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The Financial Situation.

President Coolidge, in his otherwise admirable message, betrays some peevishness in discussing the subject of tax reduction for which there appears to be little excuse. The facts and figures which he brings together regarding debt reduction and tax reduction are very impressive and also reflect great credit upon the administration of the Government, but taxes are still very heavy and extremely hard to bear, and the people are not to be blamed if they press insistently for further relief. Therefore when the President speaks of "special interests, too often selfish, always uninformed of the national needs as a whole, with hired agents using their proposed beneficiaries as engines of propaganda," he indulges in a display of temper for which no adequate justification can be found. We think the President is entirely right in insisting on a balanced budget and in arguing most strenuously against too radical cuts in revenue lest a deficit result. On the other hand, there is room for difference of opinion as to how far it is possible to go, within prudent and safe limits, and those who differ with him, or with the Treasury Department, are entitled to a hearing and to respectful treatment.

The President does not mention anyone by name, but the U. S. Chamber of Commerce has been very prominently in the public eye and has sought to show, by adducing facts and figures, that a much larger reduction is possible within safe limits than that to which the President and Mr. Mellon are committed. Their elaborate arguments in support of their contentions have brought some testy replies from the Secretary. Plainly, these are to be regretted in a discussion of that kind, which ought to be conducted in good temper. This makes it all the

more unfortunate that the President on his part should have indulged in such a general and sweeping characterization as is indicated by the words we have quoted, even if he did not have the Chamber of Commerce in mind in using them. Whether the Chamber of Commerce, and those who side with it, be right or not, it is clearly a mistake to look upon these men as if they were a lot of buccaneers demanding something to which they are not entitled.

When the President says "we must keep our budget balanced for each year," he states what is axiomatic. When he adds "that is the cornerstone of our national credit," and then goes on to speak of this as "the trifling price we pay to command the lowest rate of interest of any great power in the world," some will be inclined to question whether the President, always noted for his common sense way of studying and stating great problems, has not in the present instance spoken with a lack of the caution and exactness which in the past have always marked his utterances. The Government is raising by taxation, even to-day, in peace times, in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000,000 a year. Is not that the real "price" the country is paying, and is there anything "trifling" about that?

The stock market the present week has shown considerable irregularity, and at times decided weakness. Activity has been maintained at a high level, and with money and credit easy, it has not been difficult to advance with great rapidity special stocks and special groups of stocks. Indeed, that has been the chief characteristic of the market of late, namely, that the specialties have commanded most attention. Every day half a dozen or more of these are taken in hand and whirled up with great rapidity. The more mystery and the more uncertainty there is as regards the merits of the stocks selected for manipulation the easier it is to find speculative support for them.

On the other hand, the general market has been weak and heavy most of the week, and many of the standard stocks are lower, even after the sharp recovery yesterday. As illustrations, U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 141 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 144 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week, Gen. Motors closed at 127 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 127 $\frac{1}{2}$, E. I. du Pont 313 against 317 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Radio Corporation 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 95. Many other stocks, however, are higher, indicative of the unevenness of the price movement. Among these may be mentioned Commercial Solvents which closed yesterday at 164 against the close last Friday of 159 $\frac{7}{8}$, Greene Cananea Copper 121 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 109 $\frac{3}{4}$, General Railway Signal 122 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 109 $\frac{1}{4}$, B. F. Goodrich (rubber) 94 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 87 $\frac{1}{4}$, International Harvester

244 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 239, Savage Arms 64 against 58 $\frac{1}{2}$, Transue & Williams 46 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 38 $\frac{1}{4}$, U. S. Industrial Alcohol 102 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 95 $\frac{3}{8}$, Wright Aeronautical 74 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 60 $\frac{3}{8}$, Hudson Motor 72 against 67 $\frac{5}{8}$, and Montgomery Ward 115 against 109 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The railroad share list has also been irregular, with not a little weakness at times, but here there have been some special favoring features which have led to big advances in the stocks affected. Chief among these has been the increase in the dividend on Southern Ry. stock from 7% per annum to 8%. As a consequence the shares touched 149 on Thursday and closed yesterday at 147 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 144 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe stock is being given the right to take some new common (to retire maturing bond issues) at par, but that stock closed yesterday at 194 against 196 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Southern Pacific has been very strong and closed yesterday at 125 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 121 $\frac{3}{8}$; on the other hand, Del. & Hudson closed at 188 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 192 $\frac{1}{8}$, and New York Central at 163 against 164 $\frac{3}{8}$.

The main trouble underlying the general course of prices—always disregarding the specialties which with the aid of easy money can be moved upward with great celerity—is the uncertainty regarding the future of trade. From statistics made public the present week it appears that the make of iron in November was not only the smallest of any month of the year, but also the smallest of any month since Aug. 1925. The output of steel in November was the lowest for that month in any year since 1921. The great question is when a change for the better can be expected. Tax reduction of the right kind, and especially a reduction in the income taxes, would do more than anything else to bring early revival.

Brokers loans still keep moving merrily upward. The story this week is the same as in all other recent weeks, that is, another new high record in all time has been established. Nor is the further addition the present week small, especially considering the extent of the previous additions and the fact that it is piled on top of a total itself of unparalleled magnitude. The week's increase is \$51,956,000. With this further increase the grand total of the loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) by the fifty-two reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve system in New York City is brought up to the huge figure of \$3,562,805,000. This is the amount for Wednesday night, Dec. 7. On Dec. 8 1926, when the amount was by no means small, the total was no more than \$2,638,528,000. In other words, the increase for the twelve months is found to be \$924,277,000, which affords an idea of the magnitude of the expansion that has taken place during this period of time. As heretofore, large increases are found in all the leading categories, the loans made by these reporting member banks for their own account now being \$1,222,800,000, against \$813,368,000 a year ago, an addition of fully 50%; the loans made for account of out-of-town banks \$1,366,278,000, against \$1,062,969,000, and the loans made for account of others \$973,727,000 against \$762,191,000.

To a vast preponderating extent, the expansion has been in loans subject to call, as distinguished from time loans, and this stamps the increase as being mainly for speculative account. The time loan portion of the loans was only \$682,404,000 a

year ago and is not so very much larger the present year at \$829,314,000. On the other hand the demand loans have risen from \$1,956,124,000 to \$2,733,491,000. In view of such figures it can be no surprise that stock speculation is being maintained at high levels, in face of some distinctly unfavorable conditions, more particularly the reaction in trade. So long as borrowing can be done with such great ease and facility—and at extremely low interest rates, too—the speculative fervor will doubtless keep up.

It remained, however, for the compilation which the Stock Exchange itself prepares, to reveal the story in full of this rise in borrowing on security collateral. As has so many times been pointed out in these columns, the Stock Exchange figures are always several hundred million dollars larger than those given out by 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 by the reporting member banks not only for their own account, but also for account of out-of-town banks and for account of others. By these Stock Exchange figures, the further addition during November was \$145,698,929 and the grand total of these loans has now actually passed the four billion mark, the exact figure being \$4,091,836,303. On Jan. 31 last the amount was only \$3,138,786,338 and on Nov. 30 1926 it was \$3,129,161,675. The expansion for the 12 months therefore, as in the case of the Federal Reserve figures, reaches over \$900,000,000, being in exact figures \$962,674,628.

As to the statement of the Federal Reserve banks concerning their own condition, the feature this week is again the increase in the holdings of U. S. Gov't securities. It may be recalled that in the week ending Nov. 16 these holdings of U. S. Gov't securities, which had been steadily enlarged for some time, jumped at one bound from \$530,210,000 to \$704,794,000. There was a special reason, however, for this sudden large increase in the fact that the U. S. Treasury in connection with its redemption of the remaining Second Liberty Loan bonds on Nov. 15 had to engage in considerable temporary borrowing and as a consequence had issued \$164,500,000 of temporary certificates to the twelve Reserve banks. On Nov. 23, with the amount of these temporary certificates reduced to \$80,500,000, the holdings of Government securities fell from \$700,794,000 to \$621,232,000, and on Nov. 30, with these temporary certificates reduced to only \$2,000,000, there was a further reduction in the holdings of U. S. Gov't securities from \$621,232,000 to \$547,835,000. The present week, with the temporary certificates again added to in amount of \$50,000,000, these holdings of Government securities have risen once more from \$547,835,000 to \$604,201,000. At the latter figure comparison is with only \$323,583,000 at the corresponding date a year ago.

It would have been perfectly easy for the Federal Reserve banks in accommodating the Government

to have sold an equivalent amount of their U. S. bonds, of which they hold \$266,243,000, or of their Treasury notes, of which they hold \$56,105,000, but they chose not to do this. Obviously to precisely the extent that the holdings of Government securities are added to, additional Federal Reserve credit is being pushed into use besides which the volume of money in circulation is at the same time being increased. All this, however, is in pursuit of Federal Reserve policy, which is to keep the same amount, or a still larger volume, of Reserve credit constantly employed, even though the members may be diminishing their borrowings, since they no longer have use for the same amount of Reserve credit as before. That is precisely what has happened during the past twelve months. The discount holdings now (Dec. 7) reflecting the lessened borrowing of the member banks are only \$443,907,000, whereas a year ago they were \$604,726,000, while the holdings of acceptances are also somewhat less, being \$379,998,000 against \$390,989,000, but with the holdings of Government securities \$604,201,000 against \$323,583,000, the total of bills and securities on Dec. 7 the present year stands at \$1,429,021,000 against \$1,321,861,000 on Dec. 8 1926. In other words, over \$107,000,000 more Reserve credit is being employed than was the case a year ago, notwithstanding that member banks' borrowing has been heavily reduced. This indicates what the Federal Reserve Banks are doing to promote ease in the money market, the parent of Stock Exchange speculation with the excesses accompanying the same—at a time, too, when the country is going through a period of trade reaction, and the mercantile demand for banking accommodation is correspondingly reduced.

During the past week borrowings of the member banks, as indicated by the discount holdings of the Reserve institutions, were reduced from \$477,025,000 to \$443,907,000, but the holdings of acceptances increased from \$354,740,000 to \$379,998,000, while the holdings of U. S. Gov't securities, as already noted, rose from \$547,835,000 to \$604,201,000. Total holdings of bills and securities, therefore, in face of the diminished borrowing of the member banks, were increased during the week from \$1,380,515,000 to \$1,429,021,000. Notwithstanding their lessened borrowing, the member banks were able to add to their reserve account with the Federal Reserve banks. This brought with it an increase in the deposits held by the twelve Reserve banks from \$2,413,170,000 to \$2,427,253,000. The volume of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation was at the same time increased from \$1,716,574,000 to \$1,749,795,000. Gold reserves, however, were also added to and are now \$2,826,735,000 against \$2,804,986,000 a week ago. Nevertheless, owing to the increase in deposits and in the volume of Federal Reserve notes outstanding, the ratio of total reserves (including reserves other than gold) to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined, is somewhat smaller, being 70.7% against 71.2% a week ago.

Considering the return of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by itself—that is distinct from the figures of the twelve Reserve banks combined—it is found that the whole of the increase in U. S. Gov't securities during the week occurred at the New York Reserve Bank, its holding of such securities having risen from \$114,062,000 to \$172,150,000. The New York Reserve Bank also added to its acceptance holdings which now stand at \$119,651,000

against \$104,063,000. The discount holdings fell from \$148,115,000 to \$132,509,000, but owing to the increase in the other items just mentioned total bill and security holdings of the New York Reserve Bank were increased from \$366,240,000 to \$424,310,000.

The New York Clearing House banks and trust companies in their return last Saturday still showed impairment of reserves, though not to the same extent as on the previous Saturday. The deficiency in reserves was \$5,435,400, against \$39,408,980 on Nov. 26. They added no less than \$55,752,000 to their reserve account with the New York Reserve Bank, though this was offset to the amount of \$4,489,000 by a reduction in the cash held in own vaults, which latter item, however, does not count as legal reserve. But borrowing was very extensive, probably in connection with the 1st of the month requirements, though partly also no doubt as a result of the growth in Stock Exchange speculation, and the loan item ran up no less than \$105,935,000. This brought with it an increase in net demand deposits in the sum of \$156,567,000 which was offset only to the extent of \$6,683,000 by a decrease in the time deposits. It was this big increase in the deposits, thereby enlarging the reserve requirements, that made it impossible to wipe out altogether the large deficiency of the previous Saturday, notwithstanding the very considerable increase in reserve on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Agricultural Bureau at Washington on Thursday made public its final estimate of the size of the 1927 cotton crop. The yield of cotton, according to this estimate, is to be 12,789,000 bales. The U. S. census at the same time issued its ginning returns. From this it appeared that ginnings to Dec. 1 the present year have been 11,743,000 bales. Hence on the basis of the Department's estimate only 1,046,000 bales remain to be ginned. Last year there were ginned after Dec. 1 3,333,000 bales, in 1925 2,233,000 bales, in 1924 1,312,000 bales; but in 1923 only 927,000 bales. Conditions in each of the four years prior to 1927 were very different from what they have been this year. In two of these four years, that is, 1926 and 1925, record crops of cotton were produced, while the crop of 1924 was larger than is now indicated for this year, and the crop of 1923 was very small, in fact, only the third from the lowest production of any year back to 1909.

If we accept the present estimate, 91.8% of the 1927 crop had been ginned up to Dec. 1, leaving only 8.2% still to be ginned. The latter is a low figure even in comparison with the very poor production of 1923, in which year 9.1% of the total yield was ginned after Dec. 1. Last year, when everything was particularly prosperous as to the growth of cotton, 18% of the crop was ginned after Dec. 1, and in 1925 the ginnings after Dec. 1 amounted to 14%. In 1924 the ratio was 9.6%. There is apparently room for a greater production of cotton this year than is now indicated.

The final ginning returns generally add something to the December estimate of the Department of Agriculture and in some years the addition has been quite heavy. In 1924, when the yield of cotton was quite close to that now estimated for the current year, the final ginning returns contributed 475,000 bales to swell the December total, but last year

the ginnings fell 641,000 short of the December estimate. Conditions last year, however, furnish no criterion for the present. The cotton crop this year suffered many hardships throughout the entire season of growth, and few of these were present in the preceding three or four years, though in the main these difficulties have been disastrous mainly in spots. Most important of all, the area planted to cotton this year was very much smaller than in the two preceding years, and was less even than that planted in 1924. Then the acreage abandoned this year was larger than the average, and was particularly heavy in Oklahoma, one of the leading States of production.

For the current year the Department of Agriculture estimates the abandoned area for the entire cotton belt at 4.6% of the area in cultivation on July 1, as against 3.4% last year and 3.5% the ten-year average, 1917-1926 inclusive. The revised estimate of area of cotton for harvest for this year's growth is now placed at 40,168,000 acres, whereas last year it was 47,087,000 acres, which was a record figure. In 1923 the area harvested was 37,122,000 acres, and that was considerably above earlier years. The yield of lint cotton per acre for this year, based on the above figures, is estimated at 152.3 pounds, which is slightly higher than the earlier estimates this year and compares with 182.6 pounds for last year, with a five-year average of 155.8 pounds per acre and a ten-year average of 156.3 pounds.

The December estimate of the Department of Agriculture is but little changed from the November estimate, showing a reduction of only 53,000 bales. This compares with an increase of 164,000 bales in the November estimate over that issued in October. The reduction in yield between the November and December figures is mainly in the Southwest and applies chiefly to the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The loss is heaviest as to Oklahoma, where a yield of only 990,000 bales of cotton is now indicated, a decline of 60,000 bales from the November estimate. Oklahoma has suffered throughout the season. There was a marked reduction in area planted in the first instance and the loss by abandonment this past season is placed at 18%, so that 3,433,000 acres remain for harvest this year, as against 4,912,000 acres last year. The yield per acre is placed at only 138 pounds this year in contrast with 181 pounds last year. Ginnings to Dec. 1 this year for that State were 867,700 bales, leaving but 122,300 bales to be ginned to the end of the season based on the final estimate of yield for the current year. Ginnings for Oklahoma in November this year were 247,200 bales and in October 462,600 bales. Last year's crop for Oklahoma was 1,772,800 bales of cotton, next below Mississippi and third only to Texas.

The reduction in yield between the November and December estimates by the Department for Texas and Arkansas, is 20,000 bales each. Production in Texas for this year is now indicated as 4,280,000 bales. This is practically 1,350,000 bales below the heavy yield of last year. The average yield per acre for that State this year is estimated at only 126 pounds of lint cotton in contrast with 147 last year. Ginnings to Dec. 1 have been 3,882,400 bales, so that only 398,000 bales remain to be ginned. Ginnings in that State in November were 486,500 bales and in October 1,095,100 bales. For Arkansas the yield of

cotton this year is now estimated at only 980,000 bales in comparison with 1,548,000 bales last year. A large loss in the yield per acre, or from 195 pounds last year to 154 pounds this year, is also shown in that State. On the basis of the above estimate for Arkansas there remained to be ginned after Dec. 1 this year 134,000 bales.

A slight reduction in yield from the November estimate to that of December is also shown by the Department for Tennessee and Missouri. On the other hand increases appear in the December estimate over November for North and South Carolina, for Alabama and for Mississippi and Louisiana. The yield this year for each of these States, however, is considerably below that of 1926. The same is also true of Georgia.

In none of the cotton States, excepting Oklahoma, was the abandonment of acreage this year much above the average, and in some States, such as North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, it was very low. Practically every important cotton State shows a loss in yield per acre, notably (in addition to those mentioned above) North and South Carolina, Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana. In some of the States last mentioned ginning returns to Dec. 1 this year are well up to the indicated yield now published. Among the latter may be mentioned Georgia, in which State ginnings to Dec. 1 of 1,083,400 bales compare with an estimated production for that State this year of 1,100,000 bales, leaving but 16,600 bales to be ginned. In South Carolina but 34,000 bales are still to be ginned, in Alabama 44,200 bales, Louisiana 20,000 bales. Last year's crop for Oklahoma was 1,772,800 bales, and Tennessee 44,500 bales.

Insolvencies in the United States during November were more numerous than in the two preceding months, as is usual at this period of the year, and there was a small increase in comparison with those of November last year, the same as in October. Liabilities last month were also very heavy. The total number of mercantile defaults for the month just closed, according to the records of R. G. Dun & Co., was 1,864, as against 1,830 in November 1926; in November 1925 the number was 1,672. The indebtedness shown for last month of \$36,146,573 compares with \$32,693,993 for November last year. There has been an increase in the number of defaults and in the amount of liabilities as compared with 1926 for each month this year. For the eleven months of 1927 mercantile failures in the United States numbered 20,984 with an indebtedness of \$469,042,015, in comparison with 19,704 similar defaults for the eleven months of 1926, with \$363,622,680 of liabilities, the increase in number this year over last being 1,280 and in liabilities \$105,419,335. Only in 1922 was the number of insolvencies higher than the present year, but there have been several years since 1920 in which the amount of liabilities was in excess of 1927.

November defaults this year are somewhat more numerous in manufacturing classes than they were a year ago, while in the trading division there is a small decrease. As to liabilities the reverse is the case, and the indebtedness is considerably less among manufacturing concerns, while in the trading classes there is an increase this year. In the case of agents and brokers a number of larger defaults in November this year added materially to the indebtedness that appears for that division. There were 478 failures

last month in manufacturing lines, involving \$12,785,562 of liabilities in comparison with 440 similar defaults a year ago for \$16,097,444. Among trading classes 1,276 insolvencies are shown in November this year owing a total of \$16,949,262, against 1,285 last year, with liabilities of \$14,157,616, while as to agents and brokers the number of defaults last month was 110 for \$6,411,749, in comparison with 105 a year ago owing \$2,438,933.

Of the fourteen leading classifications in which the manufacturing division is separated, ten show more insolvencies in November this year than last year. The more important of these ten classifications include lumber manufacturing, clothing and baking. There is also some increase in machinery lines, as well as in the hat, glove and fur division; likewise in iron and foundries and in the leather manufacturing division. As to the indebtedness involved, there is only one classification among manufacturers in which the liabilities exceed \$1,000,000 and that is in lumber, where the total liabilities for the 72 defaults reported last month amounted to \$2,501,000. It is quite exceptional that there should be only one such division. Of the 14 manufacturing divisions seven show a smaller indebtedness this year than last, and where an increase appears, it is small. The reduction in failures for the trading division is small and applies to six of the fourteen leading classifications, chiefly grocers, general stores, dealers in furniture and in leather goods, among the latter shoes. There was an increase last month over a year ago in the number of defaults among hotels and restaurants, dealers in dry goods, in jewelry, and a small gain among dealers in clothing.

The slightly larger liabilities last month in the trading division is chiefly among grocers, dealers in clothing, in dry goods, and for hotels and restaurants. There is also some gain in the indebtedness reported last month for dealers in jewelry and in hardware, although as to the latter the number of defaults last month was less than a year ago.

The increase noted above in total liabilities for November this year over a year ago was in part due to the amount of indebtedness represented by some of the larger defaults. The latter numbered this year 52, owing in the aggregate \$15,664,525, these figures comparing with 55 similar insolvencies in November of last year for \$13,395,298. These larger failures include only those where the amount involved in each instance is \$100,000 or more. There was an increase last month over a year ago, both in number and in the indebtedness reported for the larger defaults in the division embracing the trading classes; also for agents and brokers. It is the increase for the larger failures in these two divisions that will account for the heavier total liabilities for the month. On the other hand the manufacturing division reports not only fewer large insolvencies in November this year than a year ago, but a considerable reduction in the amount of indebtedness involved in the larger defaults.

Important developments at Geneva, where several deliberating bodies of the League of Nations have been in session, again occupied the centre of the world political stage in the week just ended. The Disarmament Commission of the League, after assembling November 30, promptly had laid before it the thoroughgoing proposals of the Soviet Govern-

ment, as formulated by Maxim Litvinoff, the Chief of the Russian delegation. Further discussion of the Russian plan was postponed until some indefinite future meeting and the Commission then proceeded to form a new Arbitration and Security Commission, composed of the same membership as before with the exception of the American and Russian representatives, who declined to attend. The "Security" Commission held its first meeting December 2, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Benes of Czechoslovakia, organization and a plan of procedure being the chief concern of the delegates. Some stir was caused in the session by a remark of Count von Bernstorff, head of the German delegation, concerning Article 19 of the Covenant, which gives to the League the right to revise treaties which have become inoperative. This followed a speech by the Yugoslav delegate, M. Markovitch, explaining the scope which Articles 18 and 20 gave to the development of the League's work. Count von Bernstorff remarked that it was wise not to forget Article 19. A number of the listeners were immediately struck with the idea that the German delegates had a hidden thought toward revision of the Treaty of Versailles, but Count von Bernstorff later explained that Germany was scarcely likely to make such a suggestion before the new Commission, especially in view of the fact that the Versailles Treaty was in daily operation. The program of future work approved by the new Commission was divided under the headings, firstly, of arbitration treaties and, secondly, of security agreements. Provision was made for a study of the means of promoting such accords and suitable ways of co-ordinating such agreements, so as to bring them in harmony with the League Covenant. As rapporteurs for the new Commission, Chairman Benes named Nicholas Politis of Greece for the security phases, M. Holtie of Finland for arbitration, and Jonkheer Rutgers of the Netherlands for the articles of the Covenant.

The Security Commission reported back to its parent body, the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, December 3, and dates for the future assembling of both commissions were fixed. The Preparatory Commission will meet again March 15 in order to consider the proposals of the security sub-committee, which will assemble February 20. The Soviet Envoy, in last Saturday's session of the Disarmament Commission, again took that body by surprise when he introduced a resolution explaining that, inasmuch as disarmament was an entirely independent work from security, the Disarmament Commission should continue as soon as possible. M. Litvinoff clearly indicated that future co-operation with the League of Nations is now a definite part of the Soviet's foreign policy. He remarked, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times," that he will consider proposed non-aggression pacts with any nation anxious to enter such relationship. Only one reservation was made by M. Litvinoff, who said he could agree on all points of difference excepting those touching on Bessarabia, the former Russian province which was annexed by Rumania. All of the delegates, the "Times" dispatch said, expressed themselves as hopeful that a real disarmament conference will take place in 1928. In that regard, it was pointed out, everything depends on the session of the Preparatory Commission. If this body is able to present a complete draft of a convention during the Spring, then "the next Assembly of the League may be able to

convene a disarmament parley of all nations before the end of the year."

The diplomatic position of Soviet Russia and the general question of a Continental security compact occupied the statesmen assembled at Geneva in the interim between the closing of the Disarmament parley on December 3 and the opening of the League Council session on December 5. The resumption of diplomatic relations between Moscow and London was the generally accepted aim of the Soviet representatives, who succeeded after considerable maneuvering in holding conversations with several plenipotentiaries of France and Great Britain. The first of these conversations took place December 3 between Joseph Paul-Boncour of France and Anatole Lunacharsky of the Russian delegation. M. Paul-Boncour was said to have proposed a general pact of security for Continental Europe, including Russia, as a solution of the problem of putting Europe on a permanent peace basis and as a foundation for disarmament. After the interview the French statesman informed the Associated Press that Foreign Minister Briand of France would meet M. Litvinoff, head of the Russian delegation, on the following day. This meeting, held last Sunday afternoon, attracted much attention. M. Briand, according to a special dispatch to the New York "Times," proceeded to outline to M. Litvinoff his ideas for the establishment of an Eastern Locarno compact with Russia included. M. Briand, the dispatch added, "admitted every little conflict now threatening Europe, such as the pending Polish-Lithuanian dispute, might, in the absence of Russia from the counsels, become grave." A further subject of discussion between the two statesmen was said to have been the question of a Russian agreement with Rumania. A virtual state of war still exists between these Governments on account of the question of Bessarabia. M. Briand was reported to have agreed that an opportunity would be given the Russians to take up the matter officially in Paris. Further dispatches indicated that M. Briand used his good offices in arranging a meeting between M. Litvinoff and Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Minister of Great Britain. Sir Austen, after refusing on December 4 to have anything to do with the Soviet representative, changed his mind and explained that, if M. Litvinoff made a formal request, he would be unable to refuse a meeting, since Russia was now an equal member with Great Britain on the Disarmament Commission. This formality being observed, a meeting took place last Monday afternoon. To all appearances, little was gained by the Russians in the course of the interview. A statement, agreed to by both sides and given out after the conclusion of the meeting, said: "The meeting gave occasion for a frank exchange of views upon the relations between the Government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and the British Government. It was not, however, found possible to reach any basis of agreement within the course of the interview."

The dispute between Poland and Lithuania, which assumed a sudden gravity in the previous week when Moscow addressed warning notes to Warsaw and Kovno, received an airing early this week in the sessions of the League of Nations Council at Geneva. Truculent statements by Premier Waldemaras of Lithuania, coupled with vigorous denunciations by

the Polish Premier, Marshal Pilsudski, of the Waldemaras regime, added greatly to the difficulties between the two countries. The Lithuanian Premier, while en route to Geneva December 3, reiterated his position. "Peace between Lithuania and Poland can never be effected until the Vilna question is settled," he declared in Berlin. Polish officials in Geneva at the same time asserted that the state of war which Lithuania insists still exists between the two countries is in contradiction to the League Covenant and, therefore, should cease. "As for Vilna," a Polish spokesman said, "our sovereignty there requires no ratification by the League of Nations."

Informal conversations were apparently chosen by the representatives of the great Powers in an effort, last Monday, to find a formula for reconciling Lithuania and Poland. France, Great Britain, Germany and Russia all aided in the attempt to effect a settlement of the dispute. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, received M. Waldemaras and discussed the situation with him. Later in the day Foreign Ministers Stresemann of Germany and Briand of France and Vice-Commissar Litvinoff of Russia also talked over the Polish-Lithuanian clash with the Lithuanian Premier. All were said to have urged M. Waldemaras to approach the League Council in as conciliatory a spirit as possible when presenting his case against Poland. M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann also engaged in a long conference with Foreign Minister Zaleski of Poland, at the end of which Dr. Stresemann said that he believed a settlement possible. M. Briand was said to have put forward a plan for the immediate resumption of diplomatic relations between Poland and Lithuania, the question of the ownership of Vilna to be studied, meanwhile, by a commission of five League members. On the following day a private session of the permanent members of the Council was held, ostensibly for the purpose of finding means to settle the problem.

The two Baltic disputants were invited, Wednesday afternoon, to state their grievances and difficulties before an open session of the League Council. M. Waldemaras, the Lithuanian Premier, and M. Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister, each presented his case in two long speeches. "In late years," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "no nation has presented a more striking portrait of injured innocence than did Lithuania to-day as her case was outlined by M. Waldemaras during the forty minutes which his opening speech occupied. But, during the next 40 minutes, which were taken up by M. Zaleski, this picture was equaled by his presentation of the high-mindedness of Poland. In the same way the sins and omissions of each nation were figuratively portrayed by the representative of the other." On the whole, it was said, M. Waldemaras seemed to make a better impression on both the Council and the public. He agreed to accept a League Commission to study the frontier difficulty, including the Vilna situation. This, a "Times" dispatch said, "is indicative perhaps that much of the present oratory represents stagecraft and that wires are already being pulled behind the scenes to insure speedy reappointment of diplomatic agents by Warsaw and Kovno and resumption of postal, telegraph and general trade relations between the two countries." Later in the day Foreign Minister Beelaerts van Blokland of the Netherlands was appointed by the League Council to seek a formula to solve the Polish-Lithuanian difficulties. It was not considered, however, that the dispute had

passed the critical stage, as the Polish Dictator, Marshal Pilsudski, was still to be heard by the League Council and intransigence by both sides over Vilna was more than a possibility.

With the exception of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute, the forty-seventh quarterly session of the League of Nations Council appears to have considered only routine matters in its deliberations, which began Monday. M. Chang-loh, the Chinese Minister to Paris, presided over the sessions in accordance with the alphabetical rule of succession. The report of the League's White Slave Committee was submitted to the Council Monday, arousing considerable comment. In Tuesday's session a report supplementing that of the League's Opium Commission was submitted by Senator Raoul Dandurand, Canadian representative. Senator Dandurand urged that the nations belonging to the Council hasten ratification of the Geneva Opium Convention. The report was unanimously adopted. A resolution passed Tuesday provided that opportunity be given Mexico, Ecuador and Russia to adhere to the treaty adopted at the recent League Conference on import and export prohibitions and restrictions. An international conference to check counterfeiting is to be convoked within the next year by virtue of another resolution. The progress achieved in Latin America in the codification of international law was recognized by the Council in a request that jurists, engaged in codification under the auspices of the League, consider the report of Ramon Caballera, Paraguayan delegate to the last Assembly, on the preparation of a general comprehensive plan for such codification. A compromise plan for the settlement of the dispute between Rumania and Hungary over the expropriation of Hungarian land owners in the Rumanian province of Transylvania was submitted by Hungary but consideration of the matter was postponed until the March meeting of the Council. In Thursday's session of the Council Herr Stresemann, of Germany, announced that his Government will ask the World Court of Justice to interpret the Geneva Convention, which fixes the status of German minority schools in Polish Upper Silesia. The controversy between Poland and the free city of Danzig growing out of Danzig's protest against Poland using the port of Danzig as a naval base was temporarily settled by the adoption of a resolution calling for immediate direct negotiations between the parties in an effort to reach a friendly solution. Both Poland and Danzig agreed to this.

A provisional agreement regulating the financial and commercial relations between the nationals of France and Italy was signed in Paris, Dec. 3, by Foreign Minister Briand and Count Manzoni, the Italian Ambassador to France. This accord was looked upon as a most important step toward the re-establishment of reciprocal friendship and understanding between the Latin neighbors. The *modus vivendi* so far covers only the rights of nationals of either power while sojourning in the other's country, but it is considered to presage the fixation of a final, definite agreement of a more sweeping character. Negotiations for the agreement have been in progress for some months, but have dragged along slowly. M. Briand pushed the matter along, dispatches said, so that the signatures would be affixed before he left for Geneva, hoping thus to pave the

way for the further negotiations with Italy which are being urged by England and strongly desired by France. Officials in Paris, according to a dispatch of Dec. 3 to the New York Herald-Tribune, saw in the new accord a prospect for the dissipation of the frigidity in Franco-Italian relations which became acute last month after the conclusion of the Franco-Yugoslav and the Italo-Albanian treaties of mutual defense.

The Rumanian political deadlock remained unbroken the past week despite all attempts by the new Premier, Vintila Bratianu, to form a coalition Government. The Liberal or Governmental Party again on Dec. 4 asked the Opposition or National-Peasant Party to join in the formation of a coalition, basing its appeal on the ground that unity would prevent the enemies of Rumania from profiting by the delicate situation created by the deaths of King Ferdinand and Premier Jon Bratianu. The Liberals represented that three principal interests were at stake; first, maintenance of the existing constitutional regime, excluding former Crown Prince Carol from the throne; second, defense and rehabilitation of the country, and preservation of the foreign policy established by late war treaties; third, acceleration of normalization of the country. To insure fulfillment of this program the Liberals promised general elections and suggested that the National-Peasants should have 45% of the seats in the new Parliament. These proposals were rejected by the National-Peasants Party, which insisted on dissolution of Parliament and the holding of free elections.

The Rumanian Parliament opened in Bucharest Wednesday. The opposition party, headed by Juliu Maniu, promptly began its attack on the Vintila Bratianu Cabinet by picturing the Government as fearful of facing free elections. Premier Bratianu denied the charge and insisted that his ministry spoke for the country at large. The deputies gave him a vote of confidence. The Premier, in prepared speeches, declared his intention of pursuing the policies, domestic and foreign, laid down by his brother. He said also that he would "endeavor to strike a new note by achieving closer relations with all nations, whether war allies or not." Minorities, he added, would continue to receive liberal treatment. A tremendous ovation was accorded the Premier by the Parliament.

Settlement of the protracted controversy over the debt owed by the Greek Government to the United States was announced by the Treasury Department in Washington, Monday. The United States, Secretary Mellon said, will advance an additional \$12,167,000 to Greece to cover all claims under the tripartite agreement of 1918. The United States at that time had agreed to place credits amounting to about \$48,000,000 in favor of Greece, although actually only \$15,000,000 was advanced. The Greek Government, it was explained, has consistently contended that it was entitled to further advances up to the full amount of the credits established by the Treasurer of the United States. On the other hand, the Government of the United States has taken the position that events which transpired subsequent to November 1920 relieved it from making any further advances.

In recent conversations with the Greek Minister to Washington, the British debt settlement with

Greece was taken as a basis for settlement of the Greek debt to the United States. "It is proposed, therefore," a Treasury statement said, "to recommend that Congress authorize the concluding of an agreement with the Greek Government on the following basis: The \$15,000,000 of principal owed by the Greek Government with interest at 4¼% up to the 15th of December 1922, and on the amount then due interest at 3% to Jan. 1 1928, to be funded over a period of sixty-two years on the basis of the Greco-British settlement, save that during the first three years the payments to be in reduced amounts. The United States Government to advance \$12,167,000 to the Greek Government at 4%, with sinking fund for retirement in twenty years; the Greek Government to forego all claims for further advances under the 1918 agreement."

The original advance of \$15,000,000, it was explained, will amount with interest to Jan. 1 1928 to the sum of \$19,659,836. It was indicated, moreover, that the additional advance of \$12,167,000 will be applied by the Greek Government entirely to the work of the Refugee Settlement Commission. The Settlement of the Greek debt represents the disposal of the last of the war debt problems with the exception of the advance to Armenia of \$11,959,917 and the advance to Russia of \$187,729,750.

An extensive tour through Northern Mexico was undertaken in the past week by the Mexican Executive, Plutarco Elias Calles, with the American Ambassador, Dwight W. Morrow, as a guest. Mexico's new "olive" Presidential train, said to be one of the most luxurious in the world, was utilized for the expedition, which left the Mexican capital Dec. 2 for Aguas Calientes, Monterey, Durango and the State of Tamaulipas. Beside Mr. Morrow, several high officials of the Government Railway and a number of Generals accompanied President Calles. Will Rogers, the American humorist, also was a guest. The party inspected a number of important irrigation reclamation projects, agricultural schools and other developments, being received everywhere with great enthusiasm. At San Luis Potosi, Tuesday, President Calles told Mexican and foreign correspondents that relations between Mexico and the United States have been greatly improved by Ambassador Morrow. "I consider Ambassador Morrow my personal friend," said Senor Calles. "He is a very intelligent man, a very thoughtful man, a man of deep understanding. He is a man who has made himself appreciated by all who have come in contact with him in Mexico as well as elsewhere. . . . I am happy that he is the United States Ambassador to Mexico and that improvement in the relations between the two countries is being effected." Speaking of the tour, the President said: "The object of this trip was to give the Ambassador an opportunity to know Mexico intimately, see and understand the people, observe the actual works of the Government in developing its projects for the interests of the country and the people." On the return of the party to Mexico City, Wednesday, satisfaction was expressed by all concerned. One matter on which authentic news was anxiously awaited in financial circles was the question of how Mexico is going to be able to meet the \$59,000,000 obligations on her foreign debt next year. No intimation of this was given.

The likelihood of a further improvement in Mexican-American relations was seen yesterday in the announcement that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh had accepted an invitation from President Calles to fly to Mexico City. The invitation, Colonel Lindbergh said, was a personal one from the Mexican Executive, but it was said to be the disposition in Washington to regard his venture as having an important bearing on Ambassador Morrow's evident effort to substitute a feeling of good-will for the irritation that has prevailed between the two Governments. Colonel Lindbergh explained that he would fly in his famous plane, the "Spirit of St. Louis," and would make the trip direct from Washington to the Mexican capital. No date was set for the flight.

Official discount rates at leading European centres have undergone no change during the week, but the Imperial Bank of India raised its rate on Thursday from 5% (the figure prevailing since Sept. 12) to 6%. Rates remain at 7% in Germany and Italy; 6½% in Austria; 5% in Paris, Denmark, Norway, and Madrid; 4½% in London, Belgium and Holland; 4% in Sweden and 3½% in Switzerland. In London open market discounts continue at 4¼% for short bills, the same as on Friday of last week, and at 4 5-16% for long bills, the same as a week ago. Money on call in London on Tuesday and Wednesday was 3⅝%, but yesterday was down to 3⅛% against 2⅞% on Friday of last week. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3%, and in Switzerland at 3⅜%.

The Bank of England in its statement for the week ended Dec. 8 showed a contraction in gold holdings of £209,005, while the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department decreased £109,000, as a result of a reduction in note circulation of £99,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities dropped to 27.85% from 28.85% last week. A year ago it stood at 27.70%. In the deposit items, public deposits declined £10,938,000 but "other" deposits increased £14,645,000. Loans on Government securities increased £6,110,000, but loans on other securities fell off £2,286,000. The Bank's stock of gold stands at £149,709,760 against £153,233,705 last year and £145,007,870 two years ago. Notes in circulation total £136,805,000 against £139,634,485 and \$143,319,315 in 1926 and 1925 respectively. The Bank's official discount rate still stands at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927. Dec. 7.	1926. Dec. 8.	1925. Dec. 9.	1924. Dec. 10.	1923. Dec. 12.
Circulation.....	136,805,000	139,634,485	143,319,315	124,445,175	126,270,325
Public deposits.....	7,432,000	8,805,503	8,780,798	10,039,431	11,597,768
Other deposits.....	109,827,000	111,585,201	120,225,541	125,696,953	116,864,537
Govern't securities	47,386,000	36,152,539	54,367,526	57,042,363	50,598,532
Other securities.....	55,069,000	68,725,121	71,081,114	72,740,166	74,194,485
Reserve notes & coin	32,655,000	33,349,220	21,438,555	23,808,851	21,498,935
Coin and bullion.....	149,709,760	153,233,705	145,007,870	128,504,026	128,019,260
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	27.85%	27.70%	16¾%	17½%	16¾%
Bank rate.....	4½%	5%	5%	4%	4%

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency notes issued and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to the 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 statement as of Dec. 7 shows an increase of 768,289,000 francs in note circulation bringing the total of that item up to 56,263,273,750 francs as compared with 53,294,362,545 francs last year and 49,536,001,250 francs in 1925. The State repaid 250,000,000 francs to the

Bank reducing its indebtedness to 25,000,000 francs. All gold holdings were unchanged, trade advances expanded 77,862,000 francs and divers assets 950,737,000 francs. Silver increased 12,000 francs and general deposits 481,522,000 francs, while treasury deposits fell off 11,069,000 francs and bills discounted 715,301,000 francs. Below we give a comparison of the various items for the past three years.

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of—		
		Dec. 7 1927.	Dec. 9 1926.	Dec. 10 1925.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....	Unchanged	3,180,508,414	3,684,485,193	3,683,490,963
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	5,548,806,101	5,547,811,871
Silver.....	Inc. 12,000	342,955,046	340,716,101	316,810,317
Bills discounted.....	Dec. 715,301,000	1,371,955,393	3,801,465,790	3,661,082,412
Trade advances.....	Inc. 77,862,000	1,776,570,062	2,235,394,247	2,672,167,397
Note circulation.....	Inc. 768,289,000	56,263,273,750	53,294,362,545	49,536,001,250
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 11,069,000	34,214,806	30,492,885	30,936,822
General deposits.....	Inc. 481,522,000	10,702,562,167	5,263,421,901	3,230,452,047
Advances to State.....	Dec. 250,000,000	25,000,000,000	36,700,000,000	33,700,000,000
Divers assets.....	Inc. 950,737,000	25,511,733,000	1,194,125,709	3,695,840,293

The Bank of Germany in its statement of Nov. 30 showed an increase in note circulation of 597,999,000 marks bringing the total of that item to 4,181,252,000 marks as against 3,374,470,000 marks and 2,770,-882,000 marks in 1926 and 1925 respectively. Other daily maturing obligations fell off 282,558,000 marks and other liabilities 14,691,000 marks. Total gold and bullion holdings increased 991,000 marks. Deposits abroad increased 1,113,000 marks while investments remained unchanged and reserve in foreign currency diminished 3,233,000 marks. Other assets fell off 91,924,000 marks, silver and other coin 13,452,000 marks and notes on other German banks 17,512,000 marks while bills of exchange and checks went up 316,693,000 marks and trade advances 59,187,000 marks. Below we give a comparison of the various items for the past three years.

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week.	Status as of—		
		Nov. 30 1927.	Nov. 30 1926.	Nov. 30 1925.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....	Inc. 991,000	1,857,080,000	1,754,959,000	12,072,262,000
Deposits abroad.....	Inc. 1,113,000	73,044,000	207,411,000	
Res'v'e in for'n curr.....	Dec. 3,233,000	282,440,000	408,406,000	402,420,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....	Inc. 316,693,000	2,432,821,000	1,286,298,000	1,649,738
Silver and other coin.....	Dec. 13,452,000	54,666,000	130,219,000	65,515,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Dec. 17,512,000	7,687,000	16,410,000	13,519,000
Advances.....	Inc. 59,187,000	116,777,000	321,314,000	23,810,000
Investments.....	Unchanged	92,080,000	91,108,000	221,631,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 91,924,000	512,217,000	581,447,000	578,378,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	Inc. 597,999,000	4,181,252,000	3,374,470,000	2,770,882,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....	Dec. 282,558,000	237,594,000	528,301,000	586,943,000
Other liabilities.....	Dec. 14,691,000	343,150,000	332,517,000	495,733,000

The New York money market has been quiet this week. Call loans dropped in the course of trading from 4½% to 4% on the Stock Exchange, while toward the end of the week outside trading was again in evidence at the customary ¼% concession. No substantial calling of loans occurred. Great attention was paid in the money market, as in all other financial markets, to a shipment of \$1,000,000 in gold to England, which left New York on the "Aqutania" Wednesday. The shipment, however, was considered a "special" one, as foreign exchange experts were agreed that sterling must still advance somewhat further before the real gold shipping point would be reached. Meanwhile, the obvious determination of the Washington authorities to maintain steadiness in the money markets was also taken into consideration. It was noted that Secretary Mellon, in his annual report, said that "the Reserve Banks, largely by the purchase or sale of securities, have so offset gold movements that money

rates have been unusually steady." Two separate compilations of brokers loans against stock and bond collateral appeared during the week and both showed large further expansion. The monthly statement of the New York Stock Exchange revealed an increase of \$145,608,929 for the month of November, carrying the total over the \$4,000,000,000 mark for the first time. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank covering the 52 New York reporting member banks showed an increase of \$51,956,000. Both compilations have established successive high records for a considerable period and, as new bond offerings have been relatively small, it is no longer possible to ascribe the expansion to such issues rather than to speculation in stocks.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, the renewal rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange both on Monday and Tuesday was 4½%, but with a decline in the general rate on each day, after renewals had been effected, to 4%. On the three remaining days of the week all loans were put through at 4% including renewals. Rates for time loans on Stock Exchange collateral have changed very little, quotations yesterday being 4% for 30 days, 4@4½% for 60 days, and 4½@4¼% for all other periods from 90 days to six months. The commercial paper market remains unchanged. The prevailing range for four to six months' names of choice character is still 3¾@4%, but the 3¾% rate is scarce and available only on the shorter choice names. For names less well known the quotations remains at 4¼%. For New England mill paper the range is still 4@4¼%.

In the market for banks' and bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances has again remained unchanged throughout the week at 3¼%. Nor has the Council made any change in the rates for acceptances, the posted quotations on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks remaining at 3⅛% bid and 3% asked for bills running 30 days; 3¼% bid and 3⅛% asked for bills running 60 days; 3⅜% bid and 3¼% asked for 90 days; 3½% bid and 3⅜% 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.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
	90 Days		60 Days		30 Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3½	3¼	3¼	3¼	3¼	3

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	3½ bld
Eligible non-member banks.....	3½ bld

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 Dec. 9.	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 reached another new high this week, when cable transfers sold on Tuesday at

4.88 5-16, a record which was surpassed yesterday when cable transfers sold at 4.88 13-32. The range for the week has been from 4.87 11-16 to 4.88 1-16 for bankers' sight, and from 4.88 1-16 to 4.88 13-32 for cable transfers. It has been frequently stated that strength in exchange at this time of year is altogether unseasonable, as normally in the second half of the year sterling and the other European rates should be in favor of New York because of payments for export shipments from this side. The active demand during the past four or five weeks indicates very clearly that there must be an unusual shortage of sterling. As repeatedly stated, this shortage arises chiefly from the necessity which bankers find themselves under of keeping balances in London for the furtherance of money market and other financing operations. Such a situation could not arise from purely commercial exchange requirements. As indicated here last week, the considerably increased volume of foreign business transacted through the medium of dollar acceptances is an important factor furthering the movement, as it naturally tends to reduce the seasonal demand for dollars in London and on the Continent. However, bankers in New York feel that the extraordinary rise is not permanent. The very large payments due American exporters are at the most only deferred. Bankers' transfers must fall off materially and with this factor reversed, the rate is likely to decline, at least from any such extremely high rates as threaten a considerable gold movement to Europe from this side.

An outstanding feature this week was the first shipment of gold from New York to London, \$1,000,000 being shipped on Tuesday by the International Acceptance Bank. It was stated by bankers that this shipment was the result of a special transaction. Accordingly, the shipment cannot be considered as inaugurating a movement from New York to Europe. New York bankers seem agreed that no general export movement is likely to follow from the higher exchange quotations per se; nevertheless it is conceded that a minor outward movement is possible governed by special transactions and possibly by the desire to obtain a certain amount of publicity such as follows upon gold shipments. Many special transactions could be thought of which might induce gold shipments when occurring so near the gold point, that the matter of profit and loss might be easily ignored as of minor significance. Formerly gold did not necessarily move when the shipping point was reached, although that is its natural tendency. An export movement of gold from the United States to Europe of sufficient importance to harden money rates here is regarded as improbable for the reason that it would be much more to the disadvantage of Europe than of this country. The increasing stability and prosperity of Europe are largely based upon a cheap and plentiful supply of money from the United States. At the present time there is a large volume of European central bank earmarked gold held here. Withdrawals of earmarked gold would be without effect on money rates here. As the European central banks have quite generally adopted the policy of carrying reserves in New York, it is unlikely that they will call for any large part of their earmarked gold. Member banks of the Federal Reserve System, were they to seek to send gold abroad for the purpose of making profit on the shipments, would

be obliged to borrow at the Federal Reserve banks. Such borrowings would have a direct tendency to stiffen money rates on this side and so make New York a less desirable borrowing centre from the European standpoint. The 3½% rediscount rate in the United States has stimulated the lending of funds abroad, and it has almost as certainly stimulated European industry to a point where money rates have in numerous instances begun to harden because of the increased utilization of credit by European industries. It seems therefore improbable that any extensive gold movement will occur, for if Europe were to take enough to send rates definitely higher in New York, there would be a cessation of the comparatively cheap funds upon which European industry is expanding.

The high rates of sterling and of several other European gold units give the gold export points extraordinary interest at this time. Bankers are not agreed on what these points are, and various estimates have been made. No sooner had they been determined upon a few weeks ago as 4.889 for sterling, than shipping interests reduced freight charges in anticipation of a movement with a consequent lowering of the gold point. Most foreign exchange traders seem to fix the gold shipping point for sterling at 4.88⅞ or perhaps a shade higher. London authorities assert positively that the new gold point will be 4.88¾. It has been suggested that the gold might be shipped before sterling reaches this point, as the market price for gold is above the Bank of England's buying price, which is 84s. 10d. per ounce. Every Tuesday, however, the London market gold is offered to the highest bidder and American bankers are as free to ship gold to London for sale in the open market as the South African producers or anyone else. The price of the open market gold sales is competitive. If no other bids are forthcoming, the Bank of England takes all on offer at 84s. 10d. Throughout the greater part of this year there has been other demand almost every Tuesday, so that the price has ruled about 84s. 11¼d. If shippers were to make still further concessions it might be possible for American banks to sell gold profitably at this price without undue loss of interest at well below the approximate export point of 4.88¾. But unless arrangements were made in advance, the shipping banks would have no assurance of securing the higher market price. At most such a transaction would be simply a "stunt."

The Bank of England in its return for the week ended Wednesday night showed a further loss in gold holdings of £109,005. Delayed cables on Saturday stated that on Friday last the Bank of England sold £7,000 in gold bars to an unstated designation. On Tuesday the Bank of England sold £79,000 in gold bars to an unstated designation. On Wednesday the Bank sold £21,000 in gold bars and exported £5,000 in sovereigns to India. On Thursday the Bank of England sold £19,000 in gold bars to an unstated designation. On Friday the Bank set aside £500,000 for the account of South Africa and sold £14,000 in gold bars to an undesignated buyer. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Dec. 1-7, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, consisted of imports of \$66,000, chiefly from Latin America, and of exports of \$10,452,000, of which \$1,000,000 went to England, \$6,100,000 to Argentina (the shipment was recorded here last

week) and \$3,000,000 to Poland. The Federal Reserve Bank also reports an export of \$4,000,000 gold to Canada. Not recorded in the Federal Reserve report are shipments leaving New York to-day totaling approximately \$2,500,000 to Argentina. The Equitable Eastern Banking Corp. is preparing to ship gold to India. Canadian exchange is now fluctuating between a premium and a discount. On Saturday last Montreal funds were quoted at 1-32 of 1% premium. On Monday and Tuesday Montreal was at a discount of 5-64 of 1%; on Wednesday at 3-32% discount, on Thursday and Friday at $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% discount. The decline in Canadian dollars corresponds to a similar movement last December. End of the export season has resulted in the decline in the rate. Sir Vincent Meredith, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Montreal, in his recent address to the shareholders of the bank, said that the banks of Canada have a combined capital and surplus of \$253,608,000, which is more than ample to take care of the demands of the present population of 9,389,300. He stated that the excess of capital over Canadian business requirements is so great that the banks are obliged to employ in New York and abroad large sums that would otherwise be idle.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling last Saturday was in demand. The range was 4.87 11-16@ 4.87 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.88 1-16@ 4.88 5-32 for cable transfers. On Monday the strength was maintained. Demand ranged from 4.87 13-16 to 4.87 $\frac{7}{8}$ and cable transfers from 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Tuesday another new high record on the current movement was reached. Bankers' sight ranged from 4.87 13-16 to 4.87 15-16 and cable transfers from 4.88 3-16 to 4.88 5-16. On Wednesday the market was slightly reactionary. The range was 4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4.87 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 4.88 7-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was in demand. The range was 4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 4.87 15-16 for bankers' sight and 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ @ 4.88 5-16 for cable transfers. On Friday another new high record was established, the range was 4.87 $\frac{7}{8}$ @ 4.88 1-16 for bankers' sight and 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 4.88 13-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.87 15-16 for demand and 4.88 5-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87 13-16, 60-day bills at 4.83 13-16, 90-day bills at 4.82 $\frac{1}{8}$, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.83 13-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4.87 3-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87 13-16.

In the Continental exchanges, the French and Italian units were occasionally inclined to fractional softness, in contrast with the firmness in sterling and the gold currencies. There is nothing new of importance with respect to either of these units and the slight weakness, if it could be called such, resulted more from inactive trading than from any essential change in financial affairs. The quietness followed the celebration of holidays in the Catholic countries. These holidays restricted business in New York as in other centers. The economic situation in Italy continues to show improvement. Circulation has decreased materially, while there have been important increases in gold and other reserves. The reserve ratio has risen from 10.3% at the end of August 1926, to 16%. French state revenues from all sources in October were the highest on record for the present year, amounting to approximately 5,000,000,000 francs. The total from normal sources for ten

months is approximately 33,350,000,000 francs, an excess over the corresponding period last year of 6,539,000,000 francs. Bankers here do not expect any changes having an important bearing on French exchange until after the French elections in May. While Polish exchange is regarded as an inactive unit in the New York market, it is of interest to note that as a result of the recent stabilization loan Poland is taking \$3,000,000 from New York this week, it is understood that the Bank of Poland has further gold earmarked in New York. It has also been revealed that Poland has been an undisclosed buyer in London during the past several weeks, and has taken in all about \$15,000,000 from London. Esthonia hardly figures in the foreign exchange market, yet it might be noted in passing that the government has decreed the introduction of the gold standard, to become effective from Jan. 1. Greek exchange made only the slightest response to the agreements reached this week between Greece and the United States for the settlement of the Greek debt to the United States. Details of the compact by which Greece will be advanced an additional \$12,167,000 will be found elsewhere in these pages. German marks continue firm and are noticeably in demand, for the same general reasons which have been operative for the past several weeks, namely transfers of funds, and the proceeds of loans. The last Reichsbank statement showed an increase of 1,000,000 marks in the gold reserves. A considerable stimulation in German industrial and private borrowing is expected to take place after Jan. 1. The present demand for marks shows that the uneasiness regarding German affairs which followed the publication of the Reparation Agent's recent memorandum on German Government finances, is no longer operative so far as exchange transactions are concerned.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.02 on Friday of this week, against 124.02 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.93 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 3.93 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.93 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.93 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 3.93 $\frac{1}{4}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 13.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, as against 13.97 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.87 for checks and 23.88 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.88 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 23.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.42 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, as against 5.43 and 5.43 $\frac{3}{8}$ last week. Austrian schillings have not been changed from 14 $\frac{1}{8}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$; on Bucharest at 0.61 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 0.61 $\frac{3}{4}$; on Poland at 11.15, against 11.15, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.32 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and at 1.33 for cable transfers, against 1.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1.32 $\frac{3}{4}$ a week ago.

In the exchanges on the countries neutral during the war, interest centres in the firmness of Holland guilders and in exchange on Stockholm. The gold exchanges derive their firmness largely as a sympathetic movement responding to sterling quotations. Holland guilders are within a few points of the gold export point; nevertheless, as in the case of the pound sterling, bankers here feel that the movement of gold from New York to Holland will hardly be sufficient as an exchange operation to be of any great consequence. Foreign capital is flowing into Holland for

reinvestment abroad, as well as for investment in securities offered on the Amsterdam board. A great deal of capital forced from other countries through oppressive taxation, political uncertainty and currency inflation is finding lodgment in Holland. All these are factors in the firmness of the guilder.

Swedish exchange is exceptionally firm and during the greater part of this week was quoted around 27.01 for cable transfers. The gold parity of the krona is 26.80. The Bank of Sweden as well as the Netherlands Bank, it is understood, is averse to importing gold from the United States. The Bank of Sweden is not compelled to buy all gold offered for a fixed price, as in the case of the Bank of England. The Netherlands Bank has always made it a practice to buy all gold offered, but is at liberty to increase its buying price, if it chooses, to discourage offers. It will be recalled that a few weeks ago the German Reichsbank took similar measures to discourage gold imports. The Amsterdam financial position would not be improved by gold imports. Copenhagen exchange, while quiet, has been ruling most of the week above gold parity of 26.80. Norwegian exchange is largely neglected and while steady this week made hardly any response to the generally firmer exchange quotations.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.43, against 40.40 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.45, against 40.42 $\frac{3}{4}$, and commercial sight bills at 40.38, against 40.35. Swiss francs closed at 19.31 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.32 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.28 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 19.29 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.81 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.82 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.81 and 26.82. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.99 and cable transfers at 27.00, against 26.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ while checks on Norway finished at 26.60 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.61 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.60 and 26.61. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.54 for checks and at 16.55 for cable transfers, which compares with 16.57 and 16.58 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges are firm although quiet in New York. The Argentine export season has proven exceptionally good and crops have given a high yield. This week, as previously noted, Argentina drew more gold from New York, about \$6,100,000. Besides this a shipment of \$2,500,000 is leaving New York for Buenos Aires to-day, and more has been engaged. The gold exports from New York to Argentina since the movement began in September total approximately \$31,000,000. The Brazilian situation is brighter. Business is increasing and money is easier, and the people have confidence in the new financial policies of the government. The South American exchanges were especially quiet this week owing to church holidays culminating on Dec. 8. Plans are still in preparation for floating a loan for Peru for the purpose of stabilization of currency and rehabilitation of the national finances. The Peruvian pound parity is 4.8665 and the ruling rate is around 3.87. It is believed that stabilization on gold will take place around present quotations. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.75 for checks, as compared with 42.71 last week, and at 42.80 for cable transfers, against 42.76. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.94 for checks and at 11.95 for cable transfers, against 11.94 and 11.95. Chilean exchange closed at 12.19 for checks and at 12.20 for cable transfers, against 12.17 and 12.18, and Peru at 3.87

for checks and at 3.88 for cable transfers, against 3.86 and 3.87.

The Far Eastern exchanges are firmer. India features the week. The rupee moved up on strong demand, coming chiefly from London and Asiatic centres. The Bank of India advanced its rediscount rate on Wednesday from 5% to 6%. The 5% rate had been in effect since Sept. 10 1927. As already noted in the discussion on sterling exchange, the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation of New York is arranging a shipment of gold to India. Although India continues to absorb silver from New York and London, nevertheless there is no diminution of the Chinese demand from the same sources and from India, indicating somehow better business conditions than the unsettled political situation would lead the world to expect. The better silver prices of the past few weeks have had an important bearing on the firmness of the Chinese units. Japanese yen continues to escape speculative operations on the part of Shanghai operators. The reconstruction of the Japanese banks which closed down during the recent crisis is making slow but steady headway. The larger banks are absorbing the smaller closed institutions, following the program formulated by the Government. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 45.95@46, against 45.90@46 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 50 $\frac{3}{8}$ @50 9-16, against 50.15@50 $\frac{3}{8}$; Shanghai at 64 $\frac{1}{8}$ @64 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ @63 $\frac{7}{8}$; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49.9-16; Singapore at 57@57 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ @56 $\frac{7}{8}$; Bombay at 36 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 36 13-16 and Calcutta at 36 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 36 13-16.

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, DEC. 3 1927 TO DEC. 9 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Dec. 3.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 9.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.4099	1.4085	1.4084	1.4114	\$1.4097	\$1.4090
Belgium, belga	1.398	1.399	1.399	1.399	1.399	1.399
Bulgaria, lev	.007255	.007214	.007231	.007260	.007210	.007229
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029627	.029629	.029627	.029637	.029631	.029629
Denmark, krone	.2681	.2682	.2682	.2681	.2682	.2682
England, pound sterling	4.8812	4.8818	4.8822	4.8812	4.8822	4.8831
Finland, marka	.025185	.025190	.025191	.025194	.025192	.025194
France, franc	.0394	.0394	.0394	.0394	.0394	.0394
Germany, reichsmark	.2390	.2390	.2390	.2388	.2389	.2388
Greece, drachma	.013244	.013241	.013256	.013260	.013300	.013322
Holland, guilder	.4042	.4042	.4044	.4044	.4044	.4045
Hungary, pengo	.1746	.1747	.1748	.1748	.1748	.1748
Italy, lira	.0543	.0543	.0543	.0542	.0542	.0542
Norway, krone	.2662	.2661	.2662	.2661	.2661	.2661
Poland, zloty	.1119	.1120	.1118	.1120	.1119	.1123
Portugal, escudo	.0496	.0495	.0495	.0496	.0495	.0495
Rumania, leu	.006172	.006182	.006176	.006182	.006193	.006193
Spain, peseta	.1663	.1645	.1657	.1652	.1650	.1650
Sweden, krona	.2699	.2699	.2700	.2700	.2700	.2699
Switzerland, franc	.1929	.1929	.1929	.1930	.1932	.1931
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017609	.017605	.017605	.017603	.017608	.017614
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.6608	.6650	.6683	.6679	.6646	.6667
Hankow tael	.6500	.6538	.6587	.6558	.6542	.6546
Shanghai tael	.6347	.6379	.6406	.6384	.6388	.6392
Tientsin tael	.6658	.6704	.6738	.6733	.6696	.6721
Hong Kong dollar	.5002	.5019	.5028	.5020	.5025	.5016
Mexican dollar	.4580	.4593	.4610	.4603	.4600	.4598
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.4538	.4554	.4579	.4558	.4563	.4558
Yuan dollar	.4504	.4521	.4546	.4525	.4529	.4525
India, rupee	.3665	.3666	.3672	.3673	.3674	.3672
Japan, yen	.4594	.4592	.4589	.4587	.4585	.4595
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	.5629	.5644	.5644	.5646	.5656	.5665
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.99995	.999429	.999113	.999035	.998906	.998770
Cuba, peso	.999469	.999344	.999281	.999313	.999313	.999219
Mexico, peso	.483833	.483833	.483500	.483667	.484000	.483667
Newfoundland, dollar	.997625	.996969	.996906	.996625	.996469	.996375
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9717	.9717	.9719	.9722	.9724	.9726
Brazil, milreis	.1194	.1193	.1194	.1193	.1193	.1193
Chile, peso	.1219	.1219	.1219	.1219	.1220	.1220
Uruguay, peso	1.0370	1.0366	1.0382	1.0383	1.0387	1.0384

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, Dec. 3.	Monday, Dec. 5.	Tuesday, Dec. 6.	Wednesday, Dec. 7.	Thursday, Dec. 8.	Friday, Dec. 9.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 118,000,000	\$ 110,000,000	\$ 103,000,000	\$ 108,000,000	\$ 106,000,000	\$ 99,000,000	Cr. 644,000,000

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	Dec. 7 1927.			Dec. 8 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 149,709,760	£ -----	£ 149,709,760	£ 153,233,705	£ -----	£ 153,233,705
France a	146,220,324	13,718,183	159,938,507	147,379,408	13,600,000	160,979,408
Germany b	89,202,200	c994,600	90,196,800	78,915,000	c994,600	79,909,600
Spain	104,132,000	27,381,000	131,513,000	102,263,000	27,033,000	129,296,000
Italy	46,945,000	3,736,000	50,681,000	45,597,000	4,159,000	49,756,000
Netherl'ds	32,510,000	2,300,000	34,810,000	34,804,000	2,242,000	37,046,000
Nat. Belg.	19,971,000	1,213,000	21,184,000	17,720,000	1,073,000	18,793,000
Switzerl'd	18,037,000	2,609,000	20,646,000	17,725,000	3,032,000	20,757,000
Sweden	12,818,000	-----	12,818,000	12,523,000	-----	12,523,000
Denmark	10,116,000	661,000	10,777,000	11,614,000	881,000	12,495,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	637,841,284	52,612,783	690,454,067	629,954,113	53,014,600	682,968,713
Prev. week	638,045,389	52,374,303	690,419,692	628,980,413	52,726,600	681,707,013

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 £3,651,900. c As of Oct. 7, 1924.

President Coolidge's Annual Message.

President Coolidge's annual message to Congress, like those which have preceded it, is in general a plain, matter of fact survey of national conditions and needs. It begins with a moderately optimistic reference to the state of industry and business, points to the substantial advantages which have resulted from economy and debt reduction, and dwells at greater or less length upon the various matters in regard to which legislation seems necessary or desirable. Some of its more important recommendations are negative rather than positive, stressing policies that should be avoided more than the specific things of a constructive character that should be done, but the warnings that are given, in most instances at least, are such as ought to be heeded, and Mr. Coolidge's attempts to clear the field of doubt should make it easier for Congress to act wisely when the important subjects upon which he touches come before it for consideration.

The transfer to the annual budget message of detailed reports and recommendations about finance naturally restricts the financial part of the annual message to observations of a general nature. On the important subject of tax reduction it cannot be said that Mr. Coolidge's remarks are altogether happy. He gives his "complete support" to the proposals of Secretary Mellon, and his statement that "any bill for tax reduction should be written by those who are responsible for raising, managing and expending the finances of the Government,"

and that "while welcoming information from any quarter, the Congress should continue to exercise its own judgment in a matter so vital and important to all the interests of the country as taxation" is a truism. When, however, with an apparent allusion to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Mr. Coolidge allows himself to say that "if special interests, too often selfish, always uninformed of the national needs as a whole, with hired agents using their proposed beneficiaries as engines of propaganda, are permitted to influence the withdrawal of their property from taxation, we shall have a law that is unbalanced and unjust, bad for business, bad for the country, probably resulting in a deficit, with disastrous financial consequences," the tone becomes peevish. It may very well be that the recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury are better than those of the Ways and Means Committee of the House; on that question Congress, which is the representative of the people and the final authority in taxation, will in due time express its opinion; but neither the Treasury Department nor the Administration enjoys any monopoly of information regarding the financial needs of the country as a whole, and to charge the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, or any other body, with selfishness, ulterior motives, or propaganda merely because their considered recommendations do not happen to accord with those of the Secretary of the Treasury, is to belittle the intelligent public interest in affairs which is the life of a democratic country.

The most striking passages in the message, however, are those in which Mr. Coolidge emphasizes the evils of Federal invasion of the field of the States, warns against Federal control of industry, agriculture or trade, and reminds the people and the States of their duty to do all in their power to help themselves. A stinging rebuke to the Shipping Board, which Mr. Coolidge declares "is constantly under pressure, to which it too often yields, to protect private interests rather than serve the public welfare," is accompanied by the frank admission that public operation of merchant vessels "is not a success," and the recommendation that the present vessels should be kept in repair and disposed of as rapidly as possible. It would be better, Mr. Coolidge thinks, to dispose of the Muscle Shoals property, the development of other methods having shown that nitrates "can probably be produced at less cost than by the use of hydro-electric power," but preference should be given, in the sale, to proposals to use all or part of the plant for nitrate production and fertilizer manufacture with a view to benefiting agriculture.

On the vexed question of farm relief Mr. Coolidge reiterates his contention that "government price fixing is known to be unsound and bound to result in disaster. . . . It cannot be sound for all of the people to hire some of the people to produce a crop which neither the producers nor the rest of the people want. . . . It is impossible to provide by law for an assured success and prosperity for all those who engage in farming." The difficulty of surplus crops, which Mr. Coolidge sees as primarily due to surplus acreage, cannot be met by the individual farmer alone, but it can, he thinks, be dealt with by the aid of Federal and other organizations already existing, by the refusal of banks and other credit agencies "to finance an acreage manifestly too large,"

and by assisting co-operative associations and other organizations in the orderly marketing and handling of a surplus "due to weather and seasonal conditions, in order to save the producer from preventable loss." As a beginning, Mr. Coolidge suggests the setting up of a Federal board or commission "of able and experienced men in marketing, granting equal advantages under this board to the various agricultural commodities and sections of the country, giving encouragement to the co-operative movement in agriculture, and providing a revolving loan fund at a moderate rate of interest for the necessary financing." It may at least be said that this proposal, dubious as it may seem from the standpoint of ultimate effectiveness, is a long way removed from the price fixing policy of the McNary-Haugen bill, to which a good many members of Congress appear still to be attached.

Equally emphatic is the attitude of Mr. Coolidge toward the question of flood control. Mr. Coolidge points out that while the Mississippi emergency must be looked upon as "a national disaster," and that "if the sources directly chargeable cannot meet the demand, the national Government should not fail to provide generous relief," the extension of such relief "does not mean restoration. The Government is not an insurer of its citizens against the hazards of the elements. We shall always have flood and drought, heat and cold, earthquake and wind, lightning and tidal wave, which are all too constant in their afflictions. The Government does not undertake to reimburse its citizens for loss and damage incurred under such circumstances." In contrast to land which has been reclaimed by irrigation, and which in general is required to bear the entire expense, the land adjacent to the Mississippi dykes pays only one-third of the cost of dyke construction. Since it is the land of that region that is to be benefited, Mr. Coolidge insists that while some revision of the present laws may be necessary, it is "extremely important" that the land to be reclaimed or protected "should pay enough so that those requesting improvements will be charged with some responsibility for their cost, and the neighborhood where works are constructed have a pecuniary interest in preventing waste and extravagance and securing a wise and economical expenditure of public funds." Mr. Coolidge recommends that the present Congress confine itself to legislation needed to deal with the most pressing aspect of the problem, that of the lower Mississippi, deferring further action until the comprehensive report on flood control which was authorized by the last Congress shall have been presented.

The same attitude regarding the limits of Federal powers and obligations is assumed in what Mr. Coolidge has to say about inland waterways and the Boulder Canyon dam. "The policy is well established that the Government should open public highways on land and on water, but for use of the public in their private capacity. It has put on some demonstration barge lines, but always with the expectation that if they prove profitable they would pass into private hands, and if they do not prove profitable they will be withdrawn." It is desirable that there should be Federal legislation in aid of the construction of the Boulder Canyon dam on the Colorado River, "primarily as a method of flood control and irrigation," both of which are clearly national problems, "but every other possibility should be exhausted before the Federal Government should be-

come engaged in the power business." To the States which have been wrangling for years over this project, notwithstanding that they are to be the only direct beneficiaries, Mr. Coolidge's remark that "if they wish the Federal Government to undertake it they should not hesitate to make the necessary concessions to each other," has a pertinent application.

These are sound principles of government, none the less so because the Federal Government itself, by long-continued encroachment upon the Constitutional sphere of the States, has gone far in transgressing them. They serve to recall attention to the fact that the American Government is a Federal system, that the States have obligations which they should not try to shift to the national Government, and that the individual citizen is properly chargeable with his share of the cost of public undertakings from which he derives direct benefit. It will be a gratification to the American business world to be reassured that the less the Government at Washington has to do with business of any kind, the better, in Mr. Coolidge's opinion, it will be for the people as well as for the Government.

For the rest, Mr. Coolidge commits himself to the support of a program of increased naval construction, but solely for defense and without regard to the policy of any other nation. He is still committed heart and soul to the support of tariff protection, which he insists has been of vast benefit to the farmers; he favors legislation which would give the Federal Government a voice in the control of the coal industry "in case of actual or threatened interruption of production," and he still looks with favor upon the establishment of a Federal Department of Education, to which, apparently, should also be assigned such matters as veterans' relief. On the question of railway consolidation, he urges legislation which shall simplify the procedure necessary to bring about agreements and arrangements for consolidation, but under the control and with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. All these, of course, are highly debatable proposals and commitments, and there is likely to be a good deal of difference of opinion regarding them when they come up for consideration in Congress. It is certainly quite misleading to class American intervention in China and American intervention in Nicaragua together as having been undertaken on similar grounds, for as a matter of fact the course which has been taken in the former country bears only a superficial resemblance to the course which has been pursued in the latter.

Taken as a whole the annual message again illustrates Mr. Coolidge's conservatism, and, in financial matters, his continued adherence to a policy of safe and sane. His remarks about farm relief are a challenge to the supporters of the McNary-Haugen policy, and what he has to say about Muscle Shoals, flood relief and the Boulder Canyon dam will hardly be relished by those who would like to see the Government further involved in business or pouring out money wherever there is a difficult economic problem to be solved. The declarations regarding naval armament, while a clear indication that the United States, in the absence of some international agreement, will follow its own judgment in determining its defense needs, carry no menace to other nations, and the recommendations in regard to domestic issues, with the exception of what is said about the tariff, have hardly any partisan character. How the

new Congress, with unstable party equilibrium in the Senate and a presidential election approaching, will view what the President has to say remains to be seen, but the public interest will be served if the various subjects on which Mr. Coolidge has expressed himself are treated with the same regard to the general welfare which he shows in presenting them.

Truths We Know but Do Not Follow.

