a further decline of 5 points followed by a slight rally and Commercial Solvents "B," National Distillers and American Locomotive slipped back 2 to 5 points.

On Monday the market was stronger, buying orders being in fairly large volume as trading was resumed and many stocks improved from 1 to 5 points. General Motors showing a gain of 4 points, as compared with Saturday's low. United States Steel common was equally conspicuous with its advance of nearly 3 points. Selling movements in the railroad stocks carried many issues in this group down to lower levels, Western Maryland reaching a new low for the movement at 43½. Radio Corporation and Freeport Texas were bought on a large scale, the former making a gain of 2 points to 74¾ and the latter advancing 4 points to 92½. The notable forward swings and subsequent reactions included Du Pont, which advanced nearly 8 points and lost about half of it gain, Case Threshing Machine, which gained 8½ points and lost 7, and International Harvester, which bounded forward 6 points and dipped 2¼. In the specialties group Russia Insurance moved forward more than 12 points and Houston Oil over 6 points, though both lost some of their gain later in the day.

Stocks were moderately strong in the early trading on Tuesday and advances ranging from 1 to 10 points were common, but market movements were completely reversed in the afternoon and the morning gains were practically wiped out. Railroad stocks made fair progress in the forenoon, New York Central and Chesapeake & Ohio making gains up to 4 points. Most of the oil issues did better. Radio Corporation continued its forward movement and reached its best since 1924 as it touched 77. General Motors moved into new high ground on the recovery, but encountered so much selling that it slipped back to 129 with a net loss of 1 point. American Sugar Refining, which crumbled away in the preceding 2 days, advanced about 2 points in the early trading, but in the final hour had a sharp drop of 6 points to a new low for the year. Greene Cananea Copper was one of the outstanding strong stocks and ended the day with a net gain of nearly 4 points. In the specialties group price movements were irregular, Du Pont advancing 5½ points and declining 7, Case Threshing Machine gaining 7¼ and receding 2¾, while Russia Insurance bounded forward 10⅞ and fell back 3⅞.

On Wednesday the market again turned upward, though there were a number of selling waves that kept the fluctuations in the standard issues and speculative favorites within narrow limits. Radio Corporation had a steady rise from its opening price at 76¾ to 81 and scored a net of 4½ points. United States Steel common moved steadily forward to 133¼, showing a gain of about 4 points from the low on Saturday. General Motors made a gain of over 5 point

above its previous low. Chesapeake & Ohio moved forward 5 points to above 210, and New York Central rose 2 points to 160. Southern Railway was particularly strong and advanced 3 points to 135. American Smelting bounded upward nearly 2 points to 162. American Sugar Refining, which had been under pressure for a day or two, closed with a gain of 2 points. Brooklyn Union Gas moved briskly forward 7½ points.

The market turned sharply upward on Thursday, the rebound carrying to higher levels not only the usual market leaders but a long list of minor issues as well. Copper stocks were noteworthy for their strength, Calumet & Arizona shooting upward to 90 and reaching its highest peak since 1916. Kennecott was active and higher and American Smelting & Refining moved briskly upward 3 points to 164¾. Southern Railway advanced 2 points and crossed 137, and New York Central swung upward 2 points to 162, followed by Wabash with a similar gain. Canadian Pacific closed at 191, a net gain of 4 points. Marland Oil bounded forward to a new high for the day above 37, followed by Mid-Continent Petroleum, which sold up to 30¼, and California Petroleum, which closed with a net gain of 3 points. Radio Corporation made a further advance of 2 points to a new high record, but slipped back later in the session and closed with a net loss.

Prices turned downward the early part of Friday following the report of further increases in the latest brokers loan figures. Radio Corporation was one of the outstanding features of the day and reached its highest peak since the stock was listed in 1924. Motor stocks were weak as a group, General Motors yielding about 1½ points, followed by Hudson, White and Hupp with similar recessions. United States Steel common was offered freely throughout the day and dipped about 2 points below its previous close, but the independent steels were fairly steady. Copper stocks continued strong, Calumet & Arizona moving

up to its highest peak since it started on the New York Stock Exchange, followed by Greene Cananea, Anaconda and Cerro de Pasco. One of the late features of the market was the enormous trading in American Can and its advance of 3 points to 68. General Railway Signal closed at 124, a net gain of 6½ points.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Nov. 4.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,136,600	\$3,287,000	\$1,662,000	\$627,000
Monday	1,600,740	5,518,000	2,545,000	1,063,000
Tuesday	1,676,570	5,998,000	2,218,500	1,146,500
Wednesday	1,673,890	6,339,000	2,798,500	680,500
Thursday	2,339,210	6,286,000	2,879,500	1,378,000
Friday	2,063,500	7,492,000	2,404,000	134,000
Total	10,540,510	\$34,920,000	\$14,507,500	\$5,029,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Nov. 4		Jan. 1 to Nov. 4.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	10,540,510	5,614,654	471,239,772	383,751,001
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$5,029,000	\$2,685,500	\$247,955,300	\$219,353,450
State and foreign bonds	14,507,500	24,349,000	703,338,200	574,757,450
Railroad & misc. bonds	34,920,000	34,128,500	1,823,015,400	1,672,743,700
Total bonds	\$54,456,500	\$61,163,000	\$2,774,308,900	\$2,466,854,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Nov. 4 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	21,405	\$14,000	16,371	\$7,000	a1,672	\$15,000
Monday	28,905	13,000	16,488	37,000	a2,572	36,100
Tuesday	25,498	12,300	18,995	62,090	a9,729	11,000
Wednesday	25,401	17,700	20,038	31,500	a2,423	27,600
Thursday	31,385	10,400	23,648	22,800	a5,543	35,200
Friday	19,811	11,000	15,193	30,000	a4,674	32,700
Total	152,405	\$78,400	111,733	\$190,300	26,664	\$157,600
Prev. week revised	167,044	\$152,500	133,721	\$131,400	16,953	\$160,100

a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,931; Monday, 2,119; Tuesday 859; Wednesday, 18. Thursday, 48. Friday, 51.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings this week will show a large increase over a year ago, due to the fact that the Election holiday fell in this week last year. 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, Nov. 5), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 25.1% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$11,934,110,011 against \$9,540,795,448 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 45.1%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Nov. 5.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,332,000,000	\$4,363,291,328	+45.1
Chicago	602,545,776	534,149,523	+12.8
Philadelphia	528,000,000	549,000,000	-3.8
Boston	569,000,000	409,000,000	+39.1
Kansas City	123,058,063	118,803,398	+3.6
St. Louis	124,200,000	117,300,000	+5.9
San Francisco	170,362,000	137,700,000	+23.7
Los Angeles	148,000,000	130,480,000	+13.4
Pittsburgh	149,182,035	132,725,862	+12.4
Cleveland	104,397,916	96,631,798	+8.0
Detroit	149,289,447	132,084,494	+13.0
Baltimore	104,696,370	77,772,284	+34.5
New Orleans	64,722,377	58,214,053	+11.2
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$9,169,433,984	\$6,857,153,740	+33.7
Other cities, 5 days	1,108,991,025	1,104,909,710	+0.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$10,278,425,009	\$7,962,063,450	+29.1
All cities, 1 day	1,655,685,002	1,578,731,998	+4.9
Total all cities for week	\$11,934,110,011	\$9,540,795,448	+25.1

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. 29. For that week there is an increase of 9.7%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$10,307,091,371 and the 1926 aggregate \$9,394,763,568. Outside of New York City, however, the increase is only 2.5%, the bank exchanges at this centre having increased 15.4%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is an increase of 15.2%, in the

Boston Reserve District of 5.3%, and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 0.9%. In the Philadelphia Reserve District there is a loss of 5.3% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 9.5%, but in the Atlanta Reserve there is a gain of 5.6%, notwithstanding decreases at the Florida points, Miami falling behind 52.1% and Jacksonville 28.1%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals, are larger by 6.7%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 8.2% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 12.3%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a trifling loss namely 0.8%, and the Dallas Reserve District a trifling increase that is 0.6%, while the San Francisco Reserve District shows an increase of 2.6%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve Districts.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End. Oct. 29 1927.	1927.	1926.	Inc. or Dec.	1925.	1924.
<b>Federal Reserve Dists.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
1st Boston... 12 cities	569,719,346	540,896,236	+5.3	517,946,200	479,563,307
2nd New York 11 "	6,151,837,314	5,336,244,381	+16.2	5,691,420,471	5,243,897,176
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	565,776,350	597,344,433	-5.3	593,192,464	529,284,456
4th Cleveland 8 "	398,846,502	395,284,093	+0.9	395,870,225	341,619,261
5th Richmond 16 "	179,050,043	197,898,442	-9.5	210,620,516	196,026,514
6th Atlanta 13 "	218,479,156	206,911,137	+5.6	269,022,021	208,877,336
7th Chicago 20 "	948,555,739	888,697,977	+6.7	904,792,857	816,432,307
8th St. Louis 18 "	234,036,605	216,289,367	+8.2	233,393,722	226,325,819
9th Minneapolis 17 "	154,327,860	137,416,586	+12.3	135,377,296	176,568,679
10th Kansas City 12 "	266,151,959	268,205,041	-0.8	254,300,619	262,572,158
11th Dallas 15 "	95,380,988	94,850,975	+0.6	95,866,418	90,070,476
12th San Fran. 17 "	524,929,491	511,704,900	+2.6	529,526,008	435,296,122
Total... 129 cities	10,307,091,371	9,394,763,568	+9.7	9,822,783,608	9,006,633,701
Outside N. Y. City	4,279,638,058	4,173,503,596	+2.5	4,251,720,672	3,861,980,512
Canada... 31 cities	424,329,183	361,573,730	+17.4	336,015,076	333,194,920

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of October. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of 7.2%, the 1927 aggregate of the clearings being \$48,075,394,486, and the 1926 aggregate \$44,855,040,481. 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 October. 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 0.8%. The New York Reserve District records 12.4% improvement but the Boston Reserve District shows a loss of 3.0% and the Philadelphia Reserve District of 3.7%. The Cleveland Reserve District falls behind 1.8%, the Richmond Reserve District 2.2% and the Atlanta Reserve District 0.1% the latter due to the shrinkage

at the Florida points, Miami having suffered a loss of 43.7%, Tampa of 36.6%, and Jacksonville of 27.5%. The Chicago Reserve District has 3.0% increase, the St. Louis Reserve District 3.5% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District no less than 30.4%. On the other hand the Kansas City Reserve District has decreased 3.9%, the Dallas Reserve District 4.5%, and the San Francisco Reserve District 12.4%.

Table showing Federal Reserve Districts with columns for October 1927, October 1926, Inc. or Dec., October 1925, and October 1924. Lists districts from Boston to San Francisco and totals.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the ten months back to 1924:

Table showing Federal Reserve Districts with columns for Ten Months (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, 1924). Lists districts from Boston to San Francisco and totals.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1927 and 1926:

Table titled MONTHLY CLEARINGS showing Clearings, Total All, and Clearings Outside New York, with columns for 1927, 1926, and % for various months and quarters.

CLEARINGS FOR OCTOBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 29.

Large table showing Clearings at various locations (Maine-Bangor, Portland, Mass.-Boston, etc.) with columns for Month of October, Ten Months, and Week Ending Oct. 29, including dollar amounts and percentage changes.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of October and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table showing Bank Clearings at Leading Cities with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, and Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 (1926, 1925, 1924). Lists cities from New York to Salt Lake City and totals.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for October and the ten months of 1927 and 1926 are given below:

Table showing Stock, number of shares, Railroad and misc. bonds, State, foreign, &c., bonds, and U. S. Government bonds for October and Ten Months (1927, 1926).

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the month of October in 1924 to 1927 is indicated in the following:

Table showing transactions in share properties with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924, including No. Shares for various months and quarters.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for October and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending Oct. 29 for four years:

CLEARINGS—(Continued).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of October (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec.), Ten Months (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec.), Week Ending Oct. 29 (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, 1924). Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth) and various cities (e.g., Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis).

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Main table showing Clearings at— with columns for Month of October, Ten Months, and Week Ending Oct. 29. Includes sub-sections for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR OCTOBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 27.

Table showing Canadian Clearings at— with columns for Month of October, Ten Months, and Week Ended Oct. 27. Lists various Canadian cities and their clearing amounts.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Oct. 26. d Week ended Oct. 27. e Week ended Oct. 28. \* Not included in total. \* Estimated.

**THE CURB MARKET.**

Curb Market trading this week was dull and uninteresting with no definite trend to prices. At times the market showed improvement in some quarters but with no uniformity. Oil stocks were in demand for a time. Humble Oil & Refining sold up from 61 3/4 to 64 3/4 and closed to-day at 64 3/8. Illinois Pipe Line advanced from 169 1/2 to 176 and ends the week at 175. Indiana Pipe Line gained almost ten points to 86 1/2 and reacted finally to 83. Ohio Oil moved up from 59 1/2 to 64. Penn.-Mexico Fuel improved from 29 7/8 to 38 1/2 and finished to-day at 38 1/4. Prairie Pipe Line advanced from 175 1/2 to 181 1/2. Standard Oil (Indiana) went up almost three points to 75 1/4, but reacted finally to 74 1/2. Vacuum Oil moved up from 130 1/2 to 134 1/2 with the final figure to-day 133. Gulf Oil of Pa. gained five points to 98. Among industrials Celluloid Co., com. was conspicuous for an advance from 103 to 125, the close to-day being at 123. Amer. Rolling Mill, com. from 75 7/8 reached 84 reacted to 80 and closed to-day at 82 1/4. Celanese Corp. com. after early loss from 90 1/8 to 88, ran up to 95 1/4 and ends the week at 94. Glen Alden Coal improved from 182 1/2 to 186 1/2 reacting finally to 184. Metropolitan Chain Stores rose from 52 1/2 to 58 but fell back to 56 3/8.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2512.

**DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.**

Week Ended Nov. 4	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value)	
	Ind & Misc	Oil.	Mtntng.	Domestic.	Foreign Govt.
Saturday	100,720	40,200	24,800	\$1,211,000	\$324,000
Monday	160,370	103,100	21,410	2,314,000	392,000
Tuesday	132,765	84,400	45,520	2,561,000	442,000
Wednesday	161,065	71,100	48,200	2,311,000	520,000
Thursday	174,435	152,270	51,360	2,519,000	385,000
Friday	173,100	113,080	66,600	2,528,000	469,000
Total	902,465	544,150	257,890	\$13,444,000	\$2,532,000

**ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS PER CABLE.**

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London, Week Ending Nov. 4	Oct. 29.	Oct. 31.	Nov. 1.	Nov. 2.	Nov. 3.	Nov. 4.
Silver, per oz.	d 25 3/4	26 1-16	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 3/4	26 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4
Consols, 2 1/4 per cents		55 1/4	holiday	55 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4
British, 5 per cents		100 3/4	holiday	100 1/2	100 1/4	100 3/8
British, 4 1/4 per cents		96	holiday	96	96	96
French Rentes (in Paris) fr		55.20	holiday	55.50	55.20	54.60
French War Loan (in Paris) fr		75.10	holiday	x74	73.75	73.90

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:  
 Foreign 56 1/4 56 1/8 56 3/8 57 1/4 57 57  
 z ex. coupon.

**THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.**

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 19 1927:

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £149,442,745 on the 12th inst., as compared with £149,613,505 on the previous Wednesday.

About £500,000 bar gold was available in the open market this week, and of this total the Bank secured £244,000, as shown in the figures below. Egypt took £14,000, Holland £29,000 and India £30,000, the balance being absorbed by Home and Continental Trade requirements.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	Oct. 13.	Oct. 14.	Oct. 15.	Oct. 17.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.
Received	Nil	Nil	Nil	£250,000	£244,000	Nil
Withdrawn	£23,000	£264,000	£10,000	32,000	Nil	£15,000

The receipt on the 17th was in sovereigns "released from set aside account South Africa." and that of yesterday in bar gold from South Africa. The £294,000 sovereigns withdrawn were destined as follows:—£250,000 set aside for account of South Africa, £22,000 Spain, £11,000 Germany, £6,000 Holland, and £5,000 India. During the week under review £150,000 on balance has been received by the Bank, decreasing the net efflux this year to £1,336,000, and since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £6,660,000, as set out in the daily bulletins at the Bank.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered during the month of September last:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Russia	£7,500	
Sweden		£18,000
Netherlands		25,500
Belgium		202,179
France		25,270
Switzerland		99,790
Spain and Canaries		2,000
Egypt	57,007	112,400
West Africa		
Java and other Dutch Possessions in the India Seas		3,050
Central America and West Indies	3,551	
Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay		700,000
Other countries in South America	15,128	
Rhodesia	95,861	
Transvaal	461,262	
British India		110,799
Straits Settlements		3,600
Arabia	250,000	
Rumania	831,300	
Germany		143,100
Austria		103,780
Other countries	609	21,777
Total	£1,722,218	£1,569,245

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered in the week ended the 12th inst.:—

Imports.		Exports.	
British West Africa	£28,319	Germany	£30,390
British South Africa	15,340	France	53,408
Other countries	7,078	Switzerland	88,915
		Spain	149,000
		Egypt	20,600
		British India	43,478
		Straits Settlements	39,622
		Other countries	15,175
	£50,737		£440,588

**SILVER.**

The market has shown during the week a fairly steady tone, supplies until to-day having been sluggish except at advancing rates. The chief enquiry has been from China, for which quarter purchases have been made for covering and for fresh business. The demand from India, where the offtake is just now less active, has been slight. America has been inclined to support the market here. The price quoted yesterday for two months (26d) had not been touched since July 30th last, when both prices were quoted 26.1-16d. To-day China advices were not so good and quotations receded 1/8d.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered in the week ended the 12th inst.:—

Imports.		Exports.	
Belgium	£11,350	France	£12,857
Other countries	1,902	Other countries	7,096
	£13,252		£19,953

**INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.**

In Lacs of Rupees—	Sept. 22.	Sept. 30.	Oct. 7.
Notes in circulation	18159	18182	18122
Silver coin and bullion in India	11473	11469	11387
Silver coin and bullion out of India	3		
Gold coin and bullion in India	2976	2976	2976
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	3628	3635	3642
Securities (British Government)	79	102	117

No silver coinage was reported during the week ended the 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 15th inst. consisted of about 60,600,000 ounces in sycee, 73,800,000 dollars and 3,680 silver bars, as compared with about 61,100,000 ounces in sycee, 73,400,000 dollars and 4,520 silver bars on the 8th inst. Quotations during the week:—

	Bar Silver, per Oz. Standard.	Bar Gold, per Oz. Fine.
Oct. 13	25 11-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Oct. 14	25 3/4d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Oct. 15	25 3/4d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Oct. 17	25 13-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Oct. 18	25 15-16d.	84s. 10 3/4d.
Oct. 19	25 13-16d.	84s. 11d.
Average	25.791d.	84s. 11.3d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1-16d and 1/8d. above those fixed a week ago.

**Public Debt of United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of Aug. 31 1927.**

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued August 31 1927, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1926.

**CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.**

	Aug. 31 1927.	Aug. 31 1926.
Balance end month by daily statement, &c.	\$70,286,709	\$147,569,311
Add or Deduct—Excess or deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on related items.	+1,699,485	+432,033
	\$71,986,194	\$148,601,344
Deduct outstanding obligations:		
Matured interest obligations	\$33,505,266	\$36,359,174
Disbursing officers' checks	75,634,966	77,216,542
Discount accrued on War Savings Certificates	7,556,510	9,671,615
Settlement warrant checks	1,461,223	3,904,098
Total	\$118,167,965	\$127,151,429
Balance, deficit (—) or surplus (+)	—\$46,171,751	+\$20,849,915

**INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.**

Title of Loan—	Interest Payable.	Aug. 31 1927.	Aug. 31 1926.
2s Consols of 1930	Q.-J.	599,724,050	599,724,050
2s of 1916-1936	Q.-F.	48,954,180	48,954,180
2s of 1918-1938	Q.-F.	25,947,400	25,947,400
3s of 1961	Q.-M.	49,800,000	49,800,000
3s Conversion bonds of 1946-1947	Q.-J.	28,894,500	28,894,500
Certificates of indebtedness	J.-J.	677,842,500	481,979,000
3 1/2s First Liberty Loan, 1932-1947	J.-J.	1,397,687,000	1,397,689,100
4s First Liberty Loan, converted	J.-D.	5,155,700	5,156,800
4 1/2s First Liberty Loan, converted	J.-D.	532,823,350	532,874,250
4 1/2s First Liberty Loan, second converted	J.-D.	3,492,150	3,492,150
4s Second Liberty Loan, 1927-1942	M.-N.	17,556,800	20,849,650
4 1/2s Second Liberty Loan converted		1,180,924,400	3,083,677,650
4 1/2s Third Liberty Loan of 1928	M.-S.	2,147,659,850	2,393,936,950
4 1/2s Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	A.-O.	6,296,905,450	6,324,471,950
4 1/2s Treasury bonds of 1947-1952		762,320,300	763,948,300
4s Treasury bonds of 1944-1954		1,042,401,500	1,047,087,500
3 1/2s Treasury bonds of 1946-1956		491,212,100	494,898,100
3 1/2s Treasury bonds of 1943-1947		494,854,750	
4s War Savings and Thrift Stamps		288,894,972	358,907,496
2 1/2s Postal Savings bonds	J.-J.	13,951,780	12,881,080
5 1/2s to 5 1/4s Treasury notes	J.-D.	2,019,194,550	1,605,939,500
Aggregate of interest-bearing debt		18,126,197,282	19,281,109,606
Bearing no interest		242,490,881	243,376,871
Matured, interest ceased		11,219,540	9,883,740
Total debt		18,426,079,474	19,534,370,217
Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit		+46,771,751	+20,849,915
Net debt		18,472,251,225	19,513,520,302

a The total gross debt Aug. 31 1927 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$18,379,912,226, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, &c., was \$4,523.  
 b No deduction is made on account of obligations of foreign Governments or other investments.

**Treasury Money Holdings.**

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of August, September, October and November 1927:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury. Table with columns for dates (Aug. 1 1927, Sept. 1 1927, Oct. 1 1927, Nov. 1 1927) and various financial categories like Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, etc.

\*Includes Nov. 1, \$6,838,661.17 silver bullion and \$2,608,304.17 minor coin, &c not included in statement "Stock of Money."

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including Bid and Ask prices for different types of securities and shares.

All prices dollars per share.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing realty and surety companies, including Bid and Ask prices for various types of bonds and securities.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2553.—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.

Table showing receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye at various ports (Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, etc.) for the week ending Saturday and since August 1.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Oct. 29, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 29, and since January 1, 1927.

\*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. 29, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various seaboard ports (New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.) for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 29, and since January 1, 1927.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1927 is as below:

Table showing the destination of exports for the week and since July 1, 1927, categorized by region (United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, etc.).

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness and other securities, including maturity dates and interest rates.

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

- Applications to organize received: Oct. 25—The Ramona National Bank of Alhambra, Calif. Capital, \$100,000. Oct. 25—The First National Bank of Bennington, Neb. Capital, 25,000. Oct. 25—The First National Bank of Seaside, Ore. Capital, 25,000. Oct. 28—The Barringer National Bank of Newark, N. J. Capital, 200,000. Applications to organize approved: Oct. 29—The First National Bank of Glen Cove, N. Y. Capital, 100,000. Application to convert approved: Oct. 26—The Exchange National Bank of Jefferson City, Mo. Conversion of the Exchange Bank of Jefferson City, Mo.

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: Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 629 Smith & Kaufmann, pref. \$10 lot 500 Forty Nine Mining Co., Ltd., par \$1 5c. 85 Fain Knit. Mills, com., no par 35 Unity Gold Mines, par \$5 1 lot 75 Amerton Hotel Corp. (N. Y.), common, no par 10 Tropical Planting & Trading Corp. (N. Y.), common, no par \$10 10 Maceodon Creamery Corp., com., par \$5 1 lot 75 Amerton Hotel Corp. (N. Y.), common, no par 1 10 Maceodon Creamery Corp., 8% preferred, par \$10 1 lot 1 2-3 Realty Factoring Corp. \$11 lot 400 Wm. Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Bldg. Co., common \$50 lot 67 H. B. Claffin Co., 1st pref. 208 South Okeechobee Farms Co., common 70c. 68 H. B. Claffin Co., com 20 Shoreland Co., com \$100 100 General Petroleum Co., Inc. (Calif.), common \$6 lot 600 Ocean Leather Co., Inc., com., no par \$4 70 Ocean Leather Co., Inc., 7% com., preferred 1 lot 1,375 Copper Canyon Mining Co., par \$1 1 lot \$265 lot 500 Coldak Corp. class A, no par 1 700 British Controlled Oil Fields, par \$5 2 3 Frank E. Davis Fish Co., 7% pref. \$27 1/2

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

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like American Trust Co., Central Trust Co., etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like Saco Lowell Shops, Pepperell Mfg. Co., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like Columbia Ave. Trust Co., Continental Equitable Title, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., 200 Morosco Holding Co., 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 with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and other companies.

Large table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Public Utilities (Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. com., etc.), Miscellaneous (Alaska Packers Association, etc.), and various other companies.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.



Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is divided into sections: Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous. It lists various companies and their financial details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Hartman Corporation, Hawaiian Commercial & Sug., Hazeltine Corp., etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Thompson (J. R.) Co., Tide Water Oil, Tobacco Products, 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. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

Weekly Returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Oct. 29. 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-tables for Members of Fed. Res. Bank and State Banks.

Table with columns: Week ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Demand Deposits, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-table for Fed'l Reserve Bank.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total Oct. 29, \$65,370,000. Actual totals Oct. 29, \$59,176,000; Oct. 22, \$76,532,000; Oct. 15, \$111,714,000; Oct. 8, \$111,722,000; Oct. 1, \$114,687,000; Sept. 24, \$114,687,000.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$248,205,000; Chase National Bank, \$12,443,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$37,825,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$76,707,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,531,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$9,916,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows for Members Federal, Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies.

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, includes also the amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 29, \$19,569,780; Oct. 22, \$19,485,330; Oct. 15, \$19,667,760; Oct. 8, \$19,270,170; Oct. 1, \$19,223,310; Sept. 24, \$19,052,760.

Table with columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows for Members Federal, Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies. Sub-section: Actual Figures.

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, includes also the amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 29, \$19,781,130; Oct. 22, \$19,535,370; Oct. 15, \$19,644,540; Oct. 8, \$19,401,030; Oct. 1, \$19,362,150; Sept. 24, \$19,022,730.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Difference from Previous Week. Rows: Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Time deposits, Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositaries and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges & U. S. deposits, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, 20.5%.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Percentage. Rows: RESERVE—State Banks, Trust Companies, Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos, Total.

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Oct. 29 was \$111,343,600.

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

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositaries. Rows for weeks from July 2 to Oct. 29.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE. (Stated in thousands of dollars, that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits. Rows for various institutions like Fed'l Reserve Bank, Grace Nat Bank, State Bank, etc.

\* Bank of Washington Heights merged with Bank of Manhattan Co. a United States deposits deducted, \$90,000. Bills payable, rediscouts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,713,000. Excess in reserve, \$62,100 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks: BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS

Table with columns: Description, Nov. 2 1927, Changes from Previous Week, Oct. 26 1927, Oct. 19 1927. Rows: Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, discts & invest., Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for C'l'g H'se, Due from other banks, Res'v in legal depositaries, Cash in bank, Res'v excess in F.R.Bk.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Oct. 29, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Table with columns: Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Week Ended Oct. 29 1927, Oct. 22 1927, Oct. 15 1927. Rows: Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, discts & invest'mts, Exchanges for Clear House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, Res'v with legal depositary, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Total reserve & cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

\* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Nov. 3 and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. *The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 2459, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."*

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 2 1927.

	Nov. 2 1927.	Oct. 26 1927.	Oct. 19 1927.	Oct. 12 1927.	Oct. 5 1927.	Sept. 28 1927.	Sept. 21 1927.	Sept. 14 1927.	Nov. 3 1926.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents.....	1,609,809,000	1,623,253,000	1,632,507,000	1,604,948,000	1,561,884,000	1,630,529,000	1,657,755,000	1,665,739,000	1,337,772,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.....	40,072,000	42,028,000	40,528,000	47,954,000	45,695,000	48,010,000	55,159,000	53,022,000	61,931,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes.....	1,649,881,000	1,665,281,000	1,673,035,000	1,652,902,000	1,607,559,000	1,678,539,000	1,712,914,000	1,718,761,000	1,399,703,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	603,971,000	634,385,000	637,092,000	661,099,000	704,384,000	639,749,000	614,774,000	596,363,000	789,574,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.....	677,945,000	656,886,000	665,378,000	657,497,000	653,841,000	670,565,000	666,508,000	668,548,000	618,186,000
Total gold reserves.....	2,931,797,000	2,956,552,000	2,975,505,000	2,971,498,000	2,965,784,000	2,988,853,000	2,994,196,000	2,983,672,000	2,807,463,000
Reserves other than gold.....	134,856,000	135,793,000	136,475,000	132,396,000	136,774,000	137,352,000	139,436,000	140,369,000	127,222,000
Total reserves.....	3,066,653,000	3,092,345,000	3,111,980,000	3,103,894,000	3,102,558,000	3,126,205,000	3,133,632,000	3,124,041,000	2,934,685,000
Non-reserve cash.....	55,657,000	61,137,000	59,695,000	50,328,000	51,150,000	51,593,000	53,646,000	54,339,000	46,957,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	208,723,000	236,428,000	224,821,000	192,753,000	242,557,000	228,011,000	216,936,000	202,847,000	347,003,000
Other bills discounted.....	170,498,000	165,970,000	192,776,000	237,496,000	219,928,000	202,301,000	197,629,000	172,487,000	328,895,000
Total bills discounted.....	379,221,000	402,398,000	417,597,000	430,249,000	462,485,000	430,312,000	414,565,000	375,334,000	675,898,000
Bills bought in open market.....	334,576,000	301,111,000	282,503,000	274,361,000	262,165,000	242,148,000	218,660,000	226,717,000	332,098,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds.....	277,478,000	261,876,000	255,075,000	258,780,000	255,972,000	253,515,000	253,741,000	250,188,000	47,211,000
Treasury notes.....	102,852,000	124,941,000	124,710,000	133,114,000	126,624,000	134,559,000	127,138,000	123,181,000	136,416,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	146,046,000	123,813,000	120,608,000	118,235,000	122,277,000	106,278,000	102,664,000	96,207,000	118,719,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	526,376,000	510,630,000	500,393,000	510,129,000	504,873,000	494,352,000	483,543,000	499,576,000	302,346,000
Other securities (see note).....	600,000	620,000	620,000	820,000	820,000	820,000	820,000	320,000	2,500,000
Total bills and securities (see note).....	1,240,773,000	1,214,759,000	1,201,113,000	1,215,559,000	1,230,343,000	1,167,632,000	1,117,588,000	1,101,947,000	1,312,842,000
Gold held abroad.....	565,000	564,000	563,000	563,000	563,000	1,049,000	823,000	12,262,000	650,000
Due from foreign banks (see note).....	715,124,000	688,277,000	851,251,000	775,265,000	724,370,000	653,183,000	720,040,000	848,897,000	695,976,000
Uncollected items.....	59,774,000	59,774,000	59,774,000	59,774,000	59,609,000	59,609,000	59,580,000	59,580,000	60,951,000
Bank premises.....	13,847,000	13,159,000	12,695,000	13,522,000	13,640,000	13,208,000	14,052,000	19,691,000	13,961,000
All other resources.....	5,152,393,000	5,130,015,000	5,297,071,000	5,218,905,000	5,182,233,000	5,072,479,000	5,099,361,000	5,220,757,000	5,065,122,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	1,717,116,000	1,702,999,000	1,716,785,000	1,733,829,000	1,717,049,000	1,705,765,000	1,700,522,000	1,707,584,000	1,755,430,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account.....	2,362,429,000	2,351,870,000	2,383,711,000	2,324,338,000	2,360,378,000	2,336,548,000	2,311,070,000	2,324,989,000	2,207,325,000
Government.....	6,123,000	19,294,000	8,808,000	12,806,000	37,215,000	24,507,000	22,894,000	14,494,000	32,932,000
Foreign banks (see note).....	5,572,000	8,359,000	12,383,000	5,369,000	5,382,000	5,791,000	5,519,000	5,329,000	12,186,000
Other deposits.....	30,170,000	23,928,000	24,196,000	62,454,000	23,352,000	22,922,000	23,217,000	24,674,000	23,976,000
Total deposits.....	2,404,294,000	2,403,451,000	2,429,098,000	2,404,967,000	2,426,327,000	2,389,768,000	2,362,700,000	2,367,486,000	2,276,419,000
Deferred availability items.....	664,634,000	646,615,000	775,545,000	704,844,000	664,038,000	602,290,000	662,030,000	771,929,000	665,233,000
Capital paid in.....	131,388,000	131,293,000	131,275,000	131,171,000	131,098,000	130,960,000	130,866,000	130,731,000	124,379,000
Surplus.....	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000
All other liabilities.....	16,186,000	16,882,000	15,593,000	15,319,000	14,946,000	14,921,000	14,468,000	14,252,000	23,351,000
Total liabilities.....	5,152,393,000	5,130,015,000	5,297,071,000	5,218,905,000	5,182,233,000	5,072,479,000	5,099,361,000	5,220,757,000	5,065,122,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	71.1%	72.0%	71.8%	71.8%	71.5%	73.0%	73.7%	73.2%	69.6%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	74.4%	75.3%	75.1%	75.0%	74.9%	76.3%	77.1%	76.7%	72.8%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	186,595,000	194,886,000	198,810,000	201,956,000	189,168,000	186,455,000	182,582,000	182,182,000	40,344,000
<b>Distribution by Maturities—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	139,458,000	125,700,000	141,989,000	130,006,000	130,133,000	111,362,000	96,861,000	115,725,000	105,231,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	301,645,000	330,843,000	344,124,000	361,063,000	389,833,000	354,775,000	339,870,000	290,860,000	532,567,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	158,000	1,845,000	1,845,000	45,000	1,593,000	1,442,000	---	33,034,000	124,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	64,157,000	66,361,000	57,474,000	63,966,000	60,964,000	46,948,000	42,019,000	41,103,000	67,019,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	20,295,000	17,524,000	20,926,000	19,158,000	21,277,000	22,588,000	22,750,000	26,386,000	41,394,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	62,107,000	59,583,000	51,264,000	56,081,000	53,775,000	60,278,000	55,912,000	46,047,000	84,738,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	34,175,000	31,467,000	29,579,000	28,740,000	30,246,000	31,569,000	32,030,000	35,639,000	61,189,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	66,033,000	45,566,000	29,520,000	21,263,000	14,190,000	17,739,000	21,025,000	21,235,000	64,329,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	17,054,000	17,276,000	18,728,000	17,835,000	17,960,000	19,107,000	16,705,000	18,911,000	32,864,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	2,761,000	3,901,000	2,256,000	3,045,000	3,103,000	4,453,000	2,843,000	2,607,000	10,781,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	6,052,000	5,288,000	4,240,000	3,453,000	3,167,000	3,352,000	3,210,000	3,538,000	7,884,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness.....	146,046,000	123,655,000	118,763,000	118,190,000	120,684,000	104,836,000	102,664,000	63,173,000	74,511,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
F. R. notes received from Comptroller.....	2,921,690,000	2,928,021,000	2,920,217,000	2,901,096,000	2,908,669,000	2,918,127,000	2,914,873,000	2,900,639,000	2,936,126,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	800,395,000	803,235,000	798,205,000	795,225,000	806,250,000	806,165,000	798,305,000	808,275,000	875,780,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks.....	2,121,295,000	2,124,786,000	2,122,012,000	2,105,871,000	2,102,419,000	2,111,962,000	2,116,568,000	2,092,364,000	2,060,346,000
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates.....	400,993,000	400,994,000	406,691,000	406,332,000	406,631,000	411,830,000	410,831,000	420,276,000	307,413,000
Gold redemption fund.....	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000	196,509,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	1,102,307,000	1,126,722,000	1,124,014,000	1,094,624,000	1,050,677,000	1,127,489,000	1,150,060,000	1,145,417,000	937,369,000
By eligible paper.....	686,383,000	674,931,000	669,786,000	674,592,000	705,356,000	634,517,600	595,740,000	557,211,000	958,666,000
Total.....	2,296,192,000	2,298,184,000	2,302,293,000	2,279,540,000	2,267,220,000	2,265,046,000	2,253,495,000	2,232,950,000	2,296,378,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 2 1927.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents.....	1,609,809,000	121,793,000	350,312,000	129,058,000	204,040,000	16,662,000	158,045,000	257,979,000	38,556,000	51,632,000	49,683,000	31,901,000	200,148,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.....	40,072,000	4,898,000	10,051,000	5,786,000	2,925,000	2,715,000	1,573,000	3,605,00					

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Other securities	\$ 600.0			\$ 100.0						\$ 500.0			
Total bills and securities	1,240,773.0	99,127.0	283,938.0	102,391.0	122,509.0	83,629.0	42,601.0	172,907.0	62,837.0	48,685.0	65,508.0	63,173.0	93,468.0
Due from foreign banks	565.0	36.0	213.0	47.0	52.0	25.0	20.0	67.0	21.0	15.0	18.0	17.0	34.0
Uncollected items	715,124.0	78,323.0	176,553.0	63,013.0	61,300.0	60,465.0	25,605.0	84,955.0	34,840.0	16,324.0	43,698.0	30,714.0	39,333.0
Bank premises	59,774.0	3,946.0	16,276.0	1,749.0	7,119.0	2,564.0	2,901.0	8,667.0	3,957.0	2,774.0	4,475.0	1,827.0	3,519.0
All other resources	13,847.0	106.0	5,281.0	165.0	1,109.0	468.0	1,407.0	1,357.0	767.0	1,338.0	507.0	470.0	872.0
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>5,152,393.0</b>	<b>404,843.0</b>	<b>1,570,971.0</b>	<b>359,498.0</b>	<b>490,179.0</b>	<b>225,916.0</b>	<b>266,208.0</b>	<b>714,293.0</b>	<b>190,057.0</b>	<b>145,546.0</b>	<b>206,228.0</b>	<b>161,147.0</b>	<b>417,507.0</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,717,116.0	139,832.0	372,144.0	128,303.0	208,484.0	72,752.0	156,005.0	235,654.0	53,016.0	63,804.0	64,742.0	50,837.0	171,543.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.	2,362,429.0	161,485.0	920,480.0	137,634.0	182,551.0	76,011.0	67,800.0	348,887.0	83,138.0	54,804.0	88,051.0	66,377.0	175,211.0
Government	6,123.0	201.0	339.0	359.0	180.0	159.0	509.0	1,525.0	693.0	765.0	398.0	366.0	429.0
Foreign bank	5,572.0	413.0	1,455.0	528.0	583.0	286.0	226.0	759.0	237.0	165.0	204.0	331.0	385.0
Other deposits	30,170.0	337.0	22,233.0	282.0	1,088.0	209.0	133.0	1,012.0	441.0	150.0	261.0	56.0	3,968.0
Total deposits	2,404,294.0	162,436.0	944,707.0	138,803.0	184,402.0	76,665.0	68,668.0	352,183.0	84,509.0	55,884.0	88,914.0	67,130.0	179,993.0
Deferred availability items	654,634.0	74,935.0	148,884.0	57,223.0	57,940.0	56,932.0	25,975.0	74,373.0	35,963.0	14,290.0	38,509.0	30,053.0	39,557.0
Capital paid in	131,388.0	9,428.0	39,823.0	13,245.0	13,953.0	6,243.0	5,140.0	17,377.0	5,323.0	3,010.0	4,231.0	4,276.0	9,334.0
Surplus	228,775.0	17,606.0	61,614.0	21,267.0	23,746.0	12,198.0	9,632.0	31,881.0	9,939.0	7,527.0	9,029.0	8,215.0	16,121.0
All other liabilities	16,186.0	606.0	3,799.0	657.0	1,654.0	1,121.0	788.0	2,825.0	1,307.0	1,031.0	803.0	636.0	959.0
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,152,393.0</b>	<b>404,843.0</b>	<b>1,570,971.0</b>	<b>359,498.0</b>	<b>490,179.0</b>	<b>225,916.0</b>	<b>266,208.0</b>	<b>714,293.0</b>	<b>190,057.0</b>	<b>145,546.0</b>	<b>206,228.0</b>	<b>161,147.0</b>	<b>417,507.0</b>
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	74.4	71.7	81.2	71.6	74.9	50.1	84.5	74.8	61.3	63.1	58.5	53.5	78.9
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	186,595.0	14,001.0	51,628.0	17,921.0	19,788.0	9,707.0	7,654.0	25,761.0	8,027.0	5,690.0	6,907.0	6,534.0	13,067.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	404,179.0	29,448.0	127,380.0	36,355.0	38,519.0	11,529.0	30,552.0	51,366.0	6,485.0	5,480.0	9,348.0	8,008.0	49,709.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 2 1927.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two ciphers (00) omitted.													
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	\$ 2,921,690.0	\$ 236,280.0	\$ 782,604.0	\$ 206,058.0	\$ 274,833.0	\$ 113,515.0	\$ 239,197.0	\$ 439,620.0	\$ 79,121.0	\$ 87,518.0	\$ 111,080.0	\$ 72,112.0	\$ 279,752.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	800,395.0	67,000.0	283,080.0	206,058.0	27,830.0	29,234.0	52,640.0	152,600.0	19,620.0	18,234.0	36,990.0	13,267.0	58,500.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,121,295.0	169,280.0	499,524.0	164,658.0	247,003.0	84,281.0	186,557.0	287,020.0	59,501.0	69,284.0	74,090.0	58,845.0	221,252.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.													
Gold and gold certificates	400,993.0	35,300.0	215,150.0	-----	40,000.0	15,046.0	18,117.0	-----	7,800.0	12,267.0	-----	17,313.0	40,000.0
Gold redemption fund	106,509.0	17,493.0	20,162.0	11,181.0	14,040.0	1,816.0	6,228.0	2,979.0	2,756.0	2,365.0	-----	4,088.0	19,778.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,102,307.0	69,000.0	115,000.0	117,877.0	150,000.0	-----	137,700.0	255,000.0	28,000.0	37,000.0	45,860.0	10,500.0	140,370.0
Eligible paper	686,383.0	69,109.0	164,182.0	51,024.0	61,083.0	69,592.0	28,629.0	91,638.0	25,355.0	21,097.0	28,230.0	28,620.0	47,824.0
Total collateral	2,296,192.0	190,902.0	514,494.0	180,082.0	265,123.0	86,254.0	186,674.0	349,617.0	63,911.0	72,729.0	77,913.0	60,521.0	247,972.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 660 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 2460, immediately following which we also give the figures of New York reporting member banks for a week later.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, OCTOBER 26 1927. (In thousands of dollars)

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 21,084,659	\$ 1,521,213	\$ 7,907,905	\$ 1,220,088	\$ 2,098,962	\$ 695,441	\$ 616,413	\$ 3,061,803	\$ 713,325	\$ 380,501	\$ 625,892	\$ 432,493	\$ 1,810,623
Loans and discounts—total	15,020,446	1,060,623	5,678,222	805,986	1,404,337	526,136	498,260	2,258,847	511,928	258,865	415,358	336,061	1,265,823
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	119,846	6,536	40,441	8,074	17,182	4,831	5,272	18,847	4,303	2,384	3,909	2,704	5,363
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,126,613	394,194	2,606,789	403,562	614,668	155,018	117,638	1,014,727	207,705	81,624	122,063	82,107	326,518
All other loans and discounts	8,773,987	659,893	3,030,992	394,350	772,487	366,287	375,350	1,225,273	299,920	174,857	289,386	251,250	933,942
Investments—total	6,064,213	460,590	2,229,683	414,102	694,625	169,305	118,153	802,956	201,397	121,636	210,534	96,432	544,800
U. S. Government securities	2,606,045	157,622	994,836	111,562	309,081	78,875	55,259	316,182	75,790	65,265	95,631	65,058	280,884
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,458,168	302,968	1,234,847	302,540	385,544	90,430	62,894	486,774	125,607	56,371	114,903	31,374	263,916
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank	1,729,319	104,284	811,069	83,896	119,177	42,647	37,844	254,315	51,317	27,719	53,532	33,928	109,591
Cash in vault	267,130	19,065	73,303	16,663	30,422	13,816	11,527	43,511	7,859	6,002	13,002	10,407	21,724
Net demand deposits	13,402,102	952,890	5,838,489	782,938	1,035,446	387,420	332,039	1,858,480	408,802	239,777	482,748	296,310	786,763
Time deposits	6,364,217	475,490	1,522,159	272,863	911,490	242,380	243,334	1,134,727	237,943	130,558	158,331	111,372	923,570
Government deposits	193,692	18,006	74,896	19,504	13,872	6,508	9,887	19,054	4,790	744	2,408	6,628	17,395
Due from banks	1,191,660	65,126	140,448	55,595	113,760	57,536	87,608	218,467	56,310	59,054	121,799	68,206	147,751
Due to banks	3,375,857	153,740	1,244,873	175,254	247,292	121,733	133,360	493,621	141,435	108,025	208,855	129,129	218,540
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	254,452	29,216	77,770	16,873	18,940	14,695	9,380	27,096	13,129	-----	9,725	7,572	30,047
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	169,933	22,450	52,870	8,895	11,510	5,866	2,508	21,584	11,455	-----	3,665	5,425	23,705
All other	84,519	6,766	24,900	7,978	7,430	8,829	6,881	5,512	1,674	-----	6,060	2,147	6,342
Number of reporting banks	660	36	86	48	71	67	33	97	31	24	65	45	57

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 Nov. 2, 1927 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Nov. 2 1927.	Oct. 26 1927.	Nov. 3 1926.	Resources (Concluded)—	Nov. 2 1927.	Oct. 26 1927.	Nov. 3 1926.
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$ 350,312,000	\$ 330,536,000	\$ 298,535,000	Gold held abroad	-----	-----	-----
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	10,051,000	11,430,000	11,646,000	Due from foreign banks (See Note)	213,000	213,000	650,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	360,363,000	341,966,000	310,181,000	Uncollected items	176,553,000	166,825,000	170,499,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	261,784,000	289,219,000	281,293,000	Bank premises	16,276,000	16,276,000	16,740,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	423,580,000	393,328,000	365,984,000	All other resources	5,281,000	4,621,000	3,133,000
<b>Total gold reserves</b>	<b>1,045,727,000</b>	<b>1,024,513,000</b>	<b>957,458,000</b>	<b>Total resources</b>	<b>1,570,971,000</b>	<b>1,569,783,000</b>	<b>1,482,040,000</b>
Reserves other than gold	23,745,000	24,656,000	22,783,000	<b>Liabilities—</b>			
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>1,069,472,000</b>	<b>1,049,169,000</b>	<b>980,241,000</b>	Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	372,144,000	361,972,000	384,573,000
Non-reserve cash	19,238,000	21,555,000	13,000,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	920,480,000	933,776,000	818,164,000
Bills discounted	32,082,000	42,076,000	58,857,000	Government	339,000	5,159,000	3,531,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	43,803,000	68,348,000	113,546,000	Foreign bank (See Note)	1,455,000	2,863,000	3,605,000
Other bills discounted	32,082,000	42,076,000	58,857,000	Other deposits	22,233,000	15,505,000	14,476,000
Total bills discounted	75,885,000	110,424,000	172,403,000	Total deposits</			

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2483.

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 Nov. 4., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stocks like Buff & Susq pf v t c, Canadian Pac 1st paid, etc.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Nov. 4., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Indus. & Misc. (Conc), Smilder Packing pref, Spalding Bros 1st pf, etc.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Oct. 29, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Nov. 2, Nov. 3, Nov. 4. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 5 1st 3 1/2s, 5 1st 4 1/2s, 8 2d 4 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.86 1/2 @ 4.86 1/2 for checks and 4.86 1/2 @ 4.87 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 4.86 1/2 @ 4.86 1/2; sixty days, 4.82 3/4, ninety days, 4.80 1/2 @ 4.80 1/2, and documents for payment, 4.82 1/2 @ 4.82 9-16. Cotton for payment, 4.85 7-16, and grain for payment, 4.85 7-16.

For New York City Banks and Trust Companies see page 2489. For New York City Realty and Surety Companies see page 2489. For United States Treasury Certificate of Indebtedness, &c., see page 2489.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for the current week and previous year.

\* Bid and asked prices. \* Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend. 1 1/2 shares of Chesapeake Corporation stock.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Sunday, 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. Includes stock names like Allied Chemical, American Express, and various other companies with their respective prices and ranges.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend and ex-rights.



For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Oct. 29, Monday, Oct. 31, Tuesday, Nov. 1, Wednesday, Nov. 2, Thursday, Nov. 3, Friday, Nov. 4, Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Rows include various stock listings such as Case Thresh Mach, Central Alloy Steel, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. c Ex-dividend 100% in stock.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Oct. 29 to Friday, Nov. 4) and rows of stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927'. Includes sub-sections for Industrial & Misc. Par and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices (Saturday to Friday), Sales per Week, Stocks (Indus. & Misc., Par, Exchange), and Per Share (Range Since Jan. 1 1927, Range for Previous Year 1926). Rows list various companies like Moon Motors, National Biscuit, and others.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new.
b Distributed one-half share common stock and one-half share preferred B stock.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Oct. 29, Monday Oct. 31, Tuesday Nov. 1, Wednesday Nov. 2, Thursday Nov. 3, Friday Nov. 4), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. The table lists numerous stocks such as Simms Petroleum, Simons Co., Sinclair Cons Oil Corp., and many others, with their respective prices and ranges.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. c x-rights. x Ex-dividend.



BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 4.				Interest Period	Price Friday, Nov. 4.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 4.				Interest Period	Price Friday, Nov. 4.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Bid	Ask		Low	High	No.	Low	High			Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		
Canadian Pac Ry 4% deb stock	J J	85 1/4	85 1/2	Sale	85 1/4	88 1/2	67	83 1/8	88 1/2		Cleve & Mahon Val g 5s	1938	J J	100 3/4	100 1/2	Apr 27	100 1/2	100 1/2		
Col tr 4 1/2 s	M S	97 1/2	97 3/4	Sale	97 1/2	100	48	95 1/4	100		Cl & Mar 1st g 4 1/2 s	1935	M J	99 3/4	100	100	98 1/2	100		
Carb & Shaw 1st gold 4s	1932	104 1/4	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/4	104 1/2	1	102 1/2	104 1/2		Cleve & P gen g 4 1/2 s ser B	1942	A O	101 1/8	101 1/8	Aug 26	101 1/8	101 1/8		
Caro Cent 1st cons g 4s	1949	101 1/4	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/2	1	100 3/4	101 1/2		Series A 4 1/2 s	1942	J J	102 1/2	101 1/2	Mar 27	100	101		
Caro Clinch & O 1st 30-yr 6s	1938	104 1/4	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/4	104 1/2	1	102 1/2	104 1/2		Series C 3 1/2 s	1948	M N	89 1/2	90 1/4	Oct 27	89	89 1/4		
1st & con g 6s series A	1952	108 1/2	108 1/2	Sale	108 1/2	108 1/2	5	107 1/8	108 1/2		Cleve Short Line 1st g 4 1/2 s	1961	A O	104	106	105	106	2		
Cart & Ad 1st g 4s	1981	92 1/8	92	Sale	92 1/8	92	1	90 1/2	92 1/8		Non-conv deb 4s	A & O	109 1/4	109 1/4	109 1/4	109 3/4	53	108	110 1/8	
Cent Branch U P 1st g 4s	1948	89 1/2	89 1/2	Sale	89 1/2	89 1/2	1	83	89 1/2		Cleve Union Term 5 1/2 s	1973	A O	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	33	103 1/2	105 1/2
Central of Ga 1st g 5s	1945	105 3/4	107 1/2	Sale	105 3/4	107 1/2	5	104 1/2	107 1/2		1st of 5s ser B	1973	A O	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	3	102 1/2	102 1/2
Consol gold 5s	1945	105 3/8	105 3/8	Sale	105 3/8	105 3/8	2	102 1/2	105 3/8		Coal River Ry 1st g 4s	1945	J D	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	33	103 1/2	105 1/2
Registered	F A	102 1/2	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	100 3/4	102 1/2		Colorado & South 1st g 4s	1929	F A	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	21	98 1/2	99 1/2
10-year secured 6s—June 1929	J D	101 1/4	102	Sale	101 1/4	102	16	101 1/4	103 1/4		Refunding & exten 4 1/2 s	1935	M N	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	21	98 1/2	99 1/2
Ref & gen 5 1/2 s series B	1959	105 1/2	107 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	107 1/2	11	104 1/2	107 1/2		Col & H V 1st ext g 4s	1948	A O	96 3/4	97	96 3/4	96 3/4	21	96 1/2	97 1/2
Ref & gen 5s series C	1959	103 1/4	105	Sale	103 1/4	105	1	102	105		Col & Tol 1st ext 4s	1955	F A	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	33	92 1/2	92 1/2
Chatt Div pur money g 4s	1951	91 1/2	93 3/4	Sale	91 1/2	93 3/4	1	88 1/2	92		Conn & Passum Riv 1st 4s	1943	A O	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	88 1/2	88 1/2
Mac & Nor Div 1st g 5s	1946	104 1/4	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/4	104 1/2	1	103 1/2	104 1/2		Consol Ry deb 4s	1930	F A	92 1/2	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	1	95 1/2	96 1/4
Mid Ga & Atl div 5s	1947	102 1/4	104	Sale	102 1/4	104	1	101	104		Non-conv deb 4s	1954	J J	77	78	77	77	27	76 1/2	78 1/2
Mobile Division 5s	1946	105 1/8	107 1/2	Sale	105 1/8	107 1/2	1	102 1/2	105 1/8		Non-conv deb 4s	J & J	76	79 1/2	77	77	27	76 1/2	77 1/2	
Cent New Eng 1st g 4s	1961	100	101 1/2	Sale	100	101 1/2	1	99 3/4	101 1/2		Non-conv debenture 4s	1956	A O	76	77	77	77	27	76 1/2	77 1/2
Central Ohio reorg 4 1/2 s	1930	100 1/8	101 1/2	Sale	100 1/8	101 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2		Cuba Nor Ry 1st 5 1/2 s	1942	J D	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	35	96 1/2	97 1/8
Central RR of Ga coll g 6s	1937	118 1/4	118 1/4	Sale	118 1/4	118 1/4	24	112	119		Cuba RR 1st 50-year 5s	1952	J J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	96	95 1/2	97
Central of N J gen gold 5s	1937	117 1/4	118 1/4	Sale	117 1/4	118 1/4	2	112 1/2	120		1st ref 7 1/2 s ser A	1936	J D	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	35	107 1/2	108 1/4
Registered	J J	117 1/4	118 1/4	Sale	117 1/4	118 1/4	2	112 1/2	120		1st lien & ref 6s ser B	1936	J D	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	2	100 1/4	100 1/4
Cent Pac 1st ref g 4s	1949	95	94 1/8	Sale	95	94 1/8	47	91 1/4	95 1/8		Day & Mich 1st cons 4 1/2 s	1931	J J	100	100	100	100	27	98 1/2	100
Registered	F A	91 3/8	92 1/4	Sale	91 3/8	92 1/4	3	89 3/4	92 1/4		Det & Hudson 1st & ref 4s	1943	M N	95 1/4	95 1/4	95 1/4	95 1/4	50	93 1/2	97
Mtgs guar gold 4 1/2 s—Aug 1929	J D	99 1/8	99 1/8	Sale	99 1/8	99 1/8	3	89 3/4	92 1/4		30-year conv 6s	1935	A O	141	141	141	141	5	141 1/2	153
Through St L 1st g 4s	1954	104 1/4	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/4	104 1/2	1	102 1/2	104 1/2		15-year 5 1/2 s	1937	M N	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	18	103	106
Guaranteed g 6s	1960	104 3/4	104 3/4	Sale	104 3/4	104 3/4	1	103 1/2	104 3/4		10-year secured 7s	1930	J D	106	106	106	106	2	105 1/2	108
Charleston & Savannah 1st 7s	1936	101 1/4	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/2	1	100 3/4	101 1/2		D RR & Edge 1st g 4s	1936	F A	96 3/8	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	42	96	96 1/4
Ches & Ohio fund & imp 5s	1929	101	101 1/2	Sale	101	101 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2		Den T & C 1st cons g 4s	1936	J J	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	42	91 1/2	94
1st consol gold 5s	1939	105 1/2	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	15	103 1/2	105 1/2		Consol gold 4 1/2 s	1936	J J	96	96	96	96	5	94	97
Registered	M N	105 1/2	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	1	102 1/2	105 1/2		Improvement gold 5s	1928	J D	100	100	100	100	144	99 1/2	100 1/2
General gold 4 1/2 s	1992	102 1/8	102 1/8	Sale	102 1/8	102 1/8	62	97 1/2	102 1/8		Den M & Ft D 1st g 4s	1935	M N	85	85	85	85	144	83 1/2	87 1/2
Registered	M S	94 1/2	99	Sale	94 1/2	99	54	94 1/2	95 1/2		Temporary ctns of deposit	1935	J D	26	26	26	26	7	26	26
20-year conv 4 1/2 s	1930	101 1/8	101 1/8	Sale	101 1/8	101 1/8	1	98 1/2	101 1/8		Det & Mac 1st lien g 4s	1995	J D	80	82	80	80	6	78 1/2	80 1/2
Craig Valley 1st 5s	1940	90	91 3/4	Sale	90	91 3/4	3	86 1/2	91 3/4		Gold 4s	1995	J D	70	70	70	70	27	69 1/2	70 1/2
Potts Creek Branch 1st 4s	1946	91 1/8	91 1/8	Sale	91 1/8	91 1/8	3	89 3/4	91 1/8		Detroit River Tunnel 4 1/2 s	1961	M N	101	101	101	101	16	97 1/2	101
R & A Div 1st g 4s	1939	91 3/8	91 3/8	Sale	91 3/8	91 3/8	3	89 3/4	91 3/8		Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s	1941	J J	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	104 1/2
Railroad 1st g 4s	1939	88 1/2	90	Sale	88 1/2	90	5	85 1/2	90		Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s	1937	A O	103 1/4	104	104	104	2	103 1/4	104 1/4
Warm Springs V 1st g 5s	1941	99 3/4	99 3/4	Sale	99 3/4	99 3/4	238	97 1/2	99 3/4		Dul Sou Shore & Atl g 5s	1937	J J	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	23	87 1/2	88 1/2
Chesaco Corp conv 5s May 1947	M N	101 1/4	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/4	9	100 1/2	101 1/4		East Ry Minn Nor Div 1st 4s	1948	A O	93 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Chic & Alton RR ref g 3s	1949	70 1/2	71 1/2	Sale	70 1/2	71 1/2	1	68 1/2	71 1/2		East T Va & Ga Div g 5s	1930	J J	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	2	100 1/2	102 1/2
Ctf dep stpd Oct 1927 int	1950	61	62	Sale	61	62	3	61 1/4	62		Cons 1st gold 5s	1956	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	6	100 1/2	101 1/2
Railway 1st lien 3 1/2 s	1950	60	64	Sale	60	64	4	60	67		Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s	1941	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	74	102	106
Cts dep Jan '23 & sub coup	1949	60	64	Sale	60	64	4	60	67		El Paso & S W 1st 5s	1965	A O	107 1/4	107 1/4	107 1/4	107 1/4	1	104 1/2	107 1/2
Chic Burl & Q—III Div 3 1/2 s	1949	90 3/8	90 3/8	Sale	90 3/8	90 3/8	4	86 1/2	90 3/8		Erie 1st consol gold 7s ext	1930	M S	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	36	106 1/2	107 1/2
Registered	J J	87 1/4	87 1/4	Sale	87 1/4	87 1/4	9	84 1/2	87 1/4		1st cons g 4s prior	1996	J J	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	36	87 1/2	88 1/2
Illinois Division 4s	1949	98 1/4	98 1/4	Sale	98 1/4	98 1/4	50	93 1/2	98 1/4		Registered	J J	79	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	177	83 1/2	84 1/2	
General 4s	1958	101 3/4	101 3/4	Sale	101 3/4	101 3/4	112	97 1/2	101 3/4		1st consol gen len g 4s	1996	J J	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	3	81 1/2	82 1/2
1st & ref 4 1/2 s ser B	1977	108 1/4	108 1/4	Sale	108 1/4	108 1/4	8	105 1/2	108 1/4		Registered	J J	79	79	79	79	7	79	79	
1st & ref 5s series A	1971	107 1/4	107 1/4	Sale	107 1/4	107 1/4	1	106 1/2	107 1/4		Penn coll trust gold 4s	1951	F A	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	1	101 1/8	101 1/8
Chicago & East III 1st 6s	1934	101 1/4	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/2	152	100 1/2	101 1/2		50-year conv 4s series A	1953	A O	88	88	88	88	76	78 1/2	88 1/2
C & E III Ry (net co) conv 5s	1951	110 1/4	110																	

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Nov. 4. Includes sub-headers for Price (Friday, Nov. 4), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various bond types like Int Gt Nor, Int Rys Cent, Iowa Central, etc.

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Main table containing bond listings for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., and various other metrics like No. of Bonds and Range High/Low.

4 Due May. 5 Due June. 6 Due Aug.



Table with columns for Bonds, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Nov. 4, Price Friday, Nov. 4, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

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, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond titles like Pub Serv Elec & Gas, Standard Oil, and various municipal bonds.

Table of quotations for sundry securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, and various other bonds and stocks, with columns for Bid, Ask, and price details.

\* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. †† Flat price. ‡‡ Last sale. \*N\* Nominal. \*X\* Ex-dividend. \*Y\* Ex-right. \*C\* Canadian quotation. \*S\* Sale price.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Oct. 29 to Friday, Nov. 4); Sales for the Week; STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Par.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. d Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights. f Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 5s, Chic J Ry & U S Y 5s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Royalty Co, Am Fur Mart Bldg pf, American Pub Serv, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Novadel Process Co, Pick Barth & Co part pf, Pines Winterfront A com, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp, Atlan Coast Line RR, Balt & Commercial Bk, etc.

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\* No par value.

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\* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange October 29 to November 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cleveland Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\* No par value.

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

\* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, listing various stocks with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Procter & Gamble com, Pure Oil 6% pref, Putnam Candy com, etc.

\* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bank, Trust Company, Street Railway, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Scruggs V-B D G com, 1st preferred, Scullin Steel pref, etc.

\* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, October 29 to November 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Wind GI Mach, com, 100, Preferred, Am Wind GI Co, pref, 100, 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. 29) and ending the present Friday (Nov. 4). 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 with columns: Week Ended Nov. 4., Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aero Supply Mfg el A, Class B, Ala Great South, ord, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Borden Co common, Nat Cit rets for new stk, Brill Corp class B, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes various stock listings such as Crocker-Wheeler Elec Mfg, Cuban Tobacco, and others.

Public Utilities (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Ellec Invest without warr. *	40 3/4	39 1/4	41 3/4	5,900	32 3/4	Feb 42 1/2	Gulf Oil Corp of Penna. . . 25	93	93	98	17,300	86 1/4	Mar 98
Ellec Pow & Lt 2d pref A. *	101	100 3/4	101	325	89 1/4	Mar 103	Houston Gulf Gas. . . . .	---	9 7/8	9 7/8	100	8 1/2	July 12 1/2
Opton warrants. . . . .	---	10 5/8	11	1,200	6 3/4	Jan 12 3/4	International Petroleum	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	9,230	80	June 2
Empire Gas & F 8% pf. 100	107 3/4	107 1/4	108	4,600	104 1/4	May 111 1/4	International Petroleum *	33 3/4	31 1/4	33 3/4	38,600	28 1/4	June 34 1/2
7% preferred. . . . .	99 3/4	99 3/4	100 3/4	1,200	97 1/4	June 100 3/4	Kirby Petroleum. . . . .	---	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Oct 2 1/4
Empire Pow Corp part stk *	32	31 1/4	32 3/4	3,700	26	Jan 39	Leonard Oil Develop't. 25	7 1/4	6 1/4	7 1/4	3,200	6 1/4	May 10 1/2
Federal Water Servy cl A. *	34 3/4	34 3/4	35 3/4	5,400	30 3/4	Aug 36	Lion Oil & Refining. . . . .	21	20 3/4	21	900	20	Oct 27 1/2
Florida Pow & Lt 7% pref. *	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	75	102 1/4	Aug 106	Loon Star Gas Corp. . . . .	25	54	54 1/4	1,200	37	Jan 56
Galv-Houset Elc com. 100	---	35 3/4	36	200	22	Apr 37 3/4	New. . . . .	---	54 1/4	54 3/4	1,000	54 1/4	Nov 54 3/4
Preferred. . . . .	---	75	75	200	66	Jan 79 3/4	Madalena Syndicate. . . . .	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	90	Oct 2 3/4
General Pub Serv com. . . . .	16	16	16 3/4	1,300	11 1/4	Jan 18	Magaly Oil. . . . .	---	49 1/2	49 1/2	900	12	Mar 52
Seven per cent preferred *	---	110 3/4	110 3/4	125	105 1/4	Feb 113 1/4	Mexico Ohio Oil. . . . .	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 3/4	200	6 1/4	Aug 12 1/4
Ga Pow (new corp) 8% pf. *	99 1/4	98 3/4	99 1/4	600	94	Mar 99 3/4	Mexico Oil Corp. . . . .	10	22 1/2	25 1/2	3,000	10 1/4	Apr 38 1/2
Internat Utilities class A. *	46 3/4	45 3/4	47	4,800	24	Apr 47 3/4	Mountain & Gulf Oil. . . . .	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	200	1	July 1 1/4
Class B. . . . .	---	8 3/4	8 3/4	8,500	3	Jan 9 3/4	Mountain Producers Corp 10	25	24 1/4	25 1/4	7,000	22 3/4	Apr 26 3/4
Participating preferred. *	95	94 3/4	95	125	89	Apr 96	Nat Fuel Gas new. . . . .	28	26 3/4	28 1/4	1,400	23	June 31 3/4
Lebigh Power Securities. . . . .	---	19	20	31,400	15	Jan 22	New Bradford Oil. . . . .	5	4 3/4	4 3/4	700	4 3/4	Oct 5 1/4
Long Island Ltg. com. . . . .	173	170 1/4	173	100	140	July 12 1/2	New York Oil. . . . .	25	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,000	9 1/4	Mar 13 1/4
Marconi Wire T of Can. . . . .	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	6,200	79 1/2	Aug 120 3/4	North Cent Texas Oil. . . . .	---	10 1/4	10 3/4	100	9 1/4	Sept 12 1/4
Mass Gas Cos com. . . . .	---	111	111	50	108	Aug 120	Pandem Oil Corporation. . . . .	---	2 3/4	2 3/4	800	1 3/4	Sept 4 3/4
Mass Ltg Cos common. . . . .	---	147	147	20	142 1/4	June 152	Pantepec Oil of Venezuela. *	8 3/4	6 3/4	8 3/4	600	7	Sept 12 3/4
6% preferred. . . . .	---	115	115	40	114 1/4	June 119 1/4	Pennok Oil Corp. . . . .	---	7 1/4	7 1/4	300	6	Oct 12 1/4
Middle West Utilities com *	114 3/4	113 1/4	115 1/4	2,700	100	Feb 117 1/4	Red Bank Oil. . . . .	25	13 1/4	13 1/4	100	13 1/4	Oct 24 3/4
Prior lien stock. . . . .	---	125	126 3/4	800	108	Feb 126 3/4	Reiter Foster Oil Corp. . . . .	---	7 3/4	7 3/4	27,200	3 1/4	Sept 15 1/4
\$6 preferred. . . . .	---	92	92	400	90 1/4	Oct 94 1/4	Richfield Oil of Cal com. 25	---	21 1/4	21 1/4	500	15	Apr 27 1/4
7% preferred. . . . .	---	115 1/4	116	300	105 3/4	Jan 116	Preferred. . . . .	25	23 3/4	23 3/4	2,350	21 1/4	Oct 24 3/4
Mohawk & Hud Pow com *	---	28 1/4	29 3/4	1,400	20 3/4	Jan 32 1/4	Royal Canadian Oil Synd. *	---	13 1/2	13 1/2	1,000	5 1/2	Sept 35 1/2
Warrants. . . . .	---	6 3/4	6 3/4	200	6	Aug 7	Ryan Consol Petroleum. *	---	5 1/4	5 1/4	400	4 1/2	May 7
Mohawk Valley Co. . . . .	---	48	48 3/4	800	37	Feb 53 1/4	Salt Creek Consol Oil. . . . .	10	6 3/4	6 3/4	200	6	May 8
Nat Elcc Power class A. *	27 3/4	26 3/4	27 3/4	2,800	23 1/4	Feb 28 3/4	Salt Creek Producers. . . . .	10	30 3/4	31 1/4	7,500	27 1/4	Apr 32
Nat Power & Light pref. *	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	500	101	Jan 110	Savoy Oil Corp. . . . .	5	3	3 1/2	600	2	Oct 7
Nat Pub Serv com class A. *	22 3/4	22	22 3/4	2,900	10	Jan 24 1/4	Seaver Consolidated. . . . .	---	18 1/4	19 3/4	1,800	15	Apr 23 1/4
Common class B. . . . .	---	22	22 3/4	2,400	14	Jan 23 3/4	Voting stock. . . . .	21 3/4	19 3/4	21 3/4	2,900	17	Apr 26 3/4
New-Calf El Corp, com 100	---	33 3/4	33 3/4	100	25	Feb 36 1/4	Transcon Oil 7% pref. 100	---	18	19 1/4	63 1/2	Jan 8 1/4	
New Bedford Gas & Ed Ltg. *	102	101	102	100	82	Feb 102	Venezuela Petroleum. . . . .	5	4 1/4	5 3/4	2,400	4 1/2	July 7 3/4
New Eng Pow Assn com. . . . .	74 3/4	74	74 3/4	100	49 1/4	Feb 94	Wilcox (H F) Oil & Gas. . . . .	22	21 1/2	22	1,000	20 1/4	Apr 32 3/4
N Y Telep 6 1/4% pref. 100	114 3/4	114 1/4	115	425	112 1/4	Apr 115 3/4	Woodhead Petroleum Corp. *	5 1/4	4 3/4	5 1/4	800	4 3/4	Nov 8
North Amer Util Sec com. . . . .	---	6 3/4	6 3/4	100	5 1/2	July 10 1/2	"Y" Oil & Gas. . . . .	25	2 1/4	2 1/4	800	1 1/4	May 6
First preferred. . . . .	---	90 3/4	91	700	84	July 91 1/4							
Northeast Power com. . . . .	23 1/4	22 1/4	25	7,300	14 1/4	Apr 25							
Nor Ind P S 7% pref. 100	---	110 3/4	111	20	102	Mar 111 1/4							
Northern Ohio Power Co. *	15 3/4	15 1/4	16	3,700	9 3/4	Jan 18 3/4							
Northern Ont L & P pf. 100	95	95	95	20	84	Jan 95							
Nor States P Corp com. 100	127	124 1/4	127 3/4	1,500	109 3/4	Jan 133							
Preferred. . . . .	108 3/4	107 3/4	109 3/4	400	100 3/4	Jan 109 3/4							
Ohio Bell Telep 7% pf. 100	---	111 1/4	113	40	104	June 114							
Ohio Pub Serv 1st pref A 100	---	108	109	50	104	Feb 109							
Pacific Gas & El 1st pf. 25	26 3/4	x26 3/4	26 3/4	300	24 1/4	Feb 27 1/4							
Penn-Ohio Ed com. . . . .	35 3/4	35	36 3/4	700	27	Feb 43 3/4							
7% prior pref. . . . .	104 1/4	104	104 1/4	280	97 3/4	Jan 105							
\$6 preferred. . . . .	89	89	89 3/4	110	80 1/4	Jan 90 3/4							
Warrants. . . . .	---	13 1/4	13 1/4	1,600	10 1/4	Jan 19 1/4							
Penn Ohio Secur Corp. . . . .	12	12	12 1/4	3,300	8 1/4	Feb 15							
Penn G & E cl A part stk. *	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	300	19	Jan 23							
Penn Power & Lt 7% pf. *	110 3/4	110	110 3/4	175	106	Jan 110 3/4							
Penna Water & Power. . . . .	68	66	68 3/4	600	45	Mar 74 3/4							
Phila Elcc Co common. . . . .	25	52 1/4	53 1/4	200	46 3/4	Mar 58 3/4							
Portland Elcc Power. . . . .	---	32	32	100	29	Apr 31							
Power Securities com. . . . .	---	11	11	100	6	June 12 1/4							
Preferred. . . . .	---	51 3/4	51 3/4	200	40	Sept 51 3/4							
Puget Sound P&L com. 100	33	33	35 3/4	1,800	28	Apr 38 3/4							
Seven per cent pref. 100	---	108	108 1/4	300	103 1/4	Jan 111							
Rhode Island P.S. pref. *	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	100	30	Oct 30 1/4							
Shawinigan Water & Pow *	---	84 1/4	85 1/4	600	84 1/4	Oct 87 3/4							
Sou Calif Edison, pref A 25	---	29	29 1/4	200	27 3/4	Mar 29 1/4							
Preferred B. . . . .	---	26 1/4	26 1/4	300	25 1/4	Oct 26 1/4							
Southeast Pow & Lt com. *	38 3/4	37 3/4	38 3/4	4,200	29 1/4	Mar 40							
Common voting tr. ctf. *	---	36	36 3/4	500	28	Jan 37 3/4							
\$7 preferred. . . . .	---	107 3/4	107 3/4	300	101 3/4	Jan 110							
Participating preferred. *	---	82 1/4	82 1/4	400	67 3/4	Jan 83 3/4							
Warrants to pur com stk. *	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 3/4	1,250	8 3/4	Jan 31							
Southw Bell Telep, com. 100	---	117	117	50	118 1/4	June 118 1/4							
Southwest P&L 7% pf. 100	---	111 1/4	112 1/4	60	104	Jan 112 1/4							
Stand Gas & El 7% pf. 100	110	110	111 1/4	1,425	104	Jan 111 1/4							
Standard Pow & Lt com. 25	---	26	27	1,000	22	Jan 27							
Tampa Electric Co. . . . .	---	63	63	200	49	Jan 64 1/4							
Texas Pow & Lt 7% pf. 100	---	113 1/4	115 1/4	10	107	Feb 113 1/4							
Union Nat Gas of Canada. *	---	26 1/4	27 1/4	500	25	Sept 28 3/4							
United Gas Imp't. . . . .	108 3/4	106 1/4	108 3/4	4,100	89	Feb 119							
United Lt & Pow com A. *	14 1/4	13 1/4	14 1/4	15,000	12 1/4	Mar 15 1/4							
Preferred class A. . . . .	---	94 3/4	94 3/4	100	85	Jan 97 3/4							
Preferred class B. . . . .	---	53 1/4	53 1/4	200	50 1/4	Jan 97							
Utah Power & Light pf. 100	---	108	108	25	106 3/4	Mar 108 3/4							
Utilities Pow & Lt class B. *	21 1/4	21	22	2,900	13 1/4	Jan 23 3/4							
Utility Share Corp com. . . . .	---	13	13 3/4	600	9 3/4	Feb 14 1/4							
Option warrants. . . . .	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	6,100	1 3/4	Apr 4 3/4							
Western Power, pref. 100	---	101 3/4	101										





**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of October. The table covers 13 roads and shows 9.50% decrease from the same week last year:

Thrd Week of October.	1927.	1926.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (10 roads).....	\$16,791,852	\$18,553,647	-----	\$1,761,795
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.....	96,941	114,405	-----	17,464
Mineral Range.....	4,113	3,969	-----	\$144
Nevada-California-Oregon.....	13,858	9,224	-----	4,634
Total (13 roads).....	\$16,906,764	\$18,681,245	\$4,778	\$1,779,259
Net decrease (9.50%).....				1,774,481

For the fourth week of October only one road as yet has reported. The figures are as follows:

Fourth Week of October.	1927.	1926.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.....	\$521,938	\$599,843	-----	\$77,905

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Mar. (13 roads).....	14,995,998	14,308,298	+687,700	4.81
2d week Mar. (13 roads).....	15,453,141	14,781,223	+671,918	4.55
3d week Mar. (13 roads).....	15,190,382	14,973,426	+216,956	1.45
4th week Mar. (13 roads).....	22,052,923	22,226,451	-173,528	0.78
1st week April (13 roads).....	15,204,434	15,166,695	+37,739	1.00
2d week April (13 roads).....	14,742,573	14,402,687	+339,886	2.42
3d week April (13 roads).....	14,590,611	14,241,283	+349,327	2.44
4th week April (13 roads).....	19,895,469	18,769,562	+1,125,906	6.00
1st week May (13 roads).....	15,252,550	14,306,734	+945,816	6.61
2d week May (13 roads).....	14,872,278	15,103,054	-230,776	1.53
3d week May (13 roads).....	14,552,518	15,179,524	-627,007	4.14
4th week May (13 roads).....	20,444,541	21,344,342	-899,801	4.22
1st week June (13 roads).....	14,674,637	15,163,759	-494,123	3.25
2d week June (13 roads).....	14,637,922	15,244,341	-606,420	4.00
3d week June (13 roads).....	14,923,185	15,384,889	-461,704	3.00
4th week June (13 roads).....	20,190,921	20,377,221	-186,300	0.92
1st week July (13 roads).....	14,345,693	15,229,606	-883,913	5.81
2d week July (13 roads).....	14,389,046	14,585,974	-196,928	1.35
3d week July (13 roads).....	14,414,724	14,660,546	-245,822	1.67
4th week July (13 roads).....	13,239,045	15,025,966	-1,786,921	11.89
1st week Aug. (13 roads).....	14,138,182	15,019,916	-881,733	5.86
2d week Aug. (13 roads).....	14,932,688	15,366,857	-434,169	2.82
3d week Aug. (13 roads).....	15,091,947	15,557,505	-465,558	3.00
4th week Aug. (13 roads).....	22,276,734	21,502,193	+774,541	3.57
1st week Sept. (13 roads).....	15,306,827	15,508,092	-191,265	1.21
2d week Sept. (13 roads).....	15,644,304	16,950,922	-1,306,617	7.71
3d week Sept. (13 roads).....	22,053,886	23,859,874	-1,805,988	7.57
4th week Sept. (13 roads).....	16,141,807	16,817,404	-675,597	4.01
1st week Oct. (13 roads).....	17,643,939	17,907,644	-263,705	1.48
2d week Oct. (10 roads).....	16,791,852	18,553,647	-1,761,795	9.61
3d week Oct. (10 roads).....	16,906,764	18,681,245	-1,774,481	9.50

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table.

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1926.	1925.	Increase or Decrease.	1926.	1925.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sept.	588,945,933	564,756,924	+24,192,009	191,933,148	176,936,230	+14,996,918
Oct.	604,052,017	586,008,436	+18,043,581	193,990,813	180,629,394	+13,361,419
Nov.	559,935,895	531,199,465	+28,736,430	158,197,446	148,132,228	+10,065,218
Dec.	525,411,572	522,467,600	+2,943,972	119,237,349	134,504,698	-15,267,349
Jan.	485,961,345	479,841,904	+6,119,441	99,428,246	102,281,496	-2,853,250
Feb.	467,808,478	459,084,911	+8,723,567	107,148,249	99,399,962	+7,748,287
Mar.	529,899,898	529,467,282	+432,616	135,691,649	134,064,291	+1,627,358
Apr.	497,212,491	493,677,065	+3,535,426	113,043,766	114,417,892	-1,374,126
May	517,543,015	516,454,938	+1,088,077	126,757,878	127,821,385	-1,063,507
June	516,023,039	539,797,813	-23,774,774	127,749,692	148,646,848	-20,897,156
July	508,413,874	556,710,935	-48,297,061	125,438,334	160,874,832	-35,436,498
Aug.	556,406,682	579,093,397	-22,686,735	164,013,942	179,711,414	-15,697,472

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1926—Sept., 8.48% inc.; Oct., 7.35% inc.; Nov., 6.79% inc.; Dec., 11.36% inc. 1927—Jan., 2.79% dec.; Feb., 7.80% inc.; March, 1.21% inc.; April, 0.67% dec.; May, 0.83% dec.; June, 14.07% dec.; July, 22.03% dec.; Aug., 8.73% dec.

In Sept. the length of road covered was 236,779 miles in 1926, against 235,977 miles in 1925; in Oct., 236,654 miles, against 236,898 miles; in Nov., 237,335 miles, against 236,369 miles; in Dec., 236,982 miles, against 237,373 miles. In 1927: Jan., 237,846 miles, against 236,805 miles in 1926; in Feb., 237,970 miles, against 236,870 miles in 1926; in March, 237,704 miles, against 236,948 miles in 1926; in April, 238,183 miles, against 237,187 miles in 1926; in May, 238,025 miles, against 237,275 miles in 1926; in June, 238,425 miles, against 237,243 miles in 1926; in July, 238,316 miles, against 237,711 miles in 1926; in Aug., 238,672 miles, against 237,824 miles in 1926.