It has been said of the Chattanooga meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers held during the week of October 23rd that: "the thread that ran through the addresses of welcome and the discussions that followed was that sectionalism no longer existed in the United States, and that industry knew no East, no West, no North and no South. Each section, it was said, was peculiarly adapted for certain types of manufacturing, and there are 'no natural antagonisms of interest between any legitimate business in this world or between individuals or sections.'" This is a sweeping statement and one that has many applications to existing conditions in trade and industry. It is indubitably true that no *natural* antagonisms *do* exist. But what of those created by sections and industries seeking (and often obtaining) the favoritism of the Government? At this very time, a class of agriculturists are clamoring at the doors of Congress asking to be put upon an "equality" with the "protected" manufacturing interests of the "East." Yet the "protection" sought is admittedly ineffective, since no national tariff can extend to world marts where agriculture sells its surplus; and in politics there is an effort to array a "West" against an "East."

Undoubtedly manufactures are in process of diffusion throughout the country, carrying the factory to the raw material, fuel and cheaper power. Electricity is transforming all business. Water power is yearly growing in use and benefit. The law of mass production is cheaper goods, admitting of higher wages, but forever forbidding the coercive tactics of selfish organizations seeking arbitrarily their own exploitation. Co-operation and machine are infusing "honesty" into business by the very natural process of doing the the best for the most at the least cost. Agriculture, itself, lives by the natural law. Even the current frenzy for relief by artificial means is being softened by abundant crop yields and higher prices. It follows that the whole scheme of government aid and "protection" is in "antagonism" to that common working together of individuals, classes, industries, and sections, which through freedom of initiative and enterprise and private ownership of property gives to the United States and to the people thereof their leading and beneficent place in the world's work.

Not only do these favoring laws constitute an evil interference in a *natural* harmony of effort, but the agitation constantly going on itself destroys the equilibrium of endeavor. Agriculture, manufacture and transportation are the three chief divisions of industry. They live under the law and stand, or should stand, equal before the law. This law is general in its nature, or should be; it is the law which protects the individual, and the artificial person with limited liability, the corporation, in the freedom to engage in business according to ability, circumstances, and capital. It is a special and a favoring law which undertakes to discriminate between these divisions

of industry, which results from an appeal to sectional interest, which hampers the free exercise of the right to engage in a lifegiving occupation, or which shuts out foreign competition in behalf of one and not the other. The suggestion that a non-partisan tariff commission be created is no answer to these fundamental facts.

But let us keep to the broad issue of the natural law. Why and how does unity and harmony come under the reign of the natural law? We commonly say that manufacture makes a market for agriculture and that transportation makes possible a mutual and equitable exchange. There is more than this in the great underlying truth. Man lives by labor. As population increases and spreads the mind opens new resources. As what we call civilization advances new needs appear and needs become wants. It is not money, or even credit, that exchanges, but goods. Money and credit are mere servants, aids, promoters. If a farmer would have a plow or a reaper-thresher, he must grow grain to obtain it; if a manufacturer would sell an automobile or a radio he must take foodstuffs in payment. It is not always, of course, directly, but indirectly. If what we term the "East" was as sparsely populated as what we term the "West" what would become of the American farmer? Here is a mutual reciprocity according to conditions and circumstances.

There is more yet. The necessity of making a living spreads population over the earth, over the United States. And "necessity is the mother of invention." Environment forces effort and energy into peculiar forms of industry. The farmer follows the plow because it offers an imminent means of livelihood. The mechanic follows the machine for the same reason. A thousand influences enter into the utilization and expansion. There is no real antagonism. Certain needs are universal. Certain wants are inevitable. When there is overproduction labor turns to other fields; when there is underconsumption labor seeks to augment the supply. It is the old and primal law of supply and demand. A war may temporarily hold the natural law in abeyance; a governmental statute interferes, but cannot stay its operation. Men of energy, initiative, ability, enterprise, by labor and stored-up labor, capital, seek the lack of supply or demand as a guide to business. In working for profit equilibrium ensues, and profit is necessary to life.

These are all old thoughts, accepted truths. And yet so obsessed have we grown with paternalism that we actually array labor against capital, industry against industry, and section against section. A little ministerial supervision grows into an unnatural regulation, and too much regulation results in binding and hampering control. It is apparent to every one that these millions of beings, conceiving, planning, executing, in the cause of life and love, each as best he may, and all according to the divine purpose of sustenance, growth, and fruition, really act independent of legislation and government, and build the material out of which flowers the spiritual. Thus emulation stimulates vigor and contest; competition resolves itself into co-operation; and prosperity comes from the contribution of each to the encompassing whole. We see these truths, but we cling to the ignis fatuus of socialism, bureaucracy and paternalism. In convention assembled we are wise economists; individually we are all too submissive to party politics.

Canada's Successful Strike Legislation.

Any governmental action that has proved successful in controlling or preventing strikes, or even in mitigating the evil occasioned by them, is worth attention. When in a neighboring State this has been accomplished in marked degree by the operation for nearly 20 years of a single legislative act which has won the hearty support of Labor and the co-operation of employers to the great benefit of the community, it is a challenge to us all.

The record of the experience in full and authentic detail is at hand in the report of the investigation made by the Sage Foundation.* It is one more of the important public services which that organization has rendered. Its chartered purpose is "the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States." Its methods are not spectacular, and it avoids publicity until it has definite results to show, and the range of its investigation is sufficiently large to permit its gathering material elsewhere which may be valuable if made known here, as this certainly is.

Canada passed the Industrial Disputes Act in 1907. It was at first strenuously opposed by Labor, but it was consistently applied to railroads, coal mines, street railways, shipping, power plants, and other basic industries; and while it did not reduce the number of strikes, by the method and wisdom of its administration it gradually won the support even of Labor; and has in its second decade proved so well established and effective as to attract outside attention.

The report now issued is the result of studies begun in 1916, gathered in a preliminary report the next year, taken up later, and finally completed in its present form. The Act was declared unconstitutional in 1925, on the ground that it infringed the rights of the provincial legislatures as related to the British Empire. The Canadians were committed to their Act and took immediate steps to salvage it by local laws in its own provinces with such success that it keeps its principles in operation; and this because it has the strong support of Labor there, in contrast to the opposition of organized Labor in the United States to any legislation which interfered with the right to call strikes. This report is made to bring out the facts of the experiment, and to throw what light it may on the possibilities of Government's intervention in industrial disputes with us.

The Act certainly has not prevented the occurrence of strikes. The years covered by the history of the Act have been so filled everywhere with national and public disturbance of every sort that quiet was nowhere to be expected. Of "public utility cases," that is of the industries embraced within the scope of the Act, such as coal mines and railroads, 473 were handled, and in 429, or 91 per cent of them, a strike was averted or ended. But in the same period 425 strikes occurred in public utilities in which the Act was completely ignored; and at the same time in 47 of the controversies in which application was made for boards of arbitration, strikes occurred, in violation of the Act. The prime value of the Act lies in other directions rather than in the number of strikes prevented. Its chief aim is conciliation; and its success in that is witnessed in the change of

attitude toward it of Labor. It acts through boards of arbitration and conciliation accepted by the parties at interest. These, always preserving the spirit of the Act, serve not as judges, nor even as arbiters discovering and reporting facts for the benefit of the community, but as peacemakers creating a friendly atmosphere that helps to bring about amicable settlements and to create permanent friendly and peaceful personal relations. Of 472 punishable violations of the law only 16 were carried to the courts, none of them at the instigation of the Government.

No code of industrial principles has been established to govern the decisions of the boards; and there are no standardized methods of action or restraint to be observed. Such objections to the Act as had made Labor hostile at the outset had by 1918 gradually given place to a friendly understanding. Amendments that were proposed were in regard to details in the provisions of the law rather than in the administration of it, and the fact is that in the operation of the Act the points criticized do not show any marked changes in the period since 1918, through which Labor is friendly to the Act, compared with the earlier period when Labor was critical. With the better understanding did come certain conciliatory steps on the part of the Government to which Labor promptly responded, and a number of amendments were enacted to meet objections; and later economic unrest in the business world had made its value to Labor far greater than strikes could possibly be.

The attitude of Canadian employers, while not so enthusiastic as that of Labor, may be said to be favorably disposed toward the Act. They think that too much power is given the Minister of Labor in appointing the personnel of the boards; that there is not sufficient finality on the appeal to the boards; and that a recent amendment is not wholly fair to the management when wages have to be reduced. But as yet these objections are hypothetical as actual results of the sort indicated have not in fact occurred. A chapter is given to the operation of the Act to substantiate this statement; and up to date more fundamental grounds must be found to justify adverse criticism.

That the Canadian Government is committed to the policy of conciliation appears in the fact that the Disputes Act is not the only one enacted for the adjustment of industrial controversy. It resorts also to frequent special mediators and royal commissions working in the same direction. One of these, the Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1, a joint representative of the railways and the brotherhoods created during the war continues with marked success.

As to the application of Canada's long experience to other countries it would seem that conciliation is the desirable method for emphasis in Government's interposition in industrial disputes. It makes it possible to fix attention upon the practical side of the difficulty rather than the theoretical. Conciliators not called to deal with the question of abstract justice are free to seek in each controversy the solution that will best resolve the controversy. Such a method puts the settlement in its details in the hands of those who for carrying it into effect are most familiar with the technical aspects of the industry concerned. For this reason special boards in each instance have proved better than a permanent board of arbitration for all differences. It

**Postponing Strikes*, a study of the Canadian Industrial Disputes Act, by B. M. Selekman, Russell Sage Foundation.

escapes the distrust which attaches to the individual members when permanent officials, and makes use of men closer to the particular problem, and often men who are specially competent. Certain men come to be recognized as particularly successful in such affairs.

The Canadian system recognizes two important elements in the problem: one is public opinion, as an important and even indispensable adjunct, and the other is that stability of industry which is a prerequisite to peaceful relations. When conditions are fairly stable, as in the railroads, the machinery of the Disputes Act has worked well. In the mines, with their chronic irregularity of employment, it has failed.

However, the amendments now making to give it effect in inter as well as in intra provincial industries will work it is clear, says the report, that: "Canada as represented by all the political parties of the Dominion, is determined, after its long experience with the Act, to keep its principles in operation."

It certainly demonstrates the futility of compulsion, compared with conference and negotiation, as under Government auspices, between management and men, when it is conducted with the open minded, friendly and patient intelligence which through twenty years of steady effort has characterized our Canadian friends.

Certificates of Indebtedness to Amount of \$250,000,000 Offered in December Financing of Treasury.

An offering of 1-year 3¼% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness to the amount of \$250,000,000 "or thereabouts" was announced by Secretary Mellon on Dec. 7. His statement said:

The Treasury is to-day announcing its December financing which takes the form of an offering of one year 3¼% Treasury certificates of indebtedness dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1927 and maturing Dec. 15 1928. The certificates are tax certificates and the amount of the offering is \$250,000,000 or thereabouts. The Treasury will accept, in payment for the new certificates, 4½% Treasury notes of series A-1927 maturing Dec. 15 1927, but such subscriptions will not be given preferred allotment.

About \$336,000,000 of Treasury notes of series A-1927 become payable on Dec. 15 1927. Also, about \$75,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due on that date.

The present offering, with the December tax and other receipts, will cover the Treasury's cash requirements until March.

The last offering of the Treasury Department was announced Nov. 6, when \$400,000,000 or thereabouts, of 3½% Treasury Certificates were offered with a view to taking care of Second Liberty Loan bonds called for redemption Nov. 15. On Nov. 1 there were approximately \$757,502,400 of these bonds outstanding, and on Nov. 15 the amount outstanding had been reduced to \$732,000,000. In response to the November offering, Secretary Mellon made known Nov. 15 that cash subscriptions for the offering aggregated \$1,103,261,400, and the total of such cash subscriptions allotted was \$419,770,000. Subscriptions for which Second Liberty bonds were tendered in payment aggregated \$2,336,500, which amount, was allotted in full. This announcement was given in our issue of Nov. 19, page 2760. Under-Secretary of the Treasury Mills made known on Nov. 29 that there were \$163,000,000 Second Liberty bonds outstanding at the close of business that day. The further bonds which have since been presented for redemption have brought the total amount outstanding down to about \$130,000,000 on Dec. 7; it was noted in the Washington advices Dec. 7 to the New York "Times" that the Treasury might have been able to conduct its affairs without the sale of additional certificates in December but for the fact that the volume of Second Liberty Loan bonds turned in for redemption since Nov. 15, the call date, has exceeded estimates by nearly \$200,000,000.

The certificates offered this week will be designated Series TD-1928. They will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. They will have two

interest coupons attached, payable June 15 1928 and Dec. 15 1928. The Treasury circular detailing the offering follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3¼% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Series TD-1928.

Dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1927. Due Dec. 15 1928.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of series TD-1928, dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1927, payable Dec. 15 1928, with interest at the rate of 3¼% per annum, payable semi-annually.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable June 15 1928 and Dec. 15 1928.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said Act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The certificates of this series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Dec. 15 1927, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment, Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury notes of series A-1927, maturing Dec. 15 1927, will be accepted at par, in payment for any certificates of the series now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted with an adjustment of the interest accrued, if any, on the certificates of the series so paid for.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Dec. 8 1927.

Department Circular No. 390 (Public Debt).

Stockholders of National City Bank to Vote Jan. 10 on Removal of Bank's Stock from Stock Exchange List.

President Mitchell of the National City Bank of New York, has notified the stockholders of the institution that formal ratification will be taken Jan. 10 on the action of the directors in requesting the Governors of the Exchange to remove the stock from active trading on the Exchange. Mr. Mitchell's letter follows:

Dec. 5 1927.

To the Shareholders,

At your annual meeting on January 10 1928, the notice of which is sent you herewith, you will be asked to give your formal approval (and the enclosed proxy, if signed and returned, will be voted in favor of such approval) to the action which the Directors of the Bank have recently taken in requesting the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange to remove the stock of this bank from the list of stocks dealt in on the Exchange. I am calling this specially to your attention, at the suggestion of the Exchange itself, although our counsel advise me that, in their opinion, formal ratification by the shareholders is unnecessary.

The stock is understood to have been listed many years ago, as an expression of confidence in the Exchange, at a time when the Exchange was not the well established institution it has now become. Practically no transactions occurred on the Exchange over a long period of years, the broad market for our stock having always been, as it is now, outside the Exchange. Last summer, however, the Stock Exchange authorities took steps to promote active trading in bank stocks and, thereupon, our Board requested the withdrawal of our stock from the list.

Banks are institutions of credit and depend upon the steady continuance of public confidence. If, in times of financial disturbance that confidence should appear to be questioned by the quotations for their stocks on the Exchange, serious results might follow, even though such quotations reflected only an unimportant volume of transactions. In this fundamental respect of being credit institutions, banks differ materially from the industrial, railroad and public utility corporations whose stocks are listed on the Exchange.

Without in any way intending any reflection on the Exchange, which adequately performs a vital service to the public, our Board is of the opinion that there are elements of danger in permitting the stock of this bank to be subject to the recurring and occasionally violent waves of speculation on the Exchange.

Yours very truly,

C. E. Mitchell, President.

*Message of President Coolidge to Congress—Secretary Mellon's Tax Revision Proposals
Endorsed—Measures in Behalf of Farmer—Other Recommendations.*

Declaring that the tax revision program of Secretary Mellon has his complete support, President Coolidge, in his annual message to Congress on Dec. 6, takes an emphatic stand against those who seek greater reduction in taxes than is provided in the Secretary's recommendations. The message maintains that "the people ought to take no selfish attitude of pressing for removing moderate and fair taxes which might produce a deficit." Making the statement that "we must keep our budget balanced for each year," he adds "that is the cornerstone of our national credit, the trifling price we pay to command the lowest rate of interest of any great Power of the world." "Any surplus," he contends, "can be applied to debt reduction, and debt reduction is tax reduction." The President furthermore says "any bill for tax reduction should be written by those responsible for raising, managing and expending the finances of the Government." He asserts that "if special interests, too often selfish, always uninformed of the national needs as a whole, with hired agents using their proposed beneficiaries as engines of propaganda, are permitted to influence the withdrawal of their property from taxation, we shall have a law that is unbalanced and unjust, bad for business, bad for the country, probably resulting in a deficit, with disastrous financial consequences." The needs of the farmer are dealt with by the President, who, observing that "agriculture has not fully recovered from post-war depression," says "any sound and workable proposal to help the farmer will have the earnest support of the Government." "The main problem which is presented for solution," the message states, "is one dealing with a surplus of production." "Government price-fixing," declares the President, "is known to be unsound and bound to result in disaster. A Government subsidy would work out in the same way." The most effective means of dealing with surplus crops, he notes, "is to reduce the surplus acreage." He goes on to say: "While this cannot be done by the individual farmer, it can be done through the organizations already in existence, through the information published by the Department of Agriculture, and especially through banks and others who supply credit refusing to finance an acreage manifestly too large." In adding that the Government can assist co-operative associations and other organizations in orderly marketing and handling a surplus clearly due to weather and seasonal conditions," the President suggests that "a beginning could be made by setting up a Federal board or commission . . . granting equal advantages under the board to the various agricultural commodities and sections of the country, giving encouragement to the co-operative movement in agriculture and providing a revolving fund at a moderate rate of interest for the necessary financing. Such legislation," he says, "would lay the foundation for a permanent solution of the surplus problem."

In his reference to the Merchant Marine the President said, "Public operation is not a success. No investigation, of which I have caused several to be made, has failed to report that it could not succeed or to recommend speedy transfer to private ownership. . . . It should be our policy to keep our present vessels in repair and dispose of them as rapidly as possible, rather than undertake any new construction."

In voicing his disapproval of any change in tariff rates, the President asserts that a material reduction in the rates on manufactures or on agriculture would be disastrous to the farmer. "It would mean," he declares, "a general shrinkage of values, a deflation of prices, a reduction of wages, a general depression carrying our people down to the low standard of living in our competing countries." Flood control legislation is recommended in the President's message, who states that "legislation by this Congress should be confined to our principal and most pressing problem, the lower Mississippi. . . . A definite Federal program relating to our waterways," he indicates, "was proposed when the last Congress authorized a comprehensive survey of all the important streams of the country in order to provide for their improvement, including flood control, navigation, power and irrigation. Other legislation should wait pending a report on this survey. The recognized needs of the Mississippi should not be made a vehicle for carrying other projects."

Discussing inland navigation, the President declared to be desirable legislation "for the construction of a dam at Boulder Canyon, on the Colorado River, primarily as a

method of flood control and irrigation." The St. Lawrence River project was also advocated by the President. The President insisted that "in order to secure the efficiency of transportation and decrease its cost to the shipper, railroad consolidation must be secured." "Delay in the enactment of legislation," he said, "is holding back the progress of our country." He likewise pointed to the need of legislation "authorizing a system of fuel administration and the appointment by the President of a board of mediation and conciliation in case of actual or threatened interruption of production," and in referring to the fact that "the miners themselves are now seeking information and action from the Government which could readily be secured through such a board," added that "it is believed that a thorough investigation and reconsideration of this proposed policy by the Congress will demonstrate that this recommendation is sound and should be adopted." The consolidation of the various Governmental agencies now dealing with veterans' relief was among the other matters dealt with in the President's message, in which he recommended that proper committees of Congress "make a thorough study of this subject, in order to determine if legislation to secure such consolidation is desirable."

In what he had to say regarding our foreign relations, the President declared that "it is the policy of the United States to promote peace." "It is believed," he said, "that peace can best be secured by a faithful observance on our part of the principles of international law, accompanied by patience and conciliation, and requiring of others a like treatment for ourselves." Reviewing the situation regarding Mexico, China and Nicaragua, he said in part:

We have lately had some difference with Mexico relative to the injuries inflicted upon our nationals and their property within that country. A firm adherence to our rights and a scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of Mexico, both in accordance with the law of nations, coupled with patience and forbearance, it is hoped, will resolve all our differences without interfering with the friendly relationship between the two Governments.

We have been compelled to send naval and marine forces to China to protect the lives and property of our citizens. Fortunately their simple presence there has been sufficient to prevent any material loss of life. But there has been considerable loss of property. That unhappy country is torn by factions and revolutions which bid fair to last for an indefinite period. Meanwhile we are protecting our citizens and stand ready to co-operate with any government which may emerge in promoting the welfare of the people of China. . . .

We were confronted by similar conditions on a small scale in Nicaragua. Our marine and naval forces protected our citizens and their property and prevented a heavy sacrifice of life and the destruction of that country by a reversion to a state of revolution. Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, was sent there to co-operate with our diplomatic and military officers in effecting a settlement between the contending parties. This was done on the assurance that we would co-operate in restoring a state of peace where our rights would be protected by giving our assistance in the conduct of the next presidential election, which occurs in a few months. With this assurance, the population returned to their peace-time pursuits, with the exception of some small roving bands of outlaws.

The President observed that "our example has become of great importance in the world. It is recognized that we are independent, detached, and can and do take a disinterested position in relation to international affairs. Our charity embraces the earth. . . . We know that peace comes from honesty and fair dealing, from moderation and a generous regard for the rights of others. The heart of the nation is more important than treaties. A spirit of generous consideration is a more certain defense than great armaments. We should continue to promote peace by our example, and fortify it by such international covenants against war as we are permitted under our Constitution to make." In concluding he said: "Our country has made much progress. But it has taken, and will continue to take, much effort. . . . In doing good, in walking humbly, in sustaining its own people, in ministering to other nations, America will work out its own destiny." The message in full, which was read in both the Senate and House, follows:

MESSAGE.

Members of the Congress:

It is gratifying to report that for the fourth consecutive year the state of the Union in general is good. We are at peace. The country as a whole has had a prosperity never exceeded. Wages are at their highest range, employment is plentiful. Some parts of agriculture and industry have lagged; some localities have suffered from storm and flood. But such losses have been absorbed without serious detriment to our great economic structure. Stocks of goods are moderate and a wholesome caution is prevalent. Rates of interest for industry, agriculture, and government have been reduced. Savers and investors are providing capital for new construction in industry and public works. The purchasing power of agriculture has increased. If the people maintain that confidence which they are entitled to have in themselves, in each other, and in America, a comfortable prosperity will continue.

Constructive Economy.

Without constructive economy in Government expenditures we should not now be enjoying these results or these prospects. Because we are not

now physically at war, some people are disposed to forget that our war debt still remains. The Nations must make financial sacrifices, accompanied by a stern self-denial in public expenditures, until we have conquered the disabilities of our public finance. While our obligation to veterans and dependents is large and continuing, the heavier burden of the national debt is being steadily eliminated. At the end of this fiscal year it will be reduced from about \$26,600,000,000 to about \$17,975,000,000. Annual interest, including war savings, will have been reduced from \$1,055,000,000 to \$670,000,000. The sacrifices of the people, the economy of the Government, are showing remarkable results. They should be continued for the purpose of relieving the Nation of the burden of interest and debt and releasing revenue for internal improvements and national development.

Not only the amount, but the rate, of Government interest has been reduced. Callable bonds have been refunded and paid, so that during this year the average rate of interest on the present public debt for the first time fell below 4%. Keeping the credit of the Nation high is a tremendously profitable operation.

Tax Reduction.

The immediate fruit of economy and the retirement of the public debt is tax reduction. The annual saving in interest between 1925 and 1929 is \$212,000,000. Without this no bill to relieve the taxpayers would be worth proposing. The three measures already enacted leave our Government revenues where they are not oppressive. Exemptions have been increased until 115,000,000 people make but 2,500,000 individual taxable returns, so that further reduction should be mainly for the purpose of removing inequalities. The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended a measure which would give us a much better balanced system of taxation and without oppression produce sufficient revenue. It has my complete support.

Unforeseen contingencies requiring money are always arising. Our probable surplus for June 30 1929, is small. A slight depression in business would greatly reduce our revenue because of our present method of taxation. The people ought to take no selfish attitude of pressing for removing moderate and fair taxes, which might produce a deficit. We must keep our budget balanced for each year. That is the corner stone of our national credit, the trifling price we pay to command the lowest rate of interest of any great power in the world. Any surplus can be applied to debt reduction, and debt reduction is tax reduction. Under the present circumstances it would be far better to leave the rates as they are than to enact a bill carrying the peril of a deficit. This is not a problem to be approached in a narrow or partisan spirit. All of those who participate in finding a reasonable solution will be entitled to participate in any credit that accrues from it without regard to party. The Congress has already demonstrated that tax legislation can be removed from purely political consideration into the realm of patriotic business principles.

Any bill for tax reduction should be written by those who are responsible for raising, managing, and extending the finances of the Government. If special interest, too often selfish, always uninformed of the national needs as a whole, with hired agents using their proposed beneficiaries as engines of propaganda, are permitted to influence the withdrawal of their property from taxation, we shall have a law that is unbalanced and unjust, bad for business, bad for the country, probably resulting in a deficit, with disastrous financial consequences. The Constitution has given the Members of the Congress sole authority to decide what tax measures shall be presented for approval. While welcoming information from any quarter, the Congress should continue to exercise its own judgment in a matter so vital and important to all the interests of the country as taxation.

National Defense.

Being a nation relying not on force, but on fair dealing and good will, to maintain peace with others, we have provided a moderate military force in a form adapted solely to defense. It should be continued with a very generous supply of officers and with the present base of personnel, subject to fluctuations which may be temporarily desirable.

The five-year program for our air forces is in keeping with this same policy and commensurate with the notable contributions of America to the science of aeronautics. The provisions of the law lately enacted are being executed as fast as the practical difficulties of an orderly and stable development permit.

While our Army is small, prudence requires that it should be kept in a high state of efficiency and provided with such supplies as would permit of its immediate expansion. The garrison ration has lately been increased. Recommendations for an appropriation of \$6,166,000 for new housing made to the previous Congress failed to pass. While most of the Army is well housed, some of it which is quartered in war-time training camps is becoming poorly housed. In the past three years \$12,533,000 have been appropriated for reconstruction and repairs, and an authorization has been approved of \$22,301,000 for new housing, under which \$8,070,000 has already been appropriated. A law has also been passed, complying with the request of the War Department, allocating funds received from the sale of buildings and land for housing purposes. The work, however, is not completed, so that other appropriations are being recommended.

Our Navy is likewise a weapon of defense. We have a foreign commerce and ocean lines of trade unsurpassed by any other country. We have outlying territory in the two great oceans and long stretches of seacoast studded with the richest cities in the world. We are responsible for the protection of a large population and the greatest treasure ever bestowed upon any people. We are charged with an international duty of defending the Panama Canal. To meet these responsibilities we need a very substantial sea armament. It needs aircraft development, which is being provided under the five-year program. It needs submarines as soon as the department decides upon the best type of construction. It needs airplane carriers and a material addition to its force of cruisers. We can plan for the future and begin a moderate building program.

This country has put away the Old World policy of competitive armaments. It can never be relieved of the responsibility of adequate national defense. We have one treaty secured by an unprecedented attitude of generosity on our part for a limitation in naval armament. After most careful preparation, extending over months, we recently made every effort to secure a three-power treaty to the same end. We were granted much cooperation by Japan, but we were unable to come to an agreement with Great Britain. While the results of the conference were of considerable value, they were mostly of a negative character. We know now that no agreement can be reached which will be inconsistent with a considerable building program on our part. We are ready and willing to continue the preparatory investigations on the general subject of limitation of armaments which have been started under the auspices of the League of Nations.

We have a considerable cruiser tonnage, but a part of it is obsolete. Everyone knew that had a three-power agreement been reached it would have left us with the necessity of continuing our building program. The failure to agree should not cause us to build either more or less than we otherwise should. Any future treaty of limitation will call on us for more ships. We should enter on no competition. We should refrain from no needful program. It should be made clear to all the world that lacking a definite agreement, the attitude of any other country is not to be permitted

to alter our own policy. It should especially be demonstrated that propaganda will not cause us to change our course. Where there is no treaty limitation, the size of the Navy which America is to have will be solely for America to determine. No outside influence should enlarge it or diminish it. But it should be known to all that our military power holds no threat of aggrandizement. It is a guaranty of peace and security at home, and when it goes abroad it is an instrument for the protection of the legal rights of our citizens under international law, a refuge in time of disorder, and always the servant of world peace. Wherever our flag goes the rights of humanity increase.

Merchant Marine.

The United States Government fleet is transporting a large amount of freight and reducing its drain on the Treasury. The Shipping Board is constantly under pressure, to which it too often yields, to protect private interests, rather than serve the public welfare. More attention should be given to merchant ships as an auxiliary of the Navy. The possibility of including their masters and crews in the Naval Reserve, with some reasonable compensation, should be thoroughly explored as a method of encouraging private operation of shipping. Public operation is not a success. No investigation, of which I have caused several to be made, has failed to report that it could not succeed or to recommend speedy transfer to private ownership. Our exporters and importers are both indifferent about using American ships. It should be our policy to keep our present vessels in repair and dispose of them as rapidly as possible, rather than undertake any new construction. Their operation is a burden on the National Treasury, for which we are not receiving sufficient benefits.

Commercial Aviation.

A rapid growth is taking place in aeronautics. The Department of Commerce has charge of the inspection and licensing system and the construction of national airways. Almost 8,000 miles are already completed and about 4,000 miles more contemplated. Nearly 4,400 miles are now equipped and over 3,000 miles more will have lighting and emergency landing fields by next July. Air mail contracts are expected to cover 24 of these lines. Daily airway flying is nearly 15,000 miles and is expected to reach 25,000 miles early next year.

Flights for other purposes exceed 22,000 miles each day. Over 900 airports, completed and uncompleted, have been laid out. The demand for aircraft has greatly increased. The policy already adopted by the Congress is producing the sound development of this coming industry.

Western Hemisphere Air Mail.

Private enterprise is showing much interest in opening up aviation service to Mexico and Central and South America. We are particularly solicitous to have the United States take a leading part in this development. It is understood that the governments of our sister countries would be willing to cooperate. Their physical features, the undeveloped state of their transportation, make an air service especially adaptable to their usage. The Post Office Department should be granted power to make liberal long-term contracts for carrying our mail, and authority should be given to the Army and the Navy to detail aviators and planes to cooperate with private enterprise in establishing such mail service with the consent of the countries concerned. A committee of the Cabinet will later present a report on this subject.

Good Roads.

The importance and benefit of good roads is more and more coming to be appreciated. The National Government has been making liberal contributions to encourage their construction. The results and benefits have been very gratifying. National participation, however, should be confined to trunk-line systems. The national tax on automobiles is now nearly sufficient to meet this outlay. This tax is very small, and on low-priced cars is not more than \$2 or \$3 each year.

While the advantage of having good roads is very large, the desire for improved highways is not limited to our own country. It should and does include all the Western Hemisphere. The principal points in Canada are already accessible. We ought to lend our encouragement in any way we can for more good roads to all the principal points in this hemisphere south of the Rio Grande. It has been our practice to supply these countries with military and naval advisers, when they have requested it, to assist them in national defense. The arts of peace are even more important to them and to us. Authority should be given by law to provide them at their request with engineering advisers for the construction of roads and bridges. In some of these countries already wonderful progress is being made in road building, but the engineering features are often very exacting and the financing difficult. Private interests should look with favor on all reasonable loans sought by these countries to open such main lines of travel.

This general subject has been promoted by the Pan American Congress of Highways, which will convene again at Rio de Janeiro in July, 1928. It is desirable that the Congress should provide for the appointment of delegates to represent the Government of the United States.

Cuban Parcel Post.

We have a temporary parcel-post convention with Cuba. The advantage of it is all on our side. During 1926 we shipped twelve times as many parcels, weighing twenty-four times as much, as we received. This convention was made on the understanding that we would repeal an old law prohibiting the importation of cigars and cigarettes in quantities less than 3,000 enacted in 1866 to discourage smuggling, for which it has long been unnecessary. This law unjustly discriminates against an important industry of Cuba. Its repeal has been recommended by the Treasury and Post Office Departments. Unless this is done our merchants and railroads will find themselves deprived of this large parcel-post business after the 1st of next March, the date of the expiration of the convention, which has been extended upon the specific understanding that it would expire at that time unless this legislation was enacted. We purchase large quantities of tobacco made in Cuba. It is not probable that our purchases would be any larger if this law was repealed, while it would be an advantage to many other industries in the United States.

Insular Possessions.

Conditions in the Philippine Islands have been steadily improved. Contentment and good order prevail. Roads, irrigation works, harbor improvements, and public buildings are being constructed. Public education and sanitation have been advanced. The Government is in a sound financial condition. These immediate results were especially due to the administration of Gov. Gen. Leonard Wood. The six years of his governorship marked a distinct improvement in the islands and rank as one of the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished man. His death is a loss to the Nation and the islands.

Greater progress could be made, more efficiency could be put into administration, if the Congress would undertake to expend, through its appropriating power, all or a part of the customs revenues which are now turned over to the Philippine treasury. The powers of the auditor of the islands also need revision and clarification. The government of the islands is about 98% in the hands of the Filipinos. An extension of the policy

of self-government will be hastened by the demonstration on their part of their desire and their ability to carry out cordially and efficiently the provisions of the organic law enacted by the Congress for the government of the islands. It would be well for a committee of the Congress to visit the islands every two years.

A fair degree of progress is being made in Porto Rico. Its agricultural products are increasing; its treasury position, which has given much concern, shows improvement. I am advised by the governor that educational facilities are still lacking. Roads are being constructed, which he represents are the first requisite for building schoolhouses. The royalty of the island to the United States is exceedingly gratifying. A memorial will be presented to you requesting authority to have the governor elected by the people of Porto Rico. This was never done in the case of our own Territories. It is admitted that education outside of the towns is as yet very deficient. Until it has progressed further the efficiency of the government and the happiness of the people may need the guiding hand of an appointed governor. As it is not contemplated that any change should be made immediately, the general subject may well have the thoughtful study of the Congress.

Panama Canal.

The number of commercial ships passing through the Panama Canal has increased from 3,967 in 1923 to 5,475 in 1927. The total amount of tolls turned into the Treasury is over \$166,000,000, while all the operations of the canal have yielded a surplus of about \$80,000,000. In order to provide additional storage of water and give some control over the floods of the Chagres River, it is proposed to erect a dam to cost about \$12,000,000 at Alhajuela. It will take some five years to complete this work.

Agriculture.

The past year has seen a marked improvement in the general condition of agriculture. Production is better balanced and without acute shortage or heavy surplus. Costs have been reduced and the average output of the worker increased. The level of farm prices has risen, while others have fallen, so that the purchasing power of the farmer is approaching a normal figure. The individual farmer is entitled to great credit for the progress made since 1921. He has adjusted his production and through cooperative organizations and other methods improved his marketing. He is using authenticated facts and employing sound methods which other industries are obliged to use to secure stability and prosperity. The old-fashioned haphazard system is being abandoned, economics are being applied to ascertain the best adapted unit of land, diversification is being promoted, and scientific methods are being used in production, and business principles in marketing.

Agriculture has not fully recovered from postwar depression. The fact is that economic progress never marches forward in a straight line. It goes in waves. One part goes ahead, while another halts and another recedes. Everybody wishes agriculture to prosper. Any sound and workable proposal to help the farmer will have the earnest support of the Government. Their interests are not all identical. Legislation should assist as many producers in as many regions as possible. It should be the aim to assist the farmer to work out his own salvation socially and economically. No plan will be of any permanent value to him which does not leave him standing on his own foundation.

In the past the Government has spent vast sums to bring land under cultivation. It is apparent that this has reached temporarily the saturation point. We have had a surplus of production and a poor market for land, which has only lately shown signs of improvement. The main problem which is presented for solution is one of dealing with a surplus of production. It is useless to propose a temporary expedient. What is needed is permanency and stability. Government price fixing is known to be unsound and bound to result in disaster. A Government subsidy would work out in the same way. It can not be sound for all of the people to hire some of the people to produce a crop which neither the producers nor the rest of the people want.

Price fixing and subsidy will both increase the surplus, instead of diminishing it. Putting the Government directly into business is merely a combination of subsidy and price fixing aggravated by political pressure. These expedients would lead logically to telling the farmer by law what and how much he should plant and where he should plant it, and what and how much he should sell and where he should sell it. The most effective means of dealing with surplus crops is to reduce the surplus acreage. While this can not be done by the individual farmer, it can be done through the organizations already in existence, through the information published by the Department of Agriculture, and especially through banks and others who supply credit refusing to finance an acreage manifestly too large.

It is impossible to provide by law for an assured success and prosperity for all those who engage in farming. If acreage becomes over-extended, the Government cannot assume responsibility for it. The Government can, however, assist co-operative associations and other organizations in orderly marketing and handling a surplus clearly due to weather and seasonal conditions, in order to save the producer from preventable loss. While it is probably impossible to secure this result at a single step, and much will have to be worked out by trial and rejection, a beginning could be made by setting up a Federal board or commission of able and experienced men in marketing, granting equal advantages under this board to the various agricultural commodities and sections of the country, giving encouragement to the cooperative movement in agriculture, and providing a revolving loan fund at a moderate rate of interest for the necessary financing. Such legislation would lay the foundation for a permanent solution of the surplus problem.

This is not a proposal to lend more money to the farmer, who is already fairly well financed, but to lend money temporarily to experimental marketing associations which will no doubt ultimately be financed by the regularly established banks, as were the temporary operations of the War Finance Corporation. Co-operative marketing especially would be provided with means of buying or building physical properties.

The National Government has almost entirely relieved the farmer from income taxes by successive reductions, but State and local taxes have increased, putting on him a grievous burden. A policy of rigid economy should be applied to State and local expenditures. This is clearly within the legislative domain of the States. The Federal Government has also improved our banking structure and system of agricultural credits. The farmer will be greatly benefited by similar action in many States. The Department of Agriculture is undergoing changes in organization in order more completely to separate the research and regulatory divisions, that each may be better administered. More emphasis is being placed on the research program, not only by enlarging the appropriations for State experiment stations but by providing funds for expanding the research work of the department. It is in this direction that much future progress can be expected.

The Protective Tariff.

The present tariff rates supply the National Treasury with well over \$600,000,000 of annual revenue, yet, about 65% of our imports come in duty free. Of the remaining 35% of imports on which duties are laid about 23% consists of luxuries and agricultural products, and the balance

of about 12%, amounting to around \$560,000,000, is made up of manufactures and merchandise. As no one is advocating any material reduction in the rates on agriculture or luxuries, it is only the comparatively small amount of about \$560,000,000 of other imports that are really considered in any discussion of reducing tariff rates. While this amount, duty free, would be large enough seriously to depress many lines of business in our own country, it is of small importance when spread over the rest of the world.

It is often stated that a reduction of tariff rates on industry would benefit agriculture. It would be interesting to know to what commodities it is thought this could be applied. Everything the farmer uses in farming is already on the free list. Nearly everything he sells is protected. It would seem to be obvious that it is better for the country to let the farmer raise food to supply the domestic manufacturers than the foreign manufacturer. In one case our country would have only the farmer; in the other it would have the farmer and the manufacturer. Assuming that Europe would have more money if it sold us larger amounts of merchandise, it is not certain it would consume more food, or, if it did, that its purchases would be made in this country. Undoubtedly it would resort to the cheapest market, which is by no means ours. The largest and best and most profitable market for the farmer in the world is our own domestic market. Any great increase in manufactured imports means the closing of our own plants. Nothing could be worse for agriculture.

Probably no one expects a material reduction in the rates on manufactures while maintaining the rates on agriculture. A material reduction in either would be disastrous to the farmer. It would mean a general shrinkage of values, a deflation of prices, a reduction of wages, a general depression carrying our people down to the low standard of living in our competing countries. It is obvious that this would not improve but destroy our market for imports, which is best served by maintaining our present high purchasing power under which in the past five years imports have increased 63%.

It is exceedingly important that the Federal land and joint-stock land banks should furnish the best possible service for agriculture. Certain joint-stock banks have fallen into improper and unsound practices, resulting in the indictment of the officials of three of them. More money has been provided for examinations, and at the instance of the Treasury rules and regulations of the Federal Farm Board have been revised. Early last May three of its members resigned. Their places were filled with men connected with the War Finance Corporation, Eugene Meyer being designated as Farm Loan Commissioner. The new members have demonstrated their ability in the field of agricultural finance in the extensive operations of the War Finance Corporation. Three joint-stock banks have gone into receivership. It is necessary to preserve the public confidence in this system in order to find a market for their bonds. A recent flotation was made at a record low rate of 4%. Careful supervision is absolutely necessary to protect the investor and enable these banks to exercise their chief function in serving agriculture.

Muscle Shoals.

The last year has seen considerable changes in the problem of Muscle Shoals. Development of other methods show that nitrates can probably be produced at less cost than by the use of hydro-electric power. Extensive investigation made by the Department of Agriculture indicates that the nitrate plants on this project are of little value for national defense and can probably be disposed of within two years. The oxidation part of the plants, however, should be retained indefinitely. This leaves this project mostly concerned with power. It should, nevertheless, continue to be dedicated to agriculture. It is probable that this desire can be best served by disposing of the plant and applying the revenues received from it to research for methods of more economical production of centralized fertilizer and to demonstrations and other methods of stimulating its use on the farm.

Flood Control.

For many years the Federal Government has been building a system of dikes along the Mississippi River for protection against high water. During the past season the lower States were overcome by a most disastrous flood. Many thousands of square miles were inundated, a great many lives were lost, much livestock was drowned, and a very heavy destruction of property was inflicted upon the inhabitants. The American Red Cross at once went to the relief of the stricken communities. Appeals for contributions have brought in over \$17,000,000. The Federal Government has provided services, equipment, and supplies probably amounting to about \$7,000,000 more. Between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in addition have been provided by local railroads, the States, and their political units. Credits have been arranged by the Farm Loan Board, and three emergency finance corporations with a total capital of \$3,000,000 have insured additional resources to the extent of \$12,000,000. Through these means the 700,000 people in the flooded areas have been adequately supported. Provision has been made to care for those in need until after the 1st of January.

The Engineer Corps of the Army has contracted to close all breaks in the dike system before the next season of high water. A most thorough and elaborate survey of the whole situation has been made and embodied in a report with recommendations for future flood control, which will be presented to the Congress. The carrying out of their plans will necessarily extend over a series of years. They will call for a raising and strengthening of the dike system with provision for emergency spillways and improvements for the benefit of navigation.

Under the present law the land adjacent to the dikes has paid one-third of the cost of their construction. This has been a most extraordinary concession from the plan adopted in relation to irrigation, where the general rule has been that the land benefited should bear the entire expense. It is true, of course, that the troublesome waters do not originate on the land to be reclaimed, but it is also true that such waters have a right of way through that section of the country and the land there is charged with that easement. It is the land of this region that is to be benefited. To say that it is unable to bear any expense of reclamation is the same thing as saying that it is not worth reclaiming. Because of expenses incurred and charges already held against this land, it seems probable that some revision will have to be made concerning the proportion of cost which it should bear. But it is extremely important that it should pay enough so that those requesting improvements will be charged with some responsibility for their cost, and the neighborhood where works are constructed have a pecuniary interest in preventing waste and extravagance and securing a wise and economical expenditure of public funds.

It is necessary to look upon this emergency as a national disaster. It has been so treated from its inception. Our whole people have provided with great generosity for its relief. Most of the departments of the Federal Government have been engaged in the same effort. The

governments of the afflicted areas, both State and municipal, cannot be given too high praise for the courageous and helpful way in which they have come to the rescue of the people. If the sources directly chargeable cannot meet the demand, the National Government should not fail to provide generous relief. This, however, does not mean restoration. The Government is not an insurer of its citizens against the hazard of the elements. We shall always have flood and drought, heat and cold, earthquake and wind, lightning and tidal wave, which are all too constant in their afflictions. The Government does not undertake to reimburse its citizens for loss and damage incurred under such circumstances. It is chargeable, however, with the rebuilding of public works and the humanitarian duty of relieving its citizens from distress.

The people in the flooded area and their representatives have approached this problem in the most generous and broad-minded way. They should be met with a like spirit on the part of the National Government. This is all one country. The public needs of each part must be provided for by the public at large. No required relief should be refused. An adequate plan should be adopted to prevent a recurrence of this disaster in order that the people may restore to productivity and comfort their fields and their towns.

Legislation by this Congress should be confined to our principal and most pressing problem, the lower Mississippi, considering tributaries only so far as they materially affect the main flood problem. A definite Federal program relating to our waterways was proposed when the last Congress authorized a comprehensive survey of all the important streams of the country in order to provide for their improvement, including flood control, navigation, power, and irrigation. Other legislation should wait pending a report on this survey. The recognized needs of the Mississippi should not be made a vehicle for carrying other projects. All proposals for development should stand on their own merits. Any other method would result in ill-advised conclusions, great waste of money, and instead of promoting would delay the orderly and certain utilization of our water resources.

Very recently several of the New England States have suffered somewhat similarly from heavy rainfall and high water. No reliable estimate of damage has yet been computed, but it is very large to private and public property. The Red Cross is generously undertaking what is needed for immediate relief, repair and reconstruction of houses, restocking of domestic animals, and food, clothing, and shelter. A considerable sum of money will be available through the regular channels in the Department of Agriculture for reconstruction of highways. It may be necessary to grant special aid for this purpose. Complete reports of what is required will undoubtedly be available early in the session.

Inland Navigation.

The Congress in its last session authorized the general improvements necessary to provide the Mississippi waterway system with better transportation. Stabilization of the levels of the Great Lakes and their opening to the sea by an effective shipway remain to be considered. Since the last session the Board of Engineers of the War Department has made a report on the proposal for a canal through the State of New York, and the Joint Board of Engineers, representing Canada and the United States, has finished a report on the St. Lawrence River. Both of these boards conclude that the St. Lawrence project is cheaper, affords a more expeditious method of placing western products in European markets, and will cost less to operate. The State Department has requested the Canadian Government to negotiate treaties necessary to provide for this improvement. It will also be necessary to secure an agreement with Canada to put in works necessary to prevent fluctuation in the levels of the Great Lakes.

Legislation is desirable for the construction of a dam at Boulder Canyon on the Colorado River, primarily as a method of flood control and irrigation. A secondary result would be a considerable power development and a source of domestic water supply for southern California. Flood control is clearly a national problem, and water supply is a Government problem, but every other possibility should be exhausted before the Federal Government becomes engaged in the power business. The States which are interested ought to reach mutual agreement. This project is in reality their work. If they wish the Federal Government to undertake it, they should not hesitate to make the necessary concessions to each other. This subject is fully discussed in the annual report of the Secretary of the Interior. The Columbia River Basin project is being studied and will be one to be considered at some future time.

The Inland Waterways Corporation is proving successful and especially beneficial to agriculture. A survey is being made to determine its future needs. It has never been contemplated that if inland rivers were opened to navigation it would then be necessary for the Federal Government to provide the navigation. Such a request is very nearly the equivalent of a declaration that their navigation is not profitable, that the commodities which they are to carry can be taken at a cheaper rate by some other method, in which case the hundreds of millions of dollars proposed to be expended for opening rivers to navigation would be not only wasted, but would entail further constant expenditures to carry the commodities of private persons for less than cost.

The policy is well established that the Government should open public highways on land and on water, but for use of the public in their private capacity. It has put on some demonstration barge lines, but always with the expectation that if they prove profitable they would pass into private hands and if they do not prove profitable they will be withdrawn. The problems of transportation over inland waterways should be taken up by private enterprise, so that the public will have the advantage of competition in service. It is expected that some of our lines can be sold, some more demonstration work done, and that with the completion of the Ohio project a policy of private operation can be fully developed.

Prohibition.

After more than two generations of constant debate, our country adopted a system of national prohibition under all the solemnities involved in an amendment to the Federal Constitution. In obedience to this mandate the Congress and the States, with one or two notable exceptions, have passed required laws for its administration and enforcement. This imposes upon the citizenship of the country, and especially on all public officers, not only the duty to enforce, but the obligation to observe the sanctions of this constitutional provision and its resulting laws. If this condition could be secured, all question concerning prohibition would cease. The Federal Government is making every effort to accomplish these results through careful organization, large appropriations, and administrative effort. Smuggling has been greatly cut down, the larger sources of supply for illegal sale have been checked, and by means of injunction and criminal prosecution the process of enforcement is being applied. The same vigilance on the part of local governments would

render these efforts much more successful. The Federal authorities propose to discharge their obligation for enforcement to the full extent of their ability.

The Negro.

History does not anywhere record so much progress made in the same length of time as that which has been accomplished by the Negro race in the United States since the Emancipation Proclamation. They have come up from slavery to be prominent in education, the professions, art, science, agriculture, banking, and commerce. It is estimated that 50,000 of them are on the Government pay rolls, drawing about \$50,000,000 each year. They have been the recipients of presidential appointments and their professional ability has arisen to a sufficiently high plane so that they have been intrusted with the entire management and control of the great veterans' hospital at Tuskegee, where their conduct has taken high rank. They have shown that they have been worthy of all the encouragement which they have received. Nevertheless, they are too often subjected to thoughtless and inconsiderate treatment, unworthy alike of the white or colored races. They have especially been made the target of the foul crime of lynching. For several years these acts of unlawful violence had been diminishing. In the last year they have shown an increase. Every principle of order and law and liberty is opposed to this crime. The Congress should enact any legislation it can under the Constitution to provide for its elimination.

American Indian.

The condition of the American Indian has much improved in recent years. Full citizenship was bestowed upon them on June 2 1924 and appropriations for their care and advancement have been increased. Still there remains much to be done.

Notable increases in appropriations for the several major functions performed by the Department of the Interior on behalf of the Indians have marked the last five years. In that time, successive annual increases in appropriations for their education total \$1,804,325; for medical care, \$578,000; and for industrial advancement, \$205,000; or \$2,582,325 more than would have been spent in the same period on the basis of appropriations for 1923 and the preceding years.

The needs along health, educational, industrial, and social lines, however, are great, and the budget estimates for 1929 include still further increases for Indian administration.

To advance the time when the Indians may become self-sustaining, it is my belief that the Federal Government should continue to improve the facilities for their care, and as rapidly as possible turn its responsibility over to the States.

Coal.

Legislation authorizing a system of fuel administration and the appointment by the President of a Board of Mediation and Conciliation in case of actual or threatened interruption of production is needed. The miners themselves are now seeking information and action from the Government, which could readily be secured through such a board. It is believed that a thorough investigation and reconsideration of this proposed policy by the Congress will demonstrate that this recommendation is sound and should be adopted.

Petroleum Conservation.

The National Government is undertaking to join in the formation of a co-operative committee of lawyers, engineers, and public officers, to consider what legislation by the States or by the Congress can be adopted for the preservation and conservation of our supply of petroleum. This has come to be one of the main dependencies for transportation and power so necessary to our agricultural and industrial life. It is expected the report of this committee will be available for later congressional action. Meantime, the requirement that the Secretary of the Interior should make certain leases of land belonging to the Osage Indians, in accordance with the act of March 3 1921 should be repealed. The authority to lease should be discretionary, in order that the property of the Indians may not be wasted and the public suffer a future lack of supply.

Alien Property.

Under treaty the property held by the Alien Property Custodian was to be retained until suitable provision had been made for the satisfaction of American claims. While still protecting the American claimants, in order to afford every possible accommodation to the nationals of the countries whose property was held, the Congress has made liberal provision for the return of a large part of the property. All trusts under \$10,000 were returned in full, and partial returns were made on the others. The total returned was approximately \$350,000,000.

There is still retained, however, about \$250,000,000. The Mixed Claims Commission has made such progress in the adjudication of claims that legislation can now be enacted providing for the return of the property, which should be done under conditions which will protect our Government and our claimants. Such a measure will be proposed, and I recommend its enactment.

Railroad Consolidation.

In order to increase the efficiency of transportation and decrease its cost to the shipper, railroad consolidation must be secured. Legislation is needed to simplify the necessary procedure to secure such agreements and arrangements for consolidation, always under the control and with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Pending this, no adequate or permanent reorganization can be made of the freight-rate structure. Meantime, both agriculture and industry are compelled to wait for needed relief. This is purely a business question, which should be stripped of all local and partisan bias and decided on broad principles and its merits in order to promote the public welfare. A large amount of new construction and equipment, which will furnish employment for labor and markets for commodities of both factory and farm, wait on the decision of this important question. Delay is holding back the progress of our country.

Many of the same arguments are applicable to the consolidation of the Washington traction companies.

Veterans.

The care which this country has lavished on its veterans is known of all men. The yearly outlay for this purpose is about \$750,000,000, or about the cost of running the Federal Government, outside of the Post Office Department, before the World War. The Congress will have before it recommendations of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other like organizations, which should receive candid consideration. We should continue to foster our system of compensation and rehabilitation, and provide hospitals and insurance. The magnitude of the undertaking is already so large that all requests calling for further expenditure should have the most searching scrutiny. Our

present system of pensions is already sufficiently liberal. It was increased by the last Congress for Civil and Spanish War veterans and widows and for some dependents.

It has been suggested that the various governmental agencies now dealing with veterans' relief be consolidated. This would bring many advantages. It is recommended that the proper committees of the Congress make a thorough survey of this subject, in order to determine if legislation to secure such consolidation is desirable.

Education.

For many years it has been the policy of the Federal Government to encourage and foster the cause of education. Large sums of money are annually appropriated to carry on vocational training. Many millions go into agricultural schools. The general subject is under the immediate direction of a Commissioner of Education. While this subject is strictly a State and local function, it should continue to have the encouragement of the National Government. I am still of the opinion that much good could be accomplished through the establishment of a Department of Education and Relief, into which would be gathered all of these functions under one directing member of the Cabinet.

Department of Labor.

Industrial relations have never been more peaceful. In recent months they have suffered from only one serious controversy. In all others difficulties have been adjusted, both management and labor wishing to settle controversies by friendly agreement rather than by compulsion. The welfare of women and children is being especially guarded by our Department of Labor. Its Children's Bureau is in cooperation with 26 State boards and 80 juvenile courts.

Through its Bureau of Immigration it has been found that medical examination abroad has saved prospective immigrants from much hardship. Some further legislation to provide for reuniting families when either the husband or the wife is in this country, and granting more freedom for the migration of the North American Indian tribes, is desirable.

The United States Employment Service has enabled about 2,000,000 men and women to gain paying positions in the last fiscal year. Particular attention has been given to assisting men past middle life and in providing field labor for harvesting agricultural crops. This has been made possible in part through the service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, which is co-operating with the States in a program to increase the technical knowledge and skill of the wage earner.

Public Buildings.

Construction is under way in the country and ground has been broken for carrying out a public-building program for Washington. We have reached a time when not only the conveniences but the architectural beauty of the public buildings of the Capital City should be given much attention. It will be necessary to purchase further land and provide the required continuing appropriations.

Historical Celebrations.

Provision is being made to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Suggestion has been made for the construction of a memorial road leading from the Capital to Mount Vernon, which may well have the consideration of the Congress, and the commission entrusted with preparations for the celebration will undoubtedly recommend publication of the complete writings of Washington and a series of writings by different authors relating to him.

Feb. 25 1929 is the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville, at Vincennes, in the State of Indiana. This eventually brought into the Union what was known as the Northwest Territory, embracing the region north of the Ohio River between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi River. This expedition was led by George Rogers Clark. His heroic character and the importance of his victory are too little known and understood. They gave us not only this Northwest Territory but by means of that the prospect of reaching the Pacific. The State of Indiana is proposing to dedicate the site of Fort Sackville as a national shrine. The Federal Government may well make some provision for the erection under its own management of a fitting memorial at that point.

Foreign Relations.

It is the policy of the United States to promote peace. We are a peaceful people and committed to the settling of disputes by amicable adjustment rather than by force. We have believed that peace can best be secured by a faithful observance on our part of the principles of international law, accompanied by patience and conciliation, and requiring of others a like treatment for ourselves. We have lately had some difference with Mexico relative to the injuries inflicted upon our nationals and their property within that country. A firm adherence to our rights and a scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of Mexico, both in accordance with the law of nations, coupled with patience and forbearance, it is hoped will resolve all our differences without interfering with the friendly relationship between the two Governments.

We have been compelled to send naval and marine forces to China to protect the lives and property of our citizens. Fortunately their simple presence there has been sufficient to prevent any material loss of life. But there has been considerable loss of property. That unhappy country is torn by factions and revolutions which bid fair to last for an indefinite period. Meanwhile we are protecting our citizens and stand ready to co-operate with any government which may emerge in promoting the welfare of the people of China. They have always had our friendship, and they should especially merit our consideration in these days of their distraction and distress.

We were confronted by similar condition on a small scale in Nicaragua. Our marine and naval forces protected our citizens and their property and prevented a heavy sacrifice of life and the destruction of that country by a reversion to a state of revolution. Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, was sent there to co-operate with our diplomatic and military officers in effecting a settlement between the contending parties. This was done on the assurance that we would co-operate in restoring a state of peace where our rights would be protected by giving our assistance in the conduct of the next presidential election, which occurs in a few months. With this assurance the population returned to their peace-time pursuits, with the exception of some small roving bands of outlaws.

In general, our relations with other countries can be said to have improved within the year. While having a due regard for our own affairs, the protection of our own rights, and the advancement of our own people, we can afford to be liberal toward others. Our example has become of great importance in the world. It is recognized that we are independent, detached, and can and do take a disinterested position in relation to international affairs. Our charity embraces the earth. Our

trade is far flung. Our financial favors are widespread. Those who are peaceful and law-abiding realize that not only have they nothing to fear from us, but that they can rely on our moral support. Proposals for promoting the peace of the world will have careful consideration. But we are not a people who are always seeking for a sign. We know that peace comes from honesty and fair dealing, from moderation, and a generous regard for the rights of others. The heart of the Nation is more important than treaties. A spirit of generous consideration is a more certain defense than great armaments. We should continue to promote peace by our example, and fortify it by such international covenants against war as we are permitted under our Constitution to make.

American Progress.

Our country has made much progress. But it has taken, and will continue to take, much effort. Competition will be keen, the temptation to selfishness and arrogance will be severe, the provocations to deal harshly with weaker peoples will be many. All of these are embraced in the opportunity for true greatness. They will be over-balanced by co-operation, by generosity, and a spirit of neighborly kindness. The forces of the universe are taking humanity in that direction. In doing good, in walking humbly, in sustaining its own people, in ministering to other nations, America will work out its own mighty destiny.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

The White House, Dec. 6 1927.

Budget Message of President Coolidge Holds Tax Reduction of \$225,000,000 is Maximum if Balanced Budget Would Be Preserved.

In his budget message transmitted to Congress on Dec. 7, President Coolidge placed the estimated surplus for the year ending June 30, 1929, at \$252,540,283, compared with the estimated surplus of \$454,283,806 for the fiscal year 1928. Of the estimated surplus for 1929, he said, "\$75,000,000 is from non-recurring sources. This surplus," he added, "is reached by means of a fairly sanguine estimate of receipts and a carefully restricted estimate of expenditure." He pointed out that the expenditure estimate for 1929 of \$3,556,957,031 includes nothing for flood control with the exception of the fifth-year allowance of \$10,000,000 in the six-year program authorized by Congress. Other proposed major projects, not yet the subject of legislation, he said, "are not provided for in this estimate. It is reasonably certain that some of them will be enacted into law and will call for material advances from the Federal Treasury." The President went on to say that "careful study of all these factors points to a tax reduction of \$225,000,000 as the maximum, and that amount only possible on the assumption that the estimates of expenditure for 1929 be not materially exceeded, and that additional continuing obligations be incurred only to the extent that absolute necessity from the standpoint of public need warrants." The President further said "I am counting on the continued prosperity of the nation in recommending a tax reduction of \$225,000,000. I am also counting on the determined continuance of the campaign for rigid Government economy. I believe that a tax reduction in the sum which I have mentioned is justified. We must, however, preserve the sanctity of a balanced budget."

Appropriations totaling \$4,258,793,765 (including Post Office Department and Postal Service) are called for in the budget estimates for 1929 submitted by the President, comparing with \$4,140,144,546 for 1928. "Since 1920," says the message "there have been three reductions in taxes for the purpose of relieving the people of some of their war burdens. The act of November, 1921, lightened the tax load by a reduction of \$663,000,000. The act of 1924 afforded additional relief of \$519,000,000. The act of 1926 made a further reduction of \$422,000,000. Taking these all together our tax demands have been lessened by \$1,604,000,000."

"Hand in hand with these material curtailments the public debt," the President notes, "has been reduced. From a peak of more than twenty-six and a half billions of dollars the debt had been reduced on June 30, 1927, by \$8,084,794,716. This lowering of the debt means an annual saving in interest of approximately \$320,000,000. While this tangible and extraordinary saving emphasized the importance of debt reduction as a preliminary to ultimate adequate tax reduction, we have at this time for consideration the question of further relief to those who pay Federal taxes." The measures taken toward the retirement of the Second Liberty Loan Bonds are also referred to by the President, who says, "the saving in annual interest by the debt reduction effected by retirement of these bonds amounts to over \$24,000,000 and the annual saving effected by the refunding operations will amount to more than \$21,000,000, making a total annual saving in interest of more than \$45,000,000. The total reduction of annual interest due to refunding and payments on the national debt

for the calendar year 1927 will be about \$75,000,000." We give the message herewith:

To the Congress of the United States:

Herewith is transmitted the budget of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929. The receipts and expenditures shown in detail in the budget are summarized in the following statement:

Summary (exclusive of postal revenues and postal expenditures paid from postal revenues).

	Estimated 1929.	Estimated 1928.	Actual, 1927.
Receipts:			
Customs.....	602,000,000.00	602,000,000.00	605,499,983.44
Income tax.....	2,065,000,000.00	2,165,000,000.00	2,224,992,800.25
Miscellaneous internal rev.....	640,545,000.00	638,545,000.00	644,421,541.56
Miscellaneous receipts.....	501,952,314.00	670,053,091.00	654,480,115.85
Total receipts.....	3,809,497,314.00	4,075,598,091.00	4,129,394,441.10
Total expenditures (including reduction of the public debt required by law to be made from ordinary receipts).....	3,556,957,031.00	3,621,314,285.00	3,493,584,519.40
Excess of receipts.....	252,540,283.00	454,283,806.00	635,809,921.70

The budget system has now been in effect a sufficient length of time to enable us to appreciate fully its far-reaching importance. It is directly responsible for our present position of financial stability. That position has been acquired by scientific management of our business affairs. This management has resulted in improvement throughout the entire field covered by Federal operations. It seems inconceivable that such progress could have been made in so short a period after the great world conflict. Yet it has been done. It demonstrates the efficiency of our form of government. The good of all the people is our controlling consideration. And because of this, scientific management of our affairs is essential.

In slightly more than six years we have had substantial reductions in taxes and in that same period we have enhanced greatly the value of the service which we are rendering the people. We are raising money to pay our long-term commitments. We have provided for adequate national defense. Our housing problems are being cared for. All through our Government activities there have been improvement and progress. Federal activities have kept pace with a growing and progressive nation. This has all called for orderly procedure, and we are reaping the rewards which follow that course. We can well take the experience of the past as our index to future operations. If we proceed along the orderly lines followed these last years our continued success is assured.

Tax Reduction

Since 1920 there have been three reductions in taxes for the purpose of relieving the people of some of their war burdens. The act of Nov., 1921, lightened the tax load by a reduction of \$663,000,000. The act of 1924 afforded additional relief of \$519,000,000. The act of 1926 made a further reduction of \$422,000,000. Taking these all together our tax demands have been lessened by \$1,604,000,000. This in itself illustrates the value of orderly procedure.

The people are permanently richer because of the diminished demands made by the Federal Government. And hand in hand with these material curtailments of the amounts taken from the people the public debt has been reduced. From a peak of more than twenty-six and a half billions of dollars the debt had been reduced on June 30, 1927, by \$8,084,794,716. This lowering of the debt means an annual saving in interest of approximately \$320,000,000. While this tangible and extraordinary saving emphasized the importance of debt reduction as a preliminary to ultimate adequate tax reduction, we have at this time for consideration the question of further relief to those who pay Federal taxes.

In planning for a revision downward of tax rates, the first question that presents itself is the amount of money that can safely be devoted to the purpose without curtailing necessary activities of the Government or threatening a deficit. The extraordinary surplus of June 30, 1927, was \$635,809,000, and was made possible by receipts from non-recurring sources of \$414,000,000, only \$221,000,000 coming from current and continuing sources. Of this surplus, \$612,000,000 was applied to the public debt, effecting an annual interest saving of \$24,000,000.

The estimated surplus for this year—which ends with June 30 next—is \$454,000,000, of which \$318,000,000 is from non-recurring sources, and \$136,000,000 from current and continuing sources. This is an increase of \$254,000,000 over the estimate carried in the 1928 budget, of which increase \$158,000,000 is from miscellaneous receipts which include \$154,000,000 in receipts from railroads. The remaining \$96,000,000 of the increase is found in regular revenue returns.

The estimated surplus for 1929—the coming fiscal year—is \$252,540,000, of which \$75,000,000 is from non-recurring sources. This surplus is reached by means of a fairly sanguine estimate of receipts and a carefully restricted estimate of expenditure. The expenditure estimate for 1929 of \$3,557,000,000 includes nothing for flood control with the exception of the fifth-year allowance of \$10,000,000 in the six-year program authorized by Congress. Other proposed major projects, not yet the subject of legislation, are not provided for in this estimate. It is reasonably certain that some of them will be enacted into law and will call for material advances from the Federal Treasury. This will doubtless have the consideration of Congress.

Careful study of all these factors points to a tax reduction of \$225,000,000 as the maximum, and that amount only possible on the assumption that the estimates of expenditure for 1929 be not materially exceeded, and that additional continuing obligations be incurred only to the extent that absolute necessity from the standpoint of public need warrants. Adequate flood protection, of course, meets the requirements of absolute urgent necessity.

Under the provisions of the Budget and Accounting act, I recommend to Congress that taxes be reduced by not to exceed \$225,000,000.

Each of the three reductions in tax rates since November, 1921, has been measured on the certainty of our ability to stand such reductions. This is the only safe course. It has brought forth a balanced budget. In this we have found our financial stability. We have been operating on the wise plan that reduction in rates of Federal taxes should be permanent. This is the only proper basis for tax reduction. In a business of the magnitude of that of the Federal Government there must be a margin of safety. The fact that this margin has grown to large proportions in the past fiscal years carries no assurance that that will continue. I am in favor of tax reduction. I am not in favor of any such reduction as will jeopardize our financial stability.

Preservation of Balanced Budget

The assurance that Federal expenditures will be kept within Federal receipts has bulwarked public confidence, it has contributed measurably to the prosperous condition of the country, it has ministered to the

justifiable pride of our people in their Government and in its orderly and sane processes. To jeopardize our balanced budget, to do anything that in the most remote degree would threaten to interfere with the orderly processes of wise financing, to take steps in the interest of tax reduction that would necessitate either revolutionary curtailment of important Federal projects and activities or compel a later upward revision of tax rates, or both, is unthinkable. I am convinced the people of this country are overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the budget balanced and are just as overwhelmingly opposed to any measure or measures that would make any other result even remotely possible.

I am counting on the continued prosperity of the nation in recommending a tax reduction of \$225,000,000. I am also counting on the determined continuance of the campaign for rigid Government economy. I believe that a tax reduction in the sum which I have mentioned is justified. We must, however, preserve the sanctity of a balanced budget. Under the law made by the Congress the President cannot countenance a program of expenditure or approve estimates for appropriations that threaten to interfere with the annual balancing of the national budget.

Estimated receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, as carried in the 1928 budget totaled \$4,026,780,688, and estimated expenditure was \$3,643,701,593. The year closed, however, with actual receipts of \$4,129,394,441.10 and actual expenditures of \$3,493,584,519.40. We were fortunate in having a marked increase in receipts, while a material reduction in estimated expenditure, resulting largely from the continuing policy of economy, contributed to the creation of the largest surplus in history, \$635,809,921.70.

In the budget for 1928, transmitted to the Congress Dec. 6, 1926, it was estimated that our receipts for that year would be \$3,772,753,077 and our expenditures \$3,572,049,214. The surplus indicated was \$200,703,863. Today our finances for 1928 present a more favorable outlook. It is now estimated that our receipts for the year now in progress will reach \$4,075,598,091 and that our expenditures will be \$3,621,314,285. This indicates a surplus of \$454,283,806.

The estimates of appropriations contained in this budget reach a total of \$3,505,793,766, which is exclusive of the Postal Service payable from postal receipts. A comparison between the estimates in this budget and those for the fiscal year 1928 should necessarily include the supplemental estimates for 1928. Many of these were presented to the Congress for consideration in the second deficiency bill, fiscal year 1927. That bill failed of enactment. There has necessarily been a change in these estimates. In the following table a comparison is made with the estimates of appropriations contained in this budget and the appropriations for 1928 coupled with the estimates pertaining to the latter fiscal year.

The following table gives a comparison of the estimates of appropriations contained in the budget submitted by President Coolidge and the appropriations for 1928.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1929 COMPARED WITH APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1928.

Departments—	Estimates of Appropriations, 1929.	Appropriations, 1928. a
Legislative establishment.....	\$16,862,930.86	\$16,554,579.56
Executive office.....	437,180.00	438,460.00
Independent establishments:		
Alaska relief funds.....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Allen Property Custodian.....	7,500.00	98,000.00
American Battle Monuments Commission.....	700,000.00	600,000.00
Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission.....	2,300,000.00	2,500,000.00
Board of Mediation.....	347,902.00	390,000.00
Board of Tax Appeals.....	720,740.00	712,780.00
Bureau of Efficiency.....	210,350.00	210,350.00
Civil Service Commission.....	1,098,752.00	1,007,442.00
Commission of Fine Arts.....	7,300.00	7,300.00
Employees' Compensation Commission.....	3,675,000.00	2,698,200.00
Federal Board of Vocational Education.....	8,220,000.00	8,165,230.00
Federal Radio Commission.....	120,890.00	42,500.00
Federal Reserve Board.....	80,560.00	80,560.00
Federal Trade Commission.....	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00
General Accounting Office.....	963,000.00	984,350.00
Housing Corporation.....	3,820,060.00	3,835,000.00
International Trade Exhibition.....	475,000.00	564,236.00
Inter-State Commerce Commission.....	7,642,337.00	7,811,314.00
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.....	600,000.00	525,000.00
Public Buildings and Public Parks.....	2,584,980.00	2,422,950.00
Smithsonian Institution.....	974,761.00	939,711.00
Tariff Commission.....	749,000.00	682,000.00
United States Geographic Board.....	4,300.00	3,945.00
United States Shipping Board and Merchant Fleet Corporation.....	13,688,750.00	12,290,000.00
United States Veterans' Bureau.....	560,060,000.00	545,865,000.00
Claims, judgments, &c.....	-----	14,000.00
Total Executive Office and Independent establishments.....	\$612,204,052.00	\$595,520,808.00
Department of Agriculture.....	142,753,229.00	139,862,989.00
Department of Commerce.....	37,599,460.00	36,630,450.00
Department of the Interior.....	300,190,089.00	285,810,120.00
Department of Justice.....	26,784,630.00	26,400,889.50
Department of Labor.....	10,735,840.00	10,159,516.00
Navy Department.....	362,167,020.00	318,131,957.00
Post Office Department, postal deficiency, payable from Treasury.....	15,270,042.00	b 30,370,000.00
State Department.....	14,015,188.14	12,155,119.41
Treasury Department.....	316,333,562.00	d275,732,633.00
War Department, including Panama Canal.....	398,823,143.00	371,904,165.00
District of Columbia.....	40,431,186.00	38,824,385.00
Total ordinary.....	\$2,294,170,372.00	\$2,158,057,611.47
Reduction in principal of the public debt:		
Sinking fund.....	369,209,093.53	354,157,085.00
Redemption of securities from Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank franchise tax receipts.....	1,000,000.00	800,000.00
Redemption of bonds, &c., account of repayments of principal and as interest payments on obligations of foreign Governments.....	171,214,300.00	181,963,650.00
Redemption of bonds, &c., account of forfeitures, gifts, &c.....	200,000.00	200,000.00
Principal of the public debt.....	541,623,393.53	b537,120,735.00
Interest on the public debt.....	670,000,000.00	b720,000,000.00
Total payable from the Treasury.....	\$3,505,793,765.53	\$3,415,178,346.47
Postal Service payable from postal revenues.....	753,000,000.00	b724,966,200.00
Total, including Post Office Department and Postal Service.....	\$4,258,793,765.53	\$4,140,144,546.47

a Includes \$79,664,436 permanent and indefinite appropriations not included in Budget estimates prior to 1929. b Revised to date. c Heretofore included in estimates of appropriations for "Postal Service payable from postal revenue." d Includes \$107,000,000 1927-28 supplemental appropriations for internal revenue refunds.