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American Railway Express—						
September	2,136,682	2,276,250	255,215	279,578	78,160	88,722
From Jan 1	15,916,782	16,467,428	1,873,255	1,884,927	605,264	625,788
Atch Topeka & Santa Fe—						
September	18,402,833	19,906,787	6,357,152	9,145,879	4,702,111	7,141,965
From Jan 1	150,574,996	150,771,131	43,240,276	51,085,927	30,729,825	37,567,741
Gulf Col & Santa Fe—						
September	2,748,869	3,049,194	1,046,925	1,158,774	829,913	1,076,036
From Jan 1	25,520,606	22,697,867	6,112,502	5,846,970	5,220,940	5,455,704
Panhandle & Santa Fe—						
September	1,111,491	1,561,556	345,949	649,149	297,626	566,753
From Jan 1	11,249,559	11,149,508	3,145,512	4,609,533	2,758,862	3,985,151
Atlanta Birm & Coast—						
September	454,883	475,139	63,451	49,482	49,180	35,796
From Jan 1	3,975,345	4,339,165	235,586	413,266	104,682	287,850
Atlanta & West Point—						
September	284,345	275,807	85,160	71,613	61,176	53,523
From Jan 1	2,367,734	2,388,295	553,559	553,766	405,061	408,347
Atlantic City—						
September	435,191	499,706	83,210	167,406	42,900	131,877
From Jan 1	3,457,792	3,896,129	420,659	864,367	94,152	576,954
Atlantic Coast Line—						
September	5,595,228	6,957,916	527,286	1,167,024	25,880	589,924
From Jan 1	61,532,309	73,786,860	13,085,604	20,669,308	8,599,230	15,680,467

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balt & Ohio—						
B & O Chic Terminal—						
September	341,434	333,630	90,891	84,561	28,536	29,019
From Jan 1	2,941,729	2,818,745	546,693	598,560	52,654	135,180
Bangor & Aroostook—						
September	485,917	595,156	123,712	223,669	82,637	166,949
From Jan 1	5,420,637	4,978,064	1,745,438	1,447,753	1,309,530	1,043,121
Bellefonte Central—						
September	7,999	6,782	2,809	—608	2,698	—73
From Jan 1	55,402	58,788	2,098	—5,144	1,099	—6,179
Belt Ry of Chicago—						
September	655,716	696,350	244,541	280,742	196,368	232,270
From Jan 1	5,573,288	5,580,425	1,940,009	1,779,231	1,509,434	1,363,247
Bessemer & Lake Erie—						
September	1,470,286	1,974,168	635,319	1,091,768	553,687	946,830
From Jan 1	10,699,408	12,719,772	3,417,558	5,404,036	2,848,435	4,581,679
Bingham & Garfield—						
September	35,595	46,324	4,391	14,279	—3,229	4,033
From Jan 1	372,173	421,991	60,543	124,290	—4,042	35,901
Boston & Maine—						
September	6,929,157	7,171,053	1,778,966	1,757,626	1,474,456	1,490,444
From Jan 1	58,441,193	60,783,602	14,197,382	14,800,413	11,515,332	12,529,874
Brooklyn E D Terminal—						
September	117,565	129,088	41,231	55,481	34,892	47,605
From Jan 1	1,087,385	1,120,334	402,661	456,860	340,632	388,278
Buffalo & Susquehanna—						
September	123,968	101,923	—8,872	—9,962	—10,976	—12,162
From Jan 1	1,165,074	902,826	—25,778	—93,213	—44,682	—118,713
Canadian National—						
September	22,125,397	22,619,874	5,021,522	5,507,973	-----	-----
From Jan 1	194,526,890	190,419,153	25,653,595	28,557,848	-----	-----
Chic Det & Can G T Jct—						
September	333,894	336,722	173,601	168,818	163,196	141,857
From Jan 1	2,943,041	2,872,593	1,439,873	1,402,303	1,346,417	1,275,809
Det G H & Milwaukee—						
September	774,075	773,686	252,147	355,352	239,193	337,101
From Jan 1	6,315,168	5,870,145	2,320,913	2,308,959	2,202,417	2,236,339
Canadian Pacific—						
September	17,053,124	188,75,404	4,494,011	6,448,823	-----	-----
From Jan 1	139,183,036	137,331,785	24,495,246	28,632,022	-----	-----
Canadian Pac Lines in Me—						
September	140,340	144,915	—40,260	—2,700	—53,560	—18,600
From Jan 1	1,908,115	1,846,647	61,132	121,312	—58,568	5,212
Can Pacific Lines in Vermont—						
September	159,713	176,379	8,875	—23,176	4,125	—24,967
From Jan 1	1,543,421	722,499	80,782	—59,504	35,032	—66,668
Central of Georgia—						
September	2,595,724	2,854,468	913,170	923,855	732,356	769,279
From Jan 1	21,123,042	23,911,398	5,253,720	5,938,825	4,074,936	4,833,435
Charles & West Carolina—						
September	283,577	288,313	74,049	53,535	56,507	33,342
From Jan 1	2,707,067	2,959,197	584,267	735,173	403,598	545,585
Chicago Burl &amp						

	—Gross from Railway—		—Net from Railway—		—Net after Taxes—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Evans Ind & Terre Haute—						
September	269,793	233,858	65,732	86,988	62,178	77,815
From Jan 1.	2,005,463	1,884,123	703,886	630,199	634,428	516,699
Florida East Coast—						
September	891,494	1,857,672	—82,386	538,476	—210,307	398,190
From Jan 1.	14,426,222	22,833,719	3,089,004	7,260,708	1,947,910	6,048,778
Ft Smith & Western—						
September	140,301	167,591	19,924	46,059	14,329	40,423
From Jan 1.	1,212,732	1,224,876	139,032	192,053	91,821	142,143
Galveston Wharf—						
September	161,848	207,147	47,449	96,116	20,949	71,516
From Jan 1.	1,481,261	1,325,645	495,317	443,861	313,817	268,017
Georgia & Florida—						
September	176,540	190,462	41,436	55,282	33,726	47,759
From Jan 1.	1,463,656	1,528,554	308,111	430,800	238,077	365,965
Grand Trunk Western—						
September	1,879,777	1,904,016	594,273	589,721	509,947	492,642
From Jan 1.	15,979,139	15,368,239	4,507,171	4,102,708	3,746,875	3,391,919
Gt Northern System—						
September	13,851,222	13,513,306	6,389,269	6,382,840	5,374,135	5,465,008
From Jan 1.	81,928,688	82,551,079	25,392,531	26,222,884	17,914,475	19,123,521
Green Bay & Western—						
September	130,530	130,701	23,492	23,888	15,492	13,888
From Jan 1.	1,159,139	1,210,075	223,253	276,110	151,252	188,970
Gulf Mobile & Northern—						
September	651,011	648,917	201,392	244,232	157,007	190,684
From Jan 1.	5,340,184	5,082,365	1,384,114	1,623,304	1,047,805	1,203,395
Gulf & Ship Island—						
September	379,165	376,414	81,470	5,473	59,243	—18,828
From Jan 1.	2,906,983	3,014,857	46,822	—453,786	—166,530	—685,375
Hoeking Valley—						
September	1,992,660	1,701,731	805,576	524,961	652,273	411,639
From Jan 1.	16,296,891	14,816,360	6,126,309	4,555,283	5,028,244	3,521,838
Ill Cent System—						
September	16,299,119	16,598,602	4,132,592	4,223,204	3,015,864	3,067,223
From Jan 1.	136,749,796	136,213,309	31,506,155	31,109,500	22,101,235	21,852,897
Illinois Central Co—						
September	13,774,603	13,555,765	3,726,800	3,195,562	2,784,641	2,308,648
From Jan 1.	117,237,200	116,577,228	28,953,384	26,742,546	20,994,786	18,974,113
Yazoo & Miss Valley—						
September	2,507,365	3,026,770	404,497	1,027,945	234,847	763,161
From Jan 1.	19,389,288	19,576,625	2,773,773	4,363,263	11,171,097	2,911,985
Internat Great North—						
September	1,781,430	1,845,734	515,427	494,660	473,638	448,317
From Jan 1.	13,440,772	13,499,653	2,420,486	2,747,787	2,040,333	2,338,001
Interoceanic Ry of Mexico—						
September	882,397	979,688	—356,852	—75,827	-----	-----
From Jan 1.	7,998,414	9,273,205	—1,082,883	1,302,542	-----	-----
Kan City Mex & Orient—						
September	229,117	208,224	13,047	—2,876	9,006	—7,268
From Jan 1.	2,251,347	1,660,529	60,853	—45,844	23,209	—89,496
K C Mex & O of T—						
September	598,038	357,416	119,134	57,068	111,941	50,068
From Jan 1.	5,093,807	2,906,630	1,153,010	487,358	1,088,745	423,935
Kan City South—						
September	1,731,848	1,674,575	657,085	557,893	543,857	450,577
From Jan 1.	14,345,504	14,289,340	4,739,916	4,624,869	3,741,537	3,555,784
Texarkana & Ft Smith—						
September	263,043	242,226	97,830	104,428	82,533	87,354
From Jan 1.	2,260,105	2,266,454	863,942	1,066,855	728,746	913,071
Kan Okla & Gulf—						
September	275,958	251,730	96,925	44,463	89,014	34,646
From Jan 1.	2,100,689	2,007,935	393,988	—150,722	308,204	—266,528
Lake Sup & Ishp—						
September	345,991	327,829	206,780	179,100	169,091	145,929
From Jan 1.	1,823,116	1,888,827	796,960	806,642	585,661	606,053
Lehigh & Hud River—						
September	284,078	313,622	91,810	117,631	74,708	97,015
From Jan 1.	2,527,160	2,496,718	837,765	885,724	684,732	735,494
Los Angeles & Salt Lake—						
September	2,350,197	2,252,574	748,259	754,751	599,537	623,110
From Jan 1.	19,122,973	18,411,085	3,583,779	3,890,225	2,341,440	2,695,836
Louisiana Ry & Nav Co—						
September	307,037	388,321	95,078	125,690	73,046	102,959
From Jan 1.	2,368,728	2,768,369	303,592	476,192	101,979	276,474
La Ry & Nav Co of T—						
September	116,005	128,576	27,410	32,213	23,345	28,136
From Jan 1.	793,628	970,892	37,414	111,700	1,156	75,333
Louisville & Nashville—						
September	12,809,020	12,361,091	3,582,877	3,044,888	2,777,060	2,274,263
From Jan 1.	109,638,835	109,871,971	24,487,128	26,534,090	18,861,277	20,679,561
Louis Henderson & St L—						
September	456,408	334,117	149,615	99,361	123,378	76,944
From Jan 1.	3,124,996	2,811,244	906,201	657,659	714,434	491,998
Maine Central—						
September	1,635,259	1,742,584	355,950	440,565	242,036	337,363
From Jan 1.	15,271,143	15,185,649	3,168,704	3,179,995	2,142,808	2,276,175
Minn St P & S M—						
September	5,863,516	4,696,807	2,407,422	1,582,199	2,072,632	1,334,438
From Jan 1.	35,293,622	34,809,430	8,786,804	7,757,829	6,607,757	6,002,888
Mo-Kansas-Texas—						
September	3,126,368	3,187,734	1,184,066	928,394	946,478	683,290
From Jan 1.	26,302,707	26,067,065	8,835,466	8,582,850	7,010,871	6,589,504
Mo-Kan-Tex of Tex—						
September	1,855,700	2,117,499	569,409	751,050	507,060	697,174
From Jan 1.	15,426,636	15,844,261	3,602,679	3,930,657	3,102,493	3,448,050
Mo & No Arkansas—						
September	142,274	162,841	14,067	11,589	11,408	9,269
From Jan 1.	1,276,733	1,294,144	137,021	—18,776	115,008	—39,960
Missouri Pacific—						
September	11,150,366	12,337,548	3,024,287	3,174,023	2,612,971	2,715,484
From Jan 1.	92,713,242	98,751,993	18,931,100	22,583,693	15,167,040	18,450,667
Monongahela Connecting—						
September	144,042	202,420	27,009	54,641	20,032	44,201
From Jan 1.	1,618,488	1,696,824	370,351	433,035	289,683	364,058
Nash Chatt & St L—						
September	1,959,104	1,974,528	489,163	418,189	399,125	308,053
From Jan 1.	17,239,967	18,000,269	3,592,746	3,656,949	2,888,768	2,875,402
National Rys of Mexico—						
September	9,765,651	9,497,126	829,563	527,425	-----	-----
From Jan 1.	75,033,931	75,483,066	4,662,435	7,464,905	-----	-----
Nevada Northern—						
September	83,244	85,157	45,752	46,372	39,874	34,114
From Jan 1.	722,496	699,333	371,785	356,216	296,307	260,217
New Ori Tex & Mex—						
September	270,174	270,380	45,327	—460	25,519	—27,061
From Jan 1.	2,083,214	2,634,019	—45,272	603,028	—306,414	367,948
Beaumont SoLake & W—						
September	252,214	242,224	103,369	71,997	99,469	65,148
From Jan 1.	2,256,011	2,155,746	501,468	641,381	528,459	578,125
St L Browns & Mex—						
September	646,022	1,030,144	94,795	458,707	59,918	428,004
From Jan 1.	7,239,770	7,422,189	2,391,448	2,789,655	2,076,448	2,513,577
New York Central—						
Indiana Harbor Belt—						
September	945,924	1,022,144	312,188	333,938	261,490	280,332
From Jan 1.	8,470,338	8,389,593	2,172,524	2,497,729	1,759,772	2,073,348
Michigan Central—						
September	8,031,691	8,623,204	2,633,974	2,935,831	2,056,494	2,344,798
From Jan 1.	68,614,179	72,753,016	21,270,271	23,636,787	16,591,433	18,966,971

	—Gross from Railway—		—Net from Railway—		—Net after Taxes—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
C C & St Louis—						
September	8,255,216	8,476,689	2,280,199	2,458,630	1,781,655	1,932,388
From Jan 1.	69,455,577	70,287,206	16,409,781	18,064,094	12,587,915	13,928,336
Cincinnati Northern—						
September	440,996	459,942	174,104	190,305	138,960	155,176
From Jan 1.	3,520,136	3,570,010	1,116,419	1,227,140	884,282	992,930
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie—						
September	2,704,542	2,963,208	549,171	712,879	376,771	502,079
From Jan 1.	24,779,308	24,961,793	4,597,946	4,961,691	3,062,423	3,258,727
Northwestern Pacific—						
September	758,769	758,198	274,006	299,092	233,143	258,420
From Jan 1.	5,017,238	5,488,313	1,084,469	1,648,190	716,794	1,279,288
Pennsylvania System—						
Balt Ches & Atlantic—						
September	160,557	145,472				

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Electric Pow & Lt Corp. c. Sept	4,433,393	4,177,640	*2,047,992	*1,854,860
12 mos end Sept 30	52,159,203	49,116,844	*23,193,233	*21,047,559

\* After taxes. c Earnings of subsidiaries only.

Companies.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
			Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
American Water Works Sept '27	4,015,079	1,825,431	f1,479,122	c346,309		
Heat & Power Co '26	3,736,436	1,780,917	f1,453,445	c327,472		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	48,255,708	43,054,210	f37,831,903	c5,222,307		
'26	44,283,033	21,145,903	f17,207,269	c3,938,634		
Binghamton Light, Sept '27	183,214	c58,296				
Heat & Power Co '26	161,129	c56,578				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	2,112,881	*c814,867	385,493	429,375		
'26	1,862,711	*c643,275	320,240	323,035		
Broad River Sept '27	171,299	c74,720				
Power Co '26	191,390	c78,246				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	2,814,575	*c1,467,747	978,602	491,145		
Engineers' Public Sept '27	2,561,114	992,713	296,916	b695,797		
Service Co (& Subs) '26	2,354,920	906,368	268,347	b638,023		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	28,986,533	11,142,017	3,332,213	67,809,804		
'26	25,792,819	9,880,231	3,154,009	66,726,222		
Fort Worth Power Sept '27	265,094	*107,653	16,980	90,673		
& Light Co '26	231,106	*130,087	17,105	112,982		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	2,959,835	*1,518,678	204,017	1,314,661		
'26	2,860,719	*1,417,151	206,416	1,210,735		
Florida Public Sept '27	1,350,173	59,530				
Service Co '26	131,386	41,037				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	1,834,042	*908,683	586,219	322,464		
'26	1,551,830	*678,474	405,802	272,672		
General Gas & Elec Sept '27	1,801,186	*a760,481	f526,816	233,665		
Corp (& Subs) '26	1,991,498	*a776,403	f554,661	221,742		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	25,362,856	*a10,033,963	f7,019,051	3,014,912		
'26	23,196,613	*a8,648,960	f5,893,892	2,755,068		
Iaho Power Co Sept '27	311,501	*187,791	99,925	127,866		
'26	260,292	*143,741	56,470	87,271		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	3,033,324	*1,748,432	691,780	1,056,652		
'26	2,852,173	*1,542,376	681,928	860,448		
Metropolitan Edison Sept '27	850,309	a357,316				
Cos (& Subs) '26	784,755	a310,656				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	10,248,487	*a4,486,707	1,814,827	2,671,879		
'26	9,389,128	*a4,108,525	1,776,815	2,331,709		
Nebraska Power Cos Sept '27	413,274	*208,360	81,320	127,404		
'26	360,460	*182,090	70,965	111,125		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	4,728,863	*2,497,477	1,911,195	1,586,282		
'26	4,335,499	*2,285,178	839,540	1,445,638		
New Jersey Power Sept '27	225,114	a55,646				
& Light Co '26	206,394	a55,808				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	2,681,776	*a780,773	267,987	416,151		
'26	2,193,210	*a579,073	295,933	283,141		
Northern Pennsylvania Sept '27	66,802	a18,927				
Power Co '26	62,582	a20,783				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	820,977	*a259,906	151,922	108,584		
Pacific Power Sept '27	304,198	*152,272	65,100	87,172		
& Light Co '26	322,503	*164,740	67,199	97,541		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	3,709,571	*1,609,556	775,014	835,542		
'26	3,732,591	*1,730,727	805,075	925,652		
Portland Gas Sept '27	347,251	*126,673	59,461	67,212		
& Coke Co '26	352,719	*135,294	55,365	79,929		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	4,459,697	*1,584,836	678,653	908,183		
'26	4,146,707	*1,496,287	631,802	864,485		
Reading Transit Sept '27	224,261	a23,405				
Co (& Subs) '26	236,692	a23,103				
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	2,913,181	*a324,791	109,201	215,591		
'26	2,962,354	*a263,339	101,619	161,772		
Texas Power Sept '27	848,832	*397,550	155,150	242,400		
& Light '26	644,000	*284,528	91,273	193,255		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	9,230,070	*4,202,478	1,680,599	2,521,879		
'26	7,331,108	*3,063,942	1,026,429	2,037,513		
United Rys Co of Sept '27	1,503,740	c196,791	207,460	-10,669		
St Louis '26	1,512,870	c186,972	208,508	-21,536		
9 mos end Sept 30 '27	13,918,616	c1,731,787	1,868,475	-136,687		
'26	14,009,028	c1,910,995	2,039,021	-128,206		
Utah Power & Light Co Sept '27	895,275	*493,850	182,877	310,973		
'26	889,400	*513,393	177,134	336,259		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	10,634,655	*6,070,871	2,174,288	3,896,583		
'26	10,331,942	*5,767,735	2,126,844	3,640,891		
York Utilities Sept '27	10,427	*j-1,439	k3,994	-5,434		
'26	15,591	*j-1,023	k3,687	-4,711		
12 mos end Sept 30 '27	137,329	*j-9,141	k34,700	-43,841		
'26	153,262	*j-684	k34,284	-33,600		

\* Includes other income. a After rentals and depreciation. b After rents. c After depreciation. f Includes preferred stock dividends of subsidiaries. j Before taxes. k Includes taxes.

New York City Street Railways.

Companies.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Gross Revenue.		Net Corp. Income.	
			Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
Brooklyn City June '27	975,921	117,920	44,838	73,082		
'26	983,431	151,563	50,251	101,312		
6 mos end June 30 '27	5,872,632	778,203	282,023	496,237		
'26	5,834,470	991,910	300,692	704,217		
Brooklyn Heights June '27	1,560	8,448	58,009	-49,561		
'26	1,560	7,643	47,954	-50,311		
6 mos end June 30 '27	9,405	49,321	348,389	-298,055		
'26	9,476	44,465	337,724	-305,259		
Bklyn & Queens June '27	231,711	24,813	58,425	-33,611		
'26	218,663	20,539	57,102	-36,562		
6 mos end June 30 '27	1,403,272	130,617	371,346	-21,506		
'26	1,303,597	224,072	343,510	-19,437		
Coney Isl & Brooklyn June '27	256,976	73,647	32,745	40,901		
'26	259,778	85,387	33,299	52,088		
6 mos end June 30 '27	1,421,148	251,186	104,898	54,869		
'26	1,377,396	309,063	196,828	112,234		
Coney Isl & Gravesend June '27	14,174	-4,013	13,727	-17,741		
'26	13,037	-18,770	13,609	-32,379		
6 mos end June 30 '27	58,259	-15,899	83,079	-98,981		
'26	47,644	-21,254	81,330	-102,584		
Eighth & Ninth Ave June '27	110,474	-96	8,401	-8,497		
'26	121,331	-19,529	6,576	-26,335		
6 mos end June 30 '27	685,970	-46,085	54,052	-97,019		
'26	722,380	-135,738	39,259	-175,297		
Interboro Rapid Transit—Elevated Division June '27	1,613,114	425,744	698,765	-273,021		
'26	1,615,391	490,913	702,504	-211,590		
6 mos end June 30 '27	9,613,650	2,425,092	4,181,094	1,705,001		
'26	9,615,927	2,491,261	4,194,833	1,703,570		
Subway Division June '27	3,792,629	1,739,244	1,096,370	642,874		
'26	3,554,130	1,657,567	1,116,274	541,292		
6 mos end June 30 '27	18,152,519	7,474,268	4,205,759	3,268,511		
'26	22,186,966	10,589,277	6,722,166	2,643,522		
Jamaica Central Rys June '27	53,423	7,779	1,559	6,220		
'26	49,452	5,602	1,743	3,859		
Manhattan & Queens June '27	40,067	8,473	9,795	-1,323		
'26	40,743	11,827	9,951	1,876		
6 mos end June 30 '27	231,688	33,953	58,312	-24,369		
'26	220,339	45,627	58,480	-12,853		
Manhattan Bridge June '27	20,349	2,306	373	1,933		
3c Line '26	19,930	2,484	334	2,150		
6 mos end June 30 '27	114,264	7,303	2,235	5,066		
'26	115,652	9,272	2,004	7,268		

Companies.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Gross Revenue.		*Net Revenue.		Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
			Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.		
Nassau Electric June '27	523,624	-127,244	113,864	-241,108				
'26	514,484	51,461	93,881	-42,420				
6 mos end June 30 '27	2,997,047	-13,067	591,555	-604,631				
'26	2,864,191	204,431	560,847	253,354				
N Y & Harlem June '27	91,824	105,719	54,815	50,904				
'26	97,425	109,830	50,207	59,623				
6 mos end June 30 '27	580,046	618,467	328,337	291,128				
'26	610,690	629,229	307,955	321,274				
N Y & Queens June '27	66,279	6,451	23,625	-17,175				
'26	67,163	13,553	23,202	-9,648				
6 mos end June 30 '27	420,318	65,859	141,428	-75,568				
'26	377,178	59,399	142,146	-82,746				
New York Rys June '27	600,970	103,599	193,881	-90,281				
'26	631,294	118,275	71,783	46,492				
6 mos end June 30 '27	3,407,183	528,936	609,431	-80,483				
'26	3,514,794	577,042	433,510	143,532				
N Y Rapid Transit June '27	2,865,471	1,151,758	497,828	653,930				
'26	2,865,471	1,151,758	497,828	653,930				
6 mos end June 30 '27	16,157,075	6,054,654	3,007,974	3,046,711				
'26	18,637,606	6,630,360	4,304,374	2,325,986				
Ocean Electric June '27	4,556	-5,481		-5,481				
'26	27,550	10,972	5,461	5,511				
6 mos end June 30 '27	20,620	-29,684	506	-30,191				
'26	10							

Accordingly, the price of the Six was reduced \$335 March 1 1927 at the beginning of the best selling season of the year. Had we not made this move our profits would, we believe, have equaled the earnings of the last year. But our profits for the fiscal year ahead of us would not have been so good as they promise to be. The price reduction resulted in an immediate and large demand for Six cars, with the result that our product has been oversold from March 1 to this date.

At the time of determining the price reduction we arranged to heavily increase our output of cars, and this was so successfully accomplished that the new models beginning in July were shipped at a much greater rate than was ever before attained. August and September were both record months in the company's history as far as production of cars. As a result of the planning and policies for the 1927 fiscal year, our factory and our sales have been running so far this year at a rate never before equaled by us; and this is true despite the fact that business conditions as evidenced by automobile sales generally have not been so good this fall as during last year. Few of the other automobile companies are enjoying a prosperity in sales that is so satisfactory as ours.

**The Plan.**—Our Six car was first brought out in June 1920. The price of the 5-passenger Sedan then was \$4,950. The prices of the other Six models at that introductory time were correspondingly high. In the seven years intervening this car has been greatly improved, enlarged, refined, and much expensive equipment has been added.

It is true that labor and materials were higher at the time this car was first produced, but it is also true that the very unusual progress that has been made in getting this highly refined car to the public at much less than half its original price has been chiefly due to the enlargement and perfection of our manufacturing facilities and to the co-operative efforts of the very loyal Packard organization. Through very large investments in equipment, machinery, tools and general facilities made during recent years the factory has been brought up to a condition of efficiency that is not, we believe, excelled in plants of any of our class competitors. We have reason to believe that Packard to-day has the facilities and the organization to make cars of its class better than anyone else can make them and at costs that compare favorably with any.

In this connection the price history of the Six car is interesting:

June 15 1920	-----	\$4,950	Dec. 27 1923	-----	\$3,375
Nov. 1 1920	-----	4,250	Jan. 2 1925	-----	2,585
July 1 1921	-----	3,975	Mar. 1 1927	-----	2,250
Oct. 24 1921	-----	3,350	July 1 1927	-----	2,285
April 20 1922	-----	3,275			

The result of the continued improvement and refinement of the Six car from year to year, coupled with the company's policy of reducing its price to the public through the cost savings that have been accomplished by added facilities and factory economies, has very much broadened the distribution of the company's product. In 1920 we shipped 1,042 Sixes. Now we are shipping 3½ times that many every month.

**Quantity Production.**—The company's entry into the field as a quantity producer dates from three years ago. And it is interesting to note the effect on the company's prosperity. To illustrate this we have taken some figures from our books for the past three years, namely 1925-27, and compared them with corresponding figures for the preceding nine years, namely 1916-24. They show as follows:

	3 Years 1925-27	9 Years 1916-24
Earnings	\$39,778,166	\$39,449,824
Average earnings per year	13,259,722	4,383,314
*Per cent of earnings to sales	18.9	9.8
Earnings applicable to common dividends	39,091,173	32,037,305
Dividends paid—Cash	22,006,770	18,101,941
Plant expenditures	20,623,723	36,268,006
Depreciation taken	12,951,563	25,715,434
Per cent of earnings to plant investment	57.0	36.5
Percent of earnings to invested capital	29.0	11.0

\* This item includes not only profit from sales but also branch profits, interest on investments, rents and miscellaneous gains.

These figures, we believe, amply demonstrate the wisdom of the course the company has followed. It is especially gratifying that these gains in manufacturing and cost efficiency have year by year been accompanied by improvements in the product. The economies never have been allowed to touch quality. The manufacturing and inspection standards of the company are as high as or higher than they have ever been. The car to-day is inherently more expensive in materials and workmanship than in the earlier years when the price was higher. The lower costs we have made have never been at the expense of the product. In consequence, our products are more highly regarded than they have ever been.

You will note that in the past 12 years the company's total plant expenditures have aggregated nearly 57 millions of dollars. It is this huge sum wisely expended for facilities of all kinds useful in the manufacture and distribution of our product that has given us our standing as efficient producers.

It has not been our policy to produce the Eight car in quantities nor to undertake to get it to the public at a price. Instead, we have always designed and equipped it without regard to cost. In its standard form it is equipped with every luxury and embellishment the markets of the world afford. It is the most powerful and usefully active car in the market. Its riding qualities are unsurpassed, due to its long wheelbase, its long flexible springs, and to its scientific weight distribution. The broadcloth, silks, and fannies with which the body is trimmed are the finest obtainable.

In order to cater to the wishes of an exacting clientele which often desires bodies built to respond to some unusual personal preferences, we offer a most complete line of custom bodies.

We have not sought quantity production in connection with the Eight. We started to make them at the rate of 500 per month, and that is our schedule to-day. We think it best to keep them on a plane where they will always be in demand and where in normal times the demand will be somewhat greater than the supply.

**Comments on the Balance Sheet.**—After a liberal depreciation of \$4,798,895, land, buildings, machinery, and equipment stand at \$27,471,540, as against \$22,942,611 at the close of the previous year.

Despite expenditures totaling \$9,327,824 for land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and \$7,195,363 for cash dividends, or a total expenditure for these items of \$16,523,187, cash in banks, U. S. Government, State, and municipal bonds amounted to \$17,285,720 at the end of the year, as against \$18,341,011 at the close of the previous year.

The increase in mortgages and land contracts receivable represents amounts due as a result of the sale of our former Packard Aviation Field and unimproved property in Chicago for which we had no further use.

Our inventories decreased \$1,952,095 from \$11,433,736 to \$9,481,641 as the year ended, due principally to better inventory control and the heavy demand for our cars.

The increase in accounts and notes receivable amounted to \$333,678, which reflects the fact that August shipments established a new monthly record.

The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 4 to 1, excluding the item of "dividends declared," as compared with 3.8 to 1 last year.

The ratio of total assets to total liabilities was 6.3 to 1, as compared with 4.8 to 1 last year.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings for the year were \$11,743,498. At the beginning of the fiscal year the regular dividend was made payable monthly and was increased from \$2 to \$2.40 a share a year. The result was that \$7,915,363 was paid in cash dividends during the year. The surplus increased to \$20,986,439.

The comparative income account was published in V. 125, p. 2399.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—		\$		Liabilities—		\$	
Property acct.	27,471,539	22,942,612	Cap. stk. (par \$10)	30,042,640	30,042,640		
Rights, privileges, franchises, &c.	1	1	Accounts payable and payrolls	4,427,044	4,828,757		
Mtgs. &c., rec'd.	1,556,780	1,005,086	Prov. for Fed. tax	1,779,783	2,209,863		
Inventories	9,481,641	11,433,736	Misc. liab. (not due)	1,607,762	1,872,158		
Accounts rec'd.	3,361,736	2,796,051	Cash divs. pay.	1,802,558	1,802,558		
Def. install. notes & bills receivable	1,666,613	1,895,620	Res. for conting.	398,406	1,437,645		
Mtgs. & State bds	4,729,047	6,619,166	Surplus	20,986,439	16,438,304		
U. S. securities	7,200,000	6,300,000					
Cash	5,356,673	5,421,845					
Deferred charges	220,602	214,815					
			Total (ea. side)	61,044,632	58,631,930		

x Land, buildings, machinery, plant and equipment, less depreciation.—V. 125, p. 2399.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Sept. 30 1927.)

President Charles Hayden Oct. 27 reports in substance:

**Results.**—Unsettled conditions in the sugar market have made the year a difficult one for corporation. The efforts of the Cuban Government to improve conditions by limiting the crop, necessarily resulted in higher unit costs for the reduced output. In view of these conditions, the results of the year's operations give ground for satisfaction; the salient points are as follows:

The operating profit for the year was \$5,275,599 as compared to \$2,330,071 for the preceding year.  
The working capital has been increased during the year by \$2,019,414.  
Colonos' accounts have been reduced \$1,778,710.  
Surplus has been increased \$874,397.  
Bonded indebtedness and mortgages and deferred instalments on land purchases have been reduced \$519,100.  
Bank loans amounted to \$5,925,000 at Sept. 30; cash on hand \$2,101,731; sugars sold but not yet delivered \$2,964,246; sugars on hand unsold, at market price \$2,779,626.

**Cuban Sugar Restriction.**—The governmental limitation of the Cuban crop to 4,500,000 tons being an essential element of the sugar situation, the following data regarding this regulation will be of interest:

The allocation given to the mills of corporation for the 1926-27 crop by the Sugar Commission was 3,401,121 bags as compared with 4,273,766 bags for the 1925-26 crop, being a reduction of 20.4% from the preceding crop. If the increased Cuban production had been divided equally among all the plantations in the Island, company's reduction would only have been 7.8% thus showing that corporation was reduced about 12½% more than its pro-rata share.

In view of the above, corporation, through counsel in Cuba, presented a formal protest to the President of Cuba, petitioning reconsideration of and increases in the allotment given it.

Later, during the progress of the crop, slight increases were given to 3 of company's mills, amounting in total to 25,000 bags, which allocated to company a total production of 3,426,121 bags, equivalent to a decrease of 19.83% from the preceding crop.

The allotment for the crop 1927-28 is now being discussed with the Sugar Commission and we feel confident of more equitable treatment than in the past crop.

On Oct. 3rd 1927, the Cuban Government passed a new law under which a commission has been created, composed of five members, to study the world's sugar statistical situation and to recommend to President Machado on or before Nov. 30 measures relative to the restriction of the crop 1927-28.

That same law creates a Sugar Sales Corp. to handle all the sugars to be exported from Cuba to countries other than the United States; the law contemplates that a definite pro-rata to be fixed hereafter of the production of every mill be devoted to this purpose.

**Review of the Sugar Situation.**—The Cuban Crop limitation of 4,500,000 tons for 1926-27 heretofore mentioned caused the sugar market to advance rather rapidly until the price of 3½c. c. & f. was reached in January, which proved to be the maximum for the year. At this price very little sugar was sold. During the period of advancing prices, stocks accumulated in the United States, and probably in other countries, and as the year progressed the absorption of this accumulation had its effect on prices which declined to the lowest point of the year, namely, 2½c. c. & f. in August.

Other factors which had a material bearing on the course of the market were the financial crisis in Japan and the revolution in China. These were undoubtedly responsible for the substantial reduction of exports from Cuba to the Far East, which amounted this year to 90,000 tons as against over 200,000 tons in 1926. This Far Eastern situation, coupled with the above referred to accumulation of the invisible supplies in the United States, slowed up the distribution of the Cuban crop. Notwithstanding these conditions, however, the producers in Cuba have received an average of slightly under 3c. c. & f. or approximately half a cent more than in 1926.

The fact that in spite of the reduction from 4,880,000 tons in 1925-26 to 4,500,000 tons in 1926-27, statistics indicate a surplus for this crop year, has made it necessary for President Machado to consider curtailing the coming crop. Had Cuba produced her entire potential crop, which conservative estimates placed at 5,500,000 tons, the statistical position of the article to-day would be most unfavorable to producers.

For the coming crop, legislation has already been enacted in Cuba whereby a commission is created to make a study of the requirements from Cuba of the United States and of other countries. Based on their findings, that commission will make a recommendation to the President as to the production that should be permitted for 1927-28. The same legislation provides for an Export Corporation which shall handle all sugars assigned to it by the said commission for export to countries other than the United States. This assignment is to be taken pro-rata from all Cuban producers.

Forecasts of world crops for the coming year have not yet been issued by the leading statisticians. Estimates, however, of the European beet crops show an increase of 1,140,000 tons for 1928, or a total of 8,101,000 tons. Unfavorable weather affected the beet production for 1926-27 which amounted to 6,960,000 tons as against 7,600,000 tons for the crop 1925-26. The estimates for the coming year therefore show an increase by additional plantings of 500,000 tons over 1925-26. Of the total estimated increase of beet in Europe for next year, 342,000 tons are in Russia. As the entire production of that country is consumed locally it has little or no effect upon the supplies available for importing countries. On the other hand, the estimated increase production of beets in England was over 100,000 tons this year due to the protection and bounty of 5.83c. per pound granted to home grown beet sugars; this will reduce the amount of Cuban sugars required by that country. The commission created by Cuban legislation will have to study the entire situation carefully in order to determine the amount that Cuba can reasonably expect to dispose of by export to countries other than the United States during the coming year.

The regulation of production in Cuba under this system is expected to develop more favorable prices for the Cuban producer than he has received in recent years.

INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.			
Produc. raw sugar (bags)	3,425,904	4,273,766	4,471,357	3,683,291			
<b>Receipts—</b>							
Sugar sales	\$31,820,833	\$31,819,941	\$36,536,247	\$53,424,441			
Molasses sales	1,231,878	367,129	2,510,847	1,438,034			
Other earnings	125,821	80,233	118,871	230,694			
<b>Total earnings</b>	<b>\$33,178,532</b>	<b>\$32,267,302</b>	<b>\$39,165,965</b>	<b>\$55,093,169</b>			
<b>Expenses—</b>							
Cost of cane	\$16,692,008	\$15,968,113	\$19,351,509	\$29,436,370			
Dead season expenses	2,694,839	3,860,553	3,699,646	3,804,975			
Crop exp. (Cuba-U. S.)	3,663,000	4,765,877	5,443,786	4,526,015			
A fiscal year charges	977,730	989,080	985,963	856,289			
Sugar expenses	3,875,355	4,353,608	5,074,047	3,957,802			
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$27,902,933</b>	<b>\$29,937,231</b>	<b>\$34,324,951</b>	<b>\$42,581,451</b>			
Operating profit	\$5,275,599	\$2,330,071	\$4,841,014	\$12,511,719			
Interest on bonds	2,656,735	2,680,830	2,707,990	2,675,511			
Other int. and income	Cr81,089	Cr127,891	Cr362,370	Cr295,931			
Taxes paid during year	7,826	9,213	8,487	20,712			
Res. for contingencies	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000			
Res. for depreciation				1,500,000			
Reserve for obsolescence of plants				380,762			
Additional taxes & exp.	67,730	15,025	1,142	3,033,100			
Other reserves							
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$874,396</b>	<b>loss\$1,997,106</b>	<b>\$735,766</b>	<b>\$3,047,565</b>			
Previous surplus	12,020,855	14,017,961	13,282,195	10,234,631			
<b>Bal., surpl., Sept. 30</b>	<b>\$12,895,253</b>	<b>\$12,020,855</b>	<b>\$14,017,961</b>	<b>\$13,282,195</b>			
a Gen. ins., Cuban taxes on sugar and Cuban taxes on real estate, &c.							
<b>Operating Profits per Pound of Sugar.</b>							
1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.		
Receipts	2.276c.	4.754c.	4.596c.	2.696c.	2.321c.		
Production cost	1.945	3.575	3.552	2.363	2.154		
<b>Oper. profit</b>	<b>0.331c.</b>	<b>1.179c.</b>	<b>1.044c.</b>	<b>0.333c.</b>	<b>0.167c.</b>	<b>0.471c.</b>	
<b>Stockholders Sept. 30—</b>							
Holders of pref. stock	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Holders of com. stock	6,246	6,312	5,394	4,900	4,744	4,537	4,172
	4,164	5,565	4,904	4,031	3,636	3,693	3,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,410</b>	<b>11,877</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>8,931</b>	<b>8,380</b>	<b>8,230</b>	<b>7,652</b>

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Properties, plants, &c.	\$1,342,577	\$3,776,040	\$2,534,346	\$0,576,977
Investments at cost	683,750	683,750	211,850	69,000
Cane cultivations	607,418	597,936	553,517	972,336
Materials and supplies	3,085,335	3,893,076	4,079,847	3,555,625
Adv. to colonos (less res.)	12,735,717	14,514,427	12,162,821	8,897,179
Mtges. rec. & options to purchase lands	2,013,881	893,742	770,512	785,545
Sugar on hand	2,779,626	—	2,804,636	1,118,910
Accts. & bills rec., less res	974,663	855,483	1,253,494	1,409,548
Cash	2,101,731	1,592,384	3,672,141	1,961,663
Refiners' acceptances	—	—	—	1,517,560
Due for sugar sold	2,964,246	4,322,671	7,996,640	3,443,939
Secs. for lien redemp., &c	301,647	301,457	317,458	317,450
Prepaid ins., rents, &c.	946,625	1,453,842	1,882,044	1,611,818
Discount and expenses	500,261	745,714	913,167	1,082,620
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,117,480</b>	<b>113,630,713</b>	<b>119,152,472</b>	<b>107,320,170</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Declared capital	x54,583,335	54,583,335	54,583,335	54,583,335
Bills and notes payable	310,855	871,582	164,570	—
Ten-year 7% bonds	7,448,900	7,448,900	7,448,900	7,448,900
10-year 8% conv. debts	17,551,100	17,551,100	17,551,100	17,551,100
15-year 7 1/2%	9,100,000	9,400,000	9,700,000	10,000,000
Bank loans	5,925,000	7,975,000	10,800,000	—
1st M. bds. Violet Sug. Co.	451,000	508,000	565,000	622,000
Accts. pay. & accr. chgs	1,735,060	1,992,990	2,913,951	2,066,382
Accrued interest	546,145	549,018	551,890	554,763
Liens on properties	301,647	301,647	317,458	317,458
Deferred liabilities	266,185	428,286	539,207	354,037
Surplus account	12,895,252	12,020,856	14,017,961	13,282,195
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,117,480</b>	<b>113,630,713</b>	<b>119,152,472</b>	<b>107,320,170</b>

a After deducting \$17,885,361 reserve for depreciation and obsolescence.  
 x Stated capital: Represented by 500,000 shares 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100 (\$50,000,000) and 500,000 shares common stock, no par value \$4,583,335 (out of the authorized issue of 1,600,000 common shares, there are reserved unissued common shares sufficient for the conversion of the convertible debenture bonds of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. and the exchange of the bonds of the Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp.). The entire capital stock of the Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp., viz. 48,000 shares of \$100 each par value, is owned by Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.  
 Note.—Dividends on the cum. conv. pref. stock have been declared and paid to April 1 1921.—V. 124, p. 378.

Marland Oil Co. (and Subsidiaries).

(Results for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1927.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR 3 AND 9 MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30.

	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross earnings	\$13,424,224	\$18,491,321
Oper. & admin. expenses	10,458,537	14,090,099
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$2,965,687</b>	<b>\$4,401,222</b>
Other income	340,228	3,451,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,305,915</b>	<b>\$7,852,573</b>

	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross income	\$3,305,915	\$7,852,573
Interest and discount	451,433	57,277
Surren. & aband. leases	550,000	244,121
Depreciation reserve	1,477,480	1,106,080
Depletion reserve	109,291	576,542
Reserves for intangible	—	—
Dividends paid	—	—
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>def. \$1,040,311</b>	<b>\$3,947,623</b>

CONDENSED CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET (CO. & SUBS.) SEPT. 30.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Fixed assets	\$58,979,207	\$4,193,496	Capital and surplus	\$88,424,345	\$9,496,497
Inv. & advances	13,850,805	12,109,714	Minority interests	19,301	21,491
Deferred charges	3,167,171	1,779,577	Reserve for Federal taxes	—	513,583
Cash	18,245,565	3,352,171	Bills payable	—	13,000,000
Bills & accts. rec.	6,841,091	6,819,032	Accounts payable	2,756,032	5,576,227
Crude oil	11,009,430	10,451,943	Misc. accts. items	842,394	369,800
Refined products	5,286,433	5,268,427			
Mat'ls & supplies	4,603,801	3,954,303			
Misc. accts. items	58,569	48,935			
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,042,072</b>	<b>117,977,598</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>122,042,072</b>	<b>117,977,598</b>

x After deducting depletion and depreciation amounting to \$45,048,630  
 y Net equity, represented by 2,317,191 shares Sept. 30 1927; 1,926,465 shares Sept. 30 1926.—V. 125, p. 508.

Third Avenue Railway Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1927.)

President S. W. Huff Oct. 20 1927, reports in substance:

Results.—From the income statement, it will be seen that for the fiscal year ending June 30 1927, the operating revenue of the system was \$15,332,549, an increase of \$665,551, or 4.54%, as compared with the fiscal year ending June 30 1926; while the operating expense was \$11,494,147, an increase of \$391,627, or 3.53%.

The year has been an eventful one for the companies of the System. A strike on the lines of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. on July 6 1926, resulted in a substantial diversion of travel from the subway and elevated lines of that company to the lines of the companies of this System, with an abnormal showing in receipts and, to some extent, an abnormal showing in net earnings. In April 1927, there was a general increase in wages on transportation lines throughout N. Y. City of about 5%. This increase is reflected in the operating expenses of the last few months of the year, and will be reflected in the operating expenses of the last few months of the year and will be reflected in the expenses of the coming year.

During the past year, among other abnormal expenditures from surplus, it was necessary to pay paying bills of previous years that had been in litigation, amounting to about \$300,000, and to expend on account of capital about \$350,000, with the result that the actual cash surplus of the companies of the System was approximately the same as the year previous, that is, about \$1,500,000. This was felt to be none too large for the needs of the railway companies of the System. Under the circumstances, the directors were not justified in increasing the 2 1/2% interest which had been paid on the 5% adjustment bonds during the previous year.

Although the extraordinary expenditures necessary and the increase in wages prevented the financial showing, and particularly the accumulation of cash, that had been anticipated, the year was an eventful one in clearing up some of the uncertainty that has surrounded the operation of the companies of the System.

Bus Situation.—For several years the matter of threatened bus competition has loomed large on the horizon of these companies and created some uncertainty as to their future growth. In Westchester County generally they were threatened with competition from a bus system centering in the county seat, that would seriously interfere with the future growth and development of the electric lines of this System, operating in that county. The Third Avenue Railway has for a great many years carried the deficits from operation of these Westchester lines with the hope that they would, by their natural growth, ultimately provide the means for substantial increase in earnings. To have them throttled now by bus competition would mean not only to cut off this prospect of future growth and increased earnings, but would mean the loss of the advances that have been made to them during the past years.

In the City of Yonkers, the situation was even more acute. The City authorities granted bus franchises to a competing company, by which they authorized the operation of buses in direct competition with practically all of our electric car lines in that city.

In The Bronx a situation very similar to that in Westchester County had developed, except that The Bronx was vastly more important, because of the extent and importance of the car lines being operated in that borough. There are three electric street railway companies operating in The Bronx,

all component parts of the Third Avenue Railway System:—Union Railway Co. of New York; New York City Interborough Railway and The Southern Boulevard RR. These three companies have been operated with a universal 5-cent fare and a universal free transfer throughout the entire territory of The Bronx. The Bronx is the only borough in the Greater City that has a universal 5-cent fare and free universal transfer throughout its entire territory. This has greatly stimulated street car travel, and its travel in The Bronx has shown greater increases than in any other borough.

There were populous sections in The Bronx requiring public transportation. The Third Avenue Railway, under the terms of the adjustment mortgage, was unable to extend its lines into this territory. Bus lines, operated without legal authority, have sprung up to meet this need, until there is today between \$2,500 and \$3,000 a day being collected by these individual independent and illegal operators. The City mapped out a plan of bus operation, which would include routes covered by the bus lines already in operation, and others that were necessary or desirable. A well-organized bus operation in this territory might well prove a very serious obstacle to the growth and development of travel on the electric car lines and to their earning capacity. These electric car lines, like those in Westchester County, had been carried for a number of years during the period of development and growth by advances from the Third Avenue Railway although at the present time they are carrying themselves and contributing to the surplus of the System. As you were advised in a previous report, a bus company of the Third Avenue Railway System was an applicant for these franchises.

In Manhattan also, the city authorities mapped out a bus system containing several routes that would offer serious competition with the electric car lines of this System.

This is the situation with which your directors were confronted until comparatively recently. The situation has now been materially changed. Subsidiaries of companies of this system are now operating practically all bus lines out of White Plains, in the territory contiguous to our trolley lines.

In Yonkers, of the 15 bus lines for which the city authorities granted franchises, 5 did not compete with the lines of the Yonkers Railway, and were not contested. The remaining 10 lines were contested before the U. S. Commission when the owners of the franchises came before that body for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The Commission granted certificates of convenience and necessity for only 2 of the 10 lines. It is not believed that the lines upon which the certificates of convenience and necessity were granted can be made to sustain themselves. The trolley system is left for the most part free to serve the territory for which it was built.

In The Bronx, a franchise for all of the proposed bus lines was granted to the Surface Transportation Corp. of New York, one of the companies of the Third Avenue Railway System. These bus lines in The Bronx to a very large extent open up new territory, feeding subway lines and the surface car lines of this System. They should, therefore, when operated in conjunction with our street railway lines, supplement rather than compete with the electric car lines in The Bronx. This bus operation in The Bronx will involve the purchase of about 100 buses. This purchase has been financed on 5% equipment certificates.

In Manhattan the plans for bus operation were modified and only franchises granted for cross-town lines. These do not offer any serious competition with the electric lines of this System.

From this it will be seen that the bus situation as affecting the companies of the Third Avenue Ry. System, has been very much clarified and the outlook for the growth of the companies of the System is better than it has been at any time since buses have become a menace throughout the country to electric street railway growth.

Paving Tax Burden.—We still have with us, however, the unjust paving tax, which has been removed to a very large extent in many states, but which has not been repealed in New York State, and its exactions bear heavily upon all street railroads. In the case of the companies of the Third Avenue Ry. System, it amounts to more than three-quarters of a million dollars a year. This law is a relic of horse-car days, when the horses shoes actually wore out the pavements. But now it has become an unjust tax, and it is hoped that holders of street railway securities everywhere will bring the injustice of this law to the attention of our legislators, with the hope that we may be relieved of this unfair burden.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME OF THE COMPANY AND CONTROLLED COMPANIES, YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating Revenues—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Transportation	\$14,858,299	\$14,222,085	\$14,111,026	\$14,232,953
Advertising	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Rent of equipment	58,482	50,153	50,981	52,611
Rent of tracks & terminals	23,448	24,400	25,668	25,649
Rent of bldgs. & oth. prop	230,633	208,102	189,147	175,577
Sale of power	11,686	12,259	15,687	12,475
<b>Total oper. revenue</b>	<b>\$15,332,549</b>	<b>\$14,666,998</b>	<b>\$14,542,509</b>	<b>\$14,649,265</b>

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struct'g	\$2,085,564	\$2,256,727	\$2,408,683	\$1,829,554
Maint. of equipment	1,416,736	1,699,863	1,770,359	1,523,496
Depreciation of accruals	210,806	Cr. 399,754	Cr. 650,936	206,142
Power supply	928,375	917,504	981,156	1,090,857
Operation of cars	5,029,684	4,872,190	4,985,676	4,959,323
Injuries to pers. & prop.	1,183,028	1,142,882	1,053,960	963,251
General & misc. expense	640,455	613,109	617,953	600,856
<b>Total oper. expense</b>	<b>\$11,494,147</b>	<b>\$11,102,520</b>	<b>\$11,166,852</b>	<b>\$11,173,480</b>
Net operating revenue	\$3,838,403	\$3,564,479	\$3,375,657	\$3,475,785
Taxes	988,461	1,036,624	1,044,378	988,048
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>\$2,849,942</b>	<b>\$2,527,854</b>	<b>\$2,331,280</b>	<b>\$2,487,737</b>
Interest revenue	222,714	197,435	252,532	276,603
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$3,072,656</b>	<b>\$2,725,289</b>	<b>\$2,583,812</b>	<b>\$2,764,340</b>

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Deductions—				
Interest: (1) 1st M. bds.	\$513,080	\$513,080	\$541,608	\$548,080
(2) 1st ref. mtge. bds.	879,620	879,620	879,620	879,620
(3) 2d adj. mtg. bds.	1,126,800	1,126,800	1,126,800	1,126,800
Track & term. privileges	19,042	18,942	18,419	14,232
Misc. rent deductions	8,747	8,500	8,294	8,248
Amort. debt disc. & exp.	24,299	22,451	22,452	21,871
Sinking fund accruals	33,480	33,480	33,480	33,480
Bus operation	34,154	16,784	—	—
Miscellaneous	156,619	67,738	55,279	56,747
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>\$2,795,840</b>	<b>\$2,687,395</b>	<b>\$2,685,951</b>	<b>\$2,689,078</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$276,816</b>	<b>\$37,893</b>	<b>def. \$102,139</b>	<b>\$75,262</b>

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Railroads & equip.	\$1,552,466	\$1,664,378	Third Ave. Ry. stk.	16,500,000	16,500,000
Sinking funds	277,301	267,271	Controlled cos. stk.	331,800	331,800
Dep. for matured coupon interest	665,747	668,754	Fund. dt. (bds.)—		
Misc. special depts.	411,196	199,222	3d Av. Ry. Co.	49,526,500	49,526,500
Deprec. & cont'g.	2,022,498	2,022,498	Controlled cos.	5,928,361	5,928,361
Investment fund.	254,389	254,389	Accts. & wages pay.	474,789	846,168
U. S. Govt. securs.	350,000	350,000	Int. matured and unpaid	—	665,747
Dep. with State Indust. Comm'r	389,000	274,000	Interest accrued	118,870	93,006
Cash	864,402	796,949	Tax liability	834,018	896,825
Accts. receivable	487,269	365,649	Int. on adjustment mtge. bonds	6,467,440	5,904,040
Materials & suppl.	887,345	782,527	Res. for deprec. other reserves	8,536,339	8,401,043
U. S. Lib. L. bds.	204,250	344,250	Excess of book val. over cost of contr. cos. sec. owned	1,473,655	1,509,495
Unexp. ins. prem.	73,659	30,618			
Unamort. debt dis.	1,058,776	1,083,075			
Miscellaneous	71,064	22,296			
Deficit	1,378,156	1,570,118			
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,947,519</b>	<b>90,695,994</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>90,947,519</b>	<b>90,695,994</b>

x Includes 1st mtge. 5% bonds, \$5,000,000; 1st ref. mtge. 4% bonds, \$21,990,500 adj. mtge. 5% bonds, \$22,536,000.—V. 125, p. 1582.

American Type Founders Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Aug. 31 1927.)

Pres. Frank B. Berry says in substance:

During the past fiscal year general business conditions which prevailed throughout the country were not as favorable as in the preceding year. Especially was this true in the South, due to the catastrophe in Florida and the flooding of the Mississippi River area. Notwithstanding this, the sales

of this company were well maintained, particularly during the early part of the year, the sales for the year being within 8% of those of the preceding year, which were the largest in the history of the company. As a consequence of the decrease in sales, net profits were not as large as last year, but were ample to enable the company to add a substantial amount to its surplus, after payment of dividends.

On April 26 1927, the stockholders authorized an increase in the capital stock, and \$3,000,000 of common stock was offered to the stockholders and fully subscribed. The option to pay for this stock over a period extending into April 1928, was not generally exercised by subscribers, most of whom elected to pay in full at the time of subscription in July, which accounts for the large amount of available cash reflected by the balance sheet. Since the close of the fiscal year the company has retired \$264,300 of its debenture bonds.

The company had none of its customers' notes under discount at the close of the fiscal year, so that the balance sheet shows no contingent liability in this respect.

Consistent with its reputation as leader in type design, the company during the past year has produced a number of new and distinctive designs in type and decorative material. Several of the type faces are of the modernistic style now so popular in typography. Distribution of specimens showing these new faces will be continued monthly during the coming year.

During the year the company has developed and perfected a new model of the Kelly automatic printing press, with features of high speed and accuracy and economy of production. This model was enthusiastically received at the Graphic Arts Exposition held at N. Y. City in Sept. 1927, and these presses are meeting every expectation in the many representative printing offices where they have been installed.

The company has also developed a new improved model platen printing press and an automatic feeder to be used in combination with this press. The press and feeder will be assembled, installed and sold as a complete unit. This unit is now in process of manufacture and will be placed on the market some time during the coming year.

The company has found it advisable to discontinue manufacturing operations at the Golding plant at Franklin, Mass., and has contracted for the sale of the plant. Arrangements have been made, however, for rendering service and supplying parts to users of Golding products.

The operations of Barnhart Brothers & Spindler for the past fiscal year resulted in a slight decrease in profits as compared with the preceding fiscal year.

The fiscal year of the National Paper & Type Co., has been changed to end on Aug. 31 instead of Mar. 31, to conform with that of the parent company. During the period between Mar. 31 and Aug. 31 1927, the net earnings of that company have averaged about \$20,000 a month.

The income account of the American Type Founders Co. was given in V. 125, p. 2390.

BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31 (AMERICAN TYPE FOUNDERS CO.)

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>					
Plant	6,725,210	6,759,711	Preferred stock	4,000,000	4,000,000		
Cash	827,988	735,792	Common stock	9,000,000	6,000,000		
Cash with trustees	75,117	70,030	Debtenture bonds	6,037,300	6,194,400		
Com. stk. subscr.	454,861		Dividend scrip	20,288	20,856		
Accts. receivable	2,448,569	2,853,429	Accounts payable	532,232	635,581		
Notes receivable	5,429,561	4,744,076	Notes payable		270,000		
Call loans &c.	1,500,000		Tax reserve, &c.	200,000	200,000		
Investments	558,011	688,924	Surplus	4,971,460	4,781,187		
Miscel. assets	438,431	409,489					
Mdse. & raw mat'l	6,305,531	5,840,572	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,761,280</b>	<b>22,102,024</b>		

Note.—\$2,000,000 7% 1st and 2d preferred stocks of Barnhart Brothers & Spindler (a subsidiary company) are guaranteed by the American Type Founders Co. as to dividends and as to principal at par on dissolution in accordance with an agreement dated May 19, 1911.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED AUG. 31 1927

(American Type Founders Co., Barnhart Brothers & Spindler and National Paper & Type Co.)	
Net sales	\$17,046,994
Cost of goods sold	11,079,942
Interest	647,281
Selling & administrative expenses	3,901,857
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,417,913</b>
Other income	562,987
<b>Profits from operations &amp; sundry income</b>	<b>\$1,980,900</b>
Reserve for depreciation	546,721
Federal income taxes paid	175,514
<b>*Net profit earned</b>	<b>\$1,258,666</b>
Surplus Aug. 31 1926	5,535,243
Deficit Mar. 31 1927 (N. P. & T. Co.)	665,256
Net premium on sale of common stock	180,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,308,654</b>
Dividends Am. Type F. Co.: Preferred stock	\$280,000
Common stock	480,000
Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, 1st pref.	\$7,500
Second preferred stock	52,500
Reserve against investments	375,000
<b>Surplus Aug. 31 1927</b>	<b>\$5,033,653</b>
*Includes earnings of National Paper & Type Co. for only 5 months April 1 1927 to Aug. 31 1927.	

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31 1927

(American Type Founders Co., Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, and National Paper & Type Co.)			
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>LIABILITIES—</b>		
Cash	\$1,410,355	Accounts payable	\$846,255
Cash with trustee	75,115	Notes payable	2,311,882
Money on time & call loans	1,500,000	Reserve for taxes	227,732
Accounts receivable	3,956,609	Sink. fund 6% deb.	6,037,300
Notes rec. & int.	7,411,927	6% gold notes	850,000
Merchandise	8,932,663	Res. for exchange conting.	50,000
Adv. pay. on gds held for ship		Div. scrip. outstanding	20,288
&c.	45,598	Cap. stk. Am. Ty. F. Co.:	
		Preferred	4,000,000
		Common	8,487,400
		Com. stock subscr.	512,600
		Barn. Br. & Sp., 1st pref.	1,250,000
		2nd pref.	750,000
		Nat. P. & Ty. Co., pref.	1,500,000
		Minority Interest	1,249,909
		Surplus account	6,582,122
		<b>Total (each side)</b>	<b>\$33,675,488</b>
		a National Paper & Type Co.: Common stock, \$475,200; Less: Proportion of deficit applicable thereto, \$225,291.	
		b Earned surplus \$5,033,653; plus: proportion of National Paper & Type Co. deficit account applicable to minority interest in common stock, \$225,291; excess of par value of inter company stock holdings over valuation on books, \$1,323,178.—V. 125, p. 2390.	

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Sept. 30 1927.)

Chairman William Schall wrote in brief, October 29:

The amount of sugar made during the crop of 1927 was 207,000 tons. Due to severe drought, the output was not as much as anticipated. It is expected that the crop of 1928 will be somewhat in excess of that of 1927.

On Sept. 30 1927 \$1,355,500 20-year 1st coll. mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds were delivered to the sinking fund and cancelled.

On June 25 1927 the company's amended certificate of incorporation was further amended so as to change the outstanding 123,262 share of common stock of \$100 par value into 493,048 shares without par value (set up on the company's books at \$25 per share) and to authorize the issue of an additional 706,952 shares of common stock without par value. In July 1927 184,893 additional shares of such common stock were sold to the common stockholders at \$30 per share, making a total of 677,941 shares issued and outstanding, out of a total of 1,200,000 shares authorized.

During the year ended Sept. 30 1927 the regular dividend of 8% on the preferred stock was paid; there were also paid dividends amounting

to 4 1/2% on the \$100 par value common stock, prior to the change into stock without par value, and a dividend of 50 cents per share on the latter on Oct. 1 1927.

By order of the board of directors, there was transferred from the profits of the year to "reserve for depreciation, &c." account, the sum of \$1,107,112 from which the net amount of \$162,862 was credited to sundry property accounts, leaving a balance of \$5,080,315 in this reserve. There was also transferred from profits the sum of \$51,198 to "reserve for colonos advances and accounts receivable"; this reserve was also credited with the amount of \$51,977, accrued interest on colonos loans, and charged with \$77,701, leaving a net balance in this reserve of \$246,585.

By further order of the board, there was transferred to surplus account the balance of "unamortized discount and expenses in connection with the issue of the 20-year 1st coll. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds," amounting to \$494,677, and the premiums paid on bonds purchased during the fiscal year, amounting to \$131,474.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED SEPT. 30.

	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Sugar made (tons)-----	207,000	181,000	159,000	97,000
Total receipts-----	\$17,034,282	\$13,184,768	\$13,889,661	\$11,446,394
Manufact., &c., expenses, taxes, interest, &c.-----	12,070,520	9,941,524	9,917,901	8,235,377
Net earnings-----	\$4,963,761	\$3,243,244	\$3,971,760	\$3,210,687
Bond interest-----	412,021	363,090	380,590	400,107
Div. & exp. on coll. mtge. bond issue prorated-----		32,614	32,616	32,616
Reserve for depreciation	1,158,309	1,116,352	1,201,154	904,536
Res. for income taxes-----	275,000	150,000	300,000	400,000
Net profit-----	\$3,118,430	\$1,581,186	\$2,057,422	\$1,473,427
Preferred divs. (8%)-----	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Common divs. (cash)-----	(5)892,537	(6)672,336	(6)672,336	(4 1/2)504,252
Balance, surplus-----	\$1,825,894	\$508,850	\$985,086	\$569,175
Tot. p. & l. sur. Sept. 30-----	\$7,479,863	\$6,280,120	\$5,771,271	\$4,786,205
Shs. com. out. (no par)-----	677,941	x112,056	x112,056	x12,056
Earnings per share-----	\$4.01	\$10.54	\$14.79	\$9.58
x Par \$100. y After deducting \$131,474 premium paid on bonds purchased and \$494,677 unamortized discount and expense in connection with the issued 20-year 1st coll. mtge. 7% bonds. z Being 4 1/2% on shares of \$100 par value and 50c. per share on no par stock.				

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>					
Real prop. & pl't.	25,207,970	20,621,310	Preferred stock	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Investments	2,364,776	2,682,377	Common stock	17,872,990	11,205,600		
Cash	1,199,344	1,005,759	Surplus & reserves	7,479,863	5,785,444		
Demand and short term loans	a3,250,000	1,900,000	20 year first col lateral mortgage				
Raw sugar and molasses on hand	210,674	904,838	7% sinking fund bonds	3,581,500	5,187,000		
U. S. Govt. securs.	1,976,061	56,200	Accounts payable	439,025	338,245		
Notes & accts. rec.	477,004	267,728	Reserve for Federal taxes	333,024	479,209		
Adv. to planters	y2,558,988	2,496,496	Deprec'n reserve	5,326,900	4,357,178		
Adv. to planters asst. subs. crop	432,746	719,533					
Cultivation & other crop charges	z987,845	628,948					
Supplies & mat'ls	294,922	323,881					
Commissary stores	242,946	198,637					
Live stock	830,025	546,971	<b>Tot. (each side)</b>	<b>40,033,303</b>	<b>32,352,676</b>		

x Real property, plants, construction, railroad equipment, &c.: (1) South Porto Rico Sugar Co. of P. R., \$5,900,055; (2) the Central Romana Inc., \$14,680,184; (3) Dominican S.S. Co., \$35,393; (4) Ynceno Santa Fe Co. par A., \$3,411,515. Machinery, supplies, spare parts, &c.: (1) South Porto Rico Sugar Co. of P. R., \$360,978; (2) the Central Romana, Inc., \$406,500; (3) Ynceno Santa Fe, Co. par A., \$413,344. y Advances to planters to be repaid prior to June 30 1928. z Cultivation and other charges, crop 1927-28, \$1,145,209, less income, \$157,364. a Against readily marketable securities. b Represented by 677,941 shares no par in 1927 and 112,056 shares par \$100 in 1926.—V. 125, p. 2160.

Atlantic Coast Line Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1927.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.				
	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Interest received on—				
A. C. L. RR. Co. of S. C. 4s.	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000
A. C. L. RR. Co. Cons. 4s.	50,160	50,160	50,160	50,160
A. C. L. RR. Co. gen. unifying 4 1/2s.	135,360	135,360	135,360	135,360
Amalgam. Phos. Co. 5s.	11,150	24,500	27,825	28,950
Internat. Agric. Corp.	78,375	78,375	78,375	78,375
Miscellaneous	117,212	116,820	146,548	128,082
<b>Dividends on Stocks</b>				
West'ns Air Brake Co.	9,072	8,222	6,804	6,577
A. C. L. RR. Co. com. & A	2,044,970	1,768,107	1,487,248	1,487,248
Other dividends	84,975	131,675	84,669	85,666
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>\$2,593,273</b>	<b>\$2,373,217</b>	<b>\$2,078,990</b>	<b>\$2,062,418</b>
Expenses	\$20,072	\$19,999	\$19,982	\$18,998
Taxes	30,348	32,655	30,571	43,278
Int. on 5% certificates	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Int. on 4% certifs. B	2,472	2,472	2,472	2,472
Int. on 4% certifs. C			14,714	40,718
Int. on notes & adv.	39,282			
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$2,251,100</b>	<b>\$2,068,092</b>	<b>\$1,761,250</b>	<b>\$1,706,952</b>
Prev. surplus forward	16,988,115	16,630,683	16,916,602	16,297,620
Discount on A. C. L. 4% deb. cts. of indetbt. purch. by co. & retired			35	2,851
Sundry credits	70,592	9,240	5,308	11,680
<b>Total surplus</b>	<b>\$19,309,806</b>	<b>\$18,708,015</b>	<b>\$18,683,196</b>	<b>\$18,019,102</b>
Leases on investments			200,312	
Dividends paid	1,940,400	1,719,900	1,852,200	1,102,500
Rate per cent.	(22%)	(19 1/2%)	(21%)	(12 1/2%)
<b>Profit &amp; loss surplus</b>	<b>\$17,369,406</b>	<b>\$16,988,115</b>	<b>\$16,630,683</b>	<b>\$16,916,602</b>
Earns. per sh. on 176,400 shs. (par \$50) capital stock outstanding	\$12.76	\$11.72	\$9.98	\$9.68

a Securities deposited with Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore to secure 5% and class B 4% certificates of indebtedness, viz.:  
 Atl. Coast Line cons. 4% bonds \$1,250,000 \$1,125,000  
 Atl. Coast Line RR. of S. C. 4% bonds 1,500,000 1,395,000  
 Atl. Coast Line RR. 4 1/2% unif. bonds 3,008,000 2,616,960—\$5,136,960  
 b Other railroad bonds:  
 Colum. Newb. & Laur. RR. Co. 3% \$318,000 \$190,800  
 Northwestern RR. Co. 1st cons. 4% 285,000 228,000  
 Northwestern RR. Co. 1st cons. 5% 75,000 67,500  
 Atlantic Coast Line RR. consol. 4% 4,000 3,600  
 A. C. L. RR. Co. L. & N. coll. tr. 4s. 140,000 105,975  
 Charleston & West Carolina Ry. 1st cons. mtge. 4-5% bonds series A 791,000 474,600—\$1,070,475  
 c Other bonds:  
 International Agricultural Corp. 5% 1,567,500 1,097,250—\$1,097,250  
 d Railroad stocks:  
 Northwestern RR. Co. 550 \$55,000  
 Atlantic & North Carolina RR. 11 1,100  
 Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co. com. A. 3,677 367,700  
 Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co. common 219,411 23,281,397  
 South Carolina Pacific Ry. preferred 1,046 88,751  
 Charleston & West Carolina Ry. 12,000 960,000  
 Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. 480 43,606—\$24,797,554  
 e Other stocks:  
 Polk Phosphate Co. 5,000 \$358,442  
 Westinghouse Air Brake Co. 1,134 42,063 —\$400,505  
 f Other assets—  
 Colum. Newb. & Laur. 5% certifs. 127,200 1,272  
 Atlantic Coast Line RR. 4% certifs. 294 291 —\$1,563

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Secs. dep. with Safe Dep. & Trust Co. of Balt. a	\$5,136,960	\$5,136,960	\$5,136,960	\$5,136,960
Railroad bonds b	1,070,475	1,220,835	1,220,835	1,220,835
Other bonds c	1,097,250	1,095,070	2,076,030	3,117,180
Railroad stocks d	24,797,554	21,079,283	21,074,283	21,074,283
Other stocks e	400,505	42,063	42,063	42,063
Certifs. of indebtedness f	1,565	1,563	1,563	1,563
Other securities	85,057	85,057	66,634	58,941
Polk Phosphate Co. (adv.)	21,000	—	—	—
Deposited for int., divs. & income tax retained	4,398	5,290	3,502	23,344
Dividends accrued	1,115,440	929,530	836,577	836,577
Fund for retirement of 4% deb. certifs. of indebtedness—Safe Dep. & Trust Co. of Balt.	100	100	6,000	—
Accounts receivable	—	—	—	997
Cash on deposit	—	384,154	60,238	280,802
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,730,301</b>	<b>\$30,879,905</b>	<b>\$30,524,686</b>	<b>\$31,793,546</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Capital stock (176,400 shares at \$50)	\$8,820,000	\$8,820,000	\$8,820,000	\$8,820,000
Certifs. of indebt. (5%)	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Certifs. of indebt. (4%)	61,800	61,800	61,800	61,800
Deb. cfs. of indebt. (4%)	100	100	6,000	962,800
Borrowed money	2,459,597	—	—	—
Divs. on stock and int. on certifs. unpaid	4,398	5,289	3,426	23,235
Income tax retained	1	1	76	109
Federal taxes	15,000	4,600	2,700	9,000
Profit and loss surplus	17,369,406	16,988,115	16,630,683	16,916,602
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,730,301</b>	<b>\$30,879,905</b>	<b>\$30,524,686</b>	<b>\$31,793,546</b>

No provision for Federal tax for the period from Jan. 1 to June 30 1927 is included in the above statement.—V. 125, p. 1188.

Guantanamo & Western RR.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1927.)

Ry. Oper. Revenue—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Freight	\$592,902	\$643,098	\$674,850	\$574,380
Passenger	270,628	276,833	312,930	278,892
Mail, express, &c.	271,887	122,408	117,936	125,825
<b>Total ry. oper. rev.</b>	<b>\$1,135,418</b>	<b>\$1,042,340</b>	<b>\$1,105,715</b>	<b>\$979,097</b>
<b>Ry. Operating Expenses—</b>				
Maint. of ways & struc.	\$108,570	\$183,803	\$155,698	\$163,242
Deprec. of structures	22,501	22,846	22,160	22,136
Maint. of equipment	113,953	182,058	148,648	106,014
Deprec. of equipment	57,281	55,199	52,309	51,568
Conducting transportation	268,428	268,983	260,756	204,764
Miscellaneous	3,653	4,974	1,411	782
General expense	121,579	119,991	118,049	78,469
Baqueron Term. exp.	140,557	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$298,896</b>	<b>\$204,486</b>	<b>\$346,684</b>	<b>\$352,121</b>
<b>Net rev. from ry. oper.</b>	<b>\$836,522</b>	<b>\$837,854</b>	<b>\$759,031</b>	<b>\$626,976</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue—</b>				
Profits on sales	\$8,471	\$10,923	\$2,139	\$1,328
Rents from property	25,527	26,128	24,044	15,103
Hire of equipment (net)	32,600	32,720	43,289	29,053
Miscellaneous	12,435	14,698	13,316	17,318
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,033</b>	<b>\$84,469</b>	<b>\$82,788</b>	<b>\$62,792</b>
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$914,555</b>	<b>\$922,323</b>	<b>\$841,819</b>	<b>\$689,768</b>
Less taxes, &c.	38,255	22,169	35,752	30,132
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$876,300</b>	<b>\$899,154</b>	<b>\$806,067</b>	<b>\$659,636</b>
<b>Deduct—</b>				
Interest on funded debt	\$176,060	\$177,110	\$178,790	\$180,470
Amortization of bond discount & expense	12,578	12,837	13,167	13,394
Prelim. exp. on proposed lines written off	6,656	3,346	—	—
Inventory adjustment	776	1,916	—	—
Bad debts written off	—	—	—	5,254
Rev. stamps destroyed by fire	5	—	—	—
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$690,232</b>	<b>\$711,057</b>	<b>\$617,277</b>	<b>\$474,112</b>
1st pref. dividends	—	(7%) 176,148	(6%) 169,857	—
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$690,232</b>	<b>\$534,909</b>	<b>\$447,420</b>	<b>\$474,112</b>

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Road, shops, stations, &c.	\$7,058,008	\$6,989,426	1st pref. 7% stock	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
N. Y. and Havana office, furn., &c.	1,719	1,406	2d pref. 5% stock	250,000	250,000
Equipment, free & leasehold	929,592	976,183	Common stock	2,750,000	2,750,000
Salvage from cars destroyed	11,176	14,346	First mortgage 6s.	600,000	600,000
Loan to Confluence Sugar Co., Ltd.	27,000	—	Ref. mtg. 6s.	1,878,500	1,878,500
Cap. stock in treas.	1	1	Equip. trust bds.	—	14,000
Deposits acct. custom duties, &c.	193	193	Cuban Govt. 10-year loan	450,000	450,000
Materials and supplies (at cost)	284,003	311,193	Cuban Govt. loan to be liquidated by transportation service	67,915	76,289
Loans receivable	—	27,000	Reserve for claims & contingencies	4,373	3,558
Accts. receivable (less reserve)	111,371	85,958	Accounts payable	9,648	20,484
Stations agts. bals.	589	401	Wages accrued and unpaid	11,966	13,486
Notes receivable	50,000	50,000	Unclaimed wages	244	371
Interest accrued on notes receivable	11,517	7,517	Interest accrued	60,463	56,033
Cash	422,000	300,682	Employees' pension & hospital fund	575	640
Bond disc. & exp.	160,865	173,205	1 1/2% gross sales tax	12,122	—
Other def. charges	8,542	14,400	Income tax reserve	23,473	10,225
			Accrued taxes on bond interest	2,570	2,600
			Deferred items	948	25
			Surplus	203,779	75,259
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,076,575</b>	<b>\$8,951,909</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,076,575</b>	<b>\$8,951,909</b>

x Road, stations, warehouses, shops, &c., \$7,806,537; less depreciation on buildings, track and roadway, \$748,530. y Equipment, \$1,416,184; less depreciation, \$486,592.—V. 123, p. 3176.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Brotherhood of RR Trainmen to File Request for Wage Increase of \$1 Per Day From All Roads West of Mississippi.—Cleveland "Plain Dealer" Nov. 1. Cost of Coal for Locomotive Fuel During August Slightly Higher Than in July.—A compilation made by the National Coal Association from monthly reports from Class I railroads to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, shows the average cost per net ton of coal used by those railroads in locomotives in transportation train service, as follows: Eastern District, \$2.65; Southern District, \$2.09; Western District, \$3.12; United States, \$2.66. These averages differ only slightly from those for the month of July. The total for the Eastern District shows a decrease of \$0.04 per net ton; that for the Southern District an increase of \$0.01; the Western District an increase of \$0.11, while the average for the entire United States shows an advance of \$0.02 per ton. Repair of Locomotives.—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class I railroads of this country on Oct. 15 totaled 8,759 or 14.4% of the number

on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 414 locomotives compared with the number in need of such repair on Oct. 1, at which time there were 8,345 or 13.6%, the lowest number ever reported. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Oct. 15 amounted to 4,740 or 7.8%, an increase of 256 compared with Oct. 1, while 4,019 or 6.6% were in need of running repairs, an increase of 158 compared with the number in need of such repairs on Oct. 1. Class I railroads on Oct. 15 had 5,401 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 5,720 on Oct. 1.

Repair of Freight Cars.—Freight cars in need of repair on Oct. 15 totaled 135,645 or 6.0% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 1,926 cars under the number reported on Oct. 1, at which time there were 137,571 or 6.0%. It also was a decrease of 9,682 cars compared with the same date last year. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on Oct. 15 totaled 99,782 or 4.4%, a decrease of 777 compared with Oct. 1 while freight cars in need of light repair totaled 35,863 or 1.6%, a decrease of 1,149 compared with Oct. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 29.—(a) Revenue freight car loadings increasing but continue below 1926.—p. 2325. (b) Death of S. Davies Warfield, President Seaboard Air Line Ry. and Continental Trust Co. of Baltimore.—p. 2341.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Financing

Approved.—The stockholders, at a special meeting on Oct. 31 approved the creation of an authorized issue of \$80,000,000 secured 4 1/2% gold bonds, series "A," due Sept. 1 1952, and also approved the issuance of \$40,000,000 of such bonds at this time, secured by \$45,000,000 1st & ref. 4s due Apr. 1 1934.—See also V. 125, p. 1321, 1188.

Abandonment of Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 24 denied the application of the company for authority to abandon the right to use the line of railroad of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. between Denver and Pueblo, Colo., and to abandon the use of part of such line of railroad. The application was dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

The application to permit the abandonment by the company of its use and operation of the railroad and terminal facilities of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. now used by it at Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo. was also denied.—V. 125, p. 1321.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Director.

William Cooper Proctor has been elected a director to succeed the late Festus J. Wade of St. Louis. V. 125, p. 908, 241.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry. Co.—Earnings.

Period End.	Sept. 30—1927—3 Mos.	—1926.	1927—9 Mos.	—1926.
Freight rev.	\$1,042,693	\$1,021,760	\$3,060,818	\$2,962,276
Passenger rev.	213,214	241,763	602,318	686,777
All other rev.	143,875	162,909	369,616	370,431
<b>Total oper. rev.</b>	<b>\$1,399,782</b>	<b>\$1,426,432</b>	<b>\$4,032,752</b>	<b>\$4,019,484</b>
<b>Maint. of way &amp; struct.</b>				
exp.	276,274	322,863	703,862	752,641
Maint. of equip.	206,883	232,978	624,053	708,912
Traffic exp.	22,986	24,858	69,441	65,647
Trans. exp.	512,826	564,234	1,623,598	1,691,515
Miscell. oper.	15,527	16,851	43,412	47,547
Gen. expenses	29,164	26,257	98,722	94,130
<b>Net oper. rev.</b>	<b>\$336,122</b>	<b>\$238,391</b>	<b>\$869,664</b>	<b>\$659,092</b>
Ry. tax accr.	96,000	87,000	276,000	261,000
Uncoll. ry. rev.	—	—	16	—
Equip. rents	27,811	27,033	98,608	107,568
Joint facil. rents	14,752	16,986	36,315	46,803
<b>Net ry. oper.</b>	<b>\$197,558</b>	<b>\$107,372</b>	<b>\$458,725</b>	<b>\$243,721</b>
Other income	6,570	9,251	73,914	95,665
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$204,128</b>	<b>\$116,623</b>	<b>\$532,639</b>	<b>\$339,386</b>
Int. on funded debt	218,958	220,084	657,608	661,717
Other inc. chgs.	1,176	6,327	3,233	8,680
<b>Net deficit</b>	<b>\$16,006</b>	<b>\$109,788</b>	<b>\$128,202</b>	<b>\$331,011</b>

Gainesville Midland RR.—Operation of Lines.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 15 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate in interstate commerce, under trackage rights, over approximately 2 miles of the lines of railroad of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the Athens Terminal Co. between Fowler Junction and Athens, in Clarke County, Ga.—V. 122, p. 1915.

Gainesville Midland Ry.—Reorganization.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 12 issued a certificate and order authorizing:

- (1) Abandonment as to interstate and foreign commerce by the Gainesville Midland Ry. and (or) by the reorganization committee of its securityholders and (or) by its receivers of the line of railroad in Hall, Jackson, Barrow, and Walton Counties, Ga.
- (2) Acquisition and operation in interstate and foreign commerce by the Gainesville Midland Railroad of the line of railroad from Gainesville to Fowler Junction, Ga.
- (3) Issue by the Gainesville Midland Railroad of \$5,000 of capital stock and \$360,000 of 1st mtge. 20-year 6% gold bonds, series A.
- (4) Acquisition by the Seaboard Air Line Ry. of control of Gainesville Midland Railroad by purchase of its capital stock.
- (5) Assumption by the Seaboard Air Line Railway of obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of \$360,000 of Gainesville Midland Railroad 1st mtge. 20-year 6% bonds, series A.

The report of the committee says in substance:

The Gainesville Midland Ry., the reorganization committee of its security holders, its receivers, W. B. Veazey and Gordon C. Carson, and the Seaboard Air Line Ry., on Dec. 4 1926, filed a joint application for a certificate that present and future public convenience and necessity permit abandonment of that portion of the line of the Gainesville extending through Belmont, Hall County, in a southerly direction through Jackson and Barrow Counties, to Monroe, Walton County, all in the State of Georgia, a distance of 32 miles. The Gainesville Midland RR. on Dec. 7 1926, filed an application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the acquisition and operation by it of the line of railroad formerly belonging to the Gainesville, extending from Gainesville, Hall County, in a southeasterly direction through Jackson County, to Fowler Junction, Clarke County, all in the State of Georgia, a distance of 28 miles. The new Gainesville also filed an application, for authority to issue \$300,000 capital stock and \$360,000 of 1st mtge. 20-year 6% gold bonds, series A. The Seaboard, on Dec. 7 1926, filed an application for an order authorizing it to acquire control, by acquisition of capital stock, of the new Gainesville, and also an application for authority to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of not exceeding \$360,000 of the new Gainesville's first mortgage 20-year 6% gold bonds, series A.

The properties of the Gainesville were placed in the hands of receivers on Feb. 15 1921. The Chatham Bank & Trust Co., trustee under the Gainesville's 1st mtge. dated Nov. 1 1905, and a trust indenture dated Oct. 1 1913, intervened and prayed for the foreclosure of the mortgage and judgment on the notes secured by the trust indenture.

On Nov. 28 1923, a decree of foreclosure and order of sale was entered. The following amounts were found to be due in respect of the Gainesville's securities involved:

1st-mortgage bonds	\$893,000
Int. from May 1 1913 to Nov. 1 1923	491,150
Also int. on each unpaid coupon from due date and on the principal amount of bonds from Nov. 1 1923, at 5% until paid.	
Coupon bonds issued under the mortgage dated Oct. 1904	14,000
Interest from April 1 1921 to Oct. 1 1923	2,100
6% coupon notes, series A	213,285
6% coupon notes, series B	75,000
With int. on these series of notes at the rate of 6% per annum from Oct. 1 1920.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,688,535</b>



On June 1 1925, a reorganization agreement and plan were entered into between the Gainesville, William W. Mackall, George J. Baldwin, John L. Nisbet, Courtney Thorpe, and Alexander B. Hull as a reorganization committee, and the holders of securities of the Gainesville, who became parties thereto by subscribing to the agreement and depositing their securities with the reorganization committee. It is stated that such committee holds or controls all the outstanding bonds and all the coupon notes, series A and B, of the Gainesville and has taken up all claims of creditors decreed to have preference over the bonds and has also taken up all claims for allowances to the trustee, its attorneys, and attorneys for the receivers, and has become obligated to pay and discharge all debts of the receivership. Under the agreement and plan the committee was given broad powers, including that of changing or modifying the terms and conditions of the plan of the reorganization. The plan as originally promulgated was not carried out.

Pursuant to the decree of foreclosure, all of the properties of the Gainesville were sold at Gainesville, Ga., on March 2 1926, to W. W. Mackall, chairman of the reorganization committee for \$10,000, which sale was confirmed by the court's order dated March 16, 1926, amended by order of April 6 1926. The latter order revoked the specific authority in the order of March 16, permitting the cessation of the operation of the Belmont-Fowler Junction line, but not the general authority contained in the original order. It was at first contemplated by the committee to organize a new company for the purpose of acquiring and operating that part of the line from Gainesville through Belmont to Monroe, and to abandon that part of the line from Belmont to Fowler Junction. The committee proposed to operate the former portion until such a time as it could find a purchaser, as it was not the intention of the committee to continue in railroad operations. With this in view negotiations were conducted with various persons for the sale of the properties. The Central of Georgia Ry. and the Georgia RR. were approached as possible purchasers, but they were not interested. An option was given to Walter L. Shepard, of Montgomery, Ala., which he canceled at the end of two months. Forest Greese, Pres. of the Greene County, discussed the matter of purchasing the properties, but it is stated that the committee had no definite proposition before it until the one made by the Seaboard, which was consummated in the agreement dated Aug. 11 1926, made between the committee and the Seaboard, the essential terms of which are given below.

Pursuant to this agreement the Seaboard agreed to cause to be organized in Georgia a new corporation to take over and operate the line from Gainesville to Athens, via Fowler Junction, including all equipment and the equity in 125 shares of the capital stock of the Athens Terminal Co. Such new corporation was to have an authorized capital stock of \$300,000, of which the Seaboard was to subscribe and pay for \$5,000 to provide funds for organization expenses and the issue of securities. There were to be delivered to the committee in payment for all the properties \$40,500 in cash, \$295,000 of capital stock, \$345,000 of 1st-mtge. 20-year gold bonds of the new railroad, and such additional amount of bonds, taken at par as will equal one-half the losses from operation by the receivers during the period from Apr. 16 1926, until the date that we approve or deny the applications for authority to abandon, acquire, and operate the lines involved, with the proviso that the amount of such bonds should not exceed \$1,000 a month and when received by the committee would be purchased by the Seaboard. The Seaboard will indorse on the bonds its guaranty of the payment of the prin. and int. Upon delivery to the committee of the bonds thus indorsed, it proposes to deliver to the Seaboard \$295,000 of capital stock, whereupon the Seaboard will become the owner of all the new Gainesville's capital stock.

The agreement expressly provided that neither the Seaboard nor the new corporation should be under any obligation to operate the line between Belmont and Monroe, and that the operation thereof should be abandoned and the tracks dismantled except certain tracks at Winder and Monroe which might be utilized as industrial tracks. The committee was to procure a deed conveying to the Southeastern Investment Co., a Seaboard subsidiary, all the railroad properties between the points named for the consideration of \$40,500. It was further provided that if authority to abandon and dismantle the Belmont-Monroe branch was not obtained the whole agreement would be null and void except as to the Seaboard's obligation to pay its proportion of operating losses. The Seaboard and the Athens Terminal Co. agreed to cancel and dismiss their claims in the receivership proceedings, amounting to about \$14,000, except as to a preferred claim of approximately \$500.

On July 21 1926, counsel for the committee and for the Gainesville entered into a stipulation with counsel for W. H. Braselton et al., and the Georgia P. S. Commission, interveners in the receivership proceeding, in which it was provided that if the pending contract with the Seaboard and the committee were executed, the court would be petitioned for permission to file with us the applications necessary to obtain the authority required to carry out the terms of such contract. Subsequently the committee petitioned the court for authority to discontinue and dismantle the Belmont-Monroe branch, and by order dated Aug. 16 1926 the court authorized the Gainesville and its receivers to join with the Seaboard in applications to be filed with us for all authority necessary or expedient in connection with the sale and reorganization of the properties of the Gainesville. The applications in these proceedings were filed pursuant to such stipulation and the court's order.

The Seaboard before entering into the agreement of Aug. 11 1926, made a study of the Gainesville's properties and was so firmly convinced that the two arms of the line could not be operated successfully that specific provision was made in the agreement that if authority to abandon the Belmont-Monroe branch was not obtained the whole agreement would be null and void. The Seaboard adheres to its conclusions and will take no further action toward saving a part of the Gainesville except upon the terms now before us.

The question here presented is whether or not the greater public interest will be served by granting the applications or by denying them. Denial of the applications would leave the properties in the hands of the purchaser at the foreclosure sale with no acceptable plan for their ultimate disposition. The Gainesville's future has been in a state of uncertainty since the receivership in 1921, and the committee's dependent upon it have presumably expected the effect of that unsettled state. It would appear that the public interest would be best served by preserving that portion of the line which will be sponsored by the Seaboard and thus give the points thereon and the territory adjacent thereto the benefit of a strong road under trunk-line control and management. Particularly does such a conclusion appear to be in the public interest when it is considered that the principal points on the Belmont-Monroe branch will still have adequate railroad facilities, and only several small towns without any manufacturing industries located therein and having an aggregate population of about 1,000 will be without such facilities.

The new Gainesville proposes to issue in connection with the acquisition of the Gainesville properties \$300,000 of capital stock and not exceeding \$360,000 of 20-year 1st-mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A. As has been stated, \$5,000 of capital stock and not exceeding \$15,000 of bonds are to be purchased by the Seaboard and the proceeds used for organization expenses and for operating deficits in accordance with the agreement of Aug. 11 1926. The remaining securities, consisting of \$295,000 of stock and \$345,000 of bonds, are to be delivered to the reorganization committee.

The ledger value of the Gainesville as of Oct. 31 1926, is shown at \$1,423,536.12. We found the value of the Gainesville for rate-making purposes as of June 30 1915, to be \$1,174,665. A witness for the applicants estimated that on that basis the value of the Gainesville-Fowler Junction branch would be not less than \$700,665 as of June 30 1915.

The proposed bonds are to be issued under and pursuant to the 1st mtge to be made by the new Gainesville under date of Oct. 1 1926, to the Continental Trust Co., of Baltimore, Md., and William J. Casey, as trustees. They will be dated Oct. 1 1926, will mature Oct. 1 1946.

The cost of the reorganization of the Gainesville is estimated at approximately \$35,000. The items which have been paid are as follows: Auditor's fee \$1,500, trustees' compensation \$1,500, attorneys' fees \$15,525, master's compensation \$750, total \$19,275. The funds for the payment of these items were derived from assessments of the security holders, as provided by the reorganization agreement, \$2,000 from the cancellation of an option to purchase the properties, and from advances made by one of the Gainesville's principal security holders. It was estimated that \$15,000 additional would be required to pay off all claims and lift the receivership. Estimates of the details comprising that amount were not given. It appears that the committee will pay or provide for all such expenses from funds which it may control, or by the use of the bonds to be issued to them in the acquisition of the properties.

The Seaboard seeks authority to acquire control of the new Gainesville by acquisition of its capital stock and to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of \$360,000 of the new Gainesville's 1st-mtge. 20-year 6% gold bonds, series A, by indorsing thereon in the form given in the proposed mortgage the Seaboard's absolute and unconditional guaranty of the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds, all to be accomplished pursuant to the agreement of Aug. 11 1926.—V. 122, p. 1915.

**Missouri Pacific RR.—Acquisition of Lines.—**

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 15 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire, and operate in interstate commerce, a line of railroad extending from Marion, through Energy, to Hafer, 8.14 miles, a branch line from Energy to the south corporate limits of Herrin, 1.47 miles, and a switching or spur track in the town of Herrin, 0.35 mile in length, all in Williamson County, Ill. The lines involved in the proposal together aggregate 9.96 miles.

The properties proposed to be acquired form parts of an interurban system of electric railroads, having termini at Carterville, Marion, and Herrin, Ill., and aggregating 13.46 miles, now owned, and heretofore operated, by the Coal Belt Electric Ry. All the outstanding capital stock of the Coal Belt is owned by the Missouri Pacific and is pledged under a divisional mortgage of the proprietary company.—V. 125, p. 2384.

**Muscle Shoals Birmingham & Pensacola RR.—Acquis.**

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 24 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate certain tracks owned by the Gulf Ports Terminal Ry. and the Gulf Power Co. in Escambia County, Fla.—V. 121, p. 2871.

**St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents on Common Stock.**—The directors on Nov. 2, declared an extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% and the usual quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the outstanding \$65,543,200 common stock, par \$100, both payable Jan. 3, to holders of record Dec. 9. Like amounts were paid on this issue in Apr., July and Oct. last.

Dividends were inaugurated on the common on Jan. 15 1925 at the rate of 5% annually. Quarterly payments of 1 1/4% were made also on April 1, and on July 1 1925 and from Oct. 1 1925 to Oct. 1 1927 incl., quarterly distributions of 1 1/4% were made with extras as stated above.

The directors have also declared four regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% each on the pref. stock (6% non-cumul. payable Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1, to holders of record Jan. 14, April 7, July 15 and Oct. 15, respectively.—V. 125, p. 2385.

**Southern Railway.—Earnings for Sept. and 9 Mths.—**

	September		9 Mos.	
(000 Omitted)—	1927.	% of Gross.	1926.	% of Gross.
Freight revenue.....	\$9,773	\$9,671	\$81,922	\$83,550
Passenger revenue.....	2,305	2,634	20,452	23,246
<b>Total rev., incl. others.....</b>	<b>\$13,067</b>	<b>\$13,438</b>	<b>\$110,866</b>	<b>\$115,913</b>
Maint. of way and struc.....	1,543	11.8	1,813	13.5
Maint. of equipment.....	1,919	14.7	2,188	16.3
Traffic.....	243	1.9	254	1.9
Transportation.....	4,003	30.6	3,972	29.6
Misc. operations.....	87	.7	104	.8
General.....	346	2.6	330	2.5
Trans. for inv. (Cr.).....	5	—	12	.1
<b>Total oper. expenses.....</b>	<b>\$8,137</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>\$8,649</b>	<b>64.4</b>
<b>Net from railroad.....</b>	<b>\$4,930</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>\$4,789</b>	<b>35.6</b>
Taxes and uncollect.....	868	6.6	855	6.4
<b>Net after taxes.....</b>	<b>\$4,062</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>\$3,934</b>	<b>29.2</b>
Eq. and joint fac. rents.....	26	—	14	—
<b>Net after rents.....</b>	<b>\$4,036</b>	<b>\$3,920</b>	<b>\$23,857</b>	<b>\$26,066</b>
Est. other income.....	500	—	488	—
<b>Est. total income.....</b>	<b>\$4,536</b>	<b>\$4,408</b>	<b>\$28,357</b>	<b>\$30,458</b>
Est. fixed chgs. and dedts.....	1,482	—	1,482	—
<b>Est. available for pref.....</b>	<b>\$3,054</b>	<b>\$2,926</b>	<b>\$15,019</b>	<b>\$17,120</b>
Preferred dividends.....	250	—	250	—
<b>Est. avail. for common.....</b>	<b>\$2,804</b>	<b>\$2,676</b>	<b>\$12,769</b>	<b>\$14,870</b>
Est. per sh. of common (1,300,000 shs.).....	\$2.16	(a)\$2.06	\$9.82	(b)\$11.44
Est. equity in undistributed earnings of subs.....	.36	.38	1.19	2.29
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2.52</b>	<b>(c)\$2.44</b>	<b>\$11.01</b>	<b>(d)\$13.73</b>

On basis of 1,200,000 shares outstanding, last year's earnings were: (a) \$2.23, (b) \$12.39, (c) \$2.64, (d) \$14.87.—V. 125, p. 2144.

**Union Belt of Detroit.—Operation.—**

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 20 issued a certificate authorizing the Union Belt of Detroit to operate certain tracks and facilities of the Pennsylvania R.R., the Pere Marquette Ry., and the Wabash Ry. in and near the City of Detroit.

**Western Pacific RR. Corp.—No Further Pref. Divs. This Year.—**

The directors on Nov. 1 decided that no further dividends should be declared on the 6% preferred stock during the present calendar year. Dividends at the rate of 6% per annum had been paid quarterly since July 1920, to and incl. April 1927.

President Thomas M. Schumacher states this action was taken after carefully considering the financial condition of the corporation, including earnings for the current calendar year (partly estimated) and taking into consideration the fact that no dividends could be expected during the balance of the year from the Western Pacific R.R. Co. on account of extensive improvement program it is carrying on. (Compare V. 125, p. 92; V. 124, p. 2744.—V. 125, p. 2144.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

**American Natural Gas Corp.—Transfer Agent.—**

The Central Union Trust Co., of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 1,000,000 shares of voting trust common stock.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet, August 31, 1927.**

[After giving effect to the acquisition of properties and proposed financing incident thereto.]

Assets	Liabilities
Fixed assets.....	Am. Nat. Gas, cap. stk.....
Cash.....	Okl. Nat. Gas Corp. 7% pref. stock.....
Notes receivable.....	Common stock (no par).....
Accounts receivable.....	6 1/2% Sng. Fd. Deb.....
Material & supplies.....	Okl. Nat. Gas Corp. 1st 6s.....
Prepayments.....	6% purch. M. mtges., 1928.....
Miscellaneous investments.....	Def. pay. on prop. under cntr.....
Deferred debits.....	Accounts payable.....
	Gas purchased payable.....
	Pay roll payable.....
	Adv. pay.—Drilling gas.....
	Phillips Petroleum Co.....
	Taxes accrued.....
	Interest accrued.....
	Div. accr. on Okla. Nat. G. pref.....
	Customers' deposits.....
	Retirement reserve.....
	Conting. res.&c. unadj. crds.....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>Total.....</b>

Note.—The above is subject to Federal income taxes for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927, on Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. a \$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par value) authorized 250,000 shares; issued 50,000 shares common stock (no par value) authorized 2,000,000 shares; issued 651,200 shares, and surplus (including surplus of \$87,026, applicable to minority interests). (b) Represented by 4,283 shares per minority int.—V. 125, p. 2259, 238.

**Alabama Power Co.—Bonds Called.**—All of the outstanding 1st mtg. lien and ref. gold bonds, 6% series due 1951, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 105 and int. at the United States Mtgo. & Trust Co., Trustee, 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City.

**Plans Big Power Plant.**

The company has applied to the Alabama P. S. Commission for permission to build a steam-electric plant in the Warrior coal fields in Walker County, Ala. Construction is expected to begin soon and the initial installation will comprise one unit of 50,000 kilowatts capacity. It will be designed for an ultimate capacity of 200,000 kilowatts, as it is the purpose of the company to provide for future increased demand.

It is further planned for the Alabama Power Company to merge Southeastern properties near by which are already interconnected. The Houston Power Co. and the Gulf Electric Co. will be merged with the Alabama Power Co., conditional on the shareholders' approval of the proposal at a meeting to be held on Nov. 10. Under the merger, the bonded debt will be consolidated and refunded at lower interest rates. The Alabama Power Co. also proposes to adjust its stock capitalization to provide for the exchange of shares with the merging companies. A new \$5 preferred issue will be created.—V. 125, p. 2259.

**American Light & Traction Company (& Subs.).—**

Period End. Sept. 30—1927—3 Mos.—1926. 1927—12 Mos.—1926.

Total gas sales.....	\$546,905,000	796,338,770	355,265,191	328,305,885
Electric sales (k. w. hrs.).....	\$34,044,574	\$27,701,545	\$123,035,516	\$100,559,798
Revenue passengers.....	6,553,677	7,591,224	30,676,006	30,713,110
Operating revenue.....	8,865,434	8,402,504	36,574,360	35,511,155
Operating expense.....	5,010,143	4,919,326	21,314,902	20,449,032
Taxes.....	984,824	913,404	3,779,173	3,861,481
Reserved for retirements.....	467,551	485,894	1,917,458	1,654,723
Net operating income.....	\$2,402,917	\$2,083,880	\$9,562,826	\$9,545,919
Non-operating income.....	300,538	112,096	859,552	164,037
Gross income.....	\$2,703,455	\$2,195,977	\$10,422,378	\$9,709,956
Interest deductions.....	1,257,595	862,632	4,555,239	3,230,006
Amort. of bond discount.....	33,415	31,945	106,770	116,211
Miscellaneous deduct.....	5,893	10,216	52,172	24,075
Sur. & reserve adj.....	dr. 5,813	dr. 4,124	cr. 128,824	cr. 202,583
Preferred dividends.....	133,724	114,609	508,987	469,744
Amount applicable to minority interests.....	10,663	11,613	39,846	42,399

Balance applicable to Amer. L. & T. Co.....	\$1,256,353	\$1,160,837	\$5,288,189	\$6,030,105
Earnings on stocks of subsidiary Co. owned.....	\$1,256,353	\$1,160,837	\$5,288,189	\$6,030,105
Miscellaneous earnings.....	856,209	582,937	2,546,274	2,247,098
Gross earnings.....	\$1,842,562	\$1,743,774	\$7,834,463	\$8,277,203

Taxes.....	60,000	60,000	240,000	205,500
Expense.....	112,482	89,056	421,363	298,157
Balance.....	\$1,670,079	\$1,594,718	\$7,173,100	\$7,773,546
Surplus and reserve at beginning of period.....	13,260,145	18,279,490	18,939,960	15,438,778
Total surplus and reserve.....	\$14,930,225	\$19,874,208	\$26,113,060	\$23,212,323

Preferred dividends.....	213,543	213,543	854,172	854,172
Common dividends.....	1,045,826	696,264	4,178,232	3,393,750
Surplus and Reserve, Sept. 30.....	\$13,670,856	\$18,964,401	\$21,080,656	\$18,964,401
Add amount tr. from spec. res. to sur. & res.....			10,000,000	
Total surplus & reserve.....			31,080,656	18,964,401
Stock div. on com. stk. (50%).....			17,409,800	
Surplus & reserve, Sept. 30.....			13,670,856	18,964,401

\* After deducting \$24,440.66 charged to reserve in Dec. 1926.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 (Amer. Lt. & Trac. Co.)

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Investment acct.....	\$42,073,602	\$37,004,522	Preferred stock.....	\$14,236,200	\$14,236,200
Temporary invest.....	1,695,897	19,860,615	Common stock.....	52,263,800	34,811,400
Earnings, sub. Cos.....	14,414,795	13,978,411	Prem. on com. stk.....	1,286,071	1,285,967
Com. stk in trust.....			Warrants.....	51,000	42,431
(held against warrants of like amount).....	51,000		Accts. & bills pay.....	3,500,000	2,310,445
Bills receivable.....	33,764,111	18,676,213	Miscellaneous.....	219,015	184,705
Accts. receivable.....	438,267	356,869	Reserve for taxes.....	986,951	569,200
Miscellaneous.....	127,410	38,238	Coupons pay. sub.....		
Int. & divs. receiv.....	11,241	334,067	Cos.....	475,523	306,895
Sub. Cos. coup. funds.....	475,523	306,895	Dividends accrued.....	1,187,638	838,590
Cash.....	1,291,474	1,011,385	Special reserve.....	6,466,265	18,016,981
			Surplus & reserve.....	13,670,856	18,964,401
Total.....	\$94,343,320	\$91,567,215	Total.....	\$94,343,320	\$91,567,215

x Bonds of subsidiary companies, \$217,467; other securities, \$1,478,429.  
y Earnings receivable, \$10,049,366; reconstruction reserve, \$4,365,429.  
z On preferred stock, \$142,362; on common stock, \$1,045,276.—V. 125, p. 1050.

**Associated Telephone Utilities Co., Chicago.—Debtures Offered.**

—Paine, Webber & Co., New York, and Mitchell, Tully & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 95 and int., to yield about 5½%, \$1,750,000 15-year 5% gold debentures, series "B."  
Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Int. payable A. & O. in New York and Chicago. Red. at any time, all or part, on 30 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1937 and thereafter at 1% less for each succeeding year, or portion thereof, plus int. in all cases. Company agrees to reimburse, if requested within 60 days after payment, the Penn., Conn., and Calif. 4 mills tax and the Mass. income tax up to 6%. Interest payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.  
**Preferred Stock Offered.**—The same bankers are offering at 92 and div., to yield 6.52%, 25,000 shares \$6 cumulative prior pref. stock (no par value).  
Dividends cumulative and payable Q-M. Preferred as to both assets (\$115 per share in voluntary liquidation) and dividends over the common stock. Red. at any time, upon 30 days' notice at \$115 per share and divs. National Shawmut Bank, Boston and Illinois; Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, transfer agents. First National Bank, Boston and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, registrars.  
**Data from Letter of Marshall E. Sampson, President of the Company.**  
Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Controls through stock ownership a group of public utility properties serving without competition, except in Tennessee, a total population in excess of 1,000,000 in California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas and Tennessee. The subsidiary companies are engaged primarily in the telephone business, operating 79,631 stations in more than 129 communities. Through agreements with the Bell telephone companies, the long distance toll lines of the Bell System throughout the United States and Canada are available for all subscribers.  
Company's subsidiaries own 43 modern telephone exchange buildings and rent 30 additional buildings in which exchanges owned by them are operated. The subsidiary properties also include 1,226 miles of toll pole line. The Michigan properties embrace an exclusive territory along Lake

Michigan from Muskegon to Ludington. The principal properties in Illinois serve an area of approximately 100 miles square in a rich agricultural section of the southeastern part of the State. Properties in Tennessee center around Knoxville. The California properties serve Long Beach, San Bernardino, Laguna Beach and Huntington Beach. The Wisconsin and Kansas properties are also well located. These properties are all in excellent operating condition.

**Consolidated Income Account—Year Ended Aug. 31 1927 (Upon Completion of Present Financing.)**

Gross earnings.....	\$2,429,121
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes.....	1,146,844
Net earnings before depreciation.....	\$1,282,277
Subsidiary companies' annual bond int. & pref. stock dividends.....	264,840
Minority stock interest.....	35,800
Balance.....	\$981,638
Annual interest charge on debentures (incl. this issue).....	170,750
Balance available for reserves, and dividends.....	\$810,888
Annual div. requirement on prior pref. stock.....	263,771

Balance for depreciation and amortization..... \$547,117  
Net earnings applicable to interest charges on all outstanding debentures (including this issue) are more than 5½ times these interest requirements.  
Balance available for dividends and reserves for the year ended Aug. 31 1927 was \$810,888 or more than 3 times the annual div. requirements on the entire cumul. prior pref. stock to be outstanding upon completion of this financing.

**Capitalization (Consolidated Statement) Upon Completion of Present Financing.**

Subsidiary companies funded debt.....	\$4,305,000
Subsidiary companies stock in hands of public:	
Commercial Telephone Co. 7% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100) total outstanding.....	7,600
Associated Telephone Co. capital stock (being 11.7% of that company's total issued and outstanding capital stock and 5.3% of the total subsidiary companies' stock).....	178,275
15-year 6% conv. gold deb., series A, due Sept. 1 1941.....	1,387,500
15-year 5% gold debentures, series B, due Oct. 1 1942.....	1,750,000
\$7 cumulative prior preferred stock (no par value).....	16,253 shs.
\$6 cumulative prior preferred stock (no par value).....	25,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value).....	42,770 shs.

Purpose.—The proceeds from the sale of these debentures, shares of \$6 cumulative prior preferred stock will be used to pay, in part, for the acquisition of the entire issued and outstanding shares of common stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of Peoples Telephone & Telegraph Co., Kansas State Telephone Co., Michigan Home Telephone Co., and Commercial Telephone Co. and for other corporate purposes.—V. 123, p. 1873.

**Atlantic City Gas Co.—Earnings.**

12 Months Ended—	Aug. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '26.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,762,242	\$1,708,279
Operating expenses.....	1,131,200	1,065,011
Interest on long term debt.....	217,354	198,471
Other interest.....	13,519	6,908
Amortization of debt discount & expense.....	12,127	11,346
Other deductions.....	11,571	10,764
Interest during construction (cr.).....	7,452	2,376
Net income.....	\$383,923	\$418,157

**Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Output (Cu. Ft.).**

Month of—	1927.	1926.	Month of—	1927.	1926.
January.....	892,186,000	876,123,000	June.....	730,472,000	717,523,000
February.....	784,883,000	805,175,000	July.....	649,777,000	628,528,000
March.....	838,743,000	850,453,000	August.....	683,696,000	637,282,000
April.....	788,593,000	761,251,000	September.....	751,453,000	726,117,000
May.....	784,399,000	770,526,000	October.....	812,724,000	792,492,000

**California Oregon Power Co.—Stock, etc., Approved.**

The California RR Commission has authorized the company to issue 15,000 shares of 6% pref. stock at not less than 96 and divs. and to sell to H. M. Bylesby & Co. \$4,000,000 15-year 5½% debentures.—V. 125, p. 1968.

**Central Indiana Gas Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

—Dawes, Maynard & Co. and Lawrence Regan & Co. are offering at 97½ and div. \$500,000 6½% cumulative preferred stock.  
Exempt from personal property taxes in Indiana. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Preferred over common stock as to cumulative dividends and as to assets in liquidation up to \$100 per share and divs. Red. all or part on any div. date at 105 and div. Dividends payable Q-J., Central Trust Co. of Illinois transfer agent.  
Issuance.—Authorized by the Indiana P. S. Commission.

**Data from Letter of J. H. Maxon, President of the Company.**  
Company.—Incorp. Feb. 7 1888, Indiana. Supplies manufactured gas without competition for domestic and industrial purposes to 12 cities and towns in the East Central part of Indiana, including the cities of Muncie, Anderson, Marion, Elwood, Hartford City and Alexandria. Company also purchases and sells natural gas from the West Virginia fields to a number of large industrial consumers. Population served estimated 135,000.

Earnings—	Year Ended June 30—	Year End.
Gross earnings.....	1925	1926
Oper. Exp., mainte. & taxes (incl. Fed. taxes).....	\$1,295,997	\$1,508,545
	985,714	1,138,161
Net earnings before depreciation.....	\$310,283	\$370,384
Interest requirements on funded debt to be outstanding.....		\$375,080
Balance available for depreciation, amortization & dividends.....		\$225,580

Dividend requirement on preferred stock (incl. this issue)..... \$81,709  
Capitalization—

6½% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100).....	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% (par \$100).....	\$2,000,000	\$500,000
8% (par \$25).....		\$58,700
Common stock (\$100 par).....		100,000
1st mtge. 5% bonds, due 1931.....	5,000,000	5,000,000
Ref. & imp. mtge. 5% bonds, due 1957.....	(Closed)	2,190,000
x Limited by restrictions of mortgage indenture.....	x	800,000

Equity.—The reproduction value of the property of the company, including going concern value and working capital, as determined by Hagenah & Erickson, Chicago, as of June 30 1927, less the then existing depreciation, was \$6,744,471. Based on this valuation, the equity available for the preferred stock after deducting all funded debt amounted to over \$315 per \$100 par value.  
Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this preferred stock will be used to retire indebtedness and for other corporate purposes of the company.  
Management.—Company is owned and operated by the Dawes interests of Chicago.—V. 122, p. 2189.

**Central Kansas Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**

—Peters Trust Co., Omaha, Neb., are offering \$85,000 additional 1st mtge. gold bonds, Series of 6's due 1946 at par and int. (see original offering in V. 122, p. 2038).  
Company owns and operates long established electric light and power properties serving without competition a population of approximately 10,250 located in the towns of Hays, Russell, Collyer, Gorham, Fairport, Quinter, Victoria, Wakeeney and Walker. The territory is a developing agricultural section located along the main line of the Union Pacific Ry. in Kansas.  
The depreciated replacement value of the company's property now owned as recently determined in an appraisal by Clarence G. Johnson, plus the actual cost of subsequent capital additions and betterments to June 30 1927, as reported by the company's auditors, is over twice the total principal amount of first mortgage bonds to be outstanding upon completion of the present financing.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Preferred stock 7% cumulative (\$100 par) at \$168,500 and Common stock (no par value) at 1,500 shs.

Earnings and Expenses 8 Months Ending Aug. 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross earnings at \$117,206 and Oper. exp., maint. & taxes at \$82,154.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Net earnings before depreciation & Federal taxes at \$35,052 and Annual bond interest requirements on \$385,000 1st mtge. bonds at \$23,100.

Cities Service Power & Light Co.—Bonds Sold.—Harris, Forbes & Co., The National City Co., and Guaranty Co. of New York, have sold at 98 and int., yielding 5.65% \$45,000,000 5 1/2% gold debentures, due 1952.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1952. Int. payable M. & N. at agency of the company in N. Y. City, or at option of holder at Harris, Forbes & Co. in New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston, or Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Red. all or in part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. Nov. 1 1932; with a reduction in the redemption price of 1% during each successive 5 year period thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1947; at 101 thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 1 1950, and at 100 thereafter until maturity; plus int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee. Company will agree to pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum, and to refund Penn. 4 mills tax, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, Con. 4 mills tax, Calif. 5 mills tax, and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, upon application as provided in the indenture.

Data from Letter of Pres. Henry L. Doherty, New York, Nov. 2.

Company.—Organized in Delaware. A subsidiary of Cities Service Co. Controls through stock ownership companies rendering electric light and power, gas and transportation service, in 16 States in territories having a population estimated to be in excess of 2,100,000. The operating properties render public utility service to over 392,000 customers in more than 500 communities, including such important cities as Toledo, Lorain, Mansfield, Warren and Sandusky, Ohio; Denver and Boulder, Colo.; St. Joseph and Joplin, Mo.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Durham, N. C. The widely diversified industrial and agricultural activities of the territories served afford unusual stability to the earning power of the group as a whole.

Purpose.—This financing is part of a plan for the simplification of the capital structure of company and subsidiaries. Approximately \$2,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of these debentures will be used to provide additional working capital and the entire balance will be used to provide funds, or to reimburse the company, for the acquisition or retirement subsequent to June 30 1927 of funded debt of this company and of funded debt or preferred stocks of subsidiaries. Upon completion of this financing these debentures will constitute the only funded debt of this company.

Capitalization.—The consolidated capitalization of company and subsidiaries as of June 30 1927, after giving effect to the issue of these debentures, the sale of certain gas companies operating in Kansas and Missouri and the retirement or acquisition by the company of funded debt and preferred stocks, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cities Service Power & Light Co.—Common stock (par \$100) at 650,000 shs. and \$7 dividend cumulative preferred stock (no par value) at 95,000 shs.

Subsidiary Companies

Funded debt and preferred stocks\* 150,516,941

Minority common stocks (par or stated value) 1,267,545

\*Stated at par or, if without par value, at value in involuntary liquidation.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of Cities Service Power & Light Co. and subsidiaries for the 12 months ended June 30 1927, irrespective of the dates of acquisition, as certified by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., are given below. This statement has not been adjusted to give effect to the pending sale of certain Ohio gas properties which contributed during this period net earnings to the amount of \$629,489 but has been adjusted to give effect to the sale to be made of other gas companies operating in Kansas and Missouri to Gas Service Co., also a subsidiary of Cities Service Co. Gross earnings, including other income \$46,764,206

Oper. exp., maint., taxes (except Fed. taxes), amounts applicable to minority common stocks and miscellaneous charges 27,475,840

Consolidated net earnings before renewal & replacement reserves, amortization & dividends \$19,288,366

Int. and divs. paid or accrued, on funded debt and preferred stocks of subs. adjusted to give effect to this financing 8,192,196

Annual interest requirements on \$45,000,000 5 1/2% debts. (this issue) 2,475,000

(Provision for renewals and replacements at initial rates to be required by the indenture \$2,065,820.)

The consolidated net earnings of the company and subsidiaries, as shown above, were over 1.8 times the total of the annual interest on this issue of debentures plus the interest and dividends paid or accrued on funded debt and preferred stocks of subsidiaries shown above; and after provision for renewal and replacement reserves as above this ratio was over 1.6. The balance after deducting such interest and dividend charges of subsidiaries but before provision for renewal and replacement reserves was 4.48 times the annual interest on these debentures. The proceeds to be derived from the sale of the Ohio gas properties will be applied to the retirement of subsidiaries' securities and (or) the acquisition of additional properties, which transaction is expected to improve these ratios.

Over 94% of the consolidated gross operating revenue of the subsidiaries for the 12 months ended June 30 1927, was derived from electric and gas service.

Operating Subsidiaries.—The larger operating subsidiaries are as follows: Toledo Edison Co., Ohio Public Service Co., Public Service Co. of Colorado, the Empire District Electric Co., and St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co.

Cities Service Power & Light Co. owns directly or indirectly more than 95% of the common stock of each of the 5 subsidiaries mentioned above. (See also "Public Utility Compendium" Oct. 1927, p. 62.)

Business.—The size and character of this group of properties is indicated by the following table:

Table with 6 columns: Calendar Years, Earnings, Electric Customers, Gas Customers, K. W. H. Sales, M. Cu. Ft. Gas Sales. Shows data for 1922 through 1927 (June 30).

The above statements have not been adjusted to give effect to the pending sale by certain subsidiaries of Ohio gas properties which contributed for the 12 months ended June 30 1927 gross earnings of \$2,995,361, and net earnings of \$629,489, but have been adjusted to give effect to the sale to be made forthwith of gas companies operating in Kansas and Missouri to Gas Service Co., a subsidiary of Cities Service Co.

Maintenance & Replacements.—Indenture will require provision to be made each year for maintenance, renewals and replacements in an amount equal to 8% of combined gross operating revenue (to be defined in the indenture) from hydro-electric operations, 12% of that from other electric operations, 5% of that from water utility operations, 25% of that from transportation operations, 7% of that from steam heating operations, and 10% of that from gas, ice and other operations. These percentages, which are to be subject to adjustment at three-year intervals, will, in the opinion of competent engineers, adequately provide for maintaining the operating properties of the subsidiaries at a high standard of operating efficiency.

Purchase Fund.—Company will agree in the indenture to make available semi-annually beginning May 1 1929, funds sufficient to retire 1% of these debentures at the time outstanding if obtainable during specified periods by purchase at or below 100 and accrued interest.

Ownership.—Cities Service Co. owns directly, or through a wholly owned subsidiary, all of the common stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of Cities Service Power & Light Co.—V. 125 p. 2262.

Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding ref. mtge. gold bonds, 6% series due 1941 have been called for payment Dec. 1 next, at 110 and int. at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, Ill. See also V. 125, p. 1191.

Colorado Central Power Co.—Earnings.—

Results for 12 Months Ended May 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross earnings (all sources) at \$410,034 and Operating expenses, incl. maintenance & general taxes at 247,262.

Interest on 1st mortgage 5 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Dec. 1 1946 46,750

Balance available for reserve, Fed. taxes & surplus 116,021

—V. 125, p. 513.

Commonwealth Telephone Co. (Ind.)—Bonds Offered.

—The Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis, recently offered \$170,000 6% 1st mtge. gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Oct. 10 1927; due serially Jan 1 1929-1948. Denom. \$500. Int. payable J. & J. Red. all or part on any date after Jan. 1 1930, at 101 and int. until Jan. 1 1938; thereafter at par. Principal and int. payable at Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis, trustee.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Indiana P. S. Commission. Company.—Owns and operates telephone properties in the eastern central portion of the State of Indiana, furnishing telephone service in 6 counties, without competition in the 10 towns served. The population of the territory served is in excess of 5,800 and the company operates 11 exchanges and approximately 2,700 stations. Company also operates valuable toll lines which stabilize the revenue and their lines interconnect with the Bell System, which permits of nation-wide long distance service to the territory served. The fair value of these properties as fixed by the Public Service Commission of Indiana is \$284,000.

Earnings of Properties for Year Ended 1926.

Gross income \$56,600

Oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes 36,000

Net avail. for int., deprec. & Federal taxes \$20,600

Annual int. charges 10,020

On the above basis, net earnings average over two times interest charges on these bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Authorized, Outstanding. Includes 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds (this issue) at \$500,000 Authorized and \$170,000 Outstanding.

With the consent of The Peoples State Bank, additional bonds may be issued at any time within three years from date of issue, bringing the total amount of the mortgage up to \$500,000. Such additional bonds shall not exceed 60% of the value of new properties acquired as found by the Public Service Commission of Indiana and may be issued when net earnings are one and three-fourths times interest charges.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co., Balt.—

Larger Common Dividend.—Earnings.—The directors on Nov. 1 declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock (no par value), payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with quarterly dividends of 62 1/2 cents per share paid on this issue since and incl. Jan. 1926.

The regular quarterly dividends of 2% on the Series A preferred, 1 1/4% on the Series B preferred, 1 1/4% on the Series C preferred and 1 1/4% on the Series D preferred stock were also declared, all payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 15.

Period End. Sept. 30— 1927—3 Mos.—1926 1927—9 Mos.—1926

Gross Revenue \$5,482,913 \$5,395,959 \$18,241,470 \$18,190,188

Exp., taxes and deprec. 3,750,636 3,765,866 12,373,033 12,117,912

Operating income \$1,732,277 \$1,630,993 \$5,868,437 \$6,072,276

Other income 61,508 55,657 295,924 180,787

Gross income \$1,793,785 \$1,685,750 \$6,164,361 \$6,253,062

Fixed charges 758,582 724,919 2,309,979 2,177,592

Net income \$1,035,203 \$960,831 \$3,854,382 \$4,075,471

Dividends 801,721 738,395 2,387,421 2,214,317

Surplus \$233,482 \$222,436 \$1,466,961 \$1,860,554

Shares of com. stk. outstanding (no par) 955,700 825,500 955,700 825,500

Earns. per share on com. stk. \$0.82 \$0.90 \$3.26 \$4.15

—V. 125, p. 1323.

Denver Tramway Corp.—Earnings.—

(Including Denver & Inter-Mountain RR.)

9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30— 1927 1926

Total operating revenue \$3,272,495 \$3,399,958

Operating expenses 1,819,947 1,823,123

Taxes 383,595 413,664

Net operating income \$1,068,953 \$1,163,171

Other income 32,757 41,556

Gross income \$1,101,710 \$1,204,727

Interest charges 401,120 431,911

Profit & loss charges (est.) Cr.34,226 1,775

Balance available for deprec. & pref. div. requirements \$734,815 \$771,040

—V. 125, p. 779.

Duquesne Light Co.—General Balance Sheet.—

July 31 '27. Dec. 31 '26

Assets— \$ \$

Fixed capital 100,292,211 85,191,381

Constr'n work in progress 11,413,130 5,476,560

Stocks & bonds 2,430,000 11,526,913

Prop. used in other pub. ser. 106,652 106,652

Real est. mtges. 61,500 25,000

Other invest'ts 4,895,557 4,786,833

Sink. fund assets 41,500

Int. on spec. dep. 37,497 1,240,085

Other spec. dep. 2,374 1,006,629

Notes rec. 1,372,877 1,232,822

Cash 943,685 2,160,735

Accts. receivable 2,801,298 2,138,320

Mat'ls & suppl's 2,724,817 2,816,007

Prepaid account 165,569 159,327

Unamort'd debt 5,203,267 2,827,846

Prclm. survey of invest. charges 106,255 171,672

Other charges 5,250,162 328,632

Total 137,806,851 121,236,915

—V. 125, p. 2386.

Liabilities— \$ \$

Common stock 20,000,000 20,000,000

7% 1st pf. stock 30,000,000 30,000,000

8% part. pf. stk. 10,000,000 10,000,000

Prem. on cap. stk. 850,000 850,000

Funded debt 55,000,000 41,788,500

Affiliated cos.:

Acct's payable 71,553

W'kmen's comp. 450,531 63,645

Consumers' dep. 2,137,569 424,222

Acct's payable 858,570 1,509,379

Divs. payable 32

Serv. bills in adv. 130,954 134,002

Accrued taxes 1,990,531 1,649,784

Accrued rentals 121,425 7,083

Accrued interest:

On fund. debt 833,560 1,228,433

On unfund. dt. 2,682 8,593

Def'd accounts 266,289 260,980

Retirement res. 4,217,942 4,817,625

Other reserves 700,000 700,000

Surp. invest. in fixed capital 695,100 627,767

Surplus 9,580,146 7,166,871

Total 137,806,851 121,236,915

Electric Public Service Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Results for 12 Months Ended May 31 1927.

Gross earnings (all sources) \$2,042,353

Operating expenses, incl. maintenance & general taxes 1,083,697

Int. & divs. on sec. of sub. cos., in hands of public 59,390

Balance avail. Elec. Public Service Co. & for reserves \$899,266

Int. on 15-year gold bonds, series A, B and C 299,000

Int. on 10-year 6% gold debenture bonds 135,000

Balance avail. for divs. on pref. stk., res., Fed. taxes & surplus \$465,266

—V. 125, p. 1323.

**Dixie Gulf Gas Co.—Laying of Pipe Line.**—The construction of the company's pipe line from the Wascom Field near Shreveport, La. to Houston and Port Arthur, Tex., has progressed much faster than expected, it is announced. Already 30 miles of 22-inch line, 5 miles of 16-inch line and 3 miles of 18-inch line have been completed. The A. O. Smith Corp., of Milwaukee, who are supplying the pipes, have already shipped a total of over 777 car loads. This line when completed will be one of the largest gas pipe lines in the United States.—V. 125, p. 2262.

**Empire Gas & Fuel Co. (Del.)—Offering of Pref. Stock.**—A syndicate of bankers composed of Howe, Snow & Co., Inc., Pearsons-Taft Co., Federal Securities Corp., Stroud & Co., Inc., R. E. Wilsey & Co., and Henry L. Doherty & Co., are offering an additional issue of \$10,000,000 7% cumulative pre. stock at \$100 per share to yield 7%.

Preferred stock authorized 5,000,000 shares, issuable in one or more series, of which 308,274.76 shares of 8% cumulative preferred stock and 135,972 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock are now outstanding. To be presently issued 100,000 additional shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock; preferred (together with all other preferred stock) over common stock as to assets and cumulative dividends; the preferred stock is redeemable as a whole or in part, at any time upon 60 days' notice at par and divs. plus a premium which, for the 7% cumulative preferred stock, is \$7 per share. It is the company's policy to pay dividends on its preferred stock on the first of each month to stockholders of record on the fifteenth of the preceding month. Dividends free from present Normal Federal Income Tax.

**Transfer Agents.**—Henry L. Doherty & Co., New York, Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Empire Gas & Fuel Co., Bartlesville, Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco.

**Registrars.**—Empire Trust Co., New York, Union Trust Co., Chicago, Union National Bank, Bartlesville, Crocker First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco.

**Data from Letter of Henry L. Doherty, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Owns all the capital stocks, except directors' qualifying shares, of Cities Service Gas Co. and Empire Oil & Refining Co., and 68% of the capital stock of Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co. These properties comprise one of the most important systems in the United States in the production, transportation, refining and marketing of crude oil and its products, as well as in the transportation of natural gas. Subsidiaries own over 900 miles of oil pipeline, and 3,500 oil wells, the gross production of which, during the first 6 months of 1927, averaged 61,200 barrels of crude oil daily. Four refineries and 20 absorption and compression gasoline plants are owned and operated. Over 500 tank and gasoline service stations, located in 12 states, are owned and distribute petroleum products. Cities Service Gas Co. handles an average of more than 100,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily, and through 2,200 miles of pipeline, supplies gas at wholesale to local companies serving over 135 cities and communities in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, the territory served having a population of approximately 1,300,000.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated earnings of the company, as now constituted, were as follows:

	—Year Ended June 30—		Year End.
	1926.	1927.	Aug. 31 '27.
Gross earnings, incl. other income...	\$48,017,940	\$57,474,542	\$62,719,640
Oper. exp., maint. all taxes, minority stockholders' int. in subs., annual int. of \$3,925,000 on presently outstanding bonds of sub. cos. and notes of the parent co. and other prior deductions	35,498,593	39,193,079	40,972,017
Balance available for deprec., depl. & divs.	12,519,347	18,281,463	21,747,623
Annual div. requirements on all pref. stock outstanding (incl. this issue)			4,118,002

The amount set aside by the companies in the above periods for depreciation and depletion reserves were \$4,831,339 and \$8,717,768 for the years ended June 30 1926 and 1927 respectively, and \$11,116,593 for year ended August 31 1927.

The balance, as reported by the company, for the year ended Aug. 31 1927, applicable to depreciation and depletion reserves and dividends, amounted to \$21,747,623, or over 5 times the annual dividend requirements of \$4,118,002 on the total amount of preferred stock outstanding, including this issue.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company in part for additions, betterments and improvements to the properties of the subsidiaries.

**Capitalization Outstanding as of August 31 1927 (after giving effect to this financing.)**

5% serial gold notes	\$18,000,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumul. (including this issue)	23,597,200
Preferred stock, 8% cumulative	30,827,476
Common stock, no par value	750,000 shs

**Note.**—Subsidiaries have \$55,000,000 of 5 1/2% mortgage bonds outstanding. \* Due \$6,000,000 annually, June 1 1928 to 1930, inclusive.

**Management.**—Company is the largest subsidiary of Cities Service Co. The management of the company is supervised (under the direction and control of the board of directors of the company) by Henry L. Doherty & Co.—V. 125, p. 647.

**Engineers Public Service Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.**

	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$28,985,533	\$25,792,820
Oper. expenses & taxes	17,814,517	15,912,589
Interest, amortization & rentals	3,332,218	3,154,009
Div. on pref. stk. sub. Cos.	1,535,087	1,381,436
Balance	\$6,274,716	\$5,344,786
Prop. of above bal. appli. to Wom. stk. of subs. in hands of public	185,876	235,881
Bal. applic. to res. & to E. P. S. Co.	\$6,088,840	\$5,108,905
Div. requires. on pref. stk. of E. P. S. Co.	2,153,613	2,092,881
Bal. avail. for res. & Com. stk. of E. P. S. Co.	\$3,935,228	\$3,016,024

—V. 125, p. 2386.

**Federal Light & Traction Co.—Div. of 20 Cents in Cash and 15 Cents in Common Stock Declared on Common Stock.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 35c. per share on the common stock, payable 20c. in cash and 15c. per share (1%) in common stock on Jan. 3, to holders of record Dec. 15. [Similar amounts were paid on the common stock in the previous ten quarters.]

No certificate of common stock will be issued for less than one share. For fractional shares scrip will be issued and will be exchangeable for stock at the office of the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, N. Y., in amounts aggregating \$15 or multiples thereof. No dividends will be paid to the holders of scrip but all dividends on the stock represented by scrip will be payable to the first registered holder of the stock.—V. 125, p. 1836.

**Federal Water Service Corp.—Div. on Class "A" Stock.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the class "A" stock for the period ending Nov. 30 1927, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 8. A like dividend was paid on Sept. 1 last.

Holders of class "A" stock may apply this dividend to the purchase of additional shares of class "A" stock at the rate of 1-50 of a share for each share held; this being at the rate of \$25 per share for additional stock purchased. (The class "A" stock is now selling on the market at approximately \$34 per share.)

Unless advised at or before the close of business on Nov. 18 that the stockholder does not elect to exercise the right to subscribe for additional class "A" stock, and requests that the dividend be paid in cash, certificates for class "A" stock or non-dividend bearing scrip certificates therefor, will be issued to each holder of class "A" stock.—V. 125, p. 1837.

**Federated Utilities, Inc.—Notes Offered.**—Federal Securities Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., West & Co., Hambleton & Co. and Thompson Ross & Co., are offering at 98 3/8 and int., to yield over 5.90%; \$2,500,000 3-year 5 1/2% gold notes.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 1930, int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part on first day of any calendar month after 30 days' notice at 101 1/2 for first 6 months, and thereafter decreasing 1/4 of 1% each succeeding 6 months, and accrued int. Prin. and int. payable at Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago. Int. also payable at the office of Chase National Bank, New York. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Corporation will refund the Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, District of Columbia and Kentucky, 5 mills taxes, Calif. tax not exceeding in the aggregate 5 mills, Mich. 5 mills exemption tax and the Mass. 6% income tax.

**Company.**—Will furnish through operating companies public utility service in various communities of Illinois, Mich., Ind., Penna., New Hampshire, New York, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, No. Caro., So. Caro., Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Texas, comprising a population of over 700,000. The operating companies are primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of artificial gas, the net operating revenue of the properties being derived from the sale of gas. The gas plants have a rated capacity of over 21,500,000 cubic feet of gas per day, with distribution systems totaling over 1,481 miles of mains. Manufacturing plants and distribution systems are of good design, enabling the maintenance of efficient operations. **Consolidated Earnings of Properties to be Owned Upon Completion of Present Financing, 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1927.**

Gross earnings	\$4,495,382
Oper. exp. (incl. maint. & taxes, other than income taxes, but excluding deprec.)	2,778,637
Net earnings	\$1,716,745
Annual bond interest	743,051
Balance	\$973,694
Annual interest on this issue	\$137,500

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used in part to pay for the acquisition of properties, to retire indebtedness and for other corporate purposes, or to reimburse the company for such expenditures.—V. 125, p. 2387.

**Fontana Union Water Co.—Consolidation.**—The stockholders of the Fontana Water Co. have ratified the consolidation of all its properties with the Fontana Union Water Co., the change to take effect about Jan. 1 1928. The stockholders of the first named company will receive share for share in the Fontana Union Water Co. under the consolidation plan.

Under terms of the transaction, the Fontana Water Co. sells to the Fontana Union Water Co. its properties and receives in payment 4,000 shares of the latter, the stock of which will be increased from 11,000 to 15,000 shares.—V. 103, p. 1795.

**Fort Wayne (Ind.) & Decatur Traction Co.—Bonds.**

Replying to our enquiry regarding provisions made to protect the holders of the \$156,000 bonds, we are advised that all of these bonds had been acquired by the company previous to the abandoning of the operation of the road.—V. 125, p. 2262.

**General Gas & Electric Corp (& Subs.)—Earnings.**

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Operating revenue	\$25,362,856	\$23,196,613	\$20,358,389
Operating expenses and taxes	11,641,042	11,291,460	9,960,768
Maintenance	2,366,724	2,413,271	2,396,019
Depreciation	1,629,633	1,082,428	1,058,507
Rentals	382,710	395,275	408,000
Operating income	\$9,342,747	\$8,014,178	\$6,535,094
Other income	691,215	634,782	493,070
Total income	\$10,033,963	\$8,648,960	\$7,028,163
Interest on funded debt	\$4,227,202	\$3,626,779	\$3,534,016
Other deductions from income	545,896	512,598	451,734
Preferred stock divs. of subsidiaries	2,027,381	1,540,409	1,280,893
Minority interests	218,572	213,606	129,370
Divs. \$8 cumul. pref. stock, Class A	500,804	500,782	501,160
Divs. \$7 cumul. pref. stock, Class A	280,000	280,000	49,000
Divs. cumul. pref. stock, Class B	303,786	265,536	604,183
Divs. common stock, Class A	491,203	464,181	60,484
Surplus	\$1,439,119	\$1,244,570	\$417,324

—V. 125, p. 1970.

**Great Lakes Utilities Corp.—Earnings.**

	Aug. 31 '27.	Apr. 30 '27.
Gross operating revenue	\$790,678	\$761,302
Net revenue before int., deprec. & Fed. taxes	317,766	295,984
Interest charges	204,375	204,375
Balance	\$113,391	\$91,609

—V. 125, p. 2387.

**Great Western Power Co.—Stock Approved.**

The company has been authorized by the California R.R. Commission to issue \$2,500,000 common stock to the Western Power Co.—V. 125, p. 1192.

**Holyoke Water Power Co.—Rights.**

The shareholders of record Nov. 15 will be given the right to subscribe for one new share of stock for each 3 shares held, at \$100 per share. This will increase the capital stock from \$1,800,000 to \$2,400,000.—V. 125, p. 1837.

**Indianapolis Water Co.—Earnings.**

	Aug. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Operating revenues	\$2,496,165	\$2,455,089
Operating revenue deductions	1,198,430	1,176,725
Income from operations	\$1,297,735	\$1,278,364
Non-operating revenues	64,010	43,479
Gross corporate income	\$1,361,745	\$1,321,843
Interest	526,673	503,392
Pennsylvania State tax refunds		2,420
Amortization of debt discount & expense	23,347	22,536
Other deductions	14,333	9,212
Interest during construction (cr.)	13,042	10,762
Net income	\$810,435	\$795,045

—V. 123, p. 2776.

**International Power Securities Corp.—Initial Div.**

The Directors have declared an initial dividend of \$3 per share on the outstanding \$6 pref. stock, series "A", for the 6 months period from June 15 1927. The dividend is payable Dec. 15, to holders of record Dec. 1 See offering in V. 124, p. 3207.

**Kings County Lighting Co.—Transfer Agent.**

The Bank of America has been appointed transfer agent of 45,000 shares of the series "C", 6% cumul. pref. stock.—V. 124, p. 3352.

**Lynn Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Increased.**

The stockholders have voted to authorize the issuance of 19,500 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) in the ratio of one new share for each 5 shares now held. The new stock is expected to be offered to shareholders at \$75 per share. Formal application for approval of the issue will be made to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities shortly.—V. 122, p. 748.

**Massachusetts Utilities Investment Trust.—Preferred Stock Offered.**

A banking group comprising C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Hornblower & Weeks, Clark Williams & Co., of New York, Spencer and Tripp & Andrews, of Hartford, is offering the 5% participating convertible cumulative preferred shares at \$46 and div., to net 5.43%. These shares are non-callable; are preferred as to assets and dividends and in event of liquidation, entitled to \$60 and accrued dividends.

Massachusetts Utilities Investment Trust (a voluntary association) founded in 1927 to acquire securities of electric light, power and gas companies in Massachusetts, now owns from 76% to 100% (direct or indirect) control

of 46 constituent operating companies serving 94 cities and towns in Massachusetts with total population of over 547,000. Sales of these companies during 1926 were 1,439,659,800 cubic feet of gas and 154,817,900 k. w. h. of electricity. Other assets of the Trust include 16,000 shares of Edison Electric of Boston, and 1,000 shares 6% preferred of New England Power Association, having current market value in excess of \$4,000,000. The growth of the constituent operating companies is shown from a 1906 gross income of \$720,800 which contrasts with a 1926 total of \$9,456,700 and \$6,335,039 for first eight months of 1927.

**Earnings.**—The Trust states that the present actual dividend income from the securities owned by the Trust on Oct. 15 1927, exceeds the dividend requirements on the preferred shares outstanding on that date at the rate of over \$285,000 per annum. This dividend income, of course, does not include the undivided earnings of the 46 constituent operating properties, which, in 1926, amounted to \$410,475, after paying dividends of \$1,532,000 and after deducting depreciation charges of \$884,700.

The record of growth of the 46 operating companies (76% to 100% controlled) since 1906 is as follows:

Year	Gross Income	Year	Gross Income	Year	Gross Income
1906	\$721,800	1914	8,778,300	1922	\$7,066,000
1908	1,316,800	1916	2,949,600	1924	8,253,800
1910	1,894,300	1918	4,104,400	1926	9,546,700
1912	2,168,400	1920	5,962,100	1927 (9 mo.)	7,197,637

The earnings of these constituent companies are not subject to the usual very heavy interest charges found in the subsidiaries of most holding companies. The amount of bonds outstanding on the 46 operating companies is almost negligible, totalling only \$1,123,200 as of Oct. 1 1927.—125, p. 2388.

**Michigan Home Telephone Co.—New Control.**

See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. above.—V. 123, p. 2777.

**Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. (& Subs.).—**

12 Months Ended—		June 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Total income	-----	\$9,180,930	\$8,722,369
Expenses	-----	3,924,100	3,984,208
Taxes	-----	846,415	756,723
Maintenance & depreciation	-----	1,115,296	1,048,509
Net income	-----	\$3,295,119	\$2,932,929
Interest charges	-----	131,329	115,749
Balance	-----	\$3,163,790	\$2,817,180

—V. 124, p. 3630.

**New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Refunding.**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance of \$762,000 of 3-year 5% notes, the proceeds to be used in payment of a like amount of 6% 1st mtge. bonds maturing Jan. 1 1928.

The Commission also authorized the company to issue \$600,000 of 5% 10-year 1st mtge. bonds, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of a similar amount of 6% bonds, maturing Jan. 1 1928.—V. 125, p. 1971.

**New England Power Association (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

(Not Including the Webster & Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.)

12 Months Ended—		June 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Gross earnings	-----	\$27,475,357	\$26,662,731
Expenses	-----	10,734,879	10,574,126
Maintenance	-----	3,146,140	3,679,273
Depreciation	-----	1,706,027	1,392,153
Taxes	-----	2,269,645	2,109,761
Net earnings	-----	\$9,618,695	\$8,907,418
Interest paid & amortization of discounts	-----	2,208,541	2,195,585
Minority interest in earnings of subsidiaries	-----	152,110	221,769
Preferred dividends of subsidiary companies	-----	507,680	507,680
Bond interest & discount amort.	-----	1,430,000	1,386,285
Rhode Island Public Service Co., div. pref. shares at \$2	-----	891,304	706,168
do Dividend class A shares at \$4	-----	67,596	73,696
Dividends accruing to stockholders of New England Co., predecessor of New England Power Assoc.	-----	-----	44,922
Net consolidated earnings	-----	\$4,361,464	\$3,771,312
Prof. divs. of New England Power Association	-----	1,887,006	1,791,515
Balance	-----	\$2,474,458	\$1,979,797

—V. 125, p. 1709.

**New England Public Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

Period End.	Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—12 Mos.	1926.
Gross operating revenue	\$3,371,346	\$3,082,994	\$13,426,816	\$11,723,374	
Net after taxes	1,730,908	1,332,260	6,545,817	5,690,620	

—V. 125, p. 1971.

**New York Telephone Co.—Expenditures.**

The directors have authorized the additional expenditure of \$8,882,913 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 \$76,761,069, of which \$62,195,770 was set aside for the construction of additional facilities in the metropolitan area.—V. 125, p. 1971.

**Ottawa Light Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**

—Royal Securities Corp., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield over 5.05%, \$3,225,000 5% ref. mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, Series "A".

Dated Oct. 1 1927; maturing Oct. 1 1957. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable in Canadian gold coin or its equivalent at Bank of Montreal, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Quebec, Halifax and Saint John, or at the option of the holder, in United States gold coin or its equivalent at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, or in pounds sterling at the Bank of Montreal, London, Eng., at the rate of \$4.86 2-3 to £1. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part, on any int. date, at 105 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1932; thereafter at 104 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1937; thereafter at 103 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1942; thereafter at 102 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1947; thereafter at 101 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1952; thereafter at par until maturity, in each case with accrued int. to date of redemption. Trustee: Royal Trust Co.

**Data from Letter of T. Ahearn, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Canada. Controls, through ownership of the entire capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of Ottawa Electric Co. and the Ottawa Gas Co., a modern completely equipped, dual-service public utility system in Ottawa, serving a population in excess of 160,000. Through these subsidiaries the company controls approximately two-thirds of the total retail distribution of electricity and the entire gas business of Ottawa and vicinity.

Ottawa Electric Co. owns hydro-electric stations with an aggregate installed capacity of approximately 13,000 h.p. at the Chaudiere Falls, on the Ottawa River, within the city limits. Additional electrical power is obtained under contracts to enable the company to meet its total power requirements. A steam power station of 4,500 h.p. capacity is owned and maintained as a standby and reserve plant.

Ottawa Gas Co. owns and operates a modern, combined coal and oil gas manufacturing plant with 2,500,000 cubic feet daily capacity. The total number of customers served, including the Canadian Pacific Ry., Canadian National Ry., New York Central RR and Dominion Government Buildings, is approximately 40,000.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated net earnings of the operating subsidiaries (with inter-company charges eliminated), after operating and maintenance expenses and local taxes, but before depreciation, and available for bond interest, for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1926, were equivalent to an average annual amount of \$589,638.

Net earnings on the same basis for the year ended Dec. 31 1926	-----	630,718
Annual int. charges on outstanding funded debt of Ottawa Light Heat & Power Co. and its subsidiaries, incl. this issue	-----	200,000
Balance	-----	\$430,718

Earnings for the current year to date show an appreciable increase over those of the corresponding period of 1926.

*Capitalization (Company and its Subsidiaries) on Completion of Present Financing.*

	Authorized	Issued	In Hands of Public
Ott. L. H. & Pwr. Co., Ltd.:			
6½% preferred stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Common stock	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Ottawa Electric Co. stk.	6,000,000	*3,000,000	-----
Ottawa Gas Co. stk.	5,000,000	*2,000,000	-----
Funded Debt—Ref. mtge. & coll.			
Trust ssk. fd. bonds (this issue)	6,000,000	3,225,000	3,225,000
Ottawa Electric Co. gen. & ref. 5's.—ac3	3,807,500	*3,182,500	-----
Ottawa Electric Co. ref. mtge. 5's.	Closed	625,000	625,000
Ottawa Gas Co. gen. & ref. 5's.—bc1	1,288,800	*878,800	-----
Ottawa Gas Co. cons. mtge. 5's.—	Closed	150,000	150,000
Total funded debt outstanding	-----	-----	\$4,000,000

\*Deposited as security for ref. mtge. & coll. trust bonds.

aOf which \$625,000 will be held in escrow to retire Ottawa Electric ref. 5's due 1933.

bOf which \$150,000 will be held in escrow to retire Ottawa Gas cons. 5's due 1934.

cCompany covenants not to permit the issuance of additional underlying bonds except for deposit as security for ref. mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds of these bonds will be employed as to approximately \$1,409,280, in the retirement of 6% ref. mtge. & coll. trust bonds due 1953 of the Ottawa Light Heat & Power Co., Ltd., and 6% ref. mtge. bonds due 1939, of Ottawa Gas Co.; toward the funding of capital expenditures already made or incurred, including the cost of a 10-story modern stone, brick and concrete office building on Sparks St., Ottawa, a new sub-station and other additions to plant and equipment; and the balance for the corporate purposes of the company.

**Security.**—The bonds will be direct obligations of the company and will be secured by specific mortgage and pledge of all the company's holdings of bonds and shares of its subsidiaries as follows: The entire issued capital stock of Ottawa Electric Co., amounting to \$3,000,000, and of Ottawa Gas Co., amounting to \$2,000,000, (except directors' qualifying shares), \$3,182,500, of Ottawa Electric Co.'s 5% ref. & gen. mtge. bonds due 1957, and \$878,800 of Ottawa Gas Co.'s 5% gen. & ref. mtge. bonds due 1957. The said bonds will also be secured by fixed and specific mortgage and charge on all real, immovable and leasehold properties which may be acquired by the company and all additional bonds and debentures and other securities and shares of stock of the subsidiary companies and of any other companies which may hereafter be owned or controlled by the company, and by floating charge on all other assets of the company, both present and future.

**Sinking Fund.**—As an annual cumulative sinking fund for the redemption of first mortgage bonds, the trust deed will provide that the company shall pay to the trustee on Oct. 1 in each year, commencing Oct. 1 1928, a sum equal to 1% of the aggregate principal amount of bonds previously issued under this mortgage, together with a sum equal to the interest on bonds previously redeemed through the sinking fund or otherwise. This sinking fund to be used by the trustee for the purchase of bonds in the open market. Should sufficient bonds not be so acquired, the trustee shall call bonds to exhaust the sinking fund at the redemption price then in effect. This sinking fund is estimated to be sufficient to retire at par, by maturity, an amount equivalent to approximately 66 2-3% of bonds now issued.—V. 124, p. 1511.

**Pacific Lighting Corp.—To Retire Bonds—Capitalization.**

The directors announce that the \$4,000,000 6% secured gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1940, will be redeemed Feb. 1, next, at 103½ and int. This issue was underwritten and distributed in Jan. 1925, by a syndicate headed by Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.

Upon completion of the common stock offering announced Oct. 14 the company will have outstanding 1,127,500 shares of no par common stock, 97,775 shares of no par \$6 div. pref. stock and 2,225 shares of no par \$5 div. pref. stock out of an authorized capital consisting of 7,000,000 shares of common stock, 2,500,000 shares of \$6 div. pref. stock and 500,000 shares of \$5 div. pref. stock, all no par value. This is a correction of the figures published in our "Public Utility Compendium" of Oct. 29, page 256.—V. 125, p. 2265.

**Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**

A banking group headed by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., and including Bonbright & Co., Inc., Old Colony Corp., Howe, Snow & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co., offered Nov. 1 at 96 and int. to yield over 4.70% a new issue of \$24,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, 4½% series due 1977. Proceeds will be used to provide part of the funds necessary to retire all bonds at present outstanding against the property of the company and bearing interest rates higher than the present issue.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1977, int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or in part on any int. date on 30 days' notice to and incl. Nov. 1 1937 at 105 and int., thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1947, at 104 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1957, at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1967, at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1976 at 101 and int., and thereafter at par and int. Principal and int. payable at Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee. Interest also payable at the option of the holder in Chicago and Philadelphia. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% per annum or for Penn. taxes not exceeding \$4 per \$1,000 bond annually on bonds held by residents of Penn. Conn. 4 mill tax, Maryland 4½ mill tax, Calif. personal property tax not to exceed 4 mills per dollar of the taxable value and Mass. 6% income tax refundable.

**Data from Letter of Harry Reid, President of the Company.**

Owens and operates public utility properties furnishing, without competition in its chartered territory, electric light and power in Juniata, Mifflin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Bedford, Cambria and Indiana Counties, all located in central Pennsylvania along the main line of the Pennsylvania RR, and in Crawford and Erie Counties in northwestern Pennsylvania. Over 100 communities are served with electric light and power, the largest being Altoona. Company also manufactures and distributes gas in Huntingdon and Lewistown. The territories served have a combined area of 5,500 square miles and a total population estimated to exceed 350,000. More than 46,500 customers are served with electric light and power.

**Earnings.**—The earnings of the property of the company were as follows:

12 Mos. ended—	Sept. 30 '27	Dec. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25
Gross earnings (incl. other income)	\$4,997,057	\$4,855,644	\$4,358,294
Oper. exp. (incl. current maint. & taxes other than income taxes)	2,157,869	2,186,281	2,169,521

Net earnings	\$2,839,188	\$2,669,363	\$2,188,773
Annual int. requirements on 1st mtge. gold bonds 4½% Series due 1977 (this issue)	\$1,080,000		

Net earnings for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1927, as shown above, were thus more than 2.62 times annual interest requirements on the total funded debt to be presently outstanding.

**Security.**—The bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the fixed property of the company now and hereafter owned. Based on appraisals by independent public utility engineers, the value of the fixed property of the company is largely in excess of the total funded debt to be presently outstanding.

**Capitalization.**—(Outstanding as of Sept. 30 1927 after giving effect to this financing.)

1st mtge. gold bonds, 4½% Series due 1977 (this issue)	\$24,000,000
Cumu. pref. stock (\$5 Series) (no par value)	124,519 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	156,000 shs.

[For statement of old capitalization and bond issues to be redeemed see "Public Utility Compendium" Oct. 29 1927, p. 128.]

**Purpose.**—To provide part of the funds necessary to retire all bonds at present outstanding against the property of the company (bearing interest rates higher than that of this series of first mortgage gold bonds).

**Maintenance, Renewal & Replacement Reserve.**—Company covenants to expend in each year subsequent to the date of the mortgage, while any of

the bonds of the 4 1/2% Series due 1977 are outstanding, for maintenance and (or) the renewal or replacement of its properties and (or) to set aside as a reserve for depreciation 10% of the gross operating revenues from its fixed property all in the manner provided by the mortgage, which reserve may be used for expenditures for property against which no bonds may be issued.

**Mortgage Restrictions.**—Additional first mortgage gold bonds may be issued from time to time to a principal amount not exceeding 75% of the cost or value (whichever is less) of permanent additions made or acquired subsequent to Nov. 1 1927, or upon the deposit of cash, provided earnings applicable to bond interest for 12 consecutive calendar months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the date of application for issuance of bonds shall have been at least equivalent to twice the annual interest requirements upon all first mortgage gold bonds outstanding, including those proposed to be issued, all as defined in the mortgage and subject to the restrictions thereof. First mortgage gold bonds may also be issued to refund equal principal amounts of the same or other series of bonds issued under the mortgage.

First mortgage gold bonds may be issued from time to time in series with such provisions as may be determined by the directors, subject to the restrictions of the mortgage. The bonds of additional series may bear such dates, rates of interest, maturity at such times and carry such redemption, sinking fund, tax refund provisions, and such other varying or distinguishing provisions as may be determined by the board of directors, subject to the restrictions of the mortgage, but, except as to sinking funds which may be established for the exclusive benefit of a particular series, all bonds of all series shall be equally and ratably secured by the mortgage.

**Management.**—All of the common stock of company, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by National Electric Power Co.

**Bonds Called.**

All of the outstanding \$2,053,000 1st and ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5 1/2% series, due 1964, and the \$1,300,000 1st and ref. mtge. gold bonds, 6% series, due 1953, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 105 and int. at the office of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lines, etc., trustee, Phila., Pa., or at the Seaboard National Bank, 115 Broadway, N.Y. City.—V. 124, p. 3773.

**Penn-Ohio Edison System.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	1927—Month	1927—12 Mos.—1926.	1927—12 Mos.—1926.	1927—12 Mos.—1926.
Gross income	\$990,980	\$1,024,953	\$13,238,940	\$12,305,499
Oper. exps. & taxes	609,159	640,517	7,674,697	7,222,752
Net income	\$381,821	\$384,436	\$5,564,243	\$5,082,747
Fixed charges	270,973	286,177	3,322,394	3,278,618
Balance	\$110,848	\$98,259	\$2,241,848	\$1,804,129

—V. 125, p. 2146.

**Peoples Gas Co.—Earnings.—**

12 Months Ended—	Aug. 31'27.	Dec. 31'26.
Gross earnings	\$607,409	\$567,632
Operating expenses	409,776	377,457
Interest on long term debt	93,875	86,458
Other interest	3,909	1,472
Amortization of debt discount & expense	3,535	3,248
Other deductions	1,452	965
Interest during construction (cr.)	3,273	1,108
Net income	\$98,134	\$99,141

—V. 125, p. 781.

**Peoples Telephone & Telegraph Co.—New Control.—**

See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. above.—V. 122, p. 3454.

**Philadelphia Suburban Counties Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.**—Drexel & Co., Stroud & Co., Inc., and Bioren & Co. have sold at 98 and int. to yield about 4 3/8% an additional issue of \$10,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds series due 1957. Dated May 1 1927; due May 1 1957 (see original offering and description in V. 124, p. 2749).

**Data from Letter of A. W. Thompson, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Serves substantially all the southeastern part of Pennsylvania adjacent to Philadelphia. Gas service is furnished in practically all of this territory; and electric service in substantially all of it, including the so-called "Main Line" residential section and the Schuylkill Valley industrial area, but excepting the district along the Delaware River between Philadelphia and the Delaware State line. The territory served embraces an area of about 1,400 square miles and extends from Trenton on the northeast to Coatesville on the west and to the Delaware State line on the southwest. The extensive and growing residential communities combine with the increasingly important industrial districts to produce a desirable diversity in the company's electric and gas business. The population of the territory has increased from about 400,000 in 1920 to a present estimate of over 600,000.

**Properties.**—The properties include electric generating stations with an aggregate generator capacity of 96,450 kw., gas plants with aggregate daily capacity of 24,730,000 cu. ft., 490 miles of high-tension electric transmission lines and 1,311 miles of gas mains. Company's electric system is interconnected with the lines of the important electric companies in adjacent territories. A portion of its gas requirements is filled through purchase of coke-oven gas under favorable contracts.

**Security & Valuation.**—The value of the company's property on Feb. 28 1927, as estimated by The U. G. I. Contracting Co., plus net additions to Sept. 30 1927, is over \$79,500,000 as compared to the company's total funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of this financing of \$33,147,500, plus \$3,255,500 additional bonds which may be issued against the property as it existed on May 3 1927.

The bonds are secured by first mortgage on properties valued at over \$11,650,000, including the modern 45,000 kw. electric plant at Norristown, and by direct lien on the remaining property of the company valued at over \$67,850,000 subject to \$13,147,500 underlying bonds, closed for further issuance to the public.

**Purpose of Issue.**—The proceeds of these bonds will reimburse the company in part for expenditures in retiring \$8,255,500 underlying bonds and for expenditures already made for additions and improvements to its properties.

**Supervision.**—Company operates under the direct supervision of The United Gas Improvement Co.

Earnings—	—Calendar Years—		
	1925.	1926.	12 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27.
Gross revenue (incl. non-oper.)	\$10,214,017	\$11,901,644	\$12,684,105
Oper. exp. incl. maint., taxes, (except Fed. taxes) and reserve for renewals & replacements	6,012,544	6,634,085	6,784,351
Net earnings	\$4,201,473	\$5,267,559	\$5,899,754
Annual interest on funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of this financing			1,557,000
Balance			\$4,342,754

—V. 125, p. 1580, 1053.

**Philadelphia Suburban Water Co.—Earnings.—**

12 Months Ended—	Aug. 31'27.	Dec. 31'26.
Operating revenues	\$1,957,265	\$1,932,169
Operating revenue deductions	859,337	832,954
Income from operations	\$1,097,927	\$1,099,214
Non-operating revenues	23,521	37,704
Gross corporate income	\$1,121,449	\$1,136,918
Interest	544,402	515,361
State tax refunds		179
Amortization of debt discount & expense	26,394	26,331
Other deductions	14,163	15,094
Interest during construction (cr.)	48,760	44,070
Net income	\$585,250	\$624,023

—V. 125, p. 2147.

**Public Service Co. of New Hampshire.—Earnings.—**

Period Ended Sept. 30 1927—	3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross operating revenue	\$952,940	\$3,966,731
Net income after taxes, int. and retirement prov.	230,030	1,019,842

—V. 124, p. 3497.

**Roanoke Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—**

12 Months Ended—	Aug. 31'27.	Dec. 31'26.
Gross earnings	\$435,310	\$430,984
Operating expenses	267,005	263,338
Interest on long term debt	17,744	67,975
Other interest	900	2,582
Amortization of debt discount & expense	5,105	4,853
Other deductions	1,524	975
Interest during construction (cr.)	1,915	2,274
Net income	\$90,945	\$93,536

—V. 122, p. 2498.

**Southern United Gas Co.—Earnings.—**

(Combined earnings of the operating Subsidiaries of the Company.)	June 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Gross earnings	\$692,007	\$693,508	\$627,182
Oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes (other than Fed. income), but excl. deprec. and depletion	200,068	222,674	240,719
a Net earns. before int., deprec., depletion & Federal income taxes	\$491,949	\$470,834	\$386,463
Ann. int. requirements on \$2,250,000 So. United Gas Co. 1st lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A—	135,000	135,000	135,000
Annual int. requirements on \$750,000 S. U. G. Co. 2-year 5 1/2% gold notes	41,250	41,250	41,250

Bal. avail. for deprec., deplet. and Fed. income taxes and for divs. on common stock of S. U. Gas Co. \$315,699 \$294,584 \$210,213  
 a The net earnings after eliminating reported non-recurring net expenses of \$20,306, \$31,789 and \$7,500, respectively, for the years ended June 30 1927 and Dec. 31 1926 and 1925.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Company and Subsidiaries June 30 1927**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Fixed Capital	Capital stock
Cash	Funded debt
Accounts rec. (consumers)	Accounts payable
Sundry notes & accts. rec.	Consumers' deposits
Merch. materials & suppl.	Accrued taxes, other than Federal income
Prepaid insurance, &c.	Federal income
Fund for acquisition of securities of subsidiaries	Acct. int. on funded debt
Deferred charges	Miscellaneous accr. accts.
	Unaudited credits
	Res. for depletion
	Res. for retirements
	Equity of minority stockholders in cap. of subs.
Total (each side)	Surplus
x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 1839.	

**Southwest Gas Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.**

The Chatham Phoenix National Bank & Trust Co., 149 Broadway, N. Y. City, announces that it is prepared to exchange definitive 1st (closed) mtge. 6 1/2% s. f. gold bonds due May 1 1937 for outstanding temporary bonds.—V. 125, p. 916.

**Spring Valley Water Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
xGross income	\$1,806,730	\$1,716,983	\$5,025,548
Exp., taxes, int., &c.	1,121,055	1,127,349	3,343,098
Profit	\$685,675	\$589,634	\$1,682,450
Addition contribution to amortization fund	147,031	102,311	249,358
Net income	\$538,644	\$487,323	\$1,433,092
Earns. per sh. on 280,000 shs. (par \$100) cap. stock outstanding	\$1.92	\$1.74	\$5.12
x Includes contribution to amortization fund.—V. 125, p. 1463.			\$4.82

**Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Appliances Sales.**

Sales of electric and gas appliances by subsidiary and affiliated companies for the 7 months ended July 31 1927, totaled \$2,707,426, an increase of \$390,293, or 16.7% over the same period of 1926. Of the total, \$2,065,543 represented sales of electric appliances, and \$641,882 were gas appliance sales.—V. 125, p. 2266.

**Texas-Louisiana Power Co.—Earnings.—**

Consolidated earnings for 12 mos. ended Aug. 31—	1926.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$1,569,391	\$1,857,395
Oper. expenses, incl. maintenance and taxes	918,535	1,066,247
Net earnings	\$650,856	\$791,148

In our "Public Utility Compendium" p. 227, the heading of the years is wrong, the figures for 1927 being shown under the 1926 column.—V. 125, p. 1326.

**Third Avenue Ry. System.—Earnings.—**

3 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1927.	1925.	1924.
Transportation	\$3,692,919	\$3,718,944	\$3,539,549
Advertising	37,500	37,500	37,500
Rents	61,911	71,457	62,910
Sale of power	2,603	3,083	3,161
Total oper. revenue	\$3,794,932	\$3,830,984	\$3,643,120
Maintenance of way	575,088	495,294	498,125
Maintenance of equip.	352,053	368,148	449,687
Depreciation of accruals	Cr. 3,000	62,305	Cr. 62,082
Power supply	231,593	222,771	215,979
Operation of cars	1,311,198	1,258,281	1,238,163
Injuries persons & prop.	314,507	281,541	267,499
Gen. & miscell. exp.	155,723	153,930	147,869
Total oper. exp.	\$2,937,162	\$2,842,269	\$2,755,240
Net oper. revenue	\$857,770	\$988,715	\$887,880
Taxes	276,889	259,421	255,727
Operating income	\$580,881	\$729,294	\$632,153
Interest revenue	54,669	51,005	49,340
Gross income	\$635,549	780,299	\$681,492
Deductions—			
Int.: (1) 1st mtge. bds	128,270	128,270	128,270
(2) 1st ref. mtge bds	219,905	219,905	219,905
(3) Adjust. mtge. bds.	281,700	281,700	281,700
Track & term. privileges	4,823	4,867	4,939
Miscell. rent deduct.	1,811	2,275	2,174
Amort. debt., disc. & exp	5,923	5,613	5,633
Skg. fund accruals	8,370	8,370	8,370
Miscellaneous	9,614	Cr. 691	17,616
Int. on series C bds.	6,492	6,492	6,492
Total deductions	\$666,908	\$656,801	\$675,099
Net income	def\$31,358	\$123,499	def\$36,645

—V. 125, p. 1582.

**Tokyo Electric Light Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—**

Company derived gross revenue of \$3,229,068 from the sale of 167,431,515 k.w. during Aug. 1927, which compares with gross revenue of \$3,224,333 from the sale of current during July 1927, all conversions being made at the rate of 50c. per yen.  
 The total maximum demand in k.w. on the company's system during Aug. 1927, was 383,086 k.w. The total load connected to the mains at the beginning of the month comprised 250,766 k.w. for lighting, heating and other domestic uses, and 394,985 k.w. for power purposes, representing an

Increase in connected load during the month of 2,453 k.w. for domestic use, and 1,481 k.w. for power purposes.—V. 125, p. 1712.

**Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	Sept. 30—1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross earnings	\$3,008,838	\$3,153,679	\$9,883,113
Operating expenses	2,400,776	2,414,804	7,412,344
Fixed charges and taxes	514,397	553,720	1,632,711
Net income	\$93,663	\$185,155	\$838,058
Earns. per sh. on 220,000 shs. (par \$100) com. stock outstanding	\$0.18	\$0.74	\$3.09

—V. 125, p. 916.

**Union Gas Corp.—New Control.—**  
See Union Gas Utilities, Inc., below.—V. 125, p. 2388.

**Union Gas Utilities, Inc., New York.—Bonds Offered.—**  
G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., and Frederick Pierce & Co. are offering at 98 and int., to yield over 6¼% \$3,000,000 10-year 6½% secured gold bonds, series A (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1937. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Int. payable M. & N. at Guaranty Trust Co. New York, trustee. Red. at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. on or before Nov. 1 1932; thereafter 1% less each year to maturity. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax to an amount not exceeding 2% per annum which it may lawfully pay at the source and to refund to resident holders of these bonds upon proper application personal property taxes imposed by the States of Penn., Calif., and Conn., not exceeding 4 mills, Maryland not exceeding 4½ mills, and the District of Columbia not exceeding 5 mills; Mich. exemption tax not exceeding 5 mills; and the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% of such interest.

**Stock Purchase Warrants.**—A detachable warrant with each \$1,000 bond (\$500 denom. in proportion) will enable the holder thereof to purchase 10 shares of the company's common stock, up to and incl. Nov. 1 1930, at \$10 per share; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1, 1932, at \$12.50 per share; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1934 at \$15 per share; and thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1937, at \$20 per share; irrespective of previous redemption of the bonds.

**Data from Letter of President David A. Belden, Nov. 1.**  
**Company.**—Organized in Delaware. Has contracted to acquire and will control, upon completion of the present financing, Union Gas Corp., through the ownership of not less than 99% of the outstanding common stock, and over 96% of the outstanding preferred stock. Company will also control through ownership, either directly or indirectly, of all of their capital stocks, Van Vleck & Graham Oil Co., Strong & Graham Oil & Gas Co. and Republic Gas Corp. All of the capital stock of Union Gas Utilities, Inc., will be acquired by American Commonwealth Power Corp. coincident with this financing.

Union Gas Corp. and its subsidiary companies are engaged in the production, transportation and wholesale and retail distribution of natural gas for public utilities and industrial purposes. Corporation owns and operates gas distributing plants in the cities of Independence, Coffeyville, Fredonia, Caney and 10 other cities and towns in southeastern Kansas, and in addition furnishes natural gas at the city borders to Chanute, Kan., and 7 other cities. The properties have records of successful operation, which in the case of certain of the distributing systems, extend over a period of more than 20 years.

The properties of Van Vleck & Graham Oil Co., Strong & Graham Oil & Gas Co., and Republic Gas Corp. are located in southeastern Kansas, practically all of their gas being sold under contract to National Refining Co. Van Vleck & Graham Oil Co. produces oil and gas from 40 wells and has 36 miles of field transmission lines. Strong & Graham Oil & Gas Co. and Republic Gas Corp. operate their own pipe lines, purchasing the larger part of their gas for re-sale. The transmission lines of these two companies practically form a belt line around the city of Coffeyville.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized. Outstanding. 10-year 6½% secured gold bonds, series A (this issue) \$3,000,000  
1st pref. stock (no par value) 75,000 shs. b12,500 shs.  
2nd pref. stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. none  
Common stock (no par value) c300,000 shs. 200,000 shs.  
a Additional bonds of this or other series may be issued under the restrictions of the indenture. b Series A, \$7 Dividend. c Including 30,000 shares held in the treasury of the company, reserved for warrant rights in connection with the 6½% secured gold bonds, series A.

(Union Gas Corp. will have outstanding with the public \$4,139,500 of bonds and notes, \$84,300 preferred stock, and not exceeding 518 shares of common stock, without par value; in addition to which 36,130 shares of the common stock are reserved for the warrant rights in connection with the outstanding bonds.)

**Earnings.**—The earnings of Union Gas Corp. and its subsidiary companies for the 12 months ended May 31 1927, were as follows: (The earnings of the other companies, whose stocks are also to be acquired by Union Gas Utilities, Inc., are not included in this statement.)

Gross revenues	\$3,143,563.01
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	2,038,216.05
Net earnings	\$1,105,346.96
Annual interest on funded debt, annual dividend requirements of minority preferred stock and amount accruing to minority common stock	*273,635.98
Balance	\$831,711.98
Annual interest requirements on \$3,000,000 6½% bonds (this issue)	195,000.00
*Exclusive of fixed sinking fund of \$308,778.	

**Security.**—Secured by deposit with the trustee of not less than 99% of the outstanding common stock and more than 96% (\$2,383,000 par value) of the outstanding preferred stock of Union Gas Corp. Bonds will be followed by 12,500 shares of First preferred stock and 200,000 shares of common stock (all without par value) of Union Gas Utilities, Inc., representing a substantial cash investment by American Commonwealth Power Corporation. The depreciated value of the property of Union Gas Corp. and other subsidiary companies whose stocks are to be acquired by Union Utilities, Inc., is reported by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., Engineers, as of Aug. 31 1927 at \$9,216,225.

**Sinking Fund.**—Under the terms of the indenture a sinking fund is to be provided for the series A bonds, requiring payments to the trustee in cash or in series A bonds at par, on Aug. 1 of each year at the rate of \$100,000 annually from 1929 to 1931 incl., \$150,000 annually from 1932 to 1934 incl., and \$275,000 annually from 1935 to 1937 incl. All payments received by the trustee are to be applied to the purchase of bonds at prices not exceeding the current redemption prices or, if bonds are not so obtainable, such funds shall be used for the redemption of bonds to be selected by lot. Through the operation of the sinking fund, more than one-half of this issue of bonds will be retired prior to maturity.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be applied in payment of a portion of the cost of the capital stocks of Union Gas Corp. and of the other subsidiaries to be acquired by Union Gas Utilities, Inc., and for other corporate purposes.

**United Public Utilities Co.—Earnings.—**  
[Combined earnings of the operating subsidiaries of company.]

Years Ended—	June 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Gross earnings	\$1,834,388	\$1,791,696	\$1,741,414
Oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes (other than Fed. inc.) but before deprec.	1,003,177	978,527	952,208
a Net earns. before int., deprec. and Federal income taxes	\$831,211	\$813,169	\$789,206
Ann. int. requirements on \$5,500,000 U. P. U. Co. 1st lien 6% gold bonds, series A	333,000	333,000	333,000
Ann. int. requirements on \$1,850,000 U. P. U. Co. 2-yr. 5½% gold notes	101,750	101,750	101,750
Bal. avail. for deprec. & Fed. inc. taxes, & for divs. on common stock of U. P. U. Co.	\$396,461	\$378,419	\$354,456

a The net earnings include \$11,547, \$40,817 and \$94,679, respectively, for the years ended June 30 1927 and Dec. 31 1926 and 1925 for estimated net earnings of certain properties for the portions of those years prior to acquisition, and exclude reported non-recurring net expenses of \$79,176, \$88,485 and \$80,754, respectively, for those years.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet of Company and Subsidiaries.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Fixed capital	Common stock
Cash	Funded debt
Accts. rec. (consumers)	Accounts payable
Sundry notes & accts. rec	Consumers' deposits
Mdse., mat'ls & supplies	Accrued taxes, other than Federal income
Prepaid insurance taxes, rents, &c.	Accr. int. on funded debt
Inv. in secs. of affil. cos.	Unadjusted credits
Fund for acqui. of secs. of subsidiaries	Res. for retirements
Miscellaneous deposits	Res. for contrib. for ext.
Miscell. investments	Res. for uncoll. accts.
Deferred charges	Miscellaneous reserves
	Equity of minor stockholders in cap. of subs.
Total (each side)	Surplus

x Represented by 175,000 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 2909.

**United Light & Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—**

Period End.	Sept. 30—1927—9 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.	1927—12 Mos.—1926.
Gross earn. of sub. Co.	\$33,170,019	\$29,610,534	\$44,808,745
Less inter-Co. trans.	1,533,884	1,500,037	2,064,387
Total gross earnings	\$31,636,135	\$28,110,497	\$42,744,357
Operating expenses	\$15,456,612	\$13,804,349	\$21,203,078
Main., charge, to oper.	2,313,218	1,779,894	2,525,266
Taxes, general & income	2,627,889	2,424,434	3,478,924
Total op. ex., main. & taxes	\$20,397,719	\$18,008,677	\$27,207,269
Less inter-co. transfers	1,533,883	1,500,037	2,064,387
Total oper. expenses	\$18,863,836	\$16,508,640	\$25,142,882
Net earn. of sub. cos.	12,772,299	11,601,857	17,601,475
Non-oper. earnings	1,798,499	851,637	2,515,803
Net earnings, all sources	\$14,570,799	\$12,453,494	\$20,117,278
Int. on bonds & notes of sub. cos. due public	3,234,472	3,186,052	4,347,559
Balance	\$11,336,327	\$9,267,442	\$15,769,719
Dividends on pref. stks. of sub. cos. due public & propor. of net earnings attributable to com. stk. not owned by co.	2,418,129	2,193,136	2,199,095
Gross inc., available to United L. & P. Co.	\$8,918,197	\$7,074,306	\$12,570,625
Interest on funded debt	2,410,756	2,462,389	3,213,847
Other interest	693,649	303,617	884,001
Prior pref. stk. divs.	546,412	421,788	706,185
Net income	\$5,267,380	\$3,886,512	\$7,766,592
Class "A" pref. divs.	781,338	754,936	1,036,164
Class "B" pref. divs.	230,310	243,000	307,080
Surplus earn., avail. for deprec., amort. & com. stk. divs.	\$4,255,733	\$2,888,576	\$6,423,349

Note.—Dividend declared and paid by American Light & Traction Co. in com. stock on June 30 1927, is not included in the above figures.—V. 125, p. 1840.

**United Public Service Co.—Earnings.—**  
[Combined earnings of the operating subsidiaries of the company.]

Years Ended—	June 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Gross earnings	\$4,522,280	\$4,427,246	\$4,296,757
Oper. exp., incl. maint. and taxes (other than Federal inc.) but before depreciation and depletion	2,634,650	2,586,616	2,525,961
a Net before int., deprec., deplet., and Federal taxes	\$1,887,630	\$1,840,630	\$1,770,796
Int. requirements on securs. of subs	731,000	731,000	731,000
Ann. int. requirements on \$2,400,000 U. P. S. Co. 15-year coll. tr. 6% gold bonds, series A	144,000	144,000	144,000
Ann. int. requirements on \$1,550,000 U. P. S. Co. 2-year 6% gold notes	93,000	93,000	93,000
Balance	\$919,630	\$872,630	\$802,796
Ann. div. requirements on 22,000 shs. U. P. S. Co. \$7 div. ser. pref. stock	154,000	154,000	154,000
Bal. avail. for deprec., deplet. & Fed. inc. taxes, & for divs. on com. stk. of U. P. S. Co.	\$765,630	\$718,630	\$648,796

a The net earnings include \$11,547, \$40,817 and \$94,679, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 1927 and Dec. 31 1926 and 1925 for estimated net earnings of certain properties for the portions of those years prior to acquisition, and exclude reported non-recurring net expenses of \$139,013, \$160,864 and \$120,924, respectively, for those years.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet of Company and Subsidiaries, June 30 1927.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Fixed capital	Preferred stock
Cash	Common stock
Accts. rec. (consumers)	Funded debt
Sundry notes & accts. rec	Accounts payable
Mdse., mat'ls & supplies	Consumers' deposits
Prepaid insurance taxes, rents, &c.	Accrued taxes, other than Federal income
Inv. in secs. of affil. cos.	Accr. int. on funded debt
Fund for acqui. of secs. of subsidiaries	Unadjusted credits
Miscellaneous deposits	Res. for depletion
Miscell. investments	Res. for retirement
Deferred charges	Res. for contrib. for ext.
	Res. for uncoll. accts.
	Miscellaneous reserves
	Equity of minor stockholders in cap. of subs.
Total (each side)	Surplus

x Represented by 22,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 300,000 shares of no par value.  
This balance sheet gives effect as of June 30 1927 to acquisition of properties acquired on Aug. 2 1927.—V. 125, p. 1841.