The budget for 1929, herewith submitted, is more complete than any of its predecessors. It is the intent of the law creating a budget system for the Federal Government that the annual budget include estimates for all needs of the Government for the full twelve months for which budget estimates are submitted. In our great and growing Government

changes are kaleidoscopic and new needs and imperative new demands arise overnight calling for congressional help. The Chief Executive is committed by law to the policy of making each annual budget a complete provision for a full year, appreciating the wisdom of such a policy. While actual deficits are rare, supplementals, because of the reasons cited, persist, and persist large in amount and many in number.

Estimates of this character, which have already been submitted to this Congress for inclusion in the urgent deficiency bill, total approximately \$204,000,000. Of this amount, \$106,000,000 is made necessary by new legislation. Of the balance of approximately \$98,000,000, the sum of \$43,000,000 is required for tax refunds, \$7,000,000 for emergency flood relief, \$8,000,000 for claims and judgments, while the remainder is needed for national defense or to meet demands of policies that have congressional approval. The non-enactment of the second deficiency bill during the session of Congress which closed March 4, 1927, necessarily adds to the total of these supplemental estimates which must now be presented to the Congress.

Refunding Taxes

I believe the time has come when our estimates of appropriations for refunding taxes illegally collected should be reflected in the appropriation items requested in the budget. In prior years this item of expense, while reflected in budget estimates of expenditure, has not been fully reflected in the annual estimates for appropriations. The operation has been conducted on a calendar-year basis by making the refundment of taxes an item for inclusion as a supplemental, rather than budget, estimate. The budget herewith contains an estimate of \$135,000,000 for refundment of taxes for the full fiscal year 1929. This is in harmony with the plan to have the annual budget estimates reflect the conditions for the fiscal year to which they relate. The balance of the current fiscal year will be covered by a supplemental estimate.

In the development of this plan the estimates of appropriations in this budget carry approximately \$80,000,000 more for permanent and indefinite appropriations than has appeared in preceding budgets. This is all in the interest of having the budget estimates reflect actual requirements. This is a step in the right direction. It narrows the margin between our estimates of appropriations and the estimate of expenditure. The latter estimate has always carried these items, but their reflection elsewhere in the budget as estimates of appropriations is most desirable.

Taking the refundment of taxes item and these additional permanent and indefinite funds together, we have an increase of \$230,000,000 over what would have been required under the plan of estimates heretofore followed in preparing the annual budgets. This is not a real increase, as these items have always been included in the estimates of expenditure.

Civilian Employees

The budget herewith contains for the first time estimates of appropriations for commencing liquidation of the liability of the Government to both the civil service and foreign service retirements. The Congress wisely authorized submission of estimates for this purpose. This conforms to the principle under which we have been operating to amortize our long-term commitments. For the civil service retirement fund the estimate is \$19,950,000 and for the foreign service retirement fund \$213,000. The Government board of actuaries estimates that an annual appropriation of the former amount for 71 years and of the latter amount for 60 years will meet fully the accrued and accruing liability of the Government to these two funds. Since these estimates are based on the present pay roll, any increase in the roll will be reflected in a reduction of the time in which the liability of the Government will be fully discharged. An increase of 1% annually in the pay roll of those contributing to the civil service retirement fund would reduce the period of amortization from 71 to 42 years.

We are necessarily concerned in the Federal pay-roll. This concern involves both the interests of the taxpayers and those who are on the rolls. The effort has been to do equal justice to both. The Classification act of 1923, with the extension of comparable rates of compensation to those in the field service, has substantially met the situation. In 1923 the average salary of Federal employees at the seat of government was \$1,674. When the Classification act went into effect in 1924 it increased the average salary to \$1,749. For the fiscal year 1927 the average salary had increased to \$1,846. For 1928 the average salary will be about \$1,886 and for 1929 will amount approximately to \$1,897. Adequate provision has been made for those employees who are injured in line of duty and for those who are retired because of permanent disability or age. The allowance for annual and sick leave, the reasonable hours of daily service under favorable working conditions, and the permanency of employment are other factors which favor the Government worker. Taking all things into consideration, I feel that the Government is liberal in the treatment of its employees. If this were not so, it is hardly possible that the civil service records would show that more than a quarter of a million persons sought Federal employment in 1927 when the number of vacancies was only 38,700. All our investigations show that in places paying less than \$2,500 to \$3,000 the rate of pay by the Government is higher than in comparable places in private employ.

National Defense

In 1927 there was available for expenditure for defense purposes, excluding all nonmilitary items and retired pay, \$576,000,000. The current year's availability will be \$625,000,000, while this budget contemplates available defense funds of approximately \$645,000,000.

The estimates carry \$48,000,000 for increase of the navy. This provides for prosecution work on all projects authorized by the Congress, with the exception of 3 submarines and 12 destroyers authorized in 1916, for which no funds are desired at this time. Navy craft under construction in 1929 will comprise 2 submarines and 8 cruisers, of which 2 will be practically completed in 1929—the Pensacola and Salt Lake City. Ample funds are provided in the estimate for the modernization of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada, in accordance with the approved modernization program. Necessary funds are provided to carry out the third increment of the five-year air program. It is expected with the funds recommended the navy at the end of the coming fiscal year will have 696 planes of the 1,000 final total contemplated in the program approved by the Congress. Additional funds are also recommended for the lighter-than-air ship, for which Congress has already appropriated \$200,000.

Army estimates contemplate a regular army of 118,750 men with 12,000 officers, 30,000 trainees for the Citizens' Military Training Camp, 15,725 trainees in the Organized Reserve, 125,000 cadets in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and a National Guard strength of 188,000 men. The total availability asked for army housing in 1929 is \$7,115,000, including contract authorization. There is carried in the supplemental estimates for 1928 the sum of \$6,166,000 for army housing, that being the amount which failed of enactment in the second deficiency

bill in the last Congress. This makes a total available in the two estimates of \$13,281,000, and completes the authorization so far made by Congress for this purpose. In addition thereto the amount recommended for repair and maintenance of barracks, quarters, sewers, roads, and water systems amounts to \$10,440,000, an increase of \$1,672,500 over available funds this current year. Included in these estimates also is an increase of \$2,000,000 over the 1928 appropriation for ammunition. Estimates herewith for the Army Air Corps provide for the second year increment in the five-year program looking toward 1,800 airplanes at the end of the five years.

Air Service

We have proceeded sufficiently far in our air service program to show the wisdom of the legislative policy with regard to this important and developing line of Federal activity. Under this policy the needs of the Federal Government are being met with orderly stimulation of private industry. The appropriations of the past as well as the estimates now submitted are all in furtherance of this policy. Our procurement of aircraft and accessories is from private industry. This is as it should be. We have gone further than this. Private industry is now operating by contract our entire postal air mail service. We now have thirteen contract mail routes in operation and seven others under contract with a view to their early operation.

We can point with pride to the Federal operation of the postal air mail service. Such operation was necessary in the beginning. We can point with equal pride to the turning of that service over to private industry for operation under contract. That has resulted largely from the policy which this nation has been pursuing in air navigation. That policy, probably more than any one other thing, made possible the handling of this business by private enterprise. In the realm of navigation by air, I have mentioned elsewhere the provision made in these estimates for carrying on the five-year air programs for the army and navy. In our civil work the Coast Guard, the Prohibition Service and the Forest Service are also operating airplanes. The Department of Commerce is also using planes in its air navigation work. Provision for all of these is made in the estimates herewith submitted, which also carry funds for further development of our lighted airways. With regard to this latter Federal function, the end of the next fiscal year under the estimate herein submitted should see more than 10,000 miles of lighted airways.

Federal Aid to States

I am including in this budget an estimate of \$1,108,000 for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy. I refer to this estimate for two reasons. The first is, that the authorization for this appropriation expires with the fiscal year 1929. The second is, that it marks the termination of Federal contribution to a project which is for State control and administration. The extension for two years of the provisions of the act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy was approved with the understanding that its administration during these two added years would be with a view to the discontinuance of Federal aid thereafter. Six years of experience under the able administration that has characterized the Government's policy warrants this permanent withdrawal of Federal aid, assured that the States are now or should be able to carry on this work without aid or interference from the Federal Government.

This opens up the whole subject of State aid, which despite frequent warnings continues strongly entrenched in Federal operations. While the amount of money taken annually from the Federal Treasury for subsidies to States is not inconsiderable, the dangers inherent in the policy are of far greater importance. To relieve the States of their just obligations by resort to the Federal Treasury in the final result is hurtful rather than helpful to the State and unfair to the payers of national taxes. To tempt the States by Federal subsidies to sacrifice their vested rights is not a wholesome practice no matter how worthy the object to be attained. Federal interference in State functions can never be justified as a permanent continuing policy even if, which is hurtful rather than helpful to the State and unfair to the payers of temporary expedient. As shown in the maternity and infancy act, when once the Government engages in such an enterprise it is almost impossible to terminate its connection therewith. We should not only decidedly refuse to countenance additional Federal participation in State-aid projects, but should make careful study of all our activities of that character with a view to curtailing them.

Federal Buildings

With a view to expediting the construction program authorized by the public buildings act of May 25, 1926, estimates of appropriations amounting to \$8,131,000 will be submitted for the consideration of Congress in the first deficiency bill of this fiscal year. This amount will pertain to the projects included in the public buildings appropriation bill which failed of passage the last fiscal year and for which authority to enter into contracts has been previously authorized. The estimates submitted with this budget provide for projects at limits of cost aggregating \$53,577,000, and carry a total request for appropriation of \$13,000,000. This amount, together with the appropriations already available and those requested in the urgent deficiency for this year, will provide ample funds for expenditure within the yearly limit of \$25,000,000 fixed in the act.

Reduction in Size of Paper Currency

During the past year an exhaustive study involving the designs of the paper currency issues of the United States has been completed and definite conclusions have been reached. New designs are being prepared which will eliminate the existing confusion, and the size will be reduced about one-third.

For many years there has been a constantly growing demand for increased supplies of paper currency. Many factors have entered into the situation, among them being the growth of the country in population and wealth and the more extended use of paper instead of coin. During the past decade the paper currency outstanding has increased from \$536,600,000 pieces, in amount exceeding \$4,212,000,000, to 865,300,000 pieces, in amount approximating \$5,715,000,000. In order to meet the currency requirements the Bureau of Engraving and Printing delivered 514,688,000 pieces during 1917 and 992,339,000 pieces during 1927. Constantly increasing appropriations have been required and it was apparent should the increase continue it would be necessary to provide additional production facilities. Both of these considerations have been effectively met by the action taken.

The reduction in size will serve the public convenience, will create substantial savings in expense of manufacture and will insure that existing manufacturing facilities will meet increased demands for many years to come.

Second Liberty Loan

The retirement and refunding of our second Liberty loan has aided materially in lessening our interest charges. On Feb. 28, 1927, there

were outstanding \$3,104,520,050 second Liberty loan bonds, practically all of which bore interest at the rate of 4½%. From Feb. 28, 1927, to Nov. 18, 1927, bonds to the value of \$575,000,000 were retired with funds available for debt reduction. The remainder, approximately \$2,500,000,000, are being refunded into securities bearing interest at the rate of 3½% and under.

The saving in annual interest by the debt reduction effected by retirement of these bonds amounts to over \$24,000,000 and the annual saving effected by the refunding operations will amount to more than \$21,000,000, making a total annual saving in interest of more than \$45,000,000. The total reduction of annual interest due to refunding and payments on the national debt for the calendar year 1927 will be about \$75,000,000.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

The White House.
Dec. 5, 1927.

Annual Report of the Secretary of Treasury—Income Tax Has Become Class Rather Than National Tax—Underlying Fundamentals of Business Sound—McFadden Act—Money Cost of World War to United States.

That the analyses of the returns made under the 1924 and 1926 were at an unusually high level, and collections country has become a class rather than a national tax is the statement made by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his annual report presented to Congress December 7. The Secretary notes that for the calendar year 1925 less than 0.3 of 1% of our population returned 95½% of our total income tax, about 1.9% returned 4½%, and the remaining 97.8% of the population returned no tax whatever. In his observations the Secretary makes reference to the fact that "income and profits in the calendar years 1925 and 1926 revenue acts indicates that the income tax in this on these incomes, half of which came in the fiscal year 1927, were larger in spite of the substantial reduction in individual income tax rates." "Not only," says the report, "did the 1926 revenue revision change the rates for different individuals subject to income tax, but through the increase in the income tax rate on corporations, it adjusted all income taxation so that corporations, as a group, pay an even larger proportion of the income taxes than formerly." Secretary Mellon incorporates in his report his recommendations for tax revision, as contained in his statement to the House Ways and Means Committee on October 31 1927 and published in these columns November 5, page 2474.

The Secretary gives first place in his report to the subject of business conditions and he states therein in his survey of the past year that "a large volume of business was done simultaneously with declining commodity prices—an unusual combination of circumstances." As to the present situation, Secretary Mellon says "while business is not as active as in most of 1926, it can hardly be said to be subnormal, and the underlying fundamentals appear to be sound." In addition to his recommendations bearing on the revision of the revenue act, Secretary Mellon urges the enactment of legislation in the form of an amendment to the Second Liberty Loan Act, authorizing the exemption from the surtax as well as the normal tax of future long-term Government issues. This proposal of the Treasury Department was made known in a recent speech of Under Secretary of the Treasury Ogden L. Mills, referred to in these columns November 19, page 2755. References to the revision of paper currency designs also forms a part of the Secretary's report; likewise the enactment of the McFadden Banking Act, the refunding of the Second Liberty Loan, the Federal Reserve System and gold movements, the situation in the Federal Farm Loan System, etc., are among the discussions in the report, which also contains a review of the Money Cost of the World War to the United States. We take the following extracts from the report:

A survey of the available data suggests the following summary conclusions as to business in the past year:

First. A large volume of business was done simultaneously with declining commodity prices—an unusual combination of circumstances.

Second. The volume of new construction remained large, as engineering and industrial and public works projects were in sufficient volume practically to offset a decline in construction of dwellings.

Third. High wages, due to increased average productivity per worker, and lower living costs, due to declining prices, resulted in a sustained purchasing power for a large variety of consumers' commodities.

Fourth. Business was free from the accumulation of excessive inventories, advance ordering subject to cancellations, and unreasonable speculation in commodities, and a spirit of caution prevailed generally among business men.

Fifth. Automobile production continued at a pace somewhat reduced from the year before, and dangers of a serious slump have been lessened as demands for replacements are now sufficient to absorb about half of the year's output.

Sixth. Competition became more intense and the largest profits were made by those concerns capable of introducing economies or capturing the market by adaptation of their products to the demand.

Seventh. Charges for the use of fixed capital were reduced both on industrial and Government securities and on farm loans.

Eighth. Banks in the United States increased their loans and investments about \$2,000,000,000 at the same time that they reduced somewhat their dependence upon the Federal reserve system, due mainly to gold imports and a decline in requirements for currency.

Business Conditions During the Fiscal Year.

Volume of business.—The volume of business transacted during the year, when measured by the total money value of check payments through banks outside New York City or by recognized indexes of the physical volume of production, was about 3% larger than during the prior fiscal year and larger than in any preceding year. There were three principal exceptions to this increase in business volume—the construction, automobile, and iron and steel industries did not move in harmony. New construction, measured by the value of contracts awarded, declined very slightly, but the year previous had registered such large totals that the fact of a decline is not so important as the smallness of the decline. Automobile production declined about 11% and nearly to the level of the fiscal year 1924. The iron and steel industry, drawing its sustenance from many other sources of demand as well as from construction and automobiles, showed a gain in ingot production of about 1% over the previous fiscal year. The increase in general business volume was made with the monthly average of factory employment, 2% less than in the prior year, reflecting a higher degree of industrial efficiency.

The industrial advance made during the fiscal year just closed was not uniform. Overproduction occurred in oil, followed by price readjustments and declines in earnings of many oil-producing companies. The cotton textile industry, on the other hand, stimulated by the low price of cotton, was more active than for some years past. Other textile industries also reported a generally larger output. Profits reported by a selected group of 456 corporations for the first half of the calendar year 1927 showed gains, as compared with the first half of 1926, for public utilities, motors and accessories, food and food products, mining and smelting, chemicals, and miscellaneous, but losses for oil, steel, machines and machine manufacturing, building supplies, and railroads.

Commodity prices.—The prices of all commodities at wholesale began a decline in 1925, according to the index numbers of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which continued throughout the fiscal years 1926 and 1927. Since May 1927 there has been some recovery. The actual decline, in terms of 1926 as a base, was from 104.8 (in March 1925) to 93.7 (in June 1927), or nearly 11%. The decline in the fiscal year 1927 alone was 5 3-5%.

The prices of agricultural commodities followed much the same course except that their drop in the past fiscal year was slightly less than that of nonagricultural products, and their recovery since June has been vigorous and has accounted for most of the recent increase in the general average of prices.

Foreign business conditions.—The past year has, on the whole, been one of continued improvement in the economic and financial status of important foreign countries. Legal stabilization of currencies on a gold basis has been achieved by seven countries during the past year. With only a few exceptions, the countries whose currencies remain legally independent of the value of gold are now within measurable distance of legal stabilization.

Industrial production in Europe has risen throughout the year. The volume of exports, as well as the domestic trade, was larger, and commodity prices have been fairly stable in the last few months. Unemployment has been declining recently, and, in general, it may be said that the position of labor in Europe is better than a year ago; where wage increases have not occurred, a fall in the cost of living has brought about the same results. Capital issues were much larger in many countries, and with few exceptions savings-bank deposits have increased.

Total volume of business.—Business activity began in the spring months of this year to fall below the totals of last year. As a result of this recession business is now being conducted on a basis that conforms more nearly to the normal expectancy as judged from the regular rate of growth of the country that has prevailed on the average for some years. While business is not as active as in most of 1926, it can hardly be said to be subnormal and the underlying fundamentals appear to be sound.

Distribution of Burden of Internal Taxation.

The fiscal year ended June 30 1927 gives the first opportunity for analyzing the changes in the principal sources of revenue and in the distribution of the burden of internal taxation effected by the revenue act of 1926 approved February 26 1926. The increase in the total ordinary receipts from \$3,962,755,690 in 1926 to \$4,129,394,441 in 1927, or \$166,638,751, came mainly from sources other than internal revenue taxation.

ORDINARY RECEIPTS, FISCAL YEARS 1920 TO 1927.
(On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised))

Year End. June 30.	Customs.	Income and profit taxes.	Miscellaneous internal revenue.	Miscellaneous [†] revenues, including Panama Canal		Total
				Proceeds from foreign obligations.	All other.	
1920.	\$ 322,902,650	\$ 3,944,949,288	\$ 1,460,082,287	\$ 74,296,622	\$ 892,334,542	\$ 6,694,565,389
1921.	308,564,391	3,206,046,158	1,390,379,823	114,821,206	605,121,383	5,624,932,961
1922.	356,443,387	2,068,128,193	1,145,125,064	75,222,068	464,185,439	4,109,104,151
1923.	561,928,867	1,678,607,428	945,865,333	232,989,156	357,744,697	4,007,135,481
1924.	545,637,504	1,842,144,418	953,012,618	221,774,675	449,475,487	4,012,044,702
1925.	547,561,226	1,760,537,823	828,638,068	183,637,677	459,773,890	3,780,148,654
1926.	579,430,093	1,982,040,088	855,599,289	194,237,957	351,448,263	3,962,755,690
1927.	605,499,983	2,224,992,800	644,421,542	206,089,173	448,390,943	4,129,394,441

Internal revenue collections, which include income taxes, tobacco, and other miscellaneous internal taxes, increased from \$2,837,639,377 to \$2,869,414,342, or \$31,774,965 over the preceding year; while receipts from customs and such miscellaneous sources as Government-owned securities, Panama Canal tolls, etc., were \$134,863,786 larger than in 1926, or \$1,259,980,099 as compared with \$1,125,116,313.

Closer analysis of internal revenue collections shows more definitely that tax changes were responsible for the failure of such receipts to increase. Income taxes, the most important internal taxes, yielded \$2,224,992,800, or \$242,952,712 more than in 1926.

However, larger back tax collections on incomes—\$331,476,826 in 1927 as compared with \$295,982,056 in 1926—were responsible for approximately \$35,000,000 of this increase. Such collections depend not upon current tax returns but on the administrative work of completing the audit and closing of returns for former years. The large volume during the fiscal year 1927 resulted from intensive work on returns for war years, the majority of which are now closed. Making allowance for receipts from this temporary source, current income tax receipts during 1927 increased about \$208,000,000. This is the increase in collections depending on the new law in which rates of tax on individual incomes were decreased, and credits and exemptions increased, while rates on corporation incomes were increased. Income and profits in the calendar years 1925 and 1926 were at an unusually high level, and collections on these incomes, half of which came in the fiscal year 1927, were larger in spite of the substantial reduction in individual income tax rates. Offsetting the additional current income tax collections of \$208,000,000 was a decline of about \$211,000,000 in collections from other internal taxes. These miscellaneous internal revenue taxes were seriously cut by the 1926 act from \$855,599,289 in 1926 to \$644,421,542 in 1927. If, therefore, allowance is made for collections not affected by the tax revision, internal revenue collections during 1927 were approximately the same as during 1926.

Receipts other than from internal revenue taxes come from the tariff and from a variety of other sources not of a taxation nature. These sources were responsible for the bulk of the increase in total ordinary receipts of the past year. Customs increased from \$579,430,093 to \$605,499,983, or \$26,069,890, the second successive year with a big gain, and the first time for customs to pass the \$600,000,000 mark. During the first three months of the fiscal year 1927 customs rose sharply over the same months of the preceding year until November, then declined rapidly until January, and remained about the same as in former years during the last six months, to June 30 1927.

Miscellaneous receipts include a variety of sources, a few yielding as much as some of the more important miscellaneous internal taxes, a large number of each producing a small amount from year to year. Among the more important miscellaneous receipts in recent years, shown separately in the following table, have been the proceeds from Government-owned securities (including foreign obligations, railroad securities issued under the transportation act of 1920, and Federal farm loan and other securities), sales of surplus property, and Panama Canal tolls. Less important individually are the items included under "all other"—public domain receipts, profits from coinage and bullion receipts, fees, fines and penalties, interest on public deposits, receipts from revenues of the District of Columbia, receipts in administering trust funds, and smaller items. Revenues grouped under "all other" have not varied much during the last four years, ranging from \$230,000,000 to \$272,000,000. There have, however, been wide fluctuations in the receipts from certain of the more important sources. Receipts from railroad securities have fluctuated from \$36,700,000 to \$143,900,000 and from Federal farm loan and other securities from \$9,600,000 to \$63,500,000 during the four-year period.

The total received from miscellaneous sources was larger in the fiscal year 1927 than from either customs receipts or from miscellaneous internal revenue taxes, or \$654,480,116 as compared with \$605,499,983 and \$644,421,542, respectively. The increase over similar receipts during the preceding year was from \$545,686,220 to \$654,480,116, or \$108,793,896. Government-owned securities other than foreign securities yielded \$153,200,000 in 1927 as compared with \$71,300,000 in 1926, about \$82,000,000 of the entire increase in miscellaneous receipts. The principal sources in years of the more immediate future will be foreign obligations owned by the Government, sale of surplus property other than war property, Panama Canal tolls, and all other, the total receipts from which varied from about \$460,000,000 to \$530,000,000 during the last four years.

Income Taxes.

The changes in principal sources of receipts reviewed above show the general effect of the revenue act of 1926 from the point of total revenue for the Government and the productivity of main revenue producers. During the operation of the law to date information has become available showing the effect on individual sources of revenue and individual groups of taxpayers. The most important information is the compilation of statistics from income tax returns of corporations and individuals for the calendar year 1925, returns of which were filed during 1926, under the provisions of the new revenue act. Actual tax collections on these returns were made during the calendar year 1926, or during the last half of the fiscal year 1926 and the first half of the fiscal year 1927.

Not only did the 1926 revenue revision change the rates for different individuals subject to income tax but, through the increase in the income tax rate on corporations, it adjusted all income taxation so that corporations, as a group, pay an even larger proportion of the income taxes than formerly. The following table shows the percentage distribution of income tax returned by corporations and individuals for the calendar years 1922-1925:

	Corporation.	Individual.
1922	47%	53%
1923	59%	41%
1924	56%	44%
1925	61%	39%

When the excess-profits tax on corporations was removed and surtax rates on individuals reduced in the revenue act of 1921, the normal rate on corporation income was increased from 10 to 12½%. Individual rates were further reduced in the act of 1924, retroactive on returns for the calendar year 1923, but corporation rates remained unchanged, and corporations then returned more than half of the income taxes. The increased proportion of income taxes returned by corporations for the calendar year 1925 reflects only part of the last tax revision since the rate was set at 13% for 1925 and at 13½% for subsequent years. For the calendar years 1926 and following corporations will be returning well over three-fifths of the income taxes.

Individual income tax.—The revenue act of 1926 made sweeping changes affecting the taxation of individual incomes by increasing the personal credit exemption for single persons 50% and that for married persons and heads of families 40%, by increasing the earned income credit and by decreasing the normal and surtax rates. More than 44% of the individual taxpayers were relieved from income tax payments. In 1924, 4,489,698 individuals returned taxable net income, whereas in 1925 the number fell to 2,501,166, a decrease of almost 2,000,000. Under the new law the rates of normal tax were reduced from 2%, 4%, and 6% to 1½%, 3%, and 5%, respectively. Surtax rates were cut from a maximum of 40% to a maximum of 20%. The earned income provision was so extended as to apply to a maximum of \$20,000 of such incomes as compared with the limit in the former act of \$10,000.

It was very naturally anticipated that these changes would result in considerable loss of revenue. In fact, the report of the Ways and Means

Committee submitted to the House estimated a reduction of \$46,000,000 in normal tax paid and a reduction of \$98,575,000 in returns from the surtax. As a matter of fact, however, the individual returns for the calendar year 1925 showed a larger tax than did those for 1924. The individual income tax returned for 1924 was \$704,265,390, and for 1925, \$734,555,183, an increase of \$30,289,793. As estimated, there was a very large falling off in the normal tax return. Before the deduction of earned income and capital loss credits, the normal tax returns decreased \$41,434,565. On the other hand, surtax returns decreased only \$4,687,627, while the capital gains tax increased \$68,967,907. There was a net gain of \$22,845,715, to which must be added \$6,067,280, representing a decrease in the earned income credit, and \$1,376,798, representing a decrease in the capital loss credit.

The results are attributable to several causes: First and most important was the increased prosperity of the country as exemplified by the increased income from certain sources, despite the reduction in number of returns. The income from dividends returned, which were \$3,250,913,954 in 1924 rose to \$3,464,624,648 in 1925 despite fewer returns and the reduction in total income returned. More important than any other changes was the enormous increase in the income reported from the sale of property, both under the capital-gains section and under the general provisions. Income from the sale of property under the general provision reported for 1924 amounted to \$1,124,565,658, while in 1925 this figure had jumped to \$1,991,659,499, an increase of \$867,093,841, or 77%. In addition, income under the capital net gains section increased from \$389,148,434 to \$940,569,341, an increase of \$551,420,907, or 142%, and the tax from \$48,603,064 in 1924 to \$117,570,971 for 1925. In fact, the increased revenue from the capital gains tax more than offset the loss of \$46,122,192 in normal and surtax returns.

In the second place, the entire decrease in taxable incomes occurred in the classes not in excess of \$5,000, while for those in excess of \$5,000 it materially increased. The number of taxable returns with income of less than \$5,000 decreased 55%, while the number in excess of \$5,000 increased 18%; in excess of \$25,000, 32%; in excess of \$100,000, 67%; in excess of \$300,000, 104%, and in excess of \$1,000,000, 176%.

The Treasury Department has always contended that in the long run the taxation of income at moderate rates would be more productive than at very high rates. The soundness of this contention appears to have been amply borne out by the tax returns under the law of 1926, for both the calendar years 1925 and 1926.

The sources of the income returned for the calendar year 1925 as compared with 1924 clearly illustrate the effect of the new revenue act. The total national income was undoubtedly greater in 1925 than in 1924, due to increased prosperity, but the income actually returned for individual income tax purposes was less, due to the entire exemption of over 40% of the 1924 income tax payers. The income returned on account of wages and salaries was about \$3,875,000,000 less; from individual businesses about \$1,100,000,000 less; from rents and royalties about \$538,000,000 less; and from interest and investments about \$467,000,000 less. On the other hand, increased income was returned from dividends and from sale of property. Dividends increased about \$214,000,000, while the gains from the sale of property, including that returned as capital net gains, increased about \$1,418,500,000. The largest reductions in net income reported for tax purposes, in the income from wages and salaries and in the income returned on account of individual business, were in the lower tax brackets. The reductions in returns from "rents and royalties" and "interest and investment income" were almost entirely in the lower brackets. The greatest beneficiaries of the 1926 act were, therefore, people of small incomes, wage earners, salaried men, and men operating small individual business enterprises.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the average tax paid for 1925 was \$136.83 greater than for 1924, an increase of over 87%, in spite of lower normal and surtax rates in 1925. This is likewise true of the rate. In 1924 the average rate of those returning taxable net income was 3.62%, while in 1925, despite all reductions, it increased to 4.20%. The explanation is found in the elimination of about 2,000,000 of the small taxpayers and in the increase of the number of taxpayers reporting larger incomes.

Analyses of the returns made under the 1924 and 1926 acts indicate that the income tax in this country has become a class rather than a national tax. For the calendar year 1924, 259,808 individuals with net incomes of \$10,000 and over returned about \$627,800,000 of income tax out of a total tax of \$704,265,390; 4,229,890 returned the remaining tax of about \$76,500,000; about 2,880,000 made returns but paid no tax; and the balance of our population made no returns whatever. The average rate of tax of all those returning taxable incomes not in excess of \$5,000 was 0.49% of 1%; and for those making taxable returns in excess of \$5,000 and not in excess of \$10,000, 0.99 of 1%.

For the calendar year 1925, in contrast, 327,018 individuals with net income of \$10,000 and over returned \$701,497,726 out of a total of \$734,555,183, and 2,174,148 individuals returned the remaining tax, approximately \$33,000,000. According to these returns, less than 0.3 of 1% of our population returned 95½% of our total income tax, about 1.9% returned 4½%, and the remaining 97.8% of the population returned no tax whatever. Furthermore, in returns for 1925 the average tax rate for those returning taxable net incomes not in excess of \$5,000 was 0.29 of 1%, and for those returning taxable income in excess of \$5,000 and not in excess of \$10,000, 0.58 of 1%—rates about 40% lower than those under the preceding tax law.

Corporation income tax.—The largest number of corporations scheduled as making returns for tax prior to 1925 was 417,421. The returns for 1925, however, numbered 430,072. In no other year has this number reached 400,000. In 1924, of those making returns, only 236,389 reported net income and 181,032 reported no net income. For 1925, 252,334 corporations returned net income and 177,738 returned no net income. The net income for 1924 was \$7,587,000,000, while for 1925 it was \$9,584,000,000, an increase, due to the great corporate prosperity. For 1917 the net income of the 232,079 corporations making return of income was \$10,730,000,000. The net income returned for 1925, with this exception, was the largest on record.

The income tax returned by corporations for 1925 amounted to \$1,170,331,206 as compared with \$881,549,546 for 1924, an increase of about 33%. There were two reasons for this increase in the tax—the extraordinary prosperity, resulting in larger returns both in number and amount, and the slight increase made in the tax rate. The tax for the year 1925 was at the rate of 13% instead of 12½% as for the years 1922, 1923, and 1924. The tax returned for 1925, at the rate of 13%, was \$1,170,331,206. Had the rate been 12½%, the tax would have been about \$1,125,318,000, a difference of about \$45,013,000. That is, of the increase in corporate tax returned for 1925, \$45,000,000 was due to the increased rate of one-half of 1% and about \$243,800,000 due to increased prosperity. Corporate prosperity was also illustrated by the

fact that the deficit of those returning no net income was collectively less than for any year since 1919 and about 12% less than for 1924.

Since 1920 each fiscal year has shown an excess in the ordinary receipts of the Government over expenditures chargeable against those receipts. This excess, called "the surplus," in the eight-year period since 1920, has totaled \$2,692,000,000. For the fiscal year just passed it amounted to \$635,000,000, the largest surplus in any one year from the operations of this Government. The following table presents the figures for each year since 1920:

ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE AGAINST ORDINARY RECEIPTS, 1920 TO 1926.
[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised).]

Fiscal year—	Expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts.		Surplus.
	Total ordinary receipts.	Total ordinary receipts.	
1920	\$6,694,565,358	\$6,482,090,191	\$212,475,197
1921	5,624,932,960	5,538,209,189	86,723,771
1922	4,109,104,150	3,795,302,499	313,801,651
1923	4,007,135,480	3,697,478,020	309,657,460
1924	4,012,044,701	3,506,677,715	505,366,986
1925	3,780,148,684	3,529,643,446	250,505,238
1926	3,962,755,690	3,584,987,873	377,767,817
1927	4,129,394,441	3,493,584,519	635,809,922

The surpluses since 1920 have occurred in general because expenditures have been reduced in greater amount than have receipts under the various revisions in the tax system and because of the gradual liquidation of assets acquired during the recent war. Although receipts fell off rapidly during 1921 and 1922 on account of the cut in taxes in the revenue act of 1921 and the depression of those years, receipts exceeded expenditures because expenditures were cut in greater proportion. In 1923 and 1924 total receipts changed little, but expenditures continued to decline and the surplus increased. In 1925, when expenditures increased slightly and receipts declined, the surplus of the previous year was cut in half. The increase in surplus in 1926 over 1925 was due to the large yield of taxation.

In 1927 receipts increased over the preceding year and expenditures decreased, resulting in a large surplus. The increase in total receipts amounted to \$167,000,000. Ordinary expenditures decreased \$124,000,000. Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts increased \$32,000,000, giving a net decrease in total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts of \$92,000,000. The principal items of change are shown in the following table:

PRINCIPAL CHANGE IN ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE AGAINST ORDINARY RECEIPTS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1927 OVER 1926.
[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised).]

Receipts—	Increases.
Customs	\$26,000,000
Internal revenue (largely income taxes)	32,000,000
Foreign repayments	11,000,000
Railroads (primarily securities sold)	53,000,000
Federal farm loan bonds, etc.	29,000,000
Miscellaneous (net)	16,000,000
Expenditures—	Decreases.
Interest payments	\$45,000,000
Customs and internal revenue funds	72,000,000
Postal deficiency	12,000,000
Civil service retirement fund	11,000,000
Other items	15,000,000
General expenditures	\$31,000,000
Government life insurance fund	9,000,000
Debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts	32,000,000

The surplus of 1927 was an anomaly, resulting from a combination of unusual and nonrecurring items in both receipts and expenditures. Almost two-thirds of the surplus of \$635,000,000 was due to receipts on account of the disposal of capital assets, of back collections in excess of tax refunds, and other items of a fast-disappearing or non-recurring character.

About \$103,000,000 of the surplus consisted of receipt items which will not occur again. The Federal farm loan bonds owned by the Government, which contributed \$60,000,000 in 1927 in the form of receipts from capital assets, have all been repurchased by the Federal land banks, so that no further receipts from this source can again occur. The War Finance Corporation, accounting for \$27,000,000 in the 1927 receipts, has practically completed the liquidation of its assets. Receipts from minor securities amounted to \$3,000,000. The capital stock tax, which produced \$8,000,000 in 1927, has been repealed. The surplus was further increased by \$5,000,000 received from a judgment of the court relating to the naval oil leases.

Among the temporary or fast-disappearing receipts received in 1927 are those on account of railroad securities, which aggregated about \$89,000,000. Railroad securities to the amount of only \$230,000,000 were held by the Government at the end of the last fiscal year. It is estimated that whereas \$169,000,000 will be received on account of principal and interest on these securities in the fiscal year 1928 the revenue from this source will drop to approximately \$24,000,000 in the fiscal year 1929, and after that little or no revenue is anticipated under this head. Back income tax collections in 1927 amounted to \$331,000,000, which, when reduced by the sum of \$117,000,000 paid in tax refunds, leaves a balance of \$214,000,000 in revenue from this source. The work of the Internal Revenue Bureau is becoming more nearly current every year, and while some net receipts on this account will continue to be realized it is expected that after the fiscal year 1929 the amount will be greatly reduced. Moreover, tax refunds in 1927 were \$35,000,000 less than Treasury estimates, due to a change in the application of the revenue law. This reduction represents merely a postponement of expenditures, the payment of which will swell expenditures in 1928, thus cutting down net receipts from back taxes for that year. Receipts from the sale of surplus war supplies amounted to \$8,000,000 in 1927.

Without the nonrecurring and fast-disappearing items listed above, aggregating about \$414,000,000, a surplus of only about \$221,000,000 would have resulted.

The surpluses since 1920 have been applied to a reduction of the public debt. Public debt retirements thus made do not occur at the end of each fiscal year from excess receipts accumulated during the year, but throughout the year, and especially as a part of Treasury financing from quarter to quarter. A few weeks prior to the 15th of each September, December, March, and June the Treasury determines what income it will need to meet the expenditures during the coming quarter, taking into account on the receipt side the net balance in the general fund and the Government receipts to be expected and on the expenditures side the amount of cash required to meet obligations maturing during the quarter and the probable expenses of the Government during the same period. The estimated excess of required expenditures over probable receipts during the ensuing quarter is met by the issue of new securities. If, there-

fore, receipts are running ahead of expenditures chargeable against such receipts, the amount of new securities sold at the quarterly date is less than the amount of maturing securities.

The following table shows the actual application of the surplus to public debt retirement, by quarters:

SURPLUS APPLIED TO PUBLIC DEBT RETIREMENT, BY QUARTERS, FISCAL YEAR 1927.
[On basis of daily Treasury statement (unrevised)]

Quarters—	Amount.
Sept. 30 1926	\$36,296,262
Dec. 31 1926	164,975,456
Mar. 31 1927	5,019,100
June 30 1927	405,463,720
Total	\$611,754,538

As a result of the foregoing operations \$611,000,000 of the fiscal year's surplus of \$635,000,000 was applied to the retirement of the public debt during the fiscal year, and the \$24,000,000 carried over as an increase in the net balance in the general fund of the Treasury at the close of the year over the net balance at the beginning was immediately used for the same purpose.

The existence of a surplus in any particular year or group of years is not prima facie evidence that the Government has sources of revenue in excess of normal needs for the exercise of its functions. The foregoing analysis of the surplus of 1927 should indicate clearly that that surplus can not be taken as a criterion of the future. Temporary and nonrecurring revenues must be discounted in estimates for coming years, the swing of the business pendulum must be taken into account, normal increases in expenditures must be provided for, and possible further effects of changes in the revenue act must be allowed to show themselves before reduction of taxes can be undertaken. It is only if genuine surpluses occur after such provision that taxes can safely be cut to leave in the hands of the people that income which is unnecessary for the execution of Government activities.

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Estimates of Previous Years.

Reductions in taxation since the war have been based on estimates of future receipts and expenditures of the Government, the estimated tax receipts and certain of the estimated miscellaneous receipts having been prepared by the Treasury. During the past five fiscal years two downward revisions of taxation have been made—in the revenue acts of 1924 and 1926—and another change is now in prospect. In making such tax revisions the estimates of Government income and outgo for coming years are important in determining how far taxation can be reduced. In this connection a reasonable accuracy in estimates of Government tax receipts is particularly important.

The three diagrams which follow [these we omit.—Ed.] have been prepared to show the discrepancies that have occurred in preparing estimates during the past five years, and the allocation of such amounts among the principal sources of revenue. The estimates shown are those submitted to Congress seven months before the end of the particular fiscal year, with the exception of 1926, for which year estimates are those prepared just after the passage of the revenue act of 1926. The first diagram shows the estimated and actual receipts, expenditures, and surplus during the five-year period, thus indicating the relation of differences between estimates and actual receipts and expenditures to the difference in the estimated and actual surplus. The two subsequent diagrams show the estimated and actual receipts from each of the four general sources—income taxes, miscellaneous internal taxes, customs, and miscellaneous receipts. Percentages of difference inserted over the bars for each year permit a comparison of the discrepancies in the various sources.

There are two significant observations to be made from these diagrams: (1) Discrepancies in estimates of surplus have not resulted entirely from underestimation of receipts. This was especially true of the past fiscal year when expenditures ran 4.3% below the estimate. (2) The greatest differences in estimated receipts have occurred in income tax receipts and in miscellaneous receipts. On the whole, the error in estimating miscellaneous receipts has been larger, both in amount and relative to the importance of the source, than the error in estimating income tax receipts.

The Treasury estimates have been made in the face of a number of difficulties of no minor importance:

(1) Two thoroughgoing revisions have been made in internal taxation and one revision has been made in the tariff. The changes in internal taxes affected not only exemptions, credits, and tax rates on individual incomes and the rate on corporation income but also a large number of miscellaneous internal taxes. The effect of a tax change on the base of a tax, especially under changing business conditions, can be estimated with only a certain degree of accuracy. This accounts, in part, for discrepancies in estimates of income taxes and miscellaneous internal revenue in the fiscal years 1925, 1926, and 1927. The tariff act of 1922, approved Sept. 21 1922 accounts for the unusually large error in customs receipts for the fiscal year 1923.

(2) The five-year period has been, on the whole, one of unusual prosperity for the nation, which it was not possible accurately to forecast. It is because of such prosperity that incomes of corporations and individuals made a great increase in the calendar year 1923, sustained a remarkable part of these gains during the recession in the calendar year 1924, and reached new high levels in the calendar years 1925 and 1926.

(3) During the same five years the Bureau of Internal Revenue has concentrated on a program of disposing of the accumulation of tax cases outstanding, especially income tax returns of the war years, and a reorganization of the bureau to promote prompter administration of current returns. The chief result has been large collections on prior year returns outstanding and therefore much larger back tax collections than anticipated. The unexpected size of these items has also added to the discrepancies shown in income tax estimates in the past three years.

(4) Receipts from miscellaneous items have been affected by unusual receipts from Government-owned securities, especially the railroad and Federal farm loan securities, due to favorable financial conditions. The Treasury has consequently reduced its holdings of such securities much faster than anticipated, and total receipts from miscellaneous sources have been much larger than estimated.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

General Review of Operations in the Fiscal Year 1927.

During the fiscal year 1927 the gross debt of the United States was reduced from \$19,643,183,079.69 outstanding at the beginning of the year to \$18,510,174,266.10 outstanding at the close. The reduction accordingly was \$1,133,008,813.59. This reduction was brought about (1) through normal retirements of \$519,563,844.78 chargeable against ordinary

receipts in accordance with the established debt-paying program, and (2) through the application of \$613,444,968.81 surplus revenue to debt payment.

Refunding the Second Liberty Loan.

Early in the present calendar year conditions were such as to warrant the belief that the Government could sell securities with a maturity in excess of two or three years at 3½%. In the circumstances the desirability of retiring 4¼% bonds was obvious. It was also desirable, from a Treasury viewpoint, to make some rearrangement of maturities in more convenient amounts and on more convenient dates for serving the permanent debt-paying program.

There were outstanding, on February 28 1927 \$2,160,006,900 third Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds due for payment on Sept. 15 1928 but not callable before that date, and \$3,083,671,700 second Liberty Loan converted 4¼% bonds together with \$20,848,350 Second Liberty Loan 4% bonds, maturing in 1942, and callable, in whole or in part, on and after Nov. 15 1927 on six months' notice. As a practical matter these were the only two issues available for early retirement. Accordingly plans were considered for effecting a substantial reduction in the amount outstanding of either or both of these two issues. Both issues commanded substantial premiums in the market, and it was certain that some inducement must be offered holders, otherwise exchange offers, at lower interest rates, would not be availed of in advance of maturity or redemption date. As between these two issues the situation was more favorable with respect to the second's for undertaking refunding operations. A conclusion was accordingly reached to offer to holders of second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds, an issue of 3½% Treasury notes, dated March 15 1927 due in five years, but callable at the option of the United States on and after three years from date of issue. These notes were issued only against the surrender of second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds, exchange being made at par, but as an inducement to holders of second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds to make the exchange, interest on the bonds surrendered was prepaid in full to May 15 1927. In response to this offer \$1,360,456,450 second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds were exchanged for a like amount of 3½% Treasury notes.

The response to this exchange offer, which reduced the outstanding second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds from \$3,083,000,000 to about \$1,723,000,000, made certain a successful refunding of the entire loan. Accordingly, on May 9 1927 by public announcement, and through the issue of Department Circular No. 381 of the same date, all outstanding second Liberty loan bonds were called for redemption on Nov 15 1927 with notice that interest would cease on that date.

Because of the intensive nation-wide campaigns conducted when the Liberty loans were issued, at which time every available facility was used to reach the public and secure subscriptions, which resulted in unparalleled widespread distribution of the bonds, the Treasury recognized an obligation to the holders of second Liberty loan bonds to make every effort through the use of every available facility to notify them that their bonds were called for redemption. The press, as usual, responded and carried the announcement widely as a matter of public concern. Banks and trust companies throughout the country were asked to cooperate and generously gave their assistance. The cooperation of the Postal Service was wholeheartedly given. Placards setting forth the call were displayed in practically every banking office and post office throughout the United States. The announcement in the form of an advertisement was placed in all daily, weekly, and semi-weekly general newspapers throughout the United States which could be reached. For the first time the radio was used by the Treasury Department as a means of reaching millions of bond holders, the announcement of the call being broadcast through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Co., its entire facilities being placed at the disposal of the Treasury, covering the country as far as Kansas City. Simultaneously similar broadcasts were made from Denver and from San Francisco by Treasury representatives.

At the time of the issue of the call it was intimated that at some time prior to the redemption date the Treasury might extend to holders an opportunity to exchange their bonds for other interest-bearing securities of the United States. This privilege was extended in connection with the June 15 1927 issue of 3¾% Treasury bonds of 1943-1947, limited amounts of which were offered for cash subscription at 100½, and at the same time offered at par in exchange for second Liberty loan bonds. In response to this exchange offer \$2,966,700 second Liberty loan 4% bonds and \$242,289,750 second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds were exchanged for like amounts of the new 3¾% Treasury bonds.

As a further step in the refunding, holders of second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds were offered the privilege of exchanging such bonds on Sept. 15 1927 for the identical issue of 3½% Treasury notes, offered for that date for cash subscription. For this issue of Treasury notes, the terms and conditions of which were similar to those of the March 15 issue, the price on exchange subscriptions was fixed at 100½. Interest on second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds surrendered for exchange was prepaid in full to Nov. 15 1927. Under this offer \$368,973,100 second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds were exchanged for 3½% Treasury notes.

Meanwhile under authority of section 2 of the act of Congress approved March 3 1881 purchases of second Liberty loan bonds from time to time were made from surplus moneys in the Treasury. Such purchases for the most part were made under established procedure, authorizations being given the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for execution in the New York market, or through other Federal reserve banks in other markets. This procedure was varied on June 16 1927 when, through Department Circular No. 384 of that date, proposals were invited from holders of second Liberty loan bonds for the sale of such bonds to the Government, the offer providing that purchases of such bonds would be made at the lowest acceptable prices offered. Under this offer \$324,700 second Liberty loan 4% bonds were purchased at a total principal cost of \$326,010.81, the average price being 100.40369, and \$62,641,550 second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds were purchased at a total principal cost of \$62,945,487.09, the average price being 100.4852.

Other purchases from surplus moneys aggregated \$182,442,200 par amount of second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds, at a total principal cost of \$183,166,231.21, the average price being 100.39686.

Since July 1927 second Liberty loan bonds have, from time to time, been purchased for the cumulative sinking fund, a total of \$126,767,250 par amount having been purchased to Oct. 31 1927. Until Oct. 17 purchases were made under usual procedure at the market. On that date the Treasury, in calling attention to the fact that the second Liberty loan had been called for redemption on Nov. 15 1927 announced that for the convenience of holders the Federal reserve banks had been authorized to purchase, at the option of holders, second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds at 100 3-32 and accrued interest during the week Oct. 17-22. A similar offer was made for the following week, Oct. 24-29, the principal price for the week being fixed at 100 2-32. On Oct. 31 1927 announcement was made

that purchases would be made at 100 1-32 during the period Oct. 31 to Nov. 7, and that thereafter until the close of business Nov. 12, both 4s and 4¼s would be purchased at par and accrued interest. Under these offers \$48,280,800 were purchased at 100 3-32, \$24,945,600 at 100 2-32, \$18,028,450 at 100 1-32, and \$2,314,100 at par.

Through these various operations conducted since March 1 1927 the second Liberty loan was reduced from \$3,104,520,050 then outstanding to \$757,545,500 outstanding on Oct. 31 1927.

Except for such amounts as may have subsequently been retired through purchases for the cumulative sinking fund, the balance outstanding on Oct. 31 1927 was the amount outstanding and due for payment on Nov. 15 1927.

The various steps taken to effect the refunding of this loan are recapitulated in the following table:

SECOND LIBERTY LOAN.

(Second 4s and Second 4¼s combined.)

Original issue Nov. 15 1917	\$3,807,865,000
Outstanding Feb. 28 1927:	
Second 4s	20,848,350
Second 4¼s	3,083,671,700
	\$3,104,520,050
Retired Mar. 1 to Oct. 31 1927:	
Mar. 15, exchanged for 3½% treasury notes, series A-1930-1932	1,360,456,450
June 15, exchange for 3¾% treasury bonds 1943-1947	245,256,450
Sept. 15, exchanged for 3½% treasury notes, series B-1930-1932	368,973,100
Purchased for cumulative sinking fund	126,767,250
Purchased from surplus money	245,408,450
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.	112,850
Total	\$2,346,974,550

Outstanding Oct. 31 1927

\$757,545,500

From the foregoing it will be observed that since March 1 1927 to Oct. 31 1927 \$1,974,686,000 par amount has been refunded into other issues, and \$372,288,550 par amount has been redeemed. A comparison of the annual interest charges on account of the second Liberty loan on February 28 1927, and on October 31 1927, the exchange issues being included on the latter date, may be of interest. It follows:

Title	Amount outstanding Feb. 28 1927.	Int. rate.	Annual interest charge
Second Liberty loan bonds	\$20,848,350	4%	\$833,934
Second Liberty loan bonds	3,083,671,700	4¼%	131,056,047
	\$3,104,520,050		\$131,889,981
	Oct. 31 1927.		
Second Liberty loan bonds	\$17,171,100	4%	686,844
Second Liberty loan bonds	740,374,400	4¼%	31,465,912
Treasury notes, series A-1930-1932	1,360,456,450	3½%	47,615,975
Treasury notes, series B-1930-1932	368,973,100	3½%	12,914,058
Treasury bonds, 1943-1947	245,256,450	3¾%	8,277,405
	\$2,732,231,500		\$100,960,195

a Amount issued on exchange: \$1,300,914,650 outstanding Oct. 31 1927.

b Amount issued on exchange.

Redemptions as of Nov. 15 1927 of the balance of the second Liberty loan bonds then outstanding, which will have been made in part from remaining proceeds of Sept. 15 issues of 3½% Treasury notes and 3% certificates of indebtedness, and in part from proceeds of 3½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, issued Nov. 15 1927 will show a further reduction in interest charges.

Tax Exemption of Federal Bonds.

As early as 1921 the Treasury favored an amendment to the Constitution permitting the United States to tax incomes derived from securities issued by the States and their political subdivisions after the ratification of the amendment, and conversely permitting each State to tax the income derived by its residents from securities issued under the authority of the United States. As recently as 1925 the Treasury Department has called the attention of the Congress to the evils arising from the existence of great masses of tax-exempt securities which offered to the wealthy the means of avoiding the payment of income taxes to the Federal Government. In the Sixty-seventh Congress a resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution along the lines above indicated passed the House, but was not acted on by the Senate. In the Sixty-eighth Congress a similar resolution was defeated in the House by 41 votes. No further action looking to the submission of such an amendment to the States has been taken.

It is probable that the time when such an amendment could have been effective has passed. There are now outstanding \$15,946,000,000 of wholly tax-exempt securities, of which \$11,841,000,000 have been issued by the States and their political subdivisions, \$145,000,000 by Territories and insular possessions, \$2,165,000,000 by the United States Government, and \$1,795,000,000 by the Federal farm loan system. Since these securities are being issued at the rate of over a billion a year, it is apparent that so many will be in existence before the constitutional amendment in question could be submitted and adopted by the necessary number of States that it would be ineffective. Moreover, the revenue act of 1926 reduced surtax rates to such an extent that the inducement to avoid them by resort to investment in tax-exempt securities has to a very large extent disappeared. The Statistics of Income for 1925 show that the total amount of tax-exempt securities returned by individuals was \$5,041,000,000. The income received from these securities amounted to \$230,000,000. Had these securities been fully taxable, the revenue to the Government would not have been in excess of \$11,000,000.

Given all of these circumstances, I have reached the conclusion that the reasons which led the Treasury to urge the adoption of a constitutional amendment relating to tax-exempt securities have been so modified by time and subsequent events, including the failure of two separate Congresses to act in the matter, as to justify a reconsideration of the problem and the following conclusions:

If States and their political subdivisions are to continue to issue tax-exempt securities at the rate of a billion dollars a year, there is no logical reason why the Federal Government should continue to issue its securities under a provision of law which only permits exemption from the normal tax. This puts the Federal Government at a serious disadvantage, a disadvantage which is very considerably mitigated, however, owing to the fact that corporations are subject only to the normal tax and that United States securities held by corporations are therefore tax exempt. On the other hand, this very situation makes it difficult, if not impossible, for the United States Government to sell new issues of its securities to individual investors. United States securities are sufficiently attractive to corporations so that the latter are more than willing to take the entire block of new issues offered from time to time. This being the case, the price which corporations are willing to pay inevitably fixes the price at which the United States is able to market its securities, and since the

corporations are wholly tax exempt on their income from such securities, whereas the individual income derived from these securities is subject to the surtax, the former are in a position to pay a price which might well make the securities unattractive from the standpoint of the individual investor. Thus, for instance, the Treasury 3% bonds were selling on Oct. 4 on a basis to yield 3.25%. On that basis they would have yielded to a man with an income of \$100,000 from other sources, after tax payment, but 2.66%; to a man with an income of \$50,000, 2.83%; and to a man with an income of \$25,000, 3.02%; whereas the corporation would get the full yield of 3.25%. Three and one-half per cent. three to five-year Treasury notes were selling on Oct. 4 on a basis to yield 3.51%; they would yield but 2.81, 3.05, and 3.26 to individual investors with incomes of \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000, respectively, as compared with a yield of 3.51 to the corporation. The corporations were thus able to obtain the full advantage of the extraordinary quality of a United States security from the standpoint of safety, and, because of this tax-exempt feature, obtain a return equivalent, in so far as the 3% Treasury bonds are concerned, to 3.76% on a taxable security, and in so far as the 3½% Treasury notes are concerned, equivalent to 4.06 on a taxable security. But this, obviously, is not true of the individual investor.

The Treasury Department is sometimes criticized for not making a greater effort to distribute its securities more widely. The situation above described under which United States securities are wholly tax exempt when held by corporations, but not wholly tax exempt when held by individuals, makes it impossible to do so. Such a situation is undesirable. During the war Government securities were very widely distributed, as the result of vigorous campaigns conducted in very community, and which reached almost every home. At that time it was held, and rightly held, that it was desirable, if Government securities were to be issued in large blocks, that they should be held by as many separate individuals as possible rather than in the hands of a few large holders. Such a feeling was sound. It is still sound to-day. But under existing circumstances, as the war loans are gradually being refunded into securities bearing a lower rate of interest—and there would be no justification, of course, for not refunding them—the number of holders of United States securities tends constantly to become more limited.

How could it be otherwise, when States and municipalities are in a position to issue their securities free from all taxation? The average rate of interest paid by all States on their total indebtedness during 1926 was about 4.14. New York City municipal stock with a life of 30 years sells on a basis to yield 4% to the individual investor, while the man with an income of \$25,000 will receive but a net yield of 3.02% on a 16-20-year 3% United States Government bond. Moreover, even after Federal taxes, he can receive approximately 4% on the highest grade of public utility bonds.

These figures make it perfectly apparent that in so far as the individual investor is concerned, the United States Government is at a serious disadvantage to-day in marketing its securities because of the provisions in the Liberty loan act which limits the tax-exempt privilege to the normal tax.

To be sure the Treasury Department has the authority to issue notes exempt from surtaxes, but, because of the Treasury's position on tax-exempt securities, it was not thought advisable to make use of this authority. Moreover, the individual investor is interested in bonds rather than in notes and certificates.

Under these circumstances, I believe that the Congress should give serious consideration to an amendment of the second Liberty loan bond act, as amended, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury in issuing long-term securities in the future to make them exempt from the surtax as well as the normal tax.

The enactment of such an amendment would not in any way interfere with the adoption of an amendment permitting the taxation of so-called tax-exempt securities, should Congress and the States deem this to be desirable. But pending its adoption there is no reason why the Treasury Department should be put at a disadvantage in the marketing of its securities as compared with States and their subdivisions, or why individual investors who desire to acquire United States Government securities should be discriminated against. Taking the long-time view of the situation, I believe that the enactment of such a constitutional amendment is desirable, for I consider it inconsistent with our principles of democratic government that our laws be so framed as to permit any class of our citizens to escape their just tax obligations.

Federal Reserve System and Gold Movements.

In my annual report a year ago I called attention to the desirability of an early rechartering of the Federal reserve banks. This end has now fortunately been achieved by the passage last February of the McFadden bill, one of the clauses of which provided that the charters of these banks be indeterminate. The unanimity of public opinion upon the rechartering provision has indicated general public appreciation of the value of the reserve system to this country.

This value has again been demonstrated during the past year, during which Federal reserve policy has contributed largely to the stability of the domestic money market, and has in addition proved a powerful force for world stability of monetary affairs and trade. The present transitional stage through which the nations are passing in their progress toward the return to a gold basis has placed peculiar responsibilities on the United States as the custodian of nearly half of the world's monetary gold. Several of the countries of the world are once more practically on a full gold standard; others have adopted various forms of gold exchange standard; and still others have achieved practical, but not legal, stabilization. This confused world monetary situation affects our money market in many ways. Foreign countries have balances here amounting to upward of \$2,000,000,000, which constitute a claim upon our gold reserves which may be exercised at any time. Foreign loans of many countries and many kinds are being offered in our market at a rate of over \$1,000,000,000 a year. Large movements of gold to and from the United States have continued. For the present calendar year gold exports and imports, purchases and sales abroad, and changes under earmark have already totaled more than half a billion dollars. When gold is earmarked in the United States, or sales made of gold held for us in foreign countries, it is equivalent to an export of gold from the United States. The character of these gold movements is shown in the following table, which is brought up to November 7 1927, and also includes the whole of uncompleted movements under way at that time.

The huge movements of gold which have made up these totals would, in the absence of offsetting influences, have created serious disturbance in credit conditions in this country. But the reserve banks, largely by the purchase or sale of securities, have so offset these gold movements that money rates have been unusually steady during the year and the money market undisturbed.

GOLD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT IN 1927.

Imports or their equivalent:		Exports or their equivalent:	
Imports from—		Exports to—	
Canada.....	\$53,000,000	Brazil.....	\$38,000,000
England.....	39,000,000	Argentina.....	33,000,000
France.....	21,000,000	Germany.....	14,000,000
Japan.....	20,000,000	Canada.....	6,000,000
Holland.....	15,000,000	Mexico.....	6,000,000
Australia.....	22,000,000	Other countries.....	9,000,000
Chile.....	7,000,000	Sale of gold held abroad.....	62,000,000
Mexico.....	5,000,000	Inc. in gold earmarked.....	131,000,000
Other countries.....	12,000,000		
Purchased abroad.....	62,000,000	Total.....	\$299,000,000
Total.....	\$256,000,000		

Moreover, Federal reserve policy during the year, as during several preceding years, has been an important influence in avoiding still heavier gold movements. By their purchase of \$62,000,000 of gold abroad in May the reserve banks without doubt kept that gold from coming to this country. Later they were able to dispose of the gold abroad, which would have been difficult had the gold come here. In August and September reductions in discount rates relieved somewhat the pressure upon European money markets and probably prevented gold movements to this country, as well as enabled foreign countries to buy American products more freely.

In this connection it may be interesting to observe that since the autumn of 1924, when the Dawes plan went into effect and England and certain other European countries were preparing to return to a gold basis and were in a position to use gold, there has been no net movement of gold either to or from the United States, when account is taken of changes in gold held under earmark. The country's total gold stock on Oct. 31 1927 was \$4,548,000,000, compared with \$4,554,000,000 on Oct. 31 1924. For this result reserve policy is at least in part responsible, not simply through specific operations designed to deal with gold movements, but principally by the pursuance of a larger plan, which has had as its objective the restoration of the gold standard throughout the world and which has found expression in the granting of credits to a number of the European banks of issue, and in a discount and open-market policy which as far as possible has avoided a rate position which would attract gold to this country and would put a strain on the European money markets.

It is indeed fortunate in this disturbed period in monetary affairs, when so large responsibilities for world stability have been placed upon this country, that we have had in the Federal reserve system an agency capable not only of exercising an important influence toward stability in our own money markets, but also of aiding in financial reconstruction abroad. For financial stability abroad is almost as important to the American farmer or business man as stability in our own money market.

The presence of the Federal reserve system as an agency for dealing with monetary problems relieves the treasury from a responsibility which in former days frequently fell upon it. In times of stress the Treasury frequently had to consider means of relief, such as advancing the date of payment of interest coupons or the deposit of gold in the banks. It is a more wholesome situation to have responsibilities of this sort borne entirely by an agency independent of the Treasury and devoted solely to the preservation of sound monetary conditions.

Federal Farm Loan System.

The unsatisfactory conditions which developed in some of the banks of the farm loan system were discussed in my last annual report. When rumors of these conditions came to my attention it appeared advisable as chairman ex officio and member of the Farm Loan Board to report the situation to the full board.

In the fall of 1925, upon the order of the Farm Loan Board, special examinations were directed to be made of certain of the joint-stock land banks, and these examinations disclosed improper and unsound practices as well as apparent violations of the law. These disclosures were brought to the attention of the Department of Justice, which department took action resulting in the indictment of some of the officials of three of the banks. Early in 1926 the assistance of the Bureau of Efficiency was enlisted and, at my request, a survey was made by that organization of the office operations and procedure of the Farm Loan Bureau.

These steps developed the fact that the regulations of the Farm Loan Board were defective in many respects and that the examining department of the Farm Loan Bureau was inadequate and unable to cope with this important phase of the situation. The farm loan act requires that Federal land banks and joint-stock land banks shall be examined twice a year by examiners appointed by the Farm Loan Board, and the act creating the Federal intermediate credit banks provides that they shall be examined and audited at least once a year. With nearly 80 banks in the system, the board was attempting to make the required examinations with a force of only five examiners. As a result, some of the banks were not examined for periods ranging from 12 to 18 months and many of the examinations that were made were superficial. A number of the national farm-loan associations, of which there are more than 4,600 and through which the loans of the Federal land banks are made, had not been examined for several years and some of them not at all. Furthermore, there was no adequate analysis of examination reports received by the bureau, important matters covered by them and requiring attention were neglected or ignored, and in many instances appropriate remedial action was not taken to correct abuses which had grown up in some of the banks over a period of years. The staff in Washington was insufficient to properly handle the business of the bureau, several important phases of the work were not coordinated or systematized, and many of the files and records were in unsatisfactory condition.

At the instance of the Treasury, additional funds were made available by the Congress to the Farm Loan Bureau during the latter part of the fiscal year 1926 and an examining division was organized, with a chief examiner in charge and an enlarged examining staff. The rules and regulations of the Farm Loan Board also were revised in June, 1926, at the instance of the Treasury and other improvements in practice and procedure were effected.

As the Treasury continued to study the situation, however, it became more and more apparent that the action taken by it met the problem only in part. There continued to be lack of harmony in the board, as well as confusion and indecision in fundamental matters of policy, and it was clear that the bureau was not organized or equipped to meet its large administrative and supervisory responsibilities.

At the last session of Congress there was introduced, at the suggestion of the Treasury, a bill proposing certain amendments to the farm loan act. The bill provided, among other things, for the transfer to the Treasury of the work of examining the banks of the farm loan system and the handling of accounting matters in connection therewith. The purpose of this measure was to make more effective the supervision of

the banks of the system. The matter was considered by the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, but no action was taken thereon.

Reorganization.—In the early part of May 1927 three members of the Farm Loan Board resigned and Messrs. Eugene Meyer, George R. Sooksey, and Floyd R. Harrison, directors of the War Finance Corporation, were appointed by the President as their successors, taking the oath of office on May 10 1927 and Mr. Meyer was designated by the President as Farm Loan Commissioner. The other members of the board are Messrs. A. C. Williams, John H. Guill, and L. J. Pettijohn.

The new members were selected because of their demonstrated ability and wide experience in the field of agricultural finance gained largely through the extensive and successful operations of the War Finance Corp., which, during the emergency that confronted agriculture in 1921 and immediately thereafter, made loans aggregating more than \$300,000,000 to hundreds of thousands of farmers through country banks, livestock loan companies, and co-operative marketing associations. Their work with the corporation brought them into contact with agricultural problems throughout the country, and it was felt that they possessed the special qualifications required for the task of improving and developing the administration and supervision of the farm loan system. Since their appointment, the board has been functioning harmoniously and the work of the Farm Loan Bureau has been undergoing a thorough reorganization. Although much remains to be done, substantial results already have been accomplished.

With the reorganization of the bureau that is in process, the Treasury feels that it is not now desirable or necessary to transfer the examining and accounting functions from the bureau, but the enactment of some of the other provisions included in the bill proposed by the Treasury at the last session of Congress, which were designed to clarify or correct defects in the act is, it is believed, very necessary.

There has been some public discussion about "Treasury domination" of the farm loan system. This discussion is undoubtedly due to a misunderstanding of the situation. When conditions exist in the Farm Loan Bureau, or any other bureau of the Treasury Department, which require correction, the Secretary of the Treasury would fail in his duty if he did not immediately take such steps as lie within his power to remedy them. The farm loan system has rendered a valuable service to the farmers of the country, and everything possible should be done to preserve its integrity and to maintain it on a sound basis. The ability of the system to extend and develop its usefulness to farmers depends upon its ability to market, in large amounts at reasonable rates, the bonds of the Federal land banks and joint-stock land banks and the debentures of the Federal intermediate credit banks, and this in turn depends upon the manner in which the operations of the system are conducted and the effectiveness of the supervision exercised by the Farm Loan Board. The only purpose of the Secretary of the Treasury has been to improve the administration of the system and to see that adequate safeguards are provided against the recurrence of the unfortunate conditions which resulted, in considerable part at least, from the lack of proper supervision, so that the system may continue to grow and increase its service to the agricultural interests of the country.

Federal land banks.—During the fiscal year ended June 30 1927 the Federal land banks closed 40,921 loans, amounting in the aggregate to \$147,560,875. Net earnings for the same period amounted to \$9,372,017.80. Against this amount real estate aggregating \$4,393,202.08 was charged off, and a portion of the remainder was used to increase reserve and undivided profits accounts from \$12,605,498.71 to \$13,342,757.14. The net amount of mortgage loans outstanding as of June 30 1927 was \$1,130,647,908.35. The amount of farm loan bonds issued by Federal land banks and outstanding as of June 30 1927 was \$1,192,196,980. On May 1 1927 all the outstanding Federal land bank bonds issued in 1917, 1918, and 1919, aggregating \$92,800,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4½%, and dated May 1 and Nov. 1 1917, Nov. 1 1918, and May 1 and Nov. 1 1919, were called for redemption, and at the same time a new issue of \$100,650,000, bearing interest at 4¼%, was sold for the purpose of refunding the called bonds and providing additional funds for current requirements. During the year the loan rate of 3 Federal land banks was reduced from 5½% to 5¼%, of 4 banks from 5½ to 5%, and of 1 bank from 5¼% to 5%, so that on June 30 1927 8 banks were on a 5% basis, 3 on a 5¼% basis, and 1 on a 5½% basis.

National farm loan associations increased in number during the fiscal year from 4,664 to 4,667.

The combined capital stock of all Federal land banks on June 30 1927 amounted to \$60,574,983, of which \$59,060,420 was owned by national farm loan associations, \$672,555 by individual borrowers, and \$842,008 by the Federal Government. The last named figure is the balance outstanding of the total of \$8,892,130 originally subscribed by the Treasury to the initial capital of the Federal land banks, which aggregated \$9,000,000. Under the law, the capital provided by the Treasury is retired out of the proceeds of stock subscriptions by national farm loan associations. On June 30 1927 such capital had been retired entirely in eight of the banks.

Joint-Stock Land Banks.—During the fiscal year one joint-stock land bank was chartered, two were liquidated, one was placed in the hands of a receiver, and one was being voluntarily liquidated. At the end of the fiscal year there were 54 joint-stock land banks in operation, all of the States of the Union being covered by one or more joint-stock land banks except the New England States, Delaware, Florida, and New Mexico. Since June 30 1927 two additional banks have been placed in receivership, reducing the number of going banks to 52.

Loans numbering 6,668 were made by joint-stock land banks during the fiscal year in an aggregate amount of \$25,725,057.

The combined capital stock of all joint-stock land banks on June 30 1927, as shown by reports submitted by them to the Farm Loan Board, was \$40,720,485.24; legal reserve, \$4,545,538.74; surplus, undivided profits and other net worth accounts, \$6,759,382.76. The net amount of mortgage loans outstanding as of June 30 1927 was \$607,510,796.92, and the amount of farm loan bonds issued by joint-stock land banks and outstanding on June 30, 1927 was \$576,531,200.

Receiverships.—Since the close of the fiscal year 1926, three joint-stock land banks have been placed in the hands of receivers in order to conserve their assets and protect the interests of all concerned. A receiver of the Kansas City Joint-Stock Land Bank, with capital stock of \$3,800,000 and outstanding bonds of \$44,376,500, was appointed by the Farm Loan Board on May 4 1927 and immediately took charge of its affairs. The bank did not have on hand sufficient funds to meet the interest due on its bonds on May 1 1927, and a short time before the receivership a number of the officers and directors of the bank were indicted in the Federal Court at Kansas City, Mo., for alleged improper conduct in connection with its operations, involving misapplication of funds of the bank and falsification of its books and records. The receiver on May 6 1927, with the approval of the Farm Loan Board, applied to the United States District Court for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri for authority to issue receiver's certificates, not exceeding \$700,000 in the aggregate,

for the purpose of meeting the interest due on the bonds of the bank on May 1 and subsequent dates prior to Nov. 1 1927. This authority was granted by the Court on May 9 1927 and the receiver issued certificates in the amount of \$500,000, all of which have since been retired. The condition of the bank and its income did not permit or warrant the receiver to pay the bond interest falling due on Nov. 1.

The receiver found the affairs of the bank in a chaotic condition; and relations with subsidiary or affiliated concerns have complicated the situation greatly, making it exceedingly difficult for the receiver to trace the various transactions and determine the exact condition of the bank.

The Bankers Joint-Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., with capital stock of \$1,200,000 and outstanding bonds of \$15,771,600, failed to pay the interest due on its bonds on July 1 1927 and as a result a receiver was appointed by the Farm Loan Board on that date to take charge of its affairs. The difficulties of this bank were due largely to mismanagement.

The Ohio Joint-Stock Land Bank, of Cincinnati, Ohio, defaulted in the payment of interest due on its bonds on Sept. 1 1927 and the Farm Loan Board on that date appointed a receiver to take charge of its affairs. This bank was one of the smaller institutions of the system. Its capital stock was \$250,000, while its outstanding bonds totaled \$1,369,300. It had issued no bonds since January 1924 and had been virtually in liquidation for two or three years.

In all three cases the receivers have been making every effort to ascertain the true condition of the banks of which they have charge, and it is their purpose to make full information available to the security holders as soon as they are in a position to do so.

Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.—The 12 Federal intermediate credit banks authorized by the agricultural credits act of March 4 1923 have been in operation for more than four years. Each bank, with the exception of that at Columbia, S. C., has a paid-in capital of \$2,000,000, with the right to call upon the Treasury for an additional \$3,000,000 of its subscribed capital. In the case of the Columbia bank, an additional \$1,000,000 of capital was paid in by the Treasury in December 1926, making its paid-in capital \$3,000,000 and the balance of its subscribed capital \$2,000,000.

Original advances to co-operative marketing associations from the beginning of operations to June 30 1927 aggregated \$201,411,957.86, while renewal notes totaled \$132,430,890.89. The amount outstanding at the close of the fiscal year was \$15,520,452.76.