**Warren Street Ry.—Holders of 2nd Mtge. 5% Bonds Given Exchange Offer.**  
The holders of 2nd mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1 1931, who were recently given the privilege of exchanging their bonds for \$6.50 dividend series preferred stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., on the basis of 16 shares of pref. stock for each \$1,000 bond, and who still desire to take advantage of this offer should forward their bonds by registered mail to the Associated company, Room 2015, 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, prior to Nov. 30 1927, as the offer will be withdrawn on that date.—V. 122, p. 2045.

**Washington Water Power Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	Sept. 30—1927—Month—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross revenue	\$532,434	\$457,694
Avail. for charges	327,794	235,034
Surp. after oper. exp. taxes and interest	285,937	174,766

—V. 125, p. 2150.

**Waterbury Gas Light Co.—Offer for Stock.**—See American Commonwealths Power Corp. in V. 125, p. 2385.—V. 121, p. 1681.

**West Boston Gas. Co.—Stock Issue Approved.**—The petition of the company for authority to issue 42,000 shares of additional capital stock of \$25 par has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. The proceeds will be applied to the cancellation of \$848,451 of notes and the remainder to the payment of obligations incurred for extension and additions to plant and property, subsequent to July 31 1927, which are not properly capitalizable.—V. 125, p. 1841.

**West Chester (Pa.) Street Railway.—Plan of Readjustment of Securities.**—A plan for the readjustment of securities of the company dated Sept. 15 1927, has been formulated and is being promulgated, and has been approved by O. Howard Wolfe, Chairman; John T. Collins, Jr., Samuel Marshall and Edmond W. Palmer, constituting the security holders protective committee, as appointed by first mortgage bondholders, second mortgage bondholders, secured holders of promissory notes, preferred stockholders and common stockholders.

All inquiries regarding this plan should be addressed to either O. Howard Wolfe, Chairman care Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, 421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., E. H. Biddle, Sec'y of committee 20 South High St., West Chester.

The bonds, notes, preferred stock and common stock of the company which may be deposited under and participate in the plan are (1) 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1932; (2) 1st lien & collateral trust sinking fund gold bonds Series A, 6%, due Oct. 1, 1939; (3) secured promissory notes (4) 7% participant, cum. pref. stock; (5) Common stock.

The depositors are: Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, 421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, and National Bank of Chester County, West Chester, Pa. A statement by the treasurer of the company to the Security holders approved by the readjustment committee goes into great detail regarding the corporate history of the company giving (1) review of development of the present financial structure, (2) motor bus investment, (3) causes of present financial difficulties; (4) Physical condition of the property; (5) future prospects of the railway property; (6) future prospects of motor bus investment; (7) requirements for working capital and new equipment and (8) proposed new management. In conclusion the statement says in part:

At the present time the Railway and Motor Bus Lines may be looked upon as one system. It is, without question, vital to the interests of all who would wish to see their investment conserved that this condition be not changed. Should the unity of this system be maintained, as contemplated in the readjustment plan, it is reasonable to expect that the new securities will appreciate in value.

On the other hand, it is equally apparent that either apathy on the part of present security holders or any action taken by them to defeat the purpose of this plan, would probably result in destroying all opportunity of recovery of any appreciable value of present holdings.

The two-fold aim of the committee has been to preserve this unified position and to provide the holders of old securities with new securities which substitute a just and equitable position for that which obtains by virtue of present holdings.

The present 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds are in default through the failure to meet their int. on Aug. 1 1927. The 1st lien & coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds will shortly be in default when their interest is due on Oct. 1 1927. Dividends have been passed on the preferred stock for three quarterly dividend periods. Obviously this is not a situation with which to temporize.

Finally, there is an important factor which has engaged the attention of the committee, namely, the possibility of a joint effort on the part of the electric railway companies throughout the territory surrounding Philadelphia, to co-ordinate their services, in some cases through merger.

One of the most valuable assets of this company, together with that occupied by the constituent Motor Bus interests, is territorial position, being situated as it is at the western terminus of the new Electric Lines of the Pennsylvania RR. at West Chester and in the case of the Bus company reaching the growing suburban sections to the west and southwest of metropolitan Philadelphia.

While the committee does not see any immediate probability of this taking place, it is of the opinion that this factor alone is of sufficient substance to recommend itself as ample cause for the unanimous assent of all security holders to the plan.

**Digest of Plan of Readjustment.**

Securities of Old Company Outstanding to be Dealt With Under Plan.	
1st mtg. 5% bonds bearing interest 5%, dated Aug. 1 1902----	\$338,000
2nd mtg. 6% bonds, dated Oct. 1 1924-----	178,500
Demand promissory note dated Dec. 31 1925, bearing int. at rate of 6% per annum-----	a105,000
Promissory note dated Jan. 2 1927, due Jan. 2 1928, secured by \$119,000 2nd mtg. bonds-----	95,000
Demand note dated July 20 1925 in the sum of \$13,612.50; note of Peoples Transportation Corp. endorsed and discounted by old company dated Aug. and Dec. 1924, in the sum of \$38,000; note of Chester County Traction Co., dated July 27 1926, endorsed and discounted by old company, for the sum of \$5,000, all secured by 2nd mtg. bonds in the sum of \$90,000-----	56,615
Promissory notes dated Oct. 7 1926, and Jan. 27 1927, secured by \$46,000 2nd mtg. bonds-----	15,000
Notes dated Dec. 31 1924, due Dec. 31 1927, each in the sum of \$5,000, and each secured by \$7,500 2nd mtg. bonds-----	25,000
Notes aggregating \$26,000 dated Oct. 8 1926, and note of \$5,000, dated Dec. 27 1926, of the Peoples Transportation Corp., endorsed and (or) guaranteed by West Chester Street Railway and secured by \$47,000 2nd mtg. bonds-----	31,000
Total secured notes-----	\$327,614
Preferred stock-----	186,150
Common stock-----	1,000,000

a Secured by (a) 1st mtg. bonds, \$11,000; (b) 2nd mtg. bonds, \$132,000; (c) Demand note of Chester Valley Electric Light, Heat & Power Co. to old company and endorsed and guaranteed by old company, \$18,998; (d) Demand note of Coatesville Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., payable to the old company and endorsed and guaranteed by old company, \$73,449; (e) Demand note of Peoples Transportation Corp. endorsed and guaranteed by old company, \$50,000.

In addition to the foregoing there are claims by the public authorities and other parties alleging money due for taxes, construction, materials furnished, labor, &c.; also current accounts, which will not be disturbed under this plan.

**Obligations to Remain Undisturbed.**—Car trust agreement of J. G. Brill Co., dated Dec. 22 1924, given in part payment of the purchase price and payable in monthly installments, total amount involved, \$2,418.

**Other Debts & Claims.**—The readjustment committee shall have the right to negotiate or arrange the readjustment, acquisition or settlement of claims for taxes, materials furnished and such other debts, obligations or claims, whether arising as a result of operations or under franchises or otherwise, as may not be included in the foregoing itemization.

**Method of Readjustment.**—The readjustment may be effected through a new corporation, or, if deemed advisable, by amending the present charter of the old company in any respects the committee may find necessary, or by forming one or more corporations, which may include the old company. If it shall be deemed necessary to organize a new company, title to the street railways, equipment, franchises, securities, rights and other property of the old company, and such cash as may be available, will be transferred to the new company.

**New Securities.**—The stock herein provided for may be issued by the old company or by the old company (as amended), or by one or more new companies to be formed acquiring the property of the old company.

**Class A Stock.**—Authorized not to exceed 25,000 shares, (par \$50, or smaller par, or without par value). Class A stock is to bear non-cumul. divs. at rate of \$2.50 a share per annum, stock to be red. all or part, at \$52.50 a share, shall have preference over the Class B stock and common stock as to assets on liquidation to an amount of \$50 per share. Holders of said Class A stock will have same voting rights as holders of common stock; one vote for each share held. A sinking fund shall be created for the purpose of retiring Class A stock, and commencing on or before June 30

1933, there shall be deposited in a special fund a sum equivalent to 2% of the gross earnings of the railway property for the preceding year, including divs. received from the subsidiaries. The money so deposited shall be used to purchase Class A stock, first through call for tenders, second, in the open market, third, by lot, at a price not exceeding \$52.50 per share, which stock when so purchased shall be cancelled.

Before any dividends shall be paid on the common stock, there shall have been retired by or through the sinking fund, or otherwise, at least \$25,000 par value Class A stock. When the above conditions have been complied with and the dividends have been paid on the Class A and the Class B stock (as stated), then the directors may, at its option, declare a dividend on the common stock, not to exceed \$.50 per share in any year, and provided further, that if in any one year more than \$25,000 par value Class A stock is retired, any amount in excess of said \$25,000 shall be applied towards the amount to be retired any succeeding year or years and these provisions shall remain in full force and effect as long as any Class A stock shall remain outstanding, and provided further that, whenever in any one year there shall have been declared and paid a dividend of \$2.50 per share on the Class A stock outstanding, and whenever in any one year there shall have been declared and paid a dividend of \$3 per share on the Class B stock outstanding, and whenever in any one year there shall have been declared and paid a dividend of \$.50 per share on the common stock outstanding, any additional amount or amounts declared as dividends during the same year shall be divided and awarded equally share per share upon Class B Stock and Common stock.

**Class B Stock.**—Authorized not to exceed 17,500 shares (par \$50, or for a smaller par value, or without par value.) Class B stock shall be junior to Class A stock and after a div. has been paid in any one year of \$2.50 per share on the Class A stock, Class B stock shall be entitled to receive a non-cumulative dividend of \$3 per share. Upon liquidation or dissolution Class B stock shall be entitled to receive after the Class A stock has been paid in full (as above) \$50 per share, and shall be red., all or part, at \$52.50 per share, and on such terms as may be determined by the directors. No prior liens shall be placed on the property (except Class A stock) without the unanimous consent of the voting trustees, if any, not upon dissolution of the voting trust, unless the same shall be consented to by 75% of the holders of Class B stock. Holders of the Class B stock will have the same voting rights as holders of the Class A stock and the common stock; one vote for each share held. No dividends shall be paid on the common stock unless dividends shall have been paid at the full non-cumulative rate for 3 consecutive years on all Class B stock.

Before any dividends shall be declared and paid on the Common stock there shall have been retired by or through the sinking fund, or otherwise at least \$25,000 par value Class A stock. When the above conditions have been complied with and the dividends have been paid on the Class A and the Class B stock then the directors may at its option declare a dividend on the Common stock not to exceed \$.50 per share in any year, and provided further that if in any one year more than \$25,000 par value Class A stock is retired, any amount in excess of said \$25,000 shall be applied towards the amount to be retired in any succeeding year or years and these provisions shall remain in full force and effect as long as any Class A stock shall remain outstanding, and provided further that, whenever in any one year, there shall have been declared and paid a dividend of \$2.50 per share on the Class A stock outstanding as aforesaid, and whenever in any one year there shall have been declared and paid a dividend of \$3 per share on the Class B stock outstanding, and whenever in any one year there shall have been declared and paid a dividend of \$.50 per share on the Common stock outstanding, any additional amount or amounts declared as dividends during the same year shall be divided and awarded equally share per share upon Class A, Class B and Common stock.

**Common Stock.**—Authorized not to exceed 50,000 shares, (par \$20, or without par value, or of such par value as may be fixed). Holders of Common stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held.

**Voting Trust.**—The readjustment committee shall have power, in its discretion, to create a voting trust or voting trusts for all or any part of the class A and (or) class B and (or) common stock and to cause such stock or any part thereof to be deposited thereunder, for the purpose of providing for representation of public authorities or of holders of any class of stock on the board of directors, such voting trust or trusts to be for such period or periods and to contain such provisions as the readjustment committee in its discretion may prescribe.

**Distribution of New Stock.**—There shall be deposited with the depositaries named or with the readjustment committee new stocks as below set forth, and the committee or depositaries under direction of the committee will apply and make distribution thereof on behalf of the 1st mtg. bondholders, 2nd mtg. bondholders, secured noteholders, preferred stockholders and common stockholders as follows:

	No. of Shs.	Prin. Amount.
(1) To holders of 1st mtg. bonds to the extent of 100% of principal thereof-----	16,760	\$838,000
(2) To holders of promissory note secured by 1st mtg. gold bonds to the extent of 100% principal of collateral security-----	220	11,000
(3) To holders of demand note of Chester Valley Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., to the extent of 100% of the principal of note-----	380	18,998
(4) To holders of demand note of Coatesville Electric Light, Heat & Power Co. to the extent of 100% of the principal of note-----	1,469	73,450
<b>B. Class B Stock—</b>		
(1) To holders of 2d mtg. bonds to the extent of 100% of their holdings-----	3,570	178,500
(2) To the holder of demand note dated Dec. 31 1925 to the extent of 100% of the 2d mtg. bond collateral securing note-----	2,640	132,000
(3) To holder of old company's promissory note dated Jan. 2 1927 and due Jan. 2 1928, to the extent of 100% of the collateral security of note-----	2,380	119,000
(4) To the holder of note of old company dated July 20 1925, endorsed and discounted by the old company, to the extent of 100% of the collateral security of notes-----	1,800	90,000
(5) To the holders of promissory notes dated Oct. 7 1926, Jan. 27 1927 and Dec. 31 1924 to the extent of 100% of the collateral security of notes-----	1,220	61,000
(6) To holders of promissory notes of Peoples Transportation Corp. endorsed and (or) guaranteed by West Chester Street Ry. and secured by \$47,000 2d mtg. bonds, to the extent of 100% of the collateral securing notes-----	940	47,000
(7) To holders of preferred stock to the extent of 50% of the principal thereof-----	1,861 1/2	93,075
<b>C. Common Stock—</b>		
(1) To holders of old company's 1st mtg. bonds at rate of one share for each \$100 of bonds-----	8,380	167,600
(2) To holders of 2d mtg. bonds, one share for each \$100 of bonds-----	1,785	35,700
(3) To holders of preferred stock at the rate of two shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock held-----	7,446	148,920
(4) To holders of old company's common stock at the rate of one share of new common stock for each share of old common stock-----	20,000	400,000

**Table of Exchange of New for Old Securities.**

Existing Securities—	Outstanding.	Will Receive—		Common Shares.
		Class A Shs.	Class B Shs.	
1st mtg. bonds-----	\$838,000	16,760	-----	8,380
2d mtg. bonds-----	178,500	-----	3,570	1,785
Secured promissory notes-----	327,613	2,069	8,980	-----
Preferred stock-----	186,150	-----	1,861 1/2	7,446
Common stock-----	1,000,000	-----	-----	20,000

Total----- \$2,530,263 18,829 14,411 1/2 37,611

**Stock to be Escrowed as Security for the Class A and the Class B Stock.**

(A) There shall be deposited with a bank or trust company as escrowee to be named by the readjustment committee, all the capital stock of Coatesville Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., except enough shares to qualify directors, also the lease with the Chester Valley Electric Co., lessee.

(B) There shall be deposited with a bank or trust company as escrowee to be named by the readjustment committee all the capital stock of Chester Valley Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., except enough shares to qualify directors, also the lease with the Chester Valley Electric Co., lessee.

(C) There shall be deposited all the capital stock of the Chester Valley Bus Lines, Inc., presently to be issued to the West Chester Street Ry., with a bank or trust company as escrowee.



(D) There shall also be deposited all the capital stock of Peoples Transportation Corp. owned by the West Chester Street Ry., with a bank or trust company as escrowee, except such shares necessary to qualify directors.

The above stocks shall be placed with the escrowee for the following purposes:

The escrowee shall collect the income on said stocks, if any, and (or) any income in respect to the ownership of such stock received by new company or old company (as amended) from any source whatsoever, and said dividends or earnings as above stated shall be turned over to the old company (as amended) or the new company, and shall be used for the following purposes:

To retire the debts and securities of the old company (as amended) the new company or the old company in the discretion of the board of directors. To pay dividends on class A stock. After paying dividends on the class A stock as above stated in the plan, to be used for payments of dividends on class B stock.

Upon liquidation or dissolution of the old company (as amended) or the new company, or in the event of a sale prior to the dissolution or liquidation of said company, any sum or sums realized from the sale or liquidation of the capital stock of the Chester Valley Electric Light, Heat & Power Co. and (or) the Coatesville Electric Light, Heat & Power Co. and (or) the leases of said companies with the Chester Valley Electric Co., lessee, shall be used.

For the purpose of retiring, at \$50 per share, the class A stock to be issued to the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank in exchange for the two notes of the said companies now held by it, which notes shall be deposited in escrow with the bank or trust company designated to hold the capital stock and leases of said companies, and provided, further, that the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank shall be entitled to receive the equivalent of interest at the rate of 5% per annum on said two notes from Aug. 1 1927, less any dividends which it may have received on the class A stock (mentioned above under A3 and A4).

Upon any sale of the leases herein mentioned, the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank shall have the right to bid for and purchase said leases and shall have the right to use the notes in payment for the leases. If any outside bids are not received for more than the principal amount of the notes, together with interest which may be due on the notes, then the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank shall accept the leases in full payment of the notes and interest, and the leases shall thereupon be assigned and transferred over to the bank or its assigns, and the class A stock which it received therefor shall be delivered to the escrowee and be cancelled.

(1) The escrow agreement shall contain a provision that the notes shall be renewed from time to time by the bank and the companies executing the notes, so that the notes will not be outlawed by the Statute of Limitations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The escrow agreement shall also contain a provision that at the expiration of 5 years from the date of escrow, the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, or its assigns, shall have the right to exchange the class A stock (which it received for the light and power companies' notes as provided in the plan) for the notes; and upon delivery to the escrowee of the class A stock, the notes above mentioned shall be returned to the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank, or its assigns, provided, however, that in the event that dividends shall have been paid on said class A stock during the last three years preceding the expiration of the aforesaid five-period, to an amount equal to \$2.50 per share per annum, then and in that event, at the option of the company, the escrow shall remain in full force and effect for an additional period of 5 years.

(2) The escrow agreement shall also provide that the voting trustees, if any, or the board of directors of the old company (as amended) or the new company, shall have the right to purchase from the bank, or its assigns, the class A stock received by it in exchange for the notes above mentioned at any time at a price equivalent to the principal amount of the notes, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum as heretofore stated, less the dividends which it may have received on said stock.

(3) The escrow agreement shall also contain a provision that when the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank has received the principal amount of the notes, together with interest as above stated, the class A stock shall be delivered to the escrowee for cancellation and the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank shall have no prior interest or lien in any way upon any balance of the proceeds from said sale which may be in the hands of the escrowee.

(4) The balance, if any, after paying said notes as above mentioned, shall be used, first, for the purpose of retiring class A stock, second, for retiring class B stock, and third, to be divided equally per share amongst the common stockholders.

(E) Upon liquidation or dissolution of the old company or the new company, or in the event of a sale before dissolution or liquidation, the respective escrow agreements shall provide that any sum or sums realized from the sale of the capital stock of Peoples Transportation Corp. or the sale of any of the capital stock of the Chester Valley Bus Lines, Inc., as now owned by the old company and (or) which may be presently issued to it, shall be used for the following purposes in the order mentioned:

(1) For the purpose of retiring class B stock.

(2) If there shall be any balance left after retiring the entire amount of class B stock outstanding, the same shall be used for the purpose of retiring class A stock.

(3) For the equal distribution per share amongst all the common stockholders.

The escrow agreement shall provide that if the old company (as amended) or the new company shall exercise the option which the old company now has, to purchase the balance of the stock of the Chester Valley Bus Lines, Inc., and does so purchase it, then and in that event the stock so purchased shall be placed in escrow with the same escrowee, and upon dissolution or sale as above stated, the proceeds of said sale of all of said stock shall be distributed as follows: 55% of the proceeds to be used for the purpose of retiring the class A stock, 45% to be used for the purpose of retiring the class B stock; provided, however, that should the 55% be more than enough to retire all the class A stock, then and in that event the balance, if any, shall be used for the purpose of retiring the class B stock.

Upon the retirement of all the class A stock, the escrow agreement shall be terminated and all of the capital stock heretofore mentioned remaining in escrow shall be delivered to the old company (as amended) or to the new company, or its successors or assigns.

Comparison of Capitalization Debt and Fixed Charges.

Old Company as of Aug. 1 1927—	Outstanding Securities	Ann. Fixed Charges
1st mtge. bonds	\$838,000	\$41,900
2d mtge. bonds	178,500	10,710
Secured promissory notes (int. computed at 6% per annum)	327,612	19,657
Preferred stock	186,150	13,031
Common stock	1,000,000	—
Total	\$2,530,262	\$85,297

New Company.—The new company, if the plan is adopted, will not have any fixed charges.—V. 125, p. 1973.

Wilmington Gas Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended—	Aug. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Gross earnings	\$1,245,722	\$1,218,070
Operating expenses	799,189	764,954
Interest on long term debt	174,429	172,895
Other interest	3,880	3,225
Amortization of debt discount & expense	6,565	6,480
Other deductions	11,888	11,544
Interest during construction (cr.)	4,041	2,491
Net income	\$253,812	\$261,462

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30, 1927—	3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross operating revenue	\$1,915,566	\$7,827,274
Net income after taxes, int. & retire. prov.	336,449	1,512,431

—V. 125, p. 1463.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Oct. 31, Revere Refinery reduced price 10 pts. to 5.80 c. per lb. On Nov. 1, Arbuckle Brothers reduced price 10 pts. to 5.70 c. @ 5.80 c. per lb. On Nov. 2, Revere again reduced price 10 pts. to 5.70 c. per lb.

Milk Wage Cuts.—Pepper Mfg. Co. reduces wages 10% at Massachusetts Cotton Mills at Lowell, Mass., effective Oct. 31.—Boston "News Bureau," Nov. 1, p. 1.

Postum Co., Inc., Battle Creek, Mich., Establishes 8-Hour Day.—New York "Times," Nov. 2, p. 38.

Tire Price Reductions.—On Nov. 1, Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. reduced prices 5% on high pressure and balloon tires in its first grade (Firestone) line. No reduction was made in prices of tubes or casings of Courier and Oldfield brands or of Firestone tubes.—New York "Evening Post," Nov. 1, p. 23.

Other Companies Meet Tire Price Cuts.—Among them being U. S. Rubber, Goodyear, Goodrich, Kelly-Springfield, Ajax, Fisk, Miller and others.—Wall Street "Journal," Nov. 3.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 29: (a) First annual meeting of annual meeting of Cotton Textile Institute.—Review of activities by Pres. W. D. Hines.—Increasing the demand for cotton textile products, one of Institute's branches of work, p. 2327. (b) Spring dating adopted by rubber and tire manufacturing companies.—Practice to take effect Nov. 1, p. 2328. (c) New York Curb transactions week ending Oct. 22, largest on record, p. 2337. (d) Frank C. Lowry elected president, New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, p. 2338. (e) Trustees of defunct brokerage firm of George F. Redmond & Co., Boston, pay 5% initial dividend, p. 2338.

Aetna Mills.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

[As filed with the Mass. Commissioner of Corporations.]		1927.		1926.	
<b>Assets—</b>		1927.		1926.	
Real estate, mach., land and water					
Rights, &c.	\$625,459	\$1,694,104	Preferred stock	\$490,000	\$490,000
Merchandise	755,543	812,815	Com. stk. & surp.	433,610	646,888
Accts receivable	479,524	248,765	Mortgage bonds	500,000	500,000
Cash	109,002	120,443	Accounts payable	128,005	62,862
Securities	104,112	94,606	Notes payable	550,000	227,500
Prepaid expenses	9,073	8,485	Res. for deprec.	—	1,069,839
Sinking fund	18,902	17,971			
Total (each side)	\$2,101,615	\$2,997,159			

x Represented by 16,500 shares of no par value.—V. 121, p. 2158.

American Bank Note Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—	1926—	1927—9 Mos.—	1926—
x Operating profit	\$674,219	\$613,012	\$1,915,386	\$1,637,097
Other income	42,846	58,281	126,277	145,143
Total income	\$717,065	\$671,293	\$2,041,663	\$1,782,240
Depreciation	68,422	67,138	203,590	195,759
Misc. charges, &c.	87,160	68,620	275,667	196,982
Net income	\$561,483	\$535,535	\$1,562,405	\$1,389,500
Preferred dividends	67,435	67,435	202,304	202,304
Common dividends	247,262	197,810	741,787	593,430
Surplus	\$246,786	\$270,290	\$618,314	\$593,765
Shrs. com. stk. outstanding (par \$10)	494,525	494,525	494,525	494,525
Earn. per share on 494,525 shs. (par \$10)	\$0.99	\$0.94	\$2.74	\$2.44

x After expenses and Federal taxes.—

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

1927.		1926.		
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Real est., bldgs. machinery, &c.	\$10,847,840	\$10,609,551	6% pref. stock	\$4,495,650
Material & supp.	2,656,044	2,481,843	Common stock	4,945,250
Accts. & notes rec.	1,377,179	979,756	6% pref. stock of foreign subsid's	387,605
Marketable invest.	1,556,581	2,405,697	Accts. pay., incl. reserve for taxes	1,009,070
Contract deposits	107,389	107,587	Adv. cust's orders	270,049
Loans on coll. (sec.)	850,000	250,000	Divs. payable	314,697
Cash	1,535,440	1,440,404	Special reserves	664,159
Special reserve	267,242	245,286	Surplus	7,217,183
Deferred charges	105,951	65,378		
Total	\$19,303,665	\$18,585,502	Total	\$19,303,665

Note.—The foregoing statement is before giving effect to transactions of subsidiary companies outside of North America since Dec. 31 1926.—V. 125, p. 2390.

American Basic-Business Shares Corp.—Definitive Clfs.

The holders of the interim receipts for fixed trust shares have been notified that definitive bearer certificates are ready for delivery at the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, upon surrender of such interim receipts.—See V. 125, p. 1196, 917.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—	1926—	1927—9 Mos.—	1926—
Net sales	\$1,903,030	\$3,175,673	\$4,702,595	\$9,987,651
Operating profit	170,096	72,023	363,164	417,837
Depreciation	55,248	71,632	167,850	173,694
Profit (bef. Fed. taxes)	\$114,848	\$391	\$195,314	\$244,143

—V. 125, p. 1196.

American Brown Boveri Electric Corp. (& Subs.).—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27.	Quar. End. June 30 '27.	Quar. End. 31 '27.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27.
Oper. profit	\$395,520	\$139,759	loss \$169,184	\$366,095
Other income	87,963	103,272	135,728	326,964
Gross income	\$483,483	\$243,031	loss \$33,456	\$693,059
Int., deprec., &c.	275,826	288,617	280,254	844,699
Profit	\$207,657	loss \$45,586	loss \$313,710	loss \$151,640

x Before Federal taxes.—V. 125, p. 1584.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Consol. Balance Sheet.—

Sept. 30 '27. Dec. 31 '26.		Sept. 30 '27. Dec. 31 '26.		
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Cost of properties	\$24,848,385	\$25,539,212	7% pref. stock	\$10,000,000
Notes & stocks of outside cos.	302,120	296,140	Common stock	11,500,000
Hides, skins and leather	5,260,085	6,184,505	Notes payable	2,000,000
Notes & accts. rec.	2,212,079	1,616,889	Trade accts., wages & taxes accrued	499,519
Loans received	—	—	Deprec'n reserve	3,076,699
Trust fund	383,020	—	Reserve for contingencies	39,232
Misc. inv. & adv.	158,512	486,679	Capital surplus	908,636
Ins. prems., &c.	67,134	83,239	Surplus	5,729,276
Cash	458,254	709,624		
Other curr. assets	63,773	—	Total (ea. side)	\$33,753,362

—V. 125, p. 2390.

American Metal Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—	1926—	1927—9 Mos.—	1926—
Net income after charges, Fed. taxes, deprec., &c.	\$587,588	\$705,728	\$1,775,860	\$2,098,881
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)	594,777	594,157	594,777	594,157
Earns. per sh. on com. stk.	\$0.84	\$1.04	\$2.54	\$3.09

—V. 125, p. 783.

American Tobacco Co.—New Treasurer, etc.—

Jesse R. Taylor has resigned as treasurer of this company to become chairman of the board of J. Wix & Son, Ltd., control of which has been acquired by the American Tobacco Co. J. B. Harvie will succeed Mr. Taylor as treasurer of the parent company. See also V. 125, p. 2390.

American Window Glass Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Aug. 26 '27. Aug. 27 '26.		Aug. 26 '27. Aug. 27 '26.		
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
P.P.'s, g'd-will, &c.	\$22,411,548	\$22,285,247	Common stock	\$13,000,000
Mat'l's & supplies	4,585,482	4,314,944	Preferred stock	4,000,000
Investments	19,143	20,142	Accts. payable	291,087
Treasury stock	5,000	5,000	Pref. div. payable	140,000
Cash, notes, &c. rec.	1,761,913	2,864,675	Royalty payable	335,409
Def. charges	138,770	102,601	Tax reserve	970,922
			Profit & loss surp.	10,184,438
Tot. (each side)	\$28,921,856	\$29,592,608		

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 125, p. 2268

**American Writing Paper Co.—Reorganization.**—The reorganization of the company under the plan dated July 1 1926, having been consummated, the reorganization committee is about to dissolve and no further deposits will be received under the plan.

The committee has deposited with Central Union Trust Co., New York, under an agreement, approved by order of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York entered on or about Oct. 25 1927, the cash and new bonds and voting trust certificates to which holders of undeposited bonds and preferred stock of and claims established and allowed against company would have been entitled under the plan had they deposited thereunder.

Until the close of business on March 15 1928 but not thereafter, the holders of undeposited bonds, claims, preferred stock and certificates of deposit for preferred stock issued under the stockholders' protective agreement dated Sept. 12 1923 (provided such bonds and claims have not participated in any distribution of the proceeds of sale of the properties of American Writing Paper Co.), may surrender the same to Central Union Trust Co. at its principal office, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, and thereupon will become entitled to receive the cash and new securities to which they would have been entitled had they deposited under the plan, provided at the time of surrender payment is made in New York funds to the Trust company, in the case of bonds \$5 for every \$1,000 principal amount thereof, in the case of claims at the rate of 3 cents for each \$10 principal amount thereof, and in the case of preferred stock or certificates of deposit therefor issued under the stockholders' agreement 2 cents for each share of stock represented thereby.

Bonds surrendered must be in bearer form and accompanied by the appropriate coupons which matured Jan. 1 1924 and July 1 1924; claims must be accompanied by duly executed assignments in form approved by the trust company, and stock certificates and certificates of deposit must be accompanied by duly executed transfers in blank and stamped for transfer in New York.—V. 125, p. 1328.

**American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Earnings.**

Results for 7 Months Ended Sept. 30 1927.

Gross earnings	\$412,364
Interest (Mar. 1 to Sept. 30)	215,650
Receiver losses (Jan.-Feb.)	x77,056
Federal taxes	16,154
Net profit	\$103,504
x Including interest on funded debt for Jan. and Feb., \$61,666.	

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Sept. 30'27. June 30'27.		Sept. 30'27. June 30'27.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Plants&equip.(net)	10,502,118	Preferred stock	9,000,000
Choral Prop., Inc., &c.	539,954	Common stock	x318,522
Cash	1,233,645	Accounts payable	368,027
Notes & accts.(net)	132,098	Res. for Fed. taxes	16,154
Accts. rec.(net)	1,290,058	Accrued accounts	262,158
Inventories	2,739,366	1st mtge. bonds	5,500,000
Investments	2	Serial notes	935,500
Prepaid expenses	58,234	Surplus	103,504
Deferred taxes	591		
Other def. assets	7,798		
Trade-marks, &c.	1		
		Total (ea. side)	16,503,865
			16,492,774

x Represented by 155,000 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 783.

**American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.	1926—9 Mos.	1926—9 Mos.
Profit before deprec. & depletion	\$113,970	\$152,137	\$223,165
			\$382,988

—V. 125, p. 651.

**Amsterdam Trading Co. (Handelsverenigin "Amsterdam Holland").—"American Shares" Offered to the Public.**

"American shares" of the Amsterdam Trading Co., the first of the large foreign industrials to seek listing on the New York Stock Exchange under its new rules for trading in foreign securities, were offered to the public Nov. 3 by a banking group composed of Brown Brothers & Co., and Chas. D. Barney & Co. The offering consisted of about 50,000 shares, priced at \$43. The sale of the "American shares" does not represent any increase in the capital of the company, the stock against which they are being issued having been purchased in the open market.

Certificates for "American shares" will be issued by the Central Union Trust Co. of New York as depository under a deposit agreement dated Nov. 3 1927, in the proportion of 40 "American shares" for each deposited share of the company of the par value of Fls. 500.

The deposit agreement will in substance provide, among other things, that dividends received by the depository upon deposited shares will be converted into dollars and the proceeds will be paid by the depository to registered holders of "American shares;" that certificates for each 40 "American shares" will be exchangeable for one deposited share (deliverable at the office of the agent of the depository in Amsterdam); and that after May 1 1928, or prior thereto under certain restrictions, additional shares of the company may be deposited, and certificates for "American shares" issued therefor, in the proportion above stated.

Transfer agent for "American shares," Central Union Trust Co. of New York. Registrar for "American shares," New York Trust Co.

**Business.**—Amsterdam Trading Co. (Handelsverenigin "Amsterdam"), organized in 1879, is engaged in the production of sugar, sisal, tapioca, tea, rubber, palm oil and coffee in the Dutch East Indies. It has paid dividends without interruption in each of the past 40 years.

For the year ended Dec. 31 1926 the company produced over 230,000 long tons of sugar from which it obtained a profit of \$2,601,305. From its other plantations it obtained a profit of \$5,353,054 in the same year.

**Earnings.—Calendar years—**

	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Profit from plantations & other income, &c.	\$10,932,959	\$15,228,599	\$14,397,593	\$11,285,988
Gen. exps., deprec., &c.	3,171,469	1,967,002	2,041,994	2,124,479

Bal. for divs. & exten. a 7,761,490 13,261,597 12,355,599 9,161,509  
Dividends paid (35%) 2,800,000(40) 4,000,000(35) 4,200,000(30) 4,200,000  
Surplus (for exten., &c.) 4,961,490 9,261,597 8,155,599 4,961,509

a Before deducting bonus to officers and directors.  
Of the profit from plantations, &c. in 1926 approximately 47% was derived from sisal, tapioca, tea, rubber and various other plantations, 23% from sugar and 30% from interest on security holdings, commissions, &c. In 1925 approximately 34% of such profit was derived from miscellaneous plantations, 46% from sugar and 20% from interest, commissions, &c.

**Assets.**—The fixed property of the company, including 21 plantations producing sisal, tapioca, tea, rubber, &c., and 14 sugar plantations, is carried at a nominal value of only \$20 on the balance sheet of Dec. 31 1926. On this same balance sheet the company carries a "reserve for plantation enterprises" of nearly \$16,000,000.

Net current assets on Dec. 31 1926 amounted to \$32,046,490 which, after deducting \$4,708,000 outstanding 4% and 5% bonds, was equivalent to over 195% of the \$14,000,000 stock outstanding on that date. Total current assets on Dec. 31 1926 were \$43,771,741, which included \$18,777,785 cash, \$11,240,660 foreign bills of exchange and \$10,293,597 securities of which latter amount \$8,107,859 were government, provincial and municipal bonds.

**Capitalization on Dec. 31 1926.**

Capital stock (par value Fls. 500-\$200)	\$14,000,000
4% bonds of 1905-9	1,900,000
5% bonds of 1916-8	2,808,000
a Increased to \$16,000,000 through rights to subscribe at par given to stockholders in July 1927.	

**Quotation Range & Dividend Record.**—Following is the quotation range and dividend record of the stock of the company (converted into dollars and adjusted to the basis of the "American shares" now being offered) as furnished us by the Bankers' correspondents in Amsterdam:

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.*	1927.
High	\$31.60	\$50.15	\$32.25	\$19.55	\$25.60	\$26.53	\$33.35	\$36.05	\$42.70
Low	\$18.50	\$21.25	\$15.40	\$15.45	\$18.50	\$20.70	\$21.30	\$30.35	\$34.20
Dividend	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.50
Av. value of subs. rights	\$3.80	\$5.15				\$4.33	\$4.00	\$4.43	\$4.39

\* To Nov. 1. a Based on statement in official announcement dated July 1 1927 offering additional shares to stockholders. b On shares offered for subscription in July 1927.

In the foregoing Dutch florins have been converted into dollars at the rate of \$0.40 to the florin.]

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list the above "American shares" on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Dividends.**—These shares will carry the dividends to be declared out of 1927 earnings payable in 1928, which, based on an official statement, will be equivalent to approximately \$1.50 per "American share." The dividends are usually paid twice annually, the interim dividend in January and the final dividend in July.

**Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Earnings.**

Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27—	Brakpan Mines, Ltd.	Spring Mines, Ltd.	West Springs, Ltd.
Working revenue	£393,129	£388,184	£229,613
Working costs	239,309	209,221	144,568
Working profit	£153,820	£178,963	£85,045
—V. 125, p. 2268, 1584.			

**Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—Balance Sheet Aug. 31.**

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$	Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Oil mills, tank stations & tank cars (less deprec.)	x7,128,657	7,264,239	7% cum. pref. stk.	4,300,000	4,500,000	Common stock	y5,000,000
Inventories	5,331,259	3,969,349	Accounts payable	230,777	174,549		
Notes & accts. rec.	2,038,212	1,982,885	Advances	86,252	86,252		
Due from off. & emp.	72,126	32,644	Due to off. & emp.	29,703	35,803		
Advances	85,047	487,000	Prov. for conting.				
Liberty bonds	20,000	20,000	Incl. Fed. tax.	475,734	467,987		
Cash	971,095	1,092,416	Gen. taxes accrued	56,291	45,421		
Investments	50,442	34,453	Initial surplus	1,548,945	1,548,945		
G'dwill, pats., &c.	1	1	Curr. sur. balance	4,014,430	3,160,847		
Deferred charges	45,291	50,563					
Total	15,742,130	14,933,550	Total	15,742,130	14,933,550		

x After deducting \$2,294,330 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 125, p. 2268.

**Appleton Co., Boston.—Closing of Lowell Mill Approved—To Move Machinery South.**

At the special meeting of the stockholders on Oct. 31, it was voted to authorize the directors to (1) dissolve the Appleton Manufacturing Co., stock of which is all owned by Appleton Co., and merge its assets and liabilities with latter company; (2) expend approximately \$780,000 for moving machinery from Lowell, Mass., to Anderson, S. C., and erection of necessary buildings at Anderson; (3) to make such disposition as they deem wise of all or part of the machinery and equipment of the Appleton Co. at Lowell.

The stockholders also voted to amend the by-laws to provide for the election of such vice-presidents and assistant treasurers as the directors may deem necessary. This was to provide for management of the Anderson plant.

A recent circular to the stockholders says in part: "Operations of the mill at Lowell have shown losses each year for the 3 years ending Oct. 30 1926. Total losses for this period amounted to over \$2,000,000. For the current year ending Oct. 31 1927, the result will be less unfavorable, due to the fact that the mill has operated during the greater part of the year on low priced cotton on an advancing market for raw material, but prospects for future are not encouraging. Cloth such as the Appleton Co. manufactures is mainly produced in the South at lower cost of manufacture than is possible at Lowell to-day. This fact, combined with the present increased cost of cotton, makes it impossible for the mill to operate at a profit."

"The mill at Anderson, S. C., which contains approximately 30,000 spindles and accompanying looms and other machinery, is now running full time and at a profit."

"The mill buildings at Anderson are larger than required for the machinery now installed. By the addition of buildings required principally for storage and for housing additional operatives, 30,000 more spindles and accompanying looms can be installed and run at this time."

"The plan proposed is to erect the necessary buildings at Anderson and to transfer to Anderson approximately 30,000 spindles and accompanying machinery from Lowell. The total cost of the buildings and equipment, including the cost of moving machinery, will be approximately \$780,000. As a result of the closing of the mill at Lowell funds will become available to permit this investment."

"The Appleton Co. will then be left at Lowell with its mill and other real estate in Lowell and approximately 75,000 spindles. These will be closed down for the present. Their ultimate future will depend on the future of the industry and on the action of the Lowell authorities in regard to taxation, and relief from handicapping legislation in Massachusetts."

"Advantages of the plan are that spindles now idle at Lowell will be run at Anderson and a certain loss converted into a profit, which should at the lowest estimate be sufficient to cover the cost of carrying the idle plant at Lowell, and should ultimately result in the resumption of dividends on the common stock of the company."—V. 123, p. 3187.

**Atlas Tack Corp.—Earnings.**

Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27—	Quar. End. June 30 '27.	Quar. End. Mar. 31 '27.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27
Net sales	\$580,423	\$556,046	\$528,118
Cost of sales, &c.	587,370	564,478	537,400
Net loss after deprec.	\$6,947	\$8,432	\$9,282
			\$24,660

—V. 125, p. 784.

**Auburn Automobile Co.—Places Large Order for Axles.**

The Columbia Axle Co. of Cleveland, has received an order for 15,000 sets of axles from the Auburn Automobile Co., to be delivered during the first 4 months of 1928.—V. 125, p. 1976.

**(A. T.) Baker & Co., Inc.—To Retire Notes.**

The company will redeem on Feb. 1 1928 all of its outstanding 15-year secured 6½% sinking fund gold notes at 106½% and int. The company is a subsidiary of Collins & Aikman Co.—V. 125, p. 652.

**Barnsdall Corp.—Earnings.**

9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1927.	1926.
Net operating income after int. and Federal taxes	\$7,184,869	\$7,339,583
Additions to reserves for deprec. and depletion	3,836,376	2,572,182
Net income	\$3,348,492	\$4,767,402
Dividends paid	2,142,328	1,706,342

Balance to surplus \$1,206,164 \$3,061,060  
Shs. of class A & B stk. outstanding (par \$25) 1,153,696 1,137,561  
Earnings per share on combined stocks \$2.92 \$4.19

Pres. E. B. Reeser says: Earnings of corporation and its subsidiaries for the first 9 months of 1927 were very gratifying notwithstanding a drastic reduction in the price obtained for its products. The average price received for crude oil during the first 9 months of 1927 was \$1.39 per barrel as compared to \$2.19 per barrel for the same period in 1926. Experience of many years in the petroleum industry justifies our confidence that higher prices will follow the present low prices. With this in view directors authorized the storage of a part of its daily crude production, totaling at this date 2,900,000 barrels.—V. 125, p. 2391.

**Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

Blake Brothers Co., New York and Howe, Quisenberry & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at 107½ and div., to yield 6½%, \$2,000,000 additional 7% cumul. (particip.) 1st pref. stock. (A portion

of this issue, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, has been reserved for and will be offered in Amsterdam, Holland.)

Entitled to dividends payable Q-J and to an additional \$1 in each year in which dividends of more than \$4 per share be declared upon the common stock.

Authorized. Outstanding. 1st preferred 7% cumul. stock (par \$100) \$5,000,000 \$4,705,500

Data from Letter of Samuel Bayuk, President of the Company. Purpose.—Proceeds will be used partly to provide additional working capital made necessary by the increased volume of business and partly to pay for the cost of erecting and equipping an addition to the present factory.

Company.—Originally established in 1896. Is one of the leading manufacturers of popular priced cigars. In keeping with the tendency toward concentration of quantity production and resultant cutting of costs of manufacture, a modern factory equipped with cigar making machines was erected last year.

Earnings.—Company has made a profit in each year since its organization in 1896. In each year since this first preferred stock has been outstanding earnings have been equivalent to more than 4 times the amount required for dividends.

Comparative Balance Sheet. x Sept. 30 '27. Dec. 31 '26.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing Sept. 30 '27 and Dec. 31 '26. Assets include Cash, Trade debtors, Inventories, etc. Liabilities include 1st pref. 7% stock, 8% 2d pref. stock, etc.

Total 14,894,465 11,761,396. x After additional issue and application of proceeds of above \$2,000,000 preferred stock. y Represented by 77,949 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 2391.

Beaver Products Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

Balance Sheet for Beaver Products Co., Inc. comparing 1926 and 1925. Assets include Real estate, Machinery, Merchandise, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Prof. stk. of Beaver, etc.

Total 22,191,536 22,453,759. —V. 124, p. 3500.

Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30—

Balance Sheet for Beech-Nut Packing Co. comparing 1927 and 1926. Assets include Real estate, bldgs., &c., Mtgs. & sec. loans, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Prof. stk. class A, etc.

Total 17,227,415 16,435,834. —V. 125, p. 2391.

Bethlehem Steel Co.—To Redeem Coleman Bonds.—The company has called for redemption on Jan. 1 1928, all of the outstanding Coleman estate purchase money mortgage 5 1/2% bonds, due 1939, at par and interest.

Bird Grocery Stores, Inc., Kansas City, Mo.—Prof. Stock Sold.—Merrill, Lynch & Co. have sold at 101 and div. \$1,350,000 7% cumul. pref. (a. & d.) stock (par \$100) with common stock purchase warrants.

Preferred as to divs., and as to assets in case of involuntary liquidation up to \$100 per share, and in case of voluntary liquidation up to \$110 per share, in each case plus divs. Divs. payable quarterly beginning Dec. 1, 1927.

Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock, 7% cumul. (par \$100) \$3,000,000 \$1,350,000

Data from Letter of Pres. Arthur S. Bird, Oct. 17 1927.

Company.—A Delaware corporation, which owns and operates the business of the Piggly Wiggly store chain in Kansas City, Mo. and vicinity, consisting of 65 grocery stores and meat markets and a warehouse, has acquired the assets and businesses of the following Piggly Wiggly store chains:

Omaha Unit of Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., operating a retail grocery and meat store business in Omaha, Neb. and vicinity, comprising 26 grocery stores and meat markets and a warehouse.

stores, including 22 with meat markets and a warehouse. This unit was acquired through a wholly-owned subsidiary company.

Little Rock Unit of Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., operating 22 grocery stores and meat markets and a warehouse in Little Rock, Arkansas, and vicinity.

Omaha Unit of Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., operating a retail grocery and meat store business in Omaha, Neb., and vicinity, comprising 26 grocery stores, including 18 meat markets, a bakery and a warehouse.

The 5 systems so united comprise 157 grocery stores, of which 135 include meat markets, 5 warehouses and one bakery.

The buying power resulting from the merger of these units will enable the stores to obtain merchandise under conditions that provide larger margins of profit than otherwise would be possible. All sales are made on a strictly cash basis.

Earnings.—Net sales and net profits for the 3 years and 6 months ended June 30 1927, after depreciation and Federal taxes at present rates, and after eliminating charges which will be non-recurring upon completion of present financing (amounting to \$37,757 in 1924; \$38,520 in 1925; \$62,792 in 1926; and \$37,470 in the 6 months ended June 30 1927), as certified by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., are as follows:

Table showing Net Sales, Net Profits, and Times Div. after Pref. for 1924, 1925, 1926, and 1927 (6 mos.).

Stock Purchase Warrants.—With each share of preferred stock there will be delivered a stock purchase warrant entitling the holder thereof to subscribe at any time on or before Oct. 1 1932, for 2 1/2 shares of common stock at the subscription price of \$40 per share.

\* Consolidated Balance Sheet, as at June 30 1927.

Consolidated Balance Sheet comparing Assets and Liabilities as of June 30 1927. Assets include Cash, Accounts receivable, Inventories, etc. Liabilities include Notes payable, Accts. pay. & trade accept., etc.

\* Giving effect to recapitalization, the sale for cash of 10,000 shares of Pref. and 25,000 shares of Com. Stock, and the application of the proceeds to the acquisition of certain assets of Piggly Wiggly Nebraska Co. and Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc. x 90,000 shares, no par value.

Bloomington Bros., Inc.—New Warehouse.—

The corporation has arranged for a lease of the new garage and warehouse which is being erected for their use at Hunterspoint Ave., Long Island City, N. Y. This great structure will not only double the warehousing and garage facilities, but will co-ordinate the shipping and delivering of goods to such an extent that it is not expected that there will be any increase over the present expenses for warehouses and garage.

Since the new warehouse is leased, none of the company's cash will be tied up in fixed assets by this operation and the financial condition of the company will remain unchanged. On Oct. 2 1927, the net current assets were over \$8,300,000, including cash and marketable securities of over \$2,000,000 and preferred stock amounting to \$450,000 which had been repurchased by the company.

Borden Co.—To Acquire Control of Reid Ice Cream Corp.—

Large Dividend Declared on Common Stock.—The company has contracted to acquire the assets and business of the Reid Ice Cream Corp., as of Jan. 1 1928.

While the terms of the merger have not been announced, it was learned this week that one share of Borden common stock, par \$50, will be offered for each two shares of no par stock of the Reid company.

It is proposed to retire the \$2,162,000 7% preferred stock and \$1,700,000 6% notes of the Reid company. The pref. stock is redeemable at 110. The notes are callable at 101. The latter company also has outstanding 178,000 shares of common stock of no par value.

The Borden Co. will have \$34,699,300 of \$50 par common stock outstanding upon the payment of the final installment of \$15 per share by the stockholders who subscribed for additional stock in Mar. last. (See V. 124, p. 1224.) There is no preferred stock and no funded debt.

President Arthur W. Millburn says in substance:

Contracts have been signed whereby this company will become the owner of the assets and business of the Reid Ice Cream Corp. as of Jan. 1 1928. The business will be continued under the Reid name and arrangements have been effected for the continuance in service of the principal men in the Reid company who have contributed so largely to its successful development.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the common stock (par \$50) payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15, and a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the same issue payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. This increases the dividend rate to \$6 per annum, as compared with distributions at an annual rate of \$5 per annum made since Mar. 1 1927.—(See V. 124, p. 239.)—V. 124, p. 1502.

Bourne Mills, Fall River.—Earnings.—

Table showing Earnings for Bourne Mills, Fall River, for Years Ended Sept. 30, 1927 and 1926. Includes Earnings for year, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Reserve for depreciation, Dividends.

Profit and loss surplus \$448,737 \$435,409

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Comparative Balance Sheet comparing Oct. 1 '27 and Oct. 2 '26. Assets include Real est. & constr., machinery, &c., Cotton, stock in process & cloth, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accts. & notes pay., etc.

Total (each side) \$1,487,781 \$1,522,195. —V. 123, p. 2265.

British American Brewing Co., Ltd., Windsor, Ont.—

Stocks Offered.—A. G. Ghysels & Co. and Shadr, Winekler & Co., Detroit, are offering 60,000 units class A and B common stock (no par value). The stock is offered in units of 1 share of class A and 1/2 share of class B at \$33 per unit.

Class A stock is entitled to receive preferential cumulative dividends of \$2.50 per share annually, payable Q-F, before any dividends are paid on the class B stock. Class B stock shall then be entitled to receive \$2.50 per share annually, after which both classes of stock shall participate equally in any further distribution. Class A stock is non-callable. Class B stock shall have sole voting rights, but in the event that the class A dividends remain in arrears for a period of one year, both classes of stock shall vote equally. In the event of liquidation, both classes of stock shall share equally in the distribution of assets. Union Trust Co., Detroit, transfer agent. Security Trust Co., Detroit, registrar.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding
Class A stock (without par value).....	100,000 shs.	60,000 shs.
Class B stock (without par value).....	100,000 shs.	60,000 shs.

**Data from Letter of L. A. Irion, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. Sept. 6 1927 for the purpose of acquiring as a going concern the plants, business, trade-marks, trade names, good-will, &c., of a company of the same name located in Windsor, Ont. Business was originally established in 1882. Company's principal product is "Cincinnati cream beer," which has been long and favorably known in the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada. Company's plant is located in the heart of Windsor, Ont. The capacity of the brewery, which is one of the most modern in Ontario, is 100,000 barrels per year, which could be increased by a nominal expenditure.

**Earnings.**—During the 6 2-3 years ended Aug. 31 1927 earnings of the predecessor company, after all charges, but before manufacturer's and sales tax on beer exported would show an annual average of \$229,609, equal to \$3.83 per share on 60,000 shares of class A stock to be issued. Such earnings together with certain non-recurring charges would be equal to \$4.54 per share of class A stock.

**Balance Sheet.**—The pro forma balance sheet indicates total assets of \$1,680,000 with no liabilities other than capital stock. Total current assets are \$290,000, of which cash amounts to \$140,000.

**Dividends.**—It is the intention of the directors to immediately place the class A shares on an annual dividend basis of \$2.50, payable 6 1/2% quarterly beginning Feb. 1 1928.

**Brooklyn Fire Insurance Co.—Stock Oversubscribed.**

The recent offering of 10,000 shares of the capital stock was largely oversubscribed, it is announced. See V. 125, p. 2391.

**Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis.—Dividend Increased.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 6 1/2% cents per share on the common stock (no par value), payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 19. This compares with quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share paid on this issue since and incl. March 1, 1926.—V. 125, p. 1465.

**Bush Terminal Co.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,209,337	\$2,323,061
Operating expenses.....	1,103,917	1,208,021
Taxes.....	345,910	343,141
Interest.....	242,056	254,252
Depreciation.....	43,989	43,989
Surplus.....	\$473,465	\$473,658
Shares of com. stock outstanding (no par).....	150,473	137,770
x Earnings per share on common stock.....	\$1.30	\$1.42
x After allowing for dividends on Bush Terminal Building 7% pref. stock and Bush Terminal Co. 6% preferred and 7% debentures.—V. 125, p. 2152.	\$3.88	\$3.17

**Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Earnings.**

Period Ended Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Tons of ore.....	33,148	36,891
Ore receipts.....	\$21,601	\$75,718
Interest receivable.....	2,349	5,471
Total.....	\$23,950	\$81,189
Adm. exps. and taxes.....	9,869	29,158
Profit on sale of secur.....	\$14,082	\$52,032
Profit on sale of secur.....	—	586
Net income.....	\$14,082	\$52,032

**Butte and Superior Mining Co.—Quarterly Report.**

The 52nd quarterly report covering the third quarter of 1927 shows:

Zinc Operations (1927)—	3rd Quarter	2d Quarter	1st Quarter
Zinc ore produced—tons.....	67,420	81,031	88,056
Average silver content—ozs.....	5.84	5.66	5.28
Average zinc content—per cent.....	12.21	12.87	12.54
Total silver in ore—ozs.....	393,999	458,273	465,126
Total zinc in ore—pounds.....	16,458,354	20,730,247	22,086,989
Copper Operations—			
Copper produced—tons.....	7,022	12,284	12,007
Average silver content—ozs.....	6.71	5.33	4.98
Average copper content—per cent.....	4.05	3.69	3.47
Total silver in ore—ozs.....	47,107	65,481	59,788
Total copper in ore—pounds.....	568,987	907,608	832,763

**Results for 3 and 9 Months.**

	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Net value of zinc ore.....	\$499,788	\$1,841,218
Net value of copper ore.....	48,955	178,582
Miscellaneous income.....	14,692	41,927
Total income.....	\$563,435	\$2,061,729
Operating costs.....	515,091	1,785,090
Operating profit.....	\$48,344	\$276,639
Deprec., res. for taxes.....	19,594	72,392
Net to surplus.....	\$28,750	\$204,246

No provision has been made in the above figures for depletion. The average metal prices used in estimating income for the third quarter of 1927 are: Silver, per ounce, 55.49c.; Zinc, per pound, 6.26c.; Copper, per pound, 12.784c.

The distribution of 50c. per share, amounting to \$145,099, was made on Sept. 30 1927 to holders of record Sept. 17, making a total of \$1.50 per share, or \$435,297 paid in 1927.—V. 125, p. 919.

**By-Products Coke Corp.—Balance Sheet.**

	Dec. 31 '26.	Aug. 31 '27.		Dec. 31 '26.	Aug. 31 '27.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Real est., plant & equipment.....	11,938,503	12,074,850	9% cum. pref.....	1,522,200	1,522,200
Cash.....	638,527	849,253	Equipment.....	9,496,550	9,496,800
Notes & accts. rec.....	1,435,657	1,257,558	Frac. share warr'ts.....	4,018	3,768
Inventories.....	4,290,931	3,981,610	1st mtge. 5 1/2% bds.....	5,000,000	4,900,000
Stocks & bonds in other cos.....	2,508,274	2,647,395	Bills payable.....	962,560	902,035
Co. stk. res. for empl.....	622,242	562,437	Accounts payable.....	567,854	424,272
Sink. fd. 5 1/2% bds.....	86,300	69,249	Or accounts.....	605,718	299,987
Reserve funds.....	159,285	190,154	Accrued wages.....	84,769	77,057
Deferred charges.....	480,926	479,393	Accrued interest.....	45,833	88,582
			Accr. taxes, gen.....	335,000	289,965
			Com. div. payable.....	—	94,968
			Pref. div. payable.....	—	34,250
			Reserves.....	1,288,253	1,235,386
			Surplus.....	2,246,890	2,742,628
Total (ea. side).....	22,159,645	22,111,898			

x After deducting \$5782.459 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 189,936 shares of no par value. z Called for payment Oct. 20 1927.—V. 125, p. 2391.

**California Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross earnings.....	Not Available.	Not Available.
Operating expenses.....	(\$8,978,732)	(\$24,575,360)
Operating income.....	4,727,238	12,026,938
Deprec., depletion, &c.....	\$3,251,020	\$4,251,494
Bond interest, &c.....	2,349,711	2,078,760
Res. for Fed'l taxes, &c.....	290,764	136,148
Net income.....	\$24,967	\$200,718
Shares of cap. stk. outstanding (par \$25).....	2,060,917	1,903,783
Earns. per share on cap. stock.....	\$0.28	\$0.96
The company is now carrying 7,366,071 barrels of crude oil, gasoline and other oil products in storage an increase of 1,033,855 barrels since Dec. 31 1926.—V. 125, p. 919.		

**Canada Cement Co., Ltd.—Preferred Stock Sold.**—Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Montreal, have sold at \$100 per share (with bonus of 2-5 shares of no par value common stock) \$21,000,000 6 1/2% sinking fund cum. preference shares.

Preferred as to capital and dividends. Cumulative dividends will accrue from Dec. 1 1927, and are payable quarterly. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice at 110 and divs. Non-voting unless and so long as two quarterly dividends shall be in arrears and unpaid.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list this preference stock of \$100 par value on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges; the cumulative preference shares of \$5 par value on the London Stock Exchange, and the common shares on the Montreal, Toronto and London Stock Exchanges.

**Company.**—Has been incorp. under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to acquire from the company of the same name all of its properties and plants, together with well located areas containing almost unlimited deposits of limestone, clay and gypsum, the raw materials required for the production of Portland Cement. Company will also acquire all the shares and investments in subsidiaries of the old company.

**Earnings.**—Earnings from properties to be acquired by the new Company, for the 9 months ended Sept. 30, 1927, available for bond interest, depreciation, preference share dividends and income taxes, were \$3,714,584. On the basis of these earnings for the 9 months, the officials of the company estimate that corresponding earnings for the completed 12 months ending Dec. 31 1927 will amount to \$4,583,649. Deduct: Interest on first mortgage gold bonds, \$1,000,000. Provision for depreciation and Federal taxes, \$1,225,000. Total, \$2,358,649. Estimated net profits for year ending Dec. 31 1927, \$2,258,649. The annual dividend requirements on cumulative preference shares now to be issued, \$1,365,000.

**Market or Sinking Fund.**—After the conclusion of the first and each succeeding fiscal year, the company will set apart out of its earnings, before any dividend is paid, or set apart for payment, on its common shares, a sum equivalent to 6 1/2% of its net earnings available for payment of dividends on the common shares. These moneys will be used to acquire cumulative preference shares at prices not exceeding their redemption price. Such shares shall be purchased at or below their redemption price, or redeemed by lot and shall be cancelled and not re-issued.—See also V. 125, p. 2391.

**Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Net sales.....	\$2,414,800	\$2,226,229
Cost of sales & exp.....	1,700,612	1,752,943
Profit from operations.....	\$714,188	\$473,286
Other income.....	19,187	25,661
Gross income.....	\$733,375	\$498,947
Other deductions.....	84,083	27,823
Depreciation.....	37,730	28,802
Interest.....	4,949	3,056
U. S. & Dom. of Can. tax.....	90,310	57,763
Net profit.....	\$521,252	\$379,610
Shs. com. (no par) stk. outstanding.....	459,706	450,570
Earns. per share.....	\$1.13	\$0.84

—V. 125, p. 1714.

**Canada Foundries & Forgings, Ltd.—Back Dividend.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% on the outstanding \$960,000 7% pref. stock on account of accumulations, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. This is the third disbursement on the issue since 1921, the first of 2% having been made on June 1 this year and one of 1 1/2% on Sept. 1, which arrearages were said to amount to 41 1/2% on June 1 last.—V. 125, p. 919.

**Canadian Cannery, Ltd.—To Readjust Capital.**

The directors have decided upon a plan of recapitalization for the company, including reimbursement to preferred shareholders for the arrears of dividends. The bond issue of \$4,029,535 will remain unchanged. There is now a preferred stock issue of \$9,114,282, upon which there are arrears of approximately 20%. When the new proposals are approved there will be 45,571 shares of 6% prior preferred and 364,568 shares of conv. pref. stock paying 15 cents a share quarterly. There are now 22,824 shares of common stock outstanding, and there will be presently issued a total of 136,945 shares.

An announcement given out by an official of the company, reads as follows: "At a meeting Oct. 27, of the board of directors, a plan was submitted for reconstruction of the share structure, which has been recognized for some time to be in an over-balanced situation owing to the size of the preferred stock issue in proportion to the common, and at the same time make some adjustment in settlement of the arrears of dividends.

"Plans are now being completed which will go to the shareholders immediately minor details are worked out, whereby for each share of the present preference held the holder will receive one-half share of 6% 1st cum. preference stock and 4 shares of convertible pref. stock, no par, redeemable subject to conversion privilege, at \$20 per share, on which it is the intention to pay an initial dividend of 15 cents per share per quarter, with a maximum dividend of \$1 per year, thus raising the dividend rate to the equivalent of \$5.40 per annum, which is 40 cents per share more than at present being paid. The common to receive six shares of no par value stock for each one now held."—V. 124, p. 3777.

**Canadian Vickers Ltd.—Initial Preferred Dividend.**

An initial dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the 7% cum. pref. stock (for the quarter ending Oct. 31 1927), payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. See offering in V. 125, p. 2152.

**Canfield Oil Co., Cleveland, O.—Div. Rate Increased.**

The directors have declared for next year 4 quarterly divs. of 2% on the common stock, and also 4 regular quarterly divs. of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, both payable in quarterly installments on the last day of March, June, Sept. and Dec. 1928, to holders of record on the 20th of those months respectively. Previously 2% extra and 6% regular had been paid annually on the common stock.—V. 124, p. 796.

**Carrier Engineering Corp.—Transfer Agent.**

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for convertible preference stock (without par value), 2nd preferred stock (par \$100), and common A and common B stock (without par value).—V. 125, p. 2270.

**Casein Co. of America (N. J.).—Extra Dividend.**

The Casein Co. of America (Del.) has declared an extra dividend of 1% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record No. 7. An extra of 1% was also paid on May 15 last.—V. 124, p. 3214.

**Chace Mills of Fall River, Mass.—To Sell Plants at Burlington.**

The stockholders, Oct. 29, authorized the directors to sell two of the company's mills located at Burlington, Vt. The property already reported under option has an estimated value of \$436,879.—V. 123, p. 459.

**Central Alloy Steel Corp.—Earnings.**

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27.	Quar. End. June 30 '27.	Quar. End. Mar. 31 '27.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27.
Net profit after ch'gs. & Fed. taxes.....	\$810,443	\$1,224,670	\$592,442	\$2,647,555
Earns. per share on 1,320,625 shs. of no par com. stk. outst'd'g.....	\$0.48	\$0.81	\$0.31	\$1.60

**Chevrolet Motor Co.—Deliveries—Output.**

Dispatches from Detroit state: Retail deliveries for October totaled 112,064 units (a new high record), as compared with 50,747 units in Oct. 1926. This brings Chevrolet sales to more than 900,000 for the year to date, carrying out the million-car program for 1927. October was the largest retail month in the history of the company, exceeding April of this year with its 96,803 deliveries. The company produced approximately 30,000 cars and trucks in October, compared with 79,000 in September and 70,264 in Oct. 1926. The output

for the 10 months of this year totaled 945,000, against 664,929 in the corresponding period of last year.—V. 125, p. 2270, 1329.

**Chrysler Corporation.—Corrected Balance Sheet.**

In our issue of Aug. 6 last page 786 due to typographical errors the balance sheet as published contains two errors (1) under the caption Capital Stock we show invested capital at June 30 1926 as \$26,259,390; the correct figure being \$56,259,939; (2) in the footnote concerning the number of shares of common stock deliverable under the Maxwell Plan we show 112,988 shares; this should be 12,988 shares as of June 30 1927. Below we re-print the corrected balance sheet:

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Land, bldgs., Good-will, Cash, Car shippm'ts, bank loan draft, Custom. notes rec., Cust'r's & dealers' accounts, Due fr. Can. Govt., Inventories, Marketable sec's, Special cash, Prof. stk. skg. fund, Other assets, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Capital stock, 5 1/2% gold bonds, Accounts payable, Prof. divs. payable, Acer. int. tax., &c., Distrib. & deal'rs dep., Prov. Fed. taxes., Res. contng., &c., Deposits, Surplus.

Represented by 214,959 shares of no par preferred A stock, 2,699,092 shares of no par common stock and 30 shares of preferred and 12,988 shares of common deliverable under Maxwell Corp. plan. y Of which \$1,667,838 has been appropriated on account of repurchase of capital stock, \$1,137,804 appropriated on account of operation of preferred stock sinking fund and \$292 appropriated on account of payments to sinking fund. z After deducting \$11,972,317 allowance for depreciation, etc.

**Export Business Increasing.**

The export business of the company it is announced now constitutes about 16% of its total output, and this year has shown an increase of over 84% as compared with a year ago.

The company maintains assembling plants in Australia, Antwerp and Germany and its business is increasing in all 3 places. Its sales in France and Great Britain also are expanding. In South America, the company is also said to be doing a good business, particularly in Buenos Aires.

Pres. W. P. Chrysler states that the volume of business of the company thus far this year has shown an increase of about 42% over the corresponding period of a year ago. All indications, he said, point toward the continuance of expanding results, and he felt that the outlook for the company was brighter than ever before.—V. 125, p. 1056.

**City Dairy Co., Ltd.—To Split Up Shares.**

The management announces that the directors intend as soon as possible to submit to the shareholders a proposal to split each common share of \$25 par value into 4 shares of no par value and to place the new shares on a 25 basis.—V. 124, p. 1365.

**Collateral Bankers, Inc.—Bonds Offered.**

The company is offering at par and int. \$2,000,000 6% participating bonds (certificates of indebtedness).

Each bond, in addition to quarterly coupon int. at the rate of 6% per annum, participates annually in a substantial share of the corporation's net profits. These 6% participating debenture bonds or certificates of indebtedness, Series AB, are dated as of Sept. 1 1927, payable to the registered owner, maturing Dec. 1 1948, and are callable after Sept. 1 1932, at 105% and int. They are a direct obligation of the corporation, chargeable against its entire assets, and together with bonds of previous series, constitute its only funded debt. There are no other securities with preference rights over these bonds, and they have priority over the capital stock of the corporation. The holder receives, in addition to the bond, a certificate of profit participation, without stated par value. This entitles him to a pro rata share of the net profits of the corporation (in addition to the 6% int. on the bond) as long as the bond is registered in his name. The directors declare his int. under the certificate of profit participation annually. Such profit participation may reach a maximum of 4% per annum, in addition to 6% int. on the bond. These profit distributions are made by check in Jan. of each year.

Company was incorporated by perpetual charter under the business corporation law of New York on Feb. 23 1921. The executive offices of the corporation are at 165 Broadway, New York.—V. 125, p. 1715.

**Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1927-3 Mos., 1926, 1927-9 Mos., 1926. Rows include Sales of manf. prod., &c., Mfg cost, sell., adm. & gen. exp. & taxes, Income from oper., Int., divs. & miscel. inc., Total income, Int. on bonds & notes, Prov. for deprec. of plants & exhaust. of minerals, Net income before Fed. taxes, taxes.

**Commercial Credit Co. (Balt.).—Earnings.**

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1927-3 Mos., 1926, 1927-9 Mos., 1926. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Net inc. for int. & disct. ch'gs appl. to Balt. Co. prior to Fed. taxes, Net income after charges, Fed. taxes, sub. pref. dividends, &c., Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, Earnings per share on 680,000 shs. (no par) com. stock outstanding.

**Connecticut Valley Lumber Co.—Bonds Called.**

Certain 1st mtge. serial 6% gold bonds, series "K", due June 1 1932 (aggregating \$227,300) and 2 of the outstanding series "L" bonds due June 1 1933, have been called for payment Dec. 1 next at 102 1/2% and int. at the First National Bank of Boston, successor trustee, 67 Milk St., Boston, Mass.—V. 123, p. 2001.

**Consolidated Cigar Corp.—To Increase Stock.**

The stockholders will vote Nov. 23 on increasing the authorized common stock from 350,000 shares to 500,000 shares (no par value) and on creating an issue of \$11,000,000 6 1/2% cum. prior pref. stock. See V. 125, p. 2392.

**Continental Paper & Bag Mills Corp.—Offer for Bonds.**

The International Paper Co. will make an offer to holders of Continental Paper & Bag Mills Corp. 1st & ref. mtge. 6 1/2% bonds of 8 1/4 shares of International 7% cum. pref. stock for each \$100 par of bonds held, plus accrued dividend from Aug. 1 1927, on stock received in exchange. As of June 30, last, there were outstanding \$5,348,400 of the 1st and ref. 6 1/2%

bonds, series A, of the Continental Corp., due 1944. If all the bondholders elect to take advantage of the offer, it will result in the issuance of approximately \$4,412,000 additional International 7% pref. stock.

A group of bankers will offer the bondholders the alternate opportunity to convert the International 7% pref. stock into cash at the rate of par and divs. from Aug. 1 1927. Deposit of bonds in either case must be made by Dec. 15.

The International has a substantial stock interest in the Continental corporation and to date has advanced that corporation over \$6,700,000 on notes and accounts payable. It has also guaranteed bank loans to the extent of \$1,745,000.

Despite improvement, the Continental corporation earnings for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1927, show a net loss of \$321,585 after all charges compared with a net loss of \$1,358,301 in the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1926 and a net loss of \$1,356,246 in the year ended Dec. 31 1925 ("Wall Street Journal").—V. 124, p. 2125.

**Continental Tobacco Co., Inc.—Obituary.**

William A. Heenan, vice-president of this company and a director of Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., died in Hackensack, N. J., on Oct. 27.—V. 123, p. 2145.

**Corn Products Refining Co.—Earnings.**

Table with columns for 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Int. and depreciation, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Com. stock extra.

Balance, surplus, \$2,385,874; Shares com. stock outstanding (par \$25), 2,530,000; Earnings per sh. on 2,530,000 shs. (par \$25), \$2.69, \$2.88, \$1.56, \$2.83. Includes 2 1/2% paid April 1924 on the old \$50,000,000 stock (par \$100) and 2% paid July 1924 on the new \$62,500,000 stock, par \$25 (after the declaration of a 25% stock dividend paid in April) and 2% paid October 1924 on the then outstanding \$63,250,000 stock (par \$25).

\* After deducting maintenance and repairs and estimated amount of Federal taxes, &c.—V. 125, p. 2270.

**Cunard Steam Ship Co., Ltd.—Stock Increased.**

The stockholders on Nov. 1 unanimously confirmed the resolution recently approved relative to the new issue of 21,100,000 ordinary shares See V. 125, p. 2270, 2153.

**Curtis Publishing Co.—No Extra Dividends.**

The regular monthly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid Nov. 2 on the common stock to holders of record Oct. 22. In September and October extra payments of 50 cents a share were made in addition to the regular 50 cent monthly dividends.—V. 125, p. 1715.

**Davis Mills.—Balance Sheet.**

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, split into Oct. 1 '27, Oct. 2 '26. Assets include Real estate & machinery, Merchandise, Cash and account receivable. Liabilities include Capital stock, Notes payable, Cotton accept's, Res'v for taxes, Deprec'n reserve, Prof. & loss, surp.

Total (each side) \$4,101,339 \$3,822,315. Note.—Expended during year for machinery and equipment \$15,958 Dividends paid during the year \$112,495.—V. 123, p. 2396.

**Davison Chemical Co.—Acquisition.**

Control of the business and property of the Pick Fertilizer Service, Inc., of New Orleans, La., has been acquired by the Davison company, it was announced on Oct. 31. The plant of the Pick organization, which has a production of from 40,000 to 50,000 tons of fertilizer a month, is located in an industrial center directly across the river from New Orleans. Acquisition of this fertilizer company increases the number of fertilizer plants controlled by Davison to 14.

In order to enlarge the acreage of the existing plant at New Orleans, the Davison company also has bought adjoining water-front property, on which it will construct a new building with storage capacity for 10,000 to 15,000 tons. Construction also will be started at once on a 300-foot wharf on the Mississippi river.

The Pick company will preserve its name and corporate identity, it was stated.—V. 125, p. 2271.

**Dome Mines, Ltd.—Gold Production (Value).**

Table with columns for Oct., Sept., Aug., July, June, May, April. Rows include \$325,265, \$326,622, \$330,436, \$329,901, \$332,527, \$325,997, \$315,351.—V. 125, p. 2271, 1979.

**(Otto) Eisenlohr & Bros., Inc.—Earnings.**

Table with columns for Period, Quarters Ended, 9 Mos. Ended. Rows include Manufacturing profit, General & selling expense, Federal taxes, Net income, Earnings per sh. on 240,000 shs. (par \$25) com. stk., outstanding, Nil, \$0.33, \$0.44, \$0.79. Reserve for Federal tax not required on account of surplus adjustment of inventory value during 1925.—V. 125, p. 787.

**Fairbanks Morse & Co.—Earnings.**

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1927-3 Mos., 1926, 1927-9 Mos., 1926. Rows include Gross income, Selling & admin. exp., Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Contrib. to pension fund, Federal taxes, Int. on 5% debentures, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends.

Net surplus, \$170,029; Earnings per sh. on 368,977 shs. com. stk. (no par), \$1.21, \$1.84, \$2.77, \$5.55.

Pres. W. S. Hovey says: "Orders received during the third quarter of 1927 aggregated \$7,844,810, while the total shipments amounted to \$7,951,306, showing a slight reduction in the volume of unfilled orders during the quarter. The outlook for business between now and the close of the year is good."—V. 125, p. 787.

**Farmers' Sugar Co.—Receiver.**

The Toledo "Blade" Oct. 18 says: As the result of the appointment by Common Pleas Judge Fred L. Hay of R. W. Wortman as receiver the company, incorporated for \$2,500,000 in 1921 to build a co-operative sugar plant, will try to liquidate its debts. The company was compelled by lack of funds to discontinue its buildings.

Appointment of a receiver resulted from the filing of a suit in Common Pleas Court by the Paulding National Bank which asks for sale of the property and collection on stockpledges to satisfy its judgment for \$1,395

**Finance Service Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30—**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Furniture & fixt's.	\$32,012	7% cum. pref. stk.	\$277,160
Cash	416,254	Com. stk., class A.	665,340
Notes receivable	3,163,305	Com. stk., class B.	200,000
Accts. rec.	1,014,859	Coll. tr. notes pay.	2,646,000
Accr. int on notes receivable	41,947	Res. for Fed. tax to Sept. 30	29,114
Int. paid in adv.	30,755	Res. for div. on pref. stock	1,617
	26,924	Deprec. reserve	11,340
		Contingency res've	208,915
		Paid-in surplus	410,882
		Earned surplus	248,764
			220,817

Total (each side) \$4,699,131 \$4,538,319

x After deducting \$325,823 reserve withheld, &c.

Note.—The reserve for contingencies is in excess of unearned commissions at Sept. 30 1927.—V. 125, p. 921.

**First Federal Foreign Investment Trust.—Report.**  
 The company in its report for the first 9 months of the current year shows net earnings after taxes up to Sept. 30 at the rate of \$12.92 per share per annum. Earnings for Sept. were at the annual rate of \$14.14 per share. The condensed balance sheet shows total assets of \$4,790,871 and surplus and undivided profits of \$96,697. The current dividend rate of \$7 per annum, it is pointed out, was earned in the first 8 months of this year.

The securities owned by the company are classified as follows according to countries: 55.68% in Europe, 6.29% in Central America, 25.99% in South America, 2.42% in Asia, 4.61% in Canada, and 4.01% in Caribbean District. Thirty countries are represented, the largest investment in any one country being 16.60% in Germany. The following table shows the classifications according to type of security:

Foreign government bonds	27.87%	Foreign industrial bonds	26.74%
Foreign municipal bonds	15.30%	Foreign railroad stock (govt. guarantee)	59%
Foreign railroad bonds	1.78%	Foreign bank stock	5.48%
Foreign industrial bank mtge. bonds	16.76%	Foreign industrial stock	5.48%

The remarks to stockholders follow in part: "With the exception of the past few months, the Trust's operations have been confined almost exclusively to the purchase of foreign securities. As indicated by the financial statements, its operations in this field have produced satisfactory results. Although the trust will unquestionably always have part of its funds invested in securities, it is not the intent of the directors to confine the trust's operations to holding investments. The provisions of the Federal Reserve Act which apply to the trust contemplate active aid to American export trade through purchase of foreign bills. This type of financing is profitable and reasonably safe under proper management. A special department has been developed to develop this phase of its business has been organized. This department has shown satisfactory results. In order to be adequately represented in Europe we have become substantial stockholders of the Industrial Discount Co. of Amsterdam, Holland, which is an important Dutch finance company having subsidiaries in Copenhagen, Berlin, and Paris."

**Condensed Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '27.	Jan. 31 '27.	Sept. 30 '27.	Jan. 31 '27.
Cash	\$135,419	Accts. & bills pay (secured)	\$2,035,089
Receivables	282,351	Div. pay. Nov. 15	35,000
Securities owned (at cost)	4,239,859	Fed. & State taxes	35,084
Other assets	133,242	5 yr. 5% notes 1932	589,000
		Capital stock (par \$100)	2,000,000
		Surplus & Undivided profits	96,697
Total (ea. side)	\$4,790,871		2,000,000

—V. 125, p. 2394.

**First National Pictures, Inc.—To Increase Stock.**  
 The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized common stock (no par value) from 60,000 shares, all outstanding, to 100,000 shares.—V. 125, p. 1587.

**Five Thousand East End Avenue (Building Corp.), Chicago Illinois.—Bonds Offered.**—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. are offering at par and int. \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds (being part of an issue of \$1,600,000 of which \$100,000 are general mortgage bonds subordinate to the balance of the issue).

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due serially Oct. 1 1930-1942. Int. payable A&O. at offices of Straus Trust Co. Chicago, and S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., New York. Callable at 102 and int. Federal income tax of 2% paid by borrower. The following State Taxes refunded upon proper application: Calif. 4 mills, Col. 5 mills, Iowa 6 mills, Kansas 5 mills, Kentucky 5 mills and Minn. 3 mills. Straus Trust Co. Chicago, trustee.

**Security.**—This bond issue is secured by a direct closed first mortgage on a 25-story and basement apartment building of steel frame, fireproof construction, to be erected, equipment to be installed therein, and land owned in fee, located at the Southwest corner of East End Avenue and E. 50th Street, Chicago, having a frontage of approximately 140 feet on East End Avenue and approximately 107 feet on E. 50th Street.

The building will be Chicago's tallest apartment building and will be of modern Tudor Gothic design with an exterior of Bedford Stone of random size and color and face brick of the same color with the entire base carried up 5 floors. The building will contain a total of 560 rentable rooms, divided into 97 apartments of 5, 6, 7 and 8 rooms. The 8-room apartment will be in the form of a duplex bungalow located on the top of the building. The elevators will be of the high speed type, comparable with those used in modern office buildings in Chicago and New York. The land and building has been appraised at \$2,297,820.

**Earnings.**—The earnings of the property are estimated as follows:

Gross income	\$336,000
Operating expenses, taxes and insurance and an ample allowance for vacancies	117,600
Net income	\$218,400

This latter amount is more than 2 1/4 times the greatest annual interest charge and much in excess of the greatest combined interest and principal payment.

**Frankford Theatre, Philadelphia.—Bonds Offered.**—Biddle & Henry and Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia, recently offered at 100 and int. \$225,000 5 1/2% 1st mtge. gold bonds of Frederick W. Simpson Jr.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1932. Principal and int. (A. & O.), payable at Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia, Trustee. Denom. \$1,000.\* Red. in whole but not in part, at any time on 15 days' notice at 102 and int. The personal property taxes in Penn. not exceeding 4 mills and the Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum refunded.

**Guaranty.**—William Freishofer has deposited with the trustee as additional security his collateral bond guaranteeing the prompt payment of principal and interest on this issue. Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia, guarantees by endorsement the principal of and interest on these bonds.

**Legal Investment for trust funds in Pennsylvania.**  
 Property owned in fee by the Frankford Realty Co. and upon which this mortgage is secured, is situated at 4711-4719 Frankford Avenue, Phila. On this site is a modern 2-story brick and terra-cotta fireproof building containing a motion picture theatre, with stores on the ground floor. The building contains approximately 882,800 cubic feet of space and the theatre has a seating capacity of 1,650.

Land and building have been appraised at \$485,000, of which amount \$225,000 is given as the value of the land. This mortgage represents less than 47% of such valuation.

**Fraser Companies, Ltd.—New Directors.**  
 John H. Price, Pres. of Price Brothers & Co., Ltd., and George H. Mead, President of Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd., have been elected to the board of directors. Donald A. Fraser, son of Archibald Fraser, president of the company, also becomes a director.—V. 125, p. 2394.

**Frink Corp., New York.—Bonds Offered.**—Zwetsch Heinzelmann & Co., New York, are offering at 99 1/2 and int. yielding about 6.55%, \$1,150,000 15-year 6 1/2% sinking fund debenture gold bonds (with detachable stock purchase warrants).

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1942. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and prior to maturity, upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. if effected on or before Oct. 1 1932, with successive reductions of 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed after Oct. 1 1932. Interest payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund, upon timely appropriate application, all personal property taxes and securities taxes of any State or of the District of Columbia, not exceeding in any year 5 mills of the principal amount and all income taxes of any such State or such district, not exceeding in any year 6% of the income derived from the bonds.

**Detachable Stock Purchase Warrants.**—The holder of each \$1,000 bond will be entitled to purchase a unit of 10 shares of the company's common stock, without par value, at \$10 per share on or before Oct. 1 1930; thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1932 at \$12.50 per share; thereafter to and incl. Oct. 1 1935 at \$15 per share; and thereafter to Oct. 1 1938 at \$20 per share. On the same basis, each holder of a \$500 bond is to be entitled to purchase a unit of 5 shares of the company's common stock.

**Data from Letter of Edward R. Welles Pres. of the Corporation.**  
 Corporation.—Has been organized in Delaware to acquire the assets and business of the Frink Co., Inc., and the Sterling Bronze Co. The Frink Co., Inc., for many years has been recognized as the leader in the development and application of reflected light and in advanced methods of illumination. With an unbroken record of prosperity from its inception, it has been built up to its present strong position almost entirely from earnings. Company serves 80% of the banks and trust companies throughout the United States; its products are installed in leading banking and other institutions in foreign countries. It owns and occupies an entire building at 24th Street and 10th Avenue.

The Sterling Bronze Co. for more than a quarter of a century has been engaged in the manufacture of high-grade lighting fixtures and ornamental designs. Its products, which are original and highly artistic, are manufactured from glass, bronze or other similar metals. Over a period of years, more than \$3,000,000 of the company's revenues has been used in creating permanent assets now carried at less than 17% of cost. It occupies the basements and five floors of two adjoining buildings at 201-213 East 12th St. in New York. It maintains a show room at 18 East 40th St., New York.

The purpose of the merger of these two companies, whose respective lines supplement each other, is to effect greater operating economies through a single management.

**Sinking Fund.**—Trust agreement provides for a minimum sinking fund, beginning April 1 1928, of \$20,000 for each of the first two years and gradually increasing to \$90,000 for each of the last two years, and sufficient to retire about 75% of these debentures by maturity. These payments, which are to be made semi-annually, will be supplemented by an additional sinking fund of 10% of net earnings after interest charges, Federal taxes, depreciation and the minimum sinking fund for each year. Furthermore, all cash received by the company through the exercise of the stock purchase warrants shall be applied to the sinking fund for the retirement of additional bonds. It is estimated that this entire issue of debentures will be redeemed prior to maturity.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used, together with the preferred shares, to acquire the assets and business of the Frink Co., Inc., and the Sterling Bronze Co., and for other corporate purposes.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
15-year 6 1/2% debentures	\$2,500,000	\$1,150,000
\$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	150,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

A of the 150,000 shares of common stock authorized, 11,500 shares are reserved against the exercise of the stock purchase warrants.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated net earnings of Frink Co., Inc., and the Sterling Bronze Co. (after excluding non-recurring executive's salary and certain other expenses together averaging \$77,082 annually) before depreciation, interest charges and Federal and other taxes based on income are as follows:

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1925.	1926.	6 Months June 30 '27.	4 1/2 Years Average.
Net earnings as above	\$310,245	\$304,031	\$204,161	\$327,562
Max. annual int. charges			37,375	74,750

The annual average of such net earnings exceeded 4 1/2 times maximum annual interest charges; for the first 6 months of the current year such net earnings were at the rate of more than 5 1/2 times maximum interest charge.

**Gardner Motor Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Bldgs., mach'y & equipment	\$338,425	Cap. stk. & surp.	1,299,293
Cash	126,351	Dealers' deposits	19,350
Accts. receivable	304,726	Accts pay., &c.	87,546
Notes receivable	10,000	Report card fees	10,184
Inventories	543,376		
Deferred items	87,779		
Inv. outside co.	5,714		
Exp. & develop. exp.	1		
Goodwill	1		
		Total (each side)	1,416,373
			1,447,644

x After deducting depreciation of \$134,702. y Represented by 155,000 shares of no par value.

The company has contracted with the Locomotive Mfg. Co. for all of their motor requirements for the year 1928.—V. 125, p. 526.

**General Cigar Co., Inc.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Net income after charges and Federal taxes	\$893,344	\$757,475
Shares of com. stk. outstanding (no par)	385,936	362,556
Earns. per share on com. stock	\$2.01	\$1.74

—V. 125, p. 1717.

**General Refractories Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Real est., bldgs., &c.	\$15,375,157	Capital & surplus	\$15,913,095
Patents, at cost	24,604	Mtge. due Dec. 30 1926.	15,079,917
Cash	261,256		
Bills receivable	10,549	1st mtge. 6s. 1932.	3,712,500
Accts. receivable	1,403,921	Bills payable	3,777,500
Inventories	2,884,618	Accounts payable	327,739
Accrued interest	592	Accrued accounts	199,421
Loans & advances	1,292	Dividends payable	168,262
Emp. mortgages	3,523	Federal tax & res.	203,840
Miscell. investm.	808,711	Rental due sub.R.R.	38,450
Deferred accounts	550,194		
Dep. with trustees	438		
		Total (ea. side)	21,324,856
			20,755,276

x Capital stock of no par value; authorized and issued, 225,000 shares; less in treasury 651 shares. y Including accrued interest on bonds, \$37,125.—V. 125, p. 2394.

**Georgetown Coated Paper Mills, Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**—R. A. Daly & Co. and Geoffrion & Co., Toronto, recently offered at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st mtge. 20-year 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1927; due Aug. 1 1947. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at any Bank of Canada, Toronto or Montreal. Callable, all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Trustee, Montreal Trust Co.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized.	Issued.
1st mtge. 20-year 6 1/2% s. f. gold bonds	\$200,000	\$200,000
7% cum. 1st preference shares (non-voting)	150,000	110,000
Common shares (no par value)	7,000 shs.	7,006 shs.

**Data from Letter of L. E. Fleck, President and General Manager.**

**Company.**—Business was founded in 1910. Operations were commenced with two machines producing about 7,000 lbs. of finished product per day. To-day the company has one of the most modern coated paper plants in Canada, the average daily output of which is 20,000 lbs. of finished product. Company manufactures the highest grades of coated paper used in all the better class of catalogues, magazines and other printed matter carrying advertising. Its registered trade marks, viz., "Foldwell Superfine Coated Book and Litho," "Standard Coated Book and Litho" and "Standard and C. A. Blanks," are brands well known to the leading printers throughout the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

**Assets.**—The depreciated value of the fixed assets of the business, as at July 23 1927, as appraised by Canadian Appraisal Co., Ltd., amounted to \$354,195. Net current assets, at Aug. 31 1927 (as certified to by Thorne, Mulholland, Howson & McPherson, chartered accountants), after making provision for all current liabilities, amounted to \$139,853. The combined net tangible assets, therefore, amounted to \$494,048, or equal to 2,470 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the business available for bond interest, depreciation and income taxes for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1926 have averaged \$67,873 per annum, which is equal to over 5 times the maximum interest requirements on the total amount of bonds outstanding.

**Sinking Fund.**—Trust deed provides for sinking fund payments to be made at the rate of 2 1/2% per annum, commencing July 1 1929, on the largest amount of bonds of this issue at any time outstanding, plus interest at 6 1/2% on all bonds redeemed or acquired for the sinking fund. Company may purchase and tender the same to the trustee in lieu of cash payments. This sinking fund will be sufficient to retire the whole issue by maturity. —V. 125, p. 580.

**(F. & W.) Grand, 19-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Reported to be Planning Recapitalization.**

The corporation is reported to be planning to retire its present outstanding 11,500 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock and to split the outstanding 100,000 shares of common stock according to statements made in reliable banking quarters. Inasmuch as the preferred stock is convertible on the basis of 1-1/3 shares of common for each share of preferred, it is probable that preferred stockholders will take advantage of the conversion privilege. The company's chain now comprises 54 units, 13 of which were opened this year. Present plans call for the opening of one more store before the close of the year. —V. 125, p. 1981.

**Granite Mills, Fall River.—To Refinance.**

In an effort to raise \$200,000 additional working capital from subscriptions to 7% preferred stock at par, the directors have sent stock warrants to stockholders, this action being part of a plan to refinance the corporation. Subscriptions are payable on the basis of \$50 a share at this time and \$50 a share on Jan. 1 1928.

The directors, in a circular sent to stockholders with the warrants, point out that although the plant is running to but 70% of its capacity, lack of capital alone has prevented full operation of the mill. —(Boston "Transcript") See also V. 125, p. 2395.

**Hazel-Atlas Glass Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Operating profit.....	\$1,609,542	\$1,602,956	\$4,409,848	\$4,118,092
Chgs. to maint. & repairs	227,172	215,614	650,167	605,688
Net operating income.....	\$1,382,370	\$1,387,342	\$3,759,681	\$3,512,404
Deprec. taxes & reserve	619,153	624,784	1,741,990	1,596,016
Interest.....	24,622	9,477	83,887	43,714
Net income.....	\$738,596	\$753,081	\$1,933,805	\$1,872,674
Dividends paid.....	193,489	231,916	580,467	695,748
Surplus.....	\$545,107	\$521,165	\$1,353,338	\$1,176,926

—V. 125, p. 657.

**(Richard) Hellman, Inc.—To Reorganize.**

The stockholders will vote Nov. 15, (1) on approving a plan of reorganization in and by which the company shall sell and transfer all of its assets of every kind and nature (other than franchises within New York State) to Richard Hellman, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in consideration of the issuance and delivery to the present company of class "A" shares of the Delaware corporation (to be exchangeable at any time on or prior to Aug. 31 1930, for capital stock of Postum Co., Inc., share for share) on the basis of one share of class "A" stock for the assets represented by each 3.75 shares of the stock of the present company that may be outstanding on the date of such transfer, and in further consideration of the assumption of and agreement by the Delaware corporation to pay the liabilities of the company to the extent provided in a certain contract dated Aug. 11 1927, between the present company, Postum Co., Inc., and others; (2) on reducing the authorized number of shares of stock of the company by eliminating the partic. preference stock, all of which has been heretofore called for redemption and redeemed, and so as to reduce the authorized issue of stock to the 300,000 shares of common stock now authorized; (3) on dissolving the present company without judicial proceedings and upon such dissolution to distribute the remaining assets of the company (consisting solely of class "A" stock of Richard Hellman, Inc., of Delaware aforesaid) among the stockholders of the present company pro rata as of the date of acquisition by the Delaware Corporation of the company's assets. —V. 125, p. 1467.

**Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Rights.**

The stockholders of record Nov. 21, will be given the right to subscribe on or before Dec. 7 for 150,000 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) at \$28 per share, on the basis of 3 new shares for each 10 shares held. The entire issue has been underwritten. —V. 125, p. 2273.

**Industrial Rayon Corp.—To Call Stock and Bonds of Subsidiary—Estimated Earnings.**

This corporation has called for redemption the first mtge. bonds and the 1st and 2nd preferred stock of the Industrial Fibre Corp., a subsidiary. Net earnings for the quarter ended Sept. 30, after all deductions, including estimated Federal income taxes, were \$301,000. The company anticipates an average net profit per month of more than \$100,000 for the balance of the year.

President Hiram S. Rivitz makes the following comment on the company's position: "Combining the net earnings of the first 6 months' operations with the third quarter, and the estimated earnings for the fourth quarter which are based on commitments already booked, we will show an earning power for the year of something better than \$1.75 per share on our outstanding Rayon common stock. Basing our earnings for the third and fourth quarters only, our earning power is now at the rate of \$2.50 per share.

"We are sold up for the balance of the year, and will open our order book for commitments during the latter part of December for the first quarter of 1928. The demand for rayon, both here and abroad, is strong and rayon plants throughout the country are running at full capacity. The outlook for a continuance of this demand for many months to come is very good." —V. 125, p. 2154.

**Ingersoll-Rand Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.**—The directors on Nov. 2 declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share, and the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 12. On July 1 last the company made an extra cash distribution of like amount on this issue. —(Compare V. 124, p. 3078)—V. 125, p. 1200.

**International Germanic Co., Ltd., N. Y.—**

This company, organized to supplement the facilities of the International Germanic Co., especially in the field of foreign loans and acceptances and the origination and distribution of domestic and foreign securities, announces that it has acquired as of Oct. 31 the equipment, facilities and net assets of the National American Securities Co., Inc. See also V. 125, p. 2396.

**International Paper Co.—Offer Made to Acquire Bonds of Affiliated Company.—Pulp Mill in Arkansas.**

See Continental Paper & Bag Mills Corp. above. —V. 125, p. 2397. Work is nearing completion on the kraft paper and pulp mill which the company is building at Camden, Ark., and it is expected that the mill

will be making paper by the end of February. This mill will be the first of its kind in the state.

The mill will have a capacity of 165 tons of kraft paper a day, and will be the third Southern kraft paper mill of the company, the other two being at Bastrop, La. Camden is at the head of navigation on the Ouachita River, a tributary of the Mississippi River and is located on 3 railroads and on a convergence of highways.

Upon completion of the Camden mill, the company's 3 Southern mills will have a capacity of approximately 450 tons of kraft paper a day.

**International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—25 Cent Dividend.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 25c. a share payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 8. This makes the total payments this year 75c., the same as in 1926, and compares with 50c. paid in 1925. The dividend is payable on presentation of coupon No. 15 at either the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York City and London, or at the Royal Bank of Canada, or the company's offices, Toronto, Ont. —V. 124, p. 3360.

**International Securities Corp. of America.—Increases Class A Common Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 55c. a share on the class A common stock. A quarterly dividend of 52c. a share was declared on this issue 3 months ago. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividends of 12 1/2c. a share on the class B common, of \$1.75 a share on the 7% preferred, of \$1.62 1/2 a share on the 6 1/2% preferred and of \$1.50 a share on the 6% preferred stock, all payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. —Compare V. 125, p. 923.

**Intertype Corp.—Corrected Statement of Earnings.**

	[Subject to adjustment at end of fiscal years.]			
Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Gross profit.....	\$405,701	\$338,532	\$1,276,617	\$1,108,493
Expenses.....	229,395	184,336	624,616	549,903
Deprec. & tax reserve....	66,104	50,471	224,812	176,369
Net income.....	\$110,202	\$103,725	\$427,188	\$382,221
Shs. com. stk. out. (no par)	199,763	199,141	199,763	199,141
Earn. persh. on com. stk.	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$1.78	\$1.56

The above figures for 1927 correct the statement released by the company Oct. 25 and which was published in V. 125, p. 2397.

**(George E.) Keith Co., Brockton, Mass.—Stock Reduced.**

The company has notified the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations that at a recent meeting of the stockholders, it was voted to reduce the authorized preferred stock from \$14,000,000 to \$9,000,000 by the cancellation and retirement of 50,000 shares of 2nd pref. stock of \$100 par, 15,143 shares of which had been issued and subsequently purchased by the company.

The company now has an authorized capitalization of 90,000 shares of 1st pref. stock of \$100 par, of which 50,000 shares are outstanding, and 100,000 shares of no par value common stock of which 40,496 shares are outstanding. —V. 124, p. 515.

**Kings County Refrigerating Co.—Bonds Offered.**

E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering at 100 and interest \$400,000 first mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, series A 6%.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1942. Redeemable at any time on 45 days notice all or part at par and interest plus a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each year or portion thereof of unexpired life, such premium not to exceed 2%. Interest payable A. & O. at Central Union Trust Co., trustee, New York. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c\*. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%, and to reimburse the resident holders of these bonds, if requested within sixty days after payment, for the 4 mill tax in Penn. and for the income tax, not exceeding 6% on the interest thereon in Massachusetts.

**Guaranty.**—Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Union Terminal Cold Storage Co., Inc. Legal investment for trust funds in New York.

**Data from Letter of T. A. Adams, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1898 in New York. Is engaged in the cold storage business, consisting principally of the storage of perishable foods and the sale of refrigeration. Its plant, located in Brooklyn, is within the city block bounded by Hall St., Park Ave., Washington Ave. and Flushing Ave. in the heart of the Wallabout Market district. Company sells refrigeration, without competition, to customers engaged in the perishable food business in the above-mentioned market district. The franchise for the sale of refrigeration was granted by the City of New York.

Company's warehouses are well located for the receipt and distribution of food products from various parts of the United States, such as beef, poultry, meat products, eggs, butter and other dairy products, fruits, vegetables and other farm produce may be placed in storage as a supply for the local Brooklyn and New York market and also the export market.

**Capitalization (After Giving Effect to Present Financing).**

First mortgage 15-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds.....	\$400,000
Preferred stock.....	150,000
Common stock.....	200,000
Over 86% of total capital stock is owned by Union Terminal Cold Storage Co., Inc.	

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire an outstanding mortgage, to reimburse the company for expenditures made for plant improvements, the construction of additional storage space, and for other corporate purposes.

**Earnings Twelve Months Period Ended Aug. 31 1927.**

Gross earnings.....	\$139,933
Net earnings after operating expenses.....	\$50,989
Annual interest requirements on these bonds.....	24,000

Balance.....	\$26,989
Net earnings over 2.12 times the annual interest requirement of these bonds.....	

**Security.**—Secured by a direct first mortgage on real estate, buildings and equipment, including additions and improvements now under construction independently appraised at a depreciated value of over \$845,000. In addition to the properties under the mortgage the company owns a street pipe line refrigeration system and valuable franchise rights granted by the city of New York. Company covenants that in the case of sale or disposal of this pipe line and (or) franchise that the proceeds derived therefrom shall be used to retire these bonds by purchase or call.

**Sinking Fund.**—Mortgage provides for equal semi-annual payments which are to be applied first to the payment of interest on outstanding bonds, and the balance to the retirement of bonds by purchase or by call, which it is estimated will retire approximately 50% of this entire issue by maturity.

**Union Terminal Cold Storage Co., Inc.**, is also engaged in the cold storage business with properties located in Jersey City. These properties as recently appraised, plus additions to date, have a depreciated value of over \$2,600,000. The earnings of that company for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, available for bond interest, depreciation, Federal income taxes and dividends were \$247,364. There were outstanding as of Aug. 31 1927, \$931,000 first mortgage 6% bonds of the guarantor company.

**Kinney Mfg. Co., Boston.—Bonds Offered.**

Raymond, Rich & Co., Inc., and Pearson, Erhard & Co., Boston, are offering at 100 and int., \$300,000 1st closed mtge. 7% gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1927; due Aug. 1 1942. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Trustee. Denom. \$1,000. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days notice, at 105 and int. Interest payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to, but not exceeding 2% per annum. Refund of either any income tax of any State or Commonwealth of the United States up to, but not exceeding 6% of the interest in any one year or up to, but not exceeding 5 mills tax on each dollar of the taxable value hereof upon timely and proper application as provided in the mortgage indenture.

**Data from Letter of Pres. J. Royal Kinney.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Mass., in 1927, succeeding a company of the same name which was incorp. in 1907. Company owns and occupies a plant located in the Forest Hills section of Boston. Company manufactures the Kinney rotating plunger pump adapted not only for water but for all kinds of volatile fluids, such as distillates, alcohol, gasoline, benzols and is espec-

ially adapted for very heavy materials such as white lead, molasses, all grades of asphalts and heavy bituminous materials. Company also manufactures the Kinney auto heater and distributor, a machine especially adapted for heating and applying asphaltic products and other bituminous materials for the construction and maintenance of roads, streets and highways.

**Earnings.**—In accordance with certified public accountant report for the 10 years ended Dec. 31 1926, the net profits of the company after all expense and taxes except Federal income taxes applicable to interest and depreciation charges averaged \$147,276 per annum or 7 times the annual interest requirements of \$21,000 on these bonds. For the year ended Dec. 31 1926 similar net profits amounted to \$136,972 or 6½ times the annual interest requirements on these bonds.

**Capitalization.**  
 1st mtge. 7% gold bonds..... Authorized Issued  
 Prior preferred 8% stock..... \$300,000 \$300,000  
 \$6 pref. stock (no par)..... \$300,000 \*300,000  
 Common stock (no par)..... 14,200 shs. 14,200 shs.  
 10,000 shs. 10,000 shs.

\*Company proposes presently to issue and sell \$200,000 8% prior preferred stock the proceeds of which will be applied to the payment of all outstanding bank loans and to furnish additional working capital. With this financing accomplished the net quick assets alone will then amount to in excess of \$2,286 per bond.

**Sinking Fund.**—Mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund of an amount equal to 20% of the annual net earnings remaining after deduction of the first mortgage bond interest for the retirement of bonds of this issue either by purchase at a price not to exceed 105 and interest or if not so available than by call by lot at 105 and interest. It is estimated that the operation of this sinking fund will retire all of the bonds of this issue prior to maturity.—V. 109, p. 683.

**Knox Hat Co.—Div. Payable in Stock of Long's Co.**

The directors have declared a dividend of \$5 per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 3 in class "A" participating stock of Long's Hat Stores Corp. (taken at \$100 per share) to holders of record Nov. 10.—V. 124, p. 3361.

**Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York—Rights, etc.**

The stockholders of record Nov. 15 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Jan. 19, next, (not Jan. 16 as previously reported) for one new share of stock for each 10 shares held, at \$100 per share.

The stockholders on Oct. 26 increased the authorized capital stock from \$10,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$11,000,000, par \$100.—V. 125, p. 1848, 398.

**Lincoln Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30, 1927**

Assets		Liabilities	
Real estate & machinery	\$3,891,808	Capital stock	\$2,250,000
Mdse and stock in process	714,636	Bills & accts. payable	854,228
Cash and accts. receivable	174,226	Reserve, depreciation	1,506,499
		Profit and loss	169,942
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,780,669</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,780,669</b>

V. 121, p. 2282.

**Long-Bell Lumber Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30	1927—3 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926
Total income	\$1,656,035	\$2,135,753	\$5,511,237	\$7,347,997
Depletion	485,430	552,855	1,410,029	1,987,259
Depreciation	354,399	383,430	1,084,309	1,160,127
Interest	464,338	488,679	1,363,592	1,235,570
Federal taxes	58,622	100,331	215,160	392,779
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$293,245</b>	<b>\$610,457</b>	<b>\$1,438,147</b>	<b>\$2,572,262</b>
Earns. per sh. on 593,921 shs. cl. A com. (no par)	\$0.49	\$1.03	\$2.42	\$4.33

—V. 125, p. 791.

**Luther Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Construction	\$1,100,153	Capital stock	\$525,000
Cash & accts. rec.	98,548	Reserve	7,092
Mdse. & stock in process	76,347	Res. for deprec.	557,576
Investments	149,950	Profit and loss	338,182
Prepaid insurance	2,851		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,427,850</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,427,850</b>

—V. 123, p. 2528.

**MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Consol. Balance Sheet.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Fixed assets	\$4,934,443	6% cum. pref. stk.	2,102,000
Cash	1,454,286	Common stock	9,632,320
Securities (market)	737,327	Pref. stk. of subs.	355,700
Notes rec.	255,125	Com. stk. of subs.	791,583
Accts. rec., less res	1,842,604	Surp. applic. to stockhldrs of MacAndrews & Forbes Co.	2,805,693
Inventories	7,673,728	Notes pay.	1,022,000
Prepaid exp.	177,091	Accts. pay. & acer. exp.	731,060
Pat., good will, etc	2,610,015	Prov. for inc. taxes	326,020
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,684,620</b>	Dividends payable	324,482
		Reserves	1,284,376
		Surplus applic. to minor stockhldrs.	241,786
		Fund. debt of subs.	67,600
		<b>Total</b>	<b>18,370,800</b>

x After deducting \$2,218,383 reserve for depreciation.—V. 125, p. 2398.

**McCall Corp.—To Increase Capital—Rights.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 2 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) to 264,000 shares from 240,000. It is proposed to offer common stockholders of record Dec. 3 the right to subscribe on or before Dec. 19 at \$40 a share to the 24,000 additional shares of common stock in the ratio of one share for every 10 shares held.

All the 1st pref. stock has been redeemed or converted into common stock, and on Sept. 30, the directors called for redemption Dec. 1, all outstanding 2nd preferred, consisting of 8,592 shares, at 110 and divs.—V. 125, p. 1984.

**McCallum Hosiery Co.—To Shut Mill.**

The Providence (R. I.) mills of the company will be shut down permanently after Nov. 19, according to an announcement made at Northampton, Mass., on Oct. 28. Some of the machinery will be moved to other plants of the company operated at Philadelphia, Holyoke and Florence. The company desires to concentrate production near Northampton, where a new dye house is under construction.—V. 125, p. 924.

**McCrorry Stores Corp.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30	1927—3 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926
Sales	\$8,935,482	\$7,523,043	\$25,910,494
x Net Profit	452,492	436,684	1,396,610
Pref. dividends	74,998	49,964	211,726
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$377,494</b>	<b>\$386,720</b>	<b>\$1,184,884</b>
Earns. per sh. on 455,772 shs. (no par) of combined cl. B & com. stk.	\$0.83	\$0.85	\$2.60

x After charges, Federal taxes, &c.—V. 125, p. 1984.

**Mack Trucks, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30	1927—3 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926
x Net profit	\$1,425,853	\$1,558,793	\$5,103,592
Earns. per sh. on 713,434 shs. (no par) com. stk.	\$1.60	\$1.78	\$5.96

x After charges, depreciation, maint., Fed'l taxes and contingencies. Notes and accounts receivable and inventories have been reduced more than \$19,500,000 since the new credit terms went into effect in the summer of 1926. The company and its subsidiaries have no bank loans or discounted notes and has more than \$12,500,000 cash and marketable securities on hand.—V. 125, p. 791.

**Mengel Co.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30	1927—3 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926	1927—9 Mos.—1926
Gross profit	\$500,321	\$285,626	\$1,270,858
Interest	84,025	88,310	266,705
Depreciation		138,912	427,786
<b>Net profit bef. Fed. tax</b>	<b>x\$416,295</b>	<b>\$58,404</b>	<b>x\$1,004,152</b>

x Before depreciation. The sales for the first 9 months of 1927 were approximately \$292,000 less than they were for the same period of 1926.

The unfilled orders as of Oct. 1 1927, were \$1,551,000 as compared with \$1,615,000 Jan. 1 1927.

The capital stock outstanding is \$9,360,300 of which 60,000 shares (par \$100) are common and 33,603 shares (par \$100) are preferred (7% Cumul.)—V. 125, p. 1469.

**Midland Steel Products Co., Cleveland.—Expansion.**

The company announces the introduction of its new mechanical four-wheel brake, installed on the 1928 Hupmobile six models just placed on the market. The present program calls for an expansion of capacity to provide for a daily output of 4,000 brakes at the Cleveland plant and 8,000 brakes daily at plant in Detroit.—V. 125, p. 1985.

**Merrimack Mfg. Co.—Larger Common Dividends.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2¼% on the common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 1. On Sept. 1 a quarterly 2% was paid, against 1¼% paid on June 1.—V. 125, p. 792.

**Minneapolis Heat Regulator Co.—Merger.**

See Minneapolis—Honeywell Regulator Co. below.—V. 124, p. 1078.

**Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.**

J. & W. Seligman & Co. have sold at 99½ (flat) per share, \$2,000,000 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock.

Preferred as to dividends, and as to assets to the extent of \$110 per share and div. on liquidation. Divs. payable quarterly, cum. from Nov. 15 1927 (first div. payable Feb 15 1928). Red. as a whole or in part on any date, at \$110 per sh. and div. on not less than 90 days' notice. Sinking fund of \$40,000 annually, commencing Jan. 1 1929, to be applied to retirement of \$300,000 existing serial bonds of predecessor company, and thereafter to purchase of preferred stock at or before \$110 per share or redemption at \$110 per share, plus divs. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

**Convertible.**—Each share of preferred stock will be convertible at any time up to the date fixed for redemption into 2½ shares of common stock, with adjustment for dividends. The certificate of incorporation includes provisions designed to safeguard the conversion privilege.

**Common Stock Sold.**—The same bankers have sold at \$32.50 per share, 50,000 shares common stock (without par value).

**Capitalization.**—Authorized Outstanding 7% cum. conv. pref. stock (par \$100)..... \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000  
 Common stock (without par value)..... a50,000 shs. 130,000 shs.  
 a 50,000 shares of the authorized unissued common stock will be reserved for conversion of preferred stock. Options, expiring Dec. 31 1930, to purchase an additional 15,000 shares of the authorized unissued common stock management, at \$40 per share.

The new company will assume \$300,000 5% serial bonds (of which \$200,000 are secured by mortgage) of Minneapolis Heat Regulator Co., due \$20,000 annually from Feb. 1 1929 to Feb. 1 1943, and callable on any int. date at 100 and int.

**Company.**—Organized in Del. (Oct. 27 1927) to acquire the assets and business of Minneapolis Heat Regulator Co. (of Minn.) and the Honeywell Heating Specialties Co. (of Ind.). Each of the companies is engaged in the manufacture and sale of various types of temperature controlling and other heat regulating devices. In their combined lines the two companies manufacture control devices adaptable to any type of central heating plant burning any kind of fuel.

Minneapolis Heat Regulator Co. since its organization in 1885 has been the acknowledged leader in its field. Its product the Minneapolis Heat regulator, sold principally in the household field and used predominantly in coal burning systems, has been continuously and nationally advertised since 1889 and enjoys a widespread distribution throughout the United States and Canada. Its household devices cover a price range that permits their use by both large and small home owners. The Honeywell Heating Specialties Co. manufactures a wide variety of heat regulating devices, specializing particularly in controls for oil and gas heating systems. It supplies controls to many of the large manufacturers of steam, hot water and warm air heating plants and furnishes equipment to many of the important manufacturers of automatically controlled domestic oil burners.

**Earnings.**—The combined net earnings of the predecessor companies after depreciation, interest and federal income taxes, as certified by Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., but adjusted to give effect to income at the rate of 6% annually on \$900,000 of new capital to be invested in the business from current financing, have been as follows: 1924, \$351,759; 1925, \$485,746; 1926, \$777,155.

For the 3 years above, fiscal years of Minneapolis Heat Regulator Co. ended Dec. 31, have been combined with fiscal years of The Honeywell Heating Specialties Co., ended Jan. 31.

Net earnings as stated above, applicable to dividends, for the year 1926, amounted to \$777,155, equivalent to 5.5 times the annual dividend requirements on this preferred stock. After deducting the annual dividend requirements on the preferred stock from earnings for the year 1926 as stated above, the remainder was equivalent to \$4.90 per share on the 130,000 shares of common stock to be presently outstanding.

Combined sales for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1927, amounted to \$2,958,950 as compared with \$2,991,704 for the corresponding period of 1926. Normally, about 44% of annual sales and a still larger percentage of annual net profits are realized in the last three months of the year which is the period of most intensive demand for the companies' products.

**Listing.**—These stocks are listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.  
**Assets.**—The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1927, after giving effect to the acquisition of the properties and assets of the predecessor companies, to appraisals as of that date of real estate, plant and equipment by the American Appraisal Co. and to the present financing and transactions incidental thereto, as certified by Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., shows total current assets of \$2,430,271 as against total current liabilities of \$223,194, and net worth of \$3,296,172. Goodwill, patents and trade marks are carried at \$1.

**Purpose.**—The preferred stock, together with 130,000 shares of common stock, is being issued in connection with the acquisition of the business and assets of the predecessor companies, and to provide additional working capital.

**Motion Picture Capital Corp.—Earnings.**

9 Mos. End. Sept. 30	1927	1926	1925
Net income after taxes	\$204,063	\$333,086	\$162,665
Preferred dividends	36,446	36,648	40,070
Common dividends	87,705	197,355	79,271
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$79,912</b>	<b>\$99,083</b>	<b>\$43,324</b>
Shs. com. stk. outstanding	175,484	175,484	141,624
Earns. per share	\$0.95	\$1.67	\$0.86

Assets		Liabilities	
Furn. & fixtures, less deprec'n	\$4,054	8% cum. pref. stk	\$603,400
Investments	484,773	Common stock	2,078,230
Other cur. assets	4,470,576	Funded debt	551,000
Cash	549,379	Notes payable	1,973,904
Quar'y deposit	9,715	Divs. payable	12,236
Mot. plc. nega.	165,057	Accts. payable	1,954
Deferred charges	148,328	Accd. int. pay	5,518
		Guar. deposits	318,486
		Res. for Fed. tax	27,410
		Deferred credits	60,964
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,831,883</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>198,780</b>

x After \$155,159 reserve for losses. y Represented by 175,464 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 1470.



Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—October Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Month of October, First 10 mos. of year, and V. 125, p. 1985, 1334.

(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc.—Bal. Sheet Aug. 31.—

Balance sheet table with columns for 1926 and 1927. Assets include Machinery, Inventories, Cash, Investments, Accts. rec., Bills rec., Prepaid exp. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accounts pay., Bills pay., Due affil., Reserves, Surplus.

Total 2,494,023 2,902,730 Total 2,494,023 2,902,730 a 276,000 shares of \$10 par value, issued under Virginia law, full paid and non-assessable at \$4 per share in cash.—V. 125, p. 2398.

Mullins Body Corp.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Balance sheet table with columns for 1927 and 1926. Assets include Real est., plant, &c., Prof. stk. sfg. fund, Patents & goodwill, Cash, Mtgs. receivable, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Stock subscr. from officers & empl., Mdse. inventory, Invest. (at cost), Deferred charges. Liabilities include 8% cum. pref. stk., Common stock, Due on stk. subsc., Notes payable, Accounts payable and accrued, Accrued taxes, Due to officers, Reserve for disc. on pref. stock purch., Surplus.

Total \$4,638,838 \$4,572,972 Total \$4,638,888 \$4,572,972 x Common stock, no par value, 100,000 shares declared in accordance with the laws of New York State.—V. 125, p. 2156.

National Acme Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company will redeem on Dec. 1 1927 at 104 and int. to that date all of its outstanding 1st mtge. 10-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1931. Payment will be made at the offices of Blair & Co., Inc., or at the principal office of the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—V. 125, p. 2398.

National Bellas Hess Co.—Sales.—

Sales table with columns for 1927—Month—1926, 1927—10 Mos.—1926. Rows include Period End. Oct. 31, Sales, and V. 125, p. 1985, 1470.

National Dairy Products Corp.—Consol. Bal. Sheet.—

Consolidated balance sheet table with columns for a June 30 '27, Dec. 31 '26. Assets include Land, bldgs., mach. & equip., Cash, Market sec., Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Rec. from officers & employ. of sub. (principally stk. sub. subc.), Cash sur. val. of life insur., Invest. & adv., Sinking funds, Prepaid taxes, Insur. & other exp., Goodwill purch. Liabilities include Pref. Stk., class A, Pref. stk., class B, Com. stk. & Initial surp., Notes payable, Accts. pay., incl. sundry accruals, Divs. pay. & accru., Prov. Fed. inc. tax, Res. for conting., Funded debt, Minor stockhol. int. in cap. stk. & surp. of sub. eos., Prof. stock of subs., Earned surp.

Total 88,876,568 83,744,293 Total 88,876,568 83,744,293 a After giving effect to acquisition of Collis Products Co. (balance sheet as at Aug. 31 1927) and Highland Dairies, Inc. y After deducting \$13,630,212 reserve for depreciation. z Represented by 1,410,641 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 2398.

National Distilleries, Ltd., Montreal, Can.—Stock Sold.—

Housser, Wood & Co., Ltd., Toronto, and H. B. Robinson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, have sold at \$20 per share 33,750 shares common stock.

Table with columns: Capitalization, 7% preferred stock, Common stock, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include 5,000 shs., 3,294 shs., 250,000 shs., 78,000 shs.

Transfer agents and registrars: National Trust Co., Montreal, Que.; Royal Trust Co., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Company.—Incorp. under the Dominion companies Act. Own 2 distilleries: 1 in the Province of Quebec and 1 in Manitoba, the latter having been acquired through ownership of all the capital stock of the Manitoba Refinery Co., Ltd., St. Boniface, Man. This distillery is in complete, successful operation. The Quebec plant is now being completed and will be in operation by November. The plants are modern and up-to-date, having a combined production of approximately 6,000 gallons of spirits per day, with storage capacity in excess of 3,000,000 gallons. Head office, Montreal, with sales branches located in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Earnings.—The earnings, as estimated by the management, should amount to between \$250,000 and \$300,000 per annum, for the first year, which earnings should show material increase as the company's new spirits come into maturity.

Purpose.—The proceeds from the sale of shares now being offered will go directly into the treasury of the company for plant improvements and working capital.

Listing.—It is the intention of the company to make application to list the shares on the unlisted department of the Toronto Stock Exchange and on the Montreal Curb.

National Standard Co.—Stock Increase Disapproved.—

The stockholders on Nov. 2 disapproved the proposed increase in the authorized capitalization from 150,000 shares of no par stock to 210,000 shares. The proceeds of the increased stock were to have been used in acquiring Oakes & Co. of Indianapolis and the carrier division of the Electric Refrigeration Corp.—See V. 125, p. 2398.

Neild Mills, New Bedford.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 a share and an extra dividend of \$1 a share, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 3. Like amounts were paid in the preceding three quarters of this year.—V. 124, p. 2759.

New England Steamship Co.—Fare Reduced.—

Effective Nov. 1, fares between New York and Boston were reduced to \$5. The Steamers Commonwealth and Priscilla, the largest in the Fall River Line service, will be used during the winter season.—V. 124, p. 3507.

New Jersey Acceptance Corp.—Stocks Sold.—

The securities of this newly organized corporation consisting of 25,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock and 25,000 shares of common stock, both issues being of no par value, were offered Nov. 1 by J. M. Byrne, Jr., & Co., Inc., Fleming, Dornbusch & Co., and N. & B. Goldsmith, Inc. of Newark. The stock priced at \$35 per unit, which consisted of one share of preferred stock and one share of common stock was over-subscribed.

The preferred stock has preference as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.10 per share per annum, and as to assets up to \$35 per share in the

event of voluntary liquidation. Such preference as to assets is limited to \$30 per share in the event of involuntary liquidation. ... all or part on any div. date at \$35 per share at the option of the corporation. Dividends payable Q-F. Transfer agent both classes, Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey. Registrar both classes: Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund of not less than \$35,000, plus dividends that would have been payable on all preferred stock previously redeemed, is to be provided for the redemption of preferred stock by purchase in the market or, if not so obtainable, by lot at \$35 per share.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs. Cumulative preferred stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. \*50,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. \*50,000 shs.

\* The organizers of the corporation have purchased 25,000 shares of common stock at \$5 per share, the same price at which it is being offered to the public.

Data from Letter of Herman A. Fenning, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Organized in New Jersey. Will engage in the business of financing manufacturers, wholesale distributors and dealers by purchasing contracts of conditional sale, and other similar instruments giving under deferred purchase plans, arising from the sale of oil burners, electric refrigerators, standard income-producing garage machinery and equipment, pianos, radios, and other household furnishings. The corporation will not engage in the specialized business of automobile financing.

The obligations to be purchased will represent principally completed sales of merchandise to a large number of responsible householders and other purchasers, with an average individual indebtedness estimated to be less \$300, which will give a broad diversification of risk.

Security.—Under contracts that have been negotiated and other contracts in course of negotiation, the corporation will be protected by: (1) Initial payment by purchaser averaging about 20%. (2) Monthly installment payments over a period averaging about 8 months. (3) Dealer's guarantee of payment when due. (4) Recourse against wholesale distributor in the event of default by the dealer. (5) Right to replenish merchandise, provided for in duly recorded conditional bill of sale. (6) Adequate insurance.

With such safeguards, backed by adequate facilities for credit investigation, the obligations to be financed by the corporation constitute one of the desirable classes of installment paper.

Earnings.—Based on an analysis of contracts that have been negotiated with the Elin Auto Supply Co., New Jersey Radio, Inc., and the Elin Appliance Co., for financing installment sales made by their dealers, and information furnished by the contracting companies, Puder & Puder, Certified Public Accountants, estimate earnings and expenses of the corporation on the probable volume of business for the first full fiscal year of operation approximately as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Gross income, Expenses & interest, Federal income tax.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Available for preferred dividend, Preferred dividend.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Row includes Surplus for common stock.

Such estimated net income is equivalent to approximately 3.1 times the requirement for dividends on the preferred stock, and the surplus after preferred dividends to about \$2.20 per share on the common stock.

Directors.—Herman A. Fenning (Pres.), Henry S. Puder (Vice-Pres.), Morris Cohn (Sec. & Treas.), Grover C. Trumbull, Nathaniel Elin, James Ratray.

New York Shipbuilding Corporation.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until Nov. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of first mortgage 30-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1946, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$187,750, at a price not exceeding 102½ and interest.—V. 123, p. 2401.

North Butte Mining Co.—Protective Committee Holds Special Meeting.—

A special meeting of the stockholders of the company which was called for Oct. 18 and which was restrained on Oct. 17 from proceeding by order of the Court, convened Oct. 24 following the dismissal of the injunction by Judge William E. Carroll.

Upon canvass of the vote of the stockholders present in person and represented by proxy it was reported Messrs. Geddes, Poore and Perham, representing the stockholders' protective committee, held proxies for 360,493 shares out of 631,651, the total issued stock of the company, or approximately 45,000 shares more than a majority. F. R. Kennedy, Sec. of the company and his associates represented in person or by proxy 139 shares.

The articles of incorporation and by-laws were amended to remove the principal office of the company from Duluth to St. Paul. The by-laws were also amended empowering the stockholders to remove directors and elect their successors. It was recommended by vote of the stockholders that the office of the company in New York be closed.

The stockholders further authorized and directed that appropriate action be taken toward dissolving the receivership in Minnesota and Montana brought without the knowledge or consent of Pres. Atwater, V.-Pres. Jahn and directors Murray and Geddes but upon the consent of Sec. Kennedy acting in conjunction with John W. Neukom who was appointed one of the receivers.

The appointment of a committee of 7 stockholders was authorized for the purpose of providing ways and means to fund or liquidate the indebtedness of the company which is insignificant in comparison with its admitted assets.—V. 125, p. 1986.

Nunnally Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, Sept. 30—1927—3 Mos.—1926, 1927—9 Mos.—1926, Net profit after exp., but before tax, and V. 125, p. 925.

Owens Bottle Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, Sept. 30—1927—3 Mos.—1926, 1927—9 Mos.—1926, Mfg. profits & royalties, Other income, Total income, Operating expenses, &c., Estimated Federal taxes.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1927—3 Mos.—1926, 1927—9 Mos.—1926, Net profit, Shs. com. stk. outstanding (p. \$25), Earnings per share.

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Table with 4 columns: Description, 1927—3 Mos.—1926, 1927—9 Mos.—1926, Net profit, Shs. com. stk. outstanding (p. \$25), Earnings per share.

Parker Mills (Fall River, Mass.)—Bal. Sheet, Oct. 1 1927

Balance sheet table with columns for 1927. Assets include Real estate & mach., Inventories, Cash & accts. receivable. Liabilities include Pref. stock, Common stock, Bonds, Notes, accept., acct. pay. & reserves.

Total \$5,689,502 Total \$5,689,502 x Represented by 21,146 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2511.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, Oct. 31—1927—Month—1926, 1927—10 Mos.—1926, Gross sales, and V. 125, p. 2276, 1986.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.—New Directors.—

President Myron E. Forbes announces the election of Col. John R. Simpson, of New York City, and Rudolph B. Flershem, of Buffalo, to the board of directors.—V. 125, p. 1336.

Piggly Wiggly Corp.—Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Period end Sept. 30—1927—Mos.—1926, 1927—9 Mos.—1926, Sales, and V. 125, p. 2400, 1986.

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp.—Acquires Add. Lands.

The corporation has purchased from the Colonial Trust Co., trustee of the William E. Gerhold estate, more than 59 acres of surface land along the Montour RR. in Bethel township, Pa.—V. 124, p. 2762.

**Pneumatic Scale Corp., Ltd.—Bonds Called.**

Certain 15-year 8% s. f. com. 1st mtge. & collat. trust gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1921 (aggregating \$300,000), have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 105 and int. at the State Street Trust Co., trustee, Boston, Mass.—V. 123, p. 2006.

**Pressed Steel Car Co.—Denies Report.**

Pres. Frank N. Hoffstot commenting on reports that Geo. W. Whalen had acquired a large interest in the stock of this company and suggestions attributed to Mr. Whalen for a change in the capital structure of the company, said: "Mr. Whalen does not control the Pressed Steel Car Co., but any suggestions he may make regarding capital changes, by reason of his large holdings of stock, or such suggestions by any other large stockholder, will always receive the most careful consideration by the board." He stated that during the current year general improvements at the Co's McKee Rocks plant had been made, particularly in the power plant. The cost of this work had been several hundred thousand dollars.—V. 125, p. 926.

**Quaker City Tank Line, Inc.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**

Bioren & Co., Philadelphia and Stix & Co., St. Louis, are offering at prices to yield from 5% to 5½%, according to maturity \$3,500,000 5½% equip. trust gold certificates, series N. Issued under the Phila. Plan. Guaranteed principal and div. by the Quaker City Tank Line, Inc.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due serially May 1 1928, to Nov. 1 1937, incl.; denom. \$1,000. Divs. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Principal and divs. payable at Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Trustee. Callable on any div. date at 101 and div.

These certificates are specifically secured by title to 1,456 tank cars, 805 refrigerator cars, and 837 stock cars, having a total valuation, based on American Railway Association replacement values and appraisal by the American Appraisal Co. of \$4,840,961 or 138% of the total face value of the certificates to be issued.

All of the tank cars under the above series have been leased to responsible oil purchasing, refining and transportation companies, among whom are Roxana Petroleum Co., Marland Tank Line Co., Associated Oil Co., Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., British American Oil Co., Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Missouri Pacific Ry., and Southern Pacific Co. The refrigerator and stock cars have been leased to Swift & Co. and other responsible packing and food product firms under leases ranging from six months to nine and a half years.

The company, organized in 1924, has a paid in capital of \$1,500,000 and at this time is operating a total of 6,333 cars. Its net earnings show a substantial margin above the amount required to pay principal and interest on all of its outstanding trust certificates.—V. 123, p. 2788.

**Realty Acceptance Corp.—Notes offered.**

General Bond & Share Corp., New York, are offering \$500,000 5½% coll. trust gold notes, series "A." Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by Industrial Finance Corp. Due serially as above.

The maturities and price are as follows: \$200,000, due Sept. 1 1928, at 100 and int., to yield about 5.50%; \$150,000, due Sept. 1 1929, at 99½ and int., to yield about 5.75%; \$150,000, due Sept. 1 1930, at 98½ and int., to yield about 6.05%.

Dated Sept. 1 1927; due serially as above. Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Principal and int. payable at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, Trustee. Red. upon 30 days' notice on any date at 101, plus int., to the date of redemption. Denom. \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Corporation.—Organized in Delaware in Sept. 1924, and is authorized to do a general mortgage business covering the type of security deposited for the issue of these notes. The corporation has a paid in capital of \$1,000,000.

Corporation is a subsidiary of General Bond & Share Corp., which in turn is controlled, through majority of stock ownership, by Industrial Finance Corp.

**Collateral Security.**—The notes of series A are the direct obligation of corporation and are further secured by deposit with the trustee of carefully selected junior mortgages and participations in first mortgages on approved types of completed home and business properties having established value. Deposited mortgages must be equivalent at all times to at least 125% of the amount of outstanding notes and are subject to amortization monthly, quarterly or semi-annually, which payments are forthwith turned over to the trustee as an integral part of the security.

**Reid Ice Cream Corp.—New Control.**

See Borden Co. above.—V. 125, p. 1064.

**Remington Rand Inc.—Purchase Plant, etc.**

At a public auction at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Oct. 29 this company purchased the real and personal property of the Wales Adding Machine Co. for \$310,000. The latter property will be operated by the Power Accounting Machine Co., a Remington Rand subsidiary.

**Receives Large Contract.**

The corporation has obtained a contract from the General Motors Corp. to supply all of the office supplies and systems required throughout all branches of the organization, which will cover all the equipment and office supplies manufactured by Remington Rand. It is estimated that the contract will aggregate about \$500,000 in the first year and increasing amounts in following years. It is understood that the Remington concern has also a number of similar contracts with other leading industries. (New York "Times").—V. 125, p. 2400.

**Reo Motor Car Co.—Production.**

Month of— Oct. '27. Sept. '27. Oct. '26.  
Number of cars and trucks produced..... 4,604 ..... 4,318 ..... 1,934  
—V. 125, p. 2400, 2159.

**Rio Grande Oil Co. (of Texas)—Report.**

A report on the operations of the company for the first 6 months of 1927 follows:  
Sales for the period amounted to \$2,890,417, as compared to \$2,819,537 for the same period of 1926.  
Net profits after all operating exps., but before deprec., deplet. and bond interest..... \$418,799

Bond interest..... 102,200  
Depreciation and depletion..... 198,132

Net income for period..... \$118,467  
The net income for the period was considerably lower than normal, due entirely to an unprecedented price war in the Western division during April and May and substantial reductions in crude prices on April 1. Retail gasoline prices dropped as low as 10½c., ex-tax; which, after deducting dealers' margins and cost of selling and delivery, left approximately 4c. per gallon to the refiner to cover entire cost of production and refining. Crude oil which on Mar 1 sold for \$1.70 per barrel, brought \$1 per barrel on June 30. This condition was brought about entirely by a critical overproduction of crude oil.

The company's production for the first half of 1927 was 465,780 barrels, as compared to 343,438 barrels for the same period of last year.

Casinghead gasoline production from the company's plants in Santa Fe Springs and Long Beach totaled 2,280,000 gallons, as compared to 1,620,000 gallons for the same period of last year.

Current assets, consisting of cash, accounts receivable and oil inventories, at June 30 totaled \$1,402,480, with current liabilities of \$660,002.—V. 125, p. 794.

**Rossia Insurance Co. of America.—Stock Inc., etc.**

The stockholders on Nov. 1, increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,000, par \$25. The additional 16,000 shares of stock will be offered to holders of record Nov. 7—see V. 125, p. 1987.

**Schumacher Wall Board Co.—Stock Inc.—Rights.**

The stockholders have authorized an increase in the authorized pref. stock from 30,000 to 50,000 shares of no par value and the common stock from 60,000 to 100,000 shares of no par value.

The stockholders have also authorized the sale of 3,000 shares of the preferred stock at \$25 a share and 6,000 shares of common stock at \$17 a share, under rights to stockholders of record Nov. 6. The proceeds are to be used for plant extensions and equipment designed to facilitate production and reduce operating costs. Any unsubscribed portion has been underwritten at the prices named. It is stated.

The company at present has outstanding 30,000 shares of pref. and 60,000 shares of common stock.—V. 123, p. 1124.

**St. Lawrence Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.**

Years End. Aug. 31—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Profits.....	\$90,126	\$54,554	loss\$98,300	\$145,900
Bond interest.....	5,397	5,476	5,608	5,790
Taxes.....	3,022	—	x13,117	7,342
Depreciation.....	13,000	13,500	66,620	—
Net income.....	\$68,707	\$35,578	def\$183,645	\$132,768
Preferred dividend (7%).....	40,250	40,250	40,250	40,250
Common dividends.....	—	—	(2½)30,000	(6)72,000

Balance, surplus.....	\$28,457	def\$4,672	def\$253,895	\$20,518
Total p. & l. surplus.....	\$187,281	\$158,825	\$163,497	\$417,392
Earns. per share on 12,000 shs. (par \$100).....	\$2.37	Nil.	Nil.	\$7.70
x For preceding year.				

**Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31.**

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant.....	965,623	962,898	Common stock.....	1,200,000	1,200,000
Goodwill, &c.....	930,224	930,224	Preferred stock.....	575,000	575,000
Cash.....	1,233	7,844	Bonds and interest.....	86,860	91,405
Accts. receivable.....	158,156	144,615	Accounts payable.....	31,687	28,358
Inventories.....	390,886	386,647	Sundry credits.....	—	1,134
Sundry debits.....	51,688	51,614	Bank loans.....	347,719	375,000
Equipment.....	21,500	23,500	Depreciation.....	93,119	80,120
Investments.....	12,000	12,000	Susense account.....	8,460	8,460
			Unclaimed divs.....	1,182	1,042
Total (each side).....	2,531,310	2,519,343	Profit & loss, surp.....	187,281	158,825

—V. 123, p. 2274.

**St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd.—Earnings.**

Years Ended June 30—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Profits.....	\$1,143,592	\$969,695	\$868,469	\$825,846
Depreciation.....	360,000	332,618	271,265	271,265
Bond interest.....	302,193	192,774	162,500	28,997
Debenture interest.....	98,382	8,408	—	—
Bank interest.....	—	—	—	139,778
Tax reserve.....	—	—	45,433	40,509
Preferred dividends.....	200,000	200,000	200,000	183,000
Surplus.....	\$183,018	\$235,893	\$189,270	\$162,296
Previous surplus.....	587,460	351,566	162,296	—
Profit and loss balance.....	\$770,478	\$587,460	\$351,566	\$162,296
Earns. per share on 50,000 shs. of no par com. stock.....	\$3.66	\$4.72	\$3.78	\$3.24

x After deducting all manufacturing and other charges and expenses (including taxes in 1927 and 1926).

**Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.**

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fixed assets.....	10,163,960	7,793,612	Preferred stock.....	2,500,000	2,500,000
Cash & inv. for construction.....	2,183,953	—	Common stock.....	250,000	250,000
Deferred assets.....	60,431	67,261	Bonds.....	7,425,000	6,972,800
Adv. on account woodpulp.....	76,948	—	Debentures.....	2,000,000	1,285,000
Cash.....	305,258	284,938	Accounts payable.....	790,497	916,988
Call loans.....	—	799,000	Prof. divs. pay.....	50,000	50,000
Accts. receivable.....	476,351	328,111	P. & L. balance.....	770,478	687,460
Bills receivable.....	9,324	106,881			
Inventories.....	1,030,078	200,350			
Investments.....	1,550,646	761,647			
Deferred charges.....	112,979	36,493			
Total (each side).....	13,785,975	12,562,248			

x Represented by 50,000 shares of no par value. y After deducting \$1,243,396 reserve for depreciation.—V. 123, p. 1643.

**Schulco Co., Inc.—Earnings.**

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27.	Quar. End. June 30 '27.	Quar. End. Mar. 31 '27.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27.
Rentals received.....	\$263,750	\$263,750	\$263,750	\$791,250
Exp., int. & deprec.....	139,702	140,509	141,364	421,575
Net earnings.....	\$124,048	\$123,241	\$122,386	\$369,675
Other income.....	352	2,996	157	3,505
Total income.....	\$124,400	\$126,237	\$122,543	\$373,180
Bond interest.....	120,218	120,614	121,035	361,867
Profit before Fed. tax.....	\$4,182	\$5,623	\$1,508	\$11,313

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—	Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
R'est. bldgs. &c.....	7,504,500	7,502,250	Capital stock.....	x500	500
Cash.....	67,993	19,552	Funded debt.....	7,387,000	7,463,500
Dep. with trustee.....	73,015	102,745	Int. acer. on bds.....	188,906	177,775
Amortization.....	1,875	750	Int. acer. on 1st M.....	72,707	102,745
Int. & skg. fund.....	196,573	185,442	Acc'ts payable.....	2,611	7,261
Accts receivable.....	428	5,726	Res. for deprec'n.....	173,252	56,905
			Surplus.....	18,507	7,779
Total.....	7,843,483	7,816,465	Total.....	7,843,483	7,816,465

x Represented by 100 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 1336.

**Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales.**

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Month of October.....	\$29,301,592	\$26,839,503	\$30,374,605	\$23,801,045
First 10 mos. of year.....	228,567,254	214,725,261	201,996,608	173,516,177

Oct. 1927 sales are highest for any month this year. On only 3 months in nearly 8 years have sales been higher, the peak being recorded in Dec. 1925, with a total of \$30,521,658.—V. 125, p. 1987, 1336.

**(Gordon) Selfridge Trust, Ltd., London.—Report.**

The first annual report, for the period ending Sept. 30 1927, states that the income is derived mainly from the dividend received on the ordinary share capital of Selfridge & Co., Ltd. The income account follows:

Dividend received on 750,000 ordinary shares of £1 each for the year ended Jan. 31 1927 was.....	£150,000
Add amount received for interest and transfer fees.....	3,399
Total.....	£153,399
Less expenses for preparation of share registers, cts., stamps, &c. Income tax.....	3,077
Dividends paid and accrued to Sept. 30 1927 on preference shares.....	19,259
	56,705

Leaving at the credit of revenue account..... £74,359

From which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of 7% less tax on the ordinary shares, which amounts to..... 56,000

Leaving a balance to be carried forward of..... £18,359

**Servel Corp. (of Del.)—Time Extended.**

The reorganization committee (Geo. W. Davison, Chairman) announces that in compliance with requests received from creditors and stockholders, the time for deposit under the plan of reorganization dated Sept. 27 1927 has been extended without penalty until the close of business on Nov. 12 1927. Deposits under the plan have been made by creditors and stockholders of the Delaware company and of the Servel Mfg. Co. in large amounts and the committee has received assurances of additional deposits. Deposits should be promptly made so that the reorganization may be speedily effected.

Claims may be deposited with Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. Stock may be deposited with Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Claims against and preferred stock of the Serval Mfg. Co. may be deposited with Old National Bank in Evansville, Evansville, Ind. The rights of purchase and of subscription conferred by the plan may be exercised at the time of deposit and only at that time. The creditors' committee announces that there have been deposited under the reorganization plan over 80% of the estimated indebtedness of the Serval Corp. (of Del.). The committee urges the immediate deposit thereunder of all un deposited 5-year 6% convertible notes and other claims. (Compare reorganization plan in V. 125, p.1987).—V. 125, p.2277.

**Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel Corp.—Tenders.—**

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., as fiscal agents, are receiving sealed tenders for the sale to the sinking fund of a sufficient amount of 1st mtge. 7½% sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1937 at not exceeding 110 and int. to exhaust the sinking fund of \$60,000. Tenders are to be received prior to Nov. 17 1927.—V. 124, p. 2923.

**(F. G.) Shattuck Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—1926.	1927—9 Mos.—1926.
Net profit after deprec. & Fed. taxes	\$344,600	\$210,763
Earns. per share	\$0.98	\$0.60
	\$1,185,415	\$917,863
	\$3.38	\$2.62

Both the 1927 and the 1926 per share earnings are based on the 350,000 shares now outstanding.  
—V. 125, p. 928.

**Skelly Oil Co.—New Director.—**

H. M. Stalcup, Vice-President in charge of production, has been elected a director.—V. 125, p. 1852.

**(A. O.) Smith Corp., Milwaukee, Wis.—Shares Split Up.**

The stockholders have increased the common stock without par value from 100,000 shares to 500,000 shares, five new shares to be issued in exchange for each share now outstanding, effective Nov. 16.

**Old Common Stock Placed on \$6 Annual Div. Basis.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the old common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. From Nov. 15 1926 to Aug. 15 1927, incl., quarterly distributions of \$1 per share were made on this issue.—V. 125, p. 2160, 1990.

**Smith & Wesson, Inc.—Balance Sheet July 31.—**

[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]			
Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—
Real est., mach'y, furn., trucks, &c.	\$1,975,682	\$1,967,103	Capital stock
Merchandise	943,668	998,189	Mortgages
Notes receivable	17,246	17,246	Acc'ts pay. & accr. accounts
Acc'ts receivable	78,934	95,460	Reserve for taxes
Cash	184,682	131,696	Reserve for deprec.
Def'd charges	19,268	20,283	Res. for amortiz.
Pat. rights, good-will, &c.	2,000,463	2,000,233	Surplus
Sinking fund	3,611	743	
Total	\$5,206,308	\$5,230,953	Total

—V. 125, p. 1990.

**Soule Mills, New Bedford.—\$20 Extra Dividends.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$20 a share, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 10 and the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 a share, payable Nov. 15 to holders record Nov. 4. The extra dividend was made possible by the sale of 2nd Liberty Loan bonds held by the company.—V. 121, p. 851.

**Southern Pipe Line Co.—Resumes Dividends.—**

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share on the outstanding \$5,000,000 capital stock, par \$50, payable Dec. 1, to holders of record Nov. 15. This is the first dividend since Mar. 1 1926, when a quarterly distribution of \$1 per share was made on the then outstanding \$10,000,000 capital stock, par \$100. Since that time the company has made two capital distributions (\$40 per share on July 10 1926, and \$10 per share on Mar. 1 1927) thus reducing the par value to \$50 per share. The company states that the current dividend of \$2 a share will be payable out of earnings of the current year. "The earnings thus far," the company adds, "have been in excess of what had been anticipated, due to the fact that a large quantity of Mid-Continent oil was moved through our lines. This traffic has ceased for the present and we have no assurance of any future movements of Mid-Continent oil."—V. 124, p. 805.

**Southern United Ice Co.—Earnings.—**

[Combined earnings of the properties now owned by the Company.]			
Years Ended—	June 30 '27.	Dec. 31'26.	Dec. 31'25.
Gross earnings	\$1,995,884	\$1,942,041	\$1,928,160
Oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes (other than Fed. income), but excl. deprec.	431,404	1,385,414	1,333,033
a Net income before int., deprec., & Federal income taxes	\$564,479	\$556,626	\$595,127
Annual int. recs. for 1st mtge. 6% sink. fund gold bonds, series A	120,000	120,000	120,000
Balance	\$444,479	\$436,626	\$475,127
a The net income is after eliminating reported non-recurring net expenses of \$39,529, \$40,580 and \$32,670, respectively, for the years ended June 30 1927 and Dec. 31 1926 and 1925.			

**Balance Sheet June 30 1927.**

Assets—	Fixed capital	\$5,512,562	Common stock	\$2,900,000
	Cash	139,287	Funded debt	2,000,000
	Acc'ts receivable (consumers)	180,331	Accounts payable	198,665
	Sundry notes & acc'ts rec.	11,486	Accr. taxes, other than Fed.	18,950
	Merch., materials & supplies	124,012	Accum. int. on fund. debt.	30,000
	Prepaid insurance	18,992	Unadjusted credits	5,278
	Invest. in sec. of affil. cos.	79,552	Retirement reserves	833,106
	Miscell. investments	500	Surplus	80,723
Total	\$6,066,722	Total	\$6,066,722	

x Represented by 36,250 shares of no par value. This balance sheet gives effect as of June 30 1927 to acquisition of properties acquired on Aug. 2 1927.—V. 125, p. 1852.

**Splittorf-Bethlehem Electrical Co.—Debentures Offered.—**

Watson & White, New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,250,000 5-year 7% convertible debentures (with detachable stock purchase warrants). The debentures are being offered subject to the prior rights of stockholders.

Dated Sept. 1 1927; due Sept. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Interest payable M. & S. at Chase National Bank of New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. and Conn. 4-mills taxes, Md. 4½-mills tax and the Mass. tax measured by income not in excess of 6% per annum, refundable. Red. all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Right to convert debentures into stock continues until redemption date.

**Conversion Privilege.**—The principal of each debenture will be convertible into no par value stock of the company at any time prior to maturity or date of redemption, whichever is the earlier, at \$20 a share. Indenture will provide for an equitable adjustment of conversion rights in the event of change in capitalization, consolidation, &c.

**Data from Letter of Walter Rautenstrauch, President of Company.**

Company.—Organized in 1925 in New Jersey. It acquired all of the assets of Bethlehem Spark Plug Co., Inc. and approximately 96% of the outstanding capital stock of Splittorf Electrical Co., which was established in 1858 and which has been a leader in the field of magnetos and other electrical equipment. Company is the third largest manufacturer of spark plugs in the world, which are built in the Bethlehem plant, where a complete and large line of socket wrenches, radiator caps and other automotive equipment are also made. Among the principal accounts of Splittorf Electrical Co. in the magneto business are the foremost manu-

facturers of trucks, tractors and power equipment. Splittorf Electrical Co. also builds numerous radio parts and builds a radio of its own, which are sold and distributed under the name of Splittorf throughout the United States and Canada through Splittorf Radio Corp., 100% of the outstanding capital stock of which is owned by the company. The policy is to manufacture radios on order only. Company is licensed under the patents of the Radio Corp. of America, the General Electric Co. and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.

Company has recently purchased the assets of Perfection Appliance Co. and American Electric Motor Co. The former manufacturers one of the best domestic electric ironing machines on the market and controls basic patents thereon. The latter manufactures an enclosed air-cooled electric motor which is considered to be the best on the market to-day and also controls basic patents thereon.

Company operates plants at Newark, N. J.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Cedarburg, Wis.; Detroit, Mich., and Toronto, Can., which are modern in every respect and excellently located.

**Earnings.**—Company reports that the net earnings of the company and its subsidiaries, before deducting Federal income taxes, for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 1926 were \$330,341, or over 3¼ times annual interest requirements on this issue. As a result of the new products being merchandised by the company through recent purchases and the sound foundation which has been so laid during the past few months, it is expected that there will be a material increase in the net earnings of the company in the next 12 months.

**Purpose.**—To provide additional working capital and particularly to expand the business of the company along the line of the additional products resulting from the acquisition of Perfection Appliance Co. and American Electric Motor Co. and to maintain the present liquid condition of the company.

**Capitalization.**—Upon the completion of this financing the company will have an authorized capitalization of 300,000 shares of no par value common stock (of which 62,500 shares are to be reserved for conversion of these debentures and 45,000 shares to be reserved for stock purchase warrants and options to the management) and 41,500 shares will be in the company's treasury. Exclusive of the stock so reserved and in the treasury, the depreciated book value of the 151,000 shares of stock of the company to be presently outstanding is approximately \$29.20 a share, of which about \$10.40 is represented by net current assets after deducting the face value of the debentures.

**Detachable Stock Purchase Warrants.**—Each \$1,000 debenture will carry a detachable stock purchase warrant entitling the holder at his option to purchase from the company at any time on or before Sept. 1 1932 20 shares of no par capital stock of the company at \$15 per share. Each \$500 and \$100 debenture will carry a proportionate warrant.

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 1927 (after This Financing).**

Assets—	Total fixed assets	\$2,802,833	Capital and surplus	\$4,409,724
	Cash	893,101	Five-year 7% conv. debts.	1,250,000
	Acc'ts & notes rec. (less reserves)	502,011	Acc'ts. & wages payable	287,902
	Inventories (less reserves)	1,727,777	Accrued accounts	16,992
	Prepaid ins., taxes, &c.	58,924	Res. for contingencies	20,000
	Investments	20,861	Res. for Fed. taxes	27,914
	Claim against Alien Property Custodian	7,023		
	Patents and good-will	1	Total (each side)	\$6,012,531

Note.—As June 30 figures are not available, balance sheet as of May 31 1927 was used for the Perfection Appliance Co.

a Land, \$224,183; buildings (depreciated value), \$997,552; machinery and equipment (depreciated value), \$1,078,808; durable tools (depreciated value), \$447,205; furniture and fixtures (depreciated value), \$43,670; automobiles (depreciated value), \$11,412.—V. 125, p. 2277.

**Spring Building Corp., East St. Louis, Ill.—Bonds Offered.**

Kauffman, Smith & Co., St. Louis, are offering \$425,000 1st mtge., serial, 6% real estate gold bonds, at prices to yield from 5½% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due serially, 1929-1939. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and int. payable F. & A. at office of Real Estate Mortgage Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee. Callable all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. if called for payment on or before Feb. 1 1930; at 103 and int. if called for payment after Feb. 1 1930, and on or before Feb. 1 1933; and at 101 and int. if called for payment thereafter.

**Security.**—Secured by a closed first mortgage lien on the ground owned in fee and a recently completed 12 story office building erected thereon, located at 417-21 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Ill. The basement and ground floor are divided into stores and shops, the second to twelfth floors, inclusive, are divided into offices.

**Income.**—The building contains 49,039 sq. ft. of rentable area. The Illinois Power & Light Co. has leased 2,170 sq. ft. in the basement, 3,900 sq. ft. on the first floor and the entire 9th and 10th floors, for a period of 12 years, at an average annual rental of \$29,746. This lease alone is more than enough to pay all interest charges. Based on the leases now in effect and after allowing 20% for vacancies, gross income is estimated at \$99,760, and operation expenses \$33,720. This leaves a net income of \$66,040 with which to meet serial reductions in principal and interest charges. This estimate of net earnings is over 2½ times the greatest annual interest charge.

**Sinking Fund.**—The deed of trust further provides that the mortgagor must deposit monthly sums sufficient to pay all maturing principal amounts, interest charges, general and special taxes, &c.

**(A. E.) Staley Mfg. Co.—Bonds Called.**

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6½% s.f. gold bonds, dated June 1 1923, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 105 and int. at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, Ill. See also V. 125, p. 1593.

**Standard Creameries, Inc.—Acquisitions Authorized.**

The company has been authorized by the California Corp. Commission to make necessary exchanges of stock to absorb the Benham Ice Cream Co. of Fresno, and the Gloria Ice Cream Co. of Stockton. Exchanges of 3,682 shares of preferred and 3,348 of common stock are involved, it is said. Announcement that these companies would be included in the merger were previously made, but it was necessary to defer the exchange of stock pending elimination of some legal obstacles.—See V. 125, p. 1723.

**Standard Investing Corp.—Dividend Dates.**

The record date of the initial dividend of \$1.50 a share on the convertible preferred stock is Nov. 26, and not Nov. 15 as previously announced. The payment date is Dec. 15. See V. 125, p. 2160.

**Results for 6 Months Ended Aug. 31 1927.**

Income from dividends and interest (int. received & accrued)	\$198,146
6 months interest on 5% debentures	112,500
Other interest	17,187
Operating expenses	6,095
Amortization of debenture discount	9,000
Amortization of organization expenses	1,541
Balance	\$51,822
Net profit on sales	111,002
Total	\$162,824
Tax reserve	28,486
Net applicable to reserves and stock	\$134,338

**Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1927.**

Assets—	Investments	\$5,843,866	Liabilities—	x Preferred stock	\$1,350,000
	Foreign exchange to cover security purchases	50,045	y Common stock	85,000	
	Cash	46,397	10-year 5% gold debts.	4,500,000	
	Unamort. disc't on 5% deb.	171,000	Int. rec. but not earned	7,636	
	Organization expenses	13,869	Reserve for taxes	28,486	
	Accrued int. receivable	45,283	Initial surplus	65,000	
			Undivided profits	134,338	
Total	\$6,170,461	Total	\$6,170,460		

x Represented by 15,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 85,000 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 2160.

**Standard Plate Glass Co.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—	1926.	1927—9 Mos.—	1926.
Net after depreciation—	\$119,207	\$283,411	\$318,835	\$882,012
Expenses—	195,698	214,844	596,364	646,338
Operating profit—	def\$76,491	\$68,567	def\$277,529	\$235,674
Other income—	45,861	40,842	118,387	140,165
Total income—	def\$30,630	\$109,409	def\$159,142	\$375,839
Interest, &c.—	56,955	56,605	171,386	169,001
Net profit—	def\$87,586	\$52,804	def\$330,528	\$206,838

—V. 125, p. 1205.

**Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—To Split Up Stock.**  
The stockholders will vote Jan. 12 on approving a change in the par value of the common stock from \$25 per share (not \$50 as previously reported) to non-par, 3 new shares to be issued in exchange for each share of common stock now held. At last accounts there was outstanding \$26,954,050 common stock out of an authorized issue of \$30,000,000.—See V. 125, p. 2402.

**Stanley Co. of America.—New Theatre.**  
The company has started construction on another new theatre, the Wedgwick, in Mt. Airy, a suburb of Philadelphia, it is announced by Pres. John J. McGuirk. Ultra-modern in design, the new theatre will have a seating capacity of 2,000 and will cost \$500,000. It will be ready for occupancy May 1 1928.—V. 125, p. 2277.

**Stewart Warner Speedometer Corp.—Bassick Sales.**  
The Bassick Alomite division reports that its fourth quarter sales data show an increase over the corresponding period of last year of 6%, thus establishing for each quarter of 1927 a substantial increase over the corresponding quarter of 1926. First quarter sales increased 18%, second quarter sales 8%, third quarter sales 16%, while the standing for the year to date shows a gain of 13%, over the same period of 1926.—V. 125, p. 2402.

**Sweets Co. of America, Inc.—Earnings.**

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27.	Quar. End. Mar. 31 '27.	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27.	9 Mos. End. Mar. 31 '27.
Net income after charges—	\$32,299	\$5,460	\$10,798	\$48,557

President Lewis L. Clarke announces that J. Nordheim, who has been connected with the corporation for the last four years has been appointed its sales manager by the executive committee.—V. 125, p. 2277.

**Timken Roller Bearing Co.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.**  
An extra dividend of 25c. per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock of no par value in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Dec. 5 to holders of record Nov. 18. Like amounts were paid in each of the previous five quarters. This compares with extras of 25c. per share and regular dividends of 75c. per share paid quarterly from Sept. 1923 to June 1926 incl.—V. 125, p. 2160.

**Union Rock Co., Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons and William R. Compton Co. are offering \$2,500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial and sinking fund gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927; due \$600,000 Sept. 1 1928—46, incl.; \$1,360,000 Sept. 1 1947. Principal payable at office of trustee, Int. (M. & S.) payable at office of trustee or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Red. all or part, on any int. due, upon not less than 30 days, notice, at par and int. plus a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each year, or fraction thereof, of the unexpired term of the bonds to be redeemed, the premium in no case to exceed 3%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Title Insurance & Trust Co., Los Angeles, trustee. Company will agree to pay interest without deduction of normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%, and to reimburse the resident holders of these bonds, if requested within 60 days, after payment, for the personal property taxes in Penn. and Conn., not exceeding 4 mills per annum, and also for the income tax, not exceeding 6% on the interest thereon in Mass. Exempt from personal property taxes in California.**

**Data from Letter of George A. Rogers, President of the Company.**  
Company.—Produces, sells and distributes crushed rock, crushed and screened gravel and sand for use in the construction and maintenance of railroads, highways, streets and buildings, and of irrigation, flood control and reclamation projects. It thus deals in basic commodities necessary in all construction involving the use of macadam, asphalt and concrete. Company's plants and bunkers are strategically located in that district of southern California of which Los Angeles is the center, and which extends as far north as Santa Barbara and the Tehachapi Mountains, as far east as San Bernardino and as far south as Del Mar, near San Diego. The estimated population of the territory served is about 2,500,000. In this territory, the company supplies about 50% of the rock, gravel and sand market and its volume of business is at least twice as large as that of its largest competitor. During 1926, the company marketed 3,800,000 tons of material; the estimated tonnage of products to be marketed during 1927 is 4,350,000.

Company at present operates 11 rock crushing plants with an output capacity of 2,550 tons of material per hour. All of the equipment used in these operations is owned by the company, which also owns in fee 736 acres of productive land and leases 1,316 acres. In addition, the company owns in fee 414 acres of land for excavation which is held in reserve. The total remaining material contained in the properties controlled by the company either through ownership or lease, assuming a depth of excavation of 50 feet and after proper allowance for waste, aggregates 219,000,000 tons. This prospective tonnage assures the company of a remaining life of at least 50 years, based on the estimated sales for 1927. In addition to its own production, the company acts as selling agent for two plants.

To facilitate the distribution of its products, the company operates 14 bunkers with a total capacity of 38,100 tons. Seven of the bunkers are built on land owned in fee while the others are on leased land. The bunkers are all located at strategic points, so that there is seldom need to transport materials more than 5 miles to any construction job.

**Security.**—Secured by a first mortgage on substantially all of the land leaseholds, plant, equipment and other property recently appraised by J. G. White Engineering Corp. as having a value of \$8,002,500, equivalent \$2,560 for each \$1,000 bond to be presently outstanding.

**Sinking Fund.**—In addition to providing for the annual serial retirement of bonds, the trust indenture will provide for annual sinking fund payments which, it is estimated, will be sufficient to retire all bonds of the present offering by or before Sept. 1 1947.

**Purpose.**—The proceeds will be used to retire the present funded debt to liquidate certain purchase contracts, and for other corporate purposes.

**Capitalization—**

1st mtge. 6s (this issue)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock, 7% cum. (par \$100)	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000
Common stock (no par value)	2,000,000	1,078,700
	30,000 shs.	30,000 shs.

**Earnings of Company and Its Subsidiaries.**

	Calendar Years				6 Mos. End.
	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	June 30 '27.
Net Sales—	\$2,619,165	\$2,399,018	\$2,469,679	\$3,509,223	\$2,061,438
Net earnings—	885,441	587,247	431,535	845,262	584,140
Depl., deprec. & amortization—	134,306	161,655	255,042	325,390	188,094
Net applic. to bd.					
Int. & Fed. taxes	721,135	425,592	176,493	519,872	396,046

For the 4 1/2-year period ended June 30 1927, the company's annual net earnings after depreciation, depletion and amortization, but before bond interest and Federal income taxes, have averaged over 3.30 times the annual interest requirement and over 2 1/4 times the annual interest, redemption and sinking fund requirements on the bonds to be presently outstanding.

For the six months ended June 30 1927, such net earnings amounted to \$396,046, which is at the rate of over 5 1/4 times the interest requirement on bonds to be presently outstanding.—V. 125, p. 2561.

**Universal Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J.—Capital Stock Offered.**—Harvey Fisk & Sons are offering capital stock of this company.

Transfer agent, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Registrar, National City Bank of New York.  
[The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver definitive certificates for capital stock upon surrender for cancellation of its bearer interim receipts.]

**Data from Letter of President Samuel Bird.**  
**Business.**—Organized in 1921. Company has done a general insurance business, excluding life insurance, since 1921. Additional business is offered and will be made available by increase in the capital of the company (see below).

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the company in the 5 1/2 years of operation to Dec. 31 1926 averaged \$5.32 a share per year on the 16,000 shares of capital stock now outstanding. Net earnings on that basis were \$2.88 a share in 1924, \$6.89 a share in 1925 and \$10.85 a share in 1926.

**Capital Value.**—Asset value on Dec. 31 1926 of the present 16,000 shares of capital stock is estimated at not less than \$75 a share.

**Dividends.**—Dividends at the rate of \$1.50 a share were paid on present stock in 1923 to 1926, when the rate was increased to \$2.25 a share and has since been paid at that rate. It is the intention of the directors to increase the dividend to an annual rate of \$3.50 a share on total stock expected to be presently outstanding. After the expected additional capital has been in operation for a reasonable period, further increase in the dividend to \$4 a share yearly is contemplated.

**Management.**—Company has been since organization under the management of Talbot, Bird & Co., Inc., successful insurance underwriters. Present management and direction of company will continue in charge, and will retain a substantial percentage of total stock to be presently outstanding.

**Capital Stock.**—Company has authorized an increase in its capital stock, from \$400,000, consisting of 16,000 shares of \$25 par value, to \$1,250,000, consisting of 50,000 shares of \$25 par value. Stockholders have been given the right to subscribe to additional stock in proportion to the amount of stock severally held by them. Harvey Fisk & Sons have acquired rights to subscribe to 30,000 shares.

**Purpose of Capital Increase.**—Proceeds expected from the sale of this additional stock will be used to expand the company's fire, casualty, indemnity and motor vehicle business through its present agency system, and to enable the company to retain a larger proportion than at present of the gross business written. Nearly 57% of this gross business is now reaped without profit or loss to the company, but on which the reinsurers reap substantial profits.

Additional business now offered the company, together with business it will be able to develop, is sufficient to assure profitable employment of additional resources. It may obtain.

At a meeting of the directors on Oct. 20, Theodore Revillon and John C. Collingwood, members of the firm of Harvey Fisk & Sons, were elected directors.

**Pro Forma Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926 (After Financing).**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash—	\$2,356,863	Reserves for losses, known and unknown—	\$573,250
Investments (at market)—	1,436,711	Res. for unearned prem's—	271,083
Accounts receivable—	136,535	Estimated for taxes—	28,500
Liability of non-admitted cos. for their share of reserves created from surplus—	217,759	Sundry accounts payable—	7,000
		Capital stock, par \$25—	x1,250,000
		Surplus—	x2,018,035
Total—	\$4,147,868	Total—	\$4,147,868

a Includes \$1,277,154 government, municipal, railroad and other bond \$14,237 accrued interest thereon, \$145,320 pref. and com. stock.  
x Adjusted by the receipt of \$2,210,000, when present financing is completed, from the exercise of rights to subscribe to 34,000 shares of \$25 par value capital stock at \$65 per share, whereof the amount applicable to capital is \$850,000, and to surplus, \$1,360,000.  
y This amount represents a restoration to surplus on account of reserves legally required by State insurance departments.  
Note.—This balance sheet does not give effect to any excess of reserves over actual subsequent losses, nor to the probable amount of salvages recoverable.

**Union Terminal & Cold Storage Co., Inc.—Guaranty.**—See Kings County Refrigerating Co. above.—V. 119, p. 591.

**United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Obituary.**—Vice-President Charles Reginald Sherlock died in Greenwich, Conn., on Oct. 28.—V. 125, p. 1853.

**United Drug Co.—Earnings.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—	1926.	1927—9 Mos.—	1926.
Sales—	\$24,043,830	\$22,735,611	\$69,926,282	\$65,682,090
Cost of sales—	16,232,306	15,437,350	63,822,451	44,505,437
Operating expenses—	5,482,651	5,248,249	14,672,707	14,672,707

Operating profit—\$2,328,874  
Other income—268,855  
Total income—\$2,597,729  
Deprec. cur't taxes, &c.—518,904  
Interest—195,375

Net profit to surplus—\$1,883,450  
Previous surplus—12,960,895  
Total surplus—\$14,844,345  
Adjustments—Dr. 36,450  
Preferred dividends—569,907  
Common dividends—878,220

Surplus as of Sept. 30—\$13,359,768  
Com. shs. outst'dg (par \$100)—390,769  
x Earn. per sh. on com. \$3.36  
x Before deduction of Federal taxes \$3.00 \$7.96 \$9.84

**Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**

	1927.	1926.		1927.	1926.
Real est. & bldgs—	7,346,691	7,345,592	Liabilities—		
Imp't. to leaseholds—	10,767,747	7,539,883	1st pref. stock—	32,567,150	32,562,300
Sinking fund—	6%		Common stock—	39,076,900	38,063,100
gold bonds—	266,925	126,764	Stocks of sub. cos.—	10,700	14,800
Machinery, furniture & fixtures—	13,991,000	12,721,436	Real estate mtgs.—	1,665,077	1,729,595
Stock in other companies—	25,418,361	28,520,233	20-year 6% bonds—	12,500,000	12,500,000
Trade-marks, patents, formulae, &c.—	22,793,689	22,793,689	Curr. acct's pay'le—	5,096,261	4,590,799
Cash—	5,052,075	3,154,641	Res. for Fed. tax—	161,469	179,400
Notes & acct's rec.—	6,755,362	6,797,326	Reserves—	8,496,545	7,940,062
Merchandise—	19,503,384	19,770,840	Surplus—	13,359,768	12,310,947
Inv. & susp. acct's.—	1,038,636	1,120,598			
Total—	112,933,870	109,891,002	Total—	112,933,870	109,891,002

—V. 125, p. 2160.

**United States Financial Corp.—Stock Offered.**—Offering has been made by this company, with offices at 8 E. 41st St., N. Y. City, of \$5,000,000 class "A" shares (par \$20) at \$23.50. Each purchase of 5 shares of class "A" stock bears a warrant entitling purchaser to acquire one share of class "B" stock at a graduated scale from \$10 to \$15 a share.

The class "A" stock is preferred as to dividends up to 6% per annum cumulative on and after Jan. 1 1928, over class "B" stock. After cum. dividends equal to 6% per annum (as earned and declared) have been paid on class "A" stock, any further distribution of earnings will be divided equally between class "A" stockholders as a class and class "B" stockholders as a class. Class "A" stock is non-callable. It is entitled to preference to the extent of \$20 per share and div. in the event of liquidation, after which the remaining assets will be divided equally between class "A" stockholders as a class and class "B" stockholders as a class. Class "B" stock will have sole voting power except as to the question of increase or reduction of authorized capital, in proceedings for the voluntary dissolution and in other instances where their consent is required by law. Dividends payable Q. & J. Dividends free from present Federal normal income tax. Registrar and transfer agents, Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class "A" stock (par \$20).....	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000
Class "B" stock (no par value).....	\$100,000 shs.	50,000 shs.

**Business.**—Corporation was formed by the United States Bond & Mortgage Corp. to buy, sell, hold, underwrite and generally deal in the stock of financial institutions and other securities. As the proceeds of this issue become available, part of the corporation's assets will be invested on a most favorable basis in the securities of its affiliated second mortgage companies doing business in various parts of the United States and controlled by the United States Bond & Mortgage Corp. It is also the purpose of the management to purchase, out of the proceeds of the sale of this issue when available the majority of the capital stock of a New York City bank and the controlling shares of an old established fire insurance company chartered under the laws of New York. 90% of the capital stock of the Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co. of America has been purchased by the corporation at book value.

**Assets.**—Upon completion of the sale of this issue of class "A" shares, exclusive of the proceeds of sale of "B" shares reserved under the terms of purchase warrants, the corporation's assets will consist of not less than \$5,787,500 in cash and securities, valued at the cost of same to the corporation.

**Earnings.**—Based upon the substantial earning power of the investments to be made by the corporation, it is expected that after paying dividends at the rate of 6% annually on the class "A" shares, a surplus will be available for additional distribution to holders of class "A" and "B" shares.

**Purchase Warrants.**—Each unit of 5 shares of the class "A" stock will carry with it a warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one share of class "B" stock at prices ranging from \$10 to \$15 per share depending upon the time the rights to purchase are exercised based upon the following schedule: \$10 per share if purchased prior to Jan. 20 1928; \$12.50 per share if purchased prior to Jan. 20 1929; \$15 per share if purchased prior to Jan. 20 1930. Warrants not exercised on or before Jan. 20 1930 will become void.

**Directors.**—A. Bailly-Blanchard, George B. Caldwell, Maurice P. Gould, Perez F. Huff, Ernest S. Randall, Henry J. Simonson, Jr., Basil C. Walker, Frank Ware and Walter W. Westall.

**United States Hoffman Machinery Corp. (& Subs.).**—

Period Ended Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—9 Mos.	1926.
Operating profits.....	\$382,270	\$518,700	\$1,186,831	\$1,323,784
Other income.....	49,571	41,899	146,057	138,691
Gross income.....	\$431,841	\$560,599	\$1,332,888	\$1,462,475
Res. & other inc. ch'gs.....	41,821	37,483	116,206	107,746
Income tax, &c.....	41,703	68,875	140,599	164,424
Amortization of patents.....	54,917	54,812	164,716	164,251
Net income.....	\$293,400	\$399,429	\$911,367	\$1,026,054
Divs. on pref. (red.).....				Cr. 1,000
Common dividends.....	222,204	221,204	666,610	611,009
Balance, surplus.....	\$71,196	\$178,225	\$244,757	\$416,045
Earns. per share on 222,203 shs. no par capital stock outstanding.....	\$1.32	\$1.80	\$4.10	\$4.62

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.		
1927.	1926.	
Plant, prop., &c.....	\$871,928	\$851,029
Patents.....	2,024,170	2,237,424
Goodwill.....	1	1
Cash.....	687,336	298,845
Notes & bills rec.....	2,953,947	2,782,105
Accts. receivable.....	768,582	692,676
Prepaid and deferred charges.....	52,623	44,139
Inventories.....	1,033,999	1,262,620
Deposits on leases, contracts, &c.....	1,877	2,070
Investments.....	101	101
Total.....	\$8,241,564	\$8,171,010

x After deducting reserves of \$816,863. y After deducting reserves of \$60,390. z Authorized 223,334 shares of no par value—outstanding, 222,203 shares. a Includes \$2,935,214 customers' notes receivable secured by chattel mortgages or equivalent liens. It does not include interest accrued on customers' notes receivable.—V. 125, p. 929.

**United States Playing Card Co.—Extra Dividend.**—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding \$3,335,900 capital stock (par \$10), in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21—V. 124, p. 807.

**United Steel Works Corp. (Germany).—To Retire Bonds.**—

Dillon, Read & Co., as fiscal agent, announce that \$408,000 of the above company's outstanding bonds will be redeemed at 100 and int. on Dec. 1 1927. The company will retire, under the sinking fund provisions, \$300,000 outstanding 25-year 6 3/4% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds, series "A" and \$108,000 25-year sinking fund mortgage gold bonds, series "C."

Bonds designated for redemption by lot are payable at the offices of Dillon, Read & Co., in New York and in London, England, at the office of J. Henry Schroder & Co.—V. 125, p. 929.