The advances to co-operative marketing associations were distributed by commodities, as follows:

Tobacco	\$62,614,909	Broomecorn	\$335,447
Cotton	33,721,406	Redtop seed	95,800
Raisins	17,600,000	Olive oil	107,520
Wheat	13,653,053	Coffee	708,500
Wool	6,095,101	Hay	75,000
Prunes	1,956,800	Grimm alfalfa seed	163,054
Canned fruits and vegetables	8,959,642	Beans	50,000
Peanuts	565,530		
Rice	4,710,191		
			\$201,411,957

Original rediscounts aggregated \$148,022,039.13 and renewals \$64,496,242.51. The amount outstanding at the close of the fiscal year was \$49,530,809.95. The corporations through which these rediscounts were made are classified as follows:

Agricultural credit corporations	\$96,323,406
National banks	259,048
State banks	3,466,598
Livestock loan companies	47,278,234
Savings banks and trust companies	694,751
	\$148,022,039

As provided in the law, 50% of the net earnings of these banks each year must be paid into the Treasury as a franchise tax. For that part of the year 1923 during which they functioned the banks paid as a tax \$152,271.20; on Dec. 31 1924, \$528,313.30; at the close of 1925, \$508,589.86; and 1926, \$413,613.07. The net earnings in these years, based on invested capital, and after providing substantial reserves, were reported as follows: 1923, 2.7%; 1924, 4.7%; 1925, 4.2%; and 1926, 3.2%. The decrease in net earnings reported for 1926 was occasioned by losses, principally by the Columbia bank; by increased reserves amounting to \$377,784.49 set apart by eight other banks; and by the smaller spread, as compared with previous years, between debenture rates and rates charged borrowers. Improper conduct on the part of the officers of a credit corporation for which the Columbia bank had discounted a large volume of farmers' notes contributed to the losses of that bank.

On June 30 1927 the surplus, reserves, and undivided profits accounts of the 12 banks aggregated \$2,280,731.63.

It is estimated that approximately 141,485 farmers have been served through the rediscount of their individual notes and that 995,554 have benefited from the advances made to co-operative marketing associations.

Throughout the fiscal year the interest rate on loans to co-operative marketing associations continued at 4½% and the rate on rediscounts at 4%. Debentures issued on Sept. 15 were sold on a 3½% basis, and the debentures issued on Oct. 15 1927 bore interest at the rate of 3½% per annum and were sold at par, the lowest rate thus far obtained.

The McFadden Act.

The legislation, popularly known as the McFadden Banking Act, became effective on Feb. 25 1927, three years after its first introduction in Congress. The bill originated in the Treasury and its passage was urged by this department throughout its discussion.

The McFadden Act is generally acknowledged as one of the most significant measures passed during the last session of Congress, and represents most important piece of banking legislation enacted since the passage of the Federal reserve act. It revises the national banking act in a number of ways, bringing it into conformity with administrative rulings and current practice. Its more important provisions, however, are those increasing the powers of national banks, making them commensurate with those of State banks, and that granting indeterminate charters to the Federal reserve banks. The fundamental purpose of these provisions is to strengthen and perpetuate the Federal reserve and national banking systems, and in this lies the great importance of the act.

We have in the United States two systems of banks—State and National—which enter potentially the same field. They serve the same class of customers and co-operate in the same clearing houses. While the State banks are invited to join the Federal reserve system, the national banks are the backbone of the system, since they are required by law to become members. The perpetuity of the Federal reserve system, consequently, demands that national banks shall enjoy charter powers co-ordinate with those of State banks.

Postwar economic conditions developed many changes in the procedure of corporate financing and in business methods and organization, all of which demanded commensurate adjustments in the field of banking. The State banks, in many States, secured a broadening of their charter powers soon after the close of the war, and to some extent Congress also liberalized

the national bank act. But the disparity of competitive opportunity between the two institutions was sufficiently great to cause many national banks, in recent years, to withdraw from the national system and take State charters. Although it is yet too early to judge its full effect (only eight months having elapsed since passage) the passage of the McFadden Act has been fully justified as the additions to the resources of the national banking system have more than offset the losses during the three-year period prior to the enactment of the act.

Because of the controversy aroused, the branch banking provisions of the McFadden Act, giving to national banks intracity branch banking privileges commensurate with those of State banks in the same States, were thrown into great prominence. Now that the bill has become law and is in actual operation, the branch banking provisions appear in their proper perspective, and the importance of other provisions of an equalizing nature has become apparent.

Although the section granting the Federal reserve banks indeterminate charters was added to the original bill as an amendment during the 1925-26 session of Congress, it is without doubt one of the most important and significant sections of the act. Coupled with the similar provision for the perpetuity of national bank charters, it has placed the entire banking system of the country on a permanent basis, and outside the field of partisan controversy. With the charters of the Federal reserve banks now perpetuated indefinitely, no partisan minority can bring the Federal reserve system to an end, as might have been possible were renewal legislation necessary. A majority of both Houses of Congress and the approval of the President now would be required to terminate the Federal reserve system, and this could be accomplished only if the country as a whole were distinctly dissatisfied with the institution. This system which in so short a life, under such trying circumstances, has proved itself invaluable, both nationally and internationally, richly deserves the statesmanlike confidence which Congress showed in assuring its continuity, and will inevitably further demonstrate its value in our increasingly complex financial world of the future.

Money Cost of the World War to the United States Government.

The last official statement of the money cost of the World War to the United States Government was contained in the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year ended June 30 1920. After deducting the amount of loans to foreign governments, the net cost to that date was estimated at slightly over \$24,000,000,000. Since that statement was prepared additional expenditures have been made on account of the war, which, together with certain necessary adjustments, have materially increased the amount as estimated up to 1920.

For the purpose of a new estimate of the cost of the war, the "war period" has been taken as extending from April 6 1917 to June 30 1921. This is based on a proclamation of the President dated Nov. 14 1921, declaring that the state of war between Germany and the United States officially ended July 2 1921. It is not possible to ascertain accurately the exact cost of the war on account of the fact that it is necessary to deduct from the total expenditures the estimated normal expenditures of the Government for the war period, and in some instances it is necessary to estimate the value of the assets on hand. During the past year the Treasury has, however, made a detailed analysis of the total expenditures of the Government for the war period, as well as of the continuing costs thereafter up to June 30 1927. As a result of this analysis it is believed that a conservative estimate of the net cost of the war to the United States to that date has been ascertained.

This estimate makes allowances for the estimated normal expenditures under the War and Navy Departments on a peace-time basis, receipts on account of the sale of war supplies and surplus, Government property, etc., and assets held on June 30 1921, except the foreign obligations and the amount due from Germany on account of reimbursement of the costs of the American Army of Occupation which are taken as of June 30 1927. Some of the assets shown as held on June 30 1921 have, subsequent to that date, been converted into cash and covered into the Treasury. The receipts and assets are credited against the total war expenditures.

It is not believed that the assets representing obligations of foreign governments and claims against Germany for army costs should be listed at their face value, but should be stated at their present value based upon the average rate of interest the United States is paying on its public debt. This average rate was on June 30 1927 slightly under 4% per annum. The payments, therefore, to be received under the various funding agreements have been discounted so as to show their present value on a basis of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually. This amounts to approximately \$7,440,000,000, or about 60% of the value of these foreign debts based on the terms of the original obligations. Assuming that Austria and Greece will settle their debts on the same average basis, 60% thereof or \$30,000,000 should be added to the above. On account of the present conditions in Armenia and Russia the indebtedness of these governments has been eliminated from the assets. The total assets representing foreign obligations are, therefore, \$7,470,000,000.

The amount due from Germany, on account of reimbursement of the costs of the American Army of Occupation was on June 30 1927 approximately \$225,000,000. The United States is to receive annually out of the Dawes annuities the sum of 55,000,000 gold marks until this claim is satisfied. Assuming, therefore, that the United States will receive on this account the sum of \$13,000,000 per annum for 17 years, the present value of this asset, discounted on the same basis as the foreign obligations, amounts to approximately \$158,000,000.

The continuing costs of the war are the expenses of the Veterans' Bureau, interest on that part of the public debt of the United States created as a result of the war, and construction of hospitals for the care of veterans of the war.

There follows a summary statement showing the net war costs under the various headings, the details of which will be found —. The war expen-

	Total war costs.	Receipts.	Assets June 30 1921 (partly estimated).	Net war costs.
Military activities...	\$16,283,569,220	\$981,573,735	\$452,401,819	\$14,849,593,666
Naval activities....	3,480,781,737	24,438,788	55,000,000	3,401,342,951
War emerg. corps...	4,387,600,269	487,728,506	892,460,280	3,007,411,483
War exp. under other dep. & war agenc...	3,541,823,843	446,746,177	283,370,479	2,811,707,186
Int. on war debt to June 30 1927....	8,116,343,695	-----	-----	8,116,343,695
Foreign oblig. (June 30 1927)....	9,598,236,575	1,743,930,407	7,470,000,000	384,306,169
Veterans Bur. (cont. costs to June 30 '27)	2,548,917,595	-----	-----	2,548,917,595
Total.....	\$47,957,272,333	\$3,684,417,611	\$9,153,232,578	\$35,119,622,144

ditures of the War and Navy Departments, the United States Shipping Board, and the United States Railroad Administration, have been submitted to those departments and establishments and have been approved as herein stated as fairly representing their war expenditures.

Annual Report of Secretary of Commerce Hoover—All Previous Records of Volume and Production Exceeded In Past Year—Real Wages Highest In World's History—Banking and Finance—Foreign Trade.

Stating that "the fiscal year ended July 1 continued the economic progress which has now been characteristic of American industry for six years," Secretary of commerce Hoover in his annual report made public Dec. 2, says the past year "exceeded all previous records in volume of production and consumption and in the physical quantity of exports and imports." "There was very little unemployment," says the report, "except during a moderate recession near the end of the year, and the rate of real wages remained higher than anywhere else in the world, or than at any other time in world history." "The high prosperity of the year, the report states, "did not represent merely an upward swing in the business cycle, but was the result of general and permanent progress." "There were, to be sure," says Secretary Hoover, "a few aspects of American business which were less satisfactory, as, for example, the coal and textile industries, the relatively low price of cotton with its depressing effect upon the farmers of large regions of the South, and some continued depression in agriculture of the Mid-West, although improvement is taking place since the fiscal year in both sections." The report also said in part:

The volume of output of manufacturing industry, by all odds the largest branch of productive activity, showed an appreciable gain even above the extremely high level of the fiscal year 1925-26. The improvement was not the result of an exceptionally marked increase in any particular field, but was general in practically every group of industries. Especially noteworthy is the fact that production in the textile industries, which had long been relatively depressed, was materially greater than in the preceding fiscal year.

The most conspicuous gains shown as compared with 1925-26 are in mineral production, freight transportation, output of electric current and sales of 5 and 10 cent stores. The increase in the two items last mentioned is part of a general upward trend more marked than that in most economic phenomena. Electric current is being used in rapidly increasing quantities for lighting, for domestic power and heat, and, above all, for industrial power. This expansion represents both displacement of other sources of light, heat and power and advance in living standards and in activity of industry.

So, too, the growth of 5 and 10-cent stores represents in part a shift from other methods of distribution, although there can be no doubt that the total volume of retail distribution has also materially increased. The steadiness and expansion of retail sales during recent years is evidence of the high volume of consumption on the part of the masses of the people.

On the whole the level of wholesale prices has been very steady during the past five fiscal years. There have been no sharp upward price movements due to boom psychology and no sudden drops due to contraction in demand. The average wholesale price index for 1926-1927 was 6% lower than that for 1925-26. The index for individual months shows a decline from 152 (on the basis of 1913 as 100) at the close of the fiscal year 1925-26 to 144 in June 1927. The decline took place chiefly between September and April. The fact that the prices of commodities in general have fallen considerably for more than two years past does not at all point to a reduction of demand. It may be partly the result of the return of various European countries to the gold standard, and the reduction of the total amount of currency, including paper circulating in the world. There is reason to believe also that the decline has been influenced by the constant expansion of production and the lowering of costs of commodities both in America and elsewhere. If there are more goods to be bought and sold without an increase in the volume of currency in circulation, the tendency is toward lower prices. There can be no question that as a result of falling prices there has been a tendency to lower profits.

In his reference to agriculture Secretary Hoover in part said:

It is true that the increase in agricultural production has been decidedly less marked than in manufactured goods, both over a longer period of time and during the last few years. The demand for agricultural products, which are for the most part basic necessities, tends to grow little, if any, faster than population, while there is practically no limit to the demand for manufactured commodities; even if the need for one type is fully met, other still more highly elaborated articles come into use. New types are continually being devised along with advancing living standards.

Although the crops of 1926 as a whole were larger than those of 1925 there was a decided falling off in corn, oats, and barley, this being more than offset by the increase in wheat, the crop of which in 1925 had been abnormally low, and in cotton.

The latest estimates of crop production in 1927 indicate some decline in combined output as compared with 1926. Wheat production increased somewhat, but corn and oats show further decrease even from the low figure of 1926; the falling off in the number of horses, both on farms and in cities, has been in part responsible for the downward tendency in these two crops. The most conspicuous change from 1926 is the decided reduction in the cotton crop, resulting partly from a decline of about one-sixth in acreage and partly from a lower yield per acre. The great Mississippi floods only in small part account for this change. On the basis of the higher prices of a number of the crops prevailing at the present time as compared with a year ago, it seems likely that the total value of the crops harvested in 1927 will materially exceed that in 1926. At present prices the reduced cotton crop for example, would be worth more than the record crop of 1926.

With regard to banking and finance, and foreign underwriting we quote the following from the report:

From the banking point of view, the fiscal year, like the calendar year, was one of sound but uneventful growth, with ample money at low and

staple rates. The rate of growth during the fiscal year seems, however, to have been somewhat slower than during the previous year. There was actually a perceptible degree of what would be termed "deflation" were our banks not already on a thoroughly sound basis. Money in circulation diminished by nearly 2%, deposits grew about twice as fast as loans, reserve ratios rose and time deposits grew more rapidly than demand deposits.

During the fiscal year deposits of all banks in the United States, except the twelve Federal Reserve banks and a very few private banks not reporting increased from \$49,695,000,000 to \$51,612,000,000, or 3.8%. The corresponding increase in the previous fiscal year was 4.4%. Such large absolute growth in the deposits of American banks, nearly two billion in a year, is noteworthy. In view of the lower price level of the later year, the real rate of growth in deposits was even greater than indicated.

Loans by "all banks" increased from \$35,965,000,000 to \$37,131,000,000, or 3.2%; the corresponding increase during 1925-'26 was 6.8%. In rough figures, deposits increased by nearly two billions, while loans increased only about one billion. The absolute increase in loans was \$1,166,000,000; of this amount half, or \$553,000,000, is known to have been due to the increase in brokers' loans. The stock exchanges thus obtained about half of the additional bank credit used by the country.

Foreign underwriting by Americans during the fiscal year exceeded that of any corresponding period in the history of the United States. The total par value of foreign capital securities publicly offered in the United States was \$1,511,000,000; during the two preceding fiscal years the average amount floated was \$1,351,000,000. Foreign capital securities privately taken (not publicly offered) plus new direct investments abroad, probably raised the total to \$1,850,000,000 for the year.

Regarding foreign trade the report stated:

The value of exports during the fiscal year 1926-27 was greater than in any other fiscal year since 1920-21, and when account is taken of the much lower price level, as compared with the war-years trade, was the largest in our history. The increase in dollar value of domestic exports as compared with 1925-26 was about 4½%, but prices were lower and the quantitative increase was in the neighborhood of 12%. The decline in average prices of export commodities was in considerable part due to the sharp fall in cotton, but prices of many other exports showed more or less decrease.

The value of imports was about 5% less during the last fiscal year than the year before, but here again a fall in prices occurred, after allowing for which there was a quantitative increase of between 3 and 4%, even above the figures for 1925-26 which in turn had much exceeded those for any preceding fiscal year. The index of import prices was especially affected by the drop in the price of rubber from the altogether excessive figures of the fall and winter of 1925-26.

The exports to all the continents and great trade regions of the world was greater in the last fiscal year than the year before except for a slight decrease in the value of sales to Latin America, a decline probably less than that in the prices of the commodities sold. The less favorable figures for Latin America were due largely to the relatively low price of sugar, reducing the buying power of Cuba, and to disturb conditions in Mexico. The increase in the dollar value of sales to Europe is particularly notable in view of the decline in the price of cotton and various other commodities which bulk large in the trade with that continent.

Annual Report of Postmaster General—Operating Deficit Reduced \$9,000,000—Reduction in Rate On Second Class Mail—Increase in Limit On Postal Savings Deposits and Restoration of One Cent Rate On Post Cards Recommended.

Postmaster General New, in his annual report, made public Dec. 6, reviews the action of the Sixty-ninth Congress with respect to proposals for changing postage rates, and states that at the appropriate time a comprehensive plan for an equitable readjustment of rates will be submitted. The recommendations for legislation submitted in the report call for a reduction in the rate on second class mail matter, the restoration of the one-cent postage rate on post cards, group life insurance for postal employes, the establishment of a uniform system of registration of mail matter, etc. Regarding the recommendations as to second class matter, the report says:

The total weight of mails of newspapers and periodicals at the pound rate and free-in-county was 1,548,201,140 pounds, an increase of 54,965,252 pounds, or 3.68%. The postage collected on mailings at the pound rate amounted to \$32,880,368.74, an increase of 2.81%. The advertising portion of publications subject to zone rates mailed weighed 568,325,518 pounds, on which \$19,655,406.86 was collected. This is included in the amount stated above. The weight of the reading portion was 656,931,773 pounds, and the postage collected on it was \$9,859,675.19. This is included in the total above stated.

There were 10,969 post offices at which publications were entered as second class. There were 4,700 applications for admission to the second-class privilege, change of title, frequency of issue, etc.

The Postmaster General again calls attention to the unsatisfactory rate on transient newspapers and periodicals mailed by the general public and recommends a reduction in the rate of 1 cent for each 2 ounces regardless of distance.

In his report, which covers the fiscal year ended June 30 1927, the Postmaster General notes the continued efficiency of the service. The fiscal affairs of the Department, he says, show marked improvement and, notwithstanding the increased business transacted, the operating deficit has been reduced approximately \$9,000,000 during the year. This brings the operating ratio also down to 104.23, which is slightly lower than it was in 1924, prior to the legislation increasing salaries and the changes in postage rates. The cash deficit for the year was \$31,506,200.54. After the necessary adjustments this becomes an operating deficit of \$28,914,716.05.

Revenues for Year.

The revenues for the year are stated by the Postmaster General as \$683,121,988.66. This is an increase of \$23,302,-

187.58 over the revenues for 1926, or 3.53%. The comparison of percentage with that of 1926, he says, can not be made without adjustment on account of the additional revenues received in that year from increased postage rates. After this adjustment is made the Postmaster General gives the approximate per cent for 1926 as 5.36 over that of the preceding year. The audited expenditures, after making all adjustments for obligations carried over from the previous year and for obligations outstanding, are stated to be \$712,036,704.71, which shows a decrease of the operating deficit of \$8,991,402.02 under that of 1926. The major source of postal revenues is from postage paid on mail, which amounted to \$609,988,126.90 during the year, or 89.29% of the total revenue, an increase of 3.76%. Revenues from the special services and other sources are added to these. The average per capita expenditure for postage for the year was \$5.09.

Postal Savings Deposits.

The total postal-savings deposits on June 30 1927 were \$147,359,254. Postal savings are received at 6,672 depositories. The Postmaster General renews his recommendation to authorize a maximum balance of \$5,000 to the credit of any one person in a postal-savings depository. The present limit is \$2,500.

Air Mail Service.

The Postmaster General gives an extensive review of the work of the Post Office Department in establishing and maintaining the Government-owned air mail service, which has been formally turned over to private contractors. He points out the fact that during the development of the service by the Government the planes flew a total of 15,657,530 miles and that 93% of the flying schedule was with mail. During the period 298,517,760 letters were carried with remarkably small loss.

Under legislative direction the lighted airways and radio service was transferred to the Department of Commerce, effective July 1 1927. The transfer included radio equipment of the stations and the operating personnel, landing fields and boundary lights, gas routing beacons, and electric beacons. The value of the lighted airways and radio is inventoried at \$540,000.

The Government-operated service was conducted at an expenditure during the entire period of development of only \$16,245,220; the value of the property by inventory at the close of the year was \$3,345,641. The postage collected in excess of the regular rate was \$2,204,738.29.

The Postmaster General is asking for legislation enabling him to enter into four-year contracts for the transportation of mails overseas by air transportation of mails. He believes that the Department should be authorized to inaugurate this service as soon as such facilities may be used for expediting the mails.

Additional legislation which the Postmaster General is asking covers authority to require steamship companies not under contract to accept the mails for dispatch at the regular compensation when offered and also to require incoming steamships to deliver the mails into such post offices or stations as may be designated by the postal authorities.

The Postmaster General calls special attention to the parcel-post convention with Cuba, which has been extended to March 1 1928 in order that Congress may modify the statute which prohibits the importation of cigars and cigarettes in quantities of less than 3,000 to the package. This statute has stood in the way of the negotiations of the parcel-post convention with Cuba for many years. Unless the act is repealed the convention with Cuba will not be extended and our manufacturers and exporters will find the parcel-post outlet to Cuba for their merchandise closed.

The recommendations for the improvement of the service, submitted by the Postmaster General, include the following:

To relieve the Department of the unnecessary labor of examination of corporate surety bonds.

To enable the postmaster of any money-order office, or disbursing officer of the Department or service, to designate employes to act for him, including the signing of checks in his name in his absence.

To enable the Postmaster General to contract for group life insurance for Postal employes.

To relieve the Postmaster General of the requirement to make an annual report of action taken on claims of postmasters.

To restore the rate of postage of 1 cent each on private mailing or post cards.

To provide for the acceptance without prepayment of postage of so-called business reply cards, the postage, including additional charge for the extra service, to be collected on delivery of such cards.

To provide for an additional charge on first-class matter mailed short paid more than one rate.

To provide a more equitable rate for transient second-class mail matter.

To provide for the expeditious handling, dispatch, transportation, and immediate delivery of mail matter of all classes, and to make the Special Delivery Service more effective.

To authorize the Postmaster General to charge a fee for inquiries made for patrons concerning registered, insured, collect-on-delivery mail, and for postal money orders.

To authorize the Postmaster General to issue receipts to senders for ordinary mail of any character, domestic or international, and to fix the fees chargeable therefor.

To authorize the Postmaster General to collect an increased charge for return receipts for registered and insured mail when such receipts are requested after the mailing of articles.

To authorize the Postmaster General, in his discretion, to admit certain injurious articles to the mails when prepared and packed under such regulations as he may prescribe.

To authorize the Postmaster General to impose demurrage charges on undelivered collect-on-delivery parcels.

To authorize the Postmaster General to extend C. O. D. service and limits of indemnity to sealed third and fourth class domestic parcels on which the first-class rate of postage is paid.

To authorize the Postmaster General to authorize a maximum balance of \$5,000 to the credit of any one person in a postal savings depository.

To enable the Postmaster General, in his discretion, to purchase supplies and contract for services for the Post Office Department and Postal Service in open market.

To authorize the Postmaster General to establish a uniform system of registration of mail matter.

To prescribe more definitely the rates of compensation payable to steamships of United States registry for transportation of foreign mails.

To authorize the Postmaster General to enter into contracts for not more than four years for the transportation of mails by airplanes to foreign countries.

To authorize the Postmaster General to require steamship companies to carry the mail when tendered.

To define more clearly the authority requiring the delivery in accordance with the requirements of the Post Office Department of foreign mails brought by steamships arriving from abroad.

To authorize the assignment of railway postal clerks and substitute railway postal clerks to temporary employment as substitute sea post clerks.

To enable the Postmaster General to purchase and erect community mail boxes on rural routes and to rent compartments of such boxes to patrons of rural delivery.

To enable the Postmaster General to authorize the establishment of temporary or emergency star-route service from a date earlier than the date of the order requiring such service.

To enable the Postmaster General to provide for the transportation of the mails on common-carrier motor-vehicle lines engaged in interstate transportation.

To authorize the Postmaster General to hire vehicles from letter carriers for use in service.

To authorize the Postmaster General to give motor-vehicle service employees credit for actual time served on a basis of one year for each 306 days of 8 hours served as substitute.

To allow the Postmaster General to promote mechanics' helpers to the first grade of special mechanics.

Annual Report of Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine —Substantial Progress in Recovery of Agriculture From Effects of Post-War Depression

Reviewing the year in agriculture, in his annual report issued Dec. 3, Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine states that "agriculture in the United States during the last year has made substantial recovery from the effects of the post-war depression." "Progress," he says, "is manifest in better balanced production, in advancing prices for some important crops, notably cotton and cattle, and in further improvement in the relationship between the prices of farm products and the prices of other goods. This relationship is expressed by the Department of Agriculture in index numbers showing the purchasing power of a unit of farm products in terms of non-agricultural goods. On Sept. 15 the index number indicating this purchasing power was 92, compared with an average of 85 for the year 1926, with 100 representing the average for the five years preceding the war. Since June 1921, when the depression was at its worst, the unit buying power of farm products has increased more than 35%. This means that agriculture has regained more than three-fourths of the buying power lost per unit of its products in the post-war price decline. Secretary Jardine adds:

It is important to bear in mind, moreover, that the improvement thus registered in the purchasing power index does not show the full extent of the recovery effected. Index numbers indicating gains in the exchange value of farm commodities tell only part of the story. They do not accurately reflect advantages accruing from increased efficiency. In the last few years the productivity of American agriculture, as measured in output per farm worker, has increased greatly. On fewer acres, and with a farm population 3,000,000 less than in 1919, the agricultural industry since 1923 has averaged a larger volume of production than in the years immediately following the war. The farmers, through increased efficiency, are offsetting, to some degree at any rate, the effect of unfavorable relative prices.

Action to prevent "unnecessary expansion of crop acreage and to increase the income of agriculture by better adjustment of production and marketing" is urged in the report, which in part says:

In general the showing for the year is good, yet much remains to be done before the position of the farmer will cease to constitute a problem. In order to achieve higher net incomes for agriculture, advance is necessary along several lines. While farmers themselves are reducing their costs of production through increased efficiency, public agencies should co-operate with them in effecting a better adjustment of production to demand. Also efforts should be made to diminish waste, to lessen margins between producers' and consumers' prices, to reduce transportation and distribution costs, and to lessen the farmer's overhead charges by lowering or redistributing tax burdens and by improving agricultural credit facilities. Farmers should be encouraged to enhance their bargaining power through co-operative marketing, and the responsibility of the public in helping to reduce price fluctuations due to unavoidable gluts and shortages of agricultural products should be recognized in a practical manner. Over-emphasis on the fairly satisfactory results of a single year may cause us to forget the existence of underlying causes of farm difficulty, and therefore to neglect practical means of affording relief.

In the nine years since the World War ended our agriculture has undergone far-reaching changes that have materially increased the output, of both land and labor. Tractors have replaced many horses and mules, releasing land for other uses than the production of feed and forage. Improved harvesting machinery has come into wide use. The size of the average farm has increased. More productive crops have been planted. Livestock of increased productivity has become widely dispersed; farm management has become more efficient, a better balance has been established among agricultural enterprises, and progress has been made in adjusting production to market requirements. The result is an increase in farm production more rapid than the rise in the country's population.

From 1919 to 1924 there was a decrease of 13,000,000 acres in crop land in the United States—the first decrease ever shown by census statistics in the agricultural area of the nation. There occurred at the same time a decrease in the number of farm animals, a decrease in the number of farms, and a decrease of farm population. Under such circumstances one would hardly expect an increase in the volume of farm production. Yet an increase took place, and a very substantial one. It is estimated that crop production in the period 1922-1926 was nearly 5% greater than in the period 1917-1921, although the aggregate acreage in crops decreased slightly. Likewise, the output of animal products is estimated to have increased fully 15%. The increased productivity of the farm worker is estimated at about 15%. This increase in labor efficiency, probably never before equaled, is attributable in part to the utilization of more productive livestock and crops, in part to the increased use of machinery and power on the farm.

Important gains have been made in the amount of milk and meat produced per unit of feed consumed. About two-thirds of the estimated increase in farm production for the five years 1922-1926 over that for the five years 1917-1921 is attributable to an increase in the output of animal products. In the later period about 20% more milk was produced from only 4% more dairy cows and heifers, and the output of meat and other animal products in relation to feed consumption increased about 9%. Fully one-third of this increase, however, is due to a shift from beef cattle toward dairy cattle and hogs. These animals produce more human food per unit of feed consumed than do beef cattle.

Changes in crop production contributed to the increase in total farm output. In general the crop shifts made were toward crops with a higher acre value. In the Cotton Belt there was a notable shift from corn to cotton. In the western Corn Belt and in the Spring-wheat region a marked shift from wheat to corn took place. California and Florida largely increased their acreages of fruits and vegetables. About two-thirds of the increase in crop production per acre between 1922-1926 and 1917-1921 is associated with this shift from less productive to more productive crops per acre, while the remaining third is attributed to higher yields per acre.

All this technical progress has raised the question of the relation between increased efficiency and the prices of farm products. It has been suggested that the advantage of increased efficiency to the farmer may be largely offset through increased total output and reduced prices per unit of product. This is a problem which demands consideration. It may sharpen the necessity for a better adjustment of production in agriculture and for a better relationship between the agricultural population and other groups. There can not, however, be any justification for lessening the effort to attain increased efficiency. Such effort may return a diminishing total reward as the percentage of efficient producers increases, but the gain probably never vanishes altogether, and for the pioneer in efficiency it is substantial. Efficient methods have to be applied almost universally before their benefit goes mainly to the consumer. In the case of crops like cotton and wheat, the prices of which are determined in the world market, it is especially important that the highest possible level of efficiency be maintained by American farmers. Undoubtedly, however, progress in efficiency which causes production to keep pace with or to outstrip consumption calls for compensating adjustments in our agricultural system. Under present conditions it is probably unwise to bring more land into use, and I shall have more to say on this question later. While continuing our efforts to obtain increased productivity per worker, we should do what is possible to prevent unnecessary expansion of crop acreage and to increase the income of agriculture by better adjustment of production and marketing.

Annual Report of Secretary of Labor Davis—Injunctions in Labor Disputes—Clarification by Congress of Anti-Trust Act Urged—Would also Modify Provisions Governing Combinations in Trade—Condition of Coal Industry.

Some of the aspects of consolidation in industry are discussed in the annual report of James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, just made public. He states that "in a large measure the Sherman Act and other forms of anti-trust enactments have been so equitable in the conservative protection they have given to business interests and to the public interests as well, thus permitting ethical competition so necessary to good business and good government, that hardly anyone would wish to see the complete abolition of the anti-trust principles which prevent powerful monopolies from securing despotic control of income and wealth."

Continuing, he says:

Any such combination could not be allowed or condoned by the free Government which has so completely and so popularly been established in America. Neither production nor price could be placed absolutely in the hands of a mere few, because under such a practice the Government itself would soon become the fixer of prices and costs, and the next step would be Government ownership and operation, to the prejudice of the masses of American people. This would be a socialistic tendency not anticipated in this free land.

Could Modify Law.

Nevertheless, it frequently appears that improvements could be made in the present status of our anti-trust principles. In fact, I have observed not a few situations in which it seemed to me that consolidation or combinations in the field of industry would be of much benefit to the general public and to those who have been directly concerned in several unfavorable industrial situations. In other words, it has seemed to me more than once during the past few years that the spirit and intent of anti-trust principles could have been retained, and, yet, that adjustments could have been made which would have relieved a tense industrial situation. For not all business consolidations are illegal; nor, does it seem to me, are all prosecutions enumerated under anti-trust principles properly applicable to industrial leaders, whose first concern is usually to meet the laws of supply and demand. It is only when trade is flagrantly restrained, as he understands it, he said, that competition is endangered by monopolistic combinations.

In a general discussion of the bituminous coal industry, Secretary Davis said that the mining of coal remains one industry that lags behind others in living up to American standards of organization and business administration. He goes on to say:

Other great industries were faced with the same problems, and they have solved them. Fifty years ago production in the other industries was carried on by many scattered units, most of them fighting each other. Now these units function together, with enormous savings in administration and with vast benefit to the public. All along the line of manufacture they effect economies in scientific management. From the moment the raw materials enter their plants until the same material comes to the consumer in the finished product, saving has been effected. With corrective public scrutiny always upon them, these industries have either been made to share, or voluntarily share, these savings with the public they serve—in the form of lower prices and in higher wages. Coal remains an industry composed of scattered and competitive units. These outworn practices keep the industry chronically beggared, so that its operators make little money and can not pay continuous wages, with the consequence of chronic unrest, frequent stoppages, and much waste.

He stated that we in the United States know in detail what is wrong with the coal-mining industry. No other industry in the country has had the benefit of such prolonged, intimate, and painstaking study—most of it at Government expense. Over a period of ten years the Fuel Production Committee of 1917, the Fuel Administrator from 1917 to 1919, the Bituminous Coal Commission of 1921, the Federal Fact Finding Commission, not to mention various congressional and State legislative committees, have all examined the ills of the mining industry and have fully reported upon them. The Federal Fact Finding Commission, the most recent of all, made by far the most extensive and exhaustive study and has published a priceless aggregation of facts. We thus know precisely what is wrong with the coal-mining industry. We have all the facts we need. The industry needs no further examination. What it needs is to be urged and helped.

The people of the United States are perfectly willing to pay for their coal a price that will yield a good profit and a good wage, but in return for the price they want their coal in a dependable and unbroken supply and without the present stoppages and fluctuations in price that constantly disturb American industry. To remove this disturbance and to guarantee stability and prosperity to the mining industry, I believe the American people are willing and anxious to see the industry properly organized and brought up to the standards of efficiency maintained in all the other great industries. I believe Congress stands ready to help in every constitutional way. I believe the people at large are willing to have Congress remedy any existing laws that interfere with this

necessary process of bringing order and system into the mining of coal. Perhaps a series of corporations with combined selling agencies would aid in solving the problems of coal mining. We know that the bigger the corporation the easier it is to see and control. And in the control of our great corporations public opinion has become more effective than any law. What is more, the great corporations have answered this by voluntarily adopting high ideals of public service. These conditions being what they are, I believe the American people would agree to a modification of any law that stands in the way of order and organization in the mining of coal. Within due safeguards of a better law, such organization of mining, and that alone, will stabilize production, eliminate the wastes of over-development and over-competition, and make employment and wages continuous. Nothing else, I believe, will end the present anomaly of chaos in producing one of the prime essentials not only to all the rest of our industries but to life itself.

Discussing the use of injunctions in labor controversies, Secretary Davis said:

"In all the years of our national development one of the greatest virtues of our people has been their faith in and respect for the law and the courts, through which there has been developed an equitable and just system of jurisdiction which now merits universal respect.

"In the happy contact which I am continually having with the great body of the American working people I have observed a recurrence of the spirit of restlessness over what they seem to think is the too frequent use of the injunction in the controversies which now and then enter into the relations between employer and employees.

"It was the belief of labor that the enactment of the Clayton amendments of 1914 to the Sherman anti-trust law would restrict the use of the injunction to a greater extent than the courts now hold to be the legal effect of such acts. Labor organizations are of the opinion that the measure is not being given the liberal and effectual interpretation by our courts which Congress intended and that on that account its value as a remedial measure is at times being seriously impaired.

"The courts have not been in general accord in construing these important and far-reaching provisions. The district courts and the circuit courts of appeal differ and the Supreme Court frequently differs with those courts. In a number of cases there has even been a striking diversity of opinion in that court, for example, in the case of Duplex Printing Press Co. v. Deering, in American Steel Foundries v. Tri City Trades Council, and recently in the case of Bedford Stone Co. et al. v. Stone Cutters' Association et al. In the last case the Federal District Court for the District of Indiana, after a hearing, refused a preliminary injunction and subsequently, after final hearing, entered a decree dismissing the bill. On appeal this decree was affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, but when the case went to the Supreme Court, that court held that the acts of the workers' association fell within the terms of the anti-trust act and that the petitioners were entitled to injunction under section 16 of the Clayton Act. Mr. Justice Stone filed a separate opinion, indicating a reluctance to concur in the opinion of the majority of the court, and Mr. Justice Brandeis wrote a dissenting opinion in which Mr. Justice Holmes concurred.

"The belief that the intention of Congress is being defeated and the diversity of opinion among the courts as to what the real intention of Congress was may lead to the regrettable result of disrespect for the courts. This situation calls for action by Congress toward clarification of the Clayton amendments to the Sherman Anti-trust Act to make the will of Congress clear, so that there may be no cause, real or apparent, for the belief that controversies in labor disputes are being determined through judicial legislation. It would also be worth the serious thought of Congress to provide for speedy trial and decision in such cases, for the long delays which often occur between the hearing in the lower court and the final decision in the appellate courts not infrequently have the result that the party successful in the lower court, for example, obtaining an injunction, accomplishes his purpose even though the decision is reversed by the higher courts. This situation engenders a belief by those who have suffered from the action of the lower courts that at times the courts instead of serving the purpose of justice are being used as a means of oppression.

"The interest of employers and employees and of the general public requires that Congress devote its best efforts to furnish adequate relief to litigants and to our courts, which have become congested by the great volume of business growing out of much recent legislation, and to simplify our complex and diversified judicial procedure."

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Dec. 9 1927.

A sharp drop in the temperatures all over the United States has stimulated retail business in clothing, especially in the Northwest, where the good Spring wheat crop is telling, but wholesale trade has not been very good. It has recently been too warm. The steel trade has improved in some directions, notably in rails, but in the main it is slow and prices for tin plate and sheets have fallen. Pig iron here in the East has been dull whatever may be said about some improvement in the West, and prices have shown a downward tendency. Unemployment is increasing. The trade in furniture is not entirely satisfactory; in some parts of the country it is comparatively good; in others rather slow. There is a brisk demand for leather at firm prices. The shoe manufacturing industry is doing fairly well.

The resumption of operations at several automobile centers has been a feature of the week, but industry in general is dull. The coal trade has recently been dull, owing to warm weather, and the output is smaller, but with the

present colder weather, it is natural to suppose that the trade will increase. At the Pacific Northwest many lumber mills may shut down for two months; some mills and logging camps have already closed. Wheat has declined slightly with export trade still small. Corn has declined 2 cents, owing to better weather and liquidation. Exporters want American corn, but their bids are ½ to 1c. too low, while the domestic cash trade is slow even at falling prices. Rye has dropped 2 to 3c., with foreign buying very small and Berlin prices of late somewhat lower. Provisions have declined with packers selling lard and hedge selling has had its usual effect. Sugar has latterly advanced as reports from Europe have seemed to encourage Cuba in the hope of winning general co-operation in its restrictive plans. There is a general expectation that the Cuban crop will be fixed at 4,000,000 tons, including perhaps the last carry-over. What will the United States Government do? Coffee has advanced ¼ to ⅜c. with Rio, Santos and European markets higher and the Defense Committee still, at least for the time being, making good. Coffee consumers by their dilatory buying have played directly into the hands of the

Defense Committee, which of course keeps well informed. December shorts have been covering at a greater advance at times than that in other months.

Rubber consumers have been in much the same predicament as coffee consumers, only worse, and rubber during the week has advanced 1 cent on steady buying. The re-entrance of the Ford car was of course an interesting and suggestive event. Wool has been firm, with some advance at the London and Australian auction sales. The trade in cotton goods in Worth Street in some cases has been larger. But that was not the rule. In the main the sales of cotton goods, woolens, and worsteds have been no more than fair. Silks have been quiet. Raw silk has been firm. Cotton has declined about \$3 a bale as the Government estimate on the 8th inst. of 12,789,000 bales, a decrease of 53,000 bales since Nov. 9, had been discounted; also trade as a rule was quiet, both for the raw and the manufactured article. The crop is about 5,200,000 bales smaller than the last one, but the spinners of the world balk at paying 7 cents a pound more than a year ago. Some of the mills of Massachusetts and Maine have latterly been reducing wages 10%. Five of the American Printing Company mills at Fall River will close tomorrow for the rest of the month, owing to overproduction and dullness of trade. The New York Association of Textile Merchants reports that output of standard cotton goods decreased 3.08% in November and stocks increased 13.8%. To be sure, it adds that the unfilled orders at the close of November were equivalent to more than a month's production at the present rate. What the cotton goods industry wants is stabilized raw cotton prices and a general re-awakening of business. Meanwhile speculation in cotton lags and the trend of sentiment in many directions looks to some further decline before the definite turn for the better comes. The stock market has latterly been declining under heavy liquidation, but today some shares were bid up sharply, U. S. Steel leading the rise as shorts covered heavily. Gold exports have started with the shipment of \$1,000,000 as a special transaction. General trade is not good, but the fundamentals are sound. There has been no overtrading, inventories are relatively small, the country has been pursuing a very conservative policy and any change, it would seem, must be for the better. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is conservatively optimistic on the business outlook. He stresses the lower living costs, sustained purchasing power, stability in production, absence of excessive inventories and the spirit of caution in the business world. On the other hand, he concedes the sharpness of competition and the fact that profits have been largest for concerns capable of introducing economies.

Some holiday goods have been selling very well, notably radio goods and novelties. In November, new building fell off 1.7% as compared with November last year, and 16% as compared with November 1925. Livestock declined. General distributive trade in November seems to have been larger than in November last year by 7% in mail order sales and 8.7% in chain store trade. For eleven months the mail order sales show a gain over the same time last year of 4%, and chain stores a gain of 12.1%.

At Fall River, Mass., five mills comprising the cotton division of the American Printing Company will shut down Saturday noon, Dec. 10, for the rest of December and perhaps longer. Overproduction and dullness of trade are the reasons. The printing division will continue at work. At Yarmouth, Me., the bag mill of the Royal Manufacturing Company purchased recently by New York people has resumed operations after being closed since September. At Saco, Me., the York Manufacturing Company mills, which employ 1,800 workers, cut wages 10%. The company produces colored cotton goods, &c. At Biddeford, Me., the Pepperell Mills have cut wages 10% effective Dec. 12. Some 3,000 operatives are affected at the Biddeford plant. Columbia, S. C., wired that the Pacolet Mill will curtail one day a week with the probability other plain goods mills will follow suit. Spartanburg, S. C., reported that after shutting down for several days for improvement and repairs, the Leward Cotton Mills, at Worthville, N. C., have resumed operations. Cotton mills of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia comprising the fifth Federal Reserve district continue on full time. This is the statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va. At Morrilton, Ark., the new Morrilton mill which was not to begin operations until January has already begun. It has

10,000 spindles and cost \$500,000 and is expected to be running at 100% very shortly. Several knit goods mills in the South have opened the 1928 season. West Point, Ga., advices stated that no wage reductions have been made in that section. Curtailment in working time has been very general. The schedule is about 50 hours in such mills. They are suspending operations Friday night of each week and working 10 hours a day.

S. S. Kresge's sales for November were \$5,271,211, an increase of 9.3% over November 1926. Sales for the eleven months of this year were \$46,877,670, an increase of 11.1% over the corresponding period last year.

It hailed and snowed here on the 4th inst., but cleared on the 5th, and for several days was comparatively mild, especially on the 7th. On the 6th it was 34 to 45 degrees here, in Chicago 40 to 44, in Cincinnati 48 to 54, in Cleveland 42 to 46, in Duluth 2 to 6, in Milwaukee 40, in Kansas City 56 to 60, in Minneapolis 12 to 16, in Omaha 26 to 38, in St. Louis 48 to 56, in Winnipeg 12 to 16 below, in the Rocky Mountain section 18 below to 40 above. Here on the 7th it was 50 degrees at 10 A. M. A cold wave has latterly swept the West and in western New York on the 8th inst. there was a gale of 84 miles. The New York temperature fell suddenly to 28 degrees with a wind velocity of 55 miles. Early on Dec. 8 the temperature here was 63 degrees, the highest on that date in 56 years. Then it fell abruptly. In Montana it was 47 to 53 degrees below zero. A blizzard struck Minnesota and schools were suspended. Illinois and New England had floods, later checked by the falling temperatures. Lake navigation was dangerous. Here there was a phenomenally high tide. In the Southwest this morning it was 16 to 44 degrees; in the lower Mississippi Valley 18 to 28, and in the South Atlantic States 12 to 30. In the American Northwest it was 8 to 22 degrees below zero, in the Central West 12 to 38 above, in Chicago 6 above, in Canada 16 to 26 below. Today temperatures here fell 40 degrees overnight and ranged from 19 to 25. It promises to be fair and warmer on Saturday. Chicago yesterday was 4 to 6 degrees, Cincinnati 6 to 14, Cleveland 8 to 14, Milwaukee 2, St. Paul 6 to 16 degrees below zero.

Business Indexes of Federal Reserve Board.

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

INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

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

	Oct. 1927	Sept. 1927	Oct. 1926		Oct. 1927	Sept. 1927	Oct. 1926
Total	103	*105	111	<i>Manufactures—</i>			
Manufactures	102	*102	110	Iron and steel	93	97	115
Minerals	105	105	115	Textiles	113	118	110
				Food products	94	93	102
<i>Minerals—</i>				Paper and printing	112	113	117
Bituminous	90	92	112	Lumber	95	99	97
Anthracite	107	100	125	Automobiles	71	81	105
Petroleum	124	124	113	Leather and shoes	109	*112	106
Iron ore	95	87	132	Cement, brick, glass	108	*113	114
Copper	102	104	113	Nonferrous metals	106	107	112
Zinc	110	111	121	Petroleum refining	142	139	129
Lead	106	*111	118	Rubber tires	116	113	126
Silver	90	*90	93	Tobacco mfrs.	121	123	116

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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

	Employment.			Payrolls.		
	Oct. 1927.	Sept. 1927.	Oct. 1926.	Oct. 1927.	Sept. 1927.	Oct. 1926.
Total	91.7	91.9	96.3	105.1	103.8	112.4
Iron and steel	84.0	84.7	93.0	88.2	87.3	102.2
Textiles—Group	94.5	93.9	93.7	106.9	104.8	105.3
Fabrics	97.0	96.5	95.9	108.9	107.3	108.2
Products	91.4	90.5	90.8	104.3	101.9	101.7
Lumber	92.4	93.0	100.2	109.1	107.3	117.8
Railroad vehicles	75.5	76.1	83.9	83.6	81.3	93.4
Automobiles	109.9	111.0	119.9	113.6	128.7	151.3
Paper and printing	108.6	107.8	109.8	151.0	148.9	151.0
Foods, &c.	89.2	88.7	90.4	104.8	104.4	105.6
Leather, &c.	86.5	86.5	90.6	88.5	95.2	97.3
Stone, clay, glass	116.2	119.3	126.6	145.0	145.7	159.5
Tobacco, &c.	85.3	83.5	82.7	91.3	90.5	91.3
Chemicals, &c.	77.8	76.9	78.2	110.0	105.7	109.0

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

Wholesale Trade—	Oct. 1927	Sept. 1927	Oct. 1926	Retail Trade—	Oct. 1927	Sept. 1927	Oct. 1926
	Total	91	91		94	Dept't store sales—	
Groceries	86	85	91	Adjusted	135	143	139
Meat	87	89	85	Unadjusted	151	130	158
Dry goods	95	106	102	Dept. store stocks—			
Shoes	75	87	76	Adjusted	136	133	137
Hardware	111	109	114	Unadjusted	152	143	153
Drugs	136	131	133	Mail order sales—			
				Adjusted	122	134	116
				Unadjusted	158	126	151

* Revised.

Favorable Factors Cited By National Association of Credit Men Promising Solid Business Foundation for Coming Year.

As 1927 draws to a close, the presence of a strong combination of favorable business factors promises the coming year a solid business foundation, according to the November monthly survey conducted by the National Association of Credit Men. Among the favorable factors which business will inherit in 1928, the survey says, are the following:

A transportation system that has made possible minimum inventories on the part of producers and distributors.

Abundant capital and credit facilities which have been conservatively administered to avoid general plant inflation.

A program of tax reduction.

Better agricultural conditions and the outlook for an enlarged foreign market.

Economy in business, particularly through consolidation, and economy on the part of consumers by virtue of more careful buying.

The survey says in part:

"Commodity prices have shown very little change in the past month. Fisher's Index stood at 145.9 on Nov. 17, as compared with an average of 145.6 for the month of October. Crump's British Index registered 134.3 on Nov. 17, against an October average of 134.9.

"In building construction, October was a record-breaking month. New construction started in the 37 Eastern States in October reached a total of \$562,815,800, the highest October aggregate on record and the fourth largest monthly total for 1927.

"In production the situation continues to be spotty. The leaders—steel coal and automobiles—are still quiet, while textiles continue to improve. Cotton, rayon, silk and wool manufacturers are noticeably more cheerful than they have been for some time.

"Car loadings for the week ended Nov. 5 numbered 1,038,852, a decrease of 73,769 cars from the total of the preceding week and of 92,950 cars from the total for the corresponding week of last year. Bank clearings for the week ended Nov. 17, as reported to Bradstreet's, aggregated \$11,423,017,000, and increase of 13.3% over the like week of 1926.

"Both wholesale and retail trade, particularly in furs and winter clothing, have been stimulated by the colder weather. Chain stores continue to gain, 18 systems showing October sales aggregating \$83,668,441, an increase of 9.64% over October of last year. Sales of the same organizations for the first ten months of 1927 show a gain of 12.57% over the total for the first ten months of 1926.

"The agricultural situation, except in certain parts of the corn belt, is fairly satisfactory. Cotton planters, with a smaller yield and more favorable prices, are appreciably more cheerful than they were a year ago. In the Northwest the farmers are receiving good prices for a fine crop of Spring wheat.

"Employment conditions are fair except in a few cities where motor production still hangs back, waiting for the long delayed impact of the new Ford models. Commercial failures appear to involve chiefly the smaller manufacturers and wholesalers."

In an intensive survey covering California, Oregon, Washington, Utah and Idaho, the credit organization finds conditions fair or a little better than fair. The survey adds:

"In the Pacific Coast States the late agricultural season, which retarded marketing operations up to the middle of October, intensified activity in the movement of farm products as the end of the harvest came on. Industrial plants continued their operations at about the levels of a year ago, and distribution proceeded at about the same rate."

Production of Electric Power in the United States Continues to Show an Increase over 1926.

The total output of electric power by public utility power plants in the United States for the month of October amounted to 6,904,262,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of about 5% over the same month a year ago, according to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey. Of this amount 2,375,527,000 kilowatt-hours were produced by water power and 4,528,735,000 kilowatt-hours by fuels. Production for the month of September 1927 was 6,600,176,000 kilowatt-hours, an increase of approximately 6% over the corresponding month in 1926. The survey further shows:

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

District.	August 1927.	September 1927.	October 1927.	Change in Sept. Oct. Previous Year.	
				Aug.	Sept.
New England.....	444,629,000	447,481,000	478,183,000	+5%	+4%
Middle Atlantic.....	1,715,964,000	1,707,715,000	1,857,101,000	+6	+2%
East North Central.....	1,524,663,000	1,525,828,000	1,610,233,000	+1%	+1%
West North Central.....	409,485,000	420,359,000	432,335,000	+7%	+7%
South Atlantic.....	713,196,000	699,430,000	713,789,000	+15%	+14%
East South Central.....	303,011,000	312,464,000	312,983,000	+17%	+15%
West South Central.....	294,410,000	295,119,000	296,539,000	+23%	+18%
Mountain.....	314,085,000	296,492,000	280,798,000	+0%	-4%
Pacific.....	964,991,000	895,288,000	904,301,000	+10%	+9%
Total United States.....	6,684,434,000	6,600,176,000	6,904,262,000	+6%	+5%

During the month of October 6,904,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity were produced by public utility power plants for public use. This is the largest output of electricity ever produced in a single month. It is equivalent to an average production of 222,700,000 kilowatt-hours per day and is about 1% more than the revised figures of average daily output for September.

The gain in the monthly output over 1926 has gradually decreased from May to October. There has, however, been a decided increase in the daily output for each month from July to October, which compares favorably with the average for the past seven years. The increase in the output by the use of water power indicates that the streams of the country have passed the period of low water.

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

	1926.	1927.	Increase 1927 Over 1926.	Produced by Water Power.	
				1926.	1927.
January.....	6,150,000,000	6,730,000,000	9%	32%	35%
February.....	5,629,000,000	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	6,684,000,000	8%	34%	36%
September.....	6,221,000,000	6,600,000,000	6%	33%	33%
October.....	6,594,000,000	6,904,000,000	5%	33%	34%
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 are on a 100% basis.

[The Coal Division, Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, cooperates in the preparation of these reports.]

Output of Natural-Gas Gasoline Again Reached a Record Level in October 1927.

According to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Mines, the production of natural-gas gasoline again reached a record level in October 1927, when the output amounted to 143,600,000 gallons, a daily average of 4,630,000 gallons. This represents an increase over September 1927 of 2% and over a year ago of 18%. All of the districts showed increased output, with the exception of the Rocky Mountain area. The approach of cold weather in the Appalachian district, with the resultant increased demand for natural gas, was instrumental in materially raising the output in this district. Stocks of natural-gas gasoline at the plants on Oct. 31 1927 amounted to 32,797,000 gallons. This represents a moderate increase over the preceding month as against a considerable decrease the previous month. The Bureau continues:

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL-GAS GASOLINE (IN GALLONS).

	Production.			Stocks End of Month.	
	Sept. 1927.	Oct. 1927.	Oct. 1926.	Sept. 1927.	Oct. 1927.
Appalachian.....	5,600,000	7,400,000	8,100,000	2,434,000	2,813,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c..	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,500,000	256,000	276,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.	50,500,000	53,000,000	44,500,000	16,590,000	17,172,000
Texas.....	26,300,000	27,600,000	21,500,000	8,684,000	9,615,000
Louisiana and Arkansas	6,400,000	6,900,000	6,500,000	965,000	1,011,000
Rocky Mountain.....	3,909,000	3,800,000	4,200,000	634,000	575,000
Total east of Calif..	93,900,000	100,100,000	86,300,000	29,563,000	31,462,000
California.....	42,400,000	43,500,000	35,800,000	1,336,000	1,335,000
Total United States..	136,300,000	143,600,000	122,100,000	30,899,000	32,797,000
Daily average.....	4,540,000	4,630,000	3,940,000	-----	-----

a Approximately 97% net production; 3% gross.

Dun's Report of Failures in November.

As usual at this season, commercial failures in the United States have increased, numbering 1,864 in November as reported to R. G. Dun & Co. This is 4.3% more than the 1,787 defaults for October, and 18.5% above the 1,573 insolvencies of September, the low point for this year. The present total is, however, about 24% below the high mark of the year, reached last January. Comparing with the 1,830 failures of November 1926, the latest returns show an increase of less than 2%, which is a very small difference when allowance is made for the larger number of firms and individuals in business, that naturally enhances the possibilities of financial embarrassment. On the other hand, last month's defaults are the largest for any November since 1921.

A relatively better exhibit is made by the number of November insolvencies than by the liabilities, in comparison with those for the immediately preceding month. Thus, last month's indebtedness of \$36,146,573 is only a little above the \$36,235,872 of October and is smaller than the amounts for August, July, May and April, as well as in each month of the first quarter of this year. The high level for the year is represented by the \$53,155,737 of April. In contrast to this showing, the present liabilities disclose a rise of about \$3,000,000 from the \$32,692,993 of November 1926. For eleven months of the present calendar year, commercial failures numbering 20,984 compare with 19,704 for the corresponding period of 1926, an increase of 6% and this year's indebtedness of approximately \$469,000,000 is fully 29% in excess of the \$363,000,000 for the first eleven months of this year.

Monthly and quarterly reports of business failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the period mentioned:

largest losses were in woolen dress goods, 17.3%; domestics, 15.1; umbrellas, 18.3%; furs, 24.1%; and victrolas and records, 18.7%. Changes in the main departments were as follows:

Wholesale Trade.

With the exception of drugs, with an increase of 0.2%, all reporting wholesale lines showed a loss in sales in October this year as compared with the same month of 1926. Grocery sales declined 7.3%; dry goods, 15.4% hardware, 3.5%; and shoes, 19.7%. For the first 10 months of 1927 all lines but drugs report a loss from 1926. Drug sales are 0.01% greater. The decreases are: groceries, 4.8%; dry goods, 8.1%; hardware, 2.1%; and shoes, 6.2%. Sales in October compared with those in September in the case of dry goods and shoes fell off 6.5 and 9.8% respectively. Sales of groceries and hardware increased 0.2 and 7.7%. Drugs showed a slight loss of 0.8% from September.

Stocks on hand in all lines but shoes, which show an increase of 2.1%, were smaller than on Oct. 31 1926. The decreases were: groceries, 3.4%; dry goods, 8.6%; and hardware, 6.8%.

Hardware is the only line showing an increase in the amount of open book accounts, and drugs the only one reporting a gain in collections over October, 1926. The decreases in collections were: dry goods, 11.4%; shoes, 10.9%; groceries, 6.1%; and hardware, 2.9%.

**Business Conditions in Dallas Federal Reserve District
—Gains in Agriculture and Retail Trade.**

Improved agricultural conditions, an increase in gross deposits of member banks, and an expansion in retail trade in the larger centers, are noted in the Dec. 1 Monthly Business Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, from which we quote as follows:

The rise in the gross deposits of member banks in the Eleventh [Dallas] Federal Reserve District, as of the call report of Oct. 10, to the billion dollar level for the second time in history, and the rise in both net demand and time deposits on Oct. 26 to the highest point on record, are recent developments of more than passing significance and evidence the remarkable recuperative powers of the district. The increase in deposits has been made possible by reason of the fact that farmers have followed the policy of crop diversification, have raised their living at home, have reduced the cost of production, and have been able to market a large proportion of the cotton crop at or near the 20-cent level. Coincident with the rise in deposits has been the heavy liquidation of indebtedness at both banks and mercantile establishments. While Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks on Nov. 15, which amounted to \$6,375,000, were slightly greater than a month earlier, these loans represented largely the borrowings of reserve city banks in connection with the movement of cotton to concentration points, as loans to country banks on that date amounted to approximately \$1,250,000. That the large volume of surplus funds is seeking an investment outlet is evidenced by the fact that cash subscriptions to the Nov. 15 3 1/4% United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness totaled \$42,714,700.00, against which allotments of \$18,559,500 were made. A further evidence of the improvement in the district's business and financial structure was the marked reduction in the business mortality rate. Both the number of failures and the volume of indebtedness were substantially less than in either the previous month or the corresponding month last year.

The past month witnessed a marked improvement in the agricultural situation. The unusually favorable weather prevailing during the month hastened the maturity of crops and enabled the farmers to proceed rapidly with harvesting and plowing operations and to complete the seeding of small grains. The picking of cotton has been nearly completed in all sections except in West and Northwest Texas. Likewise, the harvesting of corn, grain sorghums and hay is nearing completion in most sections of the district. Except in a few localities, the physical condition of ranges and livestock showed a further improvement during the past month, and reports indicate that stock will be able to go through the winter with a minimum of feeding. Shipments of cattle to market centers have been heavy and prices have risen to a higher level. The strong market demand for livestock continues to be an outstanding factor in sustaining the business situation, especially in the Western half of the district.

The volume of retail trade in the larger centers, as evidenced by department store sales, showed a seasonal expansion of 23% but was 3% less than a year ago. While the distribution of merchandise at wholesale reflected a decline as compared to the previous month, it was substantially larger than in October last year. Although distribution in some lines has not come up to early expectations the trade situation is gradually improving and the outlook generally is reported to be satisfactory. Charges to depositors' accounts at banks in the principal cities of this district were 9% larger than in the previous month and were 3% larger than a year ago.

Construction activity in this district during the past month reflected a marked decline. The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities declined 23% as compared to the previous month and was 29% less than a year ago. While the production of lumber slightly declined, shipments and new orders increased. The production and shipments of cement showed large increases, as compared to both the previous month and the same month last year.

New Automobile Models and Prices.

Dodge Bros., Inc., on Dec. 7 introduced a new light-weight six cylinder car known as the Victory Six and priced between the four cylinder and Senior six lines. It is reported that the new car is not intended for competition with the dearest of the new Ford products. Its price, it was said, would be somewhere between \$875 for the "fastest four in America" and the \$1,595 for the present sixes.

The Moon Car Co. has added to its recently introduced line of model 6-72 passenger cars a new model known as the Royal Roadster, which is priced at \$1,395 at the factory. The new car is equipped with all the fittings and accessories which go to make up a de luxe model automobile.

The addition to its "72" line of a new model town sedan has just been made by the Chrysler Corp. It is priced at \$1,695 f.o.b. Detroit and incorporates a number of improve-

ments in trim and finish. The standard color is Kremlin brown, striped with extra permanent vermilion and gold bronze, with reveals, fenders and splash guards in black. Wood wheels are standard and are in Kremlin brown, with hubs, fellos and brake drums in black. The cadet visor is in black "polished." Flush type side cowl ventilators are used. Wells for spare tires on both front fenders and a folding trunk rack are standard equipment.

The International Harvester Co. of America has introduced a new salesman's coupe adapted to the needs of merchandisers of radio equipment, musical instruments, washing machines and many other products which can be demonstrated in the prospective purchaser's home or place of business. The car is attractive, speedy and easy riding, as well as efficient and economical. It is upholstered in leather. Above the belt line the coupe is covered with black fabrikoid. The lower part, the body, hood, fenders and wheels are black.

The Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. on Dec. 9 reduced the price of the 1928 model of its 20-35 h. p. tractor to \$1,295 cash f. o. b. Milwaukee, a reduction of \$200 from 1927 price.

Lumber Movement Gains Currently and Continues Above Same Period a Year Ago.

The feature of the national lumber movement for the week ended Dec. 3, as shown by telegraphic reports from 456 of the leading lumber mills of the country, says the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, was a gain in production, shipments and new business as compared with the immediately preceding week. In that week 36 more mills reported, which points to the conclusion that orders for the current week were larger and that shipments and production were much larger. In comparison with the same period a year ago there were, it is evident, heavy increases in all three factors.

The softwood side of the industry shows some increase in production and new business and extraordinarily heavy increase in shipments this week, when compared with reports for the week earlier, when nine more mills reported. Compared with the corresponding period a year ago there were notable increases in all three items.

The hardwood industry, it appears, lags somewhat behind last week in new business and is backward in all phases compared with the corresponding period a year ago. However, the disparity in the number of mills reporting makes comparison difficult, continues the National Association's report, from which we further quote:

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 223 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 536,431,033 feet, as against 560,670,232 feet for 224 mills the previous week. The 109 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 201,723,971 feet last week, as against 210,380,152 feet for the week before. For the 114 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 334,707,062 feet, as against 350,290,080 feet for 115 mills a week earlier.

Altogether, the 334 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 94% and orders 84% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 99 and 86; and for the West Coast mills 92 and 81.

Of the reporting mills, the 334 with an established normal production for the week of 229,723,856 feet gave actual production 100%, shipments 94% and orders 84% thereof.

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

	Past Week.		Corresponding Week 1926.		Preceding Week 1927 (Revised).	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills-----	334	122	346	138	343	149
Production...	229,266,000	17,604,000	210,707,000	21,052,000	219,493,000	18,900,000
Shipments...	216,388,000	16,912,000	189,832,000	21,682,000	184,933,000	18,871,000
Orders ----	193,117,000	14,339,000	172,994,000	20,148,000	190,140,000	18,014,000

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but, not being comparable, these are not included in the foregoing tables. Twenty-one of these mills, representing 66% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 20,142,000, shipments 19,341,000 and new business 17,241,000. Last week's report from 19 mills, representing 63% of the cut, was: Production, 15,038,000 feet; shipments, 15,435,000, and new business 14,685,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 114 mills reporting for the week ended Dec. 3 was 19% below production and shipments were 8% below production. Of all new business taken during the week, 51% was for future water delivery, amounting to 48,765,847 feet, of which 31,451,439 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 17,314,408 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 41,125,918 feet, or 43% of the week's new business. Fifty-seven per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 61,504,580 feet, of which 38,207,458 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 23,297,122 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 40,497,706 feet, or 37% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 6,093,103 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 101,501,175 feet, foreign 126,589,601 feet and rail trade 106,616,286 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 109 mills reporting shipments were 1.37% below production and orders were 14.10% below production and 12.91% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 58,372,679 feet (previous week 62,587,684); shipments, 67,028,860 feet (previous week 64,623,223); and production 67,957,162 feet (previous week 63,189,337). The normal production of these mills is 75,381,368 feet. Of the 107 mills reporting running time, 77 operated full time, 23 of the latter overtime; two mills were shut down and the rest operated from two to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' Association of Portland, Ore., with two fewer mills reporting, shows a noticeable decrease in production and substantial increases in shipments and new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., reports a slight decrease in production, a notable increase in shipments and approximately 100% increase in new business.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with two fewer mills reporting, shows some decreases in production and shipments and a heavy decrease in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers' Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production and new business about the same and a good gain in shipments.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wisc. (in its softwood production), with two fewer mills reporting, shows nominal decreases in production and shipments and a big decrease in orders.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wisc., reported from 20 mills (two fewer than reported for the week earlier) a slight increase in production, shipments about the same and new business somewhat below that reported for the preceding week.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 102 mills (25 fewer mills than reported for the previous week) marked decreases in all three items. The normal production of these units is 17,136,000 feet.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred fifteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Nov. 26 manufactured 108,167,215 feet, sold 90,684,414 feet and shipped 80,112,268 feet. New business was 17,482,801 feet less than production and shipments 28,054,947 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended	Nov. 26.	Nov. 19.	Nov. 12.	Nov. 5.
Number of mills reporting	115	119	118	119
Production (feet)	108,167,215	120,323,026	120,775,883	122,445,757
New business (feet)	90,684,414	97,513,361	98,535,121	126,649,048
Shipments (feet)	80,112,268	95,385,766	106,386,412	111,831,248
<i>Unshipped Business</i>				
Rail (feet)	106,765,476	111,549,443	118,422,978	124,477,301
Domestic cargo (feet)	110,854,275	96,832,601	100,324,791	103,968,768
Export (feet)	132,679,329	131,964,046	144,654,234	130,937,266
Total (feet)	350,299,080	340,346,090	363,402,003	359,383,335
<i>First 47 Weeks of</i>				
Aver. number of mills	95	106	114	123
Production (feet)	4,585,306,000	4,974,784,102	4,745,347,808	4,427,984,825
New Business (feet)	4,487,460,566	4,976,262,066	4,862,063,994	4,445,624,257
Shipments (feet)	4,439,366,405	4,984,099,260	4,862,470,211	4,516,111,918

October Pulp and Paper Statistics.

Due to the fact that there was one more working day in October than in September the total monthly production of paper in October increased 0.8% according to reports to the American Paper and Pulp Association. The total production of paper reported for October was 571,404 tons as compared with 566,869 tons in September and 583,145 tons in October 1926. Fine and tissue papers were the only grades not showing a decrease in the daily average production; fine showing no change and tissue increasing 0.5% over September daily average. Total production of Wood Pulp for October was 186,522 tons as compared with 164,815 tons in September and 226,862 in Oct. 1926. Statistics as follow are supplied by the Association.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF OPERATIONS IN IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1927.

Grade.	No. of Mills	Practical Product'n Capacity	Prod-uction	P. C. Capacity	Shp-ments	P. C. Capacity	Stocks on Hand End of Month
Newsprint	71	149,058	114,675	77	118,371	79	27,939
Book	66	113,516	94,037	83	95,166	84	53,380
Paperboard	116	264,238	211,505	80	213,379	81	42,382
Wrapping	73	62,498	53,127	87	52,664	86	46,681
Bag	20	15,496	13,689	88	14,129	91	8,669
Fine	74	33,670	31,066	92	31,139	92	40,719
Tissue	46	14,352	14,359	100	15,253	107	13,472
Hanging	9	7,202	6,017	84	5,884	82	3,691
Felts and building	13	13,702	10,890	79	10,100	74	2,704
Other grades	60	29,510	22,038	75	21,660	73	18,594
Total all grades		705,242	571,404	81	577,745	82	258,231

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF WOOD PULP OPERATIONS IN IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1927.

Grade	No. of Mills	On Hand First of Month	Product'n for Month	Used During Month	Shipped During Month	On Hand End of Month
Groundwood pulp	86	101,773	78,759	82,715	2,433	95,384
Sulphite, news gr.	38	8,449	39,561	36,990	1,714	9,306
Sulphite, bleached	22	2,553	24,431	22,266	2,467	2,251
Sulphite, easy bleached	7	1,963	3,702	3,471	190	2,004
Sulphite, Mitscherlich	6	427	7,269	6,102	1,179	415
Sulphate pulp	10	2,790	16,822	15,023	1,690	2,899
Soda pulp	11	2,789	15,943	11,557	4,641	2,534
Pulp, other gr.	2	172	35	-----	-----	207
Total all grades		120,916	186,522	178,124	14,314	115,000

PAPER REVIEW FOR TEN MONTHS IN 1927.

Grade.	No. of Mills	Production	Shpments	Stocks on Hand End of Month
		(Net Tons)	(Net Tons)	(Net Tons)
Newsprint	71	1,250,373	1,235,461	27,939
Book (M. F. S. C. and coated)	63	916,925	908,879	53,016
Paperboard (straw, fibre, leather, chip, box, &c.)	113	1,933,949	1,938,476	41,185
Wrapping (kraft manila, fibre, &c.)	74	516,216	503,344	47,161
Bag (all kinds)	23	126,633	127,022	8,669
Fine (writing, bond, ledgers, &c.)	74	299,225	300,212	40,719
Tissue (toilet, crepe, fruit wrappers, &c.)	53	144,772	143,786	14,320
Hanging (No. 2 blank, oatmeal, tile, &c.)	9	57,096	56,362	3,691
Felts and building (roofing, sheathing, &c.)	13	103,418	103,025	2,704
Other grades (specialties not otherwise classified)	60	221,593	220,062	18,594
Total all grades		5,570,200	5,536,629	257,998

WOOD PULP REVIEW FOR TEN MONTHS IN 1927.

Grade	No. of Mills	Pro-duction	Used	Shipped	On Hand End of Month
Groundwood pulp	91	856,654	866,706	24,807	95,384
Sulphite, news grade	38	406,547	378,527	27,527	9,306
Sulphite, bleached	23	246,519	211,165	36,669	2,343
Sulphite, easy bleaching	7	41,371	34,664	5,621	2,004
Sulphite, Mitscherlich	6	67,629	58,554	9,466	415
Sulphate pulp	10	167,554	152,410	14,471	2,899
Soda pulp	11	166,552	121,605	45,185	2,534
Pulp, other grades	2	417	186	36	207
Total all grades		1,953,243	1,823,817	163,722	115,092

Southern Planters Reserving Larger Acreage for Next Year's Cotton Crop.

That Southern planters are reserving a larger acreage for next year's cotton crop than they did for the 1927 crop is indicated by a slight decline in shipments of fertilizer in Southern territory during August, September and October, according to a report compiled by the National Fertilizer Association. The decline in fall shipments in Southern territory is interpreted by the association to indicate that a smaller acreage of fall-sown grains has been planted, and that a larger acreage has been reserved for cotton. Shipments in Northern States increased slightly.

The report states that the production of superphosphate (acid phosphate) during October was 12.8% greater than during October a year ago, and that the increase over September was larger than the similar upward trend last year. In view of the cotton growers' plight in 1926, the association cautions against overproduction. Shipments to consumers and dealers during October were smaller than for the same month a year ago, and the seasonal downward trend from the previous month was slightly sharper than last year. The association says:

While stocks were 6.5% less on Oct. 31 than on the same date a year ago, they increased more rapidly from the previous month than they did for the like period of last season. With production increasing, shipments slightly less than last year, and stocks increasing, it is evident that producers are making preparation for an increased business this coming season. This would seem in line with probabilities, provided the accumulation of stocks is not overdone.

Agreement Between Cuban and European Sugar Industries Designed to Stabilize Production—Stand of Dutch Sugar Interests.

Advices from Berlin December 2 (Associated Press) state that central European beet sugar producers have been won over to "the Cuban idea" for restricted production in order to stabilize the industry, Col. Jose Tarafa, head of the Cuban Sugar Defense Committee, declared on Dec. 1 as he was leaving Berlin to return to Havana. These advices added:

Col. Tarafa was highly pleased at the outcome of his conferences with the Dutch, German, Polish, Czech and Hungarian producers and was firmly convinced of their co-operation in promoting the Cuban program for the equilibration of the sugar industry.

"I am very happy over the cordial feeling which prevailed all through our deliberations," he said, "and with the common conviction that the restriction of production is the same remedy for saving the international sugar market."

The Berlin discussion also brought about a truce between German, Polish and Czech producers, which the Cuban representative considered another happy omen for his European trip.

"With Cuba limiting her output to 4,000,000 tons, the 1927-1928 crop situation will be balanced," he added, "and the first practical stage in our program will have been reached."