**United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Status—Output.**—

Cash on hand.....	\$573,918	\$399,444
U. S. Gov't securities (par value \$3,764,200) market value.....	3,835,943	3,999,268
Bills payable.....	200,000	
Copper Production (Lbs.).....	1927.	1926.
July.....	3,735,848	3,475,936
August.....	3,810,180	3,529,876
September.....	3,626,830	3,511,966

**Vacuum Oil Co.—Usual Dividend of 50 Cents and Special Extra Div. of \$1.**—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and a special dividend of \$1 a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the outstanding capital stock, par \$25, all payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 30. This brings total dividend payments this year (incl. extras of 50c. a share paid in March, June and Sept.) to \$5 a share. Total dividends paid in 1926, also amounted to \$5 a share.

**Subsidiary Increases Capital.**—

The Vacuum Oil Co. of Czechoslovakia announces an issue of 23,200 additional shares of stock, increasing its capital from 2,000,000 to 60,000,000 crowns. The present stockholders will be given an option to purchase the entire new issue. The company reported net profits of 6,250,000 crowns in 1926, and is planning to erect a new petroleum plant at Prevov, Moravia. The company is a foreign subsidiary of the Vacuum Oil Co. of New York.—V. 125, p. 798.

**Victor Talking Machine Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—9 Mos.	1926.
Sales, less returns and allowances.....	\$10,883,519	\$10,063,071	\$30,563,567	\$30,943,232
Cost of sales, incl. selling, gen. & admin. exp., &c.....	8,500,575	7,843,966	25,903,286	25,180,374
Profit from operations.....	\$2,382,944	\$2,219,104	\$4,660,281	\$5,762,858
Other income.....	262,706	152,948	847,750	395,777
Total income.....	\$2,645,650	\$2,372,052	\$5,508,031	\$6,158,635
Depreciation.....	319,582	311,997	960,628	828,581
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes.....	262,550	x135,000	477,650	135,000
Net profit.....	\$2,063,518	\$1,925,054	\$4,069,753	\$5,195,054

The earnings per share on 574,366 shares (no par) common stock for the third quarter of 1927 were \$2.64; for the 9 months they were \$5.62. x Loss for 1925 made necessary only a partial provision for Federal income taxes for the 3 months ended Sept. 30 1926.

**Consolidated Surplus Statement for the 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1927.**

Balance at Dec. 31 1926.....	\$7,525,631
Transferred to capital upon recapitalization Jan. 17 1927.....	3,373,778
Dividend declared and paid Jan. 1927 on old stock.....	2,769,749
Balance.....	\$1,382,104
Net profit for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1927.....	4,069,753
Total.....	\$5,451,857
Provision for dividends on pref. stock year 1927.....	483
Divs. paid & declared 7% cum. prior preference stock.....	1,090,256
\$6 cum. conv. pref. stock.....	545,128
Approp. to s. f. res. for purchase of 7% cum. prior pref. stock.....	471,015
Adjustment resulting from acquisition of sub. company.....	6,779
Balance Sept. 30 1927.....	\$3,338,196

—V. 125, p. 1065.

**(Charles) Walmsley & Co. (Canada), Ltd.—Control.**—

From authoritative information it is understood that Canadian interests, with whom are associated a large investment banking institution, have purchased control of the above company from Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. The company is one of the largest manufacturers of paper-making and pulp-grinding machinery in Canada and operates under long-term agreement with Charles Walmsley & Co., Ltd., of Bury, England.—V. 116, p. 834.

**Warren Bros. Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**—

8 Months Ended Aug. 31—	1927.	1926.
Net earnings before Federal taxes.....	\$1,072,295	\$735,901
A comparison (exclusive of Cuba) of the contracts carried over, new work secured and area laid by the company, and its licensees for the 8 months to Aug. 31 follows:		
Yardage carried over from previous year.....	6,048,593	4,955,548
Yardage awarded to Aug. 31.....	8,181,556	9,133,980
Under contract Aug. 31.....	14,230,149	14,089,528
Area laid to Aug. 31.....	7,219,179	6,074,851
Area to do Aug. 31.....	7,010,970	8,014,677

Cuban Central Highway area of work secured to Aug. 31 1927 was 5,574,600 sq. yds. of which none had been totally completed on that date. The amount of work done in Cuba at contract prices was \$1,721,105 up to Aug. 31 1927.—V. 124, p. 3368.

**Washington Consolidated Tile Co.—Listing.**—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$727,000 6% collateral trust gold bonds. The pro rata proportion of the net earnings of the subsidiary companies applicable to the stocks now owned by the Washington Consolidated Tile Co., before allowance for bond interest and administration expenses, are as follows for the 6 months ending June 30 1927: \$86,671.—V. 124, p. 123.

**Waverly Oil Works Co.—Earnings.**—

Income Account for the Year Ending April 30 1927.	
Net sales, \$6,021,725; operating expenses, \$5,820,059; operating profit.....	\$201,666
Interest charges (net).....	31,275
Federal income taxes.....	22,163
Net profit for the year.....	\$148,228
Dividends paid.....	114,000
Income transferred to surplus.....	\$34,228
Surplus April 20 1926, after adjustments.....	296,216
Earned surplus April 30 1927.....	\$330,514

—V. 125, p. 1725.

**(C. F.) Weber & Co., Inc., San Francisco.—Stock.**—

The company has been authorized by the California Corporation Commission to sell 500 additional shares of \$100 par value common stock. At April 30 last, assets were reported at \$1,381,849, and liabilities, \$517,490.—V. 123, p. 1393.

**Westerly (R. I.) Textile Co.—To Liquidate.**—

The affairs of this company, a business built up over a period of more than a century of successful operation, are to be liquidated according to a statement issued Oct. 6. Harry H. Ullman, President of the Shambon Shuttle Co. of Woonsocket, R. I., has been chosen as liquidator. Arthur L. Perry of Westerly, R. I., Robert E. Spear of Pawtucket, and Charles W. Fouler, an official of the Westerly company, were named as a committee to attend to the liquidation and they appointed Mr. Ullman. The company specializes in rayon goods. It was built up largely through war contracts. Its capital stock consists of 2,140 shares of preferred stock, par \$100, and 1,977 shares of common stock of no par value. (Hartford "Courier.")

**Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Earnings.**—

Period—	Quar. End. Sept. 30 '27.	Quar. End. June 30 '27.	6 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27.
Total net inc. after chgs. & Fed. taxes.....	\$4,593,369	\$3,132,864	\$7,226,233
Interest charges.....	375,044	376,850	751,894
Net profit.....	\$3,718,325	\$2,756,014	\$6,474,339
Earns. per sh. on 2,370,063 shs. (par \$50) combined com. and pref. stock.....	\$1.57	\$1.16	\$2.73

—V. 125, p. 1853.

**Wheatworth, Inc.—Initial Dividend.**—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the 8% preferred stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. (See offering in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 17 last, page 1596.) The corporation announces that its new plant at Avenue D and 10th St., N. Y. City, to cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, and which will triple the capacity of the company's baking facilities besides making possible greater economy of operation, is well under way and will probably be placed in operation early in 1928. The building is of steel and concrete construction and seven stories high, allowing room for further expansion of production in the future.—V. 125, p. 1596.

**Wheeling Steel Corp.—Earnings (Incl. Subsidiaries).**—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—9 Mos.	1926.
Net after repairs, maint., Fed taxes.....	\$2,217,105	\$2,617,390	\$6,589,489	\$7,503,916
Provision for deprec. exhaustion of min'ls, &c.....	945,462	925,876	2,704,157	2,710,207
Bond, &c., interest.....	371,684	396,492	1,137,187	1,211,025
Net profit.....	\$899,959	\$1,295,022	\$2,748,145	\$3,582,684
Pref. divs., A & B.....	663,395	x862,410	x2,189,203	x2,189,074
Balance.....	\$236,564	\$432,612	\$558,943	\$1,393,610
Shares of com. stk. outstanding (par \$100).....	394,836	394,705	394,836	394,705
Earns per share on com.....	\$0.59	\$1.60	\$1.91	\$4.03

x Includes deferred payment on A & B preferred.—V. 125, p. 930.

**(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend.**—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 1/2% of 1% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4%, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 22.—V. 124, p. 3788.

**White Sewing Machine Corp.—Earnings.**—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—9 Mos.	1926.
Net after int. & deprec. &c.....	\$244,807	\$339,858	\$1,198,431	\$1,086,293
Federal taxes.....	33,000	46,200	161,900	134,200
Net profit.....	\$211,807	\$293,658	\$1,036,531	\$952,093
Earn. per share on 200,000 (no par) shs.....	\$0.56	\$0.96	\$3.68	\$3.25

—V. 125, p. 1853.

**Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp.—Defers Interest.—**

The New York Stock Exchange states that notice having been received that interest due Nov. 1 on the prior lien 7% bonds, series A, maturing 1935, will not be paid on that date, the Committee on Securities has ruled that beginning Oct. 28 and until further notice the bonds must be dealt in flat, and that until further notice the bonds in order to be a delivery must carry the Nov. 1 and subsequent coupons.—V. 125, p. 2403.

**(Benjamin) Winter Incorporated.—Stocks Offered.—** Redmond & Co. are offering 32,000 shares convertible preference stock (no par value) and 64,000 shares common stock (no par value). The stock is being offered in the form of allotment certificates entitling the holder to receive not later than Nov. 15 1928, units of one share of preference and 2 shares of common at \$83 per unit.

The preference stock is preferred as to cumulative dividends from Nov. 15 1927, at rate of \$5 per share per annum, payable (Q. F.) Red. on any div. date as a whole or in part, upon 30 days' notice, at \$66 per share and divs. Holders of the preference stock shall be entitled to \$66 per share in voluntary or involuntary dissolution or liquidation, with a sum equal to accrued and unpaid dividends, prior to any distribution on the common stock. A semi-annual retirement fund commencing May 15 1929, equal to 5% of the consolidated net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiary companies for the last preceding six months fiscal period, will be applied to the purchase or call of preference stock at not exceeding the redemption price, exclusive of accrued dividends.

Dividends free from the present normal Federal income tax. Central Union Trust Co., New York, transfer agent. New York Trust Co., New York, registrar.

**Convertible.**—Each share of preference stock upon 5 days' prior notice may be converted at any time after the allotment certificates have been exchanged for definitive stock certificates, and up to and including Nov. 15 1929, into 4 shares of no par common stock; thereafter and up to and including Nov. 15 1931 into 3 shares of common stock; thereafter and up to and incl. Nov. 15 1933; into 2 shares of common stock; and thereafter up to and incl. Nov. 15 1937 into 1 share of common stock. In the event of call for redemption, the conversion privilege will cease on the redemption date. Provision will be made to protect the conversion privilege in the event of issuance of additional stock, either for cash or property or for a stock dividend, or in the event of merger or consolidation.

**Capitalization.**—

	Authorized	Issued
Preference stock, cum. conv. (no par value)	100,000 shs.	32,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	*760,000 shs.	250,000 shs.

\*128,000 shares of common stock reserved for conversion of preference stock.

Real estate mortgages aggregating \$9,569,050 will also be outstanding against the properties of the corporation's wholly owned subsidiary companies.

**Data from Letter of Benjamin Winter, Pres. of the Corp.**

**Company.**—Has been organized to acquire from Benjamin Winter and his associates the entire stock ownership of corporations owning 11 real estate properties centrally located in the Borough of Manhattan, N. Y. City. These properties, all owned in fee, with the exception of one leasehold, include apartment buildings, office and business buildings and hotels on Park, Madison, Fifth, Amsterdam, Seventh and West End Avenues, on Broadway, and on 16th and 36th Streets, strategically situated.

**Earnings.**—Earnings of the corporation and its subsidiary companies are to be derived from rental from the foregoing and other improved income producing N. Y. City real estate to be acquired and from trading profits realized in the purchase and resale of N. Y. City real estate. Net income for the last fiscal year (or where owned for only part of a year for the period of ownership) from those properties alone which are to be held for income and investment purposes after deducting operating expenses and interest on the mortgages to be outstanding after the financing, and after allowing for depreciation and management expenses based upon the present depreciation schedule and the management contract (referred to below) and deducting Federal income tax at the present rate, amounts to.....\$337,568

The above figure of net income does not include the results of operation of Hotel Clendening. Extending the earnings of the two properties owned for part of a year to the basis of a full year and including the estimated annual net earnings of the Hotel Clendening, and subordinating to the preference stock dividends the management salary to the extent of \$30,000, total net income of the 11 properties on the foregoing basis applicable to preference stock dividends would equal.....423,345

Trading profits, less commissions and Federal income tax, on the sale of properties by Benjamin Winter and his associates during the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1926, without regard to carrying charges and results of operations during the period the properties were held (as certified) were as follows:

1923.....	\$359,759	1925.....	\$578,415
1924.....	204,570	1926.....	*921,112

\*Based in part (\$576,626) on Geo. R. Read & Co. valuation of property received in exchange and now held by subsidiary as income producing asset.

**Assets.**—Geo. R. Read & Co. has appraised the land, buildings and leaseholds comprised in the 11 properties at.....\$13,500,000  
American Appraisal Co. has appraised furnishings and equipment of the hotel properties at.....447,563

Total.....\$13,947,563  
After giving effect to this financing, the consolidated balance sheet of the of the corporation and its subsidiaries as of Aug. 31 1927 shows a book value for the preference stock of over \$150 per share and for the common stock of over \$10 per share.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from the sale of these allotment certificates will be used to retire short term indebtedness and to increase working capital. Mr. Winter and his associates will receive no cash as a result of this financing, their ownership of the 11 properties transferred to the corporation's subsidiaries being exchanged for 186,000 shares of Benjamin Winter Inc. common stock.

**Management and Organization.**—Mr. Winter will manage the affairs of the corporation for a period of 10 years under contract, by the terms of which all of his future real estate activities, with the exception of the disposition of 3 properties now owned by him, will be confined to this corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries during the life of the contract. Associated with him in the management will be Andrew H. O'Brien and other members of the Winter organization, who have been responsible for its success and who are retaining their interest in the company.

**Wright Aeronautical Corp.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1927—3 Mos.—	1926.	1927—9 Mos.—	1926.
Net earnings after taxes.	\$292,875	\$131,775	\$648,616	\$454,924
Shs. of com. stk. outst'dg] (no par)	250,000	249,390	250,000	249,390
Earns. per share on com. stock	\$1.17	\$0.52	\$2.59	\$1.82

—V. 125, p. 1338.

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—Harry Rascovar, Vice-President and Treasurer of Albert Frank & Co., advertising agents, died suddenly on Oct. 29 while dictating a letter at his office. Mr. Rascovar was born in New York city on Feb. 4 1872; his association with Albert Frank & Co. dated from the time he was thirteen years of age, when he entered its employ as office boy; his brother James, who has also since died, was then a junior partner in the firm. In 1912, when the Investment Bankers' Association of America was formed, Harry Rascovar was made Director of Publicity, a post which he held at his death. The "Wall Street News" in voicing the esteem in which Mr. Rascovar was held, said:  
The sudden death of Harry Rascovar of Albert Frank & Co. removes from Wall Street affairs a figure who had more influence than he knew upon financial matters. As director of Publicity of the Investment Bankers' Association of America for fourteen years, he had an important place in the

councils of men who distribute the bulk of securities in this country. Mr. Rascovar possessed a keen sense of "news value" surrounding affairs of the institution he represented, and no small part of the prestige which the association has attained in the last decade was attributable to his efforts. Few men enjoy such wide acquaintance and close friendships throughout the investment field from coast to coast as did he.

—The firm of Pillsbury, Remick & Co., members of the New York and Boston Stock exchanges, Boston, has been dissolved, and Charles W. Noyes and William E. Smith have become general partners of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Harde & Ellis, and William F. Pillsbury has become associated as a special partner. The offices heretofore maintained by Pillsbury, Remick & Co., at 50 Congress St., and Park Square, Boston and Springfield, Mass., will be continued by the new firm and memberships will be retained on both the New York and Boston exchanges. Joseph Remick will also be associated with the firm.

I. C. Dodge, one of the well known veteran telephone men and now vice president of Paul C. Dodge & Co., Chicago, has written an interesting booklet, "The Telephone—An Essential Public Utility." This booklet treats of the features or well managed telephone company securities and outlines some of the methods of financing telephone companies. The booklet will be sent free on request. Another booklet, "The Standard Telephone Co. of Illinois" is also available.

—B. Audrey Harris, John H. Mooney, Reginald J. Meehan, Gifford H. Teeple and Douglas Chandler, have formed a copartnership under the name of Harris, Mooney & Co. to continue the investment banking business of Harris, Mooney & Co., Inc., with headquarters in Baltimore, Md. and offices in Washington, D. C. and 111 Broadway, New York.

—The investment banking firm of Werthelm & Co. formally opens offices to-day on the second floor of 57 William Street. The members of the firm are Maurice Werthelm, Joseph Klingenstein, Neil G. Finch and Henry Hottinger, all long identified with Wall Street.

—Miller, Hewitt & Dodge, 7 Wall Street, New York, Members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Ernest F. Meinken & Leonard M. Totten have retired from general partnership and that Lewis H. Lee has been admitted to general partnership.

—John H. DeRidder, Jr., and Charles J. Martin announce that they will continue, at 24 Broad Street, New York, under the firm name of DeRidder & Martin, the business as dealers in investment securities heretofore conducted by DeRidder, Mason & Minton.

—Putnam & Storer, Incorporated, Boston, Mass. announce that their trading activities in New York will be in charge of Thomas J. McGahan, formerly with McDowell & Herdell and Berdell Brothers, at 111 Broadway; telephone 1868. The Boston and Hartford offices will be connected with direct telephone connections.

—I. G. Osterwell, formerly with Hornblower & Weeks, and Alfred B. Cerf, formerly with Lehman Brothers, have formed the firm of Osterwell & Cerf, to transact a general investment and brokerage business at 120 Broadway, New York.

—J. Walker Hill and Monroe J. Blackman have opened offices, under the name of Hill & Blackman, in the First National Bank Building, Bridgeport, Conn., to conduct a general brokerage business in investment stocks and bonds.

—McClure, Jones & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a branch office at Camden, N. J., in the Wilson Building, under the management of James M. Rhett and H. P. Rhett, assistant manager.

—Frank C. Diem for a number of years Assistant Vice-President of the Liberty National Bank of Buffalo has become associated with the F. H. Smith Co., Investment Bankers, as manager of their Buffalo office.

A. B. Steuart, for many years identified with the Peninsular Telephone Co., has been elected a member of the board, and Vice-President of the Consolidated States Telephone Co., with headquarters in Chicago.

—The monthly analysis and quotation pamphlet of Curtis & Sanger analyzes a number of banks and trust companies in Nassau County, New York, which have shown substantial progress in the last year.

—J. A. de Camp & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, announce the association with their firm of W. H. de Fontaine, Jr., and Norman T. Bolles, both formerly with Russell, Miller & Carey.

—Woodbury & Wisner, 95 Liberty Street, N. Y., dealers in unlisted securities announce that R. A. Minster has been admitted to general partnership in their firm as of Nov. 1 1927.

—Michael J. Devlet, formerly of Boyd, Evans & Devlet, is now with Battelle, Ludwig & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 25 Broad Street, New York.

—Robert Barr Deans has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of C. D. Halsey & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 43 Broad Street, New York.

—Ernst & Company, 120 Broadway, New York, have issued a circular describing Standard Gas & Electric Co. 6% gold debentures, due 1951 and 1966.

—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been authorized as registrar to register 1,000 additional shares of capital stock of the Banco Di Sicilia Trust Co.

—C. W. McNear & Co., municipal bond dealers, have moved to the 36th floor of the Bankers Building, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago.

—Merrill, Lynch & Co. announce the removal of their Chicago Office to Suite 1900 in The Bankers Building, 105 West Adams Street.

—P. W. Chapman & Co. have moved their Chicago office to The Bankers Building located at 115 West Adams Street.

—Allen W. Ames has become associated with Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Incorporated.

—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad Street, New York, are distributing an analysis of Hudson Motor Car Company.

—Bristol & Willett, 150 Broadway, N. Y., have issued an analysis on A. O. Smith Corporation.

—H. Murray Jacoby, of H. M. Jacoby & Co., Inc., has been elected a director of the Merchants and Manufacturers Fire Insurance Company.

—Louis H. Newkirk, Jr., formerly with Blair & Co., Inc., has become Vice-President of M. O. Jenkins & Co., Inc., 46 Cedar Street, New York.

—The Current Investment Review of Reynolds, Fish & Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y., contains an analysis of Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

—Vilas & Hickey, 49 Wall Street, New York, have established correspondent relations with Hickey, Doyle & Co., 39 So. La Salle Street, Chicago.

—Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., Inc., 57 William Street, New York, is distributing an illustrated booklet describing the Frink Corp.

—Stanley A. Brown has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Frank B. Cahn & Co., 120 Broadway, New York.

—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., announce the opening of their new offices at 115 West Adams Street, Chicago.

## 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, Nov. 4, 1927.*

COFFEE on the spot was quiet and steady; Santos 4s, 22 to 22½c.; Rio 7s 15c. On the 2nd inst. the demand was better; cost and freight offers were scarce and a little higher. Santos 4s, 22 to 22½c.; Rio 7s were weaker at 14¾ to 15c. Victoria 7s reported sold at 12.95 to 13c. Fair to good Cucuta 22½ to 23½c.; Colombian Oceana 21 to 22c.; Bucaramanga Natural 24 to 25c., washed 27½ to 28c., Honda, Tolima and Giradot 28¾ to 29½c.; Medellin 29½ to 30c.; Manizales 29 to 29½c.; Mexican, washed 28 to 29½c.; Surinam 25 to 27c.; Ankola 36 to 39c. G. Douring & Soon cabled their monthly statistics as follows: Arrivals of all kinds during Oct., 807,000, of which 489,000 was Brazilian; deliveries of all kinds during Oct., 967,000, of which 550,000 was Brazilian; stock in Europe Nov. 1, 1,494,000; world's visible supply Nov. 1, 5,240,000 showing a decrease of 255,000, and compares with 4,849,000 last year. Amsterdam cabled: "Arrivals of all kinds of coffee in Holland during Oct., 170,000 bags of which 73,000 were Brazilian; deliveries during Oct., 191,000 bags including 74,000 of Brazilian; stock in the Netherlands on Oct. 31., 283,000, of which 111,000 were Brazilian."

On Oct. 31 average cost and freight offers from Brazil were slightly higher for Santos and lower for Rio and Victoria. Prompt shipment offers included Bourbon 2-3s at 22.45 to 23c.; 3s at 22½c.; 3-4s at 21¾c. to 21¾c.; 3-5s at 20.70 to 21¼c.; 4-5s at 20.65 to 21¼c.; 5s at 20¾c.; 5-6s at 20.15c.; 6s at 19½ to 20.35c.; 6-7s at 19¾c.; 7-8s at 19c. Bourbon separations 6-7s at 17.80 to 19c.; 7-8s at 16.10 to 18.65c. Peaberry 3-4s at 21½ to 21¾c.; 3-5s at 21¼c.; Rio 7s at 14 to 14.10c.; 7-8s at 13.20 to 13.90c.; 2-3s at 16.55c.; 3-5s at 15.70 to 15.80c.; Victoria 7s at 13.30c.; 7-8s at 12¾ to 13c. Offers for future shipment from Santos were of Bourbon 4s for December at 20¾ to 21c.; January at 20.65c.; March at 20c.; January-June at 20.15c.

On Nov. 1 owing to the Brazilian holidays few cost and freight offers were received but they were firmer. For prompt shipment, they included Bourbon 2-3s at 22.55c.; 3-4s at 21.55c.; 3-5s at 20.90 to 21¾c.; 4-5s at 20.90c. to 21¼c.; 5s at 21c.; 5-6s at 20¾c.; 6s at 20¾c.; 6-7s at 20¾c.; 6-7s grinders at 18c.; 7-8s grinders at 16.30 to 16¼c.; part Bourbon 2s at 23¼c.; Peaberry 3s minus 20 at 22c.; Victoria 7-8s at 12.90c. For first half November shipment Bourbon 4s were offered at 21c. and 4-5s at 20.85c.

Arrivals of mild coffees in the United States during October were 201,114 bags and deliveries 240,412 leaving a stock on Nov. 1 of 156,304 bags against 195,602 bags on Oct. 1 and 380,803 on Nov. 1 last year. Orizaba, Mexico, wired that some large shipments have been made recently to England from Mexico; that the crop in Orizaba and other districts of Southern Mexico is unusually large this year and outruns the domestic demand. On the 3rd inst. there was a fair spot demand, with cost and freight prices unchanged or higher. Rio 7s 15c.; Santos 4s., 22¼ to 22½c. Prompt shipment offers included Bourbon 2-3s at 22.80c.; 3-4s at 21.80c.; 3-5s at 21.20c. to 22c.; 4-5s at 21.20 to 22c.; 5s at 21¼c.; 5-6s at 20.40c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 19.40c.; 7-8s at 16.60 to 16.90c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 22½c. to 22¾c.; Peaberry 3-5s at 21.65c.; Rio 3s at 16.40c.; 3-5s at 15.65 to 15.85c.; 7s at 14.10c. Santos cabled that Thursday the market was excited owing to a speech by the Minister of Finance encouraging producers to advance their price on coffee in the interior. The equivalent of 21 to 21½c. is quoted on coffee to come down to the ports during the next 10 months. Money is said to be plentiful and cheap in Santos and speculating in coffee is general. In Santos, a parity of 21¼c. was paid on the 3rd inst. for well described 4s.

Futures advanced 8 to 11 points on Oct. 31, with firmer cables from Brazil and Europe, Santos Cost and freight offers higher, Europe buying here, local traders covering and less pressure to sell. Santos cabled an estimate of 8,000,000 bags for the next Santos crop. Santos receipts it was stated will be reduced to 36,000 bags daily. Santos attributed the recent decline there to a natural reaction after a too rapid rise. There was more demand in Santos for direct deliveries at higher prices. Santos cabled that the next crop will be small, owing to damage to the flowering by rain. Futures on the 2nd inst. advanced 23 to 25 points; shorts had again been caught napping. Contracts were scarce. Europe bought. Covering was a feature though the transactions were only 42,000 bags. That was better than some recent daily totals. There were various cables about Santos receipts early in the week, but nothing official. One stated that they would be limited to 36,000 bags daily, another to 39,000, and

still another that they would not be reduced at all. It is pointed out that Victoria receipts for the week just ended were 57,000 bags, the largest in some time and the stock there is 143,000 bags. Victoria was offered close to the December basis again. That accounts for a slight narrowing of the differences. Rio and Victoria it is argued would not be likely to hold in face of sagging markets to the same degree it is urged as Santos. Rio and Victoria will be apt, it is contended, to look to the New York market, especially as Europe seems to be well supplied with these grades for the time being.

Laneville put the total world's stock on Nov. 1 including all kinds of coffee at 4,938,000 bags against 4,627,000 on October 1 and 4,576,000 on Nov. 1926. The world's deliveries for four months he says were 7,301,000 bags against 6,805,000 for the same period last year and 7,189,000 for the first four months of the 1925-26 crop. Futures on the 3rd inst. advanced 7 to 17 points on higher Brazilian cables, covering and European buying. Stop orders were caught. The sales were 58,000 bags. But later liquidation left prices 9 to 14 points net lower on that day however. Today futures closed 6 to 8 points lower with sales of 40,000 bags. Rio and Victoria cables were lower. Hamburg was higher. Santos advanced. November there 34\$500; December 33\$500; prices unchanged to 125 reis higher. London exchange 5 63-64d. a decline of 1-128d; dollars 8\$240 a rise of 10. Rio November 23\$600; December 23\$575; or 350 to 500 reis lower; London exchange 5 62-64d; dollars 8\$250. Rio receipts since July 1st, 1,645,000 or 21,000 more than in the same time last year, and 210,000 more than in the same period in 1925. Santos receipts 3,724,000 or 34,000 more than in the same time last year and 208,000 more than in 1925. Final prices show a rise for the week of 27 to 30 points. Spot unofficial—15... | March.....13.45a13.48 | July.....13.35a  
December—13.60a | May.....13.37a13.38 | September—13.23a

SUGAR.—Cuban raws sold on Oct. 31 at 2½c. c. & f., it is said, to the extent of two or three cargoes. Refined was dull and one refiner quoted 5.70 to 5.80c.; others nominally 6 to 6.10c., but it is said are accepting 5.70c. A rumor that President Machado had fixed Jan. 1 as the date for the start of grinding on the new crop proved to be unfounded. Houses with connections in Havana believe that when the date is finally decided upon it will be either Jan. 10 or Jan. 15. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 38,827 tons, against 41,243 tons in the previous week, 47,199 last year and 31,676 two years ago; exports, 58,698, against 60,946 in previous week, 101,316 last year and 70,976 two years ago; stock, 531,142, against 551,013 in previous week, 390,989 last year, and 460,709 two years ago. Of the exports, U. S. Atlantic ports received 44,934 tons; Savannah, 4,423 tons; Galveston, 1,175 tons; New Orleans, 4,886 tons; Canada 221 tons, and Europe, 3,059 tons. United States Atlantic ports receipts for the week were 41,889 tons, against 43,285 in previous week, 36,873 last year and 31,441 two years ago; meltings, 48,000 tons, against 51,000 in previous week, 62,000 last year and 50,000 two years ago; importers' stocks, 126,380 tons, against 133,309 last week, 155,558 last year and 23,782 two years ago; refiners' stocks, 70,090, against 69,262 last week, 29,678 last year and 39,371 two years ago; total stock, 196,470, against 202,571 last week, 185,236 last year and 63,153 two years ago.

Later New York and Europe were dull. Everybody is awaiting action by Cuba. Here Cuban was quoted at 213-16c. to 2 7/8c. Czecho-Slovakian and Polish producers at a private conference at Prague decided to co-operate with Cuba in limiting their next crops, and if necessary limit exports next year. Hamburg cabled that the co-operation might extend only to limiting exports out of this year's and next year's crops. To Europe 1,000 tons Perus afloat sold at 12s at which there were further sellers; 500 tons Barbados, for December shipment sold at 15s 4½d. c. i. f. or 11s 11¼d. c. i. f. parity for Cubas. Licht's October crop estimate is 8,205,000 metric tons for the whole of Europe or 104,000 tons more than his September forecast. It had a depressing effect for a time on Oct. 30. Futures declined 3 points but rallied later on covering in a small market. The trading was largely selling of July against December and other switching operations including December for January at 3 points difference. Traders generally were not disposed to do much until they have definite information as to the extent of crop restriction in Cuba. It is recalled that recently December and January sold respectively at 18 points over March. Many trade houses entered into straddles by selling December and buying January, trades that later showed handsome profits. They argued that there was no reason for December sugar to be worth more than March in view of the large supplies in licensed warehouse and the possibility of the notably greater carryover than last year, even should grinding not begin until January 15. Producers gave some

support to the nearest trading months for obvious reasons in the matter of future trade.

One estimate of the Cuban sugar crop carry-over on Jan. 1, 1928, was 250,000 tons against 69,741 on Jan. 1, 1927. The United States consumption was estimated in 1927 at 5,400,000 tons against 5,671,335 in 1926. The California-Hawaiian has reduced its selling basis on granulated to 5.60c., but has discontinued storage allowance, which neutralizes the reduction in price. Futures on the 3rd inst. closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 24,850 tons on the news from Europe that producers were disposed to join hands with Cuba in restricting production. But Cuban interests sold and checked any important rise. Prompt raws 2 13-16c. to 27c. Refined quiet at 5.80 to 6c. Withdrawals only fair. Great Western Beet stopped selling east of Chicago and reduced its Chicago and westward price to 5.50c. Today prices closed unchanged to 1 point lower on futures with sales of 3,000 tons. French and German interests are said to be favorable disposed towards the Cuban plan. Here the tendency is plainly to hold aloof for further developments. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 8 points. Spot at 2 13-16c. is 3-32c. lower than a week ago.

Table with 4 columns: Month, Price, Month, Price. Rows: Spot unofficial, December, January.

LARD on the spot was weaker at 12.40 to 12.50c. early in the week for prime western; Refined Continent 13 1/2c.; South America 14 1/4c.; Brazil 15 1/4c. Stocks of lard at Chicago on Nov. 1 were 36,946,989 lbs. against 65,523,359 on Oct. 1 and 23,335,719 on Nov. 1 1926. The decrease for the month was 28,576,370 lbs. To-day spot prices were weaker with prime western 12.70c. Futures on Oct. 31 fell 23 to 30 points on heavy selling by Eastern interests, partly on stop orders. Foreign selling also had a depressing effect. There was an absence of support. The selling was partly due to an expectation that the Chicago stock statement would be bearish. Hogs curiously enough were 15 to 25c. higher. But total receipts were only 88,900 against 111,600 a week ago and 121,100 last year. Arrivals at Chicago were estimated at 22,000. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 6d. higher. On the 1st inst. furutes closed unchanged to 7 points net lower. Liquidation again in ribs was noticeable especially in December which ended 22 points net lower. Eastern interests sold; also foreign concerns. Rather large contract deliveries also caused selling. They included 250,000 lbs. of bellies and 450,000 lbs. of lard. Hogs were 10 to 15c. lower. Total Western receipts 82,700 against 111,300 last week and 89,000 last year. Liverpool lard was 6d. to 1s. 3d. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

Table with 6 columns: Delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows: December delivery, January delivery.

PORK quiet but firm; mess, \$34.50; family, \$40 to \$43; fat back pork, \$32 to \$35; ribs, Chicago, cash, 12.25c.; basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef, quiet and steady; mess, \$19 to \$20; packet, \$22 to \$23; family, \$25 to \$27; extra India mess, \$36; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$5.25; six pounds, South America, \$18.50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 1/4 to 17 3/4c.; bellies, clear, 6 to 12 lbs., 19 3/4c. all; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 14 1/2c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16 1/2c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 38 1/2 to 49c. Cheese, 23 to 29 1/4c. Eggs, medium to extras, 27 to 56c.

To-day futures closed 3 to 5 points lower. Hogs were unchanged to 10 points lower with the top \$10.40. Receipts at the West were 58,000 against 76,000 last year. Packers bought on the decline. Offerings were not heavy. But a decline in hogs and grain caused a setback towards the end even if it was not marked. Final prices for the week were unchanged on December and 17 points lower on January.

OILS.—Trading although a little larger than recently was still quiet. Most of the buying is of a hand-to-mouth nature. The undertone was weak. Business in car lots could have been done, it is said, at 9.6c. on a firm bid, but generally 9.8c. was quoted. In tanks 9.2c. was quoted; 5 bbls. or more 10.6c.; less than 5 bbls., 11c.; October 10.1c. Later linseed was easier and there were rumors that 9.5c. was done for carlot quantities, although generally 9.8c. was asked. Coconut, Manila coast tanks 8 3/8 to 8 3/4c.; spot tanks, 8 7/8 to 9c.; Corn, crude tanks, plant, low acid 9 3/8c.; Olive Den. \$1.75; China wood, N. Y. drums spot, 15 1/4 to 15 1/2c.; Pacific Coast, tanks spot, 13c.; Soya bean coast tanks, 9 3/4c.; Lard, prime 16 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y. 14 1/4c.; Cod, Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Turpentine 50 1/2 to 58c. Rosin \$8.50 to \$12. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches, 16,500 bbls. Crude S. E., 9 1/4c. Prices closed as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Price, Month, Price. Rows: Spot, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June.

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was dull. U. S. Motor in bulk was quoted at 8c. at the refineries but it was said that this price might have been shaded in a few instances. The weather recently has been good and consumption well maintained, but the proximity of colder weather has checked business very noticeably. Most of the present demand is for immediate requirements. California gasoline it is said can be laid down here at 7 1/2c. In barge lots business was

done at 7 3/4c. The Gulf market was unsettled. U. S. Motor and 64-66 gravity 375 e.p. for export in bulk cargoes was quoted at 7 and 8 1/4c., but 8c. it is reported would be accepted for the latter on a firm bid. Kerosene was in better demand for export. A good business was reported at 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c. New York harbor refineries for 43-45 water white. In Gulf demand was good at steady prices; 41-43 water white, 6 to 6 1/4c.; 44 water white in bulk cargo lots 7 to 7 1/4c. Bunker oil consumption is increasing but prices have been rather easier. Stocks on hand are large. Grade C, \$1.45 at refineries; Gulf cargoes \$1.18 to \$1.20. Lubricating oils were in good demand and steady. The movement in cylinder oils is increasing. Later on a better demand for Gulf bunker oil was reported. Big refiners were quoting \$1.30 a barrel. New York export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor spec. deodorized 23.90c.; 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, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c.; Bunker Oil, per bbl. f.o.b. dock, \$1.45; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl., \$2.10 plus 6 1/2c. lighterage; Gas oil, Bayonne tank cars, 26 deg. 5c.; 28 deg. 5 1/2c. New Orleans Gasoline, U. S. Motor bulk 7c.; 64-66 grav. 375 e.p. 8 1/4c.; Kerosene prime white, 6c.; water white, 7c.; Bunker Oil, Grade C, for bunkering, 1.30c.; Service Station and Jobbers' Price Guide: U. S. Motor bulk, refineries, 9c.; tank cars delivered to nearby trade 9c.; Calif. U. S. Motor at term., 8c.; U. S. Motor, delivered to N. Y. City garages in steel bbls., 17c.; Up State and New England, 17c.; Naptha, V. M. P. deodorized steel bbls., 18c.; Kerosene, water white 43-45 grav. bulk, refinery, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c.; to nearby trade in tank cars, 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c.; water white 41-43 grav. bulk, refinery, 6 3/4 to 7c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 7 3/4 to 8c.; tank wagon to store, 15c.; Fuel oils, grade C, bunker oil, bulk, N. Y. harbor refinery, \$1.45; Diesel oil, bulk, N. Y. harbor refinery, \$2.10; Gas oil, 28 grav. bulk, N. Y. harbor, 5 1/4c.; Furnace oil, bulk refinery 38-42 grav., 6c.; tank wagon, 10c.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Price, Location, Price. Rows: Pennsylvania, Corn, Cabell, Wortham, Rock Creek, Smackover, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, Spindletop, etc.

RUBBER advanced here on Oct. 29th 20 points, with sales however of only 325 tons. Believers in higher prices were encouraged by the recent British attempt to put backbone in the Stevenson Restrictions by preventing an accumulation of export rights, cutting out carryover of exports for more than two consecutive quarters, and the proposed re-assessment of the rubber estates. Here at the Exchange on Oct. 29th Nov. ended at 35.10c., December at 35.30c.; January at 35.60c., March at 36c.; July at 36.60c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets spot and November 35 3/8 to 35 3/4c.; December 35 1/2 to 35 3/4c.; Jan.-March 35 3/4 to 36c.; April-May-June 35 3/8 to 35 3/4c.; First latex crepe 34 7/8 to 35 1/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 31 1/2 to 31 3/4c.; specky brown crepe 31 to 31 1/4c. rolled brown crepe 27 3/4 to 28 1/2c.; No. 2 amber 32 to 32 1/4c.; No. 3 31 1/2 to 31 3/4c.; No. 5 amber 30 3/8 to 30 3/4c.; Paras, Up-river-fine spot 27 1/4 to 27 3/4 coarse 22c.; Acre fine 27 3/4 to 28c. On October 31st New York dropped 30 to 50 points with London off 1/8 to 1/4d. The sales here were 972 tons. At the Exchange here on Oct. 31st November closed at 34.70c., December at 34.90c.; January at 35.10c.; and March at 35.50c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot 35 1/4 to 35 3/4c. November and December 35 3/8 to 35 3/4c.; January-March 35 3/4 to 36c.; April-May-June 36 1/2 to 36 3/4c.; first latex crepe 35 1/8 to 35 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 31 3/8 to 31 7/8c.; specky brown crepe 31 1/2 to 31 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe 28 3/4 to 29c.; No. 2 amber 32 1/4 to 32 1/2c.; Paras, Up-river fine spot 27 1/4 to 27 3/4c. In London the quarterly average spot price was 16.62d. Stocks of rubber in London at the end of last week were 69,551 long tons against 70,060 for the previous seven day period, a decrease of 509 tons. London on the 31st closed at 17d for spot and November, 17 1/8 to 17 1/4d for December and 17 3/8 to 18d. for April-June. Singapore was 1.8d off on most months; November ended at 17d; January-March at 17 3/8d and April-June at 18d.

London cabled Nov. 2: "For the quarter opening to-day the percentage of rubber exportable under the Stevenson plan from Ceylon and Malaya will remain at 60% as in the last period. The percentage is based on the market price of crude rubber. This 60% of exportable rubber will bear the minimum rate of duty." New York on the 2nd inst. advanced 10 to 60 points on news from Singapore that more stringent measures are being taken to enforce the Stevenson restriction plan, though London, if it heard of it, gave it no attention. The sales here were 672 tons. July was the feature. New York on the 2nd inst. ended with November 34.80c., December 35.20c., and January 35.30c. Outside prices here then were as follows: Ribbed smoked spot and November 35 1/2 to 35 3/4c.; December 35 3/8 to 35 3/4c.; January-March 35 3/8 to 36c.; April-May-June 36 1/4 to 36 3/4c.; First latex crepe 35 3/8 to 35 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 32 to 32 1/2c.; specky brown crepe 31 1/4 to 31 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe 28 7/8 to 29c.; No. 2 amber 32 to 32 1/4c.; No. 3 amber



31½ to 31¾c.; No. 4 amber 31½ to 31¾c.; Paras, Up-river fine spot 27¼ to 27½c.; Aere fine 28½ to 28¾c.; Caucho-Ball-Upper 22¼ to 22½c. London on the 2nd inst. spot and November 16½d. to 17d. Singapore steady and unchanged with November 17d.; January-March 17½d. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. reduced prices 5% on high pressure and balloon casings in its first grade line.

On the 3rd inst. New York advanced 10 to 40 points with sales of 997 tons; November ended at 35.20c.; December at 35.40c., January at 35.60c. Outside spot and November and December 35¾ to 35½c. Para up-river fine spot 28¼ to 28½c. London spot and November 17 to 17½d. Singapore Nov. 17½d. All tires were reduced to meet the Firestone cut of 5%. New York opened to-day unchanged to 10 points higher. London early was ¼ to ¼d. higher partly on American buying. Later in the day there was a further rally with spot and November bids at 17¼d. December at 17¾d., January-March 17¾d. and April-June at 18½d. Sellers' ideas were ½d. higher. Singapore closed steady and unchanged to ½d. higher. Expectations of a decrease in the London stocks on Monday, the rise in foreign markets, absence of selling pressure and private reports to the effect that large scale production of the new Ford car has started, helped to create a more cheerful tone to-day. To-day prices closed 50 to 60 points higher, with sales of 1236 lots; November 35.80c.; December 36c.; January 36.30c.; March 36.70c.; May 37c. Final prices show a rise for the week of 90 points.

**HIDES.**—Trade in River Plate frigorifico was slow; sales included 2,000 at 24 1-16c. to 24¼c., 2,000 light La Blanca steers at 23 15-16c. Some of this buying was supposed to have done by Russian interests and some by United States buyers. City packer hides were firm and it was said native and branded steers were very well sold up to Nov. 1. Only spready native steers and native bulls were offered early in the week. Common dry hides were said to be in better demand and higher. Antioquias 30c.; Orinocos 28c.; Maracaibo 26c., Central American 27c., La Guayras 26½c.; Savanilas 26½ to 27c.; Santa Marta 27c.; Packer hides, spready native steers 24½c.; native steers 23½c., butt brands 22.; Colorados 21½c.; bulls, native 17c. New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 2c.; 9-12s 3.40c.; 7-9s, 2.40c.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS**—Nearly 40 grain charters were fixed lately although the number is not up to that made in September. Cargo demand fell off. Later grain tonnage was reported active abroad. Grain rates on the Atlantic advanced; on the Pacific they declined. Later sugar freights were more active.

**CHARTERS** included grain from Montreal to three ports of Finland at 23s first half November; Quebec to Rotterdam, 15½c. Nov. 17-30; 25,000 qrs. Gulf to four ports Denmark first half Dec. 25; 30,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 16c., Hamburg or Bremen 17c. first half November; 30,000 qrs. New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 14c., Hamburg or Bremen, 15c. Nov. 5-10; 28,000 qrs. Boston to Hamburg or Bremen heavy at 15c., option full barley at 16c. Nov. 5-10; 45,000 qrs. St. John to Antwerp or Rotterdam 14c., Hamburg at 15c. Dec. 3-20; 23,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam 16¼c., Hamburg or Bremen 17½c. Nov. 12-25; 37,000 qrs. Montreal to Mediterranean 19c., 19½c. and 20c., option Antwerp or Rotterdam, 16c., Hamburg 17c. Nov. 10-30; 22,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam 16½c. Nov. 3-12. Time charters: West Indies round-trip, \$1.50 prompt; tankers: heavy crude Tampico to Phila. 21c. same light crude from Gulf, 19c.; case oil, Gulf to five grain Bahia Blanca to United Kingdom-Continent, 23s. January-February; coal Wales to Rio Grande do Sul, 12s. 6d. November; same to Rio or Santos, 13s. Nov. 20. 20,000 qrs. grain 10% loading option more or less; Montreal to Avonmouth 3s. 7½d. Nov. 15-30; 25,000 qrs. 10% Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam 16¼c. Nov. 15-28; 23,000 qrs. Montreal to picked West Italy ports, 20c., 20½c. and 21c. Nov. 10-25; tanker clean oil U. S. Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent ports, 17s. 6d. Dec. 10 canceling; wheat Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, Nov. 10-25, 31s.; same to same, 32s. 7½d.; same to same, 32s. 6d. December-January. Sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom or Continent, 17s. 6d. Nov. 10-25; also two in London, same rate.

**COAL** has been quiet. Summerlike temperatures have recently prevailed all over the country and the consumption has decreased. The National Association of Purchasing Agents reports increasing production and decreasing consumption of hard and soft coal. It says there is now plenty of coal to meet all requirements and that this has materially reduced the demand for coal throughout the United States, "and caused a very weak condition in coal prices." On Oct. 1 1926 it says industries had 37,000,000 tons of hard and soft coal. New York dealers think the consumption is higher than \$1,000,000 tons the Association's figures for November and December. Export demand is a trifle better than it was. Navy standard bituminous at mines \$2.25 to \$2.75; supplementary \$2.10 to \$2.25. Independent stove company \$9.25 to \$9.35. Trade at New York tidewater was somewhat larger later. It is noticeably cooler now.

**TOBACCO** has met with a fair demand. There has been no activity in this branch of trade any more than there has been in so many others. Prices are nevertheless declared to be firm. Some holiday buying is reported. Pennsylvania broadleaf filler 10c.; binder 20 to 25½c.; Porto Rico 80 to 85c.; Connecticut, No. 1 sec. 1925 crop 65c.; seed fillers 20c., medium wrappers 65c.; dark wrappers 1925 crop 40c. Production of leaf tobacco in the United States in 1927 promises to be it is said the smallest in several years. On the basis of the October 1st official forecast, output this year will be 1,169,000,000 lbs. which is a decline of 10% from the yield last year and nearly 13% less than the annual average production in the five years 1922-26. It has been many years since the production of types of tobacco used in the manufacture of cigars was as small as the current year. The relation between production and consumption seems now to be pretty well balanced. The reduction this year in the production of burley and dark tobacco has also

effected a readjustment in chewing and smoking leaf tobacco. The 1927 crop of bright flue-cured tobacco promises to be the largest on record.

**COPPER** has risen to 13¾c. London advanced 15s. on the 2nd inst. in response to a higher export price here. The official quotation was 13.70c. c.i.f. Europe and a good business for foreign account was done. A good domestic demand appeared on the 2nd inst. Transactions were probably the largest in any single day in several weeks. Actual sales were made at 13¾c. delivered to points nearer than Connecticut Valley, but most of the trading was done at 13¼c. A better business was reported in the Lake district. The General Motors Corp. recently bought a good tonnage from Calumet & Hecla. London spot standard on the 2nd inst. advanced 17s. 6d. to £57 17s. 6d.; futures up 15s. to £57 13s. 9d.; sales 400 tons spot and 2,800 futures; electrolytic advanced 5s. to £62 17s. 6d. for spot and £63 2s. 6d. for futures. On the previous day spot standard in London advanced 8s. 9d. to £57; futures up 7s. 6d. to £56 18s. 9d.; sales 400 tons spot and 1,500 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £62 12s. 6d. for spot and £62 17s. 6d. for futures.

Consumers are buying rather more freely not only to fill immediate requirements, but because of the favorable statistical position. Export sales in October were the largest in the history of the present Copper Export Association. Surplus stocks of refined copper are small. Later in the week export sales were something of a feature and the export price seemed to be tending upward; 13.70c. was readily paid. Domestic demand, however, is poor, with sales at 13¼ to 13¾c. October building contracts are said to have been the largest of any October that can be recalled. London on the 3rd inst. advanced 15s on standard spot, to £58 12s 6d; futures advanced 16s 3d to £58 10s; sales 300 spot and 2,700 futures; Spot electrolytic rose 2s 3d to £63; futures up 7s 6d to £63 10s.

**TIN** was active on the 1st inst. with sales ranging from 500 to 700 tons at New York. Prices became more stable after having been weak and erratic. The world's visible supply decreased in October according to the New York Metal Exchange 399 tons. Ricard placed the decrease at 463 tons and Strauss at 505. A decrease of 1,000 tons was predicted early in October. The total according to the Metal Exchange is 14,684 tons against 14,841 last year. The United States visible supply was put at 8,121 tons against 9,529 tons a month ago. Spot and November 99% tin on the 1st inst. sold at 56½ to 56¾c.; December at 56½ and 56¾c. Straits spot and November 57½c.; December 57¼ to 57¾c.; January 57½ to 57¾c. London limits equivalent to February deliveries sold at 57c. Spot standard in London declined on the 1st inst. £1 17s 6d to £259 12s 6d; futures off £1 17s 6d to £256 15s; sales 150 tons spot and 650 futures; Spot Straits off £1 12s 6d to £267 2s 6d; Eastern c. i. f. London declined 15s to £262 5s on sales of 150 tons.

On the 2nd inst. business continued brisk with sales estimated at 600 tons. Prices declined both here and in London. Here prices went to new "lows" for the year. November and December Straits here sold early at 57c. and later at 56½c. for November and 56¾c. or 56½c. for December; January sold at 56¾c. down to 56½c.; February at 56¾c. London limits sold at 56.35c. c. i. f.; March limits at 56.30c. and 50 tons of May sold at 56¼c. Tin plate makers are expected to announce prices for 1928 delivery and a reduction is looked for because of the low prices for pig tin and steel. In London on the 2nd inst. spot standard declined £1 7s 6d to £258 5s; futures off £1 to £255 15s; sales 200 tons spot and 900 futures; Spot Straits fell £1 7s to £265 15s. Eastern c. i. f. London declined 15s to £261 10s; sales 275 tons. Later in the week prices rallied ½ to ¾c.; 250 tons were sold on Thursday. On the Exchange September-October shipment Straits sold at 57.30 to 57.35c.; Outside spot Straits sold at 57½c.; November at 57¾c.; December at 57.30 to 57.35c.; January at 56.78c. In London on the 3rd inst. spot standard advanced £1 5s to £259 10s.; futures however dropped 10s to £255 5s; sales 200 spot and 650 futures; Spot Straits 5s higher at £266.

**LEAD** was in fair demand and steady. East St. Louis, 6 to 6.02½c.; New York, 6.25c. Lead ore in the tri-State district was unchanged at \$80. Shipments last week were 1,775 tons, but it was rumored that 2,000 tons were sold from the reserve stock. In London on the 1st inst. prices declined 1s 3d to £20 15s for spot and £21 2s 6d for futures; sales 500 tons spot and 1,100 futures. On the 2nd inst. London declined 5s to £20 10s for spot and £20 17s 6d for futures; sales 200 tons spot and 700 futures. Latterly trade has been better, at 6c. for East St. Louis, and 6.25c. New York. The price is down nearly to the low level of the year. Consumption is said to be good; small wonder. In London on the 3rd inst. spot fell 1s 3d to £20 8s 9d; futures, £20 16s 3d; sales 100 spot and 2,150 futures.

**ZINC** was steady at 5.80c. on the 1st inst. but the general feeling is that prices are tending downward. Business was quiet. Several large consumers who usually bought at least once a week are now out of the market. The producing capacity of the country is being expanded. Anaconda is to produce more high grade zinc. The output in Rhodesia is increasing and Bunker Hill it is said will soon be turning out 150 tons more per day. In London on the 1st inst. spot fell 2s. 6d. to £26 10s.; futures unchanged at £26 6s. 3d.; sales 150 tons spot and 150 futures. Here on the 2nd

inst. the price declined to 5.75c. East St. Louis. There was more interest on the part of consumers at the low prices, but they are not purchasing on a large scale. They expect prices to go still lower. Spot in London on the 2nd inst. was unchanged at £26 10s.; futures off 1s. 3d. to £26 5s.; sales 225 tons spot and 575 futures. Later in the week prices seemed more steady on the basis of 5.75c. East St. Louis though there were vague rumors that something lower had been accepted. They could not be confirmed. London on the 3rd inst. spot fell 3s. 9d. to £26 6s. 3d.; futures dropped 2s. 6d. to £26 2s. 6d.; sales 300 spot and 1,025 futures.

STEEL has remained quiet with some weakness in prices. Sheets at Pittsburgh have sold at a decline, it seems whenever worthwhile tonnage was offered. Black sheets were quoted at 2.90c. but blue annealed were irregular in competition with plates and strips. Automobile sheets remained at 4.15c. For bars, shapes and plates, 1.75c. was general. Buyers will not pay 1.80c. it seems. On some good sized lots of plates prices have been lowered; 1.85c. is being shaded. Buffalo mills are still competing in Chicago territory. Pipe on the whole sells pretty well under the stimulus of extra discounts. Heavy melting steel delivered in Pittsburgh district was quoted at \$14.50 to \$15., but \$15. is merely a nominal price. Nobody seems to be paying it except possibly now and then on very small lots and even that seems rather doubtful. In other words the steel situation in the main is unchanged. It is said that of steel rails, however, about 110,000 tons sold in the Chicago district last week, of which the Burlington Road took 60,000 tons. The Steel Corporation is producing ingots at the rate of 68% as against 67 last week. October ingot production is said to have been lower. Producers of tin plate have not yet announced 1928 prices, possibly owing to the steady decline in pig tin. Youngstown reports the strips, \$2. to \$3. a ton lower; cold, 2.90 to 3.15c.; hot, 2.05 to 2.15c. Galvanized sheets at Youngstown are said to be well under 3.75c. the nominal price. Scrap steel is said to have sold heavily in Chicago at \$11.75 for heavy melting steel, a decline of 25c.

PIG IRON has met with only a routine demand and has generally therefore lacked features of interest. A better demand has prevailed for cast iron pipe and about 20,000 tons are said to be under negotiation. Alabama prices of pig iron having recently declined the composite price has dropped to \$17.54 as against \$17.84 a week ago. The output of steel making iron in October fell off 4%. Total output for October was 89,810 tons daily against 92,498 in September. Everybody is wondering when the turn for the better will come. There are no present signs of it. The condition is described as dormant. The sales at New York this week are said to have been less than 5,000 tons. A furnace at Troy, N. Y., will remain out of blast until next spring. Dutch iron sold recently at \$22 duty paid. Foundries in this district are running at 65% on the average. Eastern Pennsylvania, No. 2 foundry is nominally \$18.75 to \$19.50; Buffalo \$16.50 to \$17.

WOOL has still been called steady and assuredly it has been quiet. The finer wools sell the best. Ohio & Penn. fine delaine and 1/2 blood 47c.; 3/8 blood and 1/4 blood 47 to 48c.; Territory clean basis, fine staple 1.12 to 1.15; Texas clean, basis fine 12 months 1.10 to 1.12; 8 months 90 to 95c.; Pulled, scoured basis, A super 95 to 1.00; B super 90 to 93c. San Angelo, Texas wired Oct. 31 that the bulk of the Texas mohair crop of 6,000,000 lbs. has been sold at prices ranging from 52c. to 55c. a pound for the grown hair and 62 to 65c. for the kid hair. Shipment is now being made to the Northern warehouses. All but half a million of the crop had been sold late in October.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Nov. 4, 1927.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 438,156 bales, against 424,130 bales last week and 389,720 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1927, 4,013,783 bales, against 5,083,154 bales for the same period of 1926, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 1,069,371 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	17,370	14,880	47,407	15,277	13,642	10,327	118,903
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	6,640	6,640
Houston	17,204	36,941	35,154	25,058	18,609	20,545	153,511
Corp. Christi.	6,863	—	—	—	—	—	6,863
New Orleans	10,365	23,491	8,037	14,170	9,367	10,340	75,770
Mobile	1,758	1,735	2,312	1,755	1,122	1,577	10,259
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
Savannah	2,716	4,924	4,396	3,053	2,436	3,616	21,141
Charleston	1,770	1,184	3,103	1,215	1,271	833	8,376
Wilmington	1,014	436	1,150	948	1,084	881	5,513
Norfolk	2,241	2,643	5,572	2,624	2,752	6,594	22,426
New York	—	48	—	—	—	—	48
Boston	111	25	—	—	100	50	286
Baltimore	—	—	1,448	—	—	396	1,844
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals this week	61,412	86,307	108,579	64,100	55,951	61,807	438,156

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1927 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Nov. 4.	1927.		1926.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	118,903	963,680	119,930	1,291,311	524,382	574,979
Texas City	6,640	41,704	8,182	38,549	32,617	20,444
Houston	153,511	1,452,709	158,351	1,761,792	847,258	695,477
Port Arthur, &c.	12,431	153,917	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	75,770	545,487	108,507	818,880	392,169	525,869
Gulport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	10,259	142,594	22,798	163,884	40,696	52,308
Pensacola	—	7,526	1,225	9,298	—	—
Jacksonville	8	8	—	146	593	485
Savannah	21,141	374,738	39,747	528,830	82,270	188,068
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	9,376	165,174	19,916	254,956	65,274	113,423
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	5,513	46,797	4,114	45,896	28,909	23,439
Norfolk	22,426	91,743	23,663	143,137	66,837	90,228
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	48	3,698	501	3,598	215,354	92,864
Boston	286	1,934	248	4,035	4,860	1,352
Baltimore	1,844	21,919	1,411	18,293	1,167	1,785
Philadelphia	—	155	170	549	7,709	7,908
Totals	438,156	4,013,783	508,763	5,083,154	2,309,495	2,388,629

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	118,903	119,930	159,139	158,153	107,308	124,244
Houston	153,511	158,351	103,120	85,041	16,700	51,348
New Orleans	75,770	108,507	96,870	74,337	48,085	61,024
Mobile	10,259	22,798	9,343	5,266	3,597	6,714
Savannah	21,141	39,747	22,344	15,347	19,026	10,604
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	605
Charleston	9,376	19,916	8,834	14,152	9,425	4,563
Wilmington	5,513	4,114	8,245	6,761	5,688	5,392
Norfolk	22,426	23,663	22,438	18,434	23,207	17,870
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	21,257	11,737	7,216	4,767	2,558	11,868
Tot. this week	438,156	508,763	437,549	383,258	235,636	294,227

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\* Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of cotton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The distinction between port and town has been abandoned.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 366,823 bales, of which 64,692 were to Great Britain, 68,986 to France, 118,992 to Germany, 33,194 to Italy, 52,407 to Japan and China, and 28,552 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 478,862 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,296,014 bales, against 2,784,116 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Nov. 4 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	20,606	42,122	25,058	19,433	—	26,807	14,015	148,041
Houston	19,084	15,639	19,471	12,224	—	6,375	9,013	81,806
Texas City	2,484	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,484
Corp. Christi.	1,116	3,838	5,468	584	—	—	—	14,225
New Orleans	6,419	5,579	22,484	953	—	14,575	1,400	51,410
Mobile	3,488	—	11,427	—	—	—	1,450	16,365
Savannah	9,305	—	16,237	—	—	4,450	—	29,992
Charleston	1,500	—	6,711	—	—	—	53	6,764
New York	100	102	9,998	—	—	—	—	11,498
Boston	—	—	1,638	—	—	—	1,045	2,885
Baltimore	40	200	—	—	—	—	150	190
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200
Los Angeles	550	1,506	500	—	—	—	—	2,556
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	200	—	200
Total	64,692	68,986	118,992	33,194	—	52,407	28,552	366,823
Total 1926	169,612	85,517	97,195	38,144	—	52,239	36,155	478,862
Total 1925	165,594	76,601	108,616	35,572	—	45,843	46,397	478,623

From Aug. 1 1926 to Nov. 4 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	62,523	125,051	137,632	44,173	11,400	96,329	85,828	562,936
Houston	75,300	113,712	171,606	41,681	50,000	117,723	57,084	627,106
Texas City	3,576	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,576
Corp. Christi.	23,379	34,371	50,973	4,643	3,100	20,921	15,970	153,357
New Orleans	47,438	25,140	81,307	30,096	36,626	85,368	22,533	328,608
Mobile	15,155	1,174	48,561	500	—	11,725	2,000	79,115
Pensacola	724	—	5,702	—	—	—	—	7,526
Savannah	48,411	2,090	223,620	3,401	—	27,225	13,363	318,110
Charleston	17,139	340	85,871	2,450	—	500	10,955	117,255
Wilmington	—	—	8,500	11,417	—	—	—	19,917
Norfolk	10,675	100	28,897	—	—	—	—	41,120
New York	4,180	2,279	8,206	1,290	—	—	9,887	25,942
Boston	331	15	185	—	—	—	—	381
Baltimore	—	517	—	120	—	—	—	637
Philadelphia	100	—	45	—	—	—	—	146
Los Angeles	1,000	2,164	4,000	391	—	100	7	7,602
San Fran.	—	—	—	—	—	1,550	24	1,574
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	675	—	675
Total	309,931	306,893	855,105	140,162	101,126	362,116	220,681	2,296,014
Total 1926	719,769	320,174	814,815	215,991	117,873	336,177	259,317	2,784,116
Total 1925	732,793	284,445	792,987	174,047	96,323	284,570	262,412	2,627,577

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Nov. 4 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston	3,700	4,900	6,000	26,400	10,000	51,000	473,382
New Orleans	5,489	4,818	4,756	17,371	1,106	33,540	358,629
Savannah	16,000	—	—	—	400	16,400	65,870
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	—	65,274
Mobile	3,525	225	—	5,022	415	9,187	31,509
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	350	350	66,487
Other ports*	1,500	2,000	3,000	4,500	—	10,000	1,127,867
Total 1927	30,214	11,943	12,756	53,293	12,271	120,477	2,189,018
Total 1926	25,326	23,265	25,578	82,518	12,249	168,936	2,219,693
Total 1925	38,108	16,464	28,521	67,085	10,451	160,629	1,153,536

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been rather sluggish on the eve of the Government report on the size of the crop and on the ginning, both of which are to appear on the 9th inst. There have been occasional spurts of activity however and latterly at times the tone has been stronger and prices higher owing to the occurrence of killing frost in Northwestern Texas. Some of the reports have declared that no small damage was done. The ginning up to Nov. 1st has been estimated at anywhere from 9,600,000 to 10,000,000 bales, against 11,253,873 bales for the same time last year and 11,207,197 bales in 1925. Private estimates on the crop have been ranged from 12,298,000 to 12,735,000 bales. There has been rather more expectation of a decrease from the last estimate on Oct. 8th of 12,678,000 bales since killing frost has been reported. Light to heavy frosts were reported also on the 3rd inst., in Tennessee and Arkansas, and further frost was predicted for most of the belt overnight. Killing frost could do harm in Tennessee, Arkansas and Western Texas and Oklahoma. But the picking in the belt as a whole has been largely completed. It is supposed that only 10 to 15% remains to be done. On the 2nd inst. there was a rise of some 50 to 55 points owing to official reports of killing frost and considerable buying by the trade as well as covering. It happened moreover that the hedge selling suddenly died down. That gave rise to a belief that hedge sales had about exhausted themselves. Of itself that was considered a leading bull point. As to the Texas crop the estimates have varied as usual. Two of the latest are 4,125,000 to 4,175,000 bales, against 4,433,000 bales according to the Government estimate of Oct. 8th and 5,628,000 bales the crop last year. Meanwhile the spot situation at the South has been strong, although it is true that the sales on a given day have often fallen far below those of the corresponding day last year.

Europe is not buying American cotton so freely. That is obvious. It has recently been buying East Indian cotton, it seems, rather than American. Europe wants the low grades and they are not easy to find at the South at prices that at all correspond with those current for East Indian cotton. In fact this is called a relatively high grade crop. Even short cotton has been rather conspicuously firm for some time past. The spot basis remains high. Augusta, Ga., reports the highest basis of the season. The month-end exports were very large, also those at the beginning of November, showing that exporters had put off their engagements until late in October. This of itself largely accounts for the firmness of the spot basis. Liverpool prices on the whole have latterly been steady in spite of dismal reports about Manchester's trade in yarns made from American cotton. Here there has been steady buying by the trade. There were reports at the 2nd inst. that mills had raised their bids. As already intimated, it is believed that the peak of the hedge selling has passed and that it will soon disappear as a factor in the market. Wall Street and at times New Orleans have bought with noticeable freedom. Shorts became alarmed and covered on a considerable scale. Contracts were less plentiful. The market at times has shown better staying power. Worth Street, if quiet or only fairly active at best, has on the whole been steady. Alexandria, Havre, Bremen prices have at times advanced. Some are inclined to stress the idea that consumers are in many cases poorly supplied with cotton and cotton goods at home and abroad.

On the other hand there is a considerable body of bearish sentiment. Rallies have not always held. Outside public speculation has been daunted by the recent erratic fluctuations and the fact that advances have not held. Some of the crop estimates like 12,660,000 bales have also dampened the ardor of would-be buyers. To-day came an estimate of 12,735,000 bales, although the estimate from the same source a month ago was 13,250,000 bales. It is said in the same report that frost has caused little damage thus far, although weevil has greatly impaired the maturity of the bolls. While little or no increase is possible in the top crop, the recent good weather benefited the bottom and middle crops. The falling off in the export demand at the South is noticed. Exports are some half a million bales less than a year ago. Some call it a deadlock in the spot markets. That is to say if the farmers and dealers are disinclined to sell at current prices, mills and exporters are quite as disinclined to buy on anything like liberal scale.

Latterly Liverpool moreover has shown more or less of a tendency towards a reaction downward. Manchester has been very quiet. Yarns have been pressed for sale there. The East Indian demand for Manchester cloths has been poor. As regards the crop report on the 9th inst. some believe there will be an increase in the last estimate of 12,678,000 bales. There are others who estimate the ginning, as already intimated, at as high as 10,000,000 bales. And on the 3rd inst. hedge selling again appeared, together with more or less liquidation by disappointed bulls and of course a certain amount of short selling, as always when the market shows a weakening tendency.

To-day prices were irregular, but ended at a net advance of 6 to 8 points. At one time they were 12 to 15 points higher; at another about that much lower. The ending was steady. A big "into sight" total was offset by big spinners' takings. Spot markets were firm. Japanese interests bought rather freely. Large spot interests bought December if they sold May. Local traders got short in the early business and covered towards the close. That helped the recovery of

some 20 points from the low of the day. So did a falling off in hedge selling. Final prices show a rise for the week of 50 to 80 points. Spot cotton ended at 21.20c. for middling a rise for the week of 70 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Nov. 3 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Nov. 11:

Middling fair.....	1.16 on	*Middling yellow tinged.....	1.85 off
Strict good middling.....	.3 on	*Strict low middling yellow tinged.....	3.00 off
Good middling.....	.68 on	*Low middling yellow tinged.....	4.17 off
Strict middling.....	.46 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	1.10 off
Middling.....	Basis	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.62 off
Strict low middling.....	.58 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	2.60 off
Low middling.....	1.51 off	Good middling yellow stained.....	1.88 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	2.61 off	*Strict middling yellow stained.....	2.40 off
*Good ordinary.....	3.85 off	*Middling yellow stained.....	3.20 off
Good middling spotted.....	.24 on	Good middling gray.....	.58 off
Strict middling spotted.....	.01 off	Strict middling gray.....	.91 off
Middling spotted.....	.69 off	*Middling gray.....	1.40 off
*Strict low middling spotted.....	1.58 off	*Good middling blue stained.....	1.88 off
*Low middling spotted.....	2.81 off	*Strict middling blue stained.....	2.55 off
Strict good middling yellow tinged.....	.07 off	*Middling blue stained.....	3.41 off
Good middling yellow tinged.....	.49 off		
Strict middling yellow tinged.....	.85 off		

\* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Oct. 29 to Nov. 4—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	20.70	20.60	20.75	21.30	21.15	21.20

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Nov. 4 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1927.....	21.20c.	1919.....	39.05c.	1911.....	9.40c.	1903.....	10.75c.
1926.....	12.65c.	1918.....	30.70c.	1910.....	14.65c.	1902.....	8.60c.
1925.....	20.45c.	1917.....	28.80c.	1909.....	14.95c.	1901.....	7.94c.
1924.....	23.75c.	1916.....	18.95c.	1908.....	9.35c.	1900.....	9.56c.
1923.....	32.85c.	1915.....	11.80c.	1907.....	11.10c.	1899.....	7.56c.
1922.....	25.60c.	1914.....	10.30c.	1906.....	10.30c.	1898.....	5.31c.
1921.....	18.80c.	1913.....	14.00c.	1905.....	11.40c.	1897.....	6.00c.
1920.....	21.65c.	1912.....	11.90c.	1904.....	10.15c.	1896.....	8.19c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 20 pts. adv.	Steady	300		300
Monday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	2,100	3,300	5,400
Tuesday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Very steady	700		700
Wednesday	Steady, 55 pts. adv.	Steady	800		800
Thursday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady	2,100		2,100
Friday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	1,450		1,450
Total week			7,450	3,300	10,750
Since Aug. 1			124,196	207,700	633,819

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Oct. 29.	Monday, Oct. 31.	Tuesday, Nov. 1.	Wednesday, Nov. 2.	Thursday, Nov. 3.	Friday, Nov. 4.
Nov.—						
Range.....	20.21	20.12	20.27	20.79	20.65	20.72
Closing.....						
Dec.—						
Range.....	20.08-20.54	20.10-20.55	20.15-20.40	20.46-20.90	20.65-21.02	20.60-20.85
Closing.....	20.29-20.31	20.20-20.22	20.35-20.37	20.87-20.90	20.73-20.77	20.80-20.83
Jan.—						
Range.....	20.17-20.64	20.20-20.63	20.22-20.47	20.53-20.97	20.70-21.08	20.65-20.91
Closing.....	20.37-20.38	20.26-20.27	20.42-20.45	20.92-20.96	20.76-20.81	20.85
Feb.—						
Range.....	20.44	20.35	20.49	20.99	20.85	20.93
Closing.....						
March—						
Range.....	20.33-20.81	20.32-20.77	20.40-20.64	20.67-20.10	20.87-21.23	20.80-21.08
Closing.....	20.50-20.55	20.44-20.49	20.56-20.58	21.07-21.10	20.93-21.00	21.01-21.04
April—						
Range.....	20.58	20.52	20.63	21.14	20.99	21.06
Closing.....						
May—						
Range.....	20.49-20.96	20.48-20.93	20.53-20.80	20.82-21.23	20.98-21.33	20.93-21.18
Closing.....	20.65-20.72	20.59-20.63	20.70-20.75	20.20-21.23	21.05-21.08	21.11-21.15
June—						
Range.....	20.62	20.52	20.64	21.14	20.92	20.97
Closing.....						
July—						
Range.....	20.45-20.83	20.37-20.81	20.39-20.67	20.67-21.08	20.78-21.02	20.63-20.90
Closing.....	20.59	20.45	20.56	21.08	20.78-20.85	20.82
Aug.—						
Range.....	20.37	20.22	20.34	20.79	20.50	20.55
Closing.....						
Sept.—						
Range.....	20.18-20.27			20.20-20.20		
Closing.....	20.15	20.00	20.11	20.63	20.23	20.37
Oct.—						
Range.....			19.73-19.96	19.95-20.15	19.85-20.10	19.78-20.08
Closing.....			19.83	20.10	19.85-19.88	20.05-20.08

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Nov. 4 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Oct. 1927.....		13.46 Dec. 4 1926 24.40 Sept. 9 1927
Nov. 1927.....		12.75 Dec. 6 1926 23.77 Sept. 9 1927
Dec. 1927.....	20.08 Oct. 29	13.36 Jan. 3 1927 24.72 Sept. 8 1927
Jan. 1928.....	20.17 Oct. 29	14.11 Mar. 15 1927 24.77 Sept. 8 1927
Feb. 1928.....		18.19 July 12 1927 23.73 Sept. 8 1927
Mar. 1928.....	20.32 Oct. 31	14.75 April 4 1927 24.99 Sept. 8 1927
April 1928.....		18.35 July 12 1927 22.67 Aug. 31 1927
May 1928.....	20.48 Oct. 31	17.35 Aug. 3 1927 25.07 Sept. 8 1927
June 1928.....		21.40 Oct. 14 1927 21.77 Sept. 19 1927
July 1928.....	20.37 Oct. 31	19.94 Aug. 5 1927 24.70 Sept. 8 1927
Aug. 1928.....		
Sept. 1928.....	20.18 Oct. 29	19.20 Oct. 24 1927 21.10 Oct. 27 1927
Oct. 1928.....	19.73 Nov. 1	19.73 Nov. 1 1927 20.15 Nov. 2 1927

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night

(Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table with columns for year (1925, 1926, 1927, 1924) and rows for various stock locations like Liverpool, London, Manchester, Hamburg, etc.

Table with columns for year (1925, 1926, 1927, 1924) and rows for various stock locations like Liverpool, London, Manchester, etc., categorized by region.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 151,000 bales. The above figures for 1927 show an increase over last week of 340,930 bales, a gain of 258,351 over 1926, an increase of 1,337,262 bales over 1925, and an increase of 2,267,868 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:

Large table with columns for Movement to Nov. 4 1927, Movement to Nov. 5 1926, and rows for various towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, Montgomery, etc.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 98,120 bales and are to-night 64,515 bales less than at the same time last year. The

receipts at all the towns have been 13,678 bales more than the same week 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. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table with columns for year (1927, 1926) and rows for various shipping routes like Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, etc.

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 19,386 bales, against 47,484 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 160,449 bales.

Table with columns for year (1927, 1926) and rows for In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to Nov. 4, etc.

\* Decrease.

Table with columns for year (1925, 1924, 1923) and rows for Movement into sight in previous years.

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 with columns for Week Ended Nov. 4 and rows for various markets 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 with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows for various contract months like December, January, February, etc.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been generally favorable for cotton in nearly all sections of the cotton belt. Rainfall has been scattered and as a rule has been light to moderate. Picking and ginning continue to make rapid progress.

Texas.—The cotton crop in this State is about complete except in the extreme western and northwestern parts.

Table with columns for Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer, and rows for various locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brownsville, 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:

	Nov. 4 1927.	Nov. 5 1926.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans-----	Above zero of gauge- 3.7	11.2
Memphis-----	Above zero of gauge- 12.4	21.7
Nashville-----	Above zero of gauge- 6.6	11.7
Shreveport-----	Above zero of gauge- 6.3	16.3
Vicksburg-----	Above zero of gauge- 19.0	3.5

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.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Aug. 5--	45,276	53,306	41,207	376,345	542,251	150,547	47,129	22,217	31,149
12--	84,022	73,869	43,254	359,809	522,013	164,545	67,486	53,631	57,252
19--	108,930	87,880	93,836	349,011	511,748	191,601	98,132	77,615	120,892
26--	143,950	113,195	148,566	336,511	496,117	270,980	131,450	97,800	227,659
Sept. 2--	248,049	187,891	250,017	336,614	488,127	357,322	248,152	179,901	336,359
9--	261,473	205,801	211,619	371,441	490,340	525,502	296,300	211,014	379,797
16--	319,945	330,427	358,650	421,618	533,485	643,994	370,122	373,572	473,097
23--	334,837	410,234	325,890	524,594	631,415	872,105	437,813	508,164	554,001
30--	406,030	567,704	494,293	647,605	744,323	957,762	529,041	680,612	580,130
Oct. 7--	421,802	622,656	367,670	742,848	869,793	1,137,618	517,045	748,126	547,516
14--	391,639	618,810	423,813	869,297	975,402	1,267,365	518,088	724,419	553,560
21--	389,720	587,297	383,026	974,900	1,076,125	1,385,045	495,323	688,020	500,706
28--	424,130	535,376	376,061	1,101,815	1,166,683	1,516,099	551,145	625,934	507,115
Nov. 4--	438,156	508,763	437,549	1,199,935	1,264,450	1,568,003	536,276	606,530	489,453

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 4,831,744 bales; in 1926 were 5,580,532 bales, and in 1925 were 5,358,686 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 438,156 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 536,276 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 98,120 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 606,530 bales and for 1925 they were 489,453 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.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1927.		1926.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Oct. 28-----	6,478,500	4,961,754	6,148,052	3,646,413
Visible supply Aug. 1-----	675,662	6,252,938	764,014	7,315,798
American in sight to Nov. 4--	13,000	175,000	6,000	164,000
Bombay receipts to Nov. 3-----	58,000	468,860	80,000	388,400
Other India ship's to Nov. 3--	20,000	239,000	15,000	259,000
Alexandria receipts to Nov. 2--	7,258,162	12,259,052	7,020,066	11,880,611
Total supply-----	6,819,430	6,819,430	6,561,079	6,561,079
Deduct-----	438,732	5,439,622	458,987	5,319,532
Visible supply Nov. 4-----	388,732	4,059,262	355,987	4,096,132
Of which other-----	50,000	1,380,360	103,000	1,223,400

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,511,000 bales in 1927 and 1,378,000 bales in 1926—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,928,622 bales in 1927 and 3,941,532 bales in 1926, of which 2,548,262 bales and 2,718,132 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:

November 3. Receipts at—	1927.		1926.		1925.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay-----	13,000	175,000	6,000	164,000	23,000	187,000
Exports from.						
	For the Week.			Since August 1.		
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.
Bombay—1927-----	---	---	---	11,000	84,000	155,000
1926-----	---	---	---	1,000	67,000	134,000
1925-----	3,000	6,000	9,000	100,000	103,000	212,000
Other India—1927-----	13,000	13,000	19,500	142,000	---	161,500
1926-----	7,000	7,000	7,000	100,000	---	107,000
1925-----	3,000	10,000	13,000	28,000	---	130,000
Total all—1927-----	23,000	23,000	30,500	226,000	155,000	411,500
1926-----	7,000	7,000	8,000	167,000	134,000	309,000
1925-----	3,000	13,000	6,000	22,000	103,000	342,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 7,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 16,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 102,500 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.

Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 2.	1927.		1926.		1925.	
Receipts (cantars)—	290,000		400,000		340,000	
This week-----	2,239,581		1,945,065		2,510,963	
Since Aug. 1-----	---		---		---	
Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool-----	7,000	34,123	9,250	46,522	8,250	45,855
To Manchester, &c.-----	7,000	39,929	34,419	11,000	42,374	42,374
To Continent and India--	7,000	89,280	5,750	68,143	8,000	71,215
To America-----	1,000	25,078	11,750	23,933	9,750	20,742
Total exports-----	22,000	188,410	26,750	173,017	37,000	180,186

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Nov. 2 were 290,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 22,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is weak and in cloths is quiet. Manufacturers are generally complaining. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1927.						1926.					
	32s Cop Twists		8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Cotton Midd'l's Upl'd's		32s Cop Twists		8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Cotton Midd'l's Upl'd's	
August--	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	
5--	15½ @ 17½	13 2	@ 13 4	9.47	15 @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 2	9.74				
12--	17 @ 19	13 5	@ 13 7	10.40	15½ @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 2	9.35				
19--	18½ @ 17½	13 5	@ 13 7	10.90	15½ @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 4	9.58				
26--	16½ @ 18	14 0	@ 14 2	11.15	14½ @ 16½	13 2	@ 13 4	10.17				
Sept. 2--	18 @ 19	13 6	@ 14 0	12.34	15½ @ 17	13 4	@ 13 6	10.07				
9--	18 @ 19	13 6	@ 14 0	12.67	15½ @ 17	13 4	@ 13 6	10.16				
16--	17½ @ 19	13 6	@ 14 0	11.83	15½ @ 17	13 4	@ 13 6	9.52				
23--	17½ @ 19	13 3	@ 13 5	11.20	15 @ 16½	13 3	@ 13 5	8.43				
30--	17½ @ 19½	13 4	@ 13 6	11.57	14½ @ 16½	12 6	@ 13 2	7.79				
Oct. 7--	17 @ 19	13 2	@ 13 6	11.72	13½ @ 14½	12 0	@ 12 4	7.09				
14--	16½ @ 18½	13 2	@ 13 6	11.54	13½ @ 14½	12 2	@ 12 6	7.35				
21--	16½ @ 18½	13 2	@ 13 6	11.09	13 @ 14½	12 0	@ 12 3	6.70				
28--	16½ @ 18½	13 3	@ 13 6	11.66	12½ @ 14½	12 0	@ 12 3	6.85				
Nov. 4--	16½ @ 18½	13 3	@ 13 6	11.75	12½ @ 14½	12 0	@ 12 2	6.8				

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 366,823 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Gothenburg—Oct. 27—Wanga, 200-----	200
To Havre—Nov. 1—Suffren, 2; Waukegan, 100-----	102
To Liverpool—Oct. 28—Adriatic, 100-----	100
To Antwerp—Nov. 1—Suevier, 90-----	90
To Bremen—Nov. 1—President Harding, 1,638-----	1,638
To Bombay—Nov. 1—Jalapa, 755-----	755
GALVESTON—To Havre—Oct. 26—Pennyworth, 17,278—Oct. 31—Jacques Cartier, 9,263; Aghios Marcus, 4,292; West Tacook, 11,289-----	42,122
To Japan—Oct. 26—Manila Maru, 5,625—Oct. 29—Silkworth, 3,425; Invincible, 1,887—Oct. 31—Bengal Maru, 6,500—Nov. 1—Steel Ranger, 2,445-----	19,382
To Bremen—Oct. 27—Asiatic, 4,993—Oct. 31—Waban, 3,705-----	24,718
West Camak, 5,564; Aves, 2,176; Gloria de Larrinaga, 8,270-----	550
To Leghorn—Oct. 27—Monbaldo, 550-----	550
To Genoa—Oct. 27—Monbaldo, 900—Oct. 31—Spaardiam, 3,041; Collingsworth, 2,975; Marina Otero, 6,754-----	13,670
To Venice—Oct. 29—Quistconck, 1,375—Oct. 31—Burma, 2,801-----	4,176
To Trieste—Oct. 29—Quistconck 100—Oct. 31—Burma, 937-----	1,037
To Liverpool—Oct. 31—Meltonian, 5,067; Cripple Creek, 3,859; Telesfora de Larrinaga, 6,619-----	15,545
To China—Oct. 29—Silkworth, 5,350; Invincible, 2,075-----	7,425
To Ghent—Oct. 31—West Tacook, 1,405; Aghios Marcus, 4,510-----	5,915
To Rotterdam—Oct. 31—West Tacook, 250-----	250
To Antwerp—Oct. 31—Aghios Marcus, 200-----	200
To Hamburg—Oct. 31—Ares, 340-----	340
To Oslo—Oct. 31—Stureholm, 100-----	100
To Gothenburg—Oct. 31—Stureholm, 2,850-----	2,850
To Copenhagen—Oct. 31—Stureholm, 900-----	900
To Manchester—Oct. 31—Cripple Creek, 575; Telesfora de Larrinaga, 4,486-----	5,061
To Barcelona—Oct. 31—Mar Blanco, 3,800-----	3,800
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 30—Telesfora de Larrinaga, 26-----	18,744
Oct. 29—Meltonian, 8,429—Cripple Creek, 10,289-----	18,744
To Bremen—Oct. 28—West Camak, 1,045—Oct. 29—Aves, 5,281—Oct. 31—Waban, 6,777—Nov. 2—Ulysses, 6,050-----	19,153
To Naples—Oct. 28—Burma, 200-----	200
To Barcelona—Nov. 2—Mar Blanco, 3,800; West Corum, 2,313-----	6,113
To Venice—Oct. 28—Burma, 4,690—Oct. 31—Quistconck, 1,625-----	6,315
To Trieste—Oct. 28—Burma, 729—Oct. 31—Quistconck, 400-----	1,129
To Genoa—Oct. 27—Marina Otero, 2,332—Oct. 28—Collingsworth, 2,248-----	4,580
To Rotterdam—Oct. 27—Spaardiam, 1,700—Oct. 31—Endicott, 750-----	2,450
To Ghent—Oct. 31—Endicott, 200-----	200
To Japan—Oct. 28—Invincible, 2,500—Oct. 29—Texas Maru, 3,125-----	5,625
To China—Oct. 28—Invincible, 750-----	750
To Manchester—Oct. 29—Meltonian, 100, 100; Cripple Creek, 240-----	340
To Havre—Oct. 29—Jacques Cartier, 10,474—Oct. 31—Endicott, 3,615-----	14,089
To Dunkirk—Oct. 29—Jacques Cartier, 1,550-----	1,550
To Hamburg—Oct. 29—Ares, 318-----	318
To Piraeus—Oct. 31—Quistconck, 250-----	255
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Oct. 31—Scythian, 6,878-----	6,878
To Manchester—Oct. 31—Scythian, 2,427-----	2,427
To Bremen—Oct. 31—Tulsa, 8,989—Nov. 1—Crete, 6,447-----	15,436
To Hamburg—Oct. 31—Tulsa, 335—Nov. 1—Crete, 466-----	801
To Japan—Oct. 31—Vancouver Morn, 4,450-----	4,450
NEW ORLEANS—To Bremen—Oct. 26—Corinthic, 12,925-----	22,484
Oct. 31—Narbo, 9,559-----	9,559
To Japan—Oct. 27—Jersey City, 6,300—Oct. 29—Steel Ranger, 8,275-----	14,575
To Liverpool—Nov. 2—Donellan, 5,329-----	5,329
To Manchester—Nov. 2—Donellan, 1,090-----	1,090
To Havre—Oct. 31—Missouri, 4,793-----	4,793
To Dunkirk—Oct. 31—Missouri, 786-----	786
To Antwerp—Oct. 31—Missouri, 1,100-----	1,100
To Genoa—Oct. 31—Duchessa D'Aoska, 953-----	953
To Barcelona—Oct. 31—Duchessa D'Aosta, 100-----	100
To Vera Cruz—Oct. 28—Tegniozalpa, 200-----	200
MOBILE—To Barcelona—Oct. 27—Mar Blanco, 700-----	700
To Bremen—Oct. 29—Nemaha, 11,427-----	11,427
To Rotterdam—Oct. 27—Coasect, 750-----	750
To Liverpool—Oct. 29—Afoundria, 3,288-----	3,288
To Manchester—Oct. 29—Afoundria, 200-----	200

CORPUS CHRISTI—To Liverpool—Oct. 27—Endicott, 1,066.....	1,066
To Manchester—Oct. 27—Endicott, 50.....	50
To Havre—Oct. 27—Endicott, 3,838.....	3,838
To Ghent—Oct. 27—Endicott, 700.....	700
To Rotterdam—Oct. 27—Endicott, 182.....	182
To Barcelona—Oct. 27—Endicott, 443.....	443
To Genoa—Oct. 27—Endicott, 584.....	584
To Bremen—Nov. 1—Cody, 5,468.....	5,468
To Copenhagen—Nov. 1—Cody, 100.....	100
NORFOLK—To Bremen—Oct. 29—Western Ocean, 5,500.....	5,500
31—Kellerwald, 4,498.....	4,498
To Manchester—Oct. 31—Kearney, 1,500.....	1,500
SAN PEDRO—To Bremen—Oct. 29—Altmark, 500.....	500
To Liverpool—Oct. 31—Lochinvar, 250—Madeira, 300.....	550
To Havre—Nov. 1—Notre Dame de Fourriere, 1,506.....	1,506
PHILADELPHIA—Oct. 18—Tomalva, 1.....	1
BALTIMORE—To Havre—Oct. 23—Vincent, 200.....	200
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 24—Cold Harbor, 40.....	40
To Copenhagen—Oct. 21—Danla, 150.....	150
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Oct. 31—Schoharie, 6,482.....	6,482
To Hamburg—Oct. 31—Schoharie, 229.....	229
To Antwerp—Oct. 31—Schoharie, 53.....	53
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Oct. 27—Tokiva Maru, 200.....	200
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Oct. 28—Telesfora de Larrinaga, 1,282.....	1,282
To Manchester—Oct. 28—Telesfora de Larrinaga, 1,202.....	1,202

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**COTTON FREIGHT.**—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	.40c.	.55c.	Oslo	.50c.	.60c.	Shanghai	.75c.	.90c.
Manchester	.40c.	.55c.	Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	Bombay	.65c.	.80c.
Antwerp	.40c.	.55c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	.50c.	.65c.
Ghent	.47 1/2c.	.62 1/2c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Hamburg	.40c.	.55c.
Havre	.50c.	.65c.	Lisbon	.50c.	.65c.	Piraeus	.85c.	\$1.00
Rotterdam	.40c.	.55c.	Opera	.65c.	.80c.	Salonica	.85c.	\$1.00
Genoa	.50c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Venice	.50c.	.65c.
			Japan	.70c.	.85c.			