The signing in Paris on Nov. 15 by representatives of sugar exporters of Cuba, Germany, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, of an agreement having for its object the stabilization of production and exportation "so the industry will be able to wait for consumption to catch up with the present overproduction," was noted in these columns Nov. 19, page 2739. Amsterdam (Holland) Associated Press cablegrams on Nov 25 stated that the Dutch Java sugar interests had decided that day to remain outside of the recently formed Cuban-European sugar cartel, although they agreed to co-operate with Cuba, as far as mutual interests permit, to prevent a

crisis in the sugar industry until consumption catches up with production. Continuing these cablegrams said:

Results of conferences between Colonel Jose Tarafa of Cuba and Dutch sugar magnates are set forth in a communiqué made public to-day. It says that all conferences have been of a most friendly character and that it is the intention of those who took part to meet again next year to discuss further co-operation.

The stipulation for another meeting next year is interpreted here as showing that while the Dutch Java interests want to remain independent of the agreement recently made in Paris between Colonel Tarafa and representatives of Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia, they do not want to be isolated and will not be disposed to take advantage of the situation created by the restrictions of exports from other countries.

According to the "Wall Street News" of Dec. 1 Lamborn & Co., have received the following cable from Hamburg: "Official report of the conference read: 'Colonel Tarafa reported in detail negotiations which he had conducted Amsterdam with Association Java Sugar Producers. The delegates fully agreed Col. Tarafa's statement these negotiations. Thereupon Presidents German, Polish, Czecho-slovakia delegates stated behalf industry's represented by them they ratify Paris resolutions Nov. 14 1927."

"Main point of these resolutions follows: 'Cuba undertakes restrict 1928 campaign. On the other hand representatives sugar industries of other countries at ending conference undertook to support policy of Cuban Republic. This matter which aims adjusting world's sugar production to world's sugar consumption to do so, some by restricting growing beet in year 1928, others by curtailing exports or keeping certain surpluses off market in 1928-29 campaign."

"Furthermore it was resolved to elect executive committee contemplated in Paris resolution in course month December. On executive committee industry each country attending conference be represented by three representatives. Seat of office was designated beforehand Berlin. Nevertheless negotiations will take place alternately in capital cities of sugar producing countries concerned. Executive committee has duty of carrying on work of conference at close. Note was taken with satisfaction of that fact also Hungarian sugar industry looks with favor on Paris resolution and will soon submit same to consideration by interested parties."

"Signed: Rabbethg, Zychlinski, Crom, Tarafa."

Crude Oil Prices Advance—Gasoline Steady.

For the first time since last August a change was made in the posted price of Pennsylvania crude oil. At that time the price revision was a reduction which brought prices down to the lowest level of the year. Now the price has been advanced 5 to 10 cents a barrel by the Joseph Seep Agency. The schedule of new prices effective Dec. 3 compared with those previously in effect, are as follows (per barrel):

Table with columns: Grade, New, Old, Advance. Lists various grades of crude oil and their price adjustments.

Also effective on Dec. 3 the Magnolia Petroleum Co. reduced the price of Cotton Valley crude oil 15c., to 85 c. per barrel, following similar reductions made by the Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. and the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on Dec. 2 and noted in last week's issue, page 2999.

On Dec. 8 it was reported that the New Orleans Refining Co. (a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch Co.) had purchased West Texas crude at a premium of 13c. per barrel above the posted price of 60c. per barrel. On the same day a press dispatch said that Rio Grande Petroleum had bought West Texas crude at a premium of 15c. over the posted price.

Gasoline prices remained unchanged to any great extent throughout the week.

On Dec. 9 wholesale prices at Chicago stood as follows: U. S. motor grade gasoline 5 7/8 @ 6 1/2c.; kerosene 41-43 water white, 4 3/8 @ 4 1/2c.; fuel oil 24-26 gravity, 80 @ 85c.

Decline Cuts Down Week's Crude Oil Production.

The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 3 fell to 2,480,750 barrels through a decrease in output averaging 17,600 barrels per day, according to estimates furnished by the American Petroleum Institute. This compares with 2,498,350 barrels for the preceding week, and is 91,950 barrels greater than the output in the corresponding week of 1926. The daily average production east of California for the week of Dec. 3 was 1,854,350 barrels, as compared with 1,872,350 barrels, a decrease of 18,000 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION. Table with columns: (In Barrels), Dec. 3 '27, Nov. 26 '27, Nov. 19 '27, Dec. 4 '26. Lists production for various states like Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, etc.

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West Texas, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Dec. 3 was 1,524,250 barrels, as compared with 1,542,350 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 18,100 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil was 1,450,600 barrels as compared with 1,468,800 barrels, a decrease of 18,200 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):

Table showing production in barrels for various districts like Oklahoma, North Louisiana, Arkansas, Coastal Texas, etc., with columns for Dec. 3, Nov. 26.

November Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, &c.—Total Imports for Month Second Lowest for Year.

Imports of raw silk during the month of November totaled 36,650 bales, as compared with 51,207 bales in October and 33,991 bales in February, the record low for the year. In November last year the imports were 59,670 bales. Consumption during November decreased 880 bales as compared with the preceding month, according to statistics made public on Dec. 5 by the Silk Association of America, Inc., which show approximate deliveries to American mills last month of 46,947 bales, as against 47,827 bales in October and 47,634 bales in November last year. Stocks of raw silk Dec. 1 amounted to 52,069 bales compared with 62,366 bales on Nov. 1. Details follow:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE DECEMBER 1 1927. (As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City—figures in bales.) Table with columns: European, Japan, All Other, Total.

SUMMARY.

Table showing Summary of Imports and Storage. Columns: Imports During the Month (1927, 1926, 1925) and Storage at End of Month (1927, 1926, 1925) for months January to December.

Table showing Approximate Deliveries to American Mills and Approximate Amount in Transit between Japan and New York. Columns: 1927, 1926, 1925 for deliveries; 1927, 1926, 1925 for transit.

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the continent (covered by manifests 203 to 221 incl.). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 810 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month.

Steel and Pig Iron Orders Forecast Expansion in First Quarter Next Year—Prices Steady.

Although purchasing for delivery this year is practically ended, buying orders in both the steel and iron markets of the country throughout this week indicate expansion during the first quarter of the new year.

With sales of more than 260,000 tons of rails in the past week, the appearance of fresh inquiries for some 6000 railroad cars on top of 4000 pending, with bookings of fabricated structural steel in continued heavy total volume, and with sustained activity of makers of agricultural machinery and heavier shipments to automobile plants, the outlook is for expansion in production early in the new year, declares the "Iron Age" in its Dec. 8 report on conditions in the markets. In view of the year-end holidays, it will be surprising if December output will equal November. Meanwhile, buying for delivery in the first quarter as yet remains moderate, with acceptance of the 1.80c., Pittsburgh basis, for the heavy tonnage products, and some forward covering of sheets at the recently ruling levels, adds the "Age" from which we quote the following:

November production of steel ingots, amounting to 3,120,000 tons, when electric and crucible steels are included, proved to be about 6% below October. With December unlikely to exceed November, the fourth quarter steel output will be under the third quarter by probably the same percentage. The four quarters of the year, in order, will line up, in percentages of capacity engaged, as follows: 85, 82, 69 1/2 and 65. The fourth quarter output last year represented 80 1/2% of capacity.

In pig iron activity, the country began December with 170 furnaces in blast, making pig iron at a daily rate of 87,700 tons. On Nov. 1, there were 172 furnaces active at a rate of 88,300 tons. Complete returns, as shown in another column to-day, show that production in November was 2,648,376 tons, or 83,279 tons a day, slightly under the October average of 89,810 tons a day.

For a lower daily pig iron output the records go back to August, 1925, and for number of furnaces active, to September, 1924. In the meantime production per stack has greatly increased; on Dec. 1, this year, it was 516 tons, while on Sept. 1, 1925, it was 455 tons and on Oct. 1, 1924, it was 418 tons.

The rail business closed includes 94,000 tons for the Southern Pacific, 90,000 for the Baltimore & Ohio, 50,000 for the St. Paul, 9500 for the Grand Trunk and 5000 for the Monon. For a Chinese road in Manchuria, the Steel Corporation booked 11,000 tons of 80-lb. sections.

Railroad car inquiries include 2450 from the Southern, 2150 from the Louisville & Nashville, and 1000 from the Texas & Pacific, together with several large lots of underframes. The Southern will buy also 38 locomotives.

Pig iron buying is active at Cleveland, where sales of foundry and malleable grades totaled 50,000 tons, and in the St. Louis district, where 27,000 tons, much of it basic, was booked. Nearly all of the iron sold at Cleveland was for first quarter delivery. Interest in 1928 requirements is slow in developing in other sections. Prices still show a soft tendency at Pittsburgh, where Bessemer iron has declined 25c. a ton and basic iron is available from nearby stacks at delivered prices 50c. a ton below those from Valley furnaces.

Both of the "Iron Age" composite prices remain unchanged this week, that for pig iron standing for a second week at \$17.59 a gross ton and that for finished steel for a third week at 2.307c. a lb., as shown in the following table:

Table with 4 columns: Finished Steel, Pig Iron, High, Low. Rows include Dec. 6 1927, One week ago, One month ago, One year ago, 10-year pre-war average, and monthly data from 1927 to 1923.

Mounting interest of pig iron consumers in their first quarter supplies and moderate forward activity in many finished steel lines continue optimism dominant in the iron and steel market, the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland observes this week. Pig iron sales the past week totaled well over 100,000 tons and inquiry is expanding. Steel buyers as well as producers see increasing promise in the coming quarter, and determination of first quarter prices is a stimulus to sales.

The market, however, retains its two-sided nature. Order books are lengthening, almost exclusively for first quarter and first half delivery. Consumption, in the meantime, remains low and users are sharply restricting receipts in view of approaching inventory-taking. This condition is reflected in steel ingot production, which in November declined to the lowest point in 28 months, and December thus far shows little change, continues the "Review," adding:

The November daily ingot rate of 119,299 gross tons is a drop of 6% from the 126,500 tons of October and 15% from the 142,529 tons of last November. It was the poorest November since 1921. The month's total output at 3,101,764 tons compares with 3,289,013 tons in October and 3,705,744 tons a year ago. The eleven-month total for 1927 is 39,890,571 tons, against 43,469,439 tons last year. Only 73.7% of the country's raw steelmaking capacity was engaged in November, compared with 77.9% in October.

Producers of plates, shapes and bars are booking first quarter business on the basis of 1.80c., Pittsburgh, and 1.90c., Chicago. Current shipments almost entirely are invoiced at prices governing before the mid-November advance. The trade continues to look for another rise this month fully to establish present quotations. Whether low-priced

tonnage not specified out by Dec. 31 is canceled remains to be seen. Chicago presents the most active market, with nearly 55,000 tons of plates and shapes on inquiry.

Ohio and Indiana foundries have contributed heavily to the 60,000 tons of pig iron booked by Cleveland furnace interests. Sales at St. Louis, approximating 25,000 tons, include a tonnage of basic iron for a local steelworks. A Pittsburgh user is closing on 12,000 tons of bessemer and considerable gray forge; on the bessemer it has developed \$17.50 and \$17.75, against the recent quotation of \$18. One-third of the Chicago district's first quarter needs, or nearly 150,000 tons, has been closed quietly. Silicon differentials have been waived in New England.

Negotiations for first quarter beehive coke reveal producers quoting \$3, users seeking a wage clause which would automatically cut this level to \$2.65, and producers countering with a minimum of \$2.85 or \$2.90. Thus far little forward business has been booked. Meanwhile, spot sales of distress furnace coke are reported as low as \$2.50. Foundry coke is weaker, at \$3.50 to \$3.75. By-product coke prices in many districts are being extended into the first quarter.

Sheet prices continue variable. Some independents are asking 2.10c, Pittsburgh, for blue annealed, 2.90c for black and 3.75c for galvanized for first quarter. The leading maker, without formal announcement, is taking some business at current prices running into first quarter delivery. Buyers can still do 2.75c to 2.80c in black and 3.60c to 3.65c in galvanized without difficulty. Pittsburgh reports good orders from all users save automotive and freight car builders. Sales at Chicago have spurred sufficiently to raise production to 80%.

With the Southern Railway inquiring for 2400 freight cars and the Baltimore & Ohio a prospective buyer of 4000, active and probable car inquiry stands at 17,900, as large as at any time this year. Sixty thousand tons of rails has been placed at Chicago and 100,000 tons is pending there. Southern Pacific is reported closing on 75,757 tons.

Ford and General Motors subsidiaries are expected to be heavy buyers in a few days of sheets and strip for delivery beginning in January. Hot strip is erratic, at 1.85c to 1.95c, Pittsburgh.

French cast-iron pipe is low on a 10,000-ton job at Detroit at \$35.05, delivered, or \$2.70 under the lowest domestic bid.

Current semi-finished steel prices are expected to be affirmed for first quarter.

Tin plate is now quoted at \$5.25 per base box for first half, in line with recent concessions from the nominal quotation of \$5.50.

The "Iron Trade Review" composite of fourteen leading iron and steel products continues to decline, due to adjustments in tin plate and pig iron. This week it stands at \$35.10, compared with \$35.17 a week ago and \$35.51 a month ago.

Decrease in November's Production of Steel Ingots.

The output of steel ingots in November was the smallest of any month since July 1925. According to the American Iron & Steel Institute, the production in November by the companies which made 95.01% of the ingot production in 1926 was 2,959,083 tons, of which 2,477,253 tons were open-hearth and 481,830 tons Bessemer. On this basis the calculated monthly output of all companies is 3,101,764 tons, which compares with 3,289,013 tons in October and with the high figure for the year of 4,499,092 tons, reached in March. The approximate daily production of all companies was 119,299 tons in November, 126,500 tons in October and 166,633 tons last March. In the tabulation below will be found the details of production back to January 1926:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1926 TO DEC. 1926—GROSS TONS. Reported for 1926 by companies which made 95.01% of the total Steel Ingot production in that year.

Table with 8 columns: Months, Open-Hearth, Bessemer, Other, Monthly Output, Calculated Monthly Output, No. of Work-Days, Approx. Daily Output, Per Cent of Operation. Rows include monthly data from 1926 and 11-month, December, and Total figures.

The figures of "per cent of operation" are based on the "practical capacity" as of Dec. 31 1926, of 50,000,000 gross tons of open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingots.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1927 TO NOVEMBER 1927—GROSS TONS. [Reported for 1927 by companies which made 95.40% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingot production in 1926.]

Table with 8 columns: Months, Open-hearth, Bessemer, Monthly Output, Calculated Monthly Output, No. of Work-Days, Approx. Daily Output, Per Cent Operation. Rows include monthly data from 1927 and 11-month figures.

* Excludes crucible and electric ingots, as it has not been found feasible to secure monthly figures from a sufficient proportion of producers to fairly represent the production of steel ingots by these processes.

The figures of "per cent of operation" are based on the "practical capacity" as of Dec. 31 1926 of 50,500,000 gross tons of open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingots.

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

Table with columns: State, Total Production for Week Ended (Nov. 19, 1927; Nov. 12, 1927; Nov. 20, 1926; Nov. 21, 1925; Nov. 21, 1923), and Average per Working Day (Nov. 1927).

Total. 9,998,000 9,454,000 14,282,000 12,526,000 10,236,000
a Revised. b Weekly rate maintained during the entire month. c Include operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., B. C. & G., and Charleston division of the B. & O. d Rest of State, including Panhandle.

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended Nov. 26 is estimated at 1,286,000 net tons as against 1,951,000 tons in the preceding week. The decrease was largely due to the complete shut-down of all mines in the anthracite field on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Week, Cal. Year. to Date, Week, Cal. Year. to Date (1927 and 1926).

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended Nov. 26 is estimated at 86,000 net tons, an increase of 4,000 tons, or 4.9% over the output in the preceding week.

The cumulative production of beehive coke since Jan. 1 amounts to 6,565,000 net tons as against 10,593,000 tons during the corresponding period of 1926. This indicates a decrease, during the current year, of approximately 37.8%

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons). Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Table with columns: State, Week Ended (Nov. 26, 1927; Nov. 19, 1927; Nov. 19, 1926; Nov. 27, 1926), 1927 to Date, 1926 to Date.

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

The weekly estimate of bituminous coal production in the United States, prepared by the National Coal Association from preliminary shipping reports, shows the total for the week ended Dec. 3 as 9,400,000 net tons. This is a decrease of over five million tons from the corresponding week of 1926 and a loss of one-half million tons from the total of the last week of full time operation during the present year, which was the week of Nov. 19.

Preliminary Estimates of Production of Coal and Beehive Coke During the Month of November.

The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Mines, has begun to issue monthly preliminary estimates of the production of bituminous coal, anthracite and beehive coke, re-compiled from the figures appearing in its weekly coal report. The preliminary estimates for the month of November (subject to slight revision) show that the total production of bituminous coal amounted to 40,770,000 net tons, compared with 59,213,000 net tons during the month of Nov. 1926. In the same comparative months the output of anthracite

in 1927 was 6,894,000 net tons against 7,397,000 net tons in 1926.

All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of the complete canvas of production made at the end of the calendar year.

Table with columns: State, Total for Month (Nov. 1927 Preliminary), Number of Working Days, Average per Working Day (Nov. 1927).

a Slight revisions of these estimates will be issued in the Weekly Coal Report about the middle of the month.

Production of Coal by States During the Month of October.

Below are shown the estimates of the production of bituminous coal, by States, for the month of October as compiled by the United States Bureau of Mines. The distribution of the tonnage is based in part (except for certain States which themselves supply authentic data) on figures of loadings by railroad divisions and in part on reports on waterways shipments.

The total production of bituminous coal for the country as a whole in October is estimated at 44,000,000 net tons, in comparison with 41,928,000 tons in September. In October, 1926 the production of bituminous coal amounted to 54,592,000 net tons, being 10,592,000 tons greater than the same month this year. The average daily rate of output in October was 1,692,000 tons, an increase of 2.5% over the average daily rate of 1,651,000 tons for September.

Anthracite production in the month of October amounted to 7,404,000 net tons, as compared with an output of 6,642,000 tons in September and with 8,617,000 net tons in October, 1926. The current output thus shows a decline of 1,213,000 tons from that of the corresponding month one year ago. The average daily rate of output in October was 296,000 tons, an increase of 11.3% over the average daily rate of 266,000 tons for September.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF COAL BY STATES IN OCTOBER (Net Tons.)

Table with columns: State, Oct. 1927, Sept. 1927, Oct. 1926, Oct. 1925, Oct. 1923.

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Dec. 7, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows a decrease for the week of \$33,100,000 in holdings of discounted bills and increases of \$25,300,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, \$56,400,000 in Government securities, \$13,400,000 in cash reserves, \$33,200,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and \$18,500,000 in member bank reserve deposits. Total bills and securities were \$48,500,000 above the amount held a week ago. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Smaller holdings of discounted bills were reported by nine of the Federal Reserve banks, the principal changes being decreases of \$15,600,000 at New York, \$7,400,000 at Philadelphia \$6,300,000 at St. Louis and \$5,200,000 at Atlanta and increases of \$6,800,000 at San Francisco and \$4,300,000 at Cleveland. The System's holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market increased \$25,300,000. of bonds and Treasury notes \$2,000,000 and of Treasury certificates \$54,400,000, the increase in holdings of Treasury certificates being due largely to an increase from \$2,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in the amount of temporary certificates issued by the United States Treasury to the Reserve banks.

Federal Reserve note circulation increased \$7,200,000 at the Boston bank, \$5,500,000 at Cleveland, \$4,800,000 at Philadelphia, \$4,400,000 at San Francisco, and \$33,200,000 at all Federal Reserve banks.

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 3168 and 3169. A

summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Dec. 7 1927 is as follows:

Table with columns: Item, Week, Year. Rows include Total reserves, Gold reserves, Total bills and securities, Bills discounted, Secured by U. S. Government obligations, etc.

Returns of Member Banks for New York and Chicago Federal Reserve District—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 659—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 reached a new high in all time, the grand aggregate of these loans on Dec. 7 for the 53 reporting member banks in New York City being \$3,562,805,000 an increase of nearly \$52,000,000 over last weeks (Nov. 30) total of \$23,510,849,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

Table for New York—52 Banks with columns: Dec. 7 1927, Nov. 30 1927, Dec. 8 1926. Rows include Loans and Investments, Loans and discounts, Investments, Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table for Chicago—44 Banks with columns: Dec. 7 1927, Nov. 30 1927, Dec. 8 1926. Rows include Loans and Investments, Loans and discounts, Investments, Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

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 659, 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 Nov. 30:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 659 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Nov. 30 shows increases for the week of \$84,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$16,000,000 in investments, \$227,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$56,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, and a decline of \$100,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on stocks and bond, including United States Government securities, were \$76,000,000 above the Nov. 23 total, the principal changes including increases of \$115,000,000 in the New York district and \$11,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and a reduction of \$39,000,000 in the Chicago district. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$3,000,000 during the week, only relatively small changes being reported by banks in any of the Federal Reserve districts.

Holdings of United States securities declined \$5,000,000 at banks in the Boston district and increased \$8,000,000 at banks in the Chicago district and \$3,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$13,000,000, of which \$12,000,000 was in the New York district.

Net demand deposits were \$227,000,000 above the previous week's figure, increases of \$169,000,000 being reported by banks in the New York district, \$16,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$12,000,000 each in the Boston and Philadelphia districts. Government deposits were \$100,000,000 less than a week ago, banks in all districts reporting reductions in this item.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks increased \$56,000,000, of which \$34,000,000 was in the New York district and \$9,000,000 in the Chicago district.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 659 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Nov. 30 1927, follows:

Table with columns: Nov. 30 1927, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) During Week, During Year. Rows include Loans and Investments, Loans and discounts, Investments, U. S. Government securities, etc.

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 (Dec. 10) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

AUSTRALIA.

Some Christmas trading is now developing in Australian business centres, but generally speaking depressed conditions prevail and dealers are buying cautiously. Dullness in the steel trade has caused local manufacturers to further reduce production, and the largest manufacturer of hosiery and knitted underwear proposes liquidation as a result of heavy liabilities. Unemployment continues to increase.

BELGIUM.

Business and industry are apparently confident in the future conservative administration, beneficial economic progress, and sound advances in public enterprise and public improvements are expected. There is no change in the financial policy of the Government.

BRAZIL.

Business continues slow in Brazil except for a few special lines, but a general improvement is expected after the first of the year. There has been a slight weakening of the milreis. The law abolishing duty exemptions on certain imports has been enacted to become effective Jan. 1. A special law affecting petroleum exploration and production is now before Congress, and it is stated that there is a strong probability of its being passed.

CANADA.

The volume of wholesale and retail trade throughout the Dominion is reported as generally good. Christmas shopping is actively under way and merchants handling toys, novelties and other holiday lines report steadily increasing sales. In anticipation of the closing of lake navigation, freight movements have been exceptionally heavy during the week. The Lachine Canal transported a total of 22,000,937 bushels of grain during November, said to be an increase of 10,000,000 over the corresponding figure for last year.

Heavier carloading as well as the exceptional volume of construction activity which has resulted from the prevalence of milder weather than usual at this season of the year are believed to be the principal factors in the increase in the physical volume of business in Canada in October. Some manufacturing industries show a contraction, but the employment total seems to have been well maintained. Bank debits to individual accounts

Complete Returns 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,

show a 26% increase over the October 1926 record. Bank clearings were increased nearly 20% in the same ratio.

CHINA.

The trade outlook at Hankow has slightly improved and some improvement is noted in traffic conditions of North China railways.

Sales in Mukden of American heating, plumbing, and building equipment continue satisfactory, and orders aggregating over a million dollars in value were placed by the Mukden provincial government for American electrical equipment, telephone material, railroad equipment, and ties. Foreign trade at Tientsin during October registered a decrease of \$4,000,000 below figures for that month last year, the first instance this year of Tientsin trade of any one month falling below figures of a similar month last year. The decrease in October of this year was due, principally, to lessened imports.

CUBA.

The declared exports to the United States by Cuba in November were as follows: Sugar, 395,376,000 pounds; molasses, 19,732,637 gallons; cigars, 75,997 pounds, and leaf tobacco, stemmed, 1,187,235 pounds; unstemmed, 608,520 pounds. Comparative figures for October were as follows: Sugar, 554,698,000 pounds; molasses, 18,185,849 gallons; cigars, 86,168 pounds, and leaf tobacco, stemmed, 1,191,443 pounds; unstemmed, 644,931 pounds.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

The past month was marked by continued easy money conditions and maintained industrial activity; this was especially true of the iron and steel, electro-technical, automobile and shoe industries. Wage disputes in the wool industry at Brunn were ended through the concession of a living cost bonus to be determined quarterly. Slight declines in activity were noted, however, in the textile and black coal industries. Sugar producers have formed a 10-year cartel and are reported as favoring the Cuban production convention. There still exists a notable traffic congestion and car shortage, as a result of the continued building activity and the high volume of foreign trade. October was the peak month of the year for exports, which totaled 2,080,000,000 crowns; heavy gains in the shipment of crops, machinery, coal and paper were more than sufficient to offset losses in iron goods, leather, and textiles. Imports also exceeded the September figures with a total of 1,853,000,000 crowns; while losses were insignificant, there were notable gains in cotton, livestock, mill products, metals, hides, wool, lard, and ores.

DENMARK.

Legislation is now being considered which aims to protect freedom of commerce and labor by prohibiting the conclusion of collective agreements concerning prices, production and similar matters calculated to restrict the commercial or working freedom of the individual.

EGYPT.

The foreign trade situation continues to show a marked improvement over 1926, as disclosed by preliminary returns for the first 10 months of the current year. Exports were valued at £E37,176,000 as compared with £E32,735,000 in the same period of 1926, while the figures for imports were £E38,820,000 and £E43,410,000, respectively, thus resulting in an unfavorable trade balance of £E1,644,000 for the first 10 months of 1927 as against £E10,675,000 in the corresponding period of 1926. (£E equals approximately \$5.)

FINLAND.

Finland's foreign trade showed a seasonal slackening during November after reaching record figures for the first 10 months of the year. Although imports and exports for October were less than for September, a favorable balance was returned, bringing a substantial increase in the export surplus of the last few months with a possibility of a favorable trade balance for the year. General business conditions remained highly satisfactory during the month. The money market showed increased easiness marked by a further reduction in the official discount rate of 6%. Industrial activity experienced a slight seasonal decline. The lockout in the metal industry continues to shadow the otherwise bright picture of the industries. The export branches show a seasonal decline. The lumber market remained firm with a record sale for 1928, while the pulp and plywood market was rather dull.

GREECE.

The automotive trade continues steady, in spite of a lull in the general business situation. The increasing demand for automobiles is attributed to the continued progress in road building, which has been favored by good weather. According to official Greek statistics, the United States was first as a country of origin and destination of foreign trade in 1926, as in 1925. England was second as a source of Greek imports and Germany was second as a country of destination. Customs receipts are running ahead of last year, returns for October exceeding those for the same month of 1926 by \$2,000,000; mortgaged revenues are also higher, showing an increase of \$1,700,000 for the month of October.

ITALY.

The expected business revival has not as yet materialized, although Government authorities state that the peak of the crisis has already been passed. Further reduction of activity in certain lines is now taking place. Sharp differences are noted between the situation of individual firms according to their financial strength and the efficiency of their organization. The Government policy encouraging mergers to make possible greater specialization and a reduction of overhead charges is yielding results and several important combinations are now planned. Buyers are demanding long term credits, which sellers are unable to grant, and also collections are difficult. Both Government revenues and collections during October showed declines and a reduction has been made in the note circulation issued by the Treasury. The totally unemployed on Sept. 30 amounted to 306,000, which is an increase of 14,000 over the previous month. The industries are backward, no improvement is noted in the iron and steel industries and the engineering trades are still very severely affected. Activity in the shipyards is greatly reduced. Wage reductions totaling 20% have helped the cotton mills. The situation in the wool industry continues fair and worsted spinners have export orders. The outlook in the silk industry is unfavorable. The rayon industry continues as almost the only exception to the general depression. October imports amounted to 1,385,000,000 lire and exports to 1,398,000,000 lire.

JAPAN.

The Showa Bank, formed by a merger of several banks which were forced to close following the financial crisis of last Spring, was opened in Tokyo Dec. 1. It is reported that the Showa Bank, obtaining funds therefor from the Bank of Japan, will advance secured loans to several of the closed banks, thus enabling the latter to make partial repayment of their deposits. This somewhat relieves the fears entertained as to year-end settlements, but there still appears to be much anxiety concerning

such settlements. Money is expected to be tight. American firms are cautioned to exercise moderate caution in dealing with small firms over the year-end. Expenditures for the South Manchurian Railway during 1928 are placed in the budget as 236,000,000 yen for general purposes, with an additional 31,000,000 yen for new construction. (Par value of yen, \$0.4985.) All markets are dull, due to mid-week holidays and the approaching settlement period.

MEXICO.

No change was noted in the commercial situation in Mexico during the week ended Dec. 2. Petroleum exports amounted to 4,932,096 barrels during October as compared with 3,833,786 barrels in September 1927, and 5,791,939 barrels in October 1926. During the week the exchange rate of the peso went to 48.55 cents, which is the highest point reached this year.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

The Netherland East Indian import market was active and steady during the past week. European plumbing fixtures and porcelain wares were especially featured. Business in building supplies was also active. Exports of rubber from Java and Madura in October amounted to 3,871 metric tons; from Sumatra East Coast, 7,880 tons; and from all other regions, 13,852 tons, making a total of 25,603 metric tons for all of Netherland India.

NEW ZEALAND.

The business outlook in New Zealand continues to improve, with all lines of activity optimistic regarding the coming year. Unemployment, growing noticeable in recent months, is disappearing rapidly. The excellent prices realized on butter, cheese and wool are reflected in increased purchases of general lines, particularly as summer opens and the holiday season approaches. Due to the favorable market for New Zealand products, it is estimated that the Dominion's purchasing power in 1928 will exceed that of the present year by £E8,000,000.

Motor registrations in October were the heaviest for some months, and sales continued heavy during November, with American cars holding their own. The outlook is bright for the motor car business in 1928.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Philippine textile trade is quiet, as a result of the approach of the holiday season and uncertainty among Chinese dealers concerning the trend of the American cotton market. The copra market has firmed, with arrivals slightly heavier, but still below normal. Only one oil mill was not operating during the past week. The provincial equivalent of rescado (dried copra) delivered at Manila is now 13½ pesos per picul of 139 pounds; with the Mondagua price, 12½ pesos; and Cebu, 13.25 pesos per picul. (1 peso equals \$0.50.)

Although abaca trade is quiet, the market's undertone is firmer and prices are showing a slight upward tendency. Production of the past week was lighter, as the result of rains in growing areas, and stocks are now low. Prices are nominal at 33 pesos per picul for grade F; I, 29; JUS, 23; JUK, 19.50; and L, 17.50 pesos.

PORTO RICO.

Weather conditions are favorable to growing crops and as buyers are showing increasing interest in the tobacco market, it is now hoped that the bulk of the old crop, which has remained unsold for some time, will be disposed of before the arrival of the new crop in the coming Spring. Fruit shipments in the week ending Dec. 2 amounted to 35,000 boxes as compared with shipments of 23,000 boxes in the previous week, the increased exports being the result of better prices. San Juan bank clearings for November 1927 amounted to \$21,445,338 as compared with \$18,685,664 in November 1926.

RUMANIA.

Rumanian exports of her two principal commodities for the first nine months of the current year show large increases in volume as compared with the same period of 1926. Exports of cereals increased by more than 110% (2,397,500 tons against 1,119,000 tons), while corn alone shows an increase of more than 1,000,000 tons, or more than 200% (1,460,000 tons against 441,000 tons). Petroleum products show an increase of more than 30% (1,348,500 tons against 1,041,780). The number of heads of livestock exported also increased by about 20% (247,000 against 207,000). On the other hand, exports of lumber decreased by about 23% (1,312,000 tons in 1927 against 1,620,000 tons in 1926) and exports of eggs diminished by about 44%, from 13,715,500 dozen to 7,707,000 dozen.

SWEDEN.

Swedish industry and foreign trade remained at a high level during October, a satisfactory settlement of the negotiations for wage agreement in the Swedish pulp industry still remains uncertain. The pulp industry has not been satisfactory of late and the operators are negotiating a reduction in wages which would effect lower prices and help to relieve the dull market. About 16,000 organized workers are involved and unless an agreement is reached prior to Jan. 1 operation will cease on that day. Swedish foreign trade maintained its record volume during October, returning an export surplus for the month of 8,700,000 crowns; creating a total export surplus for the first 10 months of the year of 32,700,000 crowns as compared with an unfavorable balance of 76,000,000 crowns for the same period last year. The increased trade volume for the first 10 months of 1927 testifies to the satisfactory economic condition of Sweden. Imports for the first 10 months aggregated in value to 1,273,300,000 crowns as against 1,202,800,000 crowns for the same period of 1926. Exports reached a new height, amounting to 1,316,000,000 crowns during the first 10 months of 1927 as compared with 1,125,900,000 crowns for the same period of 1926.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

At the end of November, business conditions were generally improved, although trade in a few lines continues quiet. Because of the approach of the end of the year and stocktaking, purchases of mining materials are being confined to essentials and the market is consequently sluggish.

Demand in other engineering lines is normal, being sustained by the large building program, and government and municipal contracts. Industrial circles are awaiting the granting of the contract for 165 locomotives, at an estimated value of £1,600,000.

Further rains have had a beneficial effect on the agricultural implements and fencing trade, although certain areas are still suffering from drought. The continuation of the building boom is resulting in a good demand for lumber and building materials. Iron and steel demand is normal. Cotton piece goods and other textile lines are moving in better fashion. Most local industries are working in full time capacity, but the boot and shoe trade is still sluggish.

Railway earnings are on the up grade and it is anticipated that the railway accounts will show a fair surplus at the end of the year. Hides and skins are firm and advancing in price. Mohair is quiet and feathers dull.

UNITED KINGDOM.

British trade conditions show no important change or indication of immediate alteration. Unemployment on Nov. 21 totaled 1,126,000, an increase of over 50,000 since a month ago. Numerous schemes have been proposed for the rehabilitation of the coal, steel and cotton trades, but so far there has been little constructive effect noticeable from the schemes adopted. Apart from the depressed industries, there are indications of fairly good trade during the coming months and this outlook is confirmed by increased provincial bank clearings and improvement in industrial bond and share prices. The trade in iron and steel shows a seasonal slackening, although production and prices remain steady. Features of the coal situation are increased public attention to the depressed conditions of the industry and active steps taken, especially in South Wales, to relieve them. The immediate trading situation has improved slightly, with the volume of production and sales comparing favorably with 1925. Prices, however, continue at uneconomic levels. The basic conditions of the industry are unchanged, with approximately 225,000 miners unemployed. Engineering trades activity is moderate on the whole, and irregular with respect to districts and products. Shipbuilding is moderate, with a scarcity of new contracts for general cargo vessels. The electrical equipment production industry is experiencing a lull in new orders for the overseas trade and for the domestic market, which is awaiting the settlement of details of the national grid scheme. The chemical trades continue steady with a good volume of business in most lines and no changes of importance.

Departure of Governor Strong of New York Federal Reserve Bank for Europe.

Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, sailed for Europe on Dec. 3 on the steamer *Celtic*. While aboard, Governor Strong is expected to confer with the heads of the principal central banks: the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Reichsbank and possibly the central bank of Belgium. Referring to his trip the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Dec. 6 said:

It is customary for Governor Strong to hold his yearly conferences with Europe's bankers in the summer. This year, as he had just recovered from a protracted illness, Governor Strong was unable to make the trip, and as a personal accommodation to him Governor Norman, of the Bank of England, President Schacht, of the Reichsbank, and Charles Rist, Deputy Governor of the Bank of France, came to this country.

No word of Governor Strong's sailing was permitted to become known in advance, and no details, naturally, were forthcoming at the Bank yesterday aside from the statement that he would "see" the various bank heads.

It is interesting to note that there has been a sweeping change in the relationship of the international money markets since Europe's bankers were here last summer to discuss their mutual problems with the head of the New York bank. At that time gold was flowing to this country in a steady stream and the most poignant problem of the moment was presented by the Bank of England, whose supplies of reserve gold were threatened from numerous quarters, particularly from France. Significantly or not, it was only a few short weeks after the breakup of the conference that the reduction of rediscount rates got under way in this country. And since that time there has been a steady betterment of the position of the British pound and the gold reserves of the Bank of England.

At present, instead of the world's gold flowing toward America we are shipping gold in large quantities to various quarters of the globe, and a number of foreign exchanges are quivering at the point which, if passed, will mean that they, too, will draw upon us for some of our immense hoard of yellow metal. From an import balance of about \$70,000,000 at the beginning of September our position has shifted abruptly to an export balance of more than \$80,000,000.

It may be said that the present situation presents far less of a "problem" than did the position of England six months ago, for America, with more than two-fifths of the world's supply of gold, can afford a considerable outflow without any great hardship.

German Credit Strong According to John Moody Who Foresees Certain Success for the Dawes Plan.

"The Dawes Plan is succeeding and will continue to succeed, notwithstanding the predictions of pessimists, and calamity mongers," says John Moody, President of Moody's Investors Service, who has recently returned from Germany, where he made an exhaustive study of financial and business conditions and interviewed a large number of Germany's important bankers and business leaders. His observations on the much mooted question of wisdom of the German policy of borrowing large sums from America are interesting, and we reproduce his news herewith:

The new Germany is, of course, a debtor nation. As a result of the war she was depleted of capital and it is going to be necessary for her to continue importing large sums of capital for several more years before she can hope to build her production to the point where her annual export balances will fully offset her foreign debt and reparation payments. Alarmists are nowadays pointing to the fact that thus far she has not succeeded in building up any export balances whatever; and on the strength of this fact are predicting that there will be a transfer crisis next year.

There is nothing in this, however. A transfer crisis could not come about until the Agent General had accumulated 5 billion marks which he could not "transfer" into foreign currencies and credits; and even then there need be no crisis. Unless we assume that German exports are going to completely vanish and that foreign capital is going to be withdrawn, the Agent General can no doubt without difficulty keep his accumulation of unconverted marks below the 5 billion limit, and in the meanwhile invest his accumulations in Germany, as provided by the Plan. The calamity notion is a baboo.

As for Germany's good intentions, any one who has looked carefully into the matter will realize how important the German regards the building up and maintenance of German credit with the outside world. Thus far, since the adoption of the Plan in 1924, Germany presents an absolutely clean record. She has met every obligation on the nail and shows no indication of adopting any other policy. Naturally enough, the Germans wish to see reparation terms modified as soon as possible, but her responsible leaders all realize that the building of confidence and credit is infinitely more important to her than any question of reparation revision at this time.

Briefly, I take a distinctly constructive view of Germany as a field for the investment of American capital for genuinely constructive purposes and with the exercise of proper discrimination.

Shipment of \$1,000,000 Gold to England—First to Be Drawn on Basis of Exchange Since War.

A shipment of \$1,000,000 to England on Dec. 6 is described in the New York "Times" as in a sense historic, inasmuch as "this is the first occasion since the war broke out when London has drawn gold from here on the basis of exchange." The "Times" goes on to point out:

London obtained some \$18,000,000 gold from New York in the four or five months before England's return to gold payments in April, 1925, but that gold was not a commercial operation; it went out with sterling around \$4.70 and was therefore bought like a commodity. In the months of financial disturbance immediately prior to England's entry into war, London drew \$28,000,000 gold from the United States, with sterling about at the present figure. But we sent practically no gold at all to England between the Spring of 1910 and the early months of 1914—which shows how notable an occurrence is this present movement. Conjecture will now direct itself primarily to the question how large the total shipment to the London market will be, and what will be the grand total of the season's gold export from our reserves to all foreign ports.

The \$1,000,000 gold shipment, in the form of coin, went forward on the steamer *Aquitania*, which sailed for Southampton. It was consigned to the London correspondent of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. Regarding the shipment the "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 7 said in part:

At the offices of the International Acceptance Bank here and at the Federal Reserve Bank it was confirmed that the gold was withdrawn yesterday, but no other information was forthcoming. An official of the International Acceptance Bank, although admitting that a special advantage accrues to the first consignor of gold to England, would not divulge the calculations which would permit gold to be shipped today without loss. He explained that such technical and valuable information must be withheld.

"Special" Shipment.

Many foreign exchange experts held to the belief yesterday that gold could not profitably be shipped at current rates and that the \$1,000,000 consignment was a "special" transaction and therefore out of the regular classification of shipments which are prompted by rise of foreign money to the gold point. The apparent consensus of opinion in the financial district was that under the most recent calculations the International Acceptance Corporation would lose approximately \$1,000 on the transaction. One exchange trader placed his gold point estimate as low as 4.88½, but the majority estimated it at 4.88¾, and those who were more conservative put it at 4.88¾. One bank official estimated that gold could be profitably shipped at 4.88¾ only if it were fine gold shipped direct to the Bank of England, since a quantity of gold shipped into the open market would tend to depress the market on its arrival.

Sterling yesterday reached \$4.88 9/32 during the session, but closed at \$4.88 3/16, a decrease of 1/16c from the previous day's quotation of \$4.88¾.

As to the question of whether or not the Bank of England is endeavoring to procure gold in the local market, one opinion holds that there could be no endeavors from central banks to bring about a higher sterling rate, since should gold shipments take place in even a slightly greater extent than in the past month or two, money rates on this side would probably rise, so that the short-term demand for American funds in the European markets would be defeated.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Dec. 8:

No evidences of a continued movement of gold from the United States to England is seen by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, he said today in Washington. The Secretary regards the shipment of \$1,000,000 yesterday to be a temporary development.

Sterling exchange rates continued today to rule considerably below what bankers regard as a profitable point at which to ship gold to London.

Poland Has Drawn Gold From London—Nearly £3,000,000 in November From England to That Country.

A wireless message from London, Dec. 4, to the New York "Times" (copyright) said:

The identity of the hitherto undisclosed buyer of a large quantity of gold on the London market during recent weeks is now disclosed by the official custom house returns. The latest statement from that source shows that shipments to Poland reached the large total of nearly £3,000,000.

Gold Shipments to Argentina.

Several gold shipments to Argentina have been announced during the week. On Dec. 3 the New York "Times" said:

Gold to the value of \$6,100,000 will be shipped from New York for Argentina today, a resumption of a movement that reached large proportions in September and October. The transfers are the result of pronounced strength in the Argentine peso, which was one of eight currencies that established new high records in the foreign exchange market here yesterday.

Louis Dreyfus & Co., who have made previous large shipments of gold to Argentina, are sending \$3,000,000 of the metal to Buenos Aires on the steamship *American Legion*. The shipment is being made in the form of gold coin. The Seaboard National Bank is sending \$2,500,000 for the account of Bunge & Born, Ltd., and the American Exchange Irving Trust Company has arranged a shipment of \$600,000.

Additional shipments were reported as follows in the "Sun" of last night, Dec. 9:

Confirming reports previously appearing in these columns, more sizeable gold shipments to Buenos Aires, due to the high price of the peso this week, were announced. The Seaboard National Bank announced

it would send by tomorrow's steamship \$2,000,000 for the account of Bunge & Borne, the same consignee to which the Seaboard made a shipment last week. The American Exchange Irving Trust Company announced it would send \$500,000 to Buenos Aires tomorrow.

C. E. Mitchell of National City Bank of New York Sees No Danger in Gold Export—Says 1927 Will Show Average Level of Business—Outlook for 1928

In a speech presented under the title "An Economic Ramble," Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of New York, addressed the Industrial Club of Chicago on Dec. 8. Progress abroad, a review of conditions in 1927, the outlook for 1928, and gold exports were some of the matters touched upon by Mr. Mitchell, whose views on the last-named subject were set forth as follows:

No Credit Inflation Present.

I am unable to see eye to eye with those who raise the cry of inflation. For two years, excepting a contrary movement in recent weeks, commodity prices have shown a declining trend, offering no incentive to the accumulation of inventory and multiplication of forward buying which constitute the breeding ground of inflation. It is true that there has been a considerable expansion of bank credit since the low point of the post war deflation reached in 1921. One has to remember, however, that the volume of business which the country is carrying on is constantly increasing, and that the amount of bank credit outstanding should in the normal course of things increase from year to year. Over the long period since 1870 to the beginning of the war the average annual increase of bank credit has been precisely 5.7%. Over the past six years since 1921 the average annual increase has been 5.2% and for the latest year,—that ended June 30 1927,—was exactly 5%. Certainly this is not excessive, nor does it bear out the contention of inflation.

Contrast these figures with those in periods of real credit inflation such as the period from 1914 to 1920 when the annual rate of credit expansion was 11%, and that from 1900 to the panic of 1907 when the rate was 9.5%.

What is more, since the Fall of 1924, the total expansion in demand deposits of banks has been but little more than 5%. Increases in deposits have been largely in time deposits, the total expansion in this class being about 32%. Approximately 80% of this increase in time deposits reflect savings accounts requiring presentation of a pass book and, if the banks so require,—30 days' notice before withdrawal. Again I say this is not inflation, the usual manifestations of which are an increase in demand deposits, the ordinary currency of industry and speculation.

It is true that in the last few months the expansion of credit has shown signs of exceeding a normal rate of increase. This should make us cautious, particularly in that quarter whence the unusual demand has been coming, namely, the stock market, but I see no occasion for alarmist statements regarding the use of credit in ordinary business transactions.

No Danger in Gold Export.

Nor again can I see eye to eye with those, and I judge it is a wide public, who are fearful of the effects of exports of gold and who keenly watch the newspapers, which unjustifiably headline every sizable shipment. This is a matter which, if we will but understand it, should give us no apprehension. Remember that an increment in the gold supply of other countries is but the basis of a credit structure and the more that gold can be thus put to work the less will be the requirements of that country for outside credit facilities. Since we are the well from which credit is most largely drawn by other countries, and since the development of business arising from an easier credit situation abroad is certain to bring us trade, it is to our advantage that the gold be thus put to work where it can be most effective. We have at home to-day a considerable excess of gold which is beyond our normal needs and therefore is not working to its full, and certain it is that any increment to it would form the basis for an inflation that would not be to our advantage. If we would then put this gold to its fullest uses, we should view with equanimity and satisfaction the shipment of our excess. Theoretically at least such exports could approach a billion dollars without an adverse effect upon our credit structure, still leaving another billion in reserve, the use of which would be accompanied by only gradually advancing money rates. If it be suggested that even the first billion of gold exports could not take place without a tightening of the money market, a complete answer lies in the fact that the Federal Reserve Banks are in position to replace gold withdrawals by purchases of Government securities in the open market concurrently with withdrawals up to a very large sum thus always leaving the money market in statu quo. Whether the Reserve Banks would pursue this course would be dictated by the exigencies of the money market as it might, from time to time, develop, as well as by the recognized desirability of retaining an adequate margin of free gold for future emergencies. I personally feel that it is an open question as to whether our present money rates are not unduly low and whether the country would not be on a sounder basis if current wealth were permitted a somewhat larger rate, even though this were to constitute a slight brake upon the activity of security markets, and I can conceive that at times it might be better part of wisdom to permit the outward flow of gold to exercise its normal influence in the direction of moderately high interest rates. The banks of the country that rely principally on the difference between interest received and interest paid for their livelihood are sorely tempted to high rate and, therefore, high risk loans of high rate and often slowly marketable securities for their portfolios if low interest or easy money prevails for long intervals. However that may be, let us get away from the bugaboo of gold shipments and realize that they may be fully as much in our interest as in the interest of the countries causing the shipments to be made.

We also take the following from the address:

1927 A Good Year at Home.

But what of the situation at home. I see no cause for apprehension over the outlook. Just now business appears to be a little slack in some lines, particularly the steel and automobile industries, and it is evident that the final showing for 1927 with respect to volume and profits will not measure up fully to the high standards of 1926. Gauged by average performance however, the year should be a good one and well in line with conservative expectations expressed at its beginning.

Comparison with 1926.

If there are any of us present who are inclined to doubt the validity of 1927's claim to a good rating, I invite attention to a comparison of the principal business yardsticks as they have reflected industry and trade in 1927 and 1926. In each case the figures given represent the cumulative totals from the beginning of the year to the latest available date.

Bank debits throughout the country, excluding New York City and its speculative markets, show an increase of 4.3%.

Total railway car loadings, despite the decrease in coal traffic resulting from the strike, show a decrease of only 2%.

Railway car loadings of merchandise and less than carlot freight, which reflect chiefly manufactured products, show an increase of .1%.

Consumption of electric power in industry in each month has been close to or above corresponding levels of a year ago.

Building contracts awarded show an increase of .05%.

Cotton consumption an increase of 13.6%.

Shoe production has shown an increase of 8%.

Wool consumption an increase of 12%.

Cement production an increase of 4.7%.

Steel and automobile production afford the only conspicuous examples of decreases, the former showing a decline of 7½% and the latter a decrease of 19%.

These figures demonstrate conclusively how far-fetched is the current talk of depression. It is true that the increases shown are in some cases very small and that in a number of instances decreases appear, but aside from the steel and automobile industries, the losses are insignificant and lend emphasis rather than otherwise to the impressive character of the year's accomplishments. Unquestionably 1927 will show an average level of business standing up close to that set in any one of the most active years in our history.

As to the outlook for 1928 Mr. Mitchell says:

With a sound credit situation, a return of Ford and other leading manufactures to a normal output, a continuance of large scale building, and the substantial improvement that has occurred this year in agricultural conditions, we have powerful influences tending to swing business back into its stride and to put 1928 definitely in the list of years that have brought good times to the United States.

Let us not, however, make the mistake of expecting that prosperity is to be won without effort. The time has passed when antiquated and inefficient methods can succeed. There is no longer room for waste and inefficiency in industry. The record of less satisfactory profits made by many lines of business during the past year affords eloquent testimony of the increasing intensity of competition and prompts us to diligence.

More Conversion Offers Foreshadowed by Chancellor Churchill of Great Britain.

London.—Chancellor Church recently foreshadowed further impending conversion offers, says the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 30 in advices from its London bureau. The account continues:

Though he expressed himself as satisfied with results of September conversions, the market is more critical. Out of £62,714,000 3½% War Loan maturing in March 1928, only £21,166,000 was converted into 3½% conversion loan. Amount of 5% and 4% war bonds converted was £36,430,000 and £10,274,000 respectively. But as these two issues also are convertible into 5% and 4% War Loan, and there have been two opportunities of conversion during the present financial year, exact amount outstanding is not known to the market. On March 31, last, there were outstanding £110,081,000 5% and £36,430,000 4% bonds. It is estimated the amount still unconverted is between £70,000,000 and £80,000,000. On this estimate Churchill has to meet maturities totaling £116,000,000 before close of current financial year on March 31 1928. This means another conversion offer probably within the next two months, as conditions are usually unfavorable for any large issue towards the close of the financial year.

New issue may take the form of another conversion offer, or of an issue of conversion loan for cash, or of a new short dated bond. Most probably it will be a cash-cum-conversion offer, which will be extended to include bonds maturing in the financial year 1928-29. These latter maturities amount to some £30,000,000 and consist of 5% and 4% war bonds, £98,000,000 of which have no right to conversion into War Loan.

It has been suggested the Treasury will limit the total of 3½% conversion stock to £1,000,000,000, in order that the amount outstanding may not become unwieldy as was allowed to occur with the 5% war loan. Amount of 3½% conversion loan outstanding is approximately £830,000,000 and it is probable the balance of £170,000,000 will be offered soon.

Arrangements for Funding Debt Owed by Greece to United States—New Loan of \$12,167,000 to Be Advanced and to Be Used in Furtherance of Work of Refugee Settlement Commission.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon made known on Dec. 5 that arrangements have been agreed to by himself, the Greek Minister and the Secretary of State looking to the settlement of the indebtedness owed by the Greek Government to the United States, which on Jan. 1 1928 will amount, principal and interest, to \$19,659,836, of which \$15,000,000 represents principal. Congress will be asked to authorize a settlement which will provide for the funding of the debt over a period of sixty-two years with interest at 3%, the agreement will also provide for an advance of \$12,167,000 to the Greek Government at 4%, with sinking fund for retirement in twenty years. The proceeds of the new advance are to be applied to the work of the Refugee Settlement Commission. Secretary Mellon's statement follows:

The Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury have for some months past conducted conversations with the Greek Minister to Washington looking to the settlement of the indebtedness of the Greek Government to the Government of the United States, which as of Jan. 1 1928, will amount, principal and interest, to the sum of \$19,659,836.

The indebtedness arose by virtue of an agreement dated Feb. 10 1918, under the terms of which the Governments of the United States, Great Britain and France agreed to advance to the Greek Government by equal shares not to exceed 750,000,000 francs. The object of this agreement was to aid the Greek Government in procuring in Greece the credits required for the conduct of Greece's military operations against the Central Powers. Advances were to be subject to the approval of an Inter-Allied Financial Commission, composed of one representative from each of the signatory Governments, and the use of the funds was to be controlled by this Com-

mission and by a military commission similarly established. The reports of the American Consul General at Athens, who represented the United States on this Commission, show that Greek expenditures under the agreement reached the total of 682,134,693.54 drachmae (the drachmae being equivalent at par to the gold franc).

There is no doubt that Greece expended for war purposes under the 1918 agreement an amount largely in excess of the advances she has since received.

Upon the recommendation of the American delegate on the Financial Commission, credits to the amount of \$48,236,629.05 were established by the Treasury of the United States with the approval of President Wilson in favor of Greece from June 20 1918, to July 31 1919.

The first actual advance was made by our Government to Greece on Dec. 15 1919, the second on Jan. 16 1920, and the third on Sept. 24 1920. All told, we actually advanced \$15,000,000.

The Greek Government has consistently contended that it was entitled to further advances up to the full amount of the credits established by the Treasury of the United States. On the other hand, the Government of the United States has taken the position that events which transpired subsequent to Nov. 1920, relieved it from making any further advances. This difference of opinion has heretofore prevented the reaching of an agreement for the settlement of the indebtedness of the Government of Greece to the United States.

In April 1927, the British and Greek governments reached an agreement for the settlement of the indebtedness of the Greek government to the British government which had arisen under the terms of the agreement of Feb. 10 1918, Great Britain having advanced approximately £6,540,000, or \$31,826,910.

Under the terms of this settlement the obligation is to be discharged over a period of 62 years at a low rate of interest, and all claims for further advances under the 1918 agreement were waived by the Greek Government.

In the recent conversations with the Greek Minister, the British debt settlement with Greece was taken as a basis, our position being that the United States Government was entitled to as favorable a settlement as that accorded to Great Britain. The Greek Government conceded the soundness of this contention, but pointed out that in order to enjoy as favorable a settlement as that accorded to Great Britain the United States Government should in fairness advance a sum as great as that advanced by Great Britain under the terms of the 1918 agreement.

Great Britain having advanced the equivalent of approximately \$31,826,910, and the sum advanced by the United States Government being \$15,000,000, which with interest to Jan. 1 1928, at 5% amounts to \$19,659,836, the amount of new money to be advanced by our Government in order to reach the amount advanced by Great Britain is \$12,167,074.

It is proposed, therefore, to recommend that the Congress authorize the concluding of an agreement with the Greek Government on the following basis:

The \$15,000,000 of principal owed by the Greek Government with interest at 4½% up to Dec. 15 1922, and on the amount then due interest at 3% to Jan. 1 1928, to be funded over a period of sixty-two years on the basis of the Greco-British settlement, save that during the first three years the payments to be in reduced amounts.

The United States Government to advance \$12,167,000 to the Greek Government at 4%, with sinking fund for retirement in twenty years; the Greek Government to forego all claims for further advances under the 1918 agreement.

The Greek Government will furnish as security for the new loan the revenue at present under the control of the International Financial Commission established by the law of Feb. 26 1898, in so far as the yield of these revenues is not required for the service of the loans having a prior charge upon the said revenues.

The loan is to enjoy the same securities and guarantees as the £9,000,000 loan sanctioned by the Council of the League of Nations, as set forth in the protocol dated Geneva, Sept. 8 1927, and the service of this loan is to be administered and assured by the International Financial Commission. As of 1927, the excess of revenues at present under the control of the International Financial Commission, over those required for the service of the loans having a prior charge amounts to approximately \$28,000,000, and therefore the service of the proposed \$12,167,000 loan will be amply secured.

Pending the assumption of control by the International Financial Commission, the Greek Government undertakes to assign the unpledged revenues to the American Minister at Athens as security for the service of the loan.

Recent events in the Near East, have involved for Greece a very considerable displacement of population. The total number of refugees added to the population of Greece amounts to about 1,500,000, or more than 20% of the population. In 1923 there was organized by formal and official agreement a Refugee Settlement Commission, of which the chairman, according to the organic articles, must always be an American citizen. Mr. Henry Morgenthau was the first chairman, and Mr. Charles B. Eddy is now chairman.

The task of this Commission is to establish the refugees in productive work. In 1924 a loan of over \$59,000,000 was floated in the world markets under the auspices of the League of Nations for the purposes of the Refugee Settlement Commission. Great progress has been made, but much remains to be done to complete this humanitarian work. The proceeds of the \$12,167,000 loan to be made by the United States Government to the Greek Government are to be applied in their entirety to the work of the Refugee Settlement Commission.

Council of League of Nations Approves £6,000,000 Greek Loan.

The "Sun" of last night (Dec. 9) reported the following United Press advices from Geneva:

The Council of the League at to-day's session decided that all the necessary formalities had been completed for Greece to negotiate immediately for the flotation of a £6,000,000 sterling loan under the auspices of the League of Nations.

That loan, which will be added to one already arranged in the United States, will be used for Greece's economic and financial reconstruction.

Definitive Bonds of Kingdom of Bulgaria Settlement Loan Now Available.

Speyer & Co. announce that definitive bonds of the Kingdom of Bulgaria 7% Settlement Loan of 1926 are now ready for delivery at their office, 24 and 26 Pine St., New York, in exchange for and upon surrender of interim receipts with interest warrants maturing Jan. 1 1928 attached.

Proposed Chilean Tax on Foreign Fuel—Effect on American Copper Companies—Matter Before State Department.

The proposed Chilean tax on all foreign fuel, which directly affects the consumption of fuel oil by American copper companies in Chile, is the subject of informal conversations between the State Department and the Government of Chile, it was learned at the State Department on Nov. 28, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce." From the same source we take the following further information:

The Chilean Government has proposed a tax on foreign fuels beginning with three pesos per ton during the first year, increasing to six pesos during the second, and so on, with an increase of three pesos every year until the seventh, when the tax remains stationary at twenty-one pesos per ton. The purpose of the tax is to promote the consumption of local Chilean coal.

American copper companies will be directly affected in their importation of fuel oil from California and have made representations to the State Department. They maintain that they would have to change much of their machinery in order to burn Chilean coal, which is of a low grade, that transportation of coal up the mountain would be more difficult than the transportation of oil and that the coal supply would be unstable due to the frequency of labor strikes. The bill has not yet passed both houses of the Chilean Congress, but meanwhile the State Department, acting on behalf of American interests, is discussing the matter informally with the Chilean Government.

The "Wall Street News" on Nov. 29 stated:

A cable from Santiago, Chile, says that the Chilean foreign minister, in a message to the Chilean Senate, has recommended the postponement of the establishment of the new tax on petroleum. American copper producers had protested the tax, claiming it would force them to use Chilean coal in their operations.

Report That Bankers Have Decided to Postpone Negotiations for Manchurian Loan Owing to Chinese Protests.

According to Washington advices, Dec. 5, to the New York "Journal of Commerce," repeated protests of Chinese factions against the projected \$40,000,000 loan to the South Manchurian Railway by American bankers have resulted in halting the negotiations, according to reliable information obtained in Washington that day. Continuing, the advices state:

There were conclusive indications today that the bankers interested in the proposed loan had decided to postpone the negotiations indefinitely and that the matter would never be brought formally to the attention of the State Department.

While the question of the loan has never been brought officially to the attention of the State Department, it was informally broached to Secretary Kellogg by Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank, when they called at the department some two weeks ago, shortly after Mr. Lamont's return from a trip to Japan.

Other Group Interested.

It was reported here today that a group of Japanese and British bankers were negotiating for the loan should it be refused by J. P. Morgan & Co.

The first protest against the projected loan was delivered to the State Department by Dr. Sao Ke Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister to the United States, on behalf of the Shanghai general and district chambers of commerce, the Chapei Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Pacific Relations. This was followed by reports of a protest by General Yang Yu-Ting, chief of staff of Marshal Chang-Tso-Lin, while a further protest was cabled to the State Department yesterday by Dr. C. C. Wu, foreign minister of the Nationalist Government, indicating that both Northern and Southern factions in China are united in opposing the proposed loan.

In view of these protests, it is understood that the bankers have become hesitant as to the advisability of floating the proposed loan because of the possible risk involved as regards the development of the South Manchurian Railway in the face of the general opposition manifested on the part of the Chinese.

Change in Attitude Hinted.

A complete change in the State Department's attitude toward the loan was seen in the statement of officials today that the loan had not been formally brought to their attention and that the department's attitude would not be determined until then. Hitherto officials have declared that the matter was a private one for the bankers to decide and have plainly indicated that the State Department would offer no objection.

While officials of the State Department had often indicated that there would be no objection to the loan, inasmuch as it did not fall within that category which the department has opposed in the past as a matter of general policy, it is understood that the proposal caused some embarrassment to officials of the department, as this Government did not want to appear to be supporting Japan's policy in Manchuria, particularly in view of the recent anti-Japanese sentiment there.

While the American Government has never objected to Japanese operation of the South Manchurian Railway as long as equal opportunity was granted to all nations in the uses of the line, the question of extending assistance to Japan to strengthen her position in Manchuria by further development of the property acquired from Russia has presented a new problem.

Peru Plans Stabilization of Currency—Part of Proceeds of Proposed \$50,000,000 Loan Will Be Set Aside to Carry Out Plans.

Representatives of New York bankers who plan to offer shortly a \$50,000,000 loan of the Republic of Peru and officials of the Peruvian Government are discussing a plan

for stabilization of the Peruvian exchange. Adoption of the plan, it is stated, will result in Peru being added to the list of the more important South American countries which in recent years have stabilized their exchanges. Part of the proceeds of the forthcoming loan, arrangements for which are being made by J. & W. Seligman & Co., the National City Company and their associates, will be used, it is said, as a gold exchange fund for stabilization purposes.

According to the plan now being evolved, no great difficulty in stabilizing the Peruvian exchange is expected as the currency is backed by the present large gold reserves of the Reserve Bank of Peru, an institution which operates under a plan similar to that which governs the operation of the Federal Reserve banks in the United States. The Peruvian law requires that a reserve of at least 50% in gold be maintained at all times against outstanding note circulation. At the present time the reserve ratio of the Reserve Bank of Peru is reported as approximately 85%. A question of importance to be settled by representatives of the bankers, the Peruvian Government and officials of the Reserve Bank of Peru is the rate at which the exchange should be stabilized. A decision on this point has not yet been reached, but the belief prevails that the exchange will be stabilized at around current levels, at least for the present. The Peruvian pound is now quoted in New York at around \$3.85, compared with par of \$4.8665. During and immediately following the war the pound was at a premium due to the high prices which Peru received for its export products, including copper and sugar. In the deflation period following the pound declined to \$3.21 in 1921, but since that year has not been quoted below \$3.44 and has fluctuated between the latter figure and \$4.26.

Plan Rehabilitation of Ecuador Bank

Eventual rehabilitation of the Banco Commercial y Agrícola of Ecuador will follow its liquidation, recently ordered by the superintendent of banks, it was reported today to the Department of Commerce in a cable from the American Consul at Guayaquil. The New York "Journal of Commerce," in a Washington dispatch, Dec. 5, reporting this, adding:

The action of the Superintendent was in accordance with the general banking law, which provides that the property of a bank in liquidation can not be embargoed during the period in which the Superintendent of banks is in charge of the institution's affairs. By availing himself of this authority, the superintendent forestalled creditors of the bank who had threatened to embargo certain of its assets to the detriment of other creditors and of the whole plan for rehabilitation, it was stated in the report.

No definite arrangements have yet been made for the bank to meet its liabilities, but it is expected that good management under the deputy superintendent and liquidation of its real estate holdings will result eventually in full settlement of all obligations.

Blanks for the filing of claims against the bank will soon be sent to Ecuadorean consuls in the United States.

Reopening of Conversion Office in Argentina—Process of Monetary Reorganization Not Yet Completed.

Although the reopening of the Conversion Office and the resumption of gold payments indicate a sound financial condition in Argentina, the process of monetary reorganization is not yet complete, according to a survey of that country's credit position prepared by the Institute of International Finance, an organization conducted by the Investment Bankers Association of America in co-operation with New York University and directed by John T. Madden. The survey continues:

"Steps to remedy this situation already have been considered by the Government. In 1924, the Government introduced a bill for the establishment of a new currency unit, the 'nacional', and for the absorption of the Caja de Conversion as the issue department of the Banco de la Nacion. Thus far, however, no action has been taken on this bill."

Argentina is one of the largest gold-holding countries in the world. The gold holdings of the Conversion Office at the end of 1926 amounted to approximately \$436,000,000. Since 1923, Argentina has reported a budget surplus but this resulted from the inclusion in the revenues of the proceeds of new bond issues, the survey points out and adds:

"The chronic deficits up to 1923 are due chiefly to the failure of the Government to develop new sources of revenue to keep pace with the increasing expenditures. Argentina relies heavily on import duties and excise taxes to provide ordinary revenues. In 1924, these two sources provided 70% of all revenues received from taxes and fees. Hence, revenues increase only in proportion to consumption and do not keep pace with the increase in national wealth or the necessities of

the Government. Legislation designed to bring about a more equitable distribution of the tax burden as well as to provide new sources of revenue is desirable."

Offering of \$3,000,000 7% Bonds of Mortgage Bank of Bogota, Republic of Colombia—Books Closed.

A new issue of \$3,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Bogota, Republic of Colombia 20-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, was offered yesterday (Dec. 9) by J. & W. Seligman & Co., at 92½ and accrued interest to yield 7.74% to maturity. The books were closed shortly after their opening. The proceeds of these bonds will be used in part for the repayment of a banking credit obtained as part of this financing, and in part for the retirement of bonds bearing a higher interest rate, and for the making of additional mortgage loans. The bonds offered this week will be dated Oct. 1 1927 and will become due Oct. 1 1947. A cumulative sinking fund payable semi-annually commencing Feb. 15 1928, is calculated to retire entire issue by maturity, operating through purchase of bonds below par and accrued interest or through redemption of bonds by lot at par and accrued interest. In lieu of cash, bank may deliver bonds at par for retirement through sinking fund. The bonds will be redeemable otherwise than for sinking fund on any interest date as a whole, but not in part, at par and accrued interest plus a premium of 5% if so redeemed on or before Oct. 1 1932, or, if so redeemed thereafter, such premium decreased by 1% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed after Oct. 1 1932; at par and accrued interest after Oct. 1 1936. They will be coupon bonds, registerable as to principal and in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, interchangeable when in definitive form. The Central Union Trust Co. of New York is trustee. Principal interest, (Apr. 1 and Oct. 1) and premium on redemption will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, in New York City at the office of J. & W. Seligman & Co., fiscal agent. Senior don Vicente A. Vargas, manager of the Mortgage Bank of Bogota, in advices to the bankers states:

General.—The Mortgage Bank of Bogota was organized in 1925 to take over the mortgage business of the Bank of Bogota, the oldest bank in Colombia, founded in 1871. This action was taken pursuant to a recommendation of the Superintendent of Banks of Colombia that the business of making mortgage loans be separated from that of commercial banking and was followed later by the absorption by the Mortgage Bank of Bogota of the mortgage business of four other leading Colombian banks. Its principal office is in Bogota and it has branches throughout Colombia enabling it to obtain diversification in the character and geographical distribution of its loans.

The Bank's capital and legal reserve, which amounted to \$2,433,250 on Dec. 31 1926, have recently, in keeping with the growth in its business, been increased to an authorized amount, to be paid in by Dec. 31 1927, of \$4,866,500 (5,000,000 pesos), of which over 80% had been paid in as of Sept. 30 1927. The bank is now the largest mortgage bank in the Republic in respect of both mortgage loans and capital and reserves. The bank will have outstanding after the conclusion of this financing approximately \$17,000,000 of bonds, of which \$6,000,000 are payable in United States dollars and the remainder in Colombian pesos.

Mortgage banks in Colombia are under the supervision of its Superintendent of Banks, who makes a complete examination of their affairs twice a year.

Security.—These bonds will be direct obligations of the bank. By Colombian law and the bank's charter, the mortgage loans of the bank in the aggregate constitute security for its bonds, and the amount of such bonds outstanding may never exceed the amount of such mortgage loans. The bank has covenanted in the Trust and Fiscal Agency Agreement that at all times until these bonds are retired it will hold first mortgages on real estate payable in gold in an amount at least equal to the amount of all its bonds outstanding, and, further, that it will not make any mortgage loan in excess of 50% of the appraised value of the mortgaged properties, except that with the approval of two-thirds of its Board of Directors any such loan may be made up to 60% of such value. In practice, the bank's loans amount to considerably less than 50% of such value. As of Sept. 30 1927, they were only 40% of such value, whereas on the same date total bonds of the bank outstanding amounted to only 32% of such value.

The bank has covenanted that during the life of these bonds its outstanding bonds, both internal and external, shall never exceed ten times its paid in capital and reserves.

Offering of \$15,000,000 5% Bonds of Irish Free State—Books Closed.

On the eve of the sixth anniversary of its establishment by virtue of a treaty with Great Britain, dated Dec. 6 1921, the Irish Free State made its initial appearance as a borrower in the United States on Dec. 5, offering to American investors through the National City Co., and Guaranty Co. of New York \$15,000,000 external loan sinking fund 5% gold bonds. The bonds were offered at 97 and interest, yielding about 5.20%. The closing of the books were announced at 12 o'clock noon, Dec. 5. The issue is part of an authorized total of £15,427,414 and was offered simultaneously with an initial issue of £4,006,925 of registered stock. On and after May 1 1928, excepting during semi-annual periods when the books of the fiscal agent are closed, the bonds and stock will be exchangeable on the basis of £102 14s. 10d. of stock for cash \$500 principal amount of bonds. A sinking fund is

provided sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity. Through the issuance of these bonds and of the £4,005,925 issued internally, the Irish Free State is providing for expenses incurred in the hydro-electric development of the River Shannon, the funding of certain floating indebtedness of the Government, and for other Government purposes. The \$15,000,000 issue will be dated Nov. 1 1927 and will mature Nov. 1 1960. They will be coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable, without deduction for any present or future Irish taxes, in New York City, in gold coin of the United States of America of the standard existing Nov. 1 1927, at the Head office of the National City Bank of New York, American Fiscal Agent. The Bonds are direct obligations of the Irish Free State, which covenants that, if at any time it shall issue or dispose of any bonds or contract or create any loan (internal or external) secured by lien or charge on the public revenues, then the bonds of this loan shall be secured equally and ratably therewith. Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance of the Irish Free State in advices to the bankers says in part:

The Irish Free State, as now existing, was established by virtue of a Treaty with Great Britain, dated Dec. 6 1921, which defined the status of the Irish Free State as follows:

"Article I. Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the Community of Nations known as the British Empire as the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, with a Parliament having powers to make laws for the peace, order and good government of Ireland and an executive responsible to that Parliament, and shall be styled and known as the Irish Free State.

"Article II. Subject to provisions hereinafter set out the position of the Irish Free State in relation to the Imperial Parliament and Government and otherwise shall be that of the Dominion of Canada, and the law, practice and constitutional usage governing the relationship of the Crown or the representative of the Crown and of the Imperial Parliament to the Dominion of Canada shall govern their relationship to the Irish Free State."

The Constitution declares in Article I that "The Irish Free State is a coequal member of the Community of Nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations" and in Article II that "All powers of government and all authority, legislative, executive and judicial in Ireland are derived from the people of Ireland and the same shall be exercised in the Irish Free State through the organizations established by or under, and in accord with, the Constitution."

The members of the British Commonwealth of Nations were declared by the Imperial Conference of 1926 to be "equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any respect of their domestic or external affairs." The Irish Free State possesses, as does the Dominion of Canada, an independent Parliament and enjoys membership in the League of Nations. The Irish Free State, like Canada and Great Britain, has the right of legislation. It has sent a Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington and has received a Minister Plenipotentiary from the Government of the United States.

Government Debt.

The debt of the Irish Free State as at Nov. 1 1927, was \$83,065,559, of which amount \$49,303,728 is funded debt. The principal items in the debt consist of

5% National Loan, 1935-45	\$43,905,563
5% Compensation stock	5,398,165
Savings certificates	12,621,754
Treasury bills	15,816,125

There are in addition contingent liabilities amounting to \$16,443,417, consisting of 4½% land bonds, amounting to \$14,788,320, and trade loan guarantees amounting to \$1,655,097.