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Oct. 14.	Oct. 21.	Oct. 28.	Nov. 4.
Sales of the week.....	45,000	56,000	40,000	4,000
Of which American.....	24,000	36,000	25,000	28,000
Actual exports.....	4,000	3,000	1,000	2,000
Forwarded.....	63,000	57,000	58,000	62,000
Total stocks.....	965,000	935,000	942,000	930,000
Of which American.....	629,000	610,000	608,000	618,000
Total imports.....	49,000	32,000	67,000	66,000
Of which American.....	27,000	22,000	41,000	30,000
Amount afloat.....	169,000	201,000	170,000	195,000
Of which American.....	78,000	102,000	90,000	124,000

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.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.	Good demand.	Good inquiry.	Quiet.
Mld. Upl'ds	11.41d.	11.59d.	11.55d.	11.67d.	11.82d.	11.75d.
Sales	4,000	7,000	6,000	8,000	7,000	5,000
Futures Market opened	Q't but st'y 24 to 29pts. decline.	Steady 18 to 22pts. advance.	Q't but st'y 6 to 10 pts. decline.	Q't but st'y 8 to 10 pts. advance.	Steady 15 to 23pts. advance.	Q't. but st'y 2 to 4 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Q't but st'y 27 to 28pts. decline.	Steady 22 to 28pts. advance.	Quiet 10 to 14pts. decline.	Q't but st'y 10 to 14pts. advance.	Q't but st'y 8 pts. adv. 1 pt. dec.	Steady, 6 pts. adv. 1 pt. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 29 to Nov. 4.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
October	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
November	10.93		11.11	11.00	10.97	11.12	11.11	11.27	11.17	11.20	11.24	
December	10.83	11.01	11.11	11.06	10.97	11.10	11.09	11.26	11.16	11.18	11.22	
January	10.81	10.98	11.06	10.97	10.96	11.10	11.09	11.23	11.13	11.15	11.18	
February	10.81	10.98	11.05	10.96	10.93	11.07	11.06	11.22	11.13	11.15	11.18	
March	10.76	10.94	11.00	10.91	10.88	11.02	11.00	11.18	11.08	11.10	11.13	
April	10.72	10.91	11.06	10.87	10.84	10.99	10.97	11.15	11.05	11.07	11.09	
May	10.73	10.92	10.97	10.88	10.85	11.00	10.98	11.16	11.06	11.08	11.10	
June	10.67	10.86	10.90	10.82	10.79	10.93	10.92	11.10	11.00	11.01	11.03	
July	10.64	10.83	10.87	10.78	10.76	10.90	10.88	11.06	10.96	10.97	10.99	
August	10.51	10.70	10.74	10.65	10.63	10.77	10.75	10.92	10.82	10.82	10.84	
September	10.39	10.57	10.61	10.52	10.51	10.65	10.62	10.73	10.64	10.65	10.64	
October	10.28	10.46	10.50	10.41	10.40	10.54	10.51	10.61	10.52	10.53	10.51	
November	10.41	10.45	10.36	10.35	10.49	10.46	10.55	10.46	10.47	10.45		

**BREADSTUFFS**

Friday Night, Nov. 4 1927.

Flour was firmer early in the week in response to higher prices for wheat. Mills report that October business on the whole was not unsatisfactory. The last 10 days of October largely made up for the dullness in the forepart of the month. Northwestern as well as the Southwestern mills are said to be sold ahead. The large bakers, however, are supposed to be pretty well covered for the rest of the year and in some cases it appears, have bought into 1928. The export demand has fallen off. Daily clearances from New York, however, are said to be rather large especially to Germany and elsewhere in Northern Europe. Small clearances were reported later of wheat flour. Export demand has seemingly ceased for the time being.

Wheat advanced for a time early in the week and then declined. Liverpool cables were erratic, finally advancing 1 1/2 to 2d on reports of light frosts in Southern Argentina. New York rose for a time on October 31st nearly 3 cents above the closing level on October 29th on heavy covering. But the early cables from Liverpool were disappointing.

Export sales were variously stated at 800,000 to 900,000 bales, but almost wholly Manitoba. Canadian marketings continued to be very large, i. e., 5,420,000 bushels against 3,998,000 a year ago. Gradings continued to improve. United States visible supply last week increased 3,288,000 bushels and the total is now 88,290,000 bushels against 72,034,000 last year. Choice milling grades still commanded high premiums but medium and lower grades were not wanted. A cargo of No. 1 Northern has already been bought to go to Chicago from Duluth, with prospects of additional shipments to Chicago unless the demand greatly increases. Canadian marketings continued large with the lower grades at sharp discounts. The Canadian visible supply of wheat including the quantities in bond in the United States increased for the week 1,202,000 with the total 20,487,000 bushels.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics says 35 nations are expected to produce a total of 3,086,079,000 bushels of wheat on the basis of condition on the date of reporting, an increase of 6.3% over 1926, when those countries accounted for 84.9% of the estimated world total, exclusive of Russia and China. Late last week it was stated that Canadian prairie farmers' daily grain haul to the elevators continued at an unprecedented rate of 8,000,000 bushels. At the Montreal end of the movement, loading operations were maintained at a high rate and chartering for last part of October and first half of November in two successive days was at the rate of 10 steamers daily. Murray estimated the farm reserves in 12 leading States at roughly 77,000,000 bushels as against 159,000,000 last year and the 10-year average of 114,000,000 bushels.

On the 1st inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 3/8c., but lost the rise and closed 1/8 to 1/4c. lower. South American and Continental markets were closed for All Saints Day. There were rains and snows in Canada, but the country deliveries were large. Threshing was rapidly approaching completion. Winter wheat receipts were moderate. Mills still wanted red wheat and choice hard wheat, but otherwise cash trade was dull. Export sales fell off to 300,000 bushels. Bradstreets stated the world's visible supply increased 19,150,000 bushels against an increase last year of 15,378,000 bushels; total stock, 222,767,000 bushels. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced a hardly perceptible fraction net. Buenos Aires fell 1 1/4c., and Liverpool, 1/8 to 1/4d. Larger offerings for early shipment from Canada and Argentina affected Europe. Export sales were only 150,000 to 200,000 bushels. The weather was milder in Argentina. Winnipeg was firmer than Chicago. On the 3rd inst. prices rallied after an early decline of 3/8c. and closed 1/8 to 3/8c. net higher. Vancouver wired that 100 ships had been chartered to move 36,000,000 bushels from Western Canada to the United Kingdom and the Continent for November-December-January shipment. This caused covering.

To-day prices closed 1 to 1 1/2c. lower. Winnipeg led the decline. Liquidation was the order of the day. Short selling told. The East sold out long wheat. Export sales were only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. They included a cargo of hard wheat for Portugal and a little red wheat for France as well as some scattered lots in other directions. Duluth durum was independently firm and advanced 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c. Argentina had beneficial rains. The cables were rather inclined to be weak. Most of the buying came from shorts and holders of privileges. Bradstreets North American reports this week are 15,733,000 bushels against 10,928,000 last year. The world's total looks like 18,347,000 bushels. Canadian country marketings yesterday were 5,008,000 bushels against 4,166,000 last year. The weather at the Northwest was good. Argentine exports for the week are 902,000 bushels; Australian 504,000; Northwestern receipts showed a decrease. Final prices for the week are unchanged to 1c. higher the latter on May.

**CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.**

December delivery.....	Sat. 127 1/4	Mon. 126 3/4	Tues. 126 1/4	Wed. 126 1/4	Thurs. 126 1/4	Fri. 125 1/4
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red.....	Sat. 150	Mon. 149 1/4	Tues. 149 1/4	Wed. 149 1/4	Thurs. 149 1/4	Fri. 148 1/4
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 126	Mon. 125 3/4	Tues. 125 1/4	Wed. 125 1/4	Thurs. 125 1/4	Fri. 124
March delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 129 1/2	Mon. 129	Tues. 128 3/4	Wed. 128 3/4	Thurs. 129 1/4	Fri. 127 1/2
May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 131 1/2	Mon. 131 1/4	Tues. 131	Wed. 131 1/4	Thurs. 131 1/4	Fri. 130 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

October delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 130 1/4	Mon. 129 3/4	Tues. 129 1/4	Wed. 129 1/4	Thurs. 129 1/4	Fri. 128
December delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 127 1/4	Mon. 125 3/4	Tues. 126 1/4	Wed. 126 1/4	Thurs. 126 1/4	Fri. 126
May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 131 1/4	Mon. 130 3/4	Tues. 130 3/4	Wed. 130 3/4	Thurs. 131 1/4	Fri. 130 3/4

INDIAN CORN declined 1c. on Oct. 31 in expectation of favorable private crop reports. The weather was favorable with colder temperatures forecast. The United States visible supply last week increased 1,965,000 bushels against however an increase last year of 3,627,000 bushels. The total is now 20,574,000 bushels against 22,258,000 a year ago. Country offerings to arrive were smaller it is true and the receipts were largely to fill old sales. Shipping demand was slow and the cash basis as compared with futures was somewhat easier. On the 1st inst. prices advanced 1c. with farm reserve figures bullish that is about 70,000,000 bushels less than last year. Offerings to arrive fell off sharply. Light receipts are ahead after this week. The closing was at the top for the day. Crop figures were about as expected. On the 2nd inst. prices opened strong but fell 1 1/4 to 2c. later

from the early high, on hedge selling by commission houses. The weather was good. Temperatures were colder. Husking will be general if such weather continues. Country offerings to arrive were small however and receipts go to supply old contracts. The shipping demand at Chicago was small. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 1/2c. lower, mainly owing to the decline in wheat. Some sold corn and bought oats. Cash prices were steady. The country seemed in no hurry to sell. The weather was good. The forecast was favorable. The Far West and the Pacific Coast want corn in Nebraska and Kansas. They pay higher prices it is said than Omaha or St. Louis. Minneapolis received the first car of new Minnesota corn. Interior receipts were fair. Argentine exports for the week were 6,900,000 bushels including 102,000 to Canada, and 272,000 to the United States. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1/8 to 3/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 Yellow	Sat. 100 1/4	Mon. 99	Tues. 100	Wed. 99 1/2	Thurs. 99 3/4	Fri. 99 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 83 3/4	Mon. 82 1/2	Tues. 83 3/4	Wed. 82 3/4	Thurs. 83 1/4	Fri. 82 3/4
March delivery in elevator	87	86	87	86 1/2	86 3/4	86 3/4
May delivery in elevator	89 3/4	89	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 3/4

Oats advanced a fraction at the close of last week with other grain higher, receipts lights and cash premiums strong. On October 31st prices advanced 3/8 to 1/2c., then reacted, as other grain did. The United States visible supply decreased last week 536,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of 675,000 bushels. The total is now 23,875,000 bushels against 48,097,000 last year. On the 1st inst. prices closed 1/4c. higher with the tone firmer than this would imply. Cash oats sold at stiff premiums, receipts were light and though speculation was slow the excellent consumptive demand made up for this. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced a trifle with a persistent cash demand unabated premiums, and receipts light. But with it all there was little speculation. Today prices ended 1/4c. lower in a small market. Receipts were moderate. Canadian prices were slightly lower. There was only a fair cash demand. Cooler weather prevailed. Some bought oats and sold corn. Many of the commission houses believe in higher prices for oats. They were only slightly affected by the decline in other grain. Final prices show a rise for the week of 3/4 to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 White	Sat. 60 3/4	Mon. 60 3/4	Tues. 60 3/4	Wed. 60 3/4	Thurs. 61 1/4	Fri. 61 1/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 47 3/4	Mon. 47 1/4	Tues. 47 3/4	Wed. 48	Thurs. 48 3/4	Fri. 48 3/4
March delivery in elevator	49	48 3/4	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
May delivery in elevator	49 3/4	49 1/4	49 3/4	49 1/2	50 3/4	50 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October delivery in elevator	Sat. 62	Mon. 56	Tues. 57 1/2	Wed. 52 1/2	Thurs. 53 1/2	Fri. 53 1/2
December delivery in elevator	52 1/2	51 3/4	52 1/2	52 1/2	53 3/4	53 3/4
May delivery in elevator	55	54 3/4	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 3/4	55 3/4

RYE advanced 3/8 to 1 1/4c. on Oct. 29, with wheat higher, a better export demand from the Continent and offerings small. No actual export business was reported. On Oct. 31, prices advanced 1 to 1 1/2c., with wheat up, but reacted and closed unchanged to 5/8c. lower. The United States visible supply decreased last week 218,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 453,000 bushels. The total is now 2,142,000 bushels against 1,282,000 a year ago. The rye crop in 24 countries was estimated by Washington at 892,000,000 bushels against 780,000,000 in 1926 and 973,000,000 in 1925. The barley crop in 35 countries was estimated at 1,239,000,000 bushels against 1,163,000,000 in 1926, and 1,241,000,000 in 1925. On the 1st inst. prices advanced on the nearer months. There was no pressure to sell. Domestic demand was good and offset liberal receipts even if export demand failed. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 1c. net with offerings small, mills buying steadily, receipts increased but little, rye flour in good demand and export business in rye in small lots at least with the hope of some thing better later. To-day prices were irregular, ending 1/2c. lower to 1/2c. higher. There was no export demand. Cash rye on the other hand was steady. Receipts were rather small. The decline in wheat caused selling. Final prices show a rise, however, for the week of 1/2 to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 98 3/4	Mon. 98 1/4	Tues. 98 3/4	Wed. 99 1/4	Thurs. 99	Fri. 98 3/4
March delivery in elevator	101	101	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/4
May delivery in elevator	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, f.o.b.-----148 1/4	No. 2 white-----61 1/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.-----139 3/4	No. 3 white-----58 3/4 @ 59 3/4
Corn, New York—	Rye, New York—
No. 2 yellow-----99 1/4	No. 2 f.o.b.-----110 3/4
No. 3 yellow-----98 3/4	Barley, New York—
	Malting as to quality-----93 3/4

FLOUR.

Spring patents-----\$6.85 @ \$7.25	Rye flour, patents-----\$5.65 @ \$6.00
Cleats, first spring-----6.50 @ 6.90	Seminole No. 2, pound-----3 3/4
Soft winter straights-----6.00 @ 6.40	Oats goods-----3.10 @ 3.15
Hard winter straights-----6.65 @ 7.00	Corn flour-----2.40 @ 2.45
Hard winter patents-----7.00 @ 7.50	Barley goods-----
Hard winter clears-----5.75 @ 6.35	Coarse-----2.60
Fancy Minn. patents-----8.20 @ 9.05	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4-----7.00
City mills-----8.35 @ 9.05	

For other tables usually given here, see page 2488.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 29, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat bush.	Corn bush.	Oats bush.	Rye bush.	Barley bush.
New York	1,142,000	224,000	318,000	15,000	428,000
Boston	2,000	2,000	7,000	2,000	70,000
Philadelphia	864,000	35,000	108,000	12,000	3,000
Baltimore	1,965,000	21,000	56,000	19,000	97,000
New Orleans	641,000	245,000	82,000	38,000	---
Galveston	875,000	12,000	---	43,000	98,000
Fort Worth	3,147,000	119,000	352,000	9,000	52,000
Buffalo	4,571,000	1,646,000	2,282,000	485,000	223,000
a float	2,823,000	---	74,000	---	245,000
Toledo	2,855,000	123,000	177,000	5,000	5,000
a float	466,000	---	---	---	---
Detroit	342,000	86,000	74,000	72,000	50,000
Chicago	5,768,000	9,726,000	4,196,000	59,000	368,000
a float	578,000	660,000	2,278,000	14,000	218,000
Duluth	18,208,000	---	1,087,000	941,000	525,000
Minneapolis	17,621,000	2,032,000	9,559,000	157,000	470,000
a float	390,000	156,000	526,000	1,000	13,000
St. Louis	2,292,000	943,000	330,000	6,000	83,000
Kansas City	14,003,000	1,363,000	297,000	107,000	370,000
Wichita	3,592,000	2,000	11,000	---	---
St. Joseph, Mo.	696,000	342,000	1,000	---	---
a float	3,000	292,000	628,000	---	---
Indianapolis	1,256,000	525,000	383,000	---	4,000
Omaha	2,567,000	1,833,000	1,031,000	81,000	175,000
On Lakes	1,183,000	182,000	---	---	288,000
On Canal and River	640,000	---	---	76,000	593,000

Total Oct. 29 1927	88,290,000	20,574,000	23,857,000	2,142,000	4,381,000
Total Oct. 22 1927	85,002,000	18,609,000	24,411,000	2,360,000	3,873,000
Total Oct. 30 1926	72,034,000	22,258,000	48,097,000	12,828,000	4,799,000

Note.—Rounded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 14,000 bushels; Buffalo, 10,000; Buffalo afloat, 115,000; total, 139,000 bushels, against 289,000 bushels in 1926. Barley, New York, 129,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 30,000; Buffalo, 284,000; Buffalo afloat, 205,000; Duluth, 86,000; Canal, 115,000; total, 849,000 bushels, against 3,225,000 bushels in 1926. Wheat, New York, 1,054,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 151,000; Baltimore, 634,000; Buffalo, 6,079,000; Buffalo afloat, 506,000; Duluth, 203,000; on Lakes, 805,000; Canal, 289,000; total, 9,721,000 bushels, against 11,759,000 bushels in 1926.

Canadian—

Montreal	1,726,000	420,000	213,000	716,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	16,169,000	758,000	1,581,000	1,802,000
Other Canadian	2,871,000	49,000	688,000	294,000
Total Oct. 29 1927	20,766,000	1,227,000	2,482,000	2,812,000
Total Oct. 22 1927	17,937,000	1,012,000	2,560,000	2,180,000
Total Oct. 30 1926	39,028,000	5,788,000	2,719,000	6,635,000

Summary—

American	88,290,000	20,574,000	23,857,000	2,142,000	4,381,000
Canadian	20,766,000	1,227,000	2,482,000	2,812,000	---
Total Oct. 29 1927	109,056,000	20,574,000	25,084,000	4,624,000	7,193,000
Total Oct. 22 1927	102,939,000	18,609,000	25,423,000	4,920,000	6,053,000
Total Oct. 30 1926	111,062,000	22,258,000	53,885,000	15,547,000	11,434,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Oct. 28, and since July 1 1927 and 1926, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.		Corn.		
	1927.		1926.		
	Week Oct. 28.	Since July 1.	Week Oct. 28.	Since July 1.	
North Amer.	14,447,000	164,014,000	173,051,000	66,000	1,048,000
Black Sea	648,000	5,168,000	14,980,000	83,000	6,890,000
Argentina	1,369,000	25,788,000	10,239,000	5,080,000	130,544,000
Australia	440,000	18,776,000	7,512,000	---	---
India	96,000	7,704,000	3,352,000	---	---
Oth. countr's	896,000	9,240,000	5,465,000	1,955,000	9,468,000
Total	17,896,000	230,690,000	214,599,000	7,169,000	147,615,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 1.—

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Nov. 1, follows:

During the first part of the week temperatures were slightly subnormal in the Atlantic coast area and part of the Northeast, and about the middle of the period rather cool weather prevailed in the extreme Southeast, but elsewhere it was warmer than normal generally during the first and middle parts. Record-breaking maximum temperatures for so late in the season occurred at numerous places over a large area from the east Gulf coast northward to the Lake region and the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri Valleys, with more than 30 first-order stations reporting the highest of record for the last week in October. The latter part of the period had cooler weather over the Pacific Northwest and the Central-Northern States, with temperature readings by the morning of October 31 ranging about normal in the latter area to considerably below normal in the former, but warm weather continued in the interior and Eastern States.

Showers were rather frequent in the area west of the Rocky Mountains. By the morning of the 28th a low pressure area of considerable magnitude had developed in the far Southwest and moved thence northeastward to the Central-Northern States by the 30th, accompanied by widespread precipitation over the Rocky Mountain area and northern trans-Mississippi sections, with some locally heavy falls in the Great Plains. During the latter part of the week, pressure was again low over the more western States, with showers to heavy rains in California and the Great Basin.

Chart I shows that the temperature for the week averaged much above normal in practically all sections of the country. In fact, the only area showing a minus departure appears in the interior of the Pacific Coast States where the weekly means ranged from 1 degree to about 4 degrees below the seasonal average. It was especially warm in most of the South and in all sections between the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains where the temperature averaged from about 6 degrees to as much as 22 degrees above normal, being one of the warmest weeks of record for so late in the season over these sections.

Freezing temperatures were again confined to the more northeastern States, the extreme northern Great Plains, and from the western Plains westward over the mountain and Plateau districts. The lowest temperature reported for the week was 12 degrees above zero at Yellowstone Park, Wyo., on Nov. 1, while the lowest in the great central valleys ranged mostly from about 40 degrees to above 50 degrees.

There was substantial to heavy precipitation in most sections west of the Rocky Mountains, as shown on Chart II. The amounts were especially heavy for the season in the western Great Basin and in California, but in northern districts they were mostly light to moderate. Substantial falls were reported also from the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Coast, but elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains very little rain fell.

Over the principal agricultural sections of the interior and Northern States, general killing frost and freezing weather this fall has been remarkably later than usual; in fact, the weather, in general, during the last two months has been unusually mild for the season in most sections. The first general killing frost and freeze appeared over the northern Plains area during the week ending Sept. 20, at about the average date, but since that time the area has extended southward and eastward at an unusually slow rate. The dotted line on Chart I shows the area covered by freezing weather to Nov. 1 1927, while the dash line represents the southern limit of killing frost to that date in an average year, both based on records of first-order stations. While killing frost to Nov. 1 usually extends southward over the northern Cotton Belt, and has been experienced in past years practically to the Gulf coast, a general frost and freeze this year has not even overspread southern Michigan. There are about 150 first-order Weather Bureau stations east of the Rocky Mountains, and in an average year about 100 of these have killing frost by Nov. 1. This year fewer than 50 have reported temperatures as low as 32 degrees up to Nov. 1.

Aside from continued dryness in some areas, the week was exceptionally favorable for agricultural interests in nearly all sections of the country.

The abnormally warm weather, with abundant sunshine and low humidity, in the central valley States was ideal for drying out the corn crop and seasonal farm work made good progress quite generally east of the Rocky Mountains. All of the principal crops have practically matured, harvest has made good advance, and there is no longer any danger of material frost damage.

From North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas southward rain is generally needed for plowing and seeding and for late truck crops. There is also need of rain in parts of the Ohio Valley, some sections of the Southwest, and parts of the western and northern Great Plains, though showers were beneficial generally in the last-named section. Rains were very helpful in the Central-Northern States, while precipitation was beneficial generally in practically all central and southern districts from the Rocky Mountains westward. There was some harm to matured crops by wetness in California, but the heavy rains in that State and the generous amount in the Plateau area were in general, very beneficial.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—Winter wheat, on the whole, continued to make good progress. The late-seeded needs rain in Ohio and more moisture would be beneficial in some other sections of the Ohio Valley area, but otherwise from the Mississippi Valley eastward the soil is mostly in fairly good condition. Showers during the week were helpful in the Central-Northern States from the upper Mississippi Valley westward, and also in the southern Great Plains. More rain is needed in the latter area, especially in the western third of Kansas where the soil has become very dry. Additional moisture in the Rocky Mountain sections was helpful, but rain is needed in most of the South for conditioning the soil and for growth of early-seeded fall grains. In the far West timely rains occurred in California and in the Great Basin.

**CORN.**—Ideal conditions for drying the corn crop continued in all sections east of the Rocky Mountains, and gathering and cribbing have begun quite generally. It was especially favorable in Iowa where early corn is now safe to crib, with husking well begun in parts of the west; some cribbing was also accomplished in Missouri and husking progressed in the Plains States. Some husking was done in Illinois and Indiana and this work progressed in Ohio.

**COTTON.**—The warm, sunshiny, and generally dry weather in the Cotton Belt gave a continuation of conditions favorable for outside work, and picking and ginning made rapid progress. In the more eastern States the bulk of cotton has now been picked as far north as Virginia, and the upland crop is largely gathered in Tennessee, though on bottom lands bolls are opening slowly. In Arkansas picking has been nearly completed in many localities and is well along elsewhere, except in the east; bolls are still developing, however, on some overflow areas. In Oklahoma late cotton opened fast and harvest progressed rapidly, being nearly completed in the central and eastern portions and well advanced in the west. In Texas harvest is about done, except in the northwest and extreme west.

¶ The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Warm and dry, with abundance of sunshine, very favorable for farm work. Conditions excellent for husking and drying corn, digging and storing potatoes, picking cotton, and digging peanuts; bulk of cotton gathered in good condition. Wheat seeding about finished and early-sown doing well.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Mild and generally fair. Favorable for gathering and maturing some scattered late corn, cotton, forage, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and truck. Good progress in picking cotton and in clean shape. Rain needed in central and west for seeding, or recently-sown, winter grains.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Nights rather above normal and fall plowing retarded by dryness. Oat and rye planting continues slowly with fair germination. Practically one-tenth of cotton in higher Piedmont remains to be picked and ginning continues slowly. Sweet potato digging results generally good. Fall cabbage on coast nearly ready for harvest; spinach good stand; truck and grains need rain.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Very warm, dry week highly favorable for final harvesting operations, but soil difficult to plow and planting cereals backward, though progressing slowly. Oats that are up made poor growth; also fall truck. Cane fairly good; cutting and grinding becoming active. Springs, wells, and streams falling and general rain greatly needed.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Except locally in portions of extreme north and Atlantic coast counties, dry weather unfavorably affected oats, seed beds, growing truck, cane, and citrus fruits; water for domestic purposes much reduced in some localities. Shipments of beans and other truck continued from Okechobee district and locally elsewhere. Cane fair on lowlands; some grinding. Citrus coloring slowly. Seeding oats made some headway.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Temperatures decidedly above normal; light, scattered showers, but rainless in most sections for nearly three weeks; growing vegetation needs moisture. Sowing oats continues; coming up slowly. Pastures generally poor. Truck fairly good in coast section, but mostly poor elsewhere. Corn harvesting progressing well, and finished in many sections of south. Digging sweets finished in most sections. Condition of minor crops varies from poor to good. Sirup making progressing in south and central. Cotton picking continues in northern tier of counties and scattering in some other sections.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Practically no precipitation and slight cloudiness. Excellent progress in picking and ginning cotton; only scattered patches remaining in fields. Good progress in housing corn. Progress of pastures mostly poor.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Generally dry and warm. Excellent for picking and ginning cotton, which is nearing completion. Some activity in housing corn, hay, and sweet potatoes. Excellent for maturing cane, and grinding beginning in a few places. Too dry for fall truck and rain also needed for fall plowing and planting.

**Texas.**—Houston: First five days ideal for harvesting and seeding; good rain last two days in northern two-thirds of State; still droughty in southern third. Cotton picking and corn harvest about completed, except in northwest and extreme west. Condition and progress of winter wheat and oats mostly good; of pastures fair to good. Truck needs rain in southern third. Citrus shipments increasing with yield and quality very good.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Warm and mostly clear. Conditions ideal for maturing and harvesting crops. Condition of cotton unchanged; late bolls opening fast and picking and ginning progressed rapidly; nearly finished in central and east and well advanced in west. Harvesting and husking corn progressed satisfactorily. Showers at close benefited wheat; condition generally very good, but more rain needed. Pastures and minor crops fair to excellent.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Continued warm and mostly dry; very favorable for gathering corn and cotton. Picking cotton nearly completed in many localities and well along elsewhere, except in east where progressing rapidly; bolls still developing in overflow area. Nearly all corn matured. Rice harvest nearing completion. Too dry for sowing and germination of wheat, oats, and rye.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Dry weather, with temperature above normal and an abundance of sunshine, beneficial for early-sown wheat and oats, which made fine growth; too dry for late-sown grains to germinate. Early corn drying out well and much husked; late crop cut by lack of moisture, but warm weather causing late corn to grow heavier daily. Cotton poor in some western counties, but good in others; dry weather favorable for picking and up-land cotton almost picked, while bottom-land cotton opening slowly.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: High temperatures; local showers at end beneficial for all grains and pastures. Wheat sowing completed; mostly up and condition excellent with growth rapid. Condition of late shocked and standing corn much improved by rapid drying; some gathering of early corn. Favorable for curing late tobacco. Pastures fairly good. Cotton opening rapidly. Fall work ahead.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Nov. 4 1927.

Freakish, hot, rainy and unseasonable weather restricted distribution in most divisions of the textile markets. Such climatic conditions are not conducive to consumer purchasing to winter needs, and this was naturally reflected in the woolen division where sales of heavyweight goods fell off considerably. Certain cotton fabrics were also hampered by the weather. However, all sections of the industry were not

adversely affected. Floor coverings experienced a good volume of business on the Spring rug and carpet lines, despite the fact that the market has not yet had time to fully absorb the \$6,000,000 worth of merchandise recently disposed of at the auction held by the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. The majority of current orders are being received from salesmen on the road, as there are not many buyers in the local market at present. Linens have also made better progress, being influenced by a 10 to 15% increase in the price of sheers and cambries. The latter indicates that advances will have to be paid next year. As to silks, prices for the staple have moved narrowly. Reports regarding finished goods are conflicting, as some distributors claim that sales are satisfactory, while others state that orders for Spring merchandise are not equaling expectations. Statistics covering the movement of raw silk during the month of October were published the latter part of the week by the Silk Association of America. The report was extremely bearish and factors claim that the figures indicate a basis of \$5.00 per pound for Japanese silk during the early winter. As this is from \$1.00 to \$2.00 below the levels of recent year it is also believed possible that it may have a far reaching effect upon other textile goods. Storage stocks of raw silk at the end of October totalled 62,366 bales, silk in transit 18,500 bales, and with stocks in Japan estimated at 46,000 bales, this gives a potential supply of 126,866 bales, which is believed to be the largest on record.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—Although prices are generally steady, business in the markets for domestic cotton goods continues irregular. Sales of finished fabrics are spotty, as some show improvement while others remain comparatively quiet. On the other hand, only scant orders were received for the general run of gray goods. Raw cotton sought higher levels during the week, but this failed to stimulate much additional interest. Buyers are gradually becoming less influenced by the temporary price fluctuations of the staple. However, they made persistent efforts to obtain concessions for deferred deliveries, but, as a rule, these were unsuccessful. Apparently, the seller now theorizes that little can be gained by accepting orders for distant deliveries at a very close price. As to individual classes of merchandise, fabrics used in the manufacture of automobiles are quiet just now, but producers of these goods are keeping a close watch on the Ford plant. It is believed that as soon as the latter goes into large scale production of the new model car, business in auto fabrics will improve perceptibly. One of the more important developments of the week was the long awaited mark up which was made in values for sheets and pillow cases. The advance, which only amounted to two cents a yard, was considered too small to interfere with distribution, but instead should encourage it is thought better buying interest. Regarding gingham, it appears that the latter are now moving in the volume expected. Buyers are only taking limited quantities, despite their general commendation as to stylings, actual worth, and attractiveness of the merchandise. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 64's construction are quoted at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., and 27-inch 64 x 60s. at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72s construction are quoted at 9 $\frac{5}{8}$ c., and 39-inch 80 x 80s' at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—Although prices for raw wool have continued firm, distribution of finished woolen and worsted goods have fallen off considerably, owing to a freak spell of unseasonably warm weather. Considering that atmospheric conditions the first few days of November were locally the warmest on record, it is not surprising that seasonal business decreased sharply, and was confined, for the greater part, to filling in needs. However, it is expected that orders will increase just as quickly when the weather is conducive to purchases. One of the most important announcements in some time was made earlier in the week by the Botany Worsted Mills, one of the largest independent producers, who stated that henceforth they would discontinue the manufacture of surplus stock goods and would confine the majority of their production to goods actually on firm orders. This was construed as a strenuous effort to break away from the hand-to-mouth buying tactics, the "buyer's market," and keen competition among manufacturers. Indications are claimed to favor the adoption of a similar policy by other producers.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Linen markets have been quite active this week, owing to a combination of circumstances which include the limited stocks in retailers' hands, the necessity of getting supplies for the holiday trade, and the efforts to procure choice styles. The best business is easily centered in the handkerchief division, as prices for sheers and cambries which were recently advanced from 10 to 15% succeeded in stimulating purchases, but makers who have stocks at lower levels are passing the advantage along. The popularity of printed and plain white styles continues, and although quite a variety of novelties are offered, there is no one outstanding favorite. Linen suitings are also receiving a better business, but supplies are said to be limited. In the dress linen section, sales continue to maintain highly satisfactory proportions and prospects for the future are considered bright. The household division is about the only exception to this activity, as demand continues far below the normal volume for this period of the year. Burlaps are firm and more active, owing to a scarcity of available merchandise. Light weights are quoted at 8.00c. and heavies at 10.50c. to 10.60c.



# State and City Department

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN OCTOBER.

The aggregate of State and municipal long-term obligations sold during the month of October was \$115,635,497. This compares with \$116,561,133 for the month of September, and \$102,883,400 for Oct. 1926. The largest flotation of the month consisting of seven issues of bonds aggregating \$6,986,000 maturing serially from 1928 to 1967 inclusive, was sold by the City and County of Los Angeles, Cal., to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and R. H. Moulton & Co. Los Angeles, jointly, at 100.109 a basis of about 4.194% taking \$3,500,000 bonds as 4s, \$1,986,000 bonds as 4½s, and \$1,500,000 bonds as 4¼s.

The following is a summary of the other large issues disposed of during the month:

- \$6,000,000 4% State of Illinois highway bonds, maturing serially from 1945 to 1956 incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, at 101.016 a basis of about 3.93%.
- 5,600,000 Seattle, Wash., bonds awarded as follows: \$4,000,000 bonds consisting of two issues, and maturing serially from 11 to 30 years, awarded to a syndicate headed by Eldredge & Co., as 4½s, at 94.45 a 4.95% basis. \$1,600,000 bonds maturing serially from 1933 to 1947, incl.; awarded to a syndicate also headed by Eldredge & Co., as 4s, at 95-77 a basis of about 4.44%.
- 5,000,000 4¼% Chicago Sanitary Dist. Ill., bonds maturing serially from 1928 to 1947, incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, at 101.86 a basis of about 4.03%.
- 4,500,000 4¼% City of New Orleans, La., bonds maturing serially from 1929 to 1977, incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., at 103.74 a 4.28% basis.
- \$4,000,000 West Chicago Park District, Ill., bonds awarded to an A. B. Leach & Co. syndicate on a bid of par for \$2,800,000 4s and \$1,200,000 4¼s.
- 3,960,000 4% Chicago, Ill., bonds maturing serially from 1929 to 1946, incl.; awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., and the National City Co., at 100.08 a basis of 3.98%.
- 3,000,000 5% East Bay Municipal Utility Dist. Cal., bonds maturing serially from 1935 to 1974, incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, at 109.15, a basis of about 4.42%.
- 2,700,000 4% bonds of Cook County, Ill., taken by the Continental & Commercial Co. the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and the First Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, at 100.25, a basis of about 3.97%.
- 2,000,000 3¼% Philadelphia S. D. Pa., bonds maturing serially from 1938 to 1957, incl.; awarded to the City Sinking Funds, at par.
- 1,951,000 4s of Grand Rapids, Mich., awarded to First National Bank, B. J. VanIngen & Co., Redmond & Co., Gibson Life & Co., of N. Y. C., and the Bank of Detroit at 100.19, a basis of about 3.97%.
- 1,905,000 4½% Greensboro, No. Caro., bonds, consisting of five issues maturing serially from 1930 to 1967, incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by Dewey, Bacon & Co., at 101.64, a basis of about 4.35%.
- 1,600,000 4% Hartford, Conn., impt. bonds, maturing serially from 1928 to 1943, incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by White, Weld & Co., at 108.86 a 3.86% basis.
- 1,500,000 Greenville County, So. Caro., bonds maturing serially from 1932 to 1946, incl.; awarded as 4½s, at 100.89 a 4.41% basis, to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forges & Co.
- 1,250,000 4% Lancaster S. D., Pa., bonds, maturing serially from 1928 to 1957, incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by Graham, Parsons & Co., at 101.83, a 3.85% basis.
- 1,205,000 Fordson, Mich., bonds, consisting of four issues maturing Oct. 1 1957; awarded to a syndicate headed by the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, as 4¼s, at 100.03 a basis of about 4.246%.
- 1,500,000 Tennessee (State of) bonds, consisting of two issues of \$1,000,000 school building bonds, and \$500,000 State building bonds, the former maturing on July 1 1947; and the latter on July 1 1942; awarded as 4s, to the National City Co., N. Y., and W. H. Newbolds Son & Co., of Philadelphia, at 100.079 a 3.99% basis.
- 1,250,000 4½s of Harris County, Tex., Navigation District, placed at 100.30, a basis of about 4.47%, with a syndicate headed by Eldredge & Co., which referred the bonds to investors at prices to yield from 4% to 4.30%.
- 1,214,000 5½% Nevada Irrigation Dist., Cal., bonds maturing serially from 1933 to 1965, incl.; awarded to Whitney, Carter & Co., of San Francisco.
- 1,014,000 Los Angeles County Acquisition and Improvement Dist. No. 38, Cal., 7% bonds maturing serially from 1932 to 1952, incl.; to Dean Witter & Co., and the Anglo-London Paris Co., at 103.11.

headed by Stein Bros. & Boyce, at 108.35 a basis of about 4.05%, and \$475,000 4½% irrigation bonds to a syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co., at 106.443 a basis of about 3.79%.

The following is a comparison of all the various forms of loans put out in October of the last five years:

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm't loans (U.S.)	115,635,497	102,883,400	79,237,656	92,079,368	84,988,615
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	95,056,301	41,315,813	92,706,203	112,064,727	70,867,234
Temp. loans (Canada)	None	850,000	1,298,000	-----	-----
Can'n loans (perm't):	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Placed in U. S. . . . .	21,500,000	6,000,000	-----	-----	-----
Placed in Canada.	9,898,301	3,631,435	2,302,385	2,530,700	192,186,495
Bonds of U. S. Poss.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
and Territories . . . .	2,475,000	1,805,000	2,799,900	195,000	3,750,000
Gen.f.d.bds.(N.Y.C.)	1,500,000	1,500,000	-----	-----	1,250,000
Total . . . . .	246,065,099	157,983,185	178,328,244	206,869,795	353,042,344

\*Including temporary securities issued by New York City, \$63,750,000 in 1927, \$35,345,000 in 1926, \$88,505,000 in 1925, \$104,500,000 in 1924 and \$59,990,200 in 1923.

The number of municipalities in the United States emitting long-term bonds and the number of separate issues made during October 1927 were 424 and 534, respectively. This contrasts with 405 and 532 for September 1927 and 342 and 495 for October 1926.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregate disposals of long-term obligations by States and municipalities in the United States for October and the ten months for a series of years:

Year	Month of October	For the Ten Months	Year	Month of October	For the Ten Months
1927	\$115,635,467	\$1,236,598,311	1909	\$16,377,836	\$288,767,287
1926	102,883,400	1,120,298,583	1908	14,078,829	257,319,946
1925	79,237,656	1,174,724,056	1907	9,793,358	209,516,322
1924	92,079,368	1,230,504,969	1906	14,819,277	167,971,622
1923	84,988,615	850,952,400	1905	7,915,496	148,937,223
1922	71,333,536	990,188,429	1904	10,299,995	208,221,652
1921	114,098,373	868,392,996	1903	12,196,885	123,942,878
1920	80,933,284	570,109,507	1902	5,488,424	104,342,291
1919	62,201,397	581,871,151	1901	9,799,197	109,103,198
1918	7,609,205	245,789,038	1900	16,421,185	113,615,626
1917	24,750,015	402,828,039	1899	9,314,854	104,342,291
1916	34,160,231	402,548,332	1898	4,906,607	88,057,166
1915	28,332,219	434,829,036	1897	6,872,293	113,259,756
1914	15,126,967	423,171,790	1896	4,688,463	60,917,879
1913	39,698,091	327,902,805	1895	6,697,012	98,950,928
1912	27,958,999	345,871,920	1894	8,685,435	99,140,271
1911	26,588,621	341,092,191	1893	11,839,373	25,813,939
1910	27,037,207	258,958,249	1892	11,766,420	75,350,254

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

## NEWS ITEMS

**Arizona (State of).—Legislature in Special Session.**—On Oct. 24, the state legislature met in special session.

**Belmar, N. J.—Commission Government Adopted.**—The residents of the borough on Oct. 25 voted favorably upon a proposal that the present councilmanic form of government be replaced with the commission form. The vote was 662 for and 240 against.

**Canada (Dominion of).—\$29,000,000 Loan Paid Out of Revenue.**—The Minister of Finance has announced the redemption, out of revenue funds, of \$29,000,000 5½% bonds of the Victory renewal loan, according to an Ottawa dispatch of Nov. 1, in the N. Y. "Times" of Nov. 2, which said:

Canada today redeemed \$29,000,000 of the 5½% Victory renewal loan J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, announced tonight. The amount was retired from revenue. \$8,000,000 in Treasury notes, which fall due on Nov. 15, will probably also be taken off the market and redeemed from revenue, Mr. Robb intimated.

**Cook County (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—Court Attack on Hall Bonds.**—It is reported that the \$15,000,000 convention hall bond issue voted on June 6 (see Chicago, V. 124, p. 3525), is being attacked in a suit brought in the Cook County Circuit Court to restrain the county from selling the bonds. The charge, it is stated, is that the election at which the bonds were voted was void because the only notice given to the voters was in the legislative Act calling the election, and also, that a county has no authority to build a hall for conventions and exhibitions.

**Craven County, No. Caro.—Bonds Issued Under New County Finance Act Valid.**—Suit had been brought by a taxpayer against the county, attacking the validity of \$660,000 bonds on the ground that they were being issued in violation of a 1923 statute requiring the approval of voters on a bond issue. The State Supreme Court Oct. 12 declared the bonds valid, holding that the recently enacted County Finance Act—V. 125, pp. 126 and 276—repealed all conflicting legislation, and that under the new act the bonds are valid. The Raleigh "News & Observer" of Oct. 13 commented as follows:

The County Finance Act was given generous approval by the Supreme Court yesterday in an opinion, written by Justice Connor, which upheld an issue of \$660,000 worth of funding bonds by the Craven board of commissioners.

J. L. Hartsfield, a taxpayer brought an action against the board of commissioners attacking the bond issue on the ground that a 1923 legislative act forbade bond issues without a vote of the people, but Justice Connor points out that the Finance Act of 1927 repealed all local laws in conflict with it and that in addition the \$520,000 issue of road bonds were for a necessary expense and the \$120,000 issue of school funding bonds were for debts authorized by the Legislature.

Justice Connor points out in both cases that the funding bonds did not increase the county indebtedness, but provided only for a method of paying off the indebtedness.

Temporary loans issued during the month aggregated \$95,056,301. This included \$63,750,000 borrowed by the City of New York. An issue of \$1,500,000 general fund bonds of New York City, bearing interest at the rate of 3½% and maturing on Nov. 1 1930, was also reported during the month of October. Canadian bond disposals during the month totaled \$31,306,301; of this amount \$21,500,000 bonds were placed in the United States, consisting of \$4,500,000 of the \$5,000,000 Government of Newfoundland, 5% bonds, which were awarded to a syndicate headed by Kountze Bros., at 98.513, a basis of about 5.09% (the bonds mature on Dec. 31 1952) and \$17,000,000 of the \$24,000,000 4½% refunding bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co., at 99.307 a 4.57% basis. The latter bonds mature serially from 1928 to 1947, inclusive. The Government of Porto Rico, disposed of two issues of bonds aggregating \$2,475,000 as follows—\$2,000,000 4½% index bonds to a syndicate

## County Finance Act.

The purpose of the General Assembly in enacting the County Finance Act is manifest," says Justice Connor in the Craven county bond case. "It was to enable the several counties of the State not only to provide for their future needs by issuing bonds for purposes specified therein, but also to fund their valid indebtedness heretofore incurred in good faith, by issuing bonds and relieving the taxpayers of burdensome annual taxation."

Justice Connor points out that the expense of maintaining schools is a valid expense when authorized by the General Assembly and is within the meaning of the County Finance Act as a valid Act. Continuing Justice Connor, says:

"The County Finance Act expressly provides that bonds may be issued by any county funding or refunding valid indebtedness of the county, incurred before July 1 1927, and that all indebtedness of the county, not evidenced by bonds, which are created for necessary expense, and which remains outstanding on March 7 1927, the date of its ratification, 'is hereby validated.'

"Orders authorizing issuance of bonds for funding or refunding indebtedness, valid when incurred, or validated by the County Finance Act, need not be submitted to voters of the county. Such orders are effective from the date of the adoption."

"The proceeds of the bonds will be applied solely to the funding of a valid amount of such indebtedness will not be increased by issuance of the bonds."

**Fuquay Springs, N. C.—Bonds Invalid.**—A special election at which \$150,000 water and sewer bonds were voted was voided, the State Supreme Court has decided, by accruing within one month of the regular municipal election. The bonds in question are those reported sold in V. 125, p. 812. The report of the Raleigh "News & Observer" of Oct. 27 follows:

The Supreme Court knocked out yesterday \$150,000 improvement bond election in the towns of Fuquay Springs and Varina on the ground that it was held within one month of the regular municipal election. The statute provides that no special municipal election shall be held within one month of a regular election.

The election was held on June 7 and the municipal election on May 7, and the bonds were voted by a majority of 31. Citizens of Varina, which is located about one-half mile from Fuquay Springs, opposed the issue on the ground it would impose undue tax burdens, the two towns are incorporated into one municipality. The bonds, which were voted for water and sewerage, have been sold on condition that litigation be cleared up, but no work has been done.

## Denies Legal Month.

Associate Justice Adams, writing the opinion, says that North Carolina follows the civil law, which specifies that a legal month is a calendar month and that it is computed by taking the corresponding date of the subsequent month in the case of a difference in number of days when the last day of each month is taken.

"The time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day," continues Justice Adams, citing C. S. 922. "If the 7th of May be excluded the election of 7th June took place within a calendar month, after a regular municipal election because the 7th of June is the last day of the calendar month coming after the expiration of 7th of May. *Burress v. Burress*, 117 N. C., 447."

"No such special election shall be held within one month before or after a regular election," says the statute C. S. 294 (2) and Justice Adams says that this means a municipal election as well as State or county election.

**Indianapolis, Ind.—Fight Over Mayor's Office Decided by Court.**—Superior Judge Joseph M. Milner on Oct. 31, decided that Claude E. Negley was entitled to the office of mayor of Indianapolis. A bitter struggle for the office followed the conviction of former Mayor Duval on a corruption charge. Duval refused to resign when judged ineligible to hold office. The City Council then appointed Negley acting mayor, ousting Duval. Mrs. Duval who had been appointed Controller by her husband shortly after his conviction, then named Ira M. Holmes controller. Mrs. Duval later resigned, and Holmes claimed the mayor's office. The situation was further complicated when Walter Myers, defeated opponent of Duval in the 1925 election, claimed the office on the ground that Duval was ineligible for candidacy when elected, and when J. L. Hague, city controller in the administration of the late Lew Shank, which preceded Duval's, contended that the 1925 election contest was illegal, and claimed the office. The court settled the dispute in favor of Negley, who, it is announced, will serve until Nov. 8, when the city council will select a man to serve until No. 8, when the city council will select a man to serve Duval's uncompleted term. In 1930, the city will begin operating under the city manager form of government.

**City Bonds Signed by Duval Illegal, Attorneys Hold.**—As a sequel to the conviction of Mayor Duval, municipal bond attorneys have refused to approve two city bond issues bearing Duval's signature, made after the conviction. The two issues affected are the \$25,000 park bonds awarded on Oct. 11 (V. 125, p. 2178), and the \$23,000 sanitary district bonds offered on Oct. 13 (V. 125, p. 1740). The Indianapolis "News" of Oct. 15 commented as follows:

Municipal bonds bearing the signature of Mayor John L. Duval since his conviction in the criminal court on a charge of violating the Corrupt Practices Act, have been disapproved by attorneys for banking institutions who were prospective buyers of a bond issue offered this week, it was announced Saturday.

The announcement came through a letter to officials of the Union Trust Co. and the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., from three firms of attorneys who comprise those who pass on practically all bonds sold in Indianapolis. The law firms are: Elliott, Weyl & Jewett; Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith, and Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord.

The disapproval of the bond issue in question, based on that part of Duval's sentence that declared him ineligible to hold public office for four years from Nov. 2 1925, is expected to prove the turning point in the effort that has been made to remove Duval from office. With bond issues failing to meet approval and consequently remaining unsold, the municipal government could not continue to function, it was asserted.

Duval had announced that if the attorneys for the banking institutions decided bonds signed by him to be illegal he would carry the matter to "a proper county court." Just how he could do this was not explained, and attorneys for the bankers pointed out that no court action could force banks or trust companies to buy bond issues.

"It would be like a man trying to force another to buy a lame horse from him, through court action," one of the attorneys remarked.

The two trust companies, after submitting a joint bid for a \$25,000 park department bond issue this week, requested Mrs. Maude E. Duval, City Controller and wife of the Mayor, to obtain a legal opinion from the law firms that ordinarily pass on bond issues, as to whether the bonds should be bought, bearing Duval's signature. Another bond issue of \$23,000 for the city sanitary department was offered for sale this week, also, but the opinion of the law firms was based on the park department issue.

The letter of the law firms to the two banking institutions was as follows: "In re: park district of the city of Indianapolis, Ind., bonds known as 'park district bonds of 1927, issue number 7. Total issue, \$25,000."

"We have examined the accompanying transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Park Commissioners of the city of Indianapolis, Ind., in the

above entitled matter, as certified by Clarence Myers, Secretary of said Board, under date of Sept. 23 1927, and the proceedings of the Controller of said city with reference to making sale of said bonds. "These bonds are required to be signed by the legally qualified and acting Mayor of the city of Indianapolis at the time of the delivery thereof, and as a matter of fact these bonds have not yet been printed or ready for signature."

"The statute under which Mayor Duval was recently convicted provides as follows:

"Every person who shall be guilty of any corrupt practice, as aforesaid, shall be fined not less than \$300, nor more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and shall be ineligible to any public office or public employment for the period of four years from and after the time of the commission of such offense."

"It is our opinion that the disqualification to hold office is no part of the punishment for the crime, and not an essential part of the judgment of conviction, but a consequence flowing therefrom. It is a separate and distinct provision of the law prescribing qualification for public office, so that it becomes effective automatically whether or not included in the judgment, and whether or not such judgment is stayed by appeal. Moreover, if it be considered a part of the punishment and effective only to the extent that the judgment is effective, the usual rule is that appeal only stays proceedings on the judgment, and does not suspend the operation or effect of any part of the judgment which is self-executing, and in our opinion the disqualification to hold office attendant upon conviction for violation of this law is self-executing and not suspended or rendered inoperative by appeal. Consequently we have such grave doubt as to the legality of Mr. Duval's exercise of the functions of the office that we can not approve the legality of bonds signed by him since this judgment was rendered."

"It is further our opinion that bonds issued by the city of Indianapolis and signed by Mayor Duval prior to such conviction are not in any way impaired or affected thereby."

Respectfully submitted,

"ELLIOTT, WEYL & JEWETT,

"SMITH, REMSTER, HORNBROOK & SMITH,

"MATSON, CARTER, ROSS & McCORD."

**Massachusetts (State of).—Additions to List of Savings Bank Legals.**—The Commissioner of Banks has issued two bulletins announcing additions to the list of securities considered eligible for investment of savings bank funds. On Oct. 18 the following were added:

## Railroad Bonds.

New York, Lackawanna & Western Ry. 1st & refund'g series "A" 5s 1973  
New York, Lackawanna & Western Ry. 1st & refund. series "B" 4½s 1973

## Gas and Electric Co. Bonds.

Long Island Lighting Co. 1st mortgage 5s..... 1936  
Long Island Lighting Co. 1st refunding series "A" 6s..... 1948  
Long Island Lighting Co. 1st refunding series "B" 5s..... 1955

The following additions were made on Oct. 25:

## Railroad Equipment Securities.

Chicago & No. Western Ry. Equip. trust series R 4½s serially to 1942.

## Gas &amp; Electric Co. Bonds.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 1st & Refunding Mtge. series E 4½s. 1957.

**Michigan (State of).—Gasoline Tax Held Illegal—To be Carried to Supreme Court.**—Suit brought by four Detroit citizens to nullify the 3-cent gasoline tax enacted by the 1927 Legislature resulted on Oct. 8 in a decision against the law. Judge Guy A. Miller of Wayne County Circuit Court held that a number of clauses in the law were of local character, and required the approval of two-thirds of the members in each branch of the legislature, which majority was not given. It is expected the case will be taken to the State Supreme Court. The following is from the Detroit "Free Press" of Oct. 9:

Michigan's 3-cent gasoline tax law was declared unconstitutional yesterday in an opinion handed down by Judge Guy A. Miller in Wayne Circuit Court.

The judge's ruling was predicated upon appropriations contained in the act, which was passed at the 1927 session of the legislature. He designated these clauses largely of a local character, and inasmuch as the legislature enactment was by less than a two-thirds majority in the two houses of the legislature, held the proceedings were illegal. Under the constitution, legislative appropriations for local purposes must have the support of two-thirds of the legislature.

However, even though an order restraining Secretary of State John S. Haggerty from collecting the tax accompanied the opinion, which will not be effective until it is signed formally next week, it is not likely that auto drivers will have a chance to escape paying the levy until after the State Supreme Court reviews Judge Miller's opinion and the argument in the suit which was initiated by four Detroiters, E. Foster Moreton, B. J. Blumley, Fred Baier and J. R. Ward, and possibly not even then.

Another phase of the case presents interesting legal possibilities. The law now on the books contains what in legislative parlance is known as a saving clause. It is to the effect that should any section or sections be declared unconstitutional, the remainder of the act shall not be invalidated as a result.

Thus, in the event that the Supreme Court knocks out the various appropriations that Judge Miller frowned upon as being unconstitutionally enacted, it is possible that the 3-cent levy may stand and be available for State highway expenditures exclusively.

If the State should ask for a stay of proceedings pending an appeal to the higher court, Judge Miller indicated that it would be granted next week. But Attorney-General William W. Potter said that he was not sure that this would be the course that the State would take. He was undecided just what the State's next move in the fight would be.

"There are several ways of getting the case in the Supreme Court," he said. "I am not sure yet just what we will do."

However, it is regarded as a certainty that the State will fight Judge Miller's ruling to the legal limit. If the Miller characterization of the law as unconstitutional and inoperative is reiterated by the Supreme Court, the State highway department will be embarrassed seriously in construction projects and commitments already scheduled, and various counties will have numerous local road building plans forced on the shelf.

The third cent was added to the gasoline tax last winter when the new administration found the highway department cluttered up with old debts to an extent that new construction activities this year seemed out of consideration.

It is estimated that the 3-cent tax in the course of a year would produce approximately \$15,000,000 revenue.

The disputed law is only slightly different than its predecessor, enacted during the Grosbeck administration. The principal difference is a clause reading "a sum equal to \$2,000 per mile of State trunk line highways, contained within the limits of a city or village, the maintenance of which is an obligation of such city or village, shall be paid to each such city or village, annually, on or before Aug. 1 of each year. Provided, that said highways shall be maintained in a manner satisfactory to the State highway commissioner."

The old law had the approval of two-thirds of the legislature. The new law received 65 votes out of the 100 in the house and 20 out of the 32 in the Senate.

The Miller opinion described the entire act as being "tainted with illegality," and declares that to knock out separate clauses of the appropriation section would be to nullify the legislative intent, which, as the judge saw it, was to give to the various counties and municipalities approximately \$11,000,000, or more than two-thirds of the total derivable revenue.

It is pointed out that prior to amendments that were of direct benefit to local governmental agencies, the House of Representatives showed only 38 votes for the 3-cent tax.

If the local appropriations were knocked out, and the \$11,000,000 in question went into the general highway fund of the State, Judge Miller visualized the State administrative board as having excessive power in its direction of such an expenditure, and saw a possible avenue of misuse.

Out of the total of approximately \$15,000,000 that would be raised yearly by the tax, Miller recognized only one item as being exclusively of a justifi-

able State appropriative character. That was the "not less than \$3,000,000" to be devoted to the payment of interest on State highway bonds and the principal thereof.

Besides the \$2,000 per mile appropriation to municipalities, and the \$3,000,000 payment to the highway bond sinking fund, the various appropriations designed in the act are:

Two millions of dollars annually to the various counties in payment of State reward arrears.

A sum equal to the difference between \$6,000,000 and 50% of the total weight tax collected to the several counties of the State; seven-eighths of a sum equal to one-half the total weight tax to the several counties in proportion to the amount of said weight tax received by the State from the several counties; the remaining one-eighth of said sum up to the several counties in equal ratio. This total sum would be more than \$8,500,000, probably closer to \$10,000,000, as a result of the normal yearly increase in automobile registration.

Whatever balance existed was to go to the State highway fund and be expended under the supervision of the State administrative board.

**New York City, N. Y.—\$512,528,831 Budget Approved.**—New York City's 1928 budget, aggregating \$512,528,831, an increase of \$37,635,531 over the 1927 appropriation, was finally approved by the Board of Estimate on Oct. 31, and is now ready for the action of the Board of Aldermen, which has the power to reduce, but not increase, appropriations. The mayor, however, is permitted to veto any revisions made by the aldermen. Charles L. Kohler, Director of the Budget, issued a statement in which he gave assurance that there would be no increase in the tax-rate, due partly to the fact that "the Department of Taxes and Assessments reports a material increase in the assessed valuation of taxable property." The statement contains a summary of the major increases in the budget. The N. Y. "Times" of Nov. 1 said:

"The final city budget for 1928, amounting to \$512,528,831.49, as approved by the Board of Estimate yesterday, with Controller Charles W. Berry alone dissenting. His opposition was based upon his previously declared determination to vote for no budget containing, as this does, provision for financing subway construction in part from taxes. The new budget includes \$13,000,000 as the first instalment of the Delaney "pay-as-you-go" subway financing plan.

Approval of the budget was voted expeditiously, without comment, and without change of figures from those approved last week by the Board of Estimate in Committee of the Whole. It now goes to the Board of Aldermen, which has twenty days after its receipt to act upon it. Under the Charter the Board of Aldermen may reduce, but cannot increase, totals, but the Mayor has a veto power over any revisions. Its approval without change by the (Aldermen) is expected to be a perfunctory procedure.

**Director Analyzes the Budget.**

Charles L. Kphler, Director of the Budget, made public an analysis of the budget, in which he said:

"As compared with the budget for the current year the budget for 1928 shows a net increase of \$37,635,531. Notwithstanding this increase, the public may be assured that the tax-rate for 1928 will not be increased. This is due to the fact that the Controller expects a material increase in the general fund for the reduction of taxation, and the further fact that the Department of Taxes and Assessments reports a material increase in the assessed valuation of taxable property. This latter increase is attributed largely to a great volume of new buildings having been completed during the current year and to the rapid growth of the outlying sections of the city. As an instance of this, in the last calendar year, 1926, permits were issued for the construction of 52,000 new buildings with a value of close to \$1,000,000,000.

"The estimated increased cost of government for 1928 over 1927 can be accounted for principally in the following increased appropriations:

Debt service	\$13,173,348
State taxes	1,504,149
Police Department	1,163,149
Street cleaning, all boroughs	4,662,419
Water supply and lighting streets	975,950
Retirement systems	1,395,526
Child welfare	555,752
Private charitable institutions, inmates chargeable to the city	1,052,404
City hospitals and Health Department	1,573,478
Colleges—City and Hunter	1,233,348
Tax deficiency	740,000
Education	659,196
Borough government	1,503,612
Parks	592,492
Libraries and museums	379,706
Courts—City, State and County	794,926
New playgrounds and other similar improvements	500,000
Miscellaneous claims and judgments	1,000,000
Snow removal	1,407,000
Board of Transportation—Increased appropriation for engineering and designing forces on new subways	1,000,000
Increased compensation of civil engineers and technical forces engaged on public improvements	600,000
Plant and structures	490,489
Elections, Civil Service and correction	367,001

"The total debt service for 1928 amounts to \$150,484,902. Owing to the financial policy inaugurated in the budget for 1927, upon the recommendation of the Controller, which involves direct budgetary appropriations for the repaving of streets and the salaries of the Board of Transportation rather than intermediary short-term bonds which must be redeemed in the budget succeeding the year of their issue, involving unnecessary interest charges on the city, there has been a saving in the appropriations for the redemption of the temporary debt of \$6,500,000.

"To continue the policy of providing direct budgetary appropriations, there has been included in this budget two new items heretofore defrayed by temporary bonds: payment of claims and judgments, \$1,000,000, and to meet in part the total cost of snow removal, \$1,407,400. Similar expenditures during the current year were made from the proceeds of special revenue bonds, redemption of which is provided for in the 1928 budget with resultant loss to the tax-payers of interest charges.

"The State tax, over which the city has no control and which is predicated upon the same one mill tax as the current year, has increased \$1,504,000.

"While the tax budget appropriation to educate has increased but \$659,196, there is also provided an additional sum of \$14,000,000 made possible by an added contribution for the support of common schools by the State of a like amount. This \$14,000,000 is to be used for increasing the salaries of the members of the supervising and teaching staff.

**More for Street Cleaning.**

"Owing to the rapid growth of the city, particularly in the outlying sections of Brooklyn and the Bronx, and the construction of new apartments and dwellings in other sections the board finds it necessary to increase the Street Cleaning Department forces by 470 additional sweepers and drivers at a cost of \$876,683. For the final disposition of ashes, rubbish and carbage there will be required an additional appropriation of \$950,000. This is due to an increased volume of waste material to be disposed of and to its incineration rather than disposition at sea with its resultant nuisances. For the maintenance of the pension fund of this department the city is mandatorily required to provide an additional \$330,000.

"The appropriation to the Board of Child Welfare, more commonly referred to as widows' pensions, will in 1928 amount to \$6,126,946, an increase of approximately \$555,700. Due to the amendments to the Child Welfare act the number of children on the rolls of this board has increased considerably and as a result there will be required an added appropriation of \$516,000.

"For the maintenance of the city hospitals, the protection of the public health and the care of the poor there is an increase of approximately \$1,573,000. This amount is made necessary by the fixation of the new minimum salary rates for nurses, doctors and other help.

"A mandatory appropriation of \$430,000 has been provided and is to be used for payments to poor soldiers, sailors and marines, as required under the State Poor law.

"During the current year the number of city charges cared for in privately-owned and other charitable institutions has increased materially

and as a result these charges, which are mandatory, will, it is estimated, require next year an additional appropriation of \$356,000. Furthermore, to assist these privately-owned institutions to care for these wards, the city has recognized this year their appeal for an added allowance, realizing that the per capita cost for the care of these inmates has increased materially since the fixation of the rates in 1920. As a result, an additional appropriation for this purpose of \$696,000 has been provided.

"The appropriation to the Police Department in 1928 is fixed at \$44,903,708, which is an increase of \$1,165,149 over the current year. The Fire Department appropriation for next year is fixed at \$20,272,028, an increase of \$326,385.

"The Board of Higher Education, including City College and Hunter College, will require next year increased appropriations of about \$1,233,348, from \$3,024,679 to \$4,258,027. Of this amount, \$556,622 is made necessary by an enlarged teaching staff and also salary increments which are mandatory.

"The appropriation to the Department of Parks has been increased \$592,492. Of this increase, approximately \$386,000 is provided for the parks of Manhattan, to be used for additional maintenance forces in Central, Riverside Drive and other parks and to permit the extension of the activities of the Forestry Bureau in the preservation of park trees. There has also been an increased allowance for the repair of park roads, comfort stations and other buildings, including new park benches and other equipment.

"After an exhaustive examination of the salaries paid civil engineers and other professional forces engaged in the design and construction of public works, it has been found desirable to set aside \$600,000, so that their salaries may more nearly conform to those paid in private employment."

**New York City, N. Y.—Comptroller Deprived of Authority in Subway Bond Issues.**—The Board of Estimate on Nov. 3, in authorizing the sale of \$530,000 corporate stock (short term) notes for new subway construction, provided that the notes at maturity are to be redeemed through the sale of long term corporate stock, either by certification of the Comptroller or by a resolution of the Board of Estimate. In the past the Comptroller has been the authority in matters of this nature. The action came out of the fear of John H. Delaney, Chairman of the Board of Transportation, that Comptroller Berry, because of his opposition to the Delaney subway plan, might refuse to issue the long term stock to take up the notes. The New York "Sun" of Nov. 3 commented as follows:

Comptroller Charles W. Berry was deprived of his privilege of fixing the length of issue of subway bonds by a majority vote of the Board of Estimate to-day after he and John H. Delaney, Chairman of the Board of Transportation, had engaged in a protracted discussion. The privilege taken from him is one exercised by many former Comptrollers.

In calling for the vote Mayor Walker stated that he would support any departure that would benefit his five-cent far plan. He added that he would follow the advice of Mr. Delaney in rapid transit matters above the advice of all others.

The board's action came during a vote on a resolution authorizing the sale of \$530,000 in corporate stock notes for new subway construction. This resolution was passed with only Berry voting in opposition. The notes are to be taken up by a sale of corporate stock, either by certification of the Comptroller or by a resolution of the Board of Estimate.

Delaney urged the latter provision as a precautionary measure in the event that Berry did not follow the course prescribed by the Board of Transportation. At the same time he intimated that he might test the Comptroller's authority in issuing fifty-year bonds in the past without authorization from the Board of Estimate.

Berry entered the discussion by asking that the board fix the length of other bonds for rapid transit purposes. This brought the observation from Mayor Walker that the City Chamberlain's department was the proper bureau for bond issues, and that historically the Comptroller's office was more of a bookkeeping establishment.

"The Comptroller's office became prominent because of the patronage that was in that office," the Mayor said. "Suppose the Comptroller refused to authorize the bonds. We would then be in a position where three votes out of sixteen would stop the financial operations of the city."

Berry observed that he was an elected official of the city and that the Chamberlain's office was under the Department of Finance. Walker replied that he made the remark impersonally in the same manner he had discussed the powers of the Borough President on previous occasions.

"May I call to your attention that the Comptroller is charged specifically in the charter with bond sales and all such business," Berry cut in. "If these were only fifty year bonds there would be no trouble. Mr. Delaney wants to make some fifty year bonds, some ten and some five year bonds. How is the Comptroller to know how to sell those bonds?"

"The Comptroller never had the right and never had the duty to fix the term of the bonds," Delaney replied. "If he continues to do so somebody will challenge the legality of the bonds. The Comptroller only has three votes in the board, and the entire board must fix the terms."

Although he favored the Delaney plan, the Mayor sought to restore harmony. He suggested that the Delaney plan be tried first. If it fail Berry should be called on.

When he said this Delaney offered an amendment to the formal resolution to empower the Board of Estimate itself to authorize the sale of bonds as an alternative to a certification from the Comptroller.

Berry and Walker then conferred in a whisper, after which the Mayor said:

"The chair is going to move the resolutions presented by Chairman Delaney, not only for personal reasons, but out of respect and confidence in the Board of Transportation."

"There is a distinction between selling bonds for education and for rapid transit. There is an effort here to make difficulties because of the fare question. It cannot be denied that every agency of Government must be employed to retain the five-cent fare where it is to-day."

I am going to lean on those men who have the job of building subways above all others."

"But the passing of this resolution hinders the construction of new subways," Berry countered. "It does not help it. If you make the selling of these bonds easier you will help the subways."

"The Mayor does not lose any of his confidence in the Comptroller because of his honest difference of opinion on this subject," Mayor Walker replied. "Delaney has been the advisor of us all on transit for years."

**Ohio (State of).—\$58,200,000 Public Bonds Before Voters.**—Voters in 71 of the 88 counties of Ohio will go to the polls Nov. 8 to decide the fate of proposed bond issues for all manner of public school and municipal improvements totalling more than \$58,200,000, to be issued at interest rates of from 4½ to 6%. This is shown from data obtained from auditors and clerks of boards of elections in all counties, comprising a special report on proposed school and municipal construction, compiled by the Ohio News Bureau Co., Cleveland, publishers of "The Ohio Builder," which says:

Three hundred separate bond issues to appear on ballots at the November election have been tabulated. These do not include a few special mill levies to provide funds for new construction, nor any levies designed solely for operating expenses.

Nearly one-third of the total sum, or \$17,722,500, if passed, is to be devoted to school purposes, the purchase of building sites, erection of new buildings, numerous alterations and repairs chiefly to enlarge present capacities, athletic fields and gymnasiums. There are 159 such school issues.

Aside from public grade and high school projects, the city of Cincinnati is asking for a bond issue of \$1,425,000 for new buildings at the University of Cincinnati.

Bridges and viaducts comprise the second largest item, five projects requiring bond issues totalling more than \$9,900,000. However, \$8,000,000 of this is involved in the proposed Lorain-Central viaduct at Cleveland, the largest single proposed bond issue in the state.

Street paving, street extensions and rural highways improvements proposed through bond issues reach more than \$7,100,000. Half of a \$3,000,000 street impmt. issue in Cleveland is to be devoted to paving and extensions. Cincinnati proposes \$2,850,000 for street impmts. and \$950,000 for widening and extensions.

Nine municipalities propose issues for hospitals totalling \$5,880,000. These include \$2,425,000 for hospitals in Cleveland, a \$1,200,000 hospital in Springfield, a \$950,000 hospital and infirmary for Lucas county and a \$600,000 hospital in Lima.

The progress of commercial aviation in Ohio is evident with three cities proposing bond issues for airports. Akron is asking for \$90,000, Cincinnati \$500,000 and Columbus \$425,000. Columbus also asks for \$1,500,000 for a new public market and public auditorium building.

Proposed new sewage disposal plants and sewer systems under bond issues reach \$3,500,000; new pumping stations and water works extensions, \$1,975,000; parks and playgrounds, \$1,900,000 and court houses, city and town halls, \$1,700,000.

Many of these issues, particularly for street impmts., sewer and water extensions, represent only the municipalities' shares of the cost of the impmts, with abutting property owners responsible directly for large percentages of the cost.

There are 12 issues of more than \$1,000,000 each, and 15 others ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Twelve counties propose bond issues totalling more than \$1,000,000 in the aggregate. These counties, their leading cities and the total sum of issues are:

Cuyahoga	Cleveland	\$1,974,800	Stark	Canton	\$1,950,000
Hamilton	Cincinnati	9,627,000	Lucas	Toledo	1,885,500
Franklin	Columbus	3,429,000	Clark	Springfield	1,866,000
Montgomery	Dayton	2,718,500	Scioto	Portsmouth	1,797,750
Summit	Akron	2,022,750	Allen	Lima	1,124,500
Butler	Hamilton	2,000,000	Trumbull	Warren	1,011,500

**Sanford, Fla.—Certain Securities Claimed to be Invalid.**—Bonds and certificates of the city, aggregating \$1,240,000 are declared by auditors to have been issued without legal authority, according to the New York "World" of Oct. 13. The "World" in a special dispatch from Sanford, dated Oct. 12, said:

Auditors of the accounts of the City of Sanford have declared that securities of face value of \$1,240,000, supposed to have been issued by the city and now held by the Chase National Bank of New York, are invalid.

The securities are \$500,000 in certificates of indebtedness, for which the audit could find no authority for issuance, and \$140,000 in bonds which were authorized but which never were sold by any official authority, according to the report.

All the securities were possessed by the now defunct Seminole County Bank, whose President, Forrest Lake, was also Mayor. This bank gave them to the Chase National Bank as collateral for loans.

Issuance of the certificates was declared by the auditors to have been without authority, no mention having been made on the minutes of the City Commission regarding such a transaction.

As for the bonds the audit said: "We are informed these bonds have never been sold to the Seminole County Bank and did not belong to the bank. We have, therefore, not included these unsold bonds as a liability of the city."

Neither the certificates nor the bonds were listed by the auditors as liabilities. The bonds in question were authorized and printed, but the audit considers them sold without authorization and therefore invalid.

Lake resigned the Mayor's office two days after his bank was closed. Since then he has been arrested for embezzlement on charge of bank examiners. A. B. Key, a cashier, also was arrested. No date for trial has been set.

"The securities are good; we have no other statement to make," said Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank, yesterday, commenting upon the report from Florida that \$1,240,000 in unauthorized securities had been placed with his institution as collateral.

He indicated that he was thoroughly familiar with the circumstances involved.

**Savannah, Ga.—\$600,000 Bond Issue Upheld.**—A bond issue of \$600,000 to refund the temporary debt of the city, voted by the people in June 1926, has been held valid by the State Supreme Court. The case had been carried to the Supreme Court by Charles Wesley Jenkins, a citizen of Savannah, after Chatham County Superior Court had refused his petition to enjoin collection of a tax to pay the interest and part of the principal of the issue. Mayor Hoynes has made a statement, that although the validation of the bonds is a great help to the city, it will not enable the city to refund the entire temporary debt of the city. The Savannah "News" of Oct. 15, said:

While the validation by the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia of the \$600,000 bond issue voted by the citizens of Savannah last year will afford relief in the city's finances, it by no means will clear the city of its present obligations, Mayor Hoynes said yesterday. The court declared the issue was valid.

"Of the \$600,000 bond issue that was voted last year as part of a \$2,000,000 issue, only about \$550,000 will be available, because of contingent expenses. Of this \$550,000 the sum of \$440,000 must be used to pay off the city's indebtedness at the banks. The remainder will be used to retire other debts of the city, as far as possible. This remainder, however, will by no means be sufficient to place the city free from its obligations. The only way that this can be accomplished is for all citizens to pay their back taxes and water rents. The administration is curtailing all expenditures as much as possible. The department heads have been instructed to keep down expenses to the minimum, and to live within their appropriations. They are paid to manage their departments properly, and I am confident that they can do so," the Mayor said.

"It will be a completely wrong idea for citizens and taxpayers to form the opinion that the approval by the Supreme Court of this \$600,000 issue means that the city will have a \$600,000 fund to be used in retiring its outstanding debts," Mayor Hoynes continued. "If it had not been upheld, the city would have been in a far worse situation than it is at present. The great portion of it will be used to redeem the municipality's notes at the banks, that we are now paying 7% interest on. This does not help out on the payment of other obligations and does not place the city on a clear financial basis. The city will be rid of its indebtedness only when the taxpayers pay up their back taxes and water rents. If this was done at once, we could soon be comparatively free of all worries, and on the most substantial basis that Savannah has been for a number of years. The city is following its economy program to the limit, but we can do almost nothing unless people pay their taxes," he declared.

It will be approximately sixty days before the city can obtain any funds from the \$600,000 issue, it was pointed out. A written decision of the Supreme Court must first be received, after which the bonds must be advertised and sold.

The issue, which was voted as "refunding notes," bears interest at the rate of 4½% per annum, and mature \$50,000 annually.

In handing down the decision upholding the validity of the bond issue, the Supreme Court gave the following headnotes:

Citizens and taxpayers, who could have made themselves parties to a proceeding for the validation of bonds, but failed to do so, were concluded by the judgment rendered and could not thereafter enjoin the collection of a tax to pay the interest and principal on the bonds.

The judgment of validation rendered by the Superior Court in this case was conclusive of the fact that the municipality had the legal right to incur the indebtedness and for the purposes indicated in the notice of the bond election and that the assent of the necessary number of qualified voters had been obtained for the issuance of the evidences of indebtedness in the form proposed, and was final and conclusive upon all questions which the constitution and laws required to be determined.

Though the evidences of indebtedness in this case are in certain instances referred to as notes, the judge did not err in construing these writings as bonds and in validating them as such. Liability of the municipality is in every respect the same as if the word bonds had been used instead of notes in the first instance, and the proceedings leading up to the issuance were in every respect the same as are required in the validation of a bond issue.

Charles Wesley Jenkins of Savannah carried the case to the high court following refusal of the Superior Court of Chatham County to enjoin the

collection of a tax to pay the interest and part of the principal falling due on the issue.

The Supreme Court holds that where a bond issue had been voted on favorably that "citizens and taxpayers who could have made themselves parties to the proceedings to validate the bonds, but failed to do, were concluded by the judgment rendered and could not thereafter enjoin the collection of a tax to pay the interest and part of the principal falling due, on the ground that some of the bonds were for a purpose not authorized by the constitution."

The decision said that the judge of the Superior Court of Chatham County "did not err in construing these writings as bonds and in validating them as such."

April 11 Mr. Jenkins filed petition for injunction in the Chatham Superior Court, to which the defendant Mayor and Aldermen demurred. The demurrer was sustained and Mr. Jenkins excepted. The call for the bond issue election was made May 17 1926.

**Wake County, N. C.—Bond Test Suit Started.**—Suit has been started to determine whether or not North Carolina's new County Finance Act repealed a local act of 1925 granting counties specific powers in making loans. J. E. Owens asked an injunction restraining the Wake County Commissioners from issuing \$400,000 school bonds without the approval of the voters, as required by a local act of 1925. The application was refused by a local court, and it is now expected that the dispute will be carried to the Supreme Court. A \$30,000 bond issue for roads is also being contested, the question being whether or not the funds are to be used for a necessary expense. The Raleigh "News & Observer" of Nov. 2 said:

Wake county's suit to test the legality of a \$430,000 bond issue was started on its way to the Supreme Court yesterday when Judge Sinclair signed a judgment declining to grant an injunction.

The suit started by J. E. Owens is upon an agreed statement of facts. It is started at the instance of New York bond attorneys, who want several points cleared up by the Supreme Court. LeRoy L. Massey, county attorney, is attorney of record for the county commissioners and Bunn and Arendell for the plaintiff.

The issuance of \$400,000 in school bonds is attacked first upon the ground that it has not been submitted to the people, as required by a local 1925 act requiring all bond issues to be submitted to a vote of the people. The county commissioners hold that the local act was repealed by the county finance act.

It is attacked further on the ground that the county finance act requires submission to the people "except for necessary expenses," and that school buildings are not such an expense within the constitutional meaning. The commissioners contend that it is only when a referendum is petitioned for that bond issues must be submitted.

It is contended further that the 1927 act to include Wake county in counties authorized by the Legislature to issue school bonds, was repealed by the county finance act. The commissioners contend that since it applied only to Wake, the act was local and not affected by the county finance act.

Finally it is contended that the 1924 statute which authorized some 25 counties to issue bonds by order of the board of county commissioners has been repealed by the county finance act. The answer to this is that it was really a local act and not repealed.

As to the \$30,000 road bond issue, it is contended that this is not a necessary expense.

The Supreme Court has held that the 1924 act is a valid exercise of legislative functions and that school bonds issued by county commissioners under its authority are valid. If the Supreme Court holds that the Wake county has now been included in the 1924 act, and it has not been repealed by the county finance act, then the \$400,000 school bonds issue in Wake would be valid.

**Westchester County, N. Y.—New Charter Before Voters.**—The residents of Westchester County on Nov. 8 will be asked to vote on a new charter for the county. A summary of the provisions of the proposed charter has been prepared by W. H. Leslie, supervisor of the eighth ward of Yonkers. The summary, according to the N. Y. "Sun" of Oct. 28 reads as follows:

1. Board of Supervisors to be continued with legislative power.
2. Transfers executive and administrative powers to a County President and Board of Estimate.
3. The Board of Estimate consists of five men, each member having one vote.
4. The President, Vice-President and Commissioner of Finance are elected. The County Attorney and County Engineer are appointed by the President.
5. The plan does not give the President as much power as the Mayor of Yonkers over the budget.
6. The type of the county government is largely the same as in Yonkers, the Supervisors acting in place of the Aldermen, only the Supervisors having more power than the Aldermen.
7. The office of Comptroller and Treasurer are combined into the office of the Commissioner of Finance.
8. There is a Department of Contract and Supply which makes all purchases and lets all contracts after public bidding.
9. The Department of Public Welfare continues, except the Commissioner is appointed by the President.
10. The Department of Law, presided over by the County Attorney, is the same as the Department of Law in Yonkers presided over by the Corporation Counsel.
11. The Department of Public Works and Buildings, whose head is the Commissioner of Public Works, takes the place of the present Superintendent of Buildings, and has charge of highways and public lands.
12. The Department of Engineering, whose head is the County Engineer, who is appointed by the President instead of by the Board of Supervisors as it is now.
13. The only new department created is that of Health. This is done in order to coordinate the activities of health officers in various cities and towns within the county.
14. There are no new officials except for the creation of Department of Health.
15. The Board of Supervisors has a partial control of salaries, as they now have, which only amounted to about 10 per cent. of the county budget of 1927, and have control of anticipated revenues with the Board of Estimate.
16. If approved by the people it will go into operation Jan. 1 1930. The new Board of Estimate to be elected for four years.
17. The act will give Westchester county a modern and more efficient form of government.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

**ADA, Pontotoc County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a special election held on Oct. 25 the electors voted \$615,000 in improvement bonds; one issue being for the purpose of providing a new water line for the city at a cost of \$425,000 and an issue of \$190,000 to be used for constructing a new high school building. Both issues were passed by a large majority.

**ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Lawrence J. Ehrhardt, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Nov. 15, for the purchase of all or any part of the following issues of 4% coupon bonds, registerable as to principal only or as to both principal and interest, aggregating \$1,558,000:

\$426,000 series C public improvement bonds. Denoms. as follows: 25 \$1,000 bonds, one bond of \$800, two bonds of \$600, two \$500 bonds and one \$400 bond, maturing \$28,400, Nov. 1 1928 to 1942 incl.

355,000 series B public improvement bonds. Denoms. as follows 17 \$1,000 bonds; one \$500 bond and one \$250 bond maturing \$17,750, Nov. 1 1928 to 1947 incl.

300,000 series A water bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, one bond for \$500. Due \$7,500, Nov. 1 1928 to 1967 incl.

144,500 series D public improvement bonds. Denoms. as follows: 12 \$1,000 bonds; one \$800 bond; one for \$650 bond, and two \$500 bonds, maturing \$14,450, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

120,000 series A 1926, street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$12,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

115,000 series A public improvement bonds. Denoms. as follows: two \$1,000 bonds; one \$500 bond, and one \$375 bond, maturing \$2,875, Nov. 1 1928 to 1967 incl.