There are also certain annuities payable to the British Government, but the funds necessary to meet these payments are provided mainly from sources independent of taxation and accordingly these items are not included in the public debt.

Government Assets.

Government assets, excluding lands, buildings, etc., owned as at Nov. 1 1927 amounted to \$27,530,000. The principal items were advances to the Unemployment Insurance Fund \$5,733,000, to the Shannon scheme funds \$9,110,000, to the Local Loans Fund \$3,432,000, and to the Creameries Fund \$2,608,000, while the Exchequer credit balance was \$2,020,000.

Revenues and Expenditures.

The revenues paid into the Exchequer of the Irish Free State during the fiscal year ended March 31 1927 amounted to \$121,954,000, of which \$4,034,000 was extraordinary revenue. The expenditure in the year was \$131,517,000, of which \$16,011,000 was of a capital nature, the amount of ordinary expenditure being \$115,506,000. Additional capital sums were expended, including \$805,400 on extensions of the Telephone System, \$3,428,000 on the Shannon hydro-electric undertaking, and \$243,300 on providing capital for industrial development. These amounts were raised by an increase of the floating debt.

During the six months from Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 1927, the tax revenue under the various heads shows a steady increase except in the case of the income tax and the corporation profits tax, which, as from April, 1927, were reduced by about 25%. On the lower basis the yields have been well up to expectation.

Banking and Monetary System.

The leading eight banks operating in the Irish Free State had total assets as at Nov. 31 1926 of approximately \$946,500,000, of which investments, mainly in British Government securities, amounted to \$338,100,000. The total deposits on the same date reached the high figure of approximately \$793,000,000.

Post office savings bank deposits and Savings Certificates increased from \$13,519,000 on March 31 1924 to \$24,707,000 on March 31 1927.

Following the recommendations of the Banking Commission which sat in 1926 under the chairmanship of Professor Henry Parker Willis, U. S. A., the Currency Commission has been established under the Currency Act of August 20 1927. This body, which consists mainly of bankers and is independent of Government control, is entrusted with the function of introducing the new currency in the Irish Free State, which is to be tied to British sterling into which it is guaranteed to be convertible at par.

Professor Timothy Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State, who has been in New York in connection with the negotiation of the loan on Dec. 4 had the following to say regarding the loan:

It is with a feeling of confidence, based upon economically sound conditions, that the Irish Free State issues its first external loan for \$15,000,000 in the United States, for purposes of a productive character in the realms of agriculture and industry.

A study of the economic achievements of the Government of the Irish Free State reveals its ability to legislate for itself and to administer its economic life with prudence, knowledge and efficiency; and an analysis of the financial and economic conditions of the country as set forth in the prospectus of this external loan manifests its strong intrinsic credit.

The Irish Free State is not a poor country, but on the contrary a creditor one, rich in the savings of her people (as exemplified by their investments in other countries to the extent of \$1,000,000,000) and she is unhampered by any considerable internal indebtedness. Hence it is with a feeling of unusual satisfaction to the people of the Irish Free State that her first issue of an external loan is about to be made in the United States of America, a country to which the people of Ireland have been and are bound by so many intimate ties of kinship and sympathy and of gratitude and for the financial help and moral support and encouragement she has ever given them in the past.

It is gratifying to know that this external loan is being issued in the United States on the same financial terms as the international loan in the Irish Free State itself, thereby exemplifying the parity of the esteem and mutual appreciation of her credit.

This new financial bond will be an incentive to the development of greater trade and traffic than have heretofore existed between the two countries, and will cement the ties which kinship and mutual sympathy have already established.

Copyright advices Dec. 3 from London to the New York "Evening Post" referred as follows to the offering:

The Irish Free State will issue on Monday a national loan having an authorized total of \$15,000,000 (approximately \$73,200,000) of which \$7,000,000 (about \$34,160,000) will be issued immediately.

Of the present issue, \$4,000,000 will be offered in sterling in London and Ireland, while the remainder, about \$15,000,000 will be raised in the United States through the National City Co.

We also quote the following Associated Press cablegram from Dublin, (Irish Free State) Dec. 3:

Criticism of the proposed issue of a Government loan in New York the Irish Times, which supports President Cosgrove, says that possibly the Government desires to prove that Eamon De Valera is not the only person who can get a loan in the United States.

[De Valera announced on Nov. 30 that he would confer with political friends when he came to America soon, but that his trip was not designated to raise funds. The Westminster Gazette of London the previous day said that the Fianna Fall leader's trip to the United States was to raise funds for an Irish newspaper and that £17,000—roughly \$85,000—had already been subscribed.]

The Irish "Times" continues: "We can find no financial reason for an American in preference to a British loan and the Free State ought think twice before it gives the impression it is slighting its best customer."

"Northern Ireland won't ignore this move, which is on a par with the dispatch of Free State officers to the United States for training. A small thing in itself, but symptomatic of an unfortunate attitude of mind."

Polish Loan Syndicate Dissolved—Heavy Offering of Bonds on Exchange—Drop in Prices on Exchange.

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 7:

Dissolution of the underwriting syndicate which offered the \$47,000,000 American portion of the Republic of Poland Stabilization loan on Tuesday, October 18, at 92 and interest, to yield over 7.86%, was made known yesterday.

The announcement was followed by a heavy offering of the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange and as a result they receded to a low of 89 on delayed delivery transactions. Next day contracts represented a decline of nearly 2 points to fractionally above 90. The bonds closed at 91 to show a decline of 1½ for the day.

The reason for the sudden decline on dissolution of the syndicate, it is believed, is that investment distribution of the issue is far from complete, with a substantial block of the bonds still remaining in the hands of the underwriters. Some observers point out that the decline of 3 points, made soon after the dissolution announcement was made, represented the selling commission on the bonds, which underwriting houses were willing to forego in order to liquidate. It is pointed out that such a situation is usually followed by a reduction on withdrawal of the syndicate support from the market. Other Polish issues, however, also showed downward revisions of one-half to five-eighths of a point.

Recent cable advices from London have indicated that the £2,000,000 London portion of the loan was not readily disposed of by members of the underwriting syndicate and approximately 75 per cent of it was left on their shelves.

Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange Go Over Four-Billion-Dollar Mark.

Continued increase in the outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange has brought the amount to a new high total, the figures now being in excess of four billion dollars, the statement issued by the New York Stock Exchange showing a total of \$4,091,836,303 loans outstanding on Nov. 30. A month before (Oct. 31) the total of time and demand loans outstanding was \$3,946,137,374. Of the Nov. 30 total \$3,134,027,003 represents demand loans and \$957,809,300 time loans. The following is the statement made public Dec. 5 by the Stock Exchange:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Nov. 30 1927, aggregated \$4,091,836,303. The detailed tabulation follows:

Demand Loans.		Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies	\$2,674,722,389	\$844,398,800
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies, or others in the City of New York	459,304,614	113,410,500
	\$3,134,027,003	\$957,809,300

Combined Total of Time and Demand Loans \$4,091,836,303
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	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,535,590,321
Mar. 31	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 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	2,996,759,527
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	2,289,430,540	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31	2,541,682,885	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	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
April 30	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31	2,673,993,079	811,998,250	3,485,991,329
June 30	2,756,968,593	877,184,250	3,634,152,843
July 31	2,764,511,040	811,998,250	3,576,509,290
Aug. 31	2,745,570,783	928,320,545	3,673,891,328
Sept. 30	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	3,944,627,570
Oct. 31	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374
Nov. 30	3,134,027,003	957,809,300	4,091,836,303

Extension of Ticker Service of San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.

As the first step toward the completion of a network of facilities to provide ticker service to cities throughout the Pacific Coast, a stock ticker service for the transmission to Los Angeles of quotations of securities traded in on the San Francisco and Bond Exchange, will be inaugurated within sixty days, it was announced Nov. 30 by Sidney L. Schwartz, President of the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange. Installation by the Western Union Telegraph Co. of San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange tickers in brokerage houses of Los Angeles is now under way. Over thirty tickers have already been contracted for. It is contemplated that extension of this service be made to Pasadena and Hollywood. It is also contemplated that this service will be extended to other cities on the Pacific Coast, as soon as arrangements can be made. At present, ticker service of the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange is operating successfully around the San Francisco bay region.

Change in Saturday Morning Trading Hours of San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.

The San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange announces that, beginning Saturday, Dec. 5, hours of the Exchange for Saturday morning sessions will be from 9.30 a. m. to 11 a. m. No change has been made in the session time for weekdays. Daily sessions, except Saturday, are from 9.30 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m.

California Third Among States of Union in Per Capita Financial Development, According to W. C. Wood, Superintendent of Banks.

"California, which ranks sixth in population among the States of the Union, ranks third in per capita financial development, being exceeded only by New York and Pennsylvania in the latter respect," says Will C. Wood, State Superintendent of Banks, under date of Nov. 12. Mr. Wood adds:

"The sum of \$368,749,000, which represents the total capital, surplus and undivided profits of all banks in California is greater than the combined total for the nine western States comprising North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma. It is also greater than the combined total of all the other States lying west of the Rocky Mountains, and including Texas.

"As a matter of fact, California banks rank at the present time in this particular with the banks in the great financial States of the East and the Middle West. New York comes first, and following in order of their magnitude are Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, California and Texas."

Secretary Mellon In Letter to President Pierson of U. S. Chamber of Commerce Criticizes Chamber's Tax Cut Arguments—Mr. Pierson's Reply.

Following the criticism which came from President Coolidge on Nov. 26 respecting the recommendations made by the Chamber of Commerce for a \$400,000,000 cut in taxes, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has also taken exception to the Chamber arguments and figures upon which it bases its contentions for a greater tax cut than proposed by Secretary Mellon. Both the President's criticisms, and the chamber's reply thereto, were referred to in our issue of Dec. 3, page 3010. Secretary Mellon, in addressing Mr. Pierson under date of Dec. 2 states that what surprised him most in Mr. Pierson's statements and the report of the Chamber's Committee, "was the entire absence of detailed figures as to future revenues and expenses, without which it is impossible to prepare a budget." "When figures are given in your report," the

Secretary says, "they are in some instances evidently based on a surprising misconception of the facts." "A balanced budget," says Mr. Mellon in conclusion, "is an essential element of any sound fiscal system, and as long as I am Secretary, the Treasury Department will resist the undermining of this principle and will continue to advocate a tax system adequate to produce every year the revenues necessary to meet current expenditures." In his reply Mr. Pierson states that the Chamber's Committee "has studied both the official estimates of expenditures and the receipts for many years," and he asserts "these estimates invariably have overstated the expenditures and understated the receipts." "After all," says Mr. Pierson, "it is Congress which will pass the tax bill—not the Treasury Department nor the national chamber." He expressed confidence that the measure will be in the best interests of the country." The following is Secretary Mellon's letter to Mr. Pierson:

Dec. 2, 1927.

Lewis E. Pierson, Esq., President Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 233 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Pierson: I have your letter of Nov. 23, enclosing a copy of a pamphlet embodying the Chamber of Commerce's referendum on Federal taxation and giving the votes cast on the various propositions submitted. I have read the pamphlet with care, as well as your public statement of Nov. 30, in which, in the face of official figures showing such a reduction to be excessive, you reaffirm the chamber's advocacy of a \$400,000,000 tax reduction.

I note that in your public statement you confine your figures to the fiscal year 1928, as to which there is no dispute, and refrain from giving any data as to the year 1929, in which year the Treasury estimate the surplus will not exceed \$274,000,000, and the Budget Bureau's figures, which are more recent and increase the expenditure estimate, indicate will be \$252,000,000, or \$22,000,000 less.

What has surprised me most, both in your public statements and in the report of your Committee on Taxation submitted to your members, upon which their vote was based, is the entire absence of detailed figures as to future revenues and expenditures, without which it is impossible to prepare a budget or to express an opinion as to its soundness. In estimating probable surplus, probable expenditures are fully as important as receipts.

The report of your committee contains no estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year 1929. Indeed, as far as 1929 is concerned, at the time your report was prepared such figures were not even available to this department, and could therefore not have been available to your committee. Budget estimates must be based on a detailed analysis of known needs, not on generalization.

Moreover, when figures are given in your report, they are in some instances evidently based on a surprising misconception of the facts. Thus, in giving the figures for the yield of the corporation income tax for the fiscal year 1927, the report states that the rate was 13% during the first half of the fiscal year. As a matter of fact, it was 13 1/2%.

Again, the report treats the yield as if it were wholly derived from current revenue, whereas a very considerable sum is included from taxes due from prior years.

Such carelessness is excusable perhaps in a general discussion. It is likely to lead to very serious errors in the preparation of a budget. Certainly it is hard to defend in a report which furnishes the basis for an attack on official estimates prepared with great care after taking into consideration all known factors.

The Chamber of Commerce lays great stress on past surpluses. Analyzing some of the factors which contributed to these surpluses, it is interesting to note that, if we exclude back tax collections, less internal revenue refunds, and the receipts from the disposal of such capital assets as railroad securities, farm loan bonds, assets of the War Finance Corporation and surplus war material, in the year 1923 there would not have been a surplus, but a deficit of \$89,000,000; in the year 1924 a surplus of but \$169,000,000, instead of \$505,000,000; in the year 1925 a deficit of \$93,000,000; in the year 1926 a surplus of \$162,000,000, instead of \$377,000,000, and in 1927 a surplus of \$221,000,000, instead of \$635,000,000, while the surpluses of 1928 and 1929, exclusive of special receipts from the above named sources, are estimated at \$137,000,000 and \$199,000,000, respectively.

These figures will hardly support your contention that there is ample reason to believe that current revenues can be reduced by \$400,000,000 per annum with safety. Of the \$2,000,000,000 approximately of debt retired from surplus during the five fiscal years ending June 30 last, no less than \$1,700,000,000 is accounted for by these special or temporary items, including no less than \$900,000,000 from the realization of capital assets. It must be conceded that there could be no better application of the proceeds of the sale of capital assets than to the reduction of the national debt.

In my statement before the Ways and Means Committee I pointed out that the revenue from temporary sources must disappear in the course of the next year or two. The report of your committee answers this argument with the statement that "similar predictions have been made in the past, only to be disproved by later developments."

This is hardly worthy of a business men's report. How can receipts be realized from assets which no longer exist? Receipts from Federal farm loan bonds and other minor securities amounted to \$34,000,000 in 1926 and to \$63,000,000 in 1927. The Government holds no more farm loan bonds.

Receipts from the War Finance Corporation assets amounted to \$19,000,000 in 1926 and to \$27,000,000 in 1927. The War Finance Corporation has been practically liquidated and not more than \$6,000,000 can be realized from this source in the future.

Receipts from railroad securities amounted in 1926 to \$36,000,000, in 1927 to \$89,000,000 and we will receive in 1928 probably \$169,000,000. But in 1929 not more than \$24,000,000 is anticipated from this source, and after that little or no revenue can be expected under this head, for the very simple and good reason that only \$49,000,000 principal amount of railroad obligations will be left out of the \$230,000,000 held on June 30, 1927.

The Treasury's estimates as to expenditures are based on the figures furnished by the Budget Bureau, which submits them after a careful survey of the needs of all departments and bureaus and with complete

knowledge of the appropriations to be recommended to the Congress for the year in question. It must be noted that the estimates of expenditures submitted to the Ways and Means Committee did not include increased expenditures which may result from new legislation such as flood relief.

The present Treasury estimates of receipts are based on a careful analysis of (1) probable receipts from miscellaneous sources in the light of past experience and taking into consideration the periods in which the proceeds of capital assets still in hand are likely to be realized; (2) a careful study of probable future tax collections on account of previous years, commonly known as back tax collections, based on the number of cases on hand, the current monthly rate of yield from this source and an estimate of the amount involved in unsettled cases; and (3), in so far as current tax and customs receipts are concerned, on the assumption that neither in 1928 nor in 1929 will the yield fall substantially below that of the fiscal year 1927, in spite of the fact that business in the calendar year 1927 has not apparently reached the high level of 1926, a fact that must affect tax receipts for the last half of the fiscal year 1928 and the first half of the fiscal year 1929.

Detailed figures have been submitted to the Ways and Means Committee. If the Chamber of Commerce will point to me in what respects these figures are inaccurate, either in the case of estimated receipts or of estimated expenditures, I shall welcome their criticism. They were prepared after studies made independently by three experts having access to all of the facts. The estimates for 1929, as finally submitted to the committee, exceeded the average of the estimates of these individual experts by over \$45,000,000. I mention this in order to disprove the charge that has been made that the Treasury deliberately errs on the side of conservatism.

With some of the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce I am in accord. I believe that the corporation tax rate should be reduced, though circumstances do not permit as sweeping a reduction as you advocate; and I favor the repeal of the Federal estate tax.

I cannot agree, however, to the wisdom of repealing the excise tax on the sale of automobiles or on admissions and club dues. One of the reasons for my disagreement is well stated in your own report, though it has apparently been neglected in framing your recommendations. Your report states, referring to the corporation tax, "Reliance to such a large extent on one source of income is a doubtful fiscal policy, since any vicissitudes, such as a business depression, which would materially affect this one source of revenue, might seriously embarrass the financial operations of the Government."

At least until the war debt has been materially reduced, the Federal Government should not rely exclusively on the income tax on corporations and individuals, the tobacco tax and customs duties. Such a base is altogether too narrow, and, as your own report well states, too great reliance on one course of income is a doubtful fiscal policy.

Finally, let me take serious exception to the statement in the report that "there would be no great cause for alarm even though a deficit should, through unexpected developments, arise in any year." For the United States Government to borrow to pay for current expenditures would, in my judgment, be inexcusable. A balanced budget is an essential element of any sound fiscal system, and as long as I am Secretary the Treasury Department will resist the undermining of this principle and will continue to advocate a tax system adequate to produce every year the revenues necessary to meet current expenditures.

Very sincerely yours,
A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

In his reply to Secretary Mellon, Mr. Pierson said:

"Your letter of Dec. 2, in answer to my letter of Nov. 23, has just reached me, which, we understand, has been given to the press. For that reason we are making immediate acknowledgment. We may later take the opportunity to discuss at some length the technical details of your letter in the hope of clearing away some of the public confusion which is resulting from official statements.

"The referendum pamphlet of the National Chamber, which you assure me you have examined, has disclosed to you that we have placed before our members arguments in opposition to the committee's report which substantially set forth the views which you now reiterate.

"Our members, moreover, not only had these negative arguments before them in considering their vote, but the great majority also had the opportunity to consider all the facts and arguments in the Treasury statement made before the Ways and Means Committee on Oct. 31 and carried fully in the press before our referendum closed.

"The taxation committee of the National Chamber, which made this report, has in its membership, in addition to able business men, a number of the country's outstanding taxation experts, some of whom have been acting as advisors both to your department and to Congressional committees on taxation matters.

"This committee has studied both the official estimates of expenditures and the receipts for many years. These estimates invariably have overstated the expenditures and understated the receipts.

"For instance, during the last five months official estimates of the 1928 surplus have been increased by \$118,000,000.

"Congress obviously has perceived this, since, in passing the last three tax reductions, despite forebodings of deficits, it has exceeded Treasury estimates, and still surpluses have steadily mounted.

"Our committee has made its carefully considered recommendations, which our organizations have overwhelmingly endorsed, believing that the results would justify their conclusions. The constituency of the chamber is a cross-section of the country and represents no special interest and no particular section.

"After all, it is Congress, which will pass the tax bill—not the Treasury Department nor the National Chamber. We feel confident that it will be a measure in the best interests of the country.

"Respectfully yours,
"LEWIS E. PIERSON."

New Revenue Legislation Completed by Ways and Means Committee Reported to House.

The new revenue bill, drafted by the House Ways and Means Committee, which proposes to reduce Federal taxes was reported to the House on Dec. 6. The bill calls for a total cut in taxes of \$232,735,000, instead of \$235,854,000 previously estimated by members of the Committee. Chairman Green advised the House of the estimate on Dec. 8 in a report on the measure. The new estimate, it is

pointed out, is only \$7,735,000 above the maximum of \$225,000,000 recommended by Secretary Mellon. The changes in rates recommended and the loss of revenue entailed are given in the report, as follows:

<i>Estimated Loss in Revenue.</i>	
(Changes Proposed by Revenue Act of 1928.)	
<i>Reductions.</i>	
Corporations—Reduction in rate of tax.	
Estimated revenue under present law: 13½% on all corporations except insurance; 12½% on these corporations	\$1,120,000,000
Estimated revenue as proposed: Insurance, \$18,400,000; other, \$937,000,000; total	955,400,000
Loss	\$164,600,000
Increased credit (from \$2,000 to \$3,000 of corporations with net income of \$25,000 or less)	12,000,000
Total loss, corporations	\$176,600,000
Admissions tax (increased exemption to \$1 admission)	8,000,000
Dues tax (reduced from 10 to 5%)	5,000,000
Automobile tax (reduced from 3 to 1½%)	33,000,000
Cereal beverage tax (repealed)	185,000
Wine taxes (reduced rates)	930,000
Stamp taxes—Sales or transfer of capital stock (reduced from 2 cents to 1 cent), \$8,800,000, sales of produce on exchanges (repealed), \$3,000,000	11,800,000
Total	\$235,515,000
<i>Increases.</i>	
Withholding of tax at source on tax free covenant bonds (non-resident aliens and foreign corporations)	\$2,000,000
Prizefights (tax of 25% on admissions of \$5 and over)	750,000
Foreign-built boats (increased annual tax on boats contracted for after Dec. 1 1927)	30,000
Total	\$2,780,000
Net loss in revenue	\$232,735,000

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce," the committee, which on Dec. 2 had virtually completed its work on the bill, resumed on Dec. 5 its consideration of the measure, and during a brief session made several changes in the previously agreed upon text of considerable importance. The account stated:

The provisions particularly affected deal with instalment sales of merchandise and the tax on automobile accessories, although other features received renewed consideration.

With respect to the withholding at the source, the committee has added a provision that in the case of a tax-free covenant bond limiting the liability of the obligor to 2%, the latter is to deduct an additional 3% on behalf of a foreign individual or partnership holder and 1½% on behalf of an alien corporation.

No Action on Instalment Law

The committee today voted to leave the law on instalment sales as it is and to permit the matter to be decided by the courts. This is in reversal of an action previously taken.

During the recent public hearings held by the committee protest was made against the operation of the instalment provisions of Article 42, Regulations 69, relating to the income tax under the Revenue Act of 1926. It was asserted that these were contrary to the corresponding provisions of the previous regulations, with the result that they compel merchants who report on the instalment basis to pay taxes upon income which has previously been reported and upon which the tax has already been paid.

Considerable pressure was brought to bear upon the committee to provide relief, and initially it adopted a provision that, net income returned upon the instalment basis for any taxable year from 1916 to 1924, inclusive, shall be held correctly returned if computed in accordance with the regulations applicable in respect of such taxable year and in force at the time prescribed for filing the return. It was further provided that net income for any such taxable year may, at the election of the taxpayer, made at any time prior to November 1 last, be computed retroactively upon the instalment basis in the same manner as provided in subdivision (d) of Section 212, even though the net income was not returned upon such basis. The taxpayer who elected for any such taxable year to report his net income upon the instalment basis in computing his net income for such year would include amounts actually received during the year on account of sales made in prior years. Any tax that had been paid under law in force prior to the enactment of the bill now to be acted upon by the House, if in excess of the tax imposed by such law as retroactively modified subject to the statutory period of limitations properly applicable thereto, would be credited or refunded to the taxpayer.

Blum Case Brought Up.

The attention of the committee was called to the fact that the Board of Tax Appeals in the appeal of Blum's, Inc., Baltimore, Md., on July 26, approved the regulations complained of. The effect of today's action of the Ways and Means Committee is that there will be no change in the law except as may be brought about by future action of the courts in the event that the Blum case is contested through the courts.

The proposed new law will permit a refund of taxes collected on automobile accessories in the case of a judgment against the Government being rendered by the courts if the suit was commenced before the date of the deficiency appropriation bill of February 28 last. Refunds also will be permitted in such cases where the manufacturer did not have an opportunity to pass the tax on to the consumer or where too great a tax was paid, as well as where the sale was later rescinded or the selling price readjusted. In all other cases it will be incumbent upon the manufacturer to file with the Treasury an affidavit showing that he had reimbursed the consumer in the amount of the tax involved.

It became known that the committee will not accept the proposal to exempt from taxation income accruing from United States bankers' acceptances held by alien individuals.

The committee agreed to the proposal of the committee on banking institutions on taxation to eliminate the provision in Section 303 (b) (1) limiting otherwise allowable deductions from the gross estate of non-resident decedents to 10% of the value of the gross estate situated in the United States at the date of death.

Reviewing the provisions of the bill, the "Journal of Commerce," in a Washington dispatch, Dec. 6, said in part:

In approaching the revision of the 1926 law, the House Ways and Means Committee was faced with the need for providing for the simplification of the provisions, as well as the reduction of rates. The contention was made that the arrangement of the sections in the 1926 law is not satisfactory. A taxpayer cannot find at any one place a simple statement of the basic principles of the income tax. It contains several complicated provisions relating solely to taxes under earlier laws which no longer are of much importance.

It was recommended that the revenue act of 1926 be continued in force for the adjustment of old cases and that the obsolete sections be entirely omitted from the bill introduced today. Typographical improvements, such as the use of varied types in printing the law, catchwords, head notes, indentations, etc., are provided for to simplify the form of the statute. To those who have found the present law an enigma the new measure will offer great relief and its sponsors are firm in the belief that the average taxpayer will no longer be required to seek the assistance of tax experts in making out his income tax report.

The provisions of Title I.—Income Tax—Apply only to the taxable year 1927 and succeeding taxable years. Income, war profits and excess profits taxes for taxable years preceding the taxable year 1927 shall not be affected by the provisions of this title, the bill sets forth, but shall remain subject to the applicable provisions of prior revenue acts, except as such provisions are modified by Titles III, IV, and V of the new bill or by legislation enacted subsequent to this act.

Surtax Rates Unchanged.

The committee declined to make any change in the normal or surtax rates or the exemptions for individuals, having rejected the Treasury proposal for a modification of the so-called intermediate brackets of the surtax schedule.

It has provided a rate of 11½% instead of the present 13½% rate against corporate incomes, also increasing the exemption for corporations with net incomes not in excess of \$25,000 annually from \$2,000 to \$3,000, declining to permit, as suggested by the Treasury, small corporations with similar net income and not to exceed ten stockholders to file returns as partnerships. These changes are to be effective against net earnings of the present year.

The Committee refused to provide a different rate for corporations making distributions of a reasonable amount of their net earnings as against those who conveyed their earnings to surplus. On the other hand, it is recommending, under Section 104, provisions aimed at the accumulation of surplus to evade surtaxes in 1928 or subsequent taxable years, retaining in Section 105 the present Section 220 (1926 law) to meet situations of a similar character arising under the application of the present law to January 1 next.

Federal Estate Tax Retained.

The Treasury recommendations for the repeal of the Federal estate tax were also rejected, for Part I of Title II of the bill covers that subject and imposes the conditions of the existing law, continuing the exemption for taxes paid the States of not to exceed 80% of the Federal levy.

Insurance Firms Included.

Insurance companies—foreign and domestic alike—are treated in the new law as are all other corporations, subject to the new 11½% rate, with the increased exemption where their net earnings are not in excess of \$25,000.

Foreign banks of issue are relieved of liability for the payment of taxes upon income accruing from their holdings of United States bankers' acceptances, but that privilege was not extended to alien individuals or other alien corporations.

Automobile Tax.

The levy on automobiles is reduced from 3% to 1½% and special treatment is provided in the bill to deal with the refunding of taxes already paid on so-called automotive equipment that was put to other than automotive use and heretofore held by the courts to be not subject to the 3% tax with which they were then assessed.

Admissions Tax.

The tax on admissions was modified so that up to \$1 each there is no levy, while above that figure the present 10% rate will apply except in the case of admissions to prize fights of \$5 or more, where the tax is to be 25%.

The tax on club dues was cut in half and is recommended by the committee to be 5%.

The tax provided in the new bill upon the use of foreign-made pleasure boats purchased or contracted for hereafter is made five times as great as in the present law. It is on a footage basis.

For Produce Tax Repeal.

The tax on sales of produce on exchange would be repealed and the tax on Stock Exchange transactions cut in half, effective thirty days after the signing of the proposed new law, under provisions of the new bill.

The tax on wines is restored to pre-war levels and that on cereal beverages is to be repealed.

The committee refused to disturb the present earned income tax provisions or those pertaining to capital gains and losses. Recommendation was made to the Congressmen that they "lift the lid" on earned income in the interest of simplicity of individual tax accounting, while some of the corporations, considering that too much has been done for the small taxpayer, urged the withdrawal of the exemption.

While much of the incentive to possessors of large annual incomes to evade the payment of surtaxes by the formation of holding companies has been dissipated by the reduction of rates in other years, there is said to be a sufficient amount of such evasion to warrant new legislation of a type to be counted upon more to discourage this practice than the provisions of existing law. This is provided in Section 104, the text of which is as follows:

"Accumulation of surplus to evade surtaxes—1928 or subsequent taxable years.

"(a) Tax on Personal Holding Company.—If any personal holding company permits its undistributed profits for the taxable year 1928 or any succeeding taxable year to exceed 30 per centum of the sum of its

net income for such year plus the amount of the dividend deduction and interest upon obligations of the United States, there shall be levied, collected and paid for such taxable year, in addition to the tax on corporations imposed by section 13 (a), a tax equal to 25 per centum of such undistributed profits.

"(b) Definitions.—As used in this section,—

"(1) The term 'personal holding company' means any corporation if— (A) at least 80 per cent of its gross income for the taxable year is derived from rents, royalties, dividends, interest (whether or not tax exempt), annuities, and (except in the case of regular dealers in securities) gains from the sale of securities, and (B) either—

"Eighty per cent or more of its voting stock (exclusive of stock limited as to dividends and exclusive of stock redeemable upon less than thirty days' notice) is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, through affiliation, stock ownership, voting trust agreements, or otherwise, by or for not more than ten individuals, or

"The right to receive 80 per centum or more of the dividends distributed by the corporation is vested, directly or indirectly, through affiliation, stock ownership, voting trust agreements, or otherwise, in not more than ten individuals; but such term shall not include any banking or insurance corporation.

"2. The term 'dividend deduction' means the deduction specified in section 23 (p).

"3. The term 'interest upon obligations of the United States' means interest upon obligations of the United States issued after September 1, 1917, which would be subject to tax in whole or in part in the hands of an individual owner.

"4. The term 'undistributed profits' means the net income for the taxable year increased by the amount of the dividend deduction and interest upon obligations of the United States, but diminished by—

"(A) The amount of tax under section 13 (a) for the taxable year,

"(B) The amount of dividends declared out of earnings or profits for the taxable year, not later than the 15th day of the third month following the close of such taxable year and payable prior to the 15th day of the sixth month following the close of such taxable year. If dividends so declared are not actually paid prior to such date, then the amount not so paid shall be included in the undistributed profits and the tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be redetermined in accordance therewith.

Evasion of Surtax.

"(c) Tax on Corporation Formed or Availed of to Evade Surtax.—If any corporation, however created or organized, other than a personal holding company, is formed or availed of for the purpose of preventing the imposition of the surtax upon any of its shareholders through the medium of permitting its gains and profits to remain accumulated, instead of being divided or distributed among its shareholders, there shall be levied, collected, and paid for the taxable year 1928 and succeeding taxable years, in addition to the tax on corporations imposed by Section 13 (a), a tax of 25 per centum of the net income of the corporation increased by the amount of the dividend deduction and interest upon obligations of the United States. Such tax shall be computed, levied, collected, and paid upon the same basis and in the same manner and subject to the same provisions of law, including penalties, as that tax. The following shall be prima facie evidence that a corporation, other than a 'personal holding company' as hereinbefore defined, is formed or availed of for the purpose of preventing the imposition of surtax upon any of its shareholders:

"(1) That the corporation is a mere holding or investment company; or

"(2) That the gains or profits are permitted to remain accumulated beyond the reasonable needs of the business. In determining whether gains or profits are permitted to remain accumulated beyond the reasonable needs of the business there shall not be included gains or profits remaining accumulated during a prior taxable year for which the corporation has paid a tax imposed by this section.

"(d) Information Statements.—A corporation which in the taxable year 1928 or any succeeding taxable year permits the accumulation of more than 60 per centum of its net income increased by the amount of the dividend deduction and interest upon obligations of the United States, under regulations to be prescribed by the commissioner with the approval of the Secretary, shall (1) file as a part of its return a statement giving in detail the reasons for the accumulation and the purposes to which the amounts accumulated are to be devoted, and (2) from time to time thereafter, file reports under oath giving the disposition of the amounts so accumulated until all such amounts have been accounted for.

"(e) Optional Tax on Shareholders.—The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall not apply in respect of any taxable year if all the shareholders of the corporation include in their gross income at the time of filing their returns the amount of their entire distributive shares of the undistributed profits of the corporation for such taxable year. The tax imposed by subsection (c) shall not apply in respect of any taxable year if all the shareholders of the corporation include in their gross income at the time of filing their returns the amount of their entire distributive shares of the gains and profits remaining accumulated beyond the reasonable needs of the business as determined by the Commissioner. Any amount so included in the gross income of the shareholder shall be treated as a dividend received by the shareholder. A shareholder who had so included in his gross income his distributive share shall be entitled to receive exempt from tax subsequent distributions made by the corporation out of earnings or profits until such taxpayer has received exempt distributions in the amount of such share."

Section 105—"Accumulation of surplus to evade surtaxes, taxable year 1927," is the present Section 220, retained to amplify the provisions above quoted. A change is made in the wording of that section, which specifies the classes of other taxes that are not deductible from gross income, for it is provided that "for the purpose of this subsection (23-3), estate, inheritance, legacy and succession taxes accrue on the due date thereof, except as otherwise provided by the law of the jurisdiction imposing such taxes, and shall be allowed as a deduction only to the estate."

Co-operative Apartments.

Under the heading "Exclusions From Gross Income" the new bill adds "(9) Co-operative Apartments: In the case of a corporation owning or leasing an apartment building and operating it on the co-operative plan the payments to such corporation on account of taxes and interest as specified in Section 23 (q)." This would be an addition in the present law to Section 213 (b).

Section 23 (Q) is as follows: "Co-operative Apartments—Amounts paid by an individual taxpayer during the taxable year to a corporation which owns or leases an apartment building and operates it under the co-operative plan if—

"(1) such amounts are bona fide expended by the co-operation in the same taxable year, in payment of taxes allowable as deductions under subsection (c) of this section or in payment of interest on its bonds or on other indebtedness incurred by it in the acquisition, construction, or maintenance of such apartment building or in the acquisition of the land on which the building is located, and

"(2) Such individual is the owner or lessee of an apartment in the building under a lease, the term of which is twenty years or more, or under an agreement with the corporation, is entitled, by reason of stock ownership, to the use and occupancy of such apartment, for a like period, and

"(3) No part of the net earnings of the corporation inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual other than an owner or lessee of an apartment in such building or one entitled by reason of stock ownership to the use and occupancy of such apartment.

"Section 24 (d) No deduction shall be allowed to any corporation which owns or leases an apartment building and operates it under the co-operative plan, in respect of any expenditures by the corporation on account of taxes as specified in section 23 (q) (e)."

Instalment Sales.

Section 44, dealing with instalment sales, provides that the instalment plan of accounting may be resorted to in real estate transactions if the initial payments do not exceed 40 per cent of the selling price. It is further provided "if a taxpayer elects for any taxable year to report his net income on the instalment basis, then in computing his income for such year amounts actually received during such year on account of sales made in prior years shall not be excluded."

Allocation of Income and Deductions.

Section 240 (b) of the 1926 law is changed to read as follows:

"Section 45. Allocation of Income and Deductions: In any case of two or more trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated, whether or not organized in the United States and whether or not affiliated), owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the same interests, the commissioner is authorized to distribute, apportion or allocate gross income or deductions between or among such trades or businesses, if he determines that such distribution, apportionment or allocation is necessary in order to prevent evasion of taxes or clearly to reflect the income of any of such trades or businesses."

Under Section 103, real estate boards not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, are exempted from taxation as corporations. A similar provision affects voluntary employees' beneficiary associations providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such association or their dependents, if (a) no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and (b) 85 per centum or more of the income consists of amounts collected from members for the sole purpose of meeting losses and expenses.

Section 204 (a) (7) of the present law becomes section 113 (a) (7) under "Basis for Determining Gain or Loss" and there is added at the end of that paragraph ("Transfers to corporation where control of property remains in same persons") a qualifying clause that it shall not apply if the property acquired consists of stock or securities in a corporation a party to the reorganization "unless acquired by the issuance of stock or securities of the transferee, as the consideration in the whole or in part for the transfer."

Change in "Gain or Loss."

There is also omitted from subsection 8 covering corporation controlled by transferors, the qualifying phrase of the present law "other than stock or securities in a corporation a party to the reorganization."

A new paragraph under "gain or loss" provisions has been added, as follows:

"(12) Property acquired during affiliation. In the case of property acquired by a corporation, during a period of affiliation, from a corporation with which it was affiliated, the basis of such property, after such period of affiliation, shall be determined, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner with the approval of the Secretary, without regard to inter-company transactions in respect of which gain or loss was not recognized. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term 'period of affiliation' means the period during which such corporations were affiliated (determined in accordance with the law applicable thereto), but does not include any taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1922, unless a consolidated return was made."

Income earned by corporations prior to March 1, 1913, heretofore not taxable when distributed is made assessable on a par with all other distributions in the new bill. This fact is made manifest under Section 115 headed "Distributions by Corporations," which corresponds with Section 201 of the present law.

The local salaries of teachers in Alaska and Hawaii (although not such as may be paid directly or indirectly by the United States Government), are made exempt from taxation.

Experts assisting the committee in devising new and appropriate language for the simplified administrative features found great need for the revision of the present provisions of law dealing with consolidated returns, since these have given trouble in the way of interpretation and administration. In the present law these provisions are carried under section 240. The new law will cover the matter under section 118, as follows:

Affiliated Corporations.

"(a) Offset of Losses.—If any corporation which is a member of an affiliated group sustains for the taxable year 1929 or any succeeding taxable year a net loss, as defined in Section 117, so much of the net loss as constitutes an ordinary net loss (as defined in subsection (c) of this section), may be allowed as a credit against the net income of one or more members of the affiliated group, if—

"(1) In accordance with a written agreement filed with the return and entered into by the corporation sustaining the net loss and the corporation or corporations against the net income of which the credit is to be taken; and

"(2) Such corporations are domestic corporations and have the same accounting period; and

"(3) Such corporations have been members of the affiliated group during the entire taxable year, or so much thereof as each has been in existence."

(b) Affiliated Group.—As used in this section an "affiliated group" means one or more chains of corporations connected through stock ownership with a common parent corporation, if—

"(1) At least 95 per centum of the stock of each of the corporations (except the common parent corporation) is owned directly by one or more of the other corporations; and

"(2) The common parent corporation owns directly at least 95 per centum of the stock of at least one of the other corporations."

As used in this subsection the term "stock" does not include non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends.

(c) Ordinary Net Loss.—As used in this section, "ordinary net loss" means the net loss as defined in section 117 less the amount of the capital net loss computed in the same manner as provided in section 101 (relating to capital net gains and losses), except that gain or loss shall be computed without regard to the period for which the capital asset has been held.

(d) Remainder of Net Loss.—Any part of the net loss, as defined in section 117, not so allowed as a credit, shall be allowed to the corporation which sustains the net loss as a deduction in computing net income in succeeding taxable years in the same manner and to the same extent as provided in section 117 (relating to net losses).

(e) China Trade Act Corporation.—For the purposes of this section a corporation organized under the China Trade Act, 1922, shall be treated as a foreign corporation.

(f) Corporations Deriving Income from Possessions of United States.—For the purpose of this section a corporation entitled to the benefits of section 251, by reason of receiving a large percentage of its income from possessions of the United States, shall be treated as a foreign corporation.

(g) Allocation of Income and Deductions.—For allocation of income and deductions of related trades or businesses, see section 45.

Withholding of Tax at Source.

Under Section 143—"Withholding of Tax at Source."—Subdivision (a) Tax-Free Covenant Bonds (1), there is the following proviso: "That if the liability assumed by the obligor does not exceed 2 per centum of the interest then the deduction and withholding shall, after the date of the enactment of this act, be at the following rates: (a) 5 per centum in the case of a non-resident alien individual, or of any partnership not engaged in trade or business within the United States and not having any office or place of business therein and composed in whole or in part of nonresident alien; (b) 1½ per centum in the case of such a foreign corporation, and (c) 2 per centum in the case of other individuals and partnerships: Provided further, That if the owners of such obligations are not known to the withholding agent the Commissioner may authorize such deduction and withholding to be at the rate of 2 per centum, or, if the liability assumed by the obligor does not exceed 2 per centum of the interest, then at the rate of 5 per centum."

Section 219 (f) of the present law deals with employees' trusts. This matter is dealt with in the new bill under Section 165, to which new language is added providing that "the amount contributed to such fund by the employer and all earnings of such fund shall be taxed to the distributee in the year in which distributed or made available to him."

Section 188 of the bill provides the new 1½ per centum rate in the case of foreign and domestic life underwriters, while Section 204 deals with companies other than life or mutual, the mutuals being covered under Section 208.

Supplement J—Section 251 provides that corporations entitled to the benefits thereof because of receiving income from sources within the possessions of the United States, shall not be allowed the specific credit of \$3,000 allowed other domestic corporations taxable under other provisions of the bill.

Changes are effected in the provisions dealing with the period of limitation upon assessment and collection—Section 275—in (b) on waivers; Section 277, suspension of running of statute; and Section 321 (d) overpayment found by tax board.

The balance of the bill, beginning with Title II—Miscellaneous Taxes—represents quite a revision of the present laws.

Opening of First Session of Seventieth Congress— Move to Bar Senators Vare and Smith from Taking Office—Representative Beck Seated—Bills Introduced.

The first session of the seventieth Congress was brought under way on Dec. 5, and at the outset (it was noted in the Washington dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce") the seating of Senators-elect Smith (Illinois) and Vare (Pennsylvania) was opposed by Senator Norris of Nebraska, who presented a resolution in the case of each attacking their right to membership. Under the Republican plan, Senator Curtis of Kansas, majority floor leader, asked that these two step aside to permit of the swearing in of the unchallenged new members and an agreement was entered into that nothing would be done in their case until after the reading of the President's message on Tuesday. The same account said:

Vote Taken in Beck's Favor.

Something akin to this situation occurred in the House when Democrat Floor Leader Garrett sought to hold up the administering of the oath of office to former Solicitor General James M. Beck as a member of the district formerly represented by Senator-elect Vare, on the ground that he has not for years been a resident of Pennsylvania. Mr. Garrett also charged that a residence had been arranged for him in Philadelphia irregularly to comply with the law. Party lines were not maintained on this issue and the vote to permit him to take the oath of office was 243 to 157 in his favor. Efforts later will be made to have an elections committee go into these charges.

Following the reading on Dec. 6 of the President's annual message to Congress (this we give elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper) the Vice-President laid before the Senate Senate Resolution No. 1, introduced by Senator Norris denying Mr. Smith the right to take the oath of office because (we quote from the "United States Daily") of the revelations brought out during the investigation of the 1926 primaries conducted by a special Senatorial committee headed by Senator Reed of Missouri.

On Dec. 7 the Senate by a vote of 53 to 28 refused to seat Mr. Smith and referred his case to the Reed special

committee, to take such further testimony on its own motion as it deems proper. The "Herald-Tribune" from which the foregoing is quoted added:

Mr. Smith was not permitted to take the oath, but the Senate granted him the privilege of the floor to be heard in his own behalf.

In form the resolution adopted, which is a modification of the original Norris resolution, does not finally exclude Mr. Smith. It denies him a seat until the Reed Committee has made a further report. But it unmistakably seals the doom of his hope to be a member of the Senate. After the Reed Committee has taken such further testimony as may be demanded by either Mr. Smith or others, a resolution finally denying him a seat probably will be adopted.

A vote on the resolution to bar William S. Vare from the Senate was taken yesterday (Dec. 9) when as in the case of Senator-elect Smith the Senate declined to admit the Pennsylvanian to the full privileges of a member because of the expenditures made in his campaign for office. Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday said:

Instead his case will be referred to the Reed Campaign Funds Committee which uncovered the evidence on which both Smith and Vare were accused of campaign financing out of line with public policy.

The vote on which Vare was barred was 55 to 31. This compares with the vote against Smith of 53 to 28.

As in the case of Smith, Vare will be allowed to present his defense to the Reed Committee and, before he may be finally ousted, he will be allowed to argue before the Senate.

The vote was on a sub-resolution by Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, in charge of Vare's fight, which would have allowed the Senator-elect to be seated now while the Privileges and Elections Committee investigated his case. Five Democrats voted with 26 Republicans to administer the oath, and 16 Republicans and 1 Farmer-Labor joined with 38 Democrats to deny the vote.

With the opening of Congress on Dec. 5 Nicholas Longworth of Ohio was re-elected speaker. Representative John Q. Tilton, of Connecticut being retained by the Republicans as floor leader; Representative Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee, holds a similar position among the Democrats.

On the first day of the session 500 bills were introduced in the House; the Washington correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" in enumerating some of the legislation proposed said in part:

Tariff Bills Presented.

A number of popgun tariff bills were presented. Representative Burton of Ohio would amend the law to provide a rate of 1 cent per pound on wood tar and pitch of wood and of 10 cents per gallon on tar oil from wood. Representative Johnson of Washington wants a duty of 40 cents per 1,000 pieces on shingles. Representative French of Idaho favors a rate of 20 cents per pound on butter and of 16 cents per pound on oleomargarine and other butter substitutes; 15 cents per dozen on eggs, 12 cents per pound on frozen, prepared or preserved eggs, and 30 cents per pound on dried eggs; 3 cents per pound on onions; 10 cents per pound on alfalfa, alsike, crimson clover, red clover, and grass seeds other than white clover, for which latter he seeks a rate of 20 cents per pound. Delegate Sutherland of Alaska wants a rate of 25% ad valorem on finnan haddie and salmon, pickled, salted, smoked, kippered or otherwise prepared or preserved, and 2½ cents per pound on other prepared fish. Representative Cochran of Missouri, would permit the free entry of altars, pulpits, communion tables, baptismal fonts, shrines, etc., for the use of religious organizations.

In the interest of the corn producers of the Middle West, Representative Cole of Iowa would provide a rate of 20 cents per gallon on molasses and sugar sirups not specially provided for, testing not above 48% total sugars now dutiable at ¼ cent per gallon, and testing not above 52% total sugars when imported for use in the distillation of alcohol, the rate between 52 and 56% to be 1 cent per gallon.

Representative Dyer of Missouri would make bags, sacks, coverings and textile containers of all sorts dutiable at the rates they would be subjected to if separately imported. This would help the cotton growers, since a duty would be imposed on jute products.

A tariff of 30% ad valorem on calf and veal leathers, finished or partly finished, is proposed by Representative Lampert.

Industrial Board to Deal With Coal Strike.

Representative Burton of Ohio has reintroduced a bill authorizing the settlement of the war debt of Czecho-Slovakia, amounting to \$62,857,112 of which \$62,850,000 is to be funded into bonds and the small remainder paid in cash.

Identical bills to create a Board of Industrial Adjustments designed to deal with situations such as at present exist with respect to the soft coal strike have been introduced by Representatives Gallivan (Mass.) and Oliver and O'Connell (N. Y.), while Representative Luce (Mass.) is sponsoring a bill providing standards of size for various classes of anthracite coal.

A standard bale for cotton (500 pounds gross with allowance for tare) was presented by Representative Fulmer (S. C.), it being expected that a similar measure will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Ransdell (La.).

The building by the United States of warehouses in conjunction with the States and in co-operation with agricultural co-operatives for the storage of non-perishable farm products, for the insurance of such products and for Government loans on warehouse receipts thereon, is suggested in a bill by Representative Swank.

Haugen Presents Bill.

Representative Sinclair would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to determine and report to any wheat producer upon request the protein content of any wheat submitted for such determination and report. Representative Burtness would provide also for the determination of oil in flax and as to both wheat and flax, for the issuance of certificates indicating the protein and the oil content, respectively. Representative Sinclair has reintroduced his bill to provide for the purchase and sale of farm products by setting up the farmers and consumers financing corporation, with \$100,000,000 provided by the Government.

Extension of the Packers and Stock Yards Act is sought by Representative Haugen. Representative Jones (Tex.) seeks an appropriation of \$50,000

for the use of the Secretary of Agriculture in carrying on investigation of new uses for cotton.

Creation of a department of national defense is advocated by Representative Curry (California). Representative Garber (Oklahoma) would authorize Intermediate Credit Banks to assist agricultural co-operatives in acquiring storage facilities.

Federal Reserve Pension Fund Bill.

Chairman McFadden of the House Banking and Currency Committee has reintroduced his Federal Reserve retirement fund bill. Mr. McFadden also proposes to extend the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act to the Virgin Islands and to the Territory of Hawaii.

The Comptroller of the Currency would be directed to enforce the requirement that each national bank maintain on its premises during all regular banking hours an armed employe to guard the bank, if a bill by Representative Fitzgerald (Ohio) be enacted into law.

Stabilization Bill Offered.

A comprehensive measure "to stabilize the buying power of money" was presented by Representative Burtness. The Strong bill for the stabilization of the dollar will not be presented until a later date. Representative Blanton would amend Section 5197, revised statutes, regulating the rate of interest which may be charged by national banking associations and providing a penalty for violations.

Changes in Sinking Fund Provisions of U. S. Bonds.

Changes in the provisions for the sinking fund provisions for bonds and notes of the United States are proposed in a bill by Representative Ramseuer (Iowa).

No shipping bill of major importance was introduced to-day, but Representative Burton (Ohio) sponsors a measure to amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 to insure the exemption from income taxes during the ten-year period there provided of profits on the sale of certain vessels when the proceeds of such sales are invested in new American vessels approved by the Shipping Board.

Bills for the deportation of certain aliens and to define and delimit American citizenship and nationality and to establish a uniform system for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States were presented by Representative Johnson (Wash.).

Repeal of the nuisance taxes is sought by Representative Gallivan (Mass.), while Representative Hudson (Mich.) wants the automobile tax repealed.

A bill by Representative Fulmer of South Carolina would cause the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish preferential rates on shipments of cotton based upon the cubic contents of the bale.

A revised resale price maintenance bill was introduced by Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania. The bill gives producers of trade marked goods the right to make resale price contracts with distributors, and provides also that such commodities may be resold without regard to such agreements in uses of closing out stock, disposal of damaged goods and of bankruptcy. The bill prohibits price agreements between producers or between wholesalers or between retailers.

President Coolidge Declares His Statement in August That He Does not Choose to Run for President Stands—Tells Republican National Committee to Continue Task of Selecting Another Candidate.

The statement made in August by President Coolidge to the effect that "I do not choose to run for President in 1928" was amplified at the conclusion of an address to the Republican National Committee on Dec. 6, when he said:

This is naturally the time to be planning for the future. The party will soon place in nomination its candidate to succeed me.

To give time for mature deliberation I stated to the country on Aug. 2 that I did not choose to run for President in 1928. My statement stands. No one should be led to suppose that I have modified it. My decision will be respected.

After I had been eliminated the party began, and should vigorously continue, the serious task of selecting another candidate from among the numbers of distinguished men available.

The fact that no inkling of the restatement of his position was contained in the copies of the Dec. 6 speech made prior to the date of its delivery was noted by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times," who commented upon the unexpectedness of this week's statement, and said:

The President's reference to his statement of Aug. 2 came at the very end of a rather long speech he made to the National Committee contingent. He had invited the committee to call on him in a body at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon and at the request of former Senator Butler he had consented to make some remarks.

This information was given to the newspaper men at the White House a week ago to-day and caused much speculative comment in press dispatches sent from Washington that night, for the newspaper correspondents were set to wondering whether Mr. Coolidge would amplify his Yankee idiom of last August.

But late Wednesday evening the White House furnished to the press mimeographed copies of the remarks to be delivered by the President when the National Committee called, with the injunction that there was to be no publication until the speech was delivered at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

No word in amplification or explanation of "I do not choose" was contained in the press release copies. Members of the National Committee who saw these copies went to the White House at the hour appointed in the belief that they were to hear the President review pressing public questions. In the advance copies of his remarks there was the briefest reference to politics and some complimentary allusion to the work of political committees.

Statement in Ninety-five Words.

The address was chiefly a summarization of the annual message of the President sent to Congress to-day. The word "choose" did not appear once.

Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon the White House handed to newspaper men small, thin slips of paper containing the ninety-five words in which the President, in his address to the National Committee, amplified the original twelve of Aug. 2. The question of the amplification was preceded by the following:

"Confidential: For release when delivery of address is begun. At the end of the address of President Coolidge to the Republican National Committee delivered at Washington, Dec. 6 1927, at 5:20 p. m., add the following paragraph."

That was the paragraph calling on the Republican Party to find another candidate for President.

Some members of the National Committee may have learned of this additional paragraph before they started for the White House an hour later. But most of them had not, and the President's declaration was all the more dramatic on that account.

Proposed \$1,000,000 Bank for Union Workers—Chicago Trades Council Plans New Institution to Aid Mortgage Concern.

The following is from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 28:

A \$1,000,000 banking venture, backed by the Chicago Building Trades Council, with a Vice President of one of the loop banks in charge, will be started early in 1928, it was announced yesterday. First legal steps will be taken this week with the filing of papers in State Departments at Springfield, Patrick F. Sullivan, President of the Trades Council said.

The Trades Council in February of last year launched the Illinois Federation Corporation, a realty mortgage concern, to further the building of workers' homes on a 100% trade union basis. The organization of the bank is another step in the same plan.

Among the directors of the Illinois Federation Corporation are these representatives of subordinate groups Charles M. Paulsen, electricians; William Maloney, hoisting engineers; Henry Blehl, cement finishers; John Schilt, metal trades; Edward J. Evans, electricians; Edward Ryan, iron workers; Arthur Evensen, iron workers; Thomas Flynn, carpenters; M. J. Kelly, meat cutters; William Rooney, sheet metal workers; George Meyers, glaziers; Walter Snow, elevator constructors, and George Jones, roofers.

Subscriptions Received by "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of United Hospital Fund.

It was announced Dec. 4 that the total subscriptions so far received by the "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of the United Hospital Fund are in excess of last year's, and amount to about \$94,000. The committee is confident that its full quota of \$100,000 will be surpassed by Christmas. James Speyer, Chairman, and Walter E. Frew, Associate Chairman of the committee report the following subscriptions of \$100 and over, received to date:

\$12,000.	H. F. Benjamin.	DeCoppet & Doremus.
J. P. Morgan & Co.	Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Blumenthal.	Moreau Delano.
\$10,000.	S. B. Chapin & Co.	Charles D. Dickey.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Blumenthal.	Commercial Investment Trust, Inc.	H. L. Doherty & Co.
\$6,000.	H. Content & Co.	Charles M. Dutcher.
Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	Dominick & Dominick.	Eastman, Dillon & Co.
Speyer & Co.	Walter E. Frew.	E. Hayward Ferry.
\$2,500.	Donald G. Geddes.	Harvey Fisk & Sons.
George F. Baker.	Albert E. Goodhart.	Henry Goldman.
George F. Baker Jr.	Phillip J. Goodhart.	Fred H. Greenebaum.
Marshall Field.	Hambleton & Co., Inc.	Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
\$1,500.	Harris, Winthrop & Co.	John Henry Hammond.
Hallgarten & Co.	Adrian Iselin.	Harriman & Co.
\$1,000.	Leeds Johnson.	Richard H. Higgins.
Aldred & Co.	Maitland, Coppell & Co.	Alfred Hirschman.
Bank of the Manhattan Co.	Mrs. William H. Moore.	Anton Hodepnyl.
Otto T. Bannard.	Newburger, Henderson & Loeb.	Hodepnyl, Hardy & Co., Inc.
Blair & Co., Inc.	Mr. & Mrs. Acosta Nichols.	Gerard B. Hopkin.
Stephen C. Clark.	W. Emien Roosevelt.	Lewis Iselin.
Equitable Trust Co.	Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.	Clarence H. Kelsey.
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	Edward W. Sheldon.	C. M. Keys & Co.
Joseph P. Grace.	"F. S."	Kidder, Peabody & Co.
Halle & Stieglitz.	Albert Tag.	W. Thorn Kissel.
Harris, Forbes & Co.	Frederick M. Warburg.	David H. Knott.
Hayden, Stone & Co.	Werthem & Co.	William E. Lauer.
Jesse Hirschman.	\$200.	Louchhelm, Minton & Co.
Lazard Freres.	J. S. Alexander.	Luke, Banks & Weeks.
Henry K. McHarg.	George S. Brewster.	Charles W. McAlpin.
Mr. & Mrs. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith.	James Brown.	George McNeil.
Jeremiah Milbank.	Edwin M. Bulkley.	Edwin G. Merrill.
Mr. & Mrs. Percy R. Pyne.	Louis C. Clark Jr.	Jansen Noyes.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	William Halls Jr.	"Anonymous."
J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.	Interstate Trust Co.	Adolf J. Pavenstedt.
Title Guar. & Trust Co.	Willard V. King.	Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co.
Albert H. Wiggin.	Arthur Lipper & Co.	Wm. Ross Proctor.
Mrs. Anna Woerishoffer.	Gates W. McGarrath.	Seward Prosser.
\$750.	Junius Morgan Jr.	Redmond & Co.
Harry E. Ward.	Lewis E. Pierson.	C. Tiffany Richardson.
\$600.	Wellington & Co.	E. H. Rollins & Sons.
Mr. & Mrs. Starling W. Childs.	\$150.	Louis F. Rothschild.
\$500.	D. Stewart Iglehart.	Henry Ruhlander.
Robert S. Brewster.	Henry Ittleson.	Charles H. Sabin.
J. Horace Harding.	Joseph Koshland.	William M. Savin.
Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.	Arthur A. Zucker.	Schuyler, Chadwick & Burnham.
"A Friend."	\$100.	Edwin A. Seasonsrood.
James B. Mabon.	Chellis A. Austin.	E. H. Simmons & Co.
Manufacturers Trust Co.	Barr Bros. & Co., Inc.	Samuel Sloan.
Charles E. Mitchell.	Bertron, Grisoom & Co.	Ernest Vall Stebbins.
William H. Nichols.	George Blagdon.	Albert Stern.
F. A. Reinhardt.	Blyth, Witter & Co.	Andrew V. Stout.
Ernst Rosenfeld.	Theodore L. Bronson.	Edward Townsend.
"Anonymous."	Thatcher M. Brown.	Arthur Turnbull.
\$300.	Mortimer N. Buckner.	Harold T. White.
Mrs. Sidney A. Kirkman.	P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.	Blair S. Williams.
\$250.	E. W. Coggeshall.	Clark Williams.
Asiel & Co.	Coleman & Co.	John T. Winkhaus.
Stephen Baker.	George F. Crane.	Wood, Low & Co.
Bank of Montreal Agency.	Jerome Danzig.	Samuel Woolverton.
	George W. Davison.	

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

New York Stock Exchange memberships made a further advance to a new high record this week when the memberships of E. Van Dyke Cox Jr. was posted for transfer to Charles E. Young and that of George H. Bull to Fred K. Lapham, the consideration in each case being stated as \$305,000. Other transfers reported were as follows: Stanley D. McGraw to Walter F. Schultze, consideration, \$301,000; Otto T. Loeb to Harold R. Sweet, consideration, \$300,000; Stewart Rayner to Harvey L. Kimball, consideration, \$298,000; Irwin W. Howell to Prosper J. Blum, consideration, \$298,000. The following transfers were reported with nominal consideration in each case: Courtland P. Dixon to Edwin S. Crooks; Marshall W. Pask to Andre Lord; Morgan

H. McClement to D. Harry Lake; William T. Hincks to Dutro Plumb.

New York Curb Market memberships reached a new high record this week when the seat of Benjamin F. Stein was sold to Harold S. Rothschild for \$76,000. Previous to this the seat of George P. Smith was sold to D. O. McDonnell for \$65,000.

Chicago Board of Trade memberships were reported sold this week as follows; one at \$10,600 and six at \$8,600 each.

Chicago Stock Exchange memberships were reported sold as follows: the membership of John F. Barrett for \$20,000; that of Henry G. Forman for \$23,000; and finally one for \$25,000. Each of these represents an advance to a new high record \$25,000 being the latest figure.

The Fourteenth Annual Forum Dinner in honor of the President of the American Bankers Association, Thomas R. Preston, will be held on Monday evening, December 19th at the Hotel Roosevelt. Mr. Preston is Chairman of the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. Frederick W. Gehle, Second Vice President of the Chase National Bank and Chairman of the Bankers Forum, will preside.

At the Forty-fourth Street office of the Guaranty Trust Company, Mortimer F. Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., spoke on railroad finance in a course of lectures under the auspices of the New School for Social Research conducted by Elisha M. Friedman. In his address, Mr. Schiff discussed the underwriting and distribution of railroad securities, reorganizations and some present day questions.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the United States Trust Company of New York, held on December 1, Lewis Case Ledyard, Jr., was elected a trustee of the Company. Mr. Ledyard is a member of the firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn. At the same meeting a dividend of 15% was declared payable January 3 to stockholders of record December 31. The regular dividend is 12½%.

Arrangements have been made to merge three banks controlled by the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation, namely, the Capitol National Bank & Trust Co., the United National Bank and the Longacre Bank. The merger will be effected under the name of the Capital United National Bank which will have a capital of \$5,000,000 and nine banking offices. Max Radt, President of the Capital National will be Chairman of the Board of the new bank and Sydney Hermann, President of the United National will be President.

The Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, of New York, has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$4 per share, payable January 1, 1928, to stockholders of record December 15. Announcement is also made of the election of Arthur C. Mower, Vice-President of American Tobacco Company, to the board of directors of Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, succeeding Jesse R. Taylor, resigned. Gilbert L. Morse and James J. Slonim, assistant cashiers of Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, Bowery Branch, have been appointed Assistant Vice-Presidents.

Arnold F. Smith has been elected cashier, and Arthur A. Fisher, assistant cashier, of the Seward National Bank, New York. Mr. Smith has been Assistant Cashier of the bank and was formerly Secretary of the Lincoln Trust Company, New York. Mr. Fisher was formerly one of the examiners of the Second Federal Reserve District. Alfred H. Rust, of Passavant & Co., and Ernest W. Brown, president of Ernest W. Brown, Inc., have been elected directors of the Seward National Bank.

Theodore Pomeroy, Vice-President of the firm of Case, Pomeroy & Company, investment bankers at 60 Beaver Street, died on Dec. 3 at Tucson, Arizona, where he had gone in the hope of seeking relief from heart disease. Mr. Pomeroy was thirty-nine years of age. He began his banking career with the Chicago banking firm of King, Farnum & Company in 1909. In 1916 he came to this city and with Jeremiah Milbank, his brother in law, and Walter S. Case formed the firm of Case, Pomeroy & Company.

At meetings held on Dec. 6 of the Directors of West Side Trust Company of Newark, N. J., and its affiliated banks, the South Side National Bank and Trust Company and the Peoples National Bank, it was voted to recommend to the stockholders that important changes be made in the capital stock of all three institutions. The Directors of West Side Trust Company voted to recommend that the par value of the present capital of \$1,000,000, in 10,000 shares of \$100 each, be changed into 40,000 shares of the par value of \$25. The Directors of the South Side National Bank and Trust Company voted to submit to the stockholders on Jan. 10, a proposition to increase the stock of that bank from \$200,000, divided into 2,000 shares (par \$100) to \$300,000, in 12,000 shares (par \$25); 8,000 shares of the new stock (par \$25) are to be exchanged at the rate of four shares of the new stock (par \$25) for one share of present stock (par \$100), and 4,000 of the new shares (par \$25) will be offered to the stockholders of record as of the close of business on Jan. 23, at \$62.50 per share. Out of the proceeds, \$100,000 will be applied to capital and \$150,000 to surplus, giving the South Side National Bank and Trust Co., a combined capital and surplus of \$500,000.

The Directors of the Peoples National Bank also voted to submit to the stockholders on Jan. 10, a proposition to increase the capital of that bank from \$200,000 to \$300,000, divided in 12,000 shares of the par value of \$25, and to change the par value from \$100 to \$25 per share. The new stock to the amount of 4,000 shares, will be offered to stockholders of record Jan. 23 at \$50 per share. Out of the proceeds, \$100,000 will be applied to capital and \$100,000 to surplus, giving the Peoples National Bank a combined capital and surplus of \$450,000.

When these changes are effected, the West Side Trust Company will have a capital of \$1,000,000, as at present the South Side National Bank and Trust Co. and the Peoples National Bank will have a capital of \$300,000 each, an increase of \$100,000 in the case of each of these banks, the West Side Trust Co. will have a fixed surplus of \$1,500,000 as at present, the South Side National Bank and Trust Company \$200,000, an increase of \$150,000, and the Peoples National Bank \$150,000, an increase of \$100,000, making a total capital and surplus of \$3,450,000 for the West Side Trust Co. and its affiliated banks, with the stock of each bank having a par value of \$25.

That the stockholders of the Market Street Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia at a special meeting on Dec. 7, ratified a resolution of the directors under which the bank's capital will be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, the additional stock to be issued from time to time at the discretion of the directors, was noted in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 8.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Oak Lane Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Dec. 7 approval of the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$500,000 to \$750,000 (referred to in our issue of Nov. 19, page 2766) was given, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 8. The additional stock, par value \$100 a share, is being offered to present shareholders in the proportion of one-half share of new stock for each share of old stock held, at the price of \$275 a share, \$100 to be added to capital and \$175 to surplus account.

Blair & Co., Inc. of this city announced on Dec. 2 that it had acquired an interest in the capital stock of the First National Bank of St. Paul, Minn. While the amount of this interest was not made public, it was reported in reliable quarters to involve 10,000 shares of the capital stock of the institution, which has a capital of \$3,000,000, 30,000 shares of the par value of \$100 a share. In reporting Blair & Co.'s purchase, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 3, said in part:

This transaction has attracted a great deal of interest because it represents the entry of New York interests into one of the largest banks in the Northwest and the leading financial institution in the City of St. Paul, and the oldest bank in that city. The Chase National Bank is a principal correspondent of the First National Bank of St. Paul, and, should Blair & Co. retain its holding in the bank, it is believed probable that a closer working arrangement will be worked out between the two.

However, the sale of stock does not mean the passage of any stock interest from local interests to New York people. The announcement by Blair & Co. specifically states:

"This stock interest was obtained from holders of the stock residing outside of the State of Minnesota. What disposition, if any, will be made of the stock by the bankers has not yet been determined."

Blair & Co. further state that the acquisition is based "upon the successful record of the bank, which ranks among the most conservative financial institutions of the Northwest."

The First National Bank reported in its report to the Comptroller of the Currency on Oct. 10 last total deposits of \$58,556,284. Its capital stock amounted to \$3,000,000 and the surplus and undivided profits to \$3,938,388. This indicates a book value of the stock of \$231 a share. Dividends have been paid for some time at the rate of 10% annually.

No statement as to the price paid by the New York bankers was available here yesterday, but it was thought to be substantially above the book value. While this bank is the largest in St. Paul, its stock is so closely held that no sales quotations are available for recent months.

The bank has long been considered as closely allied to the Hill interests. Louis W. Hill has been chairman of the board of directors. President Ralph Budd of the Great Northern and Hale Holden are directors. It has been identified closely to the progress of St. Paul, having aided in the financing of a number of its leading enterprises. The policy of the bank, as indicated by its financial statements, has been to invest its money mainly in loans to local enterprises. In its full report made on Oct. 10 1926, its loans and discounts aggregated \$40,411,840, while its holdings of bonds and securities amounted to only \$17,567,860. On June 30 of this year loans and discounts aggregated \$29,413,508 and security holdings \$17,463,919.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The speculation for higher prices met with a sharp setback the present week, and, while the daily turnover continued on a large scale, transactions were largely directed toward the selling side until Friday when the market came back with a rush. Merchandising stocks continued to show the strength and activity which has been characteristic of these shares during the past two weeks. Railroad stocks were moderately strong on Saturday, but have made little further progress except for spasmodic advances in two or three particularly active speculative issues. Oil stocks have been heavy, especially in Atlantic Refining and Pan American issues, and both motor stocks and steel issues have gradually worked downward. The noteworthy features of the week were the President's message in which he reiterated his determination not to be a candidate in the next Presidential campaign, the first sold shipment to London in thirteen years, which developed as a result of the rise in sterling, and the report of the New York Stock Exchange on brokers loans for Nov. establishing a new high record, the total passing the four billion mark, and being \$4,091,836,303, as compared with \$3,129,161,675 at the close of Nov. last year.

Speculation in the stock market continued unabated during the greater part of Saturday's abbreviated session after a week of spectacular dealings. The day's transactions reached 1,347,000 shares and the tickers ran from 18 to 20 minutes behind the business on the floor, though this was in a measure due to the new method of quoting sales. Railroad shares continued in the forefront with Aetison leading the upward spurt with a gain of 3½ points to a new high in all time at 200. Dela. & Hudson trailed along and sold up to 198½ as compared with its previous close at 193. Other strong features of the group included Chesapeake & Ohio, New York Central, Union Pacific, Balt. & Ohio and Northern Pacific, the latter lifting its top to the highest peak since 1918. Motor shares made little progress with the possible exception of Nash Motors which advanced 4 points to the highest top since the split up. New peak prices for the year were scored by Nevada Copper, United States Smelting and Greene Cananea. Merchandising stocks continued strong, especially Montgomery Ward, Sears-Roebuck, Bloomingdale and Shattuck all of which moved briskly along at improving prices. Commercial Solvents "B" gained about 10 points and at its top for the day was up about 30 points above its previous low. In the final hour the market turned irregular and many issues lost much of their early gain. Irregularity characterized the movements of the stock market on Monday with declines numerically in the majority, though there were a number of noteworthy advances some of which ranged from 2 to 6 points. Montgomery Ward, for instance, was strong all through the session and moved briskly forward 6 points to a new high record at 114¾ and was followed by Sears-Roebuck with a gain of over 2 points.

On Tuesday the market continued more or less irregular. Rubber stocks moved to the front, Goodyear and Goodrich leading the upward swing, with substantial gains to their credit and numerous other rubber and tire issues shared in the improvement. In the afternoon, following the publication of the President's message, a flood of selling came into the market and prices gave way all along the line, though they quickly rallied and in the final hour most of the important movements were to materially higher levels. Montgomery Ward and Freeport Texas lifted their previous high records from 2 to 3 points. Prices broke badly on Wednesday, rails, steel stocks and industrial issues giving way before the avalanche of selling that came into the market, many stocks yielding from 1 to 3 points and, in some instances, as much as 10 points. Railroad stocks in general moved to

lower levels, Canadian Pacific and Lehigh Valley standing out conspicuously in the decline. Delaware & Hudson at 186 had lost about 6 points and Norfolk & Western, which only a short time ago was selling at 200, slipped back close to 190. Some of the so-called specialty stocks moved against the trend, notably National Biscuit Company, which had a spectacular rise of 5 points to the highest peak for the present shares.

On Thursday the steady stream of selling together with a large amount of liquidation were in a measure responsible for the further declines in many prominent speculative issues. There was a brief period of recovery, following the announcement of the raising of the Southern Railway dividend, but it did not last long enough to make any appreciable change in the trend of prices. United States Steel common and General Motors were both weak, and recessions ranging from 2 to 6 points were reported in such issues as Commercial Solvents "B," Houston Oil, Radio Corporation, Mathieson Alkali, Youngstown Sheet & Tube and National Biscuit. Greene Cananea was an exceptionally strong feature and moved forward from 105 1/4 to 114 3/4 following the report that new ore bodies carrying a high percentage of copper metal had been uncovered on its properties. Extensive selling was again apparent in the first hour on Friday, but the trend was suddenly reversed and the market came back with a rush. At the beginning it was the industrial shares that assumed the leadership, Greene Cananea soaring 7 points to a new high in all time, followed by United States Steel common with a gain of 3 3/8 points to 141 7/8 and General Motors with a rise of 1 1/2 points to 127 3/8. Railroad shares attracted especial attention, Southern Pacific selling in large volume and bounding upward to 125, followed by New York Central, Canadian Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Union Pacific. As the day advanced rubber stocks and equipment issues moved to the front, American Locomotive advancing about 3 points and American Car & Foundry improved

nearly 2 points. In the closing hour American Steel Foundries jumped 6 points to a new high at 59 and General Electric moved forward 3 points to 133 3/4. Houston Oil gained 4 points to 155 and United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry shot upward 4 7/8 points to 216 7/8. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Dec. 9.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,491,920	\$4,588,000	\$1,812,000	\$1,662,000
Monday	2,331,520	6,930,000	3,415,000	549,250
Tuesday	2,560,040	7,724,000	3,145,000	648,000
Wednesday	2,724,995	8,833,000	2,743,000	720,000
Thursday	2,473,730	7,171,000	2,275,000	1,062,500
Friday	2,420,200	6,969,000	2,158,000	1,285,000
Total	14,002,405	\$42,215,000	\$15,548,000	\$5,926,750

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Dec. 9.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 9.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	14,002,405	8,171,463	534,259,872	423,130,738
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$5,926,750	\$4,532,000	\$272,432,250	\$241,181,800
State and foreign bonds	15,548,000	22,293,000	790,779,700	667,558,450
Railroad & misc. bonds	42,215,000	46,269,000	2,021,510,600	1,883,116,100
Total bonds	\$63,689,750	\$73,094,000	\$3,084,722,550	\$2,791,856,350

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending Dec. 9 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*40,187	\$90,650	24,607	\$22,000	a3,913	\$30,400
Monday	*60,489	146,300	25,602	30,400	a5,347	182,100
Tuesday	*52,207	143,400	25,619	55,000	a5,075	62,800
Wednesday	*52,674	54,950	52,499	9,200	a6,443	105,600
Thursday	*49,949	96,000	100,774	73,700	a4,628	21,600
Friday	17,416	56,000	37,591	56,000	a3,874	40,000
Total	272,922	\$587,300	266,692	\$246,300	29,280	\$442,500
Prev. week revised	258,520	\$699,700	128,376	\$304,700	25,967	\$392,400

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 2,809; Monday, 3,319; Tuesday, 607; Wednesday, 803; Thursday, 1,388.
 † In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 300; Monday, 502; Tuesday, 230; Wednesday, 7; Thursday, 214; Friday, 108.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings this week will again show a considerable increase over a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Dec. 10), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 16.2% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,778,952,267 against \$9,276,967,361 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 30.7%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended December 10.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,423,000,000	\$4,150,000,000	+30.7
Chicago	557,218,049	533,023,168	+4.5
Philadelphia	487,000,000	435,000,000	+12.0
Boston	412,000,000	387,000,000	+6.5
Kansas City	109,979,915	127,247,058	-13.6
St. Louis	115,300,000	111,900,000	-17.0
San Francisco	199,117,000	148,893,000	+33.7
Los Angeles	162,733,000	144,232,000	+12.9
Pittsburgh	135,299,636	143,336,853	-5.6
Detroit	128,832,647	122,105,852	+5.5
Cleveland	101,527,428	88,329,868	+14.9
Baltimore	90,869,378	90,287,308	+0.6
New Orleans	67,008,295	62,821,425	+6.7
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$7,989,885,348	\$6,544,176,532	+22.1
Other cities, 5 days	992,574,875	1,074,970,670	-7.7
Total all cities, 5 days	\$8,982,460,223	\$7,619,147,202	+17.9
All cities, 1 day	1,796,492,044	1,657,820,159	+8.4
Total all cities for week	\$10,778,952,267	\$9,276,967,361	+16.2

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 last 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 Dec. 3. For that week the increase is 14.6%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$12,070,023,614 and the 1926 aggregate \$10,530,836,035. Outside of New York City, however, there is a decrease of 1.7%, the bank exchanges at this centre having increased 27%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) the totals are larger by 26.4%, in the Boston

Reserve District by 10.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 2.5%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the clearings show a decrease of 0.2% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 1.8%, but in the Atlanta Reserve District, there is a gain of 11.1% notwithstanding that Miami shows a loss of 57.7% and Jacksonville of 28.5%. The Chicago Reserve District falls 0.1% behind, but on the other hand the St. Louis Reserve District shows 9.5% increase, and the Minneapolis Reserve District 17%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals show a loss of 5.2%, in the Dallas Reserve District of 7.9%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 1.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Dec. 3 1927.	1927.	1926.	Inc./Dec.	1925.	1924.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston—12 cities	619,786,603	561,761,814	+10.3	588,414,163	533,077,494
2nd New York 11 "	7,763,931,558	6,132,539,741	+26.4	6,523,405,003	6,367,896,576
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	664,288,182	648,330,699	+2.5	642,161,994	620,099,698
4th Cleveland 8 "	436,962,304	437,622,004	-0.2	433,956,174	383,634,346
5th Richmond 16 "	216,978,883	222,980,357	-1.8	264,037,517	218,061,758
6th Atlanta 13 "	221,178,723	199,136,791	+11.1	288,385,869	234,462,694
7th Chicago 20 "	1,021,844,376	1,023,764,845	-0.1	986,990,438	947,437,327
8th St. Louis 18 "	248,041,416	226,514,432	+9.5	249,297,326	244,748,682
9th Minneapolis 17 "	1,121,521	128,343,933	+17.0	166,542,905	176,418,689
10th Kansas City 12 "	261,231,067	275,615,508	-5.2	278,696,743	267,871,276
11th Dallas 15 "	88,086,132	95,646,572	-7.9	103,534,128	95,348,813
12th San Fran. 17 "	385,572,850	578,499,339	-1.1	597,923,950	513,424,795
Total—129 cities	12,070,023,614	10,530,836,035	+14.6	11,123,316,210	10,601,472,902
Outside N. Y. City	4,464,995,248	4,542,489,348	-1.7	4,740,045,616	4,364,941,657
Canada—31 cities	583,098,636	423,316,755	+37.7	582,815,644	428,647,431

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for a month of November. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of 17.4%, the 1927 aggregate of the clearings being \$48,244,155,262, and the 1926 aggregate \$41,092,508,126. 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 November. Outside of New York City the increase for the month is only 7%. The New York Reserve District records an improvement of 25.7%, the Boston Reserve District of 19.2% and the Philadelphia Reserve District of 2.4%. The Cleveland Reserve District suffers a loss of 0.5%, but the Richmond Reserve District betters its last year's figures by 2.7% and the Atlanta Reserve District by 12.4%, the latter in spite of the falling off at the Florida points, the clearings at Jacksonville having shrunk 27.8%, at Tampa 39%, and

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Main table showing Clearings at— with columns for Month of November, Eleven Months, and Week Ending Dec. 2. Includes sub-sections for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR NOVEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1.

Table showing Canadian Clearings for November, since January 1, and for week ending Dec. 1. Columns include Month of November, Eleven Months, and Week Ending Dec. 3.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Nov. 30. d Week ended Dec. 1. e Week ended Dec. 2. * Estimated x Not included in total. f No clearings, only one bank open.

THE CURB MARKET.

Prices on the Curb Market this week moved in a decidedly irregular manner and at times were reactionary. The volume of business was large. Amer. Rolling Mill, com. dropped from 99 to 92 1/2 but recovered finally to 98 1/2.

A complete record of Curb Market transaction for the week will be found on page 3187.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Table with columns: Week Ended Dec. 9, STOCKS (No. Shares), BONDS (Par Value). Includes sub-columns for Ind & MISC, Oil, Mining, Domestic, Foreign Govt.

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:

Table listing London market data for various days (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.) and items like Gold per fine oz, Consols, British 5%, French Rent, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Table with columns: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.), Foreign. Values for 58, 58 1/2, 58 3/4, 58 1/2, 58 1/2.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, 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). Lists various stocks like American Trust Co., Anglo & London P Nat Bk, 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). Lists various stocks like North American Oil, Oahu Sugar, Olaa Sugar, etc.

* No par value.

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

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Dec. 3—The Civic Center National Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. Capital \$400,000. Correspondent, L. W. Klinker, 145 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Nov. 30—The Sanford Atlantic National Bank, Sanford, Fla. Capital \$100,000. Correspondent, Linton E. Allen, Sanford, Fla.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Dec. 3—National Bank of Gulfport, Miss. Capital \$125,000. Conversion of Bank of Gulfport, Gulfport, Miss.

CHARTER ISSUED.

Nov. 29—National Builders Bank of Chicago, Ill. Capital 500,000. President, W. G. McLaury.

Nov. 30—The Catonsville National Bank, Catonsville, Md. Capital 100,000. President, Stephen J. Van Lill Sr.; Cashier, Harry M. Ramey.

Dec. 1—The Farmers National Bank of Central City, Neb. Capital 25,000. Conversion of the Farmers State Bank of Central City, Neb. President, John Clay; Cashier, G. A. Agnew.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

Dec. 2—The Citizens National Bank of Bellevue, Pa. Capital 100,000. Effective Dec. 1 1927. Succeeded by the Citizens Trust Co. of Bellevue.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Nov. 30—Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, Ill. Capital 25,000,000. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Ill. Capital 5,000,000. Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, No. 2894, and under the corporate title of "Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago" with capital stock of \$35,000,000. The American National Bank of Woodstock, Ill. Capital 50,000. Farmers Exchange State Bank of Woodstock, Ill. Capital 75,000. Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and corporate title of "The American National Bank of Woodstock (No. 6811), with capital stock of \$100,000.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Nov. 28—Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, Calif. Location of branch, Vicinity of Fillmore and Haight Sts., San Francisco, Calif. Dec. 1—The National City Bank of New York, N. Y. Location of branches, Vicinity of 92-15-162d St., Jamaica, Queens County; vicinity of 42-53-4255 Broadway, vicinity of 135 East 14th St. (all located within limits of New York City). Dec. 2—The First National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. Location of branch, Vicinity of Corner of Market and Main Sts., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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 A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing auction sales by A. J. Wright & Co. in Buffalo, including items like 10,280 Adarags Mines, par 1 peso, 10 lot; 10 Jackson Health Resort, Inc., par \$100, with 10 shares, \$10 common, par \$10, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing auction sales by Barnes & Lofland in Philadelphia, including items like 100 Thompson's Spa Co., par 1; 11 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank, No. 20 Union Nat. Bank, etc. of deposit \$350.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like Amer. Bank & Trust, Bankers Trust Co., Finance Co. of Pa., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like George B. Newton Coal Co., Warwick Iron & Steel, Girard Pictures, Inc., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like Federal Nat. Bank, First National Bank, National Shawmut Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per share. Includes entries like Revere Oil Co., Interest supplemental mineral deed covering Arkansas properties, etc.

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like Copper Products Co., Copper Prod. Co., Carson Free Gold M. & M. Co., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like Federal Nat. Bank, First National Bank, National Shawmut Bank, etc.

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Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Contains numerous entries for various companies and their financial details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like 'Miscellaneous (Continued)', 'Porto Rico Amer. Tobacco', 'Pressed Steel Car', etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)', 'Walworth Company', 'Preferred (quar.)', etc.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. f Payable in preferred stock. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends.

b Holders of Class A and Class B stock are given the privilege of subscribing to the extent of the dividend to their respective stocks at \$25 per share.

c North American Co. stock dividend is 2 1/2% or at rate of one-fortieth of a share of com. stock for each share held.

k Holland Furnace com. dividend payable either in cash or in common stock.

l Associated Gas & Electric dividends payable either in cash or class A stock as follows: 2 47-100 of a share of class A stock on original preferred; 4 32-100 of a share of class A stock on \$7 preferred; on class A stock one-fortieth share class A stock.

m One-fortieth share common stock.

n Subject to approval by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

o Knox Hat dividend is payable in class A participating stock of the Long's Hat Stores Corp. at \$100 per share.

p Payment date changed by company from Dec. 31 to Dec. 3 and holders of rec. date from Dec. 1 to Nov. 22.

q American Superpower stock dividend is one-fiftieth share of class A com. stock.

r Central Public Serv. Corp. dividend optional either in cash or class A stock at rate of one share for each forty shares held.

s Utilities Power & Light class A dividend optional, either in cash or class A stock at rate of one-fortieth of class A stock, and class B stock 33-500ths of a share of class B stock.

v The following amounts to be deducted on account of third and fourth quarterly installments of 1926 income tax: Continental Pass. Ry., 50c.; Union Pass. Ry., 75c.; West Phila. Pass Ry., 75c.

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 Dec. 3. 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 Dec. 3 1927, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Cash, Reserve, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-tables for Member of Fed. Res. Bank, State Banks, and Colonial Bank.

Table with columns: Week Ending Dec. 3 1927., Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit-tories, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Rows include Trust Companies Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank, Title Guar. & Tr. Lawyers Trust, Total of averages, Totals, actual condition Dec. 3, 1927., and various comparison weeks.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total Dec. 3, \$5,620,000. Actual totals Dec. 3, \$1,162,000; Nov. 26, \$11,943,000; Nov. 19, \$47,193,000; Nov. 12, \$37,851,000; Nov. 5, \$48,530,000; Oct. 29, \$59,176,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for week Dec. 3, \$794,999,000; Nov. 26, \$760,228,000; Nov. 19, \$735,300,000; Nov. 12, \$747,361,000; Nov. 5, \$710,961,000; Oct. 29, \$718,939,000. Actual totals Dec. 3, \$791,375,000; Nov. 26, \$760,446,000; Nov. 19, \$730,770,000; Nov. 12, \$747,738,000; Nov. 5, \$720,012,880; Oct. 29, \$743,352,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$252,718,000; Chase National Bank, \$12,974,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$41,812,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$77,974,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,351,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$107,746,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$40,996,000; Chase National Bank, \$1,651,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$1,077,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$3,286,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,351,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$5,783,000.

c Deposits in foreign branches not included.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies, and Totals. Sub-columns include Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve. Rows show data for Dec. 3, 1927, and comparison weeks.

* 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: Dec. 3, \$20,457,150; Nov. 26, \$20,628,600; Nov. 19, \$20,367,900; Nov. 12, \$20,372,520; Nov. 5, \$20,012,880; Oct. 29, \$19,781,130.

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies, and Totals. Sub-columns include Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve. Rows show actual figures for Dec. 3, 1927, and comparison weeks.

* 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: Dec. 3, \$20,523,180; Nov. 26, \$20,515,050; Nov. 19, \$20,209,020; Nov. 12, \$20,003,550; Nov. 5, \$19,980,510; Oct. 29, \$19,569,780.

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 STATES BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Time deposits, Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges & U. S. deposits, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, 21.3%. Rows show figures for Dec. 3, 1927, and differences from previous week.

RESERVE.

Table with columns: Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos., Total. Sub-columns: State Banks, Trust Companies. Rows show percentages and totals.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Dec. 3 was \$118,481,100.

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 Depositories. Rows show weekly data from Aug. 6 to Dec. 3, 1927.

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, etc., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit-tories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank, Grace Nat Bank, State Bank, and various other institutions.

* Bank of Washington Heights merged with Bank of Manhattan Co. a United States deposits deducted, \$11,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,963,000. Excess in reserve, \$100,680 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & invest., Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Cl'g H'se, Due from other banks, Res'v in legal depositories, Cash in bank, Res'v excess in F.R.Bk. Sub-columns: Dec. 7 1927, Changes from Previous Week, Nov. 30 1927, Nov. 23 1927.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Dec. 3, 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 depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Table with columns: Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Week Ended Dec. 3 1927, Nov. 26 1927, Nov. 19 1927. Sub-columns: Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, 1927 Total. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, L'n's, disc'ts & invest., Exch. for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, Res. with legal depositories, Res. with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Total res. & 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, Dec. 8 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 3141, 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 DEC. 7 1927.

Table with columns for dates from Dec 7 1927 to Dec 8 1926. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Total bills and securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured).

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 DEC. 7 1927.

Table with columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Total U. S. Gov't securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured).

Table with 14 columns representing Federal Reserve Districts: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Resources (Total, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources), LIABILITIES (Deposits: Member bank, Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits; Total deposits; Deferred availability items; Capital paid in; Surplus; All other liabilities), and Memoranda (Reserve ratio, Contingent liability, F. R. notes on hand).

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 7 1927.

Table with 14 columns representing Federal Reserve Districts. Rows include Federal Reserve Agent at (Two ciphers, F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank, Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk., Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—F. R. Board, Eligible paper, Total collateral).

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 659 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 3142, 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 NOVEMBER 30 1927. (In thousands of dollars.)

Table with 14 columns representing Federal Reserve Districts. Rows include Loans and investments, Loans and discounts, Investments, Reserve balances with F. R. Bank, Net demand deposits, Due from banks, Borrowings from F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, All other, and Number of reporting banks.

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 Dec. 7, 1927 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 3 columns for dates: Dec 7 1927, Nov 30 1927, Dec. 8 1926. Rows include Resources (Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board, Gold and gold certificates held by bank, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Other bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Bills bought in open market, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Government securities, Total bills and securities) and Liabilities (Gold held abroad, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources, Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation, Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res've note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondences).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made of Federal Intermediate Credit bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the 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.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 9 1927.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3155.

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 Dec. 9, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock listings.

* No par value.

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 titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (Dec. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Second, Third, Fourth, Treasury).

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table listing registered bond transactions: 10 1st 3 1/2s, 1 1st 4 1/2s, 27 3d 4 1/2s, 119 4th 4 1/2s, 5 Treasury 4 1/2s.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns: Bank/Trust Co., Bid, Ask, and various financial metrics.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns: Company Name, Bid, Ask, and other details.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cdfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

Foreign Exchange.—To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchanges were 4.87 1/2 @ 4.88 1-16 for checks and 4.88 1/4 @ 4.88 13-32 for cables.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.02 francs; week's range, 124.02 francs high and 124.02 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- List of current notices including: Sears, Roebuck & Co. and St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.; Chase W. Love; Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.; J. K. Rice, Jr. & Co.; A. D. Watts & Co.; J. M. C. Lavin; Steiner, Rouse & Strooch; Lawson & Co.; Outwater & Wells; George H. Burr & Co.; Hurlley & Co.; Gordon L. Arnold; Maxwell Winikus and Frederick C. Dow; James Talcott, Inc.; Pynchon & Co.; Frank C. Thomas; George H. Brewster; Prince & Whitely; Tucker & Co.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Dec. 3 to Friday Dec. 9) and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Shares, Stocks (Railroads, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE), and Par values.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices per share.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices per share for the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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, Dec. 3 to Friday, Dec. 9); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Includes various stock listings like Abitibi Power & Paper, Adams Express, American Sugar Refining, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday Dec. 3 to Friday Dec. 9), stock names, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest). Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

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 to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926' (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stock names and their prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Dec. 3 to Friday, Dec. 9); 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 Kayser (J) Co v t c, Kelly-Springfield Tire, Kelsey Hayes Wheel, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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, Dec. 3 to Friday, Dec. 9); Sells for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Dec. 9., Interest Period, Price Friday, Dec. 9., Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Dec. 9., Interest Period, Price Friday, Dec. 9., Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Dec. 9.' with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range, and Interest.

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Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sections for 'BONDS' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

Table of bond transactions with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Range Since Jan 1, and Bonds Sold. The table is divided into two main sections: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and BOND EXCHANGE.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Dec. 9, with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, and various other securities.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Non-nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ‡‡ Ex-right. §§ Canadian quotation. ¶¶ Sale price.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Sales for the Week' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927'.

Main table listing individual stocks and bonds with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926'. Includes categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and various utility companies.

* Bid and asked prices sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. f New stock. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amoskeag 6s, Brown Co 5 1/2s ser A, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Royalty Co com, All America Radlo cl A, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Impl-Honeywell Reg, Monsanto Chemical Wks, etc.

z H.—par value. z X—dividend.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Allen Industries, Preferred, Amer Multigraph com, etc.

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec 3-9. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Dec 3-9. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec 3-9. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec 3-9. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Baltimore Stock Exchange, Dec 3-9. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Mrs Finance com v t, Baltimore City 4061 S H, and various bonds. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Salt Creek Consol Oil, San Toy Mining, and United States Glass. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including First Nat Bank, Nat Bank of Comm, and American Trust. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Am. W. Gl, Mach, com, Ark. Nat Gas com, and Bank of Pittsburgh (N A) 50. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Pedigo Weber Shoe, Polar Wave I & F Co., and Rice-Stix D G, com. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the San Francisco Exchange, see page 3160.

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 (Dec. 3) and ending the present Friday (Dec. 9). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Allison Drug Store class A, Alpha Port Cement com, and American Arch Co. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and another set of the same columns for a second list of stocks. Includes entries like Amer Cigar Co com, Amer Cyanamid com, etc.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices Low. High., Sales for Week., Range Since Jan. 1. Low., High.

—Clients and friends of Nicol-Ford & Co., Inc., Ford Building, Detroit, received during the past week formal announcements of the firm's change from the status of corporation to that of a partnership...

—The Governor's Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has recently announced a summary of the results of an audit of the State Highway Department's records by Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants...

—Holman, Watson & Rapp, members of Philadelphia Stock Exchange, 1420 Walnut St., Philadelphia, have issued a circular discussing Lehigh Power Securities Corporation and its controlled companies...

—Edward O. Pringle, general partner of the firm of Ryone & Co., 315 Montgomery St., San Francisco, has been elected to membership in the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange...

—Announcement is made of the formation of the firm of E. L. O'Harra & Co. with offices at 150 Broadway, N. Y., to do a general security business...

—Laurance Jones, formerly Vice-President and Manager of the bond department of the Baltimore Trust Co., announces the formation of Laurance Jones & Co., to conduct a general business in investment securities...

—"A Manual of Securities," giving complete index of holdings of Middle West Utilities Co. and its subsidiaries, together with detailed information concerning the operations and financial structures of each of the units in the system...

—E. A. Pierce & Co. announce the removal of their offices from the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. building and Continental & Commercial Bank building to more commodious quarters on the second floor of the new Bankers Building, 105 West Adams St., Chicago.

—Burnham, Horman & Co., 149 Broadway, N. Y., have prepared a circular analyzing the Hershey Chocolate Corp. with reference to the position of the corps. stock issues, particularly the convertible preference stock.

—Bryan, Kemp & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, Richmond, Va., have published a circular on "Southern Railway" in which a comparison is made with other railroads serving the South.

—Ellason, Kolb & Ellason, dealers in investment securities, Packard Building, Philadelphia, have published a circular, entitled "Politicians vs. Kilowatts," copies of which will be sent on request.

—Curtis & Sanger, 49 Wall St., N. Y., are distributing their bi-weekly analysis and quotation pamphlet, which contains an analysis of the Commercial Casualty Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J.

—Whitehouse & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 111 Broadway, N. Y., have issued a circular entitled "Leading Companies Dealing in Dairy Products." Copies will be sent on request.

—F. E. Warner & Co., dealers in general market securities, announce the removal of their offices to 1420 Walnut St., Philadelphia, and a change in their telephone number to Pennypacker 2725.

—L. Gottheimer & Co., 1 Wall St., New York, announce that Frank S. Shea, formerly with E. J. Coulon & Co., has become associated with them as Vice-President and General Manager.

—E. A. Pierce & Co. have prepared an analysis of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. and of the Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela setting forth the position of both companies.

—Roland E. Stowe, formerly associated with Spencer, Trask & Co. has joined the organization of J. A. Ritchie & Co., and will represent them in the Binghamton territory.

—M. J. Meehan & Co. announce the opening of a new branch office in The Sherry-Netherland, Fifth Ave. at 59th St., N. Y., under the management of Walter A. Hughes.

—S. Weinberg & Co., 2 Rector St., N. Y., have prepared a special circular on the National Liberty Insurance Co., giving history, growth and earnings records for several years.

—Charles D. Robbins & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 44 Wall St., N. Y., are distributing a special circular on the American Agricultural Chemical Co.

* No par value. † Correction. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. § Sold under the rule. ¶ Sold for cash. † Amer. Cigar com. is ex-33 1-3% stock div.; sold at 148 1/2 on Jan. 3 1927 with stock dividends on. § Option sale. † Ex-rights and bonus. ‡ Cumberland Pipe Line ex special div. of 33% and regular div. of 2%. † When issued. ‡ Ex-div. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock div. † \$5,000 Midwest Gas 7s sold at 101 on Sept. 7 "under the rule." ‡ Sales of National Power & Light pref. were made on Sept. 30 at 109 1/2 "under the rule." † Piggy Western class A sold on Oct. 17 at 25 1/2 "under the rule." ‡ Nuremberg 6s sold Oct. 17, \$1,000 at 96 for cash. † Sales of Prussia 6s of 1952 Nov. 4 at 100 under the rule and on Nov. 11 at 98 1/2 "under the rule."

Somerset Ry. of Maine.—Asks Dissolution of Road.

Dissolution of the Somerset Railway, and the Washington County Railway, both of which were merged with the Maine Central in 1911, is sought in separate equity petitions filed in Supreme Judicial Court at Portland, Me., Dec. 5, in behalf of Morris McDonald, Pres., of the Maine Central. Both railroads have subsisted since 1911, according to the petition, only for the purpose of protecting creditors and mortgagors and to insure the completion of title in the assignment, transfer or tender of deeds or other conveyances. There are no existing assets to be distributed in the case of either railway, the petitions set forth.—V. 92, p. 726.

Southern Ry.—Dividend Rate on Common Stock Increased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2% (\$2 a share) on the common stock par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 3. From Feb. 1 1926 to Nov. 1 1927 incl., the company paid quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% on the common stock.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 5% non-cumul. pref. stock, payable Jan. 16 to holders of record Dec. 27.—V. 125, p. 2523.

Union Pacific RR.—Definitive Bonds Ready.

On and after Dec. 12 1927, at the office of the treasurer of the company, 120 Broadway, N. Y., City, interim receipts for 40-year 4 1/4% gold bonds, due July 1 1967, may be exchanged for definitive bonds in either coupon or registered form. (See offering in V. 124, p. 3064.)—V. 125, p. 2805.

Wabash Ry.—Annual Dividend of 5% on Convertible 5% Preferred "B" Stock.—The directors last week declared an annual dividend (No. 2) of 5% on the convertible 5% (now cumulative) preferred "B" stock, payable Feb. 6 1928 to holders of record Dec. 31 1927. An initial annual dividend of like amount was paid on this stock on April 1 last.

[This stock is convertible at the rate of \$50 of profit-sharing pref. stock and \$50 of common stock for each \$100 of conv. pref. stock, with adjustment of unpaid dividends.—Ed.]

Asks Injunction Against Payment of Dividends on Preferred "B" and Common Stocks.

Application has been made in the U. S. District Court at New York for an injunction against the company to restrain it from paying dividends on class B preferred and common stocks until the alleged overdue dividends are paid on class A preferred stock from the time of organization through 1926 to the extent to which net income was available for such payments. The application will be heard Dec. 13 and was made by attorneys for John C. Barclay, who recently brought suit against the directors of the company and certain brokerage firms to restrain payment of dividends on preferred "B" and common stocks until the arrears on the "A" have been paid.—V. 125, p. 2932.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding \$5,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series of 5%, due Jan. 1 1956, have been called for payment Jan. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York.—V. 125, p. 2259.

Alabama Power Co.—Offers \$40,000,000 First Mortgage Bonds.—A new issue of \$40,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 4 1/2% series due 1967, constituting one of the largest public utility bond issues of the year, was put on the market Monday by Harris, Forbes & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Coffin & Burr, Inc. The bonds were offered at 94 3/4 and int. to yield about 4.80%.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1967. Int. payable J. & D. in N. Y. City. Callable all or part at any time prior to maturity on 45 days' notice; at 102 through Nov. 30 1932; thereafter at 101 1/2 through Nov. 30 1937; thereafter at 101 through Nov. 30 1932; thereafter at 100 1/2 through Nov. 30 1966; and thereafter prior to maturity at 100 plus int. in each case. Demons. c* \$1,000 and r \$1,000 and authorized multiples. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Penn. 4 mills tax refundable. Issuance.—Approved by the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Data from Letter of Pres. Thos. W. Martin, Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 1.

Company.—Organized Nov. 10 1927 in Alabama as a consolidation of the former company of the same name with Gulf Electric Co. and Houston (Ala.) Power Co. Is one of the principal subsidiaries of Southeastern Power & Light Co. and one of the largest hydro-electric companies in this country. Its properties are all located in Alabama and it serves directly or at wholesale nearly all the urban population and commercial electric power requirements of the State. Company does directly all the electric light and power business in more than 250 communities, including Mobile, Montgomery, Anniston, Tuscaloosa, Gadsden, Selma, Talladega, Roanoke, Decatur, Enterprise, Huntsville, Demopolis and the Muscle Shoals District, and it furnishes at wholesale all the power requirements of the utilities serving Birmingham, Bessemer and 6 other communities. Does the entire commercial gas business in Montgomery, Anniston and three other communities and the local transportation business in Montgomery and five other communities. Company also supplies power at wholesale to affiliated companies and other utilities, including the major portion of the requirements of the two affiliated companies serving respectively western Florida and the eastern half of Mississippi.

The electric system of the company serves directly a total of more than 86,000 customers' meters and current is being supplied directly and indirectly to more than 150,000 customers. The present connected load of the system is more than 822,000 hp. and for the year ended Sept. 30 1927, the electric output of the system was over 1,734,500,000 kw. Company owns 5 gas systems having an annual output of more than 380,000,000 cu. ft. and serving over 8,000 customers' meters and 6 street railway systems which carry annually over 11,500,000 passengers. During 12 months ended Oct. 31 1927 over 93% of the company's gross operating revenues were derived from electric power and light operations.

Business Field.—The development and distribution of power by the company during the past 15 years has been the basis for steadily increasing industrial activity, which has been reflected by a substantial increase in population and in wealth of the State. During this period the connected load of the company has increased from 47,000 hp. to 822,000 hp. and the output of power from 20,000,000 kw. to 1,734,500,000 kw.; and it is of special significance to note that in the same period the value of manufactured and mineral products has increased from \$169,000,000 to \$613,000,000 and the annual payrolls from \$50,000,000 to \$230,000,000.

Interconnection.—The operating subsidiaries of Southeastern Power & Light Co., including (in addition to Alabama Power Co.) Mississippi Power Co., Gulf Power Co., South Carolina Power Co., and Georgia Power Co., form a compact and continuous group of power and light properties, serving practically the entire State of Alabama, the eastern half of Mississippi, western Florida, the city of Charleston (S. C.), and the larger part of the State of Georgia including the cities of Atlanta and Macon. The major portions of these properties are linked by high tension transmission lines into a single interconnected system.

The system of Alabama Power Co. is connected by transmission lines with Georgia Power Co. and Columbus (Ga.) Electric & Power Co. and through Georgia Power Co. with the systems of all the major power and light companies in the States of Tennessee, North and South Carolina. By means of these connecting lines the several companies are enabled to render assistance to each other in emergencies, and during the dry summer months in recent years Alabama Power Co. by the operation of its steam plants has supplied large amounts of energy to other companies in Georgia and in North and South Carolina, some of the latter being at a distance of about 100 miles from the points of generation in Alabama.

Earnings.—Combined earnings of companies now consolidated to form Alabama Power Co.

Years Ended Oct. 31—	1926.	1927.
Gross earnings including other income*	\$14,265,567	\$16,711,844
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	6,924,514	8,103,335
Net earnings	\$7,341,053	\$8,608,509
Annual int. on funded debt with public (incl. this issue)		3,544,375

Balance—\$5,064,134 *Does not include interest during construction capitalized amounting during the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1927 to \$730,488 and during the preceding period to \$1,050,249.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on important transmission and distribution properties in southern Alabama and will participate in the security of the first mortgage on practically all of the remainder of the physical properties owned by the company, through pledge of \$37,000,000 1st mtge. lien & ref. bonds, for the security of which (and of the bonds of that issue with the public) there are in turn pledged or to be pledged at least \$52,000,000 1st mtge. bonds and \$1,276,000 divisional bonds. In addition these bonds will, in the opinion of counsel, be secured by a general lien on all the remainder of the physical properties owned by the company, subject to underlying mortgages under which \$134,868,700 bonds are outstanding in the hands of the public.

Capitalization Outstanding on Completion of the Present Financing.

Common stock (no par value)	2,356,753 shs.
Preferred stock (no par value):	
Dividend, \$6 per sh. per annum cumul	80,907 shs.
Dividend, \$7 per sh. per annum cumul	176,670 shs.
Income debenture certificates 7% due 2020	\$12,170,000
1st & ref. mtge. bonds 4 1/2% series due 1967 (this issue)	40,000,000
1st mtge. lien & ref. bonds (closed) 5% series due 1951	17,700,000
do 5% series due 1956	6,000,000
First mortgage 5% bonds due 1946	10,221,000
Underlying divisional bonds (closed mortgages)	\$1,276,000
Underlying divisional bonds (open mortgages)	\$947,700
x These debentures have a contingent interest in the balance available after the payment of preferred stock dividends.	
y Not including \$37,000,000 first mortgage lien and refunding bonds to be pledged to secure this issue.	
z Not including at least \$52,000,000 1st mtge. bonds and \$1,276,000 underlying divisional bonds pledged or now to be pledged to secure the first mortgage lien refunding bonds and not including \$12,000,000 underlying divisional bonds pledged under the first mortgage. Additional first mortgage bonds may be issued only for pledge as security for the first mortgage lien and refunding bonds.	

Mortgage Provisions.—Additional bonds either of this series, or other series having such rates of interest, maturity dates and other provisions as the board of directors of the company may determine, may be issued (a) against the properties as existing on Oct. 1 1927, to a total of \$18,000,000 in principal amount of bonds; (b) for refunding an equal principal amount of outstanding underlying or prior lien bonds (to be defined in the mortgage) or bonds of any series issued under the mortgage; (c) for a principal amount of not more than 75% of the cost or fair value to the company, whichever is less, of property additions (to be defined in the mortgage) and (or) for not more than 75% of the cost or fair value to a subsidiary company (to be defined in the mortgage), whichever is less of subsidiary property additions (to be defined in the mortgage), made subsequent to Oct. 1 1927.

A subsidiary company is to be defined in the mortgage, as meaning any corporation engaged primarily in the business of generating, distributing or supplying electricity, all of whose bonds, if any, and all of whose stocks, except directors' qualifying shares, are pledged with the trustee of the mortgage. No bonds may be issued against subsidiary property additions unless an equal principal amount of first mortgage bonds of the subsidiary company (to be defined in the mortgage) are simultaneously pledged.

Additional bonds may not be issued, however, except for refunding for 12 purposes, unless the net earnings (to be defined in the mortgage) for 12 out of the 15 calendar months immediately preceding a date not earlier than 15 days before the date of the application for issuance shall have been equal to either (1) twice the actual annual interest requirements on or (2) twice 6% of the principal amount of all outstanding underlying and prior lien bonds and all bonds outstanding under the mortgage, including those proposed to be issued.

The mortgage will contain certain provisions permitting the modification or alteration of the bonds or the mortgage or of any supplemental indenture with the assent of the company and of the holders of not less than 85% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds, not including any bonds owned by the company if challenged; provided that no such modification or alteration shall permit, without the consent of the holders affected, the extension of the time or times of payment of the principal or of interest on any bond, or the reduction in rate of interest thereon, or any other modification in the terms of payment of such principal or interest.

Physical Property.—The present installed generating capacity of the plant owned by the company aggregates 448,950 hp., of which over 70% is hydro-electric. The property includes 3 of the largest hydro-electric developments and one of the largest steam generating stations in the South. In addition to these owned plants, the company has available through lease or contract 152,850 hp. of hydro capacity and 117,420 hp. of standby steam capacity. These generating stations are connected with each other and with the various power markets by a comprehensive system of high tension transmission lines.

Company's hydro-electric developments are located on the Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers, two of the principal rivers of Alabama. On each of these streams three important plants are now either in operation or in process of construction.

Alabama P. S. Commission has granted to company a certificate of convenience and necessity for the erection of a new steam plant near the Warrior plant at Gorgas, Ala., upon which the mortgage securing the first & refunding bonds will constitute a first lien. Construction of this plant has been started and the first unit of 80,000 hp. capacity should be in operation during the Fall of 1928. The station will be designed to permit an ultimate capacity of 270,000 hp. to be developed as demand requires.

Company also owns 2 small hydro-electric plants in Southern Alabama with a combined installed capacity of 1,280 hp., and 4 reserve steam plants strategically located at Mobile, Montgomery, Gadsden and Sheffield City, the installed generating capacities of which aggregate 30,670 hp.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will reimburse the company in part for expenditures already made for the retirement of \$23,190,400 of bonds (of which \$21,000,000 were 6% bonds) and the construction or acquisition of important additions and improvements to its properties.—V. 125, p. 3057.

American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—Capitalization Increased.

The stockholders on Dec. 5 voted to increase the authorized capitalization from 8,300,000 shares of common stock, 900,000 shares of \$7 pref. stock, 1,600,000 shares of 2d pref. stock, series A, and 200,000 shares of \$6 preferred stock (all no par value) to 10,000,000 shares of common, 900,000 shares of pref., 500,000 shares of \$6 pref. and 2,000,000 shares of 2nd pref. stock, series A (all of no par value). See also V. 125, p. 2805, 2932.

American Gas Co. (Pa.)—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding \$3,000,000 100-year 6% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 2016, have been called for payment Jan. 1 next, at 110 and int., at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa.—V. 125, p. 3057.

American Gas & Electric Co.—2% Stock Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 8 declared the following dividends on the common stock: (1) A regular quarterly cash div. of 25c. per share, and (2) a regular semi-annual extra div. of 1-50 of a share in common stock. These divs. are both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 12 and to stockholders who have not prior to Dec. 12, surrendered their certificates for old no par value shares in exchange for new no par value shares upon the making of such exchange. Extra dividends of 1-50 of a share of common stock have been paid semi-annually since July 1924, and in addition the company in Jan. 1925 paid a special extra div. of 5% in common stock, and one of 40% in Jan. 1927.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly div. of \$1.50 per share on the unstamped no par value preferred stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 10.—V. 125, p. 1834.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (of Va.)—To Decrease Capitalization.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 15 on decreasing the authorized capital stock by \$20,000,000 1st pref. stock and \$49,700,000 common stock.—V. 125, p. 646.

Ashtabula (O.) Water Supply Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due June 1 1937, were called for payment as of Dec. 1 last at 105 and int. at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York.—V. 124, p. 1664.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Regular Class A Dividend Payable in Cash or Stock (at Holder's Option).—

In connection with the regular quarterly dividend on the class "A" stock of 50¢ per share, payable Feb. 1 1928 to holders of record Dec. 31 1927, Secretary M. C. O'Keeffe last week said: "Holders of class "A" stock may apply the regular dividend to the purchase of additional shares of class "A" stock at \$20 per share, whereas the present market price is over \$47 per share, making the stock dividend rate 10% per annum, yielding, at said present market price, over \$4.70 per share per annum."

"The dividends will be so applied and the class "A" stock (or strip certificates for fractional shares) purchased therewith will be delivered to all stockholders entitled thereto who do not, on or before Jan. 16 1928, request payment in cash. See also V. 125, p. 3057.

Offer of Additional Shares of Class A Stock to Shareholders.—

A new issue of class A stock is offered to holders of class A stock and holders of the preferred stocks (all series) of record on Dec. 12, for subscription at \$40 per share in the proportion of one share for each 5 shares held on that date. Subscriptions for the new stock will be payable in instalments over the period from Jan. 5 1928 to Aug. 1 1928.

The purposes of this new issue, amounting to approximately 200,000 shares, are to retire securities ranking ahead of the class A stock and to provide funds for new construction, required to take care of additional business and for other corporate purposes. The terms of the offer are summarized as follows:

Stockholders Entitled to Subscribe.—Each holder of class A stock and each holder of the preferred stocks (original series, \$7 dividend series, \$6.50 dividend series and \$6 dividend series) of record Dec. 12, will be entitled to subscribe for additional class A stock in the proportion of 1 share for each 5 shares of class A stock and preferred stocks (any series) then held. The subscription privilege will expire Jan. 5 1928. The manner in which it is to be exercised is described below.

Payments.—Payment for shares subscribed for must be made in three instalments of \$10, \$15 and \$15 per share before the close of business on the dates specified. Checks, drafts and money orders must be drawn to the order of Associated Gas & Electric Co.

Interest at the rate of 5% per annum, amounting to \$0.48 per share, will be allowed on the first two instalment payments from their respective due dates to Aug. 1 1928, when it will be paid by crediting the amount on the final instalment payment. The net cash payments on subscriptions under this offer, taking into account the interest credited, are therefore as follows: Jan. 5 1928, \$10 per sh.; May 1 1928, \$15 per sh.; Aug. 1 1928 (\$15 less \$0.48), \$14.52 per sh.

The stock so paid for will be issued as of Aug. 1 1928, and the certificates will be delivered as soon thereafter as practicable. The stock will participate in dividends payable after Aug. 1 1928.

Subscribers will be permitted to pay instalments before their due dates and secure the class A stock submitted for, on either of the following bases:

Option 1.—Full payment on Jan. 5 1928, at the rate of \$39.86 per share.

Subscribers may, on or before Jan. 5 1928, pay the full subscription price of \$40 per share, less \$0.14 for int. at the rate of 5% per annum from Jan. 5 1928, to Feb. 1 1928, making the net price \$39.86. If this option is exercised, the stock so paid for will be issued as of Feb. 1 1928, and will participate in dividends payable after that date.

Option 2.—Payment of last two instalments on May 1 1928, at the rate of \$29.84 per share.

Subscribers who have paid the instalment due Jan. 5 1928, may pay the two remaining instalments on May 1 1928, at the rate of \$29.84 per share. This figure is arrived at by deducting from the sum of these two instalments, namely \$30 per share, interest at the rate of 5% on the initial instalment of \$10 per share from Jan. 5 1928, to May 1 1928. In case this option is exercised, the stock so paid for will be issued as of May 1 1928, and will participate in dividends payable after that date.

Application of Shares of Certain Preferred Stocks on Subscription Price.—Subscribers who are holders of original series preferred stock, \$7 dividend series preferred stock; \$6.50 dividend series preferred stock and (or) \$6 dividend series may turn in as many shares of all or any of these classes of preferred stock held by them as they may wish for application on the subscription price of the shares of class A stock for which they are entitled to subscribe under their warrants. Shares of these classes of preferred stock will be accepted in payment at the following rates, plus accrued dividends, if any: (1) Original series preferred stock, \$55 per share; (2) \$7 dividend series preferred stock, \$105 per share; (3) \$6.50 dividend series preferred stock, \$102 per share; (4) \$6 dividend series preferred stock, \$100 per share.

In case it is desired to pay the entire subscription price by this method, and a fractional share of preferred stock should be left after full payment, the company will make adjustment for the fractional share in cash at the same rate. No adjustment will be made, however, until payment of all instalments. Any fractional share of preferred stock left after payment of the first or second instalment will be credited on the next instalment, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum on such excess payment.

Subscribers who wish to make payment by this method may also avail themselves of the privilege of anticipating instalments as provided in Option 1 and Option 2 above.—V. 125, p. 3057.

Associated Electric Co.—Earnings.—

*Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Operating revenue (Electric, Gas, Transportation, Water, heat, ice, &c.), Operating exp., mainten. & taxes, Operating inc., Other income, Gross income, Fixed charges & other deducts. of underlying cos., Assoc. El. Co., int. on fund. debt., Prov. for retire., renew. & replace., Bal. avail. for Fed. income taxes, div. & surp. Total: \$4,943,562.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets: Plant, prop., &c.; Unamort. debt disc. & exp.; Investments; Cash & special dep.; Accts. & notes rec.; Mater. & supplies; Prepayments & suspense. Liabilities: Capital stock; Pref. & com. stks. of sub.; cos. held by public; Fund. debt of sub. cos. held by public; 5 1/2% conv. gold bds.; Accts. with affil. cos.; Notes pay. (miscellaneous); Accounts payable; Accrued interest & taxes; Consumers' deposits; Res. for retire., renew. & rep.; Other reserves; Corporate surplus; Capital surplus.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—Contract.—

See Peoples Telephone & Telegraph Co. below.—V. 125, p. 3058.

Auburn & Syracuse (N. Y.) Electric RR.—Gen. Mgr.—

Lawrence E. Lippitt, general manager, who has been connected with the company for 11 years, has announced his resignation, to take effect Jan. 1. L. C. Cherry, president of the company, will succeed him as general manager. He will also remain as president.—V. 124, p. 2746.

Binghamton Light, Heat & Power Co.—To Offer Stock.—

Pynchon & Co. will offer next week an additional issue of 10,000 shares of \$6 cumulative preferred stock. Upon completion of this financing there will be outstanding 33,723 shares of this stock. The company Dec. 8 declared the 102nd consecutive quarterly dividend on its preferred stock. All of the common stock of the company is owned by General Gas & Electric Corp.—V. 125, p. 2806.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output.—

Table with 2 columns: Year and Gas Output (In cu. ft.). Rows for 1927 and 1926, with monthly breakdown for each year.

The company last month filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities a new schedule of rates which it proposes to put into effect on Jan. 1 1928. Under a general service rate an initial fixed charge of \$1 a running charge of 90 cents gross and 85 cents net per 1,000 cubic ft. for all gas consumed is provided. The net price of 85 cents will be allowed only on bills paid within 10 days. A domestic contract rate provides a fixed charge of \$1 a month and \$4 per month for the first 200 cu. ft. plus \$1 for each additional 50 cu. ft. A running charge of 65 cents gross and 61 cents net is provided for the domestic contract rate.—V. 125, p. 2524.

Butler (Pa.) Water Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 5% 30-year gold bonds, due Sept. 2 1931, were called for payment as of Dec. 1 last, at 100 and int. at the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York.—V. 125, p. 2261.

California Water Service Corp.—Earnings.—

The corporation, a subsidiary of Federal Water Service Corp., reports gross revenues of \$1,816,406 for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1927, as against \$1,718,372 for the calendar year 1926. After operating expenses, maintenance and taxes other than Federal income tax, gross income amounted to \$829,020, as against \$781,779 for the year ended Dec. 31 1926. This balance of \$829,000 compares with annual interest requirements of \$375,000 on the \$7,500,000 California Water Service Corp. 1-year 5% secured gold notes marketed last spring by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc. After these interest charges, and after deducting additional maintenance and depreciation to comply with provisions of the trust indenture, there remained \$417,231 available for annual dividend requirements of \$150,000 on the corporation's 6% cumulative preferred stock outstanding.—V. 125, p. 2806.

Central Power Co. (Del.)—New President.—

C. W. Amidon, formerly vice president, was recently elected to the presidency. J. C. Hoge was elected vice president, in charge of operations; G. L. Paulin, vice president, and H. Kyle, assistant treasurer.—V. 125, p. 1459, 1323, 779, 646.

Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Estabrook & Co., Old Colony Corp., Baker, Young & Co., and Chas. D. Barney & Co., are offering at 97 1/2 and divs. to yield about 6.15%, \$12,500,000 6% cumulative 1st pref. (a&d) stock.

Dividends, cumulative from Dec. 1 1927, payable Q-M as declared, by cheque payable at par at any branch in Canada of the Bank of Montreal. Callable all or part at 110 and divs. Voting rights only during such time as dividends are in arrears to an amount equivalent to one full year's div. Transfer agent, National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto and Montreal. Registrar, Royal Trust Co., Montreal and Toronto.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding. 6% cumulative 1st pref. stock \$37,500,000 \$12,500,000. 6% non-cumulative 2nd preferred stock 25,000,000 25,000,000. Common stock (no par value) 1,000,000 shares 1,000,000 shares. \$0 of this amount \$25,000,000 is to be reserved for the conversion of outstanding 6% non-cumulative 2nd preferred stock. Such conversion can be made only when consolidated net operating earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries (after deducting depreciation of 6% of gross income derived from sales of electrical energy) for the most recent 12 months period are equivalent to more than twice the amount required for a year's dividends on the then outstanding first preferred stock including that to be issued on such conversion.

Data from Letter of A. R. Graustein, President of the Corporation.

Corporation.—A Dominion company, a subsidiary of the International Paper Co., is being organized to acquire and hold control, through stock ownership, of Gatineau Power Co., Gatineau Electric Light Co., Ltd., and St. John River Power Co. Its interest in these companies which are now subsidiaries of International Paper Co., will include all the preferred and common shares of Gatineau Power Co., all the preferred and 85% of the common shares of Gatineau Electric Light Co., Ltd., and a majority of the preferred and all the common shares of St. John River Power Co., as well as certain notes and indebtedness of these companies. Gatineau Power Co., and St. John River Power Co. own hydro-electric plants with a present installed operating capacity of 207,000 h.p. Upon the completion of the present construction program these plants will have a total capacity in excess of 535,000 h. p. Gatineau Electric Light Co., Ltd., is to be a distributing company and will serve a territory of 5,000 sq. miles having a population of about 200,000.

Guaranty of Completion.—Cash estimated to be sufficient to complete the present construction programme of Gatineau Power Co., except for future expenditure of \$874,000, is now in escrow. International Paper Co. has agreed, pending future financing by the respective companies, to lend Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., this \$874,000 and also to advance at 6% interest any funds which may be necessary for the completion of the St. John River Power Co. construction work, estimated at \$6,500,000.

Sales.—Contracts for the sale of power have been signed by Gatineau Power Co. or St. John River Power Co. with the following: The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, Canadian International Paper Co., Canada Cement Co., Ltd., Fraser Cos., Ltd., and New Brunswick International Paper Co. These, plus the power distributed through Gatineau Electric Light Co., will cover the sale of the entire power to be developed under the present construction programme. Part of the power sold under contract to Canadian International Paper Co., and New Brunswick International Paper Co. will be used to produce steam but this power may be withdrawn and sold at a higher price by the generating companies as the demand grows.

Earnings.—Based on contracts now executed or definitely arranged and on sales through Gatineau Electric Light Co., independent engineers have estimated that consolidated annual net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries from plants now producing and upon completion from plants now under construction, available for dividends on this issue, after deducting depreciation charges, will exceed \$3,100,000, or more than 4 times the amount required for dividends on this issue. During the first 12 months period it is estimated that the amount available for first preferred dividends and depreciation charges will be at least 1 1/2 times the amount required for dividends on this issue. Thereafter, as other units are completed and contracts for additional power become effective, these results should improve rapidly.

Asset Value.—On completion of the present construction programme of the corporation and its subsidiaries the estimated values of the assets of the corporation and its subsidiaries, exclusive of the value of undeveloped powers and after deducting charges prior to the 1st pref. shares, amount to more than \$40,000,000, or equivalent to more than 3 times the par value of this issue.

Purpose.—Present issue of \$12,500,000 6% cumulative first preferred stock is made to provide funds to complete payment for the above-mentioned shares and indebtedness.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made in due course to list these shares on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Company, controlled by the Community Water Service Co., supplies water without competition for domestic, municipal and industrial purposes to Greensburg, Pa., and through its subsidiary, The Dennison Water Supply Co. to Dennison, O. Company also supplies Youngwood, Jeannette, Penn, Manor, Irwin and North Irwin, adjacent to the City of Greensburg, and the Borough of Derry, situated 16 miles east of Greensburg. The territory served by the above mentioned properties has a combined population estimated in excess of 78,000.

The combined value of the two properties, as appraised by Morris Knowles, Inc., Engineers, Pittsburgh, Pa., under date of Oct. 1927, was in excess of \$4,028,000.

Winnipeg Electric Co.—Offers Pref. Shares to Customers. Company proposes to offer 5,000 shares of 7% preferred stock to its customers at a price of 105.—V. 125, p. 2672.

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—Earnings.— x 12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30— 1927. 1926. Gross earnings \$4,632,112 \$4,361,834 Net earnings, before provision for retirements 1,906,856 1,790,727 x Includes all properties now in system for full periods.—V. 125, p. 2267*

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices Remain Unchanged.—No price changes were reported during the week.

Brass Prices Advanced.—American Brass Co. advanced prices 1/4 cent a pound on brass, bronze and nickel silver products, including seamless tubes and scrap; also 1/2 cent a pound advance on bare and insulated copper wire, including office, annunciator and magnet wire. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 3.

Cement Price Cut.—Alabama Portland Cement Co., a subsidiary of International Cement Corp., cuts price of cement at Birmingham (Ala.), p ant 20 cents per barrel, to protect trade against conditions created by foreign imports.—"Boston News Bureau" Dec. 5.

Wage Reductions in New England Mills.—Pepperell Mfg. Co., Biddeford, Me., posts notice of 10% wage reduction effective Dec. 12.—Boston "News Bureau" Dec. 6, p. 15.

York Mfg. Co., Saco, Me., also announce 10% wage reduction effective Dec. 12.—New York "Times" Dec. 6.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Dec. 3: (a) New oil deal with Russian Soviet for petroleum.—Standard of New York signs third contract for output.—Vie for world supremacy—p. 2999. (b) Receivers appointed for brokerage firm of J. Leon Wood & Co. of Norfolk, Va.—p. 3008. (c) Elimination of unnecessary figures on ticker tape of New York Stock Exchange to be resorted to today to speed ticker system—p. 3008. (d) W. E. Humphrey elected chairman of Federal Trade Commission to succeed C. W. Hunt.—p. 3012. (e) Chase Securities Corp. goes into retailing.—p. 3013.

Reo Motor Car Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period, 6 Mos. End, Years Ended Aug. 31. Rows include Output-Trucks, Pleasure cars, Gross sales, Profit from operations, Net profit, Cash dividends, Balance surplus, Adjustments, Reserve for contingencies, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Stock dividends, Rate, Profit and loss surplus, Shs. of cap. stk. outst'd/g., Earnings per sh. on cap. stk. x Includes 1,244 buses and taxis. y Estimated.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

Table with columns: 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., mach, etc., Lan. contracts rec, Inv. in other cos, Reo Motor of Can., Ltd., Cash, Sight drfts outst'g, Receivables, Gov't. bonds, Inventories, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Notes payable, Accs. payable, Accrued payroll, Fed. & local taxes, Miscell. payables, Deferred credits, Surplus).

Total.....\$35,980,106 31,262,470

xAfter deducting \$5,852,774 reserve for depreciation.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of the stock of the company.—V. 125, p. 3074.

Acetol Products, Inc.—Stock Offered.—Lage & Co. and Hemphill Noyes & Co. are offering 60,000 shares convertible A stock (no par value—voting) at \$29.50 per share. This stock is being purchased from individuals and does not represent new financing by the company.

Convertible at any time (prior to any redemption date) at the option of the holder into common stock of the company on a share for share basis. Transfer Agent, New York Trust Co., Registrar, Chemical National Bank New York. This convertible A stock is preferred over the common stock as to assets and as to quarterly dividends, cumulative from Dec. 15 1927, at the annual rate of \$2.40 a share. Red. as a whole only, at any time, on at least 30 days' notice, at \$40 a share plus divs. Entitled in any liquidation to \$40 a share plus divs. before any distribution to common stock.

Data from Letter of Dr. Max Mueller, President of the Company.

Capitalization— Convertible A stock (this issue) 60,000 shs. 60,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 240,000 shs. 180,000 shs. *60,000 shares reserved for conversion of convertible A stock.

Business.—Company is being organized in Delaware to acquire the entire business and assets of a New York corporation of the same name which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of a translucent material bearing the trade name of 'CEL-O-GLASS.' This product is made by coating wire mesh with a cellulose composition which admits practically as much daylight as window glass. The health-giving ultra-violet rays of the sun readily pass through 'Cel-O-Glass,' giving it, for many purposes, a distinct advantage over ordinary glass. It is light in weight, weatherproof, easy and economical to use, as it is flexible, comes in rolls, can be cut to size with scissors or shears and applied with hammer and staples.

'Cel-O-Glass,' owing to its qualities of admitting the ultra-violet rays of the sun, is particularly valuable in the raising of poultry, the growing of plants, and, in fact, the promoting of the development of life of various kinds.

'Cel-O-Glass' assumed no commercial importance until 1924, since which time sales of the product have shown rapid expansion. Its distribution is effected through jobbers, dealers, mail order houses, etc., throughout the United States and Canada. Wide geographical distribution has been obtained.

Some of the most common applications of 'Cel-O-Glass' are as follows: windows and doors for poultry houses, cold frames, barns and dairy houses; garage doors and windows; sun parlors; children's playrooms; summer camps and bungalows; office and factory partitions; electric signs, color screens, lamp shades, theatrical scenery and window decorations.

Production and Earnings.—Starting with a production of less than 1,500,000 square feet in 1924, sales of 'Cel-O-Glass' have mounted rapidly in each

succeeding year and for 1928 the management estimates production and sales of approximately 30,000,000 square feet. The net profits after all charges and provision for Federal taxes, as certified to by Price, Waterhouse & Co., are as follows:

Table with columns: Cal. Years, Net Profits, Per Sh. A Stk., Per Sh. Com. Stk. Rows for 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 (10 mos.).

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet as of Oct. 31 1927 shows net current assets of \$427,013 and a ratio between current assets and current liabilities of over 5 1/2 to 1, with cash and marketable securities alone equal to nearly 2 1/2 times all liabilities.

Listing.—Corporation has agreed to make application to list the convertible A stock on the New York Curb Market.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Wins Patent Suit.—

The company had its rights to spiral casings patents confirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court, Nov. 28, when the court refused to review decisions of the lower court in litigation brought by the Columbus Electric Power Co. to set aside the patents in question. The Columbus Electrical Power Co. attacked the validity of the patents owned by the Allis Chalmers Co. and contended they tended to create a monopoly in the construction of turbine casings in sheet metal and that they should not have been granted.—V. 125, p. p. 2390.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—Pref. Stockholders to Be Represented on the Board.—

The holders of 8% cumul. sinking fund 1st pref. stock will hold a special meeting Dec. 21 to name five directors, or one third of the board, and to designate the members of the board whose terms of office expire upon qualification of the one-third elected by the preferred stockholders.

This is in accordance with the articles of incorporation that provide when two successive preferred dividends have been passed, the preferred stockholders can name five members of the board and the five to be replaced. The August and November dividends have been deferred. See also V. 125, p. 97, 1974.

American Car & Foundry Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Six Months Ended Oct. 31, 1927, 1926. Rows include Net inc. after chgs. & Fed. taxes, Net income for the 6 months ended Oct. 31 1927 is equivalent after preferred dividend requirements to \$3.04 a share on 600,000 shares of no par common stock outstanding, against \$3.07 a share on the same number of shares in the corresponding period of 1926.—V. 125, p. 88, 521.

American Cyanamid Co.—Extra Dividend of 1/2 of 1%.—

An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, has been declared on both classes of common stock, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts were paid on July 1 and Oct. 1 last. In each of the 14 preceding quarters an extra 1/4 of 1% and a regular 1% were paid on the common stock.—V. 125, p. 2268.

American Department Stores Corp.—Sales.—

Table with columns: Month of November, 1927, 1926, Increase. Rows include Sales \$1,110,493 \$713,174 \$397,319 —V. 125, p. 2673, 2390.

American Factors, Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. and coll-trust 7% gold bonds, series A, due Nov. 15 1936, were called for payment as of Nov. 15 last at 102 1/2 and int. at the Bank of California, San Francisco, Calif.—V. 125, p. 917.

American-La France & Foamite Corp.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on Dec. 7 decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, due Jan. 1 1928, on the 7% cumul. prf. stock. This rate had been paid regularly up to and incl. Oct. 1 last on the pref. stock of the old American-La France Fire Engine Co.

The stockholders of the old American-La France company on Oct. 28 1927, voted to merge with the Foamite-Childs Corp. and to change the name of the consolidated company to American-La France and Foamite Corp. See details in V. 125, p. 2151, 2390, 2673.

William L. Geddes, Frank J. Macinniss, Wallace J. Childs and Frank M. Watters were recently elected directors increasing the board to 15 members. The following officials were also elected: Charles B. Rose, president, W. J. Childs, executive vice president, F. M. Watters, vice president, O. M. Canter, treasurer, and F. R. Van Rensselaer, secretary.—V. 125, p. 2673.

American Machine & Foundry Co.—Contract.—

See Continental Can Co. below.—V. 125, p. 2812.

American Medicinal Spirits Co. of Md.—Organized.—

Plans for the consolidation of the interest which conduct the administration and sale of a substantial portion of the supply of bourbon whisky in the United States took a step nearer completion Nov. 23, with an organization meeting of the American Medicinal Spirits Co. in the offices of the National Distillers' Products Corporation at 30 Broad St., New York.

Aside from the election of officers and directors of the new company, a Maryland corporation, the important phase of the meeting was an announcement that the company had contracted to acquire substantially all the assets of the companies in whose warehouses lies the whisky, which is sold to the drug trade and other industries which are permitted under the law to buy it. These companies are the Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Co., R. E. Wathen & Co., the F. S. Ashbrook Distilling Co., the Hill & Hill Distilling Co., E. H. Taylor & Sons, and the Baltimore Distilling Co.

The officers of the American Medicinal Spirits Co. are Seton Porter, chairman; R. E. Wathen, pres. and Emil Schwarzaupt, senior v.-pres. In addition to these three, the directorate includes F. A. Rogers, Sid Klein, Leo Gergross, O. H. Wathen, D. K. Weiskopf, Lester E. Jacobi, Albert E. Heller and Thomas F. Brown.

The authorized capitalization of the new company consists of \$15,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock and 300,000 shares of no par common stock. There will be no mortgage or funded debt and no public financing is under contemplation in connection with the formation of the company.

National Distillers is to receive approximately 40% of the preferred in return for its liquor stocks, and other companies will share in proportion to the liquor supplies turned over. The common stock will be issued to participants on a similar pro rata basis. It is the purpose of the company first to retire the preferred with earnings.

The principal offices of the new company will be in New York, Louisville, Ky., and Baltimore, Md., and there will be branch warehouses throughout the United States.

American Rolling Mill Co.—To Form Holding Co. for Patents.—

This company and the United Engineering & Foundry Co. have pooled their patents covering four high mills used in the production of wide strips. A new company will be formed which will own the patents. The American Rolling Mill Co. and the United Engineering & Foundry Co. will each own half of the stock in the new company.—V. 125, p. 1842.

American Storage Building (Cosmosart Realty & Building Corp.), Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—

Southwest Bond Co., Leo G. MacLaughlin Co. and Pan American Investment Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$650,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% Serial gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1927, due serially Nov. 1930-1944. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Los Angeles Investment Trust Co., Los Angeles, trustee. Callable as a whole at 103 1/2 and int., or for sinking fund purposes at 102 1/2 and int. upon 30 days' notice. Normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% will be paid by the company. Exempt from California personal property tax.

These bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage on (28) lots owned in fee, with frontages on Beverly B. boulevard, Westmoreland Avenue, Madison Avenue, Council and Cosmopolitan Streets of 1,714.01 feet, and having a total ground area of 162,902 square feet. This property lies in the very heart of the westerly development of Los Angeles, these properties (including a building given a nominal valuation of \$10,000) have been appraised at \$513,240.

The building is of Class A steel and concrete fireproof construction, embodying the highest type of modern design and equipment. It will consist of 13 stories and a basement, with a specially designed roof tower and space fronting on Beverly Boulevard to be occupied by two stores. The building will have 159,000 square feet of floor space, and will cost approximately \$635,000, exclusive of carrying charges.

American Woman's Realty Corp.—Bonds Offered.—F. J. Lisman & Co. are offering \$1,500,000 25-year 6½% sinking fund mortgage bonds at 98½ and int. to yield about 6.6% (with stock purchase warrants attached).

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1952. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Pa., Conn., Kan. and Calif. personal property taxes refundable up to 4 mills; Maryland personal property tax refundable up to 4½ mills; Iowa, Kentucky, District of Columbia and Michigan personal property taxes refundable up to 5 mills; Virginia personal property tax refundable up to 5½ mills; and Massachusetts State income tax refundable up to 6% of income. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000.

Corporation.—Was formed in May 1924, for the purpose of erecting a modern residential club house in New York, for the American Woman's Association, Inc., which has a membership of over 5,000 business and professional women. Since its inception, leading men and women of the country have taken an active interest in the development of the corporation and over \$3,000,000 preferred and common stock has been subscribed for at par by those interested in the work and ideals of the American Woman's Association, Inc., of this amount \$2,909,000 has been fully paid for and over 40% has been paid on the balance. The sale of this stock was accomplished entirely by members of the Association, to whom no commissions were paid. The number of stockholders amounts at present to nearly 10,000, including 5,000 members of the Association.

American Woman's Association, Inc.—The Association in which the American Woman's Realty Corp. had its origin, was founded in 1910 by a group of prominent New York women, and has been incorp. since 1921. Its object is the promotion of a social club for the leaders among business and professional women having economic independence and political responsibility. It has grown from small beginnings until it has at present over 5,000 members, engaged in 187 different occupations, with a waiting list of applicants for membership. The Association is entirely self-supporting it is non-political, non-sectarian and non-partisan, and only business and professional women are eligible for membership.

Purpose.—The funds from the sale of these bonds will be used to defray in part, cost of constructing and equipping the club house.

Club House.—Plans for the construction of the club house have been carefully worked out by the American Woman's Realty Corp., under the advice of recognized experts, its completion being expected in 1929. The site, owned in fee by the corporation with a frontage of 155 feet on West 57th and 135 feet on West 58th Streets, embracing 29,100 square feet, is opposite that of the proposed site of the new Metropolitan Opera House. The plans for both buildings are under the direction of Benjamin Wistar Morris, Architect. The 26-story club house is being constructed by Marc Edlitz & Son, Inc., and will contain over 1,250 rooms, each with bath; applications from members of the Association for the lease of rooms are already substantially in excess of this number. Several floors of the building will be devoted to club purposes and will include an assembly room, lounges, dining room, gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alleys, stores, offices and a cafeteria open to the public.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a mortgage on the land owned in fee by the corporation and on the building to be erected thereon, as well as by a chattel mortgage on the furnishings of the building, subject only to a first mortgage of \$3,400,000 to be held by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

The value of the property mortgaged upon completion and furnishing of the building has been appraised by Joseph P. Day, Inc., and Pease & Elliman, the average of the two valuations being \$6,510,750. Subject to a first mortgage to be held by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. 3,400,000

Balance \$3,110,750. Balance (equal to over \$2,073 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue) \$3,110,750. Operation & Earnings.—Corporation has entered into an agreement with the American Woman's Association, Inc., for a period at least equal to the life of these bonds, whereby the Association will lease and operate the building.

The American Woman's Association, Inc., has agreed to lease the building for at least 25 years at an annual rental of \$600,000 and to pay all operating expenses, insurance, taxes, assessments, water rates and other charges against the leased property. Maximum interest and sinking fund charges on first mortgage, \$289,000. Balance of rental, \$311,000. Equal to over 3 times maximum annual interest charges on these bonds.

In addition the corporation will receive one-half of the Association's annual net profits realized from the operation of the building, which, according to estimates approved by prominent hotel men, should make the annual rental an amount substantially in excess of the annual fixed rental of \$600,000. This estimate of the corporation's earnings allows for vacancies, although applications for the lease of rooms are already substantially in excess of the number of rooms available.

Capitalization.—After giving effect to this financing:

5½% 25-year sinking fund mortgage bonds (this issue) \$3,400,000
6½% 25-year sinking fund mortgage bonds (this issue) 1,500,000
7% non-cum. pref. stock: Authorized, \$2,000,000; issued and fully paid 1,400,700
Common stock (par \$50): Authorized, \$3,000,000; issued and fully paid 1,508,300

* After this mortgage runs five years the interest rate is reduced to 5%.
a In addition \$40,800 subscribed, reserved and partly paid.
b In addition \$118,900 subscribed and partly paid.

The holdings of members of the American Woman's Association, Inc., together with the holdings of the Association itself constitute a majority of the common stock.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Bonds will carry detachable warrants entitling the holder to purchase common stock on the basis of 10 shares for each \$100 bond at the following prices: Until Nov. 30 1929, at \$50 per share, the price increasing \$1 per share each year up to \$58 for the year ending Nov. 30 1937, after which date the rights contained in the warrants shall cease. Corporation has agreed to hold available for delivery to the trustee 15,000 shares of its common stock against the exercise of the warrants.

Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Years End. Mar. 31, 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Net profit after deprec., int., &c.; Expense bonus; Extra depreciation; Reserve; Net profit; 1st pref. divs.; 2nd pref. divs.; Common divs.

Balance £291,430 def £86,118. Previous surplus 1,955,449 2,041,567. Profit & loss surplus £2,246,879 £1,955,449. Includes in 1927 a final dividend of £1,006,875, payable Nov. 28 1927, and in 1926, a final dividend of £1,118,750 payable Nov. 29 1926.

Comparative Balance Sheet Mar. 31. Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Concess. shs. in & adv. to assoc., cos., &c.; Prop. acct.; Stock of stores & mater.; Stks. of crude oil, products, &c.; Debit balances; Gov. securities; Cash) and Liabilities (1st pref. shares; 2nd pref. shares; Ordinary shares; Deb. stock; Secured notes; Interest accr.; Dep. by ass. cos.; Credit bal.; Employ. pens. & Insur. fund; Reserves; Profit & loss surp.).

Total (each side) 44,985,219 42,339,271. After deducting depreciation, y Par value £1.—V. 123, p. 2658.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Acquisition.—The corporation has acquired the entire capital stock of Otis Allen & Sons Co. of Lowell and Lawrence, Mass., makers of packing cases. Plants of this new subsidiary are running at capacity. E. I. Mac'Phie, President of the Allen company, has been General Sales Manager of the parent company.—V. 125, p. 3065.

Atlas Powder Co.—Resignation of Vice-President.—Walter A. Layfield has resigned as Vice-President in charge of operations. He will continue as a director.—V. 125, p. 652.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Order Received.—The Locomotive Manufacturing Co. recently acquired by the Auburn Automobile Co., has received an order from the Elear Motor Co. for all its motor requirements for 1928.—V. 125, p. 2940, 2813.

(A. T.) Baker & Co., Inc.—Notes Called.—All of the outstanding 15-year secured 6½% s. f. gold bonds, dated Feb. 2 1925, have been called for payment Feb. 1 next at 106½ and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, &c., trustee, Phila., Pa. Holders may surrender bonds at the office of the trustee or at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, at any time prior to Feb. 1, and receive 1.06½ and int. to date of presentation.—V. 125, p. 2532.

Baltimore Steam Packet Co.—New President, &c.—L. R. Powell Jr., of Baltimore, has been elected President to succeed the late S. Davies Warfield. Henry M. Warfield and L. H. Windholz (President and General Manager of the D. Pender Grocery Co. of Norfolk, Va.) have been elected directors. J. Downes, formerly Assistant Treasurer of the company has been elected Treasurer.—V. 125, p. 1328.

Baltimore Tube Co., Inc.—Changes in Personnel.—Charles E. F. Clarke, Vice-President, was recently made Chairman of the Board to succeed the late John M. Jones. C. S. Inglis, who will remain as Treasurer, was elected President, succeeding Mr. Jones. R. S. Stringer, M. J. Callanan and E. G. James were made Vice-Presidents. Mr. James retains his duties as Secretary.—V. 124, p. 2594.

Bankers Capital Corp.—Extra Dividends.—The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$4 per share and an extra dividend of \$4 per share on the common stock and also an extra dividend of \$4 per share on the outstanding preferred stock, all payable Jan. 16 1928, to holders of record Dec. 31 1927.

Bankers Investment Trust of America.—Organized.—Organization of the Bankers Investment Trust of America with an authorized capitalization of 5,000,000 shares of \$10 par value 6% cumulative debenture stock and 5,000,000 shares of no par common stock, and with New York headquarters at 37 Wall St., has been announced. The announced purpose of the Trust, which is one of the few investment trusts licensed thus far under the rigid restrictions of the Pennsylvania Securities Commission, is as follows: "To provide a broader diversification, a higher degree of safety, better investment supervision and greater opportunities for profit than are ordinarily available to the investor as an individual." Lemon L. Smith is president and made an extensive survey abroad of European investment trusts before plans for the Trust were launched. Besides Mr. Smith, the trustees are: Joel Rathbone, vice chairman, National Surety Co.; David Barry, pres., First National Bank of Johnstown, Pa.; and Treas. of the Trust and Walter D. Warner, secretary, Richardson, Hill & Co., members of New York and Boston Stock Exchanges are handling the financing details.

(The) Battery March Building, Boston.—Bonds Offered.—Paine, Webber & Co., Boston are offering at 100 and int. \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 5½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1947. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c#. Interest payable M. & N. in Boston. Callable all or part at any time prior to maturity at 103 up to and incl. Nov. 1 1933, thereafter and up to and incl. Nov. 1 1938 at 102½, thereafter and up to and incl. Nov. 1 1943 at 102, thereafter and up to and incl. Nov. 1 1944 at 101½, thereafter and up to and incl. Nov. 1 1945 at 101, thereafter and up to and incl. Nov. 1 1946 at 100½ and thereafter at par, in each case with accrued int. to the redemption date. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Free from Mass. income tax through exemption or refund of tax. National Shawmut Bank Boston, Trustee. Security.—Bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on approximately 24,000 square feet of land covering the entire block bounded by Broad, Franklin and Battery March Streets and on the building to be known as the Battery March Building, now being constructed thereon. The assessed value of the land as of April 1 1927 was \$653,500 and the estimated cost of the building is \$2,000,000, giving a total valuation of the land and building of \$2,653,500 as against \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 5½% sinking fund bonds to be outstanding. These 1st mtge. bonds, therefore, will represent less than 57% of the property value, based on land assessments and actual cash cost of the building.