70,000 series B 1926, street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$14,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1932 incl.

25,000 series B water bonds. Denoms. as follows: two \$1,000 bonds, and one \$500 bond, maturing \$2,500, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

2,500 series E public improvement bonds. Denoms. \$500. Due \$500 Nov. 1, 1928 to 1932 incl.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. The City Comptroller will purchase for the City's Sinking Fund all of the above described bonds not of \$1,000 or \$500 denom. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the City for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of George A. Reilly, Corporation Counsel, Albany, N. Y., and Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City of Albany.

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon of Nov. 15 by Paul Morton, City Manager, for a \$225,000 issue of 4½% coupon or registered school and funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1, 1927. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1930 to 1949 incl.; \$6,000 from 1950 to 1963 incl., and \$1,000 in 1964. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) is payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank. U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York will certify the bonds and Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% face value of the bid, payable to the city, is required.

**ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$11,000 4½% road improvement bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 125, p. 2204—were awarded to the Old National Bank of Fort Wayne, at a premium of \$176 equal to 101.60, a basis of about 4.30%. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Due May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1932 incl.

The \$6,795 6% Krill Ditch bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 125, p. 2174—were awarded to the First National Bank of Fort Wayne. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$1,359, 1928 to 1932 incl.

**ARANSAS COUNTY (P. O. Rockport), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—State Comptroller G. N. Holton registered on Oct. 29 a \$250,000 issue of 5½% serial road bonds.

**ARLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Clarendon) Va.—NOTE SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of 5% fire hydrant installation notes offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2417—was awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Detroit, for a premium of \$102.23, equal to 100.204, a basis of about 4.96%. Dated Nov. 2 1927, and due on Nov. 1 1932.

**ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 7 by City Manager O. A. Kratz for the purchase of an issue of \$30,028.23 6% improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

**ATASCOSA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Jourdanton), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$36,000 issue of road bonds awarded on Sept. 24—V. 125, p. 2291—to H. D. Crosby & Co. of San Antonio—is more completely detailed as follows: 5½% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 15 1924. Due on July 15 1948 and optional after July 15 1934. Int. payable on Jan. & July 15.

**ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by B. Graham West, City Comptroller, until 10 a. m. on Nov. 17 for the purchase of three issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$800,000 as follows:

\$500,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$19,000 from 1930 to 1955 incl. and \$6,000 in 1956.

150,000 water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1929 to 1946 incl. and \$6,000 from 1947 to 1956, incl.

150,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Due on July 1 as follows: \$8,000 in 1934; \$6,000 from 1935 to 1946 incl. and \$7,000 from 1947 to 1956 incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the National Park Bank in New York City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish legal approval to purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

*Financial Statement as of Oct. 31 1927.*

Actual value of property (estimated)	\$535,714,285
*Assessed value for taxation	375,000,000
Bonds outstanding	13,452,000
Total amount of sinking fund	2,600,000
Net bonded debt	11,327,631
Waterworks bonds included in above	3,405,000
Sinking fund for waterworks bonds included in above	683,084
*The debt of the City of Atlanta is limited by the State Constitution to 7% of the assessed valuation of taxable property.	
Population, 1920 census, 200,616	
Present population, estimated, 265,000	
Tax rate per \$1,000, \$15.00	

**ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,000,000 4½% coupon or registered temporary convention hall bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 125, p. 2292—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City and Mt. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, jointly, a premium of \$17,200 equal to 100.86, a basis of about 4.14%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$1,000,000 Nov. 1 1929 and 1930. A complete list of other bids submitted as follows:

Bidder	Price Bid.
W. A. Harriman & Co. Inc., Redmond & Co., Hoffman & Co., R. M. Schmidt & Co., and J. A. Decamp & Co.	\$2,016,240
Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic City	2,015,840
Chase Securities Corp., Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, A. B. Leach & Co., and H. L. Allen & Co.	2,013,600
Guarantee Trust Co., Atlantic City	2,012,060
Harris, Forbes & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, and Pheps, Fenn & Co.	2,010,598
Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Atlantic City	2,005,900

**BELFAST WATER DISTRICT, Waldo County, Me.—BOND SALE.**—Alexander, Gordon & Co. of Portland, and the City National Bank of Belfast, jointly, were recently awarded an issue of \$150,000 4% water bonds.

**BESSEMER CITY, Gaston County, N. C.—BOND SALE.**—A \$30,000 issue of 5½% sewer bonds has recently been purchased by Taylor, Wilson & Co. of Cincinnati. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable semi-annually.

**BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$120,000 issue of 5% school improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2417—was awarded to the California Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$10,350, equal to 108.625, a basis of about 4.37%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1, 1927. Due on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000 from 1936 to 1967 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the county treasurer's office.

**BIG HORN COUNTY (P. O. Basin) Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 issue of 4½% coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2417—was awarded to George W. Vallery & Co. of Denver. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1927, and due \$2,500 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable at Kountze Bros. office in New York City or at the county treasurer's office.

**BIG SPRING, Howard County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 8 by City Manager Wm. V. Martin for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 5% paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$1,000 from 1928 to 1967 incl. Printing and legal expenses to be borne by successful bidder. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York City at the National City Bank. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

(This is a more detailed report than that given in V. 125, p. 2418.)

**BIRDSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$150,000 4½% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 25—V. 125, p. 1867—were awarded to the Reading National Bank of Reading, at a premium of \$5,065, equal to 103.37, a basis of about 3.98%.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1937 inclusive \$5,000, 1938 to 1947 inclusive; and \$10,000, 1948 to 1956 inclusive.

**BLAIR, Washington County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$11,000 issue of 5% ice plant bonds sold on Oct 3—V. 125, p. 2292—to the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha at 101.29 is further described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Dated March 5 1926. Due from 1929 to 1933 incl. Basis about 4.64%. Int. payable on April & Oct. 1.

**BLANCO COUNTY (P. O. Johnson City), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$186,000 issue of road district and construction bonds voted on Oct. 22—V. 125, p. 1867—has recently been purchased.

**BLOOMFIELD, TROY, ROYAL OAK AND SOUTHFIELD TWPS. FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Birmingham), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$26,000 4½% school bonds offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2292—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. and the Detroit Trust Co., both of Detroit, jointly, at a premium of \$4,025 equal to 101.54 a basis of about 4.23%. Dated June 15 1927. Due June 15, as follows: \$20,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$22,000, 1932; \$40,000, 1933 and 1934; \$20,000, 1935; \$15,000, 1936 and 1937; \$10,000, 1938; \$8,000, 1939; and \$10,000, 1940 to 1942 incl.

The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Bidder	Premium
Guardian Trust Co.	4.020
Bank of Detroit, and Braun, Bosworth & Co.	3.750
Harris Trust & Savings Bank	3.016
Bertles-Rawls & Donaldson, and Watling, Lerchen & Hayes	3.475
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.	3.775

**BRADLEY BEACH, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of 5% coupon or registered Ocean Park Ave., impt. bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2292—was awarded to C. W. Whitis & Co., and Batchelder, Wack & Co., both of New York City, jointly, taking \$92,000 bonds (94,000 bonds offered) paying 102.44, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; \$6,000, 1939 to 1946 incl.; and \$4,000, 1947.

**BRADY, McCulloch County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of three issues of bonds as follows: \$75,000, paving bonds; \$75,000, funding bonds, and \$30,000, city hall bonds.

**BRADY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Slippery Rock), Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. W. Zillfro, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,000 4½% coupon Township bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1930 to 1934 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, Slippery Rock. A certified check for \$300 is required.

**BROWARD COUNTY (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 issue of 6% board of public instruction bonds offered for sale on Oct. 14—V. 125, p. 1867—was awarded to Poor & Co., Magnus & Co. and J. C. Mayer & Co., all of Cincinnati, jointly. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1930 to 1934; \$15,000, from 1935 to 1946 and \$20,000, in 1947. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank.

**BROWN TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Dean S. Milligan, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$19,964 4½% school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$500, Apr. and Oct. 1 1929 to 1947 incl. and \$500 Apr. and \$464, Oct. 1 1948.

**BRYAN, Williams County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 5% refunding bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 125, p. 2175—were awarded to the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs at par. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$3,000. Due \$3,000, 1929 to 1933 incl. Int. payable March & Sept. 1.

**BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The following statement as for Oct. 31 1927, has been prepared by the Department of Finance and Accounts, in connection with the proposed sale on Nov. 15, of \$3,880,000 4½% coupon or registered school bonds, full particulars of which appeared in our issue of Oct. 29—V. 125, p. 2418—:

*Financial Statement of the City of Buffalo, October 31 1927.*

Assessed valuation—	
Real property	\$966,169,720.00
Special Franchises	30,555,410.00
Personal property	7,154,000.00
Total	\$1,003,879,130.00
Bonded Debt—	
Certificates of indebtedness and monthly local work (in anticipation of the collection of taxes)	1,661,548.26
Water (prior to Jan. 1 1904)	1,395,044.10
Water (subsequent to Jan. 1 1904)	15,444,820.32
Net debt	63,932,424.59
Total	\$82,433,837.27
Sinking Funds—	
Water	\$3,735,998.34
Various	2,840,510.90
Total	\$6,576,509.24

The City of Buffalo was incorporated in 1832 and has never defaulted in the payment of any of its obligations of any nature. There is no litigation or controversy pending or threatened concerning the validity of this issue of bonds, or the corporate boundary lines or taxing powers of said municipality, or the title of its present officials to their respective offices.

**CABARRUS COUNTY (P. O. Concord), N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—An issue of \$170,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 20 was not sold.

**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Nov. 16 by L. V. Elliott, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$180,000 as follows: \$170,000 4½% school bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1930 to 1951 and \$10,000 from 1952 to 1956, all incl.

10,000 4½% funding bonds. Due \$1,000 from Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City at the Chase National Bank. A certified check, payable to the county, for 2% of the bid, is required.

**CALIFORNIA, (State of, P. O. Sacramento)—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,500,000 issue of 4% veterans welfare bonds offered for sale on Nov. 3—V. 125, p. 2292—was awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles at a price of 100.44, a basis of about 3.97%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$105,000 in 1932, \$116,000 in 1933, \$117,000 in 1934, \$118,000 in 1935, \$119,000 in 1936, \$120,000 in 1937, \$121,000 in 1938, \$132,000 in 1939, \$133,000 in 1940, \$134,000 in 1941, \$160,000 in 1942 and 1943, \$170,000 in 1944, \$180,000 in 1945, \$190,000 in 1946, \$210,000 in 1947 and \$215,000 in 1948. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the California fiscal agency in New York in gold coin. The above bonds are registerable as to principal and interest jointly and are not exchangeable for coupon bonds. California fiscal agency is Bowery & East River National Bank in New York. No legal opinion will be furnished.

**CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of 4½% road bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on Jan. 10—V. 123, p. 3071—has since been purchased at a price of 98.75. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1.

**CARMENITA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by County Clerk L. E. Lampton until 2 p. m. on Nov. 14 for the purchase of a \$2,000 issue of 5½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1925 and due \$5,000 from Aug. 1 1942 to 1945 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasurer's office.

**CHAMBERS COUNTY (P. O. Anahuac), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 14 by L. R. Miller, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 road bonds.

**CHATHAM COUNTY (P. O. Pittsboro), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Nov. 17 by C. C. Poe, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$100,000 as follows:

\$63,000 funding bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1929 to 1935 and \$5,000 from 1936 to 1942, all incl.

37,000 school funding bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1929 to 1939 and \$5,000 from 1940 to 1942, all incl.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank. A certified check for 2% face value of the bid, is required.

CHEYENNE, Laramie County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 8, there will be an election for the voters to decide the issuance of \$750,000 water bonds.

CHEROKEE COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of 4 1/2% court house bonds offered for sale on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2293—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Bell, Speas & Co., the Fourth National Bank and the Robinson Humphrey Co., all of Atlanta, paying for them a premium of \$6,810, equal to 104.54, a basis of about 4.69%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due \$5,000, from Oct. 1 1928 to 1957, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City at the National Park Bank.

CHERRYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of 4 1/2% school building bonds was recently purchased by the Montgomery County National Bank of Cherryvale for an \$85 premium, equal to 100.24, a basis of about 4.22%. Due from 1928 to 1937 incl.

CHICAGO SOUTH PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago) Cook County: III.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$3,000,000 offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2418—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the William R. Compton Co., Northern Trust Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Marshall Field, Glore, Ward & Co., Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, all of Chicago, the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Detroit Co. of New York, and the First National Co. of Detroit, at 99.97, a basis of about 4.01%: \$2,000,000 Lake Front extension bonds (first issue). Due \$100,000, Aug. 1 1928 to 1947 incl.

1,000,000 Grant Park improvement bonds (first issue). Due \$50,000, Aug. 1 1928 to 1947 incl.

Dated Aug. 1 1927. The next highest bid submitted by a local banking group composed of the First Trust & Savings Bank, the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., the Continental & Commercial Co., and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, offered 99.91.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$70,800 offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2293, 2175—were awarded as follows:

\$13,800 Sugar Township bonds to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$456.00 equal to 103.29, a basis of about 4.07%. Due \$460 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1943, incl.

4,800 Lewis Township bonds to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$168.00 equal to 103.50, a basis of about 4.11%. Due \$120, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1948 incl.

52,200 road improvement bonds of the City Securities Corp., at a premium of \$1,844 equal to 105.25, a basis of about 3.79%. Due \$1,740, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1943 incl.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Hayesville), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 6% road and bridge funding bonds offered for sale on Oct. 19—V. 125, p. 2005—was awarded to Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati for a premium of \$1,353, equal to 104.51, a basis of about 5.28%. Due \$2,000 from 1928 to 1942 incl. Int. payable on April & Oct. 1.

CLIFTON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Miller, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:15 p. m. Nov. 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,097,000; no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues given below:

\$361,000 water supply bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1928 to 1936 incl., and \$10,000, 1967. Prin. and int. payable at the Clifton National Bank.

334,000 street and sewer bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1940 incl.; \$20,000, 1941 to 1946 incl.; and \$18,000, 1947. Prin. and int. payable at the Clifton Trust Co.

263,000 school bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1928 to 1946 incl., and \$10,000, 1947 to 1959 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Clifton.

87,000 water bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1960 incl., and \$3,000, 1961 to 1967 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Clifton Trust Co.

52,000 park bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1930 incl., and \$1,000, 1931 to 1976 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Clifton National Bank.

Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable (M. & S.) The United States Mtge. & Trust Co., will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness. A certified check, payable for 2% of each issue bid for, is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York.

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry R. Jones, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) Nov. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$90,000 coupon highway bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 maturity; optional as follows: Due Dec. 1 1957; or \$15,000, Dec. 1, in each of the years, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952 and 1957. Bids may be for either of the following alternates (a) for 4% bonds free of State tax; (b) for 4% bonds not exempt from State tax; (c) for 4 1/2% bonds free of State tax; or (d) for 4 1/2% bonds not exempt from State tax. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

COASTAL HIGHWAY COMMISSION (P. O. Columbia), comprising Dillon, Florence, Williamsburg, Colleton, Beaufort & Jasper Counties, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. Nov. 17 by Wade Stackhouse, Chairman of the Board of Coastal Highway Commissioners, for a \$1,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon highway bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$111,000 from 1931 to 1938 incl. and \$112,000 in 1939. Principal of bonds may be registered. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York City in gold. Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish the legal approval. The bonds are fully guaranteed as to payment by a reimbursement agreement. A certified check, payable to the Board of Coastal Highway Commissioners, for 2% face value of bid, is required.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry H. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) Nov. 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$333,000 4 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1, as follows: \$33,000, 1930 to 1936 incl.; and \$34,000, 1937 to 1939 incl. Bids to be based on a 4 1/2% int. rate only. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds bid for is required. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the agency of the City of Columbus in New York City.

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The issue of \$400,000 promissory notes offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2293—was awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City, on a 3.80% discount basis plus a premium of \$25.00. The notes are dated Nov. 1, 1927 and mature Dec. 15 1927.

Other bidders were:

Names of Other Bidders	Rate of Int.
First Citizens Corp., Columbus	3.80
Detroit Trust Co., Detroit (plus 6.00)	3.90
Ohio National Bank, Columbus (plus 5.00)	4.25

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago) Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,700,000 4% highway bonds offered on Oct. 27—V. 125, p. 2293—were awarded on Oct. 31, the sale having been postponed (V. 125, p. 2418) awarded to a banking syndicate composed of the Continental and Commercial Co. the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and the First Trust & Savings Bank, all of Chicago, at 100.25 a basis of about 3.96%. Due \$150,000, June 1 1930 to 1947 incl.

CRAVEN COUNTY (P. O. New Berne), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John S. Holland, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. on Nov. 15 for the purchase of two issues of coupon or registered bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. The issues aggregate \$660,000 as follows:

\$520,000 funding bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1928 to 1932; \$34,000, 1933 to 1937 and \$50,000 1938 to 1942, all incl.

140,000 school funding bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1928 to 1932; \$8,000, 1933 to 1937 and \$14,000, 1938 to 1942, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Int. rate to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York at the Hanover National Bank. Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish legal approval. Delivery of and payment for the bonds required in New York city. A certified check, payable to the County for 2% of he bid, is required.

CRAWFORD, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$35,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds sold recently—V. 125, p. 2293—to the United States Trust Co. of Omaha is further described as follows: Coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Price paid was par. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1928 to 1937; \$2,000 from 1938 to 1942 and \$3,000 from 1943 to 1947, incl. Not callable before maturity. Int. payable Jan. & July 1.

CRESTLINE, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% special street impt. bonds offered on Oct. 24—V. 125, p. 2005—were awarded to Taylor, Wilson & Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$468, equal to 104.68, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1937 inclusive.

The following bids were submitted:

Bidder	Premium
Ryan, Sutherland	\$418.00
The Guardian Trust Co.	417.00
A. E. Aub	416.50
The Davies-Bertram Co.	415.00
Seasongood & Mayer	403.00
Well, Roth & Irving	379.00
The Title Guardian Trust Co.	358.00
Assel Goetz & Moerlein	317.00
Durfee, Niles & Co.	207.00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	137.50
W. K. Terry & Co.	83.50

CROSSVILLE, Cumberland County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. H. Washburn, Town Recorder, until Nov. 14, for an issue of \$100,000 water works and sewer bonds.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis Simon, clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 12, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$184,665:

\$63,641 Solon Road, special assessment bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$6,641, 1928; \$7,000, 1929 to 1935 incl., and \$8,000, 1936.

56,681 Solon Road, County's share bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$6,681, 1928; \$6,000, 1929 to 1934 incl., and \$7,000, 1935 and 1936.

33,188 Wooster Pike Impt. County's share bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,188, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$4,000, 1931 to 1936 incl.

31,155 Wooster Pike Impt. special assessment bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,155, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 to 1932 incl., and \$4,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.

Dated Sept. 1 1927. Bids may be submitted for bonds bearing a different rate of interest provided such rate is stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. A certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered, is required.

Financial Statement, Oct. 28 1927.

Actual value of property (estimated)	\$4,000,000.000
Assessed valuation 1926, real estate	2,090,045.590
Assessed valuation 1926, personal	810,559.000
Total assessed valuation	\$2,900,604.590
Bonds outstanding for bridges, buildings, road improvements, etc.	6,653,000
Bridges and buildings	6,653,000
Road bonds (section 6929 G. C.)	7,227,525
County	7,677,082
Assessment	14,904,407

Inter-County Highway bonds (section 1223 G. C.)—

County	549,539
Assessment	385,000

Sewer bonds \$934,539 |

Water bonds 5,025,700 |

Total bonded indebtedness \$33,091,847 |

Cash value of sinking fund for debt redemption 433,941 |

Population (census), 1920, 943,495; population (estimated), 1927, 1,200,000.

DAMASCUS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Early County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 10 by H. C. Haddock, District Clerk, for a \$20,000 issue of school bonds.

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The two issue of 4 1/2% bonds offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2293—were awarded to the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$2,323, equal to 101.54, a basis of about 4.35%. The two issues aggregate \$150,000 and are divided as follows:

\$100,000 school bonds. Due \$4,000 from 1928 to 1952 incl.

50,000 gas works impt. bonds. Due \$2,000 from July 1 1928 to 1952 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

The following is a complete list of the other bids and bidders:

Bidder	Price Bid.
Commercial Bank, Danville, Va.	\$152,218.67
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	151,566.00
Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, Md.	152,025.00
Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore, and Rutter & Co., N. Y. City	151,530.00
Well, Roth & Irving, Cincinnati	151,910.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	150,796.00
Fred. E. Nolting, Richmond, Va.	151,286.00
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	150,661.00
Morris Mather & Co., New York City	151,530.75
First National Bank, Danville, Va.	151,380.00
American Trust Co., Charlotte, N. C.	151,905.00
Mercantile Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.	150,955.45
American Nat. Bank, Danville, Va., and Central Nat. Bank, Richmond, Va.	151,531.50
Caldwell & Co., Greensboro	151,575.00

DAVIDSON COUNTY (P. O. Lexington) N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 7 by J. W. Dickens, Jr., Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% or 4% funding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1929 to 1933 incl., \$12,000 from 1934 to 1941 incl. and \$14,000 in 1942.

(This is a more complete report than that given in V. 125, p. 2006.)

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Myron A. Stevens, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. (eastern standard time) Nov. 9, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% special assessment bonds aggregating \$49,900:

\$40,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$8,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive.

9,900 street opening bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$900. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl. and \$1,900, 1932.

Dated Oct. 1 1927. Successful bidder to furnish and print the bonds and pay for attorney's fees. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

DEER PARK, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Julien, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 14 for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds:

\$2,505.18 special assessment Delaware Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$310, one bond for \$335.18. Due serially, Sept. 1 1929 to 1936 incl.

5,441.40 special assessment Beech Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$680, one bond for \$68.140. Due serially, Sept. 1 1929 to 1936 incl.

4,898.50 Virginia Ave. special assessment impt. bonds. Denom. \$610, one bond for \$628.50. Due serially, Sept. 1 1929 to 1936 incl.

4,834.50 O'Leary Ave. special assessment impt. bonds. Denom. \$600, one bond for \$634.50. Due serially, Sept. 1 1929 to 1936 incl.

Dated Nov. 9 1927. A certified check payable to the order of the village for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

DE PERE, Brown County, Wis.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$15,000 issue of street impt. bonds purchased recently—V. 125, p. 2419—by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at a price of 100.50 is further described as follows: 4 1/2% coupon bonds, dated March 1 1927 and due serially from March 1 1928 to 1947. Basis about 4.46%.

DELAWARE (State of) (P. O. Dover)—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4% coupon highway bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 125, p. 2176—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of N. Y. City at 103.16, a basis of about 3.83%. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 1967. The bonds, it is stated,

are callable at 105 on any int. date commencing Jan. 1 1928. Dewey, Bacon & Co. of N. Y. City was the next highest bidder, offering 102.66.

Table with columns: Bidder, Role Bid, Price Bid. Lists bidders for Dewey Bacon & Co., Edward Lowber Stokes & Co., Harris Forbes & Co., etc.

DELHI CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$30,000 issue of school bonds sold recently—V. 125, p. 2419—is further described as follows: Sold as 4 1/2% bonds at a \$300 premium, equal to a price of 101, to the Monticello State Bank of Monticello.

DEWEY COUNTY (P. O. Timber Lake) So. Dak.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$220,000 issue of 5% county bonds sold on Oct. 6—V. 125, p. 2293—to S. H. Collins & Co. of Aberdeen is further described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due serially from 1930 to 1947 incl. Premium paid was \$2,800, equal to 101.272, a basis of about 4.85%. Int. payable on Jan. & July 1.

EAST DEAR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Creighton) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. L. Nicholas, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 11, for the purchase of an issue of \$16,000 4 1/2% township coupon bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; and \$4,000 1932. A certified check payable to the order of the Township for \$250 required.

EAST HAMPTON, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Edward Gay, Jr., Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% "Home Sweet Home" bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, Jan. 1 1929 to 1934 incl. Bonds will be registered at the office of the Village Treasurer. Successful bidder to pay for all expenses in connection with the issue including the furnishing of legal opinion.

EASTLAND COUNTY (P. O. Eastland) Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of 5% court house bonds offered for sale on Oct. 17—V. 125, p. 2176—was awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita for a premium of \$3,405, equal to 102.801. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 125, p. 2176—was awarded to H. L. Allen & Co., of New York City, and the Peoples National Bank of Elizabeth, jointly, taking \$194,000 bonds (\$200,000 bonds offered) paying \$200,054.48 equal to 103.12 a basis of about 4.01% Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1947 incl., and \$6,000, 1948 to 1966 incl.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lester E. Curtis, clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$33,400 5 1/2% road improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 30 1928. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,400. Due Aug. 30, as follows: \$1,400, 1928; \$4,000, 1929 to 1935 incl., and \$2,000, 1936 and 1937. A certified check, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$40,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance notes offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2419—were awarded to the Naumkeag Trust Co. of Salem, on a 3.375% discount basis. The notes mature on Apr. 15 1928.

EUROPA, Webster County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 5 1/2% water works and sewer system bonds offered for sale on Oct. 10—V. 125, p. 1869—was sold to the Bank of Europa for a premium of \$2,130, equal to 103.55, a basis of about 5.13%. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 6 1927. Due \$1,500, from 1928 to 1932; \$2,500, 1933 to 1941 and \$3,000, from 1942 to 1951 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

EUSTIS, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 22 by City Clerk George J. Dykes for a \$15,000 issue of 6% city bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1 1957. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York at the National Park Bank. Caldwell & Raymond of New York will furnish legal approval. A certified check, payable to the Board of Bond Trustees, for 5% of the bid, is required.

FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) Dec. 5, for the purchase of the following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$53,500: \$37,600 special assessment impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,850, 1929; \$3,750, 1930 to 1938 inclusive. 12,700 special assessment impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,700, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$1,500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$1,500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$1,500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$1,500, 1937; and \$1,000, 1938.

Dated Oct. 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank of Rocky River. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

FARMINGTON, Whitman County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of 5% water works improvement bonds has recently been purchased by the Tekoa State Bank of Tekoa.

FORDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel H. Watkins, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) Nov. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$560,000 school bonds interest rate not to exceed 5%. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years. Purchaser to furnish and print the bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

FORT BEND COUNTY (P. O. Richmond) Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. on Nov. 14 by W. I. McFarlane, County Judge, for the purchase of four issues of road bonds aggregating \$675,000 as follows: \$250,000 Road District No. 11 bonds; \$225,000 Road District No. 8 bonds; \$150,000 Road District No. 10 bonds, all bearing 5 1/2% interest and an issue of \$50,000 5% Road District No. 9 bonds. A certified check, payable to the County Judge, for 2% of the bid, is required.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% public improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 11—V. 125, p. 1869—was awarded to Powell Bros. & Co. at a price of 95.76. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable Feb. & Aug. 1.

FORT THOMAS, Campbell County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% sewer bonds offered for sale on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2177—was awarded to J. B. Hilliard & Son, of Louisville, for a premium of \$3,263, equal to 103.263, a basis of about 4.43%. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially from 1932 to 1947 incl. Int. payable on Jan. & July 1. The following is a complete list of the bids and bidders:

Table with columns: Bidder, Bid Amount. Lists bidders for Fort Thomas bonds, including The Davies-Bertram Co., Caldwell & Co., A. E. Aub & Co., Newport National Bank, etc.

FORT WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allen County, Ind.—INTEREST MATURITY.—The \$245,000 school building bonds awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Indianapolis at 102.68—V. 125, p. 2419—has a basis of about 4.16% bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and mature as follows: \$12,000, 1928 to 1946 incl., and \$17,000, 1947.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth W. Spence, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$15,800 4 1/2% highway impt. bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Denom. \$790. Due \$790 May and Nov. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

FREDONIA, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Herbert P. Bishop, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$182,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds interest rate to be stated in a multiple of 1-10 or 1/4 of 1% not to exceed 5%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1966 incl.; and \$7,000, 1967. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Citizens Trust Co., or at the National Bank of Fredonia; or at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the village for \$6,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

FREEHOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund, was awarded at private sale an issue of \$90,000, school building bonds at par.

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Johnsonburg), Warren County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Lundy Armstrong, Township Clerk, is receiving proposals until 2 p. m. Nov. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$42,000 5% road improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Int. semi-annual. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1949, incl. Prin. and int. payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for on an incorporated bank or trust company, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on Jan. 2 at the First National Bank of Blairstown. No more bonds will be awarded than necessary to raise the amount of the issue, plus a sum not less than \$500.

The official advertisement of the offering of these bonds may be found elsewhere in this issue.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. Arapahoe) Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of 5% School Building bonds offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 125, p. 1869—was awarded to the Stock Growers National Bank of Cheyenne at a price of 101, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due on Aug. 1 1946, and optional after 1931. Denom. \$500. A bid of par was submitted by Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—I. A. Batz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 8, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$20,000:

- \$11,000 highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$550. Due \$550, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.
9,000 highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$450. Due \$450, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl.
Dated Sept. 15 1927.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, was awarded on Oct. 27, an issue of \$24,000 4 1/2% road bonds at a price of 102.

GENESE, Livingston County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York City, were awarded on Oct. 31, for an issue of \$13,500 5% water works bonds at 103.68, a basis of about 4.37%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Oct. 31, as follows: \$1,500 1931, and \$2,000, 1932 to 1937 incl. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City.

GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—John Zimmerman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$4,000 5% coupon fire truck bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$400. Due \$400, Sept. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$200, is required.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,600 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 125, p. 2294—were awarded to a local bank at a premium of \$407, equal to 102.05, a basis of about 4.08%. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Due \$980, May & Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Lists bidders for Gibson County bonds, including City Securities Corp., Indpls., Thos. D. Sheerin Co., Indpls., Fletcher Amer. Co., Indpls., Fletcher Tr. & Svc. Co., Indpls., Union Tr. Co., Indpls.

GLADES COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Moore Haven), Fla.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The \$300,000 issue of 6% road bonds sale which was to have taken place on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 1740—has been postponed until on or about Nov. 15. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$50,000 in 1937, 1942 and 1947 and \$75,000 in 1952 and 1957. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$1,951,000 offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2294—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Redmond & Co., and Gibson, Leefe & Co., all of New York City, and the Bank of Detroit, Detroit, at a premium of \$3,707 equal to 100.19 a basis of about 3.97%: \$676,000 sewage disposal plant bonds. Date April 1 1927. Due \$26,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1953, incl.

- 520,000 Class A sewer construction bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Due \$104,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1932, incl.
350,000 Class B, street impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Due \$35,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1937.
180,000 Class A street impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Due \$36,000 Nov. 1 1928 to 1932.
125,000 water extension bonds. Date Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 1947.
100,000 Fulton street bridge bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$20,000 Jan. 1 1943 to 1947, incl.

The bonds it is stated are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States, and are being offered by the successful bidders for public investment, at prices to yield from 3.60 to 3.90% according to maturities.

The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Lists bidders for Grand Rapids bonds, including Bank of Detroit, et al., George B. Gibbons & Co., et al., Eldredge & Co., Michigan Trust Co., et al., Grand Rapids Trust Co., et al.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2419—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$91,000, equal to 102.02 a basis of about 4.11%. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Due as follows: \$225, Oct. 15 1929; \$225 Apr. and Oct. 1 1930 to 1938 incl. and \$225, Apr. 15 1939.

GRANT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 24—V. 125, p. 2177—was sold to the United States National Bank of Los Angeles for a premium of \$521.50, equal to 103.476, a basis of about 4.44%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due \$1,000 from Oct. 7 1928 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the county treasurer's office. The following is a list of the other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Lists bidders for Grant School District bonds, including Alvin H. Frank & Co., Beg-Hoffine Co., B'n. R. Staats Co., Elmer J. Kennedy Co., Dean Water & Co., Peirce Fair & Co.

GREELEY, Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Gray, Emery, Vasconcells & Co. of Denver, have recently purchased three issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$112,000 as follows:

- \$75,000 paving district No. 5, series "A" bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1937, due on or before Oct. 1 1949.
30,000 paving district No. 6 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927, and due on or before Oct. 1 1949.
7,000 paving district No. 5, series "B" bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927, and due on or before Oct. 1 1949.

The bonds are redeemable at any time in their numerical order. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. payable at the office of the city treasurer and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable either at the city treasurer's office, or at Koutz Bros. office in New York City.

GREEN ISLAND LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1.—(P. O. Maquoketa) Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Nov. 17, by G. F. Bailey, County Treasurer, for an issue of \$200,276.79, 5% drainage bonds.

HAILINGER, Cameron County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently the voters approved the issuance of \$4,000,000 school building bonds. The count was 162 to 154.

HAMILTON, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—The rate payers will be asked to approve or reject the proposal to issue \$383,000 bonds to be used for the construction of a new sewage system.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. O. Lingrel, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$7,526.80 5 1/2% county pike bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$881.70. Due \$1,881.70, Sept. 1 1928 to 1931, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer for \$250, is required.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Nov. 15 by H. L. Washburn, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$2,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon road bonds. Dated Oct. 10 1927. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years. A \$20,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

HARRIS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Houston) Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,250,000 issue coupon of ship channel navigation bonds offered for sale on Oct. 27—V. 125, p. 2177—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Eldredge & Co., and the Guaranty Co., both of New York, Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago, the J. E. Jarratt Co. of San Antonio, Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas, and the Detroit Co. of New York as 4 1/2% bonds for a premium of \$3,750, equal to 100.30, a basis of about 4.47%. FURNISHMENT OF BONDS WAS INCLUDED IN THIS BID. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1956; \$35,000 due in 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1948; \$30,000 due in 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955 and 1957. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York City. The second highest bid was submitted by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York, offering 100.31 without printing expense. The Bankers Trust Co. group bid 100.20 for the issue.

NAVIGATION BOND ISSUE OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above issue of bonds is now being offered to the public for investment by the successful syndicate at prices to yield from 4.00 to 4.30% according to maturities. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will approve the legality of the bonds. The district includes the entire city of Houston and an unlimited ad valorem tax can be levied on the district property for these bonds.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Cynthiana) Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 5% road and bridge bonds has recently been purchased by the Farmers National Bank of Cynthiana for a premium of \$2,164, equal to a price of 108.65.

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Hendersonville) N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$281,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on Nov. 12—V. 125, p. 2295—was awarded to the First National Co. and Prudden & Co., jointly, as 4 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$2,915, equal to 101.037, a basis of about 4.60%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927, and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$15,000, from 1929 to 1935; \$2,500, 1936 to 1941, incl., and \$26,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. C.

HIDALGO COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Mission) Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. G. Wood, president of the Board of Directors until 2 p. m. on Nov. 17, for an \$800,000 issue of 6% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$16,000, 1931; \$17,000, 1932; \$18,000, 1933; \$19,000, 1934; \$20,000, 1935; \$24,000, 1938; \$25,000, 1939; \$30,000, 1942; \$32,000, 1943; \$38,000, 1946; \$41,000, 1947; \$43,000, 1948; \$46,000, 1949; \$54,000, 1952; \$58,000, 1953; \$61,000, 1954; \$65,000, 1955; \$69,000, 1956; \$82,000, 1959, and \$42,000, 1960. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in New York City at the Seaboard National Bank. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish legal approval on the issue. A certified check, payable to the above named president, for 2% par of the bid, is required.

HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—N. E. Calvert, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$35,195.5% highway impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,195. Due as follows \$2,195, Mar. and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1928; \$2,000, Mar. and Sept. 1 1929 to 1935 incl.; and \$2,000, March and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1936. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$200 is required.

HOMER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Campaign County, Ill.—Bond Description.—The \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon school building bonds awarded to the H. C. Speer & Sons Co., at par—in—V. 125, p. 2295—are described as follows: Dated July 1 1927. Denoms., \$1,000. Due serially. Int. payable March and Sept. 1.

HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City) N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—T. J. Wassor, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Nov. 10, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,375,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issue given below: \$800,000 hospital for insane bonds. Due Nov. 15, as follows: \$25,000, 1928 to 1947 incl., and \$30,000, 1948 to 1957, incl. 670,000 Berzen turnpike impt. bonds. Due Nov. 15, as follows: \$30,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$35,000, 1934 to 1947, incl. 310,000 Boulevard reconstruction bonds. Due Nov. 15, as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1940; incl., and \$25,000, 1941 and 1942. 160,000 Boulevard reconstruction bridge bonds. Due \$8,000, Nov. 15 1928 to 1947, incl. 150,000 County jail bonds. Due Nov. 15, as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$4,000, 1938 to 1967, incl. 95,000 park bonds. Due Nov. 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1973, incl., and \$1,000, 1974 to 1978, incl. 90,000 road bonds. Due \$5,000, Nov. 15 1928 to 1945, incl. 50,000 Grove St. widening and impt. bonds. Due \$2,000, Nov. 15 1928 to 1952, incl. 50,000 Paterson Plank Road bridge bonds. Due Nov. 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$3,000, 1938 to 1947, incl. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office. The Trust Co. of New Jersey, will supervise the preparation of the bonds, and will certify as to their genuineness in all details, including the official signatures. A certified check, payable to the order of the County for 2% of the amount of each issue bid for, is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York City.

HUMBOLDT KOSSUTH JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8, Kossuth County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by County Treasurer H. N. Kruse until 2 p. m. on Nov. 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$19,700 5% drainage bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due serially from Dec. 1 1931 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 1) payable semi-annually at county treasurer's office in Algona. Bidder to furnish blank bonds and legal approval.

IONIA COUNTY (P. O. Ionia), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, was recently awarded an issue of \$177,600 4 1/2% highway impt. bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500, one for \$100. Due May 1 as follows: \$40,600, 1929; \$40,000, 1930; \$36,000, 1931 and 1932; \$13,000, 1933; and \$12,000, 1934. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Ionia; or at the office of the successful bidder. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

IRONTON, Iron County, Mo.—Bond Sale.—A \$49,000 issue of water works bonds has recently been purchased by Kauffman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis.

IPSWICH, Essex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The H. C. Grafton Co. of Boston, was awarded on Nov. 1 an issue of \$50,000 notes on a 3.40% discount basis plus a remum of \$2.00.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—Bond Sale.—The National City Co. of New York, were awarded at public auction on Nov. 1, an issue of \$210,000 4 1/2% bonds at 100.71 a basis of about 4.44%. The bonds mature as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1932, incl.; \$9,000, 1933 to 1942, incl.; \$10,000, in each of the years, 1943; 1945; 1947; 1949 and 1951; and \$9,000, in each of the years, 1944; 1946; 1948; 1950 and 1952.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Monticello) Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% road bonds offered for sale on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2178—were awarded to Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, at a price of 95, a basis of about 5.40%. The two issues aggregate \$150,000, divided thusly: \$100,000 series "D" road bonds. Due \$20,000, from 1928 to 1952 incl. 50,000 series "C" road bonds. Due \$10,000, from 1941 to 1945 incl. Bonds are coupon form, not registrable. Dated Nov. 1 1925. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. C. Denom. \$1,000.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Waurika), Okla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$600,000 issue of 4 3/4% road bonds sold on Oct. 15—V. 125, p. 2420—to the Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City at 101.18 is detailed as follows: Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Due serially from 1932 to 1952. Basis about 4.64%. Int. payable on Jan. & July 1.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Beaumont), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—There will be an election held on Dec. 3—V. 125, p. 178—for the voters to decide the issuance of \$1,000,000 court house and jail building bonds.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Buffalo) Wyo.—PRICE PAID.—The \$34,000 issue of 4% coupon refunding bonds sold on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 2296—to Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver, was purchased by them at a price of 101.05, a basis of about 3.83%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$4,000 from Jan. 1 1932 to 1939 incl., and \$2,000 in 1940.

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clayton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 5% school bonds has recently been purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta at a price of 101.90.

KEANSBURG, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, were recently awarded an issue of \$113,000 5 1/2% temporary impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$27,000, 1933; \$10,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.; and \$6,000, 1937. Prin. and int. (A. & C.) payable in gold at the Keansburg National Bank, New York. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

KEEGO HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Pontiac was awarded on Oct. 26 an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% school bonds, at a premium of \$3,758 equal to 102.50.

KINDERHOOK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2 (P. O. Valatie) Columbia County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$140,000 offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2296—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co., of New York City, at 103.11 a basis of about 4.26%. \$135,000 school house bonds. Due January 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; (4.27) \$3,000 1925 to 1939, incl.; \$4,000, 1940 to 1944, incl.; \$5,000, 1945 to 1949, incl.; \$6,000, 1950 to 1954, incl.; and \$8,000, 1955 to 1959, incl.; \$5,000 school house site bonds. Due Jan. 1, 1930 to 1934, incl. Dated Jan. 1, 1928.

KNIGHTSVILLE, Clay County, Ind.—Bond Offering.—Ira C. Chadwick, President Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$6,800 4 1/2% school building bonds. Dated July 15, 1927. Denom. \$250, two bonds for \$150. Due Jan. and July 15. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the Riddell National Bank, Brazil, Ind. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Trustees for \$100 is required.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,560 6% ditch bonds offered on Oct. 28—V. 125, p. 2296—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$13.00 equal to 101.68, a basis of about 5.61%. Dated Aug. 7 1927. Due \$256, Dec. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. There were no other bids submitted.

LABELTIE COUNTY (P. O. Oswego), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Nov. 9 by County Clerk Harry Owens for the purchase of \$70,000 Benefit District road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. rate to be either 4, 4 1/4 or 4 1/2%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$7,000, from Aug. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Int. payable on Feb. & Aug. 1. Blanks to be furnished by County Clerk. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

LaGRANDE, Union County, Ore.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a list of the other bids submitted for the purchase of the \$86,567.10 5 1/2% impt. bonds sold on Oct. 26—V. 125, p. 2420—to Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom of Portland at 103.011, a basis of about 5.10%.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Price Bid. Includes entries for Hugh B. McGuire & Co., Atkinson Jones & Co., Inc., Blythe, Witter & Co., Ferris and Hardgrove, and Freeman Smith & Co.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—Bond Sale.—The \$102,000 5% coupon highway improvement bonds offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2178—were awarded to Julian Youche of Crown Point, at a premium of \$56.00 equal to 100.05. Dated Sept. 15 1927. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. Int. payable May and Nov. 15.

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. E. Highley, Superintendent Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (to-day) Nov. 5, for the purchase of an issue of \$250,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$500. Due Jan. and July 15, from 1936 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the First Merchants Bank, Lafayette. A certified check for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. on Nov. 4, by City Clerk J. L. Davis, for the purchase of 3 issues of improvement bonds aggregating \$246,500 as follows:

- \$190,000 5 1/2% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1927. Due on June 1, as follows: \$23,000 in 1928 and 1929, and \$24,000 in 1930 to 1935 incl. Int. payable semi-annually. 35,000 6% whiteway improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$5,000, from Oct. 1 1930 to 1936 incl. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1. 21,500 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Dates Oct. 1 1927. Due \$2,000 from Oct. 1 1928 to 1936 incl., and \$3,500 in 1937. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1.

The right is reserved to sell less than \$190,000 of the first issue. Prin. and int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. The clerk will furnish bidding forms. Caldwell & Raymond, of New York will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 3% par of the bonds, must accompany each bid.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene D. Wakeman, Village Clerk will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. Nov. 7, for the purchase of the following coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$70,000:

- \$35,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1932 to 1966 incl. 25,000 fire apparatus bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$100. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,200, 1928 to 1946 incl.; and \$2,200, 1947. 10,000 Flint Park impt. bonds. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. Dated November 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, New York. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds. Separate bids are requested for each issue but if desired, bids may be submitted for the total issue. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$1,500 is required. Legality approved by Ralph A. Gamble of New York City.

LAURINBURG, Scotland County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 issue of 5 1/4% street impt. bonds offered for sale on Oct. 27—V. 125, p. 2296—was awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo for a premium of \$1,910, equal to 102.93, a basis of about 4.92%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1927 and due on June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1940; \$5,000, 1941 to 1944 and \$6,000, 1945 and 1946. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. The second highest bid was submitted by Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo, offering 102.68 and the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis was third with a bid of 102.63.

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Commerce Trust Co., of Kansas City, purchased recently an issue of \$50,532.97 4 1/2% registered city bonds for a premium of \$13.33 on each thousand dollars. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. Not optional before maturity. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1.

LEEDS, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 9, by Town Clerk G. C. Chaney, for a \$23,000 issue of 6% public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000.



LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Springville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 7 by M. E. Wascon, President of the School Board, for the purchase of a \$44,000 issue of 6% school bonds.

LOCKPORT, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The National County National Bank of Lockport, was awarded on Oct. 26, an issue of \$5,260 traffic signal bonds as 5s, at par. Dated Oct. 26 1927. Due serially from Jan. 2 1929 to 1931 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office.

LODI, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Pacella, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 14 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$545,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues given below:

\$289,000 4 1/4% water bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1937 incl.; \$7,000, 1938 to 1950 incl.; and \$9,000, 1951 to 1965 incl. 151,000 5 1/2% assessment bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$14,000, 1932; and \$17,000, 1933 to 1937 incl. 114,000 4 3/4% public imp. bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.; and \$8,000, 1935 to 1943 incl.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Lodi Trust Co., Lodi. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Bellefontaine) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. M. Painter, clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$7,200 6%. Carpenter road bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$800, one bond for \$400. Due as follows: \$400, Mar. & Sept. 1 1928, and \$800, Mar. & Sept. 1 1929 to 1932 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank G. Waldron, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:15 p. m. Nov. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$220,000 series "Q," coupon assessment improvement, grading and paving bond. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$22,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. Rate of interest not to exceed 6%, to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. A certified check, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York City.

LONGVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Longview) Gregg County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 issue of 5% school bonds voted on July 28—V. 125, p. 946—has been awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita for a premium of \$5,010, equal to 104.554, a basis of about 4.65%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 15 1927. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1928 to 1947; \$3,000, 1948 to 1952; \$4,000, 1953 to 1957; \$5,000, 1958 to 1962 and \$6,000, 1963 to 1967, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York.

LUZERNE COUNTY (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry T. Butts, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Nov. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 4 1/4% market street bridge bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due, \$100,000, Jan. 1 1930 to 1939 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$6,000 is required.

McPHERSON, McPherson County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$95,000 issue of community building bonds which was voted on Apr. 10—V. 124, p. 2489—has been purchased locally at a price of 100.21.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl C. Morris, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% highway imp. bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Due May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Nov. 1 the voters of the county authorized the issuance of \$600,000 in bonds by a vote of almost four to one. The bond issue is for the purpose of constructing concrete highways.

MADISON TOWNSHIP, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5 1/2% coupon town hall improvement bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2297—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$360, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 4.63%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$3,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 incl. The following bids were also received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Seasongood & Mayer \$341.00, A. E. Aub & Co. 331.00, Well, Roth & Irving Co. 284.00.

MALINTA, Henry County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 5% coupon fire apparatus bonds offered on October 29—V. 125, p. 2297—were awarded to George L. Ulrich, of Napoleon, Ohio, at a premium of \$10.09. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$250, Oct. 1 1929 to 1936 incl.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Price Bid. A. E. Aub & Co. \$2,000.00, Howe Fire Apparatus & Co. 2,000.00.

MALVERNE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas A. Hays, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 16, for the purchase of the following bonds aggregating \$90,000. The bonds may be coupon or registered, interest rate not to exceed 5% and are issued for paving purposes:

\$75,000 Series A bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1945 incl.; and \$3,000 1946.

15,000 Series B bonds. Due \$3,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1932 incl. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate to be stated in a multiple of 1/10th or 1/4 of 1% one rate to apply to the entire offering. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Lynnbrook National Bank, Lynnbrook. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$1,800 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Manchester Safety Deposit & Trust Co. of Manchester, was awarded on Oct. 27, \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.44% discount basis. Dated Oct. 28 1927. Due Dec. 14 1927. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$58,000 issue of school bonds, bearing interest at not to exceed 6%, offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2008—was awarded to Russell, Sutherland & Co. of Los Angeles as 4 3/4% bonds for a premium of \$581, equal to 101.001. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, or at the office of the county treasurer.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate of Int., and Premium. Prudden & Co. 5% \$887.40, United States National Co. 5% 1,007.33, Russell, Sutherland & Co. 4 3/4% 581.00, Bosworth, Chanute & Co. 5% 4,261.00, Phoenix National Bank (Morris Mather Co.) 5% 918.50, 235.00.

MARINA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas) Monterey County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 7, by T. P. Joy, clerk of the Board of County Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Due from 1928 to 1937 incl.

MARYSVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The electors will be asked to approve or reject at the regular election held on Nov. 8, the proposition to issue \$155,000 bonds of the District to pay the cost of acquiring the necessary property and of building a new school house thereon. The bonds will run for a maximum period of twenty years.

MASSENA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Massena) St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$309,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 125, p. 2421—were awarded to Pulley & Co., and E. H. Rollins & Sons, both of New York City, jointly, at 103.269 a basis of about 4.215%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$10,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1957 incl.

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,000 5% special assessment improvement bonds offered on Oct. 26—V. 125, p. 2008—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at a premium of

\$491.12, equal to 102.53, a basis of about 4.57%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1938 incl.

The following is a complete list of other bidders and bids submitted for the issue:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Prudden & Co. \$594.99, Seasongood & Mayer 496.00, Spitzer, Rorick & Co. 491.12, A. E. Aub & Co. 450.50, Ryan, Sutherland & Co. 415.00, Title Guarantee & Trust Co. 361.00, W. L. Slayton & Co. 312.00.

MOBRIDGE, Walworth County, S. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 22 a special election will be held for the purpose of having the voters pass upon the proposition of issuing \$50,000 in bonds for the erection of a new grade school.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 street widening bonds offered on Oct. 24—V. 125, p. 2179—were awarded to Carl Kiburtz of Monroe, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$510 equal to 100.34.

MOOREHEAD, Clay County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness sold recently—V. 125, p. 1490—to Kuechle & Co. of Milwaukee is more fully described as follows: 4 1/2% certificates awarded at par. Due from 1928 to 1947 incl.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BIDS.—We give below a list of the bidders, with the premium offered by each, for the two issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$19,060, offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2297. M. W. Tackitt, County Treasurer, who furnishes the list, does not state which was the successful bidder.

Table with 2 columns: Names of Bidders and Prem. First National Monrovia 480.94, Farmers State Bank, Mooresville 458.20, Fletcher American 434.00, Inland Investment Co. 369.00, Meyer-Kiser 166.50, Thos. D. Sheerin Co. 340.00, City Securities Corp. 234.00.

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 3 (P. O. Fort Morgan), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—A \$29,000 issue of 4 1/2% school refunding bonds has been purchased by a local investor prior to an election to be held on Nov. 15.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, Morris County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City, recently purchased an issue of \$102,000 4 1/2% gold notes. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City.

MOUNT HEALTHY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—S. A. Butterfield, Chief Deputy, informs us that at the general election to be held on Nov. 8, the voters will be asked to approve or reject the proposition of issuing \$152,000 bonds to pay the cost of erecting a fire-proof school building. The bonds will run for a period of 25 years.

MOXEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yakima) Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 125, p. 1871—was awarded to the State of Washington at par. Denom. \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1927, and due on Nov. 1 1947. Optional at any int. paying date. Int. payable on Jan. & July 1.

MULHALL, Logan County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$22,000, offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2421—were awarded to the American-First Trust Co. of Oklahoma City as 5 3/4% bonds. The issues are: \$20,000 water works bonds and \$2,000 fire equipment bonds.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida L. Christensen, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (central standard time) Nov. 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon general improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. Successful bidder to furnish the bonds with coupons attached. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$50,000 temporary loan offered on Nov. 2—V. 125, p. 2421—was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston, on a 3.47% discount basis, plus a premium of \$4.00. The loan is dated Nov. 4 1927 and matures on April 5 1928. Other bidders were:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, and Disc. Basis. Old Colony Trust Co. \$1.00 3.52%, S. N. Bond & Co. 2.25 3.59%.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William G. Howell, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$753,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues given below:

\$524,000 water bonds. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1940 incl.; \$14,000, 1941; and \$15,000, 1942 to 1967 incl. 229,000 school bonds. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1944 incl.; \$7,000, 1945; and \$9,000, 1946 to 1957 incl. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.), payable at the office of the City Treasurer, The United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City, will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness in all details. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—LARGE SOUTHERN OFFERING.—The \$4,500,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon gold serial city bonds sold on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 2009—to a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Caldwell & Co., Redmond & Co., R. W. Pressprich & Co., the First National Bank of New Orleans, the Old Colony Corp. of Boston, and Wheeler & Woolfolk of New Orleans at a basis of 4.28% is now being offered to the public by the successful syndicate. Priced to yield from 4.05 to 4.20%, according to maturities, which range from Oct. 1 1929 to 1977 incl. The bonds constitute general obligations of the city for the payment of which the city is pledged to levy an unlimited tax. The financial statement of New Orleans shows a total assessed valuation in 1927 of \$607,086,071, and a total bonded debt, including this issue, of \$52,028,900.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,920 4 3/4% Jackson Township road bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2297—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$121.60, equal to 102.05, a basis of about 4.08%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$296 Nov. 15 1928; \$296 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1937 incl.; and \$296 May 15 1938.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—TEMPORARY LOANS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER.—The City of New York issued short-term securities in the aggregate of \$63,750,000 consisting of corporate stock notes, special revenue bonds, &c., also \$1,500,000 3% general fund bonds maturing Nov. 1 1930. The short-term securities are described as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Maturity, Rate, Issued. Includes Revenue Bills of 1927 and Corporate Stock Notes of 1927.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held soon, the rate-payers will be asked to vote on the proposition of issuing \$65,000 street improvement bonds.

NICHOLAS COUNTY (P. O. Carlisle), Ky.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$75,000 issue of road bonds purchased on Oct. 4—V. 125, p. 2297—by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a price of 105.52 is further described as follows: Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Dated Oct. 4 1927. Due \$37,500 in the years 1937 and 1947. Int. rate 5%. Int. payable on Apr. and Oct. 4. Basis about 4.48%.

NORFOLK, Madison County, Neb.—Bond Description.—The \$69,000 issue of 4 1/2% refunding bonds purchased on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 2297—by the Security State Bank of Norfolk for the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha at a basis of about 4.43% is further described as follows: Denom., \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Int. payable on June & Dec. 1.

NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—NOTE SALE.—An \$800,000 issue of 3 3/4% tax anticipation notes has recently been purchased by S. N. Bond & Co. of New York. Dated Oct. 31 1927, and due on Dec. 30 1927.

NORTH CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$66,315 sidewalk bonds has recently been purchased by Little, Wooten & Co., of Jackson, for a premium of \$525, equal to 100.79.

NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Beaver Falls R. F. D. No. 3) Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Amos E. Plugh, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon township bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1 1928 to 1948 incl. A certified check for \$500, is required. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds.

OAKLAND COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Pontiac Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 East Clawson storm sewer drain bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 125, p. 2179—were awarded to Benjamin J. Dansard & Co. of Detroit, at 5 1/2%, at par. Dated May 1 1927. Due serially from May 1 1928 to 1938 inclusive.

OAK PARK, MICH.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Although the votes cast for the proposed \$300,000 bond issue to pay the cost of installing a new water system was 163 for to 131 against; the proposition failed by 14 votes to get the necessary 60% majority.

OCHLOCHNEE, Thomas County, Ga.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted on Oct. 20—V. 125, p. 2180—for the purchase of the \$9,000 issue of 5% water system bonds were rejected. The bonds will probably be reoffered in the near future.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—The projects to be passed upon at the special election to be held on Nov. 29—V. 125, p. 2422—aggregate \$4,344,000, and are divided as follows: Conduit and filtration plant improvements \$ 900,000 Sanitary sewers 100,000 Fire department buildings and equipment 250,000 Storm sewers 70,000 Traffic control 50,000 Two bridges over North Canadian river at Robinson and Exchange aves. and river improvement measures 525,000 Survey for flood control and legal expense of same 25,000

OLIN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jones County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. Nov. 7, by Guy B. Macomber, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for an issue of \$110,000 school building bonds. Bonds and legal opinion will be furnished.

ORONOKO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Berrien Springs), Berrien County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Burton Burgoyne, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (central standard time) Nov. 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$98,000 bonds, int. rate not to exceed 5%. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Due Jan. 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1945 incl.; \$4,000, 1946 to 1949 incl.; \$4,500, 1950 and 1951; \$5,000, 1952 to 1955 incl.; and \$6,000, 1956 and 1957. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds and furnish legal opinion. A certified check payable to the order of the District Treasurer for \$500 is required.

OYSTER BAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Oyster Bay Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$650,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on October 31—V. 125, p. 2298—were awarded to Roosevelt & Sons, and George B. Gibbons & Co., both of New York City, jointly, at a premium of \$11,895, equal to 101.83, a basis of about 4.06%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$25,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1954 incl. The following is a complete list of other bidders.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Stephen & Co. \$661,180 Phelps, Fenn & Co. 660,400 Local banks 660,133 H. L. Allen & Co. 659,301 Kuntze Bros. 658,612 Lehman Bros. 658,385

PALM BEACH COUNTY (P. O. West Palm Beach) Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$800,000 5% coupon road and bridge bonds offered for sale on Nov. 2—V. 125, p. 2422—were awarded to the Central Farmers Trust Co., of West Palm Beach at a private sale, paying a price of 96 for the issue, a basis of about 5.47%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1927 and due on June 1 as follows: \$38,000, 1932; \$40,000, 1933; \$42,000, 1934; \$44,000, 1935; \$48,000, 1936; \$53,000, 1937; \$54,000, 1938; \$59,000, 1939; \$64,000, 1940 and 1941; \$61,000, 1942; \$58,000, 1943; \$48,000, 1944; \$38,000, 1945; \$33,000, 1946, and \$28,000, 1947 and 1948. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold in N. Y. City at the Seaboard National Bank. The sealed bids submitted by Prudden & Co. and the Florida National Bank, of Jacksonville were rejected.

PALO ALTO, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 5% coupon water system betterment bonds, offered for sale on Oct. 24—V. 125, p. 2298—was awarded to Heller, Bruce & Co., of San Francisco for a premium of \$6,019, equal to 112.038, a basis of about 4.21%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1926. Due \$5,000, from June 1 1947 to 1956, incl. Int. payable on Dec. & June 1.

PARKERS PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Otter Tail County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the Minnesota School Fund.

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Delair) Camden County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City, were recently awarded an issue of \$347,000 5% sewer notes. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1929. Principal and interest payable at the Merchantville Trust Co., Merchantville.

PHENIX CITY, Lee County, Ala.—MATURITY.—The \$50,000 issue of 5 1/2% school bonds offered and sold on Oct. 3—V. 125, p. 2422—is due and payable as follows: \$1,000, from 1928 to 1932; \$2,000, from 1933 to 1937; \$3,000 from 1938 to 1942 and \$4,000 from 1943 to 1947, all incl. Price paid was 101, a basis of about 5.32%.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Philadelphia County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William Dick, Secretary Board of Public Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. Nov. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$2,000,000 4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$100,000, \$10,000, and \$1,000, registered bonds in denoms. of \$100 or in multiples thereof. Bids to be submitted on an "all or none" basis; or for any portion of the issue. A certified check payable to the order of the School District, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

POMEROY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Meigs County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Abe A. Massar, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Bids may be submitted for bonds bearing a different rate of interest; such rate however to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for \$200 is required.

PORTO RICO (Government of)—\$2,000,000 Porto Rican Gold Loan Offered.—The syndicate that was awarded the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% gold loan of 1927, series A to D coupon public improvement bonds on Oct. 28—V. 125, p. 2423—composed of Stein Bros. & Boyce of Baltimore, the Herrick Co. of Cleveland, the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, W. H. Newbold's Sons & Co. of Philadelphia, White, Weld & Co. and Estabrook & Co. of New York is now offering the bonds for public sale priced at 109 1/2 and interest to yield about 3.975% to optional date and about 4 1/2%

thereafter to maturity. These bonds are acceptable at par for deposits of public moneys and they are eligible to secure postal savings deposits. Porto Rican bonds are tax exempt.

PORTO RICO (Government of)—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete, detailed statement of the bidders and the bids submitted on Oct. 28—V. 125, p. 2423—for the purchase of the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% gold loan of 1927, series A to D coupon public impt. bonds:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Amt. Wanted, Price Bid. Crane, Parris & Co., White, Weld & Co., Estabrook & Co., W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Stein Brothers & Boyce, Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. All \$2,167,000 Barr Brothers & Co., Inc., Lee, Higginson & Co., Old Colony Corp., Graham, Parsons & Co., The Herrick Co., Fletcher American Co., Second Ward Securities Co. All or none 108,348 Hallgarten & Co., Blatt & Co., Inc., Hornblower & Weeks, Chase Securities Corp. All or none 108,0819 Harris, Forbes & Co., Hayden, Miller & Co. All or none 107,83 Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Trust Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Hannas, Ballin & Lee, and Kean, Taylor & Co. All or none \$2,156,198 Riggs National Bank All or none 107,1799 Commercial Nat. Bank, Wash. D. C., for Lynchburg National Bank \$50,000 105 City National Bank, Ft. Smith, Ark. \$500,000 (Series A) 100

POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mount Vernon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,400 4 1/2% Fred W. Davis et al Robb Township highway construction bonds offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2298—were awarded to the Old First National Bank of Mount Vernon, at a premium of \$411, equal to 102.66, a basis of about 4.01%. Dated Nov. 10 1927. Due \$770 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Premium. Fletcher American Co. \$336.00 Mount Vernon National Bank & Trust Co. 353.00 Bozeman Waters & Co. 367.70 City Securities Corp. 344.00 LaPlante, Welsh & Co. 301.00 Thomas Sheerin & Co. 272.00 Meyer-Kiser Bank 135.50

PUEBLO WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pueblo), Colo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$325,000 issue of 4% water bonds sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver—V. 125, p. 2180—at a price of 99.63 is further described as follows: Awarded on Oct. 11 subject to an election to be held on Nov. 8 to the I. T. Co. of Denver and N. S. Walpole of Pueblo. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 2 1928, due on Jan. 2 1948 and optional after 1943. Basis about 4.02%. Int. payable on Jan. & July 1.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward D. Stannard, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$39,000 (series 15) 4 1/2% coupon or registered County office building bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Brewster. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

RENSSELAER, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$148,000 4 1/2% coupon or reissued improvement bonds offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2299—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. and Roosevelt & Sons, both of New York City, jointly, at 101.57, a basis of about 4.04. Dated July 1 1927. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1947 incl., and \$4,000, 1947.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid., Bidder, Rate Bid. Butler & Co. 101.10 Dewey, Baron Co. 101.36 Rulley & Co. 101.109 Mfg. & Trades Peoples Tr. Co 101.37 Farson, Son & Co. 100.58 Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. 101.28 H. L. Allen & Co. 101.15 Rensselaer Co. Bank 101.10 Harris, Forbes & Co. 100.91 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. 101.57 Barr Bros. & Co. 101.097

RICELAND, Freeborn County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Seale bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 15 by Supervisor J. G. Johnson, for a \$30,000 issue of road and bridge bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5% Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1928 to 1947, incl. Bonds numbered 16 to 20 may be prepaid on Dec. 1 1942 or thereafter. Int. payable June & Dec. 1. A certified check for 2% is required.

RIO HONDO, Cameron County, Texas.—MATURITY.—The \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% water works bonds sold recently—V. 125, p. 2299—to the Cameron County Sinking Fund is due and payable as follows: \$500 in March 1 1929 & 1930; \$1,000 from 1931 to 1938, incl., and \$1,500 from 1939 to 1942, incl.

RIVER ROUGE, Wayne County, Mich.—List of Bids Rejected.—The following is a complete list of the bidders and bids rejected for the \$75,000 4 1/2% paving bonds as reported in—V. 125, p. 2423.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. First National Co. 100.94 Detroit Trust Co. 100.89 Braun, Bosworth & Co. 100.87 Guardian Detroit Co. 100.84 Howe, Snow & Co. 100.78 Bank of Detroit. 100.72 Whittlesey, McLean & Co. 100.70 Stranahan, Harris & Oatis. 100.61 Security Trust Co. 100.58 Northern Trust Co. 100.52 City Sinking Fund (for \$50,000) 1100.00

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—Note Offering.—Sealed bids will be received by J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, until 2.30 Nov. 7, for the purchase of the following issues of notes aggregating \$1,815,000:

- \$250,000 General Revenue. 750,000 School Revenue. 250,000 Local Improvement. 20,000 Municipal Bids. Constn. 10,000 Municipal Land Purchase. 100,000 School Construction. 350,000 Transit Subway. 60,000 Water Works Improvement. 25,000 Winton Road Subway. Dated Nov. 10 1927. The general revenue and school revenue notes mature on Jan. 10 1928, the other issues on Feb. 10 1928. The bonds will be delivered and paid for at the Central Union Trust Co., New York City. Bids for less than par will receive no consideration.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati, were awarded on Nov. 1, the following issues of bonds as follows:

- As 4 1/2% at a premium of \$44.00, equal to 100.45. \$22,900 water main construction bonds. Due serially Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. 18,900 water main construction bonds. 55,700 Improvement bonds. As 4 3/4% at a premium of \$124.00, equal to 100.90. \$7,000 lateral water bonds. Due serially from 1929 to 1938 incl. 6,700 lateral water main bonds. Due serially Oct. 1 1929 to 1932 incl.

RUTHERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William Hillhouse, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 16, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$190,600 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$190,600. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$500. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$7,600, 1929; \$7,000, 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$10,000, 1939 to 1950 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the Rutherford National Bank, Rutherford. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafell & Longfellow, of New York City.

RYE AND HARRISON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Harrison) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 29—V. 125, p. 2299—were awarded to Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York City, as 4 1/4%, at 100.48, a

basis of about 4.14%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$4,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—There will be an election held on Nov. 29 for the voters to decide the issuance of four issues of bonds as follows: \$10,000,000 road bonds. 1,000,000 hospital bonds. 1,000,000 court house bonds. 750,000 jail bonds.

SAINT JOSEPH, Buchanan County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered for sale on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2299—were awarded to the Prescott, Wright Snyder Co. of Kansas City, at a premium of \$6,055.50, equal to 104.03, a basis of about 4.13%. The issues aggregate \$150,000, divided as follows: \$82,000 lighting parkway and boulevard bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1940 incl., and \$6,000 from 1941 to 1947 incl. No option. 68,000 lighting streets and avenues bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1933 to 1939 incl., and \$5,000 from 1940 to 1947 incl. No option.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 1) payable at the National Bank of Commerce in N. Y. City.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County).—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The \$700,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered highway and boulevard improvement bonds sold on Oct. 17—V. 125, p. 2299—is now being offered to the public by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York and Pierce, Fair & Co. of San Francisco priced to yield 4.05% on all maturities. Due \$35,000 from 1932 to 1951 incl. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will furnish legal approval. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 1) payable in gold coin in New York or San Francisco at option. Federal income tax exempt and tax free in California. Legal investment for savings banks and trustees in many states.

SAN MATEO COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Redwood City), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth M. Kneese, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a.m. on Nov. 7 for the purchase of \$30,000 6% Ravenwood Waterworks District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 15 1927. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 15 1928 to 1932; \$2,000 from 1933 to 1943 incl. and \$3,000 in 1944. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at county treasurer's office. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors, must accompany bid.

SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of 6% street improvement bonds has recently been purchased by Farson, Son & Co. of New York, at a price of 96. One issue is for \$160,000, and the second is for \$115,000. Each issue is due serially in 10 years.

SAVANNAH, Chatham County, Ga.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by N. P. Carish, Clerk of the Council, until 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 for the purchase of a \$550,000 issue of 4 1/2% refunding notes. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due \$50,000 from Aug. 1 1928 to 1938 incl. prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the office of the city treasurer or at the agency of the city in New York. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City will furnish legal approval. Only bids for the entire issue will be considered. A \$5,000 certified check, payable to the Mayor and Aldermen, must accompany the bid.

SAXONBURG, Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. Rudert, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$4,000 4 1/2% coupon street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$500, 1929 to 1934 incl., and \$1,000, 1935. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Butler County National Bank, Butler. A certified check, for \$300, is required.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—WEST COAST BONDS OFFERED.—The \$1,600,000 issue of 4% coupon water extension, series WZ-4 bonds, sold on Oct. 21—V. 125, p. 2423—is now being offered to the public by the successful group, composed of Eldredge & Co. of New York, the Old National Bank & Union Trust Co. and the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co., both of Spokane, priced to yield 4.20% on all maturities. Bonds are due as follows: \$105,000 from 1933 to 1942, and \$110,000 from 1943 to 1947 incl. The bonds it is stated are an obligation of the City of Seattle and are payable, both principal and interest, solely from the gross revenues of the municipal water system. By the law and ordinance authorizing these bonds, the principal and interest are made a charge against the gross revenues of the entire system, which charge must be satisfied before payment is made for operating expenses and depreciation.

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) Dec. 1, for the purchase of \$373,200 4 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000, one bond for \$200. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$41,200, 1929; \$41,000, 1930; \$42,000, 1931; \$41,000, 1932; \$42,000, 1933; \$41,000, 1934; \$42,000, 1935; \$41,000, 1936, and \$42,000, 1937. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Bids may be submitted for a different rate of interest, other than stated above; provided that where a fractional rate is bid, such fractional shall be in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% or multiples thereof. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

SILER CITY, Chatham County, N. C.—PRICE PAID.—The two issues of 5 1/2% bonds sold on Oct. 24—V. 125, p. 2423—to the Weil, Roth & Irving Corp. of Cincinnati, were purchased for a premium of \$124, equal to 100.31, a basis of about 5.46%. The two issues were for \$29,000 a piece and were due serially.

SINKING SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co., bidding \$28,782, equal to 106.60, and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.05%, were awarded the \$27,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 125, p. 2424. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1937; \$9,000, 1947; and \$12,000, 1957.

SINTON, San Patricio County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election recently held the voters approved the issuance of \$113,000 street bonds by a large majority.

SMYRNA, Cobb County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Oct. 27 the voters authorized the issuance of \$35,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a water works system plant. The vote on the issue was 170 for to 27 against.

SONOMA COUNTY RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2068 (P. O. Sonoma) Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$550,000 issue of 6% coupon district bonds offered for sale on Oct. 25—V. 125, p. 2181—was awarded to the California National Bank of Sacramento, for a premium of \$30, equal to 100.005, a basis of about 5.99%. Dated July 1 1926, and due on July 1, from 1936 to 1946 incl. There were no other bidders.

SOUTH SANTA ANITA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 17—V. 125, p. 2181—was awarded to the United States National Bank of Los Angeles for a premium of \$353, equal to 107.06, a basis of about 4.45%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926, and due \$1,000 on July 1 as follows: 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948 and in 1950. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the county treasurer.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$454,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Nov. 4—V. 125, p. 2299—were awarded to the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis at 101.04, a basis of about 0.00%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$21,000, 1931 to 1942; \$18,000 in 1943 and \$46,000, 1944 to 1947. The following were the next highest bidders for the issue: Caldwell & Co. of Nashville.....100.86 Bankers Trust Co. of New York.....100.80

SPEARMAN, Haasford County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Oct. 24 G. N. Hutton, State Comptroller of Texas, registered the following two issues of 5 1/2% serial bonds: \$50,000 sewer bonds and \$6,000 city hall bonds.

STAMFORD, Jones County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$300,000 issue of 5% hard surface road bonds has recently been purchased by Brown, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, at a price of 98.37.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Edith G. Coke, clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a.m., Nov. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$192,000 4 1/2% bonds described as follows:

\$118,000 Navarre-Berlin I. C. H. No. 79, road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1929, and \$13,000, 1930 to 1937 incl. 74,000 Canton-Louisville I. C. H. No. 73 road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$8,000, 1931 to 1937 incl.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, of \$500 on each issue, drawn upon a Stark County bank, and payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$4,000 4% water notes offered on Oct. 28—V. 125, p. 3300—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Lynn, at 100.50, a basis of about 3.87%. Date, Nov. 1 1927. Due \$500, Nov. 1 1928 to 1935 incl. BONDS WITHDRAWN.—The \$4,500 issue offered at the same date was withdrawn.

TAOS COUNTY (P. O. Taos), N. M.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Colorado Springs. Due serially from 1928 to 1950 incl.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—State Comptroller G. N. Holton registered the following issues of bonds during the week ended Oct. 29:

- \$6,600 Limpcomb County 5% serial Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 43 bonds. 3,000 Titus County 5% 20-year serial Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 18 bonds. 1,400 Titus County 5% 20-year serial Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 33 bonds. 1,200 San Angelo County 5% 20-year serial Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 42 bonds. 1,000 Parker County 5% 20-year serial Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 44 bonds. 900 Moore County 5% 20-30 year serial Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 5 bonds.

TILLMAN COUNTY (P. O. Frederick), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—There will be an election held on Nov. 29, for the voters to decide the issuance of \$900,000 road bonds.

TORRINGTON, Goshen County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of 5% coupon school building bonds offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 125, p. 2011—was awarded to the Stock Growers National Bank of Cheyenne, for a premium of \$300, equal to 102.50, a basis of about 4.82%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927, and due on Nov. 1 1952. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1.

UNION CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur J. Spitznagle, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p.m. Nov. 15 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,602,000. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues given below: \$793,000 school bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1954 incl. \$25,000, 1955 to 1963 incl., and \$28,000, 1964. 542,000 improvement bonds. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$25,000, 1928 to 1939 incl.; \$30,000, 1940 to 1946 incl.; and \$32,000, 1947. 267,000 West Hoboken improvement bonds. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1945 incl.; and \$12,000, 1946.

Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4 or 4 1/2%. Prin. and int. (J. & D.), payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office. The Trust Co. of New Jersey will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness in all details. A certified check, payable to the city, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Long fellow of New York City.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Lake Butler), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on Nov. 22 by J. S. Howard, Chairman of the Board of Bond Trustees, for the purchase of a \$350,000 issue of 6% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. or July 1 1927. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1931; \$6,000, 1932; \$9,000, 1933; \$8,000, 1934; \$9,000, 1935 and 1936; \$10,000, 1937 and 1938; \$12,000, 1939 and 1940; \$14,000, 1941 and 1942; \$17,000, 1943 and 1944; \$20,000, 1945 and 1946; \$24,000, 1947 and 1948; \$27,000, 1949; \$28,000, 1950 and 1951, and \$27,000 in 1952. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York at the Hanover National Bank or at the office of the above Board. Caldwell & Raymond of New York or some other reputable bond attorney will furnish legal approval. Bids under 95 not acceptable. A certified check, payable to T. M. Rihert, Secretary of the Board, for 5% of the bid, is required.

UVALDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Uvalde) Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 16, by the Clerk of the Board of Education for an issue of \$150,000 5% serial school bonds.

VIVIAN, Caddo Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 issue of 5% sewerage bonds unsuccessfully offered on July 12—V. 124, p. 3671—has been purchased recently by W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo for an \$11 premium, to be a multiple of 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially from 1929 to 1967 incl.

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a.m. on Nov. 23, by City Clerk Ray Appleg, for a \$65,000 issue of city hall bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. to be a multiple of \$100, and not more than \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due in from 2 to 15 years. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bid, is required.

WALPOLE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Town Treasurer until 2 p.m. Nov. 8, for the purchase of the following issues of 3 3/4% bonds aggregating \$269,500: \$157,500 school bonds. Due serially from 1928 to 1942 incl. 112,000 school bonds. Due serially from 1928 to 1941 incl. Dated Nov. 15 1927.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Della B. King, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p.m. (central standard time) Nov. 14, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% coupon assessment bonds aggregating \$12,085: \$7,960 Edgemoor Drive, sewer bonds. Denom. \$500, one bond for \$460, 1933. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1929 to 1932 incl., and \$1,960, 1933. 4,125 Edgemoor Drive, water main bonds. Denom. \$500, one bond for \$625. Due as follows: \$1,000, Mar. & Sept. 1 1929, and \$1,000, Mar. and \$1,125, Sept. 1 1930.

Dated Sept. 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable, at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for \$500, is required.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Della B. King, City Auditor, until 1 p.m. (central standard time) Nov. 18, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon special assessment bonds aggregating \$30,510: \$26,550 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$550. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.; and \$2,550, 1937. 3,960 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$960. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$960, 1932. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Warren) Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 26—V. 125, p. 2300—were awarded to Prudden & Coof, Toledo, as 4 1/2s, at a premium of \$269, equal to 101.34, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$500, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$1,000, 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$1,500, 1944 to 1948 incl. The following is a complete list of other bidders: For 4 1/2% bonds.— Bidder Premium Price Center Line State Svgs. Bank..... \$141.00 100.70 Bumpus & Co..... 109.00 100.54 Detroit Trust Co..... 106.00 100.53 At 4 3/4% the bids were: Bumpus & Co..... \$449.00 \$102.24 Whittlesey, McLean & Co..... 365.00 101.81 Bumpus & Co. bid premium \$739, price 103.69, on 5s.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a.m. Nov. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 4 1/2% road improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1943 to 1949 incl.; \$15,000, 1952; \$10,000, 1953; \$25,000, 1954; and \$30,000,

1955 to 1957 incl. A certified check for \$2,500 is required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Toledo), Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$376,266 coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2300—were awarded to a syndicate composed of W. K. Terry & Co., and Ryan, Sutherland & Co., both of Toledo, A. E. Aub. & Co., and Taylor, Wilson & Co., both of Cincinnati, as 4½s. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$9,266, April 1, and \$9,000, Oct. 1 1928; \$9,000, April & Oct. 1 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$9,000, April and \$10,000, Oct. 1 1932 to 1947 incl.

**WEBSTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. J. Van Alstyne, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p.m. on Nov. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$17,500 coupon or registered bonds interest rate not to exceed 5%. Dated Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Aug. 1 1928 to 1962 incl. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the Union Trust Co. Bank, Rochester. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$175 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

**WELLINGTON, Sumner County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on Nov. 14 by City Clerk Bernice L. Lindberg for the purchase of \$19,400 4½% paving, curb and gutter bonds. Dated July 1, 1927. Payable serially in from 1 to 10 years. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Pontiac Box 89), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Pontiac, was awarded on Oct. 26, an issue of \$150,000 school bonds as 4½s. at a premium of \$2,758, equal to 101.83.

The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Bidder—	Price paid
Union Trust Co.	\$102.18
Guardian Detroit Co.	101.98
Detroit Trust Co.	102.04
W. K. Terry & Co.	101.92
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis.	101.88
Bumpus & Co.	101.83
First National Co.	100.65

**WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2424—was awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, on a 3.40% discount basis plus a premium of \$1.00. The loan matures on Oct. 3 1928.

**WESTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—The Waltham Trust Co. of Waltham, was awarded on Oct. 29, an issue of \$11,000 4% water bonds at 102, a basis of about 3.60%. Dated July 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1938 incl.

**WEST CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—The \$4,000,000 boulevard and park bonds (2nd. issue) offered on Oct. 27—V. 125, p. 2300—were awarded to a syndicate composed of A. B. Leach & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, A. G. Becker & Co., Taylor, Ewart & Co., Hill, Joiner & Co., the Central Trust Co., and the Union Trust Co., all of Chicago, and Eldredge & Co., of New York City, at par, taking \$2,800,000 bonds maturing \$200,000, from 1928 to 1941 incl.; as 4s, and \$1,200,000 bonds maturing \$200,000, 1942 to 1945 incl.; and \$400,000, 1946, as 4½s. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1927.

**WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The \$32,625 issue of 4½% coupon internal improvement street opening bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on May 9—V. 124, p. 3110—has recently been purchased by the Fourth National Bank of Wichita for a premium of \$581, equal to 101.78, a basis of about 4.13%. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$625. Dated May 1, 1927 and due serially from 1928 to 1937.

**BOND SALE.**—The Fourth National Bank of Wichita has also purchased an issue of \$185,916.33 4½% paving bonds at a price of \$100.73. The State School Fund has recently purchased an issue of \$148,357.54 4½% drainage bonds at par.

**WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—Lehman Bros. of New York City, were awarded on Nov. 1, an issue of \$173,000 5% coupon or registered street paving bonds (\$175,000 offered) at 101.22 a basis of about 4.79%. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$10,000, 1933 to 1942 incl.; and \$8,000, 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the Marine National Bank of Wildwood. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York City.

**WINSLOW TOWNSHIP (P. O. Reynoldsville), Jefferson County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. E. Strouse, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (to-day) Nov. 5, for the purchase of an issue of \$17,000 4½% road bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1941; and \$10,000, 1942. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

**WINNETKA, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—The \$63,000 coupon library addition bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 125, p. 2425—were awarded to the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, as 4s, at a discount of \$314.00

equal to 100.48, a basis of about 3.94%. Due July 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1939 incl.; \$4,000, 1940; \$5,000, 1941 to 1944 incl., and \$3,000, 1945; optional after July 1 1932. The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Bidder—	4½%	4%
First Trust & Savings Bank.	\$63,270.00	*\$62,686.00
Northern Trust Co.	63,207.00	62,685.00
Chicago Trust Co.	63,205.00	62,685.00
Mississippi Valley Trust Co.	63,132.30	-----
White Phillips Co.	63,084.00	-----
Federal Securities Corp.	63,082.00	-----
Hanchett Bond Co.	63,076.00	-----
A. B. Leach & Co.	63,031.00	-----
Paime, Webber & Co.	62,831.00	62,060.00

\*Successful bid.

**WOODCLIFF LAKE, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$21,000 5% coupon or registered street paving bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 125, p. 2301—were awarded to the New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co. of Newark. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$3,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1934 incl.

**WOONSOCKET, Providence County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The H. C. Grafton Co. of Boston, was recently awarded a \$900,000 temporary loan on a 3.54% discount basis, plus a premium of \$36.00. The loan matures on May 29 1928.

**WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The \$18,600 issue of 4½% coupon special improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 125, p. 2301—was sold at par to the State School Fund Commission. Denoms. \$1,000 and one for \$600. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1 as follows: \$600 in 1928; \$1,000 from 1929 to 1938 and 2,000 from 1939 to 1942, all incl. There were no other bidders.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**CARLTON PLACE, Ont.—W. L. McKinnon & Co.**, was awarded during October, an issue of \$42,000 5% 30-year bond at 99.60, a basis of about 5.03%. The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
A. E. Ames & Co.	99.55
Dymnt, Anderson & Co.	99.47
C. H. Burgess & Co.	99.44
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	99.29
Wood, Gundy & Co.	98.90

**ONTARIO (Province of), P. O. Toronto.—BIDS.**—The following is a complete list of other bidders for the \$24,000,000 4½% 30-year serial refunding bonds awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Wood, Grundy & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., A. E. Ames & Co., and Harris, Forbes & Co. at 99.30@4.57% basis.—V. 125, p. 2425.

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Bank of Montreal; Bank of Nova Scotia; Dominion Bank; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.; Kerr, Fleming & Co.; Matthews & Co.; Hanson Brothers; Lee, Higginson & Co.; First National Bank; Redmond & Co.; Bankers Trust Co.; Solomon Bros., and Hutzler, Clark, Dodge & Co.	99.1933
Canadian Bank of Commerce; R. A. Daly & Co.; Blair & Co.; Equitable Trust Co., of New York; Halsey, Stuart & Co.; Chase Securities Corp.; Illinois Merchants Trust Co.; Continental & Commercial Co.; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Royal Bank; Royal Securities Corp.; Shawmut Corp., of Boston; Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp.; First Detroit Co., New York; Guardian Detroit Co., New York; Marine Trust Co.; Cochran, Hay & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.; Wells-Dickey Co.; Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.	99.103

**POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 5% registered bonds offered on Oct. 26—V. 125, p. 2301—were awarded to Versailles, Vidicaire & Co. of Montreal, at 99.11. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1927, are in denoms. of \$500 and \$100 and are payable at Pointe Claire and Montreal.

**PORT ALFRED, Que.—BOND SALE.**—J. H. Bouchard, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Nov. 8, for the purchase of \$25,000 5% ten-year serial bonds. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1927.

**ST. TITE, Que.—BOND SALE.**—Societe Generale De Finance, Inc., was recently awarded an issue of \$53,900 5% 25-year serial bonds at 99.67, a basis of about 5.03%. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Bray, Caron & Dube, Ltd.	99.11
Versailles, Vidicaire & Boulais, Ltd.	99.06
Credit Municipal, Ltd.	99.03
Lagueux & Darveau.	98.63

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**NEW LOANS**

**\$42,000**  
**TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN**  
 County of Warren, New Jersey  
 5% Road Improvement Bonds 5%

Notice is hereby given, that the Township of Frelinghuysen in the County of Warren, New Jersey will sell at public auction on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15th, 1927** at Two o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the Old School House, in Johnsonsburg, N. J., Road Improvement Bonds in the matter of the construction of the Yellow Frame-Blairstown Road in the amount of \$42,000 in denominations of \$500 each, with interest at Five per centum (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually, to be dated January 1st, 1928, and maturing \$2,000 annually, January 1st, 1929 to 1949, inclusive; principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness.

Bidders will be required to deposit a certified check for two per centum of the amount of bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, to secure the municipality against loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of bid.

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all bids, and unless all bids are rejected said bonds will be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale and offering to pay not less than such sum and to take therefore the least amount of bonds, commencing with the first maturity and stated in a multiple of One thousand dollars, but not to exceed Ten thousand dollars to any one bidder.

The bonds will be ready for delivery on January 2nd, 1928, at the First National Bank, Blairstown, N. J., and the successful bidder or bidders shall take and pay the balance due thereon by certified check.

**LUNDY ARMSTRONG**  
 Township Clerk.

For further information write, Claude E. Cook, Township Attorney, 174 Main Street, Hacketts-town, N. J.