Purpose.—The entire proceeds of these bonds, plus sufficient additional cash to bring the total amount up to the guaranteed maximum construction cost of the building, as provided in the contract with the Turner Construction Co., will be deposited with the National Shawmut Bank of Boston as trustee, and will be applied, to meet construction costs thereof. In addition to the real estate assessed at \$653,500, the owners of the property have provided \$500,000 in cash which will be used to provide for interest during the construction period on the entire amount of bonds issued and outstanding, taxes during construction and the excess cost of construction over and above the proceeds from the sale of the 1st mtge. bonds.

Beacon Oil Co.—Stock Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 5 increased the authorized common stock from 1,000,000 shares to 1,500,000 shares, no par value. This increase is to be used for general corporate purposes.

The stockholders also ratified the stock acquisition plan, heretofore approved by the directors, for the purchase at \$16 per share of common stock of the company by officers and employees.

The date of the annual meeting was changed from the second Monday in January to the last Tuesday in March.—V. 125, p. 2673.

Beaver Products Co., Inc.—Bonds Called.—Certain 1st & ref. mtge. 20-year 7½% sinking fund gold bonds, dated July 1 1922, aggregating \$100,000, have been called for payment Jan. 1 at 110 and int. at the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee, 125 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.—V. 125, p. 2533.

Beech-Nut Packing Co.—To Retire Pref. Stock.—The company has called for redemption on Jan. 15 next, all of the outstanding preferred stock, class "B," totalling \$1,119,500 on Dec. 31 1926, at 115 and divs. A dividend of \$2.05 per share on this class of stock, representing the amount accrued from Oct. 1 last to Jan. 15 next, has been declared and will be paid Jan. 16 only on presentation of certificates for redemption. Payment of the bonds will be made at the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 2813.

Bethlehem Steel Co.—To Redeem Bonds.—All of the outstanding, Coleman Estate and Freeman Estate purchase money mtge. 5½% bonds, both issues due 1939, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1928, at 100 and int., at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives, etc., Phila., Pa.—V. 125, p. 2533.

Bird Grocery Stores, Inc.—Listing.—On Oct. 31 1927, there were listed upon the Boston Stock Exchange, 13,500 shares, par \$100 (out of an auth. issue of 30,000 shares), preferred stock, and 90,000 shares, without par value (out of an auth. issue of 200,000 shares), common capital, with authority to add thereto, as the same may be issued through the exercise of certain stock purchase warrants, 33,750 additional common shares. At the same time there were admitted to quotation, stock purchase warrants representing 33,750 additional shares of common stock. On Nov. 6 1927, there were authorized for the list 5,000 additional shares, par \$100, of the preferred stock and 10,000 additional shares of common stock, with authority to add thereto 12,500 additional common shares as the same may be issued through the exercise of certain stock purchase warrants. At the same time there were admitted to quotation additional stock purchase warrants representing 12,500 additional common shares.—V. 125, p. 3066, 2673.

Board of Trade Bldg. Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds.—
All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% serial real estate gold bonds, due 1929-1934, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1928 at 103 and int. at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.—V. 120, p. 90.

Borden Co.—Said to Be Seeking Horton.—
The company is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the J. M. Horton Ice Cream Co. The Borden company recently acquired the Reid Ice Cream Corp. as of Jan. 1.—V. 125, p. 2533.

Borg & Beck Co., Chicago, Ill.—20% Stock Div., &c.—
The stockholders on Dec. 5 increased the authorized capital stock from 125,000 shares to 200,000 shares, par \$10. The directors have declared a 20% stock dividend on the present outstanding capital stock, payable Jan. 12 to holders of record Jan. 3.—V. 125, p. 2813.

Bradley Fire-Proofing Products Co.—Sale.—
See New York Hollow Tile Corp. below.—V. 124, p. 3213.

Brewerton Coal Co., Lincoln, Ill.—Merger.—
See Interstate Coal Co. below.—V. 121, p. 2756.

Brier Hill Steel Co.—Bonds Called.—
All of the outstanding 1st mtge. gold 5 1/2% bonds, due Oct. 1 1942, have been called for payment Jan. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City (See also Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in V. 125, p. 2951.)—V. 120, p. 2554.

Brillo Manufacturing Co.—New Director.—
John W. Herbert has been elected a director.—V. 125, p. 1055.

(W. P.) Brown & Sons Lumber Co. and Brown Bros. Land & Lumber Co., Louisville, Ky.—Notes Offered.—
Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago, are offering \$1,250,000 serial 5 1/2% gold notes at prices ranging from 98.12 and int. to 100.49 and int., to yield from 5% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated Nov. 15 1927; due serially, 1928-32. Callable, all or part, upon 30 days' notice, at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1% if redeemed as a whole, or if redeemed only in part, then at a premium of 1/4% for each year or part of year the notes redeemed have to run from the date of redemption to the date of their fixed maturity, which premium shall, however, in no event be less than 1/2 of 1%. Denom. \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Semi-annual interest M. & N. 15, payable at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, corporate trustee. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% and to refund (upon appropriate application) to holders resident in Pennsylvania, taxes not exceeding in each year \$4 per \$1,000 note.
Data from Letter of J. Graham Brown, President of W. P. Brown & Sons Lumber Co.

W. P. Brown & Sons Lumber Co. is engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber and timber products. Brown Brothers Land & Lumber Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary, holding title to the company's Arkansas timber lands.

Starting in 1873 with a small wholesale and retail lumber yard, this business has grown from an original capital of \$60,000 to a present net worth in excess of \$6,600,000.

The business to-day includes the ownership of standing timber, five manufacturing plants, railroads, a creosoting plant and a concentration and distributing yard, all well located for the self-contained production and sale of lumber and other forest products.

Sales offices and representatives are maintained in the principal lumber consuming centres of the East, South, and Middle West, through which a substantial volume of lumber is marketed over and above that which the company produces.

Assets.—Net tangible assets of the two makers, as shown from their combined balance sheet of Oct. 1 1927, after giving effect to the application of the proceeds of this issue and the present values of timber and plant facilities and after deducting all liabilities except this issue of notes, are in excess of \$7,825,280. Deducting all investments in and advances to subsidiary and affiliated companies, and considering only property directly owned, the combined balance sheet shows net tangible assets, similarly stated, of \$5,338,177 and net current assets of \$1,776,981, or \$4,270 and \$1,421, respectively, per \$1,000 note.

Income.—Average annual income of W. P. Brown & Sons Lumber Co. and its subsidiaries (but not including income from subsidiary realty companies) after Federal taxes but before depletion and depreciation, available for payment of interest and debt principal, has been as follows:
For the 5 years and 9 months ending Sept. 30 1927 ----- \$938,701
For the 2 years and 9 months ending Sept. 30 1927 ----- 1,179,995
For the 9 months ending Sept. 30 1927, \$1,060,135, or at annual rate of ----- 1,413,514
Maximum annual interest charge on these notes is ----- 68,750

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will be used to reimburse the treasury in part for expenditures on fixed properties, to acquire additional timber and to augment working capital.

Bucyrus Road Machinery Co.—Sale.—
Permission to sell the assets of the company has been asked by the trustee in bankruptcy. The highest bid received at the recent public sale was \$35,000 and it is suggested that more might be obtained at private sale.—V. 117, p. 2113.

Bush Terminal Buildings Co.—Tenders.—
The American Exchange Irving Trust Co., trustee, will until Dec. 12 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 5% 50-year s. f. gold bonds, due April 1 1960 to an amount sufficient to absorb \$166,651.—V. 122, p. 614.

Butterick Co.—New Director.—
Malcolm S. Black was recently elected a director of this company and of the Butterick Publishing Co., succeeding Howard Horton.—V. 125, p. 2940.

Camaguey Sugar Co.—Earnings.—
Results for Year Ended Sept. 30 1927.
Raw sugar produced (net proceeds f.o.b. in Cuba) ----- \$4,977,282
Other income ----- 453,371
Total income ----- \$5,430,653
Expenses of producing, manufacturing, &c. ----- 4,979,772
Provision for depreciation ----- 287,866
Interest on 1st mtge. bonds ----- 379,429
Other interest ----- 168,241
Net loss for the year ----- \$384,655

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1927.
Assets—
Current assets & growing cane \$4,997,524
Prop., plant & equip. (less reserve for depreciation) 12,801,390
Investments 1,736,657
Deferred charges 471,212
Deficit 252,423
Total \$20,259,206
Liabilities—
Current liabilities \$3,846,548
Funded debt 5,250,000
Pur. mon. mtges. on lands 237,658
Res. for discnt. on uniss. bonds 75,000
8% cum. preferred stock 450,000
Common stock 10,400,000
Total \$20,259,206

Campbell, Wyant & Cameron Foundry Co.—Contract.
It is reported that the company has received a contract from the Ford Motor Car Co., involving approximately \$2,000,000. The company is engaged primarily in the production of motor blocks for passenger automobiles, trucks and tractors.—V. 125, p. 3066.

Canton Steel Foundry Co.—Receivership.—
The company has been placed in the hands of Charles H. Birr, Alliance, Ohio, as receiver, on application of the Morgan Engineering Co., Alliance. The appointment of a receiver was deemed the best method for realizing on the assets and liquidating the company. The foundry has not been operated for several years. The Morgan Engineering Co. is the principal creditor. Liabilities of the Canton Steel Foundry Co. are listed at \$1,243,000 and assets at \$560,000.—V. 108, p. 2024.

Canadian Bakeries, Ltd.—Annual Report.—
Years Ended Aug. 31—
Operating profit ----- \$429,306
Depreciation ----- 145,639
Interest on 1st mtge. 6 1/2% bonds ----- 51,285
Prov. for redem. of 1st mtge. bonds ----- 11,921
Prov. for redem. of 1st pref. shares ----- 10,000
Prov. for Dominion & Provincial income taxes ----- 34,000
Net profit ----- \$176,461
Dividend on 1st preferred shares ----- 69,125
Dividend on 2d preferred shares ----- 70,000
Balance ----- \$37,336
Previous surplus ----- 32,772
Profit and loss, surplus ----- \$70,108
Earns per share on 20,000 shs. no par class A stock outstanding ----- \$1.87

Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31.
Assets—
Land, bldgs., plant & equipment ----- \$1,784,219
Cash ----- 210,240
Bonds of Canadian Bakeries, Ltd. ----- 15,536
Accts. receivable ----- 209,046
Market section ----- 39,045
Inventories ----- 204,092
Debt charges ----- 18,883
Good-will, tr.-mks, &c. ----- 705,639
Total (each side) ----- \$3,186,701
Liabilities—
Capital ----- \$2,080,000
Res. for s'k'g fund ----- 42,500
1st m. 6 1/2% sink. fd. bds. due 1945 ----- 777,500
Accts. & bills pay-able ----- 143,643
Div. on pref. shares payable ----- 34,650
Prov. for Dom. & Prov. inc. taxes ----- 38,300
Surplus ----- 70,108
Total ----- \$2,090,000

Total (each side) \$3,186,701 \$3,107,432
a After reserve for depreciation of \$303,010. b Represented by \$980,000 7% 1st cumul. sinking fund preferred shares, \$1,000,000 7% 2d cumul. conv. pref. shares and 20,000 class A shares of no par value. c After deducting \$8,468 for reserve.
Note.—20,000 class B shares of no par value have been authorized for the purpose of conversion of second cumulative convertible preferred shares.—V. 123, p. 2659.

(J. I.) Case Threshing Machine Co.—New Director.—
Henry S. Sturgis, assistant to the chairman of the First National Bank, has been elected a director to succeed the late Francis L. Hine.—V. 124, p. 1515.

Celanese Corp. of America.—Regular Preferred Dividend.—Conversion of Bonds.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% on the 7% cumul. 1st part. pref. stock, payable Dec. 31 1927 to holders of record Dec. 16 1927. The total dividends paid and declared to be paid on this stock during the year 1927 amount to 19 1/4%.
All of the outstanding 10-year 8% conv. sterling bonds, originally amounting to 4400,000 sterling, have been or will be converted by Dec. 31 1927.

The participating dividend to which the holders of the 7% curul. 1st part. pref. stock are entitled will be determined as soon as possible after the close of the year and the directors will then take action in respect of such dividend.—V. 125, p. 785.

Celite Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—Pref. Stock Retired.—
All of the outstanding class A pref. stock was retired Oct. 31 last and class B pref. stock on Nov. 2 last at 105 and divs. at the First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. See also V. 125, p. 1977.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Co.—No Extra Dividend.—
The directors on Dec. 6 took no action on declaring an extra dividend. At the same meeting last year and in 1925 an extra of \$1 a share was declared. (See V. 123, p. 3641.)—V. 125, p. 2914.

Chicago By-Product Coke Co.—Sale of Properties, &c.—
See People's Gas Light & Coke Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 122, p. 218.

Childs Co., New York.—Sales.—
Period End. Nov. 30 — 1927—11 Mos.—1926.
Net operating profit ----- \$2,274,639
Federal taxes ----- \$2,180,852
Miscellaneous (Cr.) ----- 167

Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd.—Pref. Stock Called.—
All of the outstanding 7% cum. pref. stock has been called for payment Feb. 1 next at 115 and divs. at the National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada.—V. 125, p. 2674.

Chrysler Corp.—Earnings.—
Period End. Sept. 30 — 1927—3 Mos.—1926.
Net operating profit ----- \$7,057,298
Federal taxes ----- 952,162
Net profit ----- \$6,105,136
Miscellaneous (Cr.) ----- 167
Surplus ----- \$6,105,304
Preferred dividends ----- 834
Common dividends ----- 2,034,060

Balance, surplus ----- \$4,070,410
The discrepancy between the amounts shown for pref. divs. in comparing 1927 with 1926 is explained as follows: During 1926 pref. stock divs. were treated quarterly, whereas in 1927 the entire provision was made at one time. The small amount shown for the third period of 1927 is occasioned by a slight change in the number of shares outstanding.

The net profit for the 9 months ending Sept. 30 1927 is the highest in this corporation's history, and represents an increase of approximately 38% over last year's showing for the corresponding period.

Mr. Chrysler, commenting on the corporation's showing remarked that the combined effect of increased volume and improved facilities continues to be reflected in profits. Export has become a very substantial factor in this business and promises to still further increase. Export sales this year to date show an increase of 82% over last year and now amount to approximately 15% of the total business, as compared with 10% last year.

There are sound reasons for optimism regarding the future of the motor business and every indication that this corporation will continue to share in the further progress of the automobile industry.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.
Assets—
Land, bldgs., &c. ----- \$22,500,409
Good-will ----- 25,000,000
Cash ----- 4,740,431
Marketable sec. ----- 26,566,442
Pref. stock div. ----- 430,178
Car ship's against drafts ----- 6,277,165
Cust'r's notes, rec. ----- 1,172,612
Customers & dealers' accounts ----- 912,177
Due from Canadian Gov't ----- 502,619
Inventories ----- 15,926,608
Pref. st. Sfg. fund ----- 298
Other assets ----- 505,669
Deferred assets ----- 389,075
Total ----- \$104,923,683
Liabilities—
Capital stock ----- \$55,923,863
5 1/2% gold bonds ----- 1,431,000
Accts payable ----- 11,481,162
Dividends payable ----- 431,012
Accr. int. taxes, &c. ----- 1,262,507
Distrib. & dealers' deposits ----- 336,471
Fed. tax provision ----- 552,457
Deposits under emp. pref. stk. purch. plan ----- 191,625
Reserves ----- 5,558,672
Unapprop. surplus ----- 24,772,388
Approp. purchase treasury stock ----- 2,982,527
Total ----- \$91,202,994

Total ----- \$104,923,683 \$91,202,994
x After depreciation of \$12,482,689. y Represented by 215,170 shares of no par value preferred stock and 2,699,140 shares of no par com. stock and 28 shares of preferred, and 12,940 shares common, deliverable under Maxwell Motor Corp. plan.
Note.—Material in transit not included in either assets or liabilities in amount of \$1,265,234.—V. 125, p. 2535.

Columbia Textile Co.—Payment to Bondholders.

Oscar W. Haussermann, Special Master, in a notice to those holders of 1st mtge. 20-year 7% sinking fund convertible gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1922, who have not deposited their bonds and interest coupons thereto appertaining with the bondholders protective committee acting under an agreement dated Nov. 25 1924 said:

"Notice is hereby given that the holders of said bonds and the appurtenant coupons or claims for interest thereon which matured June 1 1925, Dec. 1 1925, and June 1 1926, upon presentation of same at the Bankers Trust Co. in the City of New York on or before Dec. 21 1927, will receive (a) payment in cash of the pro rata share, to which said bonds and coupons are entitled respectively, of the proceeds of the mortgage property sold on June 1 1927, by virtue of the decree of foreclosure and sale entered Jan. 29 1927, in the cause in the Superior Court for the County of Middlesex, Mass., entitled 'Bankers Trust Co. and Clarence W. Campbell, as trustees, complainants against Columbia Textile Co., defendant, in Equity No. 5853'; and (b) payment in cash of their pro rata share of the cash held by said trustees subject to the lien of the indenture of mortgage dated as of Dec. 1 1925, under which said bonds were issued.

"After the above payments have been made and a notation to that effect has been stamped on said bonds, said bonds and (or) interest coupons will be returned to the holders thereof."—V. 124, p. 2753.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Stock Certificates.

Dillon, Read & Co., interim receipts for 6½% cum. prior pref. stock (with common stock subscription warrants) are now exchangeable for temporary stock certificates (with warrants) at the National Park Bank of New York, 214 Broadway, N. Y. City. (See offering in V. 125, p. 2392).—V. 125, p. 3067.

Continental Can Co.—Signs Contract.

The company has signed a contract covering its requirements of Amaloy Solder for the next 12 months, with the American Machine & Foundry Co. Amaloy is a new solder substitute recently developed by the engineers of the latter company.—V. 125, p. 1843.

Continental Motors Corp.—Denies Merger Rumor.

Referring to several rumors appearing recently in the public press, President Judson stated: "It is unfortunate that the automobile industry seems to have become a fertile field for the birth of rumors pertaining to prospective mergers and consolidations, some of which have included our corporation. In fairness to our stockholders and customers and the public generally I can state positively that the Continental Motors Corp. is not now considering and does not intend to consider any proposed consolidation or merger with any other automobile or parts manufacturer and further, that no conferences have been held with anyone on such subjects. We expect to maintain our position indefinitely as an independent motor manufacturer, serving our numerous customers in the different fields where gasoline power is required."—V. 124, p. 3779.

Cuban Tobacco Co., Inc.—Extra Common Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value common stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. An initial dividend of \$1.50 per share was paid on this issue on June 30 last.—V. 124, p. 3501.

Cuneo Press, Inc. (of Ill.)—To Recapitalize.

The stockholders will vote Dec. 16, on approving a plan to change the authorized common stock from 100,000 shares of \$10 par to 250,000 shares of no par value and on creating an issue of \$2,500,000 of 6½% preferred stock.

Following the approval by the stockholders the directors propose to declare a 40% stock dividend on the common stock payable in common stock.—V. 125, p. 2942.

Eastern Rolling Mill Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 37½ cents a share and an extra dividend of 12½ cents a share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts were paid in the previous 7 quarters, while on Jan. 2 1926 an extra dividend of 50 cents a share was paid.

Charles E. F. Clarke has been elected Chairman and A. J. Hazlett as President, both succeeding the late John M. Jones who has held both positions. A. J. Downey, Treasurer, has been elected Vice-President and Treasurer, and C. A. Penlock as Vice-President and General Manager.—V. 125, p. 1587.

Emerson-Brantingham Co.—Voting Trust Dissolved.

Edward P. Lathrop and Chas. S. Brantingham, surviving voting trustees, in a notice to holders of voting trust certificates in respect of common capital stock of Emerson-Brantingham Co. issued under an agreement dated Aug. 1 1912, says:

"The surviving and acting voting trustees in order to preserve the rights of those who have not heretofore exchanged their voting trust certificates for certificates of the common capital stock of said company, will on or after Dec. 15 1927, accept and deposit with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York City, the depository under said agreement, the proportionate number of shares of class B capital stock in Emerson-Brantingham Corp. to which the outstanding voting trust certificates became entitled upon the reorganization of the Emerson-Brantingham Co."

"The voting trust has been dissolved and ended in accordance with its terms."—V. 124, p. 3216; V. 122, p. 3346.

European Mortgage & Investment Corp.—Listing.

The \$7,000,000 series C bonds have been admitted to the Boston Stock Exchange list. For description of the issue see V. 125, p. 3067.

Falcon Steel Co., Niles, O.—Merger Negotiations.

The company, according to reliable authority, is at the present time engaged in merger negotiations.—V. 122, p. 98.

Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc.—Sales.

Period—	1927—Nov.—1926.	Increase	1927—11 Mos.—1926.	Increase.
Operating income	\$318,616	\$299,617	\$18,999	\$3,180,301
Other income	—	—	\$2,836,151	\$344,150

Federal Bake Shops, Inc.—Initial Preferred Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1¼% (\$1.75 per share) on the 7% cum. pref. stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 8. (For offering, see V. 125, p. 1979).—V. 125, p. 2272.

Federal Motor Truck Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End.	9 Mos. End.
Operating income	Sept. 30 '27.	Sept. 30 '27.
Other income	\$203,370	\$500,255
Total income	89,245	262,372
Depreciation	\$292,616	\$763,627
Interest	26,518	85,759
Federal taxes	20,549	62,254
Net profit	36,840	83,100
Earns. per sh. on 441,524 shs. no par cap. stk. outs.	\$208,711	\$532,514
—	\$0.46	\$1.20

Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.—Bonds Offered.

An issue of \$500,000 5% convertible gold bonds is being offered at 97¾ and int., to yield about 5½% by United States Fiscal Corp., New York.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1932. Each \$1,000 bond convertible at the option of the holder on or before Oct. 1 1932, into 35 shares common stock of the company (par \$350). Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable A. & O., Maryland, Conn. and District of Columbia personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% will be refunded upon application made within 60 days after payment. Prin. and int. payable at office of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Red. in full or in part as follows: Oct. 1 1928, 102%; Apr. 1 1929, 101¾%; Oct. 1 1929, 101¼%; Apr. 1 1930, 101¼%; Oct. 1 1930, 101%; Apr. 1 1931, 100¾%; Oct. 1 1931, 100½%; Apr. 1 1932, 100¼%.

Security.—Secured by collateral (cash or securities) listed on the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb Market, Boston Stock Exchange, Montreal Stock Exchange or Chicago Stock Exchange.

Collateral.—Market value at all times must equal at least 120% of outstanding bonds; market value of any one pledged security not to exceed 2% of total; market value of any one class of securities not to exceed 33 1-3% of total.

Earnings.—Based upon the last statement of the company's condition (Sept. 30 1927) the net income, meaning the total income of the company, after payment of interest charges for the year 1925 was 16.17% of the average amount of money paid into the company for the common stock; 17.63% for the year 1926 and 18.92% for the first 9 months of 1927. The net profit after payment of all expenses for the year 1925 based upon the monthly average received by the company for its common stock was 8.03%; 9.49% for the year 1926 and 10.61% for the first 9 months of 1927.

It can therefore be estimated that if for the same rate of net income is maintained throughout 1927, net profits on paid-in capital and paid-in surplus should be 14.74% per annum. Therefore, if the total resources of the company should increase during 1928 in the same proportion as they increased in 1927 over 1926 and in 1926 over 1925, the per cent. of net profit to average paid-in capital and surplus for 1928 should be about 15.55%.

Diversified Investment Assets.—As of Nov. 15 1927, the company held as investment assets, in addition to cash on hand and in banks, 187 different securities. Of these 147 were bond investments, 13 were preferred stock investments, 27 were common stock investments.—V. 125, p. 2675.

Flatbush Industrial Building (Pren-Brook Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at prices to yield from 5.80% to 6% according to maturity \$850,000 1st mtge. fee 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 25 1927; due serially Nov. 24 1928 to Nov. 24 1937. Int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and int. payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., in N. Y. City. Callable at 102 and int. Federal income tax up to 2%, paid by the borrowing corporation. Penn., Conn. and Vermont 4 mills taxes; Maryland 4½ mills tax; District of Columbia and Virginia 5 mills taxes; New Hampshire State tax up to 3% of the interest per annum; and Mass. State income tax up to 6% of the interest per annum, refunded.

Security.—Secured by a direct, closed, first mortgage on land owned in fee by the borrowing corporation on the south side of 14th Avenue between 36th and 37th Streets, Brooklyn, N. Y., together with the 6 story fire-proof industrial building thereon. The building, which provides manufacturing space in full floor units or less, is 6 stories in height, of reinforced concrete, strictly fire-proof construction, and was erected in 1919. The land and building have been appraised as follows:

Appraiser—	Value Land.	Value Land & Building.
David Porter, Inc.	\$172,000	\$1,552,000
J. D. H. Bergen & Co.	\$150,000	\$1,662,000

Based on the lower of these appraisals, this is approximately a 55% loan with a margin of equity above the amount of this bond issue of \$702,000.

Foreman Trust & Savings Bank.—Mortgage Participation Certificates Offered.

A. G. Becker & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000, the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, as trustee, 5½% 1st mtge. participation certificates, series "B." The first mortgages in the trust estate are, in the opinion of the trustee, 60% first mortgages on improved real estate in the metropolitan district of Chicago.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1937. In addition to these series "B" certificates, there are outstanding \$2,000,000 series "A" certificates (see V. 125, p. 1331). Interest payable J. & D. at office of A. G. Becker & Co., Chicago or New York, or at office of trustee. Redeemable all or part on Dec. 1 1932, or on any int. date thereafter, at 100 and int., upon 30 days' notice. Denom. \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500 c* and *.

Security.—The certificates will represent an undivided share to the extent of their principal amounts and semi-annual interest at the rate of 5½% per annum in a trust estate consisting of \$2,000,000 of first mortgages on improved real estate in the metropolitan district of Chicago, Ill., and (or) obligations of the United States and (or) cash. No mortgage in this trust estate shall exceed, in the opinion of the trustee, 60% of the value of the property securing it, and every mortgage shall be such as is lawful for the investment of trust funds in the State of Illinois.

The Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, as trustee, will have complete discretion as to the securities which will make up the trust estate. It will select and purchase the mortgages with funds deposited with it for that purpose by A. G. Becker & Co. The individual mortgages will be diversified as to size, type of property, maturity, maker and location. Compare also V. 125, p. 1331.

(S. S.) Friend Co., Inc.—Receivership.

Frank E. Stripe and Wade F. Palmer were appointed receivers Dec. 5, by Federal Judge John C. Knox for this company, real estate dealers, theatrical producers and contractors, of 285 Madison Avenue, N. Y. City. Receivership followed an equity suit brought by New Jersey Terra Cotta Co. Liabilities of the company and its subsidiaries, it is stated, amount to \$4,943,314. Among the assets, the company has property totaling in value \$6,608,615.

Galena Signal Oil Co. (of Texas)—Receivership.

An Associated Press dispatch from Houston, Tex., Dec. 8 states: A receiver was appointed in District Court here to-day for the Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Pa., allied with a \$12,000,000 corporation of Franklin, Pa. The proceedings were begun by the company itself, McDonald Meachum, a Houston lawyer, was appointed receiver.

The refinery and principal properties of the company are in Houston, but it has many assets of large value in other States and in foreign countries. The Houston company is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania company, which owns all of the capital stock of the defendant company. The Fidelity Trust Co. of Houston is made a party to the suit because it is trustee for the bondholders.

In a statement J. A. Bertin of New York, Pres. of the Pennsylvania company, said the receivership was rendered necessary by the depressed state of the oil industry. Judge W. E. Moore, President of the Fidelity Trust Co., said bondholders would lose nothing.

Parent Company not Affected.

Another dispatch from Franklin, Pa., Dec. 8, states: Receivership of the Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Texas has no effect whatever on the Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Pa. The action was brought by the parent company of Franklin to protect its own interests at the Texas plant, which has not been doing well lately. A retrenchment policy was adopted by the Galena of Pennsylvania effective Dec. 1.—V. 120, p. 3195.

Gallaher Drug Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.

W. E. Hutton & Co., Cincinnati, are offering at 100 and div., \$500,000, 7% cum. pref. stock.

Dividends payable Q-F. Preferred as to assets upon voluntary dissolution or liquidation of company up to \$110 a share and divs.; and on involuntary liquidation to \$100 and divs. Red. all or part on any div. date on 60 days' notice at \$110 a share and divs. Under existing Federal and State laws the dividends are exempt from normal Federal income tax and the stock is free from State and local taxes in Ohio. Transfer agent and registrar—First National Bank, Cincinnati.

Capitalization.

Preferred stock, 7% cumulative (\$20 par)	\$50,000	\$39,820
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative (\$100 par)	1,500,000	500,000
Common stock (no par value)	7,500 shs.	7,500 shs.

Data from Letter of J. F. Gallaher, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Ohio in Jan. 1922. Business was founded in 1909 with an original investment of \$5,500 and was operated under the name of The Gallaher Drug Stores until its incorporation. The company operates a chain of 13 stores, 10 in Dayton and one each in Springfield, Middletown and Xenia, O. Since 1919 the company's sales have shown a consistent and continuous increase from \$448,591 in 1919 to \$1,757,512 for the year ended June 30 1927.

Earnings.—The net profits for the past 3 years ended June 30 1927, after Federal taxes, have averaged \$51,290. In the past 2 years ended June 30 1926 and 1927, the net earnings after Federal income taxes have been \$55,457 and \$72,782 respectively.

Purpose.—Part of the funds derived from the sale of this preferred stock will be used to retire all or substantially all of its preferred stock of par value of \$20 per share which has been reduced to an authorized amount of 2,500 shares. The remainder of the funds will be used for other corporate purposes and to secure other store locations in the cities and towns in which the company is already established and in other communities.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—Drexel & Co., and C. D. Barney & Co., are offering at prices to yield from 4.50% to 4.85% according to maturity, \$1,960,000 4 1/2% equip. trust certificates, series AA. Issued under the Phila. plan.

Dated Dec. 15 1927; due serially in annual installments from Dec. 15 1929 to and incl. Dec. 15 1942. Divs. payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Principal and divs. payable at Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Phila., trustee. Red. at 101 1/4 and divs. on any div. date upon 30 days' notice. Corporation agrees to reimburse certificate holders resident in Penn. for all taxes, except succession or inheritance taxes, paid by such holders lawfully assessed under any present or future law of said State, up to but not exceeding 4 mills per annum on each dollar.

Data from Letter of Max Epstein, President of the Corporation.

Security.—As security for these certificates there will be vested in the trustee title, without encumbrance, to: 100 new refrigerator freight cars; 325 new tank cars of 12,500 gallon capacity each; 225 new tank cars of 10,000 gallons capacity each; 212 new tank cars of 8,000 gallons capacity each; 28 new compartment tank cars of 6,000 and 8,000 gallons capacity; 3 new insulated class "V" tank cars of 8,000 gallons capacity each; 300 used insulated tank cars of 8,000 gallons capacity each. (These cars have been used on an average of four years.)

These 1,193 cars have been valued at \$2,800,000; the total par value of the certificates, therefore, will represent 70% of such valuation. The equipment is to be leased to General American Tank Car Corp. of West Virginia at a rental sufficient to pay the par value of these certificates, the dividend warrants and other charges as they come due. Payment of the certificates and dividend warrants in accordance with their terms will be guaranteed by General American Tank Car Corp. of West Virginia by endorsement on the certificates.

Corporation.—General American Tank Car Corp. of West Virginia is the only subsidiary of General American Tank Car Corp. of New York, all of its capital stock being owned by the latter corporation. The West Virginia Corporation owns the entire issued stocks of its six subsidiaries and consequently controls all of their physical assets and operations.

Earnings of General American Tank Car Corp. after depreciation, available for dividend charges on equipment trust certificates, are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Net prof. bef. charges, Div. charges on Equip., trust cfts. Rows for 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923.

The net profits for the first 6 months of 1927 before charges, amount to \$1,792,000; or at the annual rate of approximately 4.5 times the dividend requirements, including this issue.

Capitalization.—Corporation has no mortgage indebtedness. Upon completion of this financing, there will be outstanding \$17,916,000 equipment trust certificates. The certificates are followed by \$7,753,700 7% cumulative preferred stock and 363,030 shares of common stock having a total market value, based on current quotations, of approximately \$30,300,000.—V. 125, p. 1467.

General Cable Corp.—Registrar.—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar in New York for the 7% cumulat. pref. stock.—V. 125, p. 3068.

General Vending Corp.—Registrar.—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the pref. and com. stock.—V. 125, p. 2943.

Goodyear Cotton Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Earnings.—Period—Year End. 6 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '27 Sept. 30 '26

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows for Net profit after deprec., Preference dividends, Balance, surplus, Earnings per sh., Assets, Liabilities.

Total (each side) \$1,630,260 \$1,561,135 x Represented by 5,250 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 253.

F. & W. Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Preferred Stock Sold.—George H. Burr & Co. announce the over-subscription at 107 and div. of \$2,500,000 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preferred (a. & d.) stock.

Cumulative dividends payable Q-F. Cumulative semi-annual sinking fund commencing Feb. 1 1938, payable out of net profits or surplus after provision for dividends on the cumulative preferred stock, sufficient to retire annually 5% of the par value of the cumulative preferred stock outstanding on Jan. 2 1938. Non-redeemable until Jan. 2 1931. Red. thereafter up to and incl. Jan. 2 1938 upon 30 days' notice, at \$115 and div. and thereafter at \$110 and div. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, Equitable Trust Co., New York; registrar, Chase National Bank, New York.

Conversion Privilege.—Convertible into common stock at holders' option upon 10 days' notice at any time up to and incl. Jan. 2 1938, at the rate of one share of common stock for each share of 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preferred stock. In case of call for redemption during said period, the holder may convert up to 10 days prior to the redemption date.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Cumul. pref. stock (par \$100) \$6,000,000 2,500,000 shares. Common stock (no par value) \$400,000 shs. 260,000 shs. a Including this issue of \$2,500,000 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preferred stock; the remaining \$3,500,000 will, if and when issued, carry a 6% dividend. b 260,000 shares to be issued upon recapitalization in exchange for the 130,000 shares of common stock now authorized; 25,000 shares reserved to provide for conversion of this issue of 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preferred stock.

Data from Letter of Adolph F. Stone, President of the Corporation.

History.—Business started in 1901 in a small store on Grand St., N. Y. City. The initial capital invested in the business was only \$5,000 and from its inception the business was profitable. In March 1915, the business was incorp. in New York, without change of management, under the present corporate name. In the past decade the growth of the business has been rapid and profitable. Sales have expanded from \$1,628,863 in 1917 to \$10,500,806 in 1926, and in the same period, net profits after Federal taxes, from \$14,238 to \$682,185.

Business.—Company operates a chain of 55 5-10-25 cent and \$1 stores. These stores are well located in leading industrial cities ranging, geographically, from Savannah, Ga., to Troy, N. Y. and from Providence, R. I. to Milwaukee, Wis. Company is engaged in the same general line of merchandising business as Kresge, McCrory, Kress and other well-known chain store companies.

Assets.—The net tangible assets as shown by the balance sheet, as of Dec. 31 1926, and after giving effect to the present financing, were \$5,741,587, or over \$229 per share for this 6 1/2% preferred stock. Net current assets were \$3,781,748, or over \$151 per share for this 6 1/2% preferred stock. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities is over 11 to 1. The estimated profits for 1927 are not included in these assets. The asset position

of this 6 1/2% preferred stock is protected by the covenant of the company that no dividend shall be paid upon its common stock at any time if net tangible assets would, after payment of such dividend be less than 125% of net current assets less than 100% of its outstanding Preferred Stock.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, Earnings, Times Div. Req. Earned on 260,000 Shs. 6 1/2% Pref. Common.

Earnings shown per share on 260,000 shares no par value common stock are calculated without charging dividends on the new capital (which is to be used primarily for expansion purposes), and without deducting annual dividends of \$80,500 which in the past have been paid on the 7% preferred stock which, upon the completion of this financing, will have been retired by conversion into common stock. This conversion automatically eliminates this charge in the future.

Common Stock Dividend.—Commencing early in 1928, the company will put the common stock on an annual dividend basis of \$1 per share, payable quarterly.

Purpose of Issue.—The entire proceeds derived from the sale of this 6 1/2% preferred stock will remain in the business, and will be used primarily for expansion.

Listing.—Application will be made to list both the 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preferred stock and the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

To Split up Common Shares.—

Towards the end of December a special meeting of the stockholders will be called to approve the recommendation of the directors to increase the authorized common stock to 400,000 shares from the 130,000 shares of no par common, of which 100,000 shares are at present outstanding, according to an announcement made this week.

It is proposed that 200,000 shares of the new common will be used to give stockholders two shares of new stock for each old share outstanding. Another 60,000 shares will be used for the conversion of the preferred stock which has been called, and to cancel contracts with the old management.

The board intends to place the new common stock on a \$1 annual dividend basis early next year. It is also planned to issue \$2,500,000 new 6 1/2% convertible pref. stock. The proceeds of this issue will be used for expansion.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, Increase, 1927-11 Mos.—1926, Increase.

(W. T.) Grant Co., Boston.—November Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, Increase, 1927-11 Mos.—1926, Increase.

Gruen Watch Co., Cincinnati.—Extra Dividend, etc.—

At a recent meeting of the directors there was declared an extra cash dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Dec. 15, to holders of record Dec. 5. This is paid out of the current earnings.

The company is offering to stockholders one share of new non-par stock for each 4 shares held, at \$30 per share. The proceeds will be used to finance expansion.

It is the management's intention to continue paying \$2 a share, that is 50 cents quarterly, on the common stock as heretofore.

Record of Dividends Paid on Common Stock.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Dividend, 1927-11 Mos.—1926, Increase.

In cash 7% p. a. 7% p. a. 8% p. a. 9% p. a. \$1 1/4 p. a. \$2 p. a.

In stk. 100% p. a. \$100 p. a.

x In Jan. 1922, each common share of \$100 par value was exchanged for 7 1/2 shares of new no par value common stock.

The company, in a letter to the stockholders, on Nov. 28, said in part: "Two years ago we organized the new European Sales Division for the purpose in time to cover all the important European countries, in order to take care in a more thorough manner the demand existing over there for Gruen watches. A good start has been made in Switzerland, where Gruen watches are sold in every city.

"This year in Germany we were fortunate in opening connections that place Gruen watches in every city and town in Germany as fast as we can manage to supply the stores to sell our watches according to the policies of the Guild. A good start has been made. As soon as that is completed arrangements are contracted to go into England, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Poland, Austria and Italy.

"A Paris office has been opened to take care of French, Spanish and South American markets.

"Signed by Fred G. Gruen (President) and Geo. J. Gruen (Secretary)." —V. 125, p. 3069.

Guaranty Co. of Maryland.—Receivership.—

Judge Robert F. Stanton in the Circuit Court, at Richmond, Va., has appointed Isaac Lobe Strauss, Frederick J. Singley, William H. Bishop, Jr., and Edward G. Wright receivers. The petition for the appointment of the receivers was made by Della Vincenti and William H. Bishop, Jr. stockholders of the company. The petition alleges the company is insolvent having liabilities of approximately \$3,700,000 and assets of \$2,050,000.—V. 122, p. 1462.

Guardian Fire Assurance Corp. of N. Y.—To Increase Capital Stock.—

The executive and finance committee has unanimously recommended to the stockholders that the capital stock be increased from 20,000 to 40,000 shares, par \$25 each, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Insurance of New York State. The stockholders will meet Dec. 13 to vote on this proposition.

Stockholders under the plan would receive the right to subscribe to new stock, in the ratio of one new share for each share now held, at the rate of \$50 per share until Jan. 30 1928. If the proposal is approved the company will receive additional funds of \$1,000,000, which will be equally divided between capital and surplus. The company's premium income will thus be substantially increased without lowering its surplus.

The present dividend policy will be continued and dividends will be paid at the rate of \$5 per share, payable \$1.25 quarterly, on the 40,000 shares to be outstanding.

Harrisburg Foundry & Machine Works.—Sale.—

Christian W. Lynch, Harrisburg, Pa., has acquired the plant and property of the company at a public sale for \$124,675, subject to a first mortgage of \$88,000. The plant has been operated for about a year past by a trustee in bankruptcy. The new owner is said to be planning a reorganization of the company and continued operation of the plant for the manufacture of stationary engines and other equipment.—V. 122, p. 99.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Acquisition—Net Sales.—

The corporation has for some time owned a majority of the stock of a subsidiary, the Hartman Wholesale Corp., which supplies furniture to hotels and hotel apartment houses and has been affiliated with its chain of furniture stores in Chicago and the middle West. Neither the sales nor profits of this subsidiary have been reflected in the sales or profits of the Hartman Corp.

It is now announced that the entire capital stock of this subsidiary will be acquired by the Hartman Corp., and that on Jan. 1 it will be merged with the parent corporation which will thereby add materially to its sales and is also expected to add substantially to its net profits in 1928.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Net Sales, Decrease, 1927-11 Mos.—1926, Decrease.

Haytian Corp. of America.—Earnings.—

The corporation reports that combined net earnings of its electric light and wharf subsidiaries amounted during the 4 months ended Oct. 31 1927 to \$71,101, compared with \$65,570 in the corresponding months of last year. An indication of the satisfactory condition of the company's sugar business is supplied by the increase in its local sales of sugar, molasses and alcohol which during the 5 months ended Nov. 30 1927, reached a total of \$324,621, compared with \$287,412 and \$229,397 in the corresponding months of 1926 and 1925 respectively.—V. 125, p. 1847.

Hazeltine Corp.—Sues Radio Corp. of America.—

An action alleging infringement of the United States patents Nos. 1,533-658 and 1,648,808 has been filed in the U. S. District Court of New York by the Corporation against the Radio Corp. of America.

The plaintiff corporation, according to the bill of complaint, owns all rights, title and interest in and to the inventions of Prof. L. A. Hazeltine covering radio receivers manufactured under the trade-mark "Neutrodyne."

The second named patent, No. 1,648,808, was issued to the Hazeltine Corp. recently. It is asserted by Hazeltine Corp. that 90% or more of present day receivers embody inventions covered by this patent, which, if held valid and infringed, will result in collection of profits or damages from all infringing manufacturers.

Hearst Publications, Inc.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding \$7,400,000 1st mtge. & coll. trust 6 1/4% serial gold bonds, have been called for payment Dec. 16 at 104 and int. at the Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.—See also V. 125, p. 2395.

Hercules Powder Co.—Extra Dividend of 3%.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3% and the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$14,700,000 common stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 24 to holders of record Dec. 15.

Herman Nelson Corp.—Extra Divs. Payable in Stock.—

The directors have declared a stock dividend of 5%, the same as was declared a year ago (V. 123, p. 2662), of which 2% is payable on Jan. 16, 1% on April 16, 1% on July 16 and 1% on Oct. 16 1928, to holders of record Jan. 3, April 3, July 3 and Oct. 3 1928, respectively.—V. 124, p. 118.

Holbrook Hall Garden Apartments, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., has been appointed depository of bond and mortgage of Holbrook Hall Realty Co., Inc., against which certificates of participation amounting to \$850,000 are to be issued by the Prudence Bonds Corp. and guaranteed by the Prudence Co., Inc. See V. 125, p. 2676, 3070.

Holland (Mich.) Furnace Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 62 1/2c. a share (or 2% in stock at the option of the holder) on the common stock, no par value, and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% on the preferred stock, all payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15.

Horn & Hardart Baking Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21. In the previous quarter the company paid a 62 1/2c. extra dividend.—V. 124, p. 2437.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—20-Cent Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 12. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since and including July 1 1926.—V. 124, p. 3070.

Idaho Copper Co.—Receivership.—

A Weiser, Idaho, despatch Nov. 26, stated that Grey H. Nixon has been appointed receiver for the company which controls the Red Lodge and South Peacock Mines in Idaho and the Iron Dyke Mine in Oregon.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Report.—

Table with 5 columns showing financial data for 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24. Rows include Net profit, Pref. dividends (6%), Ordinary dividends (6%), Balance, surplus, Profit and loss, surplus, and After all expenses, charges and income tax.

Table with 4 columns showing assets and liabilities for 1927 and 1926. Assets include Real est. & bldgs., Plant, mach'y, &c., Good-will, trade-marks & patents, Invest. in assoc. cos., Other investments, Cash, Stock, leaf funds, Sundry debtors, &c. Liabilities include Preference shares, Ordinary shares, Bonds, Sundry credit, &c., Capital surplus, Reserve funds, General reserve, Profit and loss.

Indiana Flooring Co.—Operation of Sinking Fund.—

The first sinking fund of \$25,000 in 1st mtge. 6 1/4% bonds, of which the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. is trustee, operated Dec. 7.—V. 122, p. 99.

Indiana Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of 2%.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% (\$1 per share) on the outstanding \$5,000,000 capital stock, par \$50, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2% (\$1 per share), both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 20.

Inland Wire & Cable Co.—Operations.—It is reported that contrary to customary seasonal curtailment of operations both the Bare and Insulating Wire Mills of the company, located at Sycamore, Ill., are running to capacity.—V. 125, p. 1059.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Seeks New Plan.—Hugh M. Creighton & Co., investment securities, 25 Broad St., New York, in a letter to preferred stockholders, says:

"As you are aware, the proposed recapitalization plan has been abandoned. We as preferred stockholders with others brought the injunction proceeding to prevent the carrying out of that plan. We did not generally ask other stockholders to join us. The proceeding was brought to protect our own investment as we were advised by our attorneys that the plan would divest us of our rights as a preferred stockholder."

as the I. M. M. Co. stockholders are concerned. As we view the matter, if the company is unable to employ this vast sum so as to earn and pay dividends, the problem which confronts the stockholders is to devise some plan to return to them control of their money. Most I. M. M. preferred stock was purchased by present holders at higher prices than now prevail.

With a view to making the first step in this direction, the letter asks that holders of the stock disclose the number and cost of common and preferred shares held, when purchased and whether deposited with J. P. Morgan & Co.—V. 125, p. 2677.

International Paper Co.—Transfers Control of Power Companies to New Subsidiary.—See Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 125, p. 2944.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis.—New Common Stock Placed on a \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding 3,760,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. This is at the rate of \$8 per annum on the old 940,000 shares of no par value common stock for which new shares were exchanged on a 4-for-1 basis.

Interstate Coal Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago, are offering \$750,000 1st mtge. 7% serial gold bonds, series "A." Prices, 1928 maturity, to yield 6%; 1929 maturity, to yield 6 1/2%; all other maturities, par and int. to yield 7%.

Dated June 1 1927; due in annual series June 1 1928-1939. Interest payable J. & D. Red. all or part on Dec. 1 1927, or on any int. date thereafter, upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*.

Company.—An Illinois corporation. Was incorp. in Nov. 1926, to acquire and operate certain coal properties formerly owned or controlled by the Southern Gem Coal Corp., by the Southern Gem Co., a subsidiary of the Southern Gem Coal Corp., and by Brewerton Coal Co.

The company has 20,925 acres of coal in these counties, of which 16,184 acres are owned in fee. This acreage is estimated to contain 147,792,900 tons of recoverable coal and is served by 8 mines having an aggregate capacity of 18,000 tons per day.

Security.—Allen & Garcia Co., mining engineers, have appraised the company's properties, on which these bonds constitute a first mortgage, as having a valuation of \$6,033,622. This valuation is equivalent to \$8,000 per \$1,000 bond to be presently outstanding.

Estimated Earnings.—Company's estimated earnings are based only on the operation of the mines which it is presently contemplated to operate. The yearly sales from these mines are estimated at 1,000,000 tons, and operating profit available for interest, depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes at \$325,000.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for a sinking fund payable monthly, and commencing July 25, 1927, of 10 cents per ton on all coal mined during the preceding calendar month.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for capital expenditures and to provide working capital.

Table showing bond details: First mortgage 7% bonds (authorized \$850,000), General mortgage 6% bonds, 7% cumulative preferred stock, Common stock (no par value).

Iron Products Corp.—Div. of \$1 on Common Stock.—

The stockholders have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. The company on Jan. 31 1927 paid a dividend of \$2.75 per share on this issue.—V. 123, p. 242.

Jefferson Belle Isle Realty Co.—Bondholders Face Loss.

The Detroit "Free Press" of Dec. 2, says in part: While Judge Edward J. Jeffries Dec. 1 was considering motions for a retrial of the Belle Isle bridge approach condemnation case, it was learned that persons who invested in the \$1,000,000 bond issue floated by the Jefferson Belle Isle Realty Co. stood to lose their money if the present award stands.

These bonds are held largely by persons out in the State, few of them being sold in Detroit. The jury which ordered the property condemned and made an allowance of \$8,319,000, failed to consider the bond holders.

While the proposal to condemn the land has been under discussion for several years, the P. U. Commission in 1923 authorized sale of the bonds. The company had a 99-year lease, which was used as security for the bond issue. No mention was made at the utilities commission hearing of the proposed condemnation, nor of the clause in the lease which provided that in case of condemnation by the city the lease became invalid.

The bonds were sold by the Strauss Investment Co. Out of the \$1,000,000 raised, the Strauss company received as commission 12%, or \$120,000. All of the remaining \$880,000 was spent in improving the property.

The only security which the bondholders have for their investment was the value of the 99-year lease. The clause in the lease providing for its cancellation in the event of condemnation is the crux of the situation, in the opinion of John Atkinson, assistant corporation counsel, who tried the case for the city and F. Henry Wurzer, attorney for the Kling estate, owners of the property.

Mr. Wurzer said his clients had refused to do business with the Realty company unless the cancellation clause was included, and he added that if they saw fit to float a bond issue on the lease with such a clause in it, that it was a matter for their own consideration solely. He added that two of the leases involved contained no such clause, with the result that the jury awarded a verdict to take care of the lease holders.

Milton Strauss, head of the firm which sold the bonds, said he had no intimation that condemnation was proposed at the time the issue was floated.

Mr. Strauss' statement read: "We had no intimation, let alone private or public knowledge, that condemnation threatened at that time. If we had received any such intimation, we would not have floated or financed the thing at all. We took it over from the Scherer Investment Co., now out of business. We couldn't inform the bond buyers about the condemnation, for we knew nothing about it ourselves."

"In all our trust mortgages we have a condemnation clause, whether the condemnation is 1,000 years away or a day away. We don't finance unless we do have such a clause. It's a precautionary measure."

(Mead) Johnson & Co., Evansville, Ind.—10% Stock Div.—

The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend and the usual quarterly cash dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 125, p. 1847.

Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp.—Circuits Combined.—

Formation of the Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp., to merge the Orpheum Circuit, Inc., B. F. Keith Corp., Greater New York Vaudeville Theatres Corp. and the B. F. Keith-Albee Vaudeville Exchange, was announced Dec. 8 by Maurice Goodman, counsel for the Keith-Albee interests. The new corporation will be capitalized at \$10,000,000 of 7% preferred stock and 2,000,000 shares of common stock. There will be 1,119,170 common shares outstanding and Lehman Brothers will offer the preferred stock publicly.

A letter has been sent to Orpheum Circuit stockholders asking them to exchange their stock for stock in the new corporation.

The new company will create a centralized booking office for theatres owned and controlled by it or affiliated interests, instead of booking through two separate organizations as heretofore.

Kilburn Mill.—Balance Sheet Oct. 1 1927.—

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Total assets and liabilities are \$5,487,357.

-V. 124, p. 3220.

King Philips Mills (Fall River).—10% Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 10% has been declared on the outstanding \$2,250,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 24 to holders of record Dec. 7.

Kinnear Stores Co.—Sales.—

Table with 5 columns showing sales for 1927-11 Mos. and 1926. Total sales are \$4,677,001.

-V. 125, p. 2819.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Rumor Denied.—Sales.—

Goldman, Sachs & Co. as bankers for the company, announced that S. H. Kress & Co. is not negotiating any merger or consolidation with any other company.

Sales for Month and Eleven Months Ended Nov. 30.

Table with 5 columns showing sales for 1927-11 Mos. and 1926. Total sales are \$4,677,001.

-V. 125, p. 2677, 1983.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales.—

Table with 5 columns showing sales for 1927-11 Mos. and 1926. Total sales are \$11,954,796.

-V. 125, p. 2677, 2274.

Kroger Grocery & Bakery Co.—To Recapitalize.—

Stockholders of the company have been notified of a special meeting to be held on Dec. 16 to act on a proposal of the board of directors to change the capital structure by substituting 2,000,000 shares of common stock without par value for the existing 1,000,000 shares of \$10 par value.

Sales of the Kroger organization have increased in every year but two since 1922. Net profits after all charges increased from \$134,588 in 1901, the year of incorporation, to \$4,215,386 in 1926.

Laconia Car Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 5 columns showing operating profit, other income, total income, dividends declared, and surplus for 1923-24.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with 4 columns showing assets and liabilities for 1927 and 1926. Total assets and liabilities are \$1,725,787.

Capital surplus represented by 8,873 shares 2d pref. no par stock (authorized issue 10,000 shares) and 10,000 shares no par common, \$500; balance of surplus, \$182,904.

Note 1.—Preferred stock: 8,911 shares stamped with waiver of dividends to Jan. 1 1924; 1,089 shares unstamped stock, of which 4) shares are held under certificate of deposit subject to being stamped or have assented and not yet deposited; 698 shares of these unstamped shares are held in treasury of company; 229 shares of these stamped shares are held in the company's treasury, together with 229 shares of 2d pref.

Note 2.—Of the authorized issue of 10,000 shares of 2d pref., 1,089 shares are held for delivery to holders of remaining unstamped pref. in lieu of all accumulation of dividends from Jan. 1 1914 to Jan. 1 1924.

Note 3.—Accrued undeclared dividends on 351 shares of non-assenting stock from Jan. 1 1914 to Jan. 1 1924 (at \$70) amount to \$24,570 and on 9,073 shares of outstanding pref. stock from Jan. 1 1924 to March 31 1927 (\$19.25) amount to \$174,655.—V. 125, p. 105.

Lambert Pharmacal Co.—Sale Rumors Denied.—

Gerard B. Lambert, president of this company, and of the Lambert Co., has emphatically denied the rumors which are going about that either of these companies is contemplating or discussing any sale or merger with any other company.—V. 125, p. 2274.

Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 10. Previously \$2 per share was paid quarterly.—V. 117, p. 2117.

Level Club, Inc., N. Y. City.—Notes Called.—

All of the outstanding 6% serial gold notes, dated Dec. 15 1926, have been called for payment Dec. 15 next at par and int. at the Bank of United States, 320 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 2945, 2819.

Lion Collar & Shirts, Inc.—Sale.—

Final details have been completed in the deal by which the purchase of all assets of what was the Lion Collar & Shirt, Inc., by M. Nirenberg & Sons, Inc., was consummated. A new corporation has been formed to be known as the Lion Brand Shirt & Collar Corp., with a capitalization of \$500,000. Arthur Nirenberg will head the new company.—V. 125, p. 658.

Liquid Carbonic Corp.—Outlook—New Director.—

President W. K. McIntosh states indications were that results for October and November would be more favorable than for the same period last year, both as to volume and profit.

C. G. Carter, secretary and treasurer, has been elected a director, succeeding E. A. Baker, resigned.—V. 125, p. 2945, 2819.

Loft, Incorporated, New York.—November Sales.—

Table with 5 columns showing sales for 1927-11 Mos. and 1926. Total sales are \$6,877,242.

-V. 125, p. 2677.

(Frederick) Loeser & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Recapitalized.—

The capital stock of the company has been changed from 120,000 shares of common stock of \$100 par value to 50,000 shares of \$100 par preferred stock and 180,000 shares of no par common stock, according to a certificate filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Albany.

(Walter M.) Lowney & Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Table with 4 columns showing assets and liabilities for 1927 and 1926. Total assets and liabilities are \$2,406,215.

-V. 123, p. 1640.

McCrory Stores Corp.—November Sales.—

Table with 5 columns showing sales for 1927-11 Mos. and 1926. Total sales are \$32,482,031.

-V. 125, p. 2678, 2538.

McKeesport Tin Plate Co.—Common Stock Sold.—

George H. Burr & Co. have sold at \$60 per share 100,000 shares common stock.

Transfer agent, Bankers Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Chase National Bank, New York.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

Common stock (no par value), authorized and outstanding...300,000 shs. Data from Letter of E. R. Crawford, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized by E. R. Crawford and associates. Began operations in 1903 with 10 tin plate mills and an annual output of 400,000 boxes (100 pounds each) of plate. Company to-day has 44 mills in operation with an output of 4,000,000 boxes, produces 10% of the country's entire output, and is the largest single tin plate mill in the United States.

Company started in 1904 with a paid-in cash capital of \$276,000. In 1909, \$300,000 of additional stock was sold for cash and in 1916 a further amount of \$349,900, which total amounts of \$925,900 represent all the cash capital that has ever been paid into the company.

In March 1926 the company issued \$6,000,000 of bonds for the purpose of improving its plant and providing it with the most modern and economical manufacturing facilities.

Dividend Record.—Company paid its first cash dividend in 1905 and has paid regularly cash dividends in every year since. In addition, liberal stock dividends have been paid from time to time. These dividends aggregate as follows, to date: \$11,194,453 Cash dividends; 8,658,100 Stock dividends (at par).

Total (cash and stock) \$19,852,553

The company has declared its intention of immediately placing the stock on a quarterly dividend basis of \$1 per share (\$4 annually).

Volume and Earnings.—Company's volume and earnings for the three years ending Dec. 31 1927 (months of Nov. and Dec. 1927 estimated), adjusted to give effect to the retirement of all interest-bearing indebtedness resulting from sale of this stock, but after full plant depreciation and Federal taxes at present rates, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Volume, and Earnings. Volume for 1927 is 16,000,000.

Upon the above basis, and excluding losses on over \$9,000,000 of Liberty bonds sold in 1919 and a large fire loss in 1921, the company's net earnings for the past 10 years have averaged \$1,078,985. In no year since 1905 has the company ever shown a loss.

The large increase in earnings from 1925 to 1927 is due solely to the manufacturing economies resulting from plant improvements made in the last quarter of 1925 and the year 1926. It is the management's belief that the company will continue on at least its present earning basis.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list this stock upon the New York Stock Exchange.

Purpose of Issue.—The entire proceeds of this financing will be used to retire the company's \$6,000,000 bond issue.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1927 (Giving Effect to Proposed Refinancing)

Table with 4 columns showing assets and liabilities for 1927 and 1926. Total assets and liabilities are \$15,939,564.

x Represented by 300,000 shares no par value.

Contingent Liability on notes receivable discounted, \$919,592.

President E. R. Crawford in a circular letter to the stockholders of the company said:

Directors are making an effort to change the financial structure of the company with a view to having a ready market for the stock. In order to do this they think it advisable to engage the services of a well-known banking house, viz., Geo. H. Burr & Co., New York City. The plan the directors have, after much study, is as follows:

Change the capital stock of the company from 100,000 shares (par \$100 each) to 300,000 shares (without par value). To issue to present stockholders two shares of no par value stock for each one share of par value stock they hold to-day. The other 100,000 shares of new stock to be sold to Geo. H. Burr & Co., the proceeds to be used in retiring and canceling the present issue of bonds. There will be no bonded indebtedness.

In order to sell the 100,000 shares to Geo. H. Burr & Co., it will be necessary for all the stockholders to waive any right they have to purchase from the company any of these 100,000 shares. Also, so that the bankers may create a general market for the stock, and for their protection, it will be necessary to give them an option on an additional 25,000 shares, or one-eighth of the new holdings, at a price ranging from \$60 to \$64 per share. In addition to this, each stockholder must agree not to sell any of his stock in the company until July 15 1928, unless earlier released by the bankers.

It is the opinion of the board that unless there is an unlooked for change in business conditions, the company will be able to pay a dividend of \$4 per share per annum on the new stock.

The board has called a special meeting of the stockholders to be held on Jan. 11 1928 to authorize and approve the recommendations of the directors.—V. 125, p. 3072.

McLellan Stores Co.—November Sales.—

Table with 5 columns showing sales for 1927-11 Mos. and 1926. Total sales are \$9,287,470.

-V. 125, p. 3071, 2945.

Match Trucks, Inc.—To Redeem Preferred Stocks.—No Additional Financing Proposed.—

All of the outstanding 1st and 2nd pref. stocks have been called for payment Dec. 31 next, at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. The 1st pref. will be retired at 110 and divs. and the 2nd pref. stock at 105 and divs.

If requested by the stockholders payment will be made on certificates for such 1st pref. stock or for such 2nd pref. stock, surrendered prior to Dec. 31 1927, at a discount on the basis of 4 1/2% per annum.

Both issues will be redeemed from the company's cash, no additional financing being proposed. The company has net current assets of about \$52,000,000.

[At last accounts there were outstanding \$10,921,891 1st pref. stock and \$5,331,700 2nd pref. stock.—Ed.]

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 16.—V. 125, p. 2538.

Margay Oil Corp.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the first nine months of 1927 a net profit of \$654,503 after depreciation, depletion and other charges, but before Federal taxes, equal to \$4.37 a share earned on 149,758 shares, as compared with \$1.87 a share earned in the same period last year.—V. 125, p. 2820.

Maryland Casualty Co., Balt.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2%, according to an announcement of President F. Highland Burns. This makes the total annual dividend 5%.

This company is affiliated with the Home Insurance Co. of New York.—V. 125, p. 1060.

Medical & Dental Building (United Medical & Dental Building, Inc.), Seattle.—Bonds Offered.—Lawrence Stern & Co., Drumheller, Ehrlichman & White, and Dean Witter & Co., are offering at 100 and int., \$1,575,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 14 1927; due Sept. 15 1947. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at National Bank of Commerce, Seattle, trustee, or Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. at 102 and int. on or before Sept. 15 1946, and at par thereafter. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, and certain State taxes refunded in Calif., Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota.

Security.—Bonds are the direct obligation of United Medical & Dental Building, Inc., and are secured by a first mortgage on land owned in fee and the Medical and Dental building, completed in 1925. The building is a modern reinforced concrete office and store structure, containing approximately 3,122,000 cubic feet and providing 123,000 sq. ft. of rentable office space. It is especially designed for the use of physicians, surgeons and dentists and is well known as an outstanding example of a successful medical and dental office building.

The land and building have been appraised by J. Arthur Younger and F. W. West, of Seattle, at \$2,750,000, of which this issue represents 57.27%.

Earnings.—The net annual income of the building, applicable to the payment of interest and sinking fund, was \$186,264 for the year 1926, which was the first full year of operation of the property. The net annual earnings for 1927 will be approximately \$206,545 (2.20 times maximum annual interest requirements of this issue). Most of the leases now in effect are long term leases.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund provides for the retirement of an aggregate principal amount of \$725,000, or approximately 46% of this issue, prior to maturity; the remaining \$850,000 being less than the present appraised value of the land alone. V. 125 p. 1934.

Merchants & Manufacturers Fire Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.—Stock Sold.—Lawyers Trust Co., New York; First National Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y.; American Trust Co., New York; Guardian Trust Co. of N. J., and United States Trust Co., Newark, N. J., have sold at \$25 per share, 40,000 shares (\$1,000,000) common stock of which \$200,000 will be applied to capital and \$800,000 will be applied to surplus and reserves.

Transfer agent, Guardian Trust Co. of N. J., Newark, N. J. Registrar, Fidelity-Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J.

History & Business.—Company was chartered by a special act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey in 1849, and is, therefore, one of the oldest fire insurance companies in the country. It has been continuously in business for over three-quarters of a century. On account of the relatively small size of the company its business heretofore has been conducted along somewhat narrow lines, but it has always borne an enviable reputation for conservative underwriting and for the prompt adjustment and payment of losses. It is, therefore, fitting that the company at this time should be adequately financed so as to take advantage of the reputation which it now enjoys and of the desirable business presently available to it.

Management.—Corroon & Reynolds, Inc., has been appointed manager of the company. Said firm is also the manager of the American Equitable Assurance Co. of New York, Knickerbocker Insurance Co. of New York, New York Fire Insurance Co. (1832) and Brooklyn Fire Insurance Co.

R. A. Corroon, who has had 30 years' experience in the insurance business, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Merchants & Manufacturers Fire Insurance Co.

J. M. Byrne, Jr., of Jos. M. Byrne Co., one of the leading and oldest fire insurance agencies in New Jersey, has been elected president of the company. Company will be associated with the group managed by Corroon & Reynolds, Inc., which now enjoys a premium income in excess of \$12,500,000 per annum, and under the group plan of operation this company will receive as large a volume of carefully underwritten business as it can assimilate upon a conservative basis. Company will thus commence its policy of increased underwriting under experienced management with an assured premium income commensurate with its size, eliminating the necessity of going through the long and expensive period usually necessary to establish a new fire insurance company.

Outlook.—It is the intention of the management to cultivate intensively the acquisition of desirable business in the various States which have shown satisfactory results in connection with fire insurance underwriting.

While the directors cannot undertake to predict that the company will equal the record of business and profits of the most successful companies, they do feel that with the company's capable and experienced management, the wide field open to it, the assured volume of business with which it will begin its operations, and the experience and record of other companies under the same management, it ought to be successful, and, therefore, its stock should prove an unusually satisfactory investment for those who become stockholders at the beginning of its expansion program.

Capitalization.—The authorized capital of the company consists of: (a) 10,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100). This stock will not be issued until the directors deem the issuance of the whole or a part thereof desirable in connection with the expansion of the company's business. If and when issued, the holders of the common stock will have the right to subscribe to the preferred stock in proportion to their common stock holdings. (b) 100,000 shares of common stock (par \$5), of which 40,000 shares are now offered for subscription at \$25 per share, or a total of \$1,000,000.

Stock Subscriptions.—This stock is being sold without commission or compensation to anyone and only such nominal expense as is necessary in connection with the recapitalization will be charged to the company. As an evidence of the confidence which the management has in its ability to manage the company successfully, it has been responsible for a substantial subscription to the company's stock, which has already been paid into its treasury.

Merrimac Hat Corp.—400% Stock Dividend, &c.—

The stockholders on Dec. 3 increased the authorized common stock from 20,000 no par shares (of which 8,300 are outstanding) to 50,000 shares of which 33,200 shares will be issued as a stock dividend, in the ratio of four additional shares for each share now held.—See V. 125, p. 3072.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—November Sales.—

1927—November—1926.	Increase.	1927—11 Mos.—1926.	Increase.
\$1,039,681	\$1,010,181	\$79,500	\$9,922,780
		\$8,867,457	\$1,055,323

—V. 125, p. 2678, 1934.

Miag Mill Machinery Co., Germany.—Orders, &c.—

Advices received by F. J. Lisman & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, as to the third quarter results of the "Miag" Mill Machinery Co. show continued growth of prosperity. Unfilled orders on hand Sept. 30 1927 amounted to \$3,658,211, an increase of 62.6% over the preceding year while shipments up to that date amounted to \$7,295,923, an increase of 36% over the corresponding period of 1926.

Orders received in the first 9 months of 1927 amounted to \$8,586,588, or 41.5% more than in the first 9 months of last year, the larger part of the increase being due to a substantial rise in demand within Germany which supplies 61.2% of the orders this year against 49.4% this time last year.—125, p. 1720.

Miner-Edgar Co.—Receivership.—

Receivers were appointed Dec. 5 for this company, with offices at 10 William St., N. Y. City, which operates 11 plants and does a gross business amounting to about \$6,000,000 a year, according to the petition for the receivership which was approved by Federal Judge Francis A. Winslow. The corporation manufactures heavy chemicals, solvents and cellulose products.

E. Bright Wilson and Zealey Gerber were made receivers. Together with William Dill they have been named receivers in Newark by Federal Judge William N. Runyon. The company has plants and branches in New Jersey, Northern New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Georgia.

The petition sets forth that the company has accounts due and receivable amounting to \$132,000 of that merchandise in its plants is worth \$420,000. These figures are said to include \$140,000 of assets in the New York district.

There is outstanding against the company, says the petition, a \$1,500,000 bond issue and additional liabilities of \$1,385,000, including \$5,483, for which the Buckeye Cottonseed & Oil Co. recently started suit in the United States District Court. Of the bonds outstanding \$800,000 are said to have been deposited with a creditors' committee.

Plans are being formulated to reorganize the company.—V. 124, p. 1677

Mount Hope Bridge Co.—Bonds Sold.—William R. Compton Co., Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., have sold at 100 and int., \$2,850,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 6½% gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1957. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500* Red all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, R. I., trustee, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company will agree to refund the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, the Penn. and state taxes as defined in the mortgage.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage on all the physical property required for the bridge and approaches now or hereafter owned, and upon company's franchises including all rights of the company thereunder. The property will be adequately insured against fire, storm, lightning, earthquake, tornado, flood, and other casualties.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund into which, after the expiration of 18 months after the bridge is opened for operation, there shall be paid semi-annually out of available net income, as defined in the mortgage, [after providing for interest on these bonds and on the debentures, sums sufficient to retire \$107,500 principal amount of bonds in each year. All bonds purchased or retired through the sinking fund will be cancelled. The operation of the sinking fund through purchase in the open market or by redemption is expected to retire this entire issue prior to maturity, according to the above estimate of earnings.]

Debentures Sold.—The same bankers have sold at 99 and int. to yield over 7.05% \$1,300,000 25-year sinking fund 7% gold debentures (carrying the right to receive without cost common stock at the rate of 5 shares for each \$1,000 debenture).

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1952. Denom. \$1,000* Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 110% and int. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, R. I., trustee, or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company will agree to refund Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, the Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills and certain other state taxes as defined in the agreement.

Security.—These debentures will be a direct obligation of the company preceded only by \$2,850,000 first (closed) mortgage sinking fund 6½% gold bonds which amount it is expected will be reduced each year, beginning 18 months after the bridge is opened for operation, through the medium of a sinking fund.

Sinking Fund.—Agreement will provide for a sinking fund into which, after the expiration of 18 months after the bridge is opened for operation, there shall be paid semi-annually out of available net income, as defined in the agreement, after providing for sinking fund payments under the first mortgage, sums sufficient to retire \$60,500 of these debentures in each year. All debentures retired through the sinking fund will be cancelled. The operation of the sinking fund through purchase in the open market or call by lot at 110 is expected to retire this entire issue prior to maturity, according to the above estimate of earnings.]

Data from Letter of Pres. C. P. Coleman, Providence, R. I., Nov. 30.

Project.—The island of Rhode Island on which is located the City of Newport, has at the present time only one highway connection with the mainland, that across Stone Bridge over the Sakonnet River on the main road to Fall River, Mass. All vehicular traffic from Newport and vicinity and from the two Rhode Island towns east of the Sakonnet River, to reach Providence, is obliged either to use the Jamestown Ferry, which necessitates two ferry trips across the entrance to Narragansett Bay, one from Newport to Jamestown, and the other from Jamestown to Saunterdown; or the Bristol Ferry; or to pass through Fall River, a roundabout route of 37 miles between Newport and Providence. The Mount Hope Bridge Co., Inc. in April 1927 by special act of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations plans to construct a bridge across Mount Hope Bay from the north end of the island of Rhode Island into the Town of Bristol at the narrowest crossing of the Bay, where the high land on either side is favorable for economical construction. This bridge will open to traffic between Newport and Providence a direct highway route of 28½ miles which at present can be used only by crossing over the Bristol Ferry at the same point as the bridge location with necessary attendant delays. The bridge will, therefore, form a connecting link in the direct highway route between Providence and Newport, which will afford a saving of 8½ miles or 23% of the distance by way of Stone Bridge and Fall River. Traffic using this route will avoid the acute traffic congestion which obtains in Fall River. Providence has a population of 268,000 and Newport, one of the principal summer resorts of New England, has a permanent population of about 30,000 which in the summer is increased to over 50,000.

Property.—The property will consist of a suspension bridge having a 27-foot concrete roadway, with necessary viaducts and approaches, capable of accommodating a maximum traffic of 3,000 vehicles per hour. The structure will consist of two suspension side spans, each 504 feet long, and a 1,200-foot main suspension span, providing a clear height, at mid-channel of 135 feet. The north approach viaduct will be 1096 feet in length and the south approach viaduct 1,706 feet, bringing the total length of bridge and viaduct construction to about 5,010 feet. The property will also include 30 foot concrete approach roads at the Portsmouth and Bristol ends. The roadway grade will not exceed 3½% at any point. The bridge has been designed and construction work will be supervised by Robinson and Steinman, Consulting Engineers. It is expected that construction work will be completed and the bridge opened for traffic about July 1 1929.

Earnings.—Based on gross revenues and net earnings as estimated by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc. for the first 5 years of operation, there should be available during this period average annual net earnings before depreciation and Federal income taxes, of 2.64 times the maximum annual interest charges on the first mortgage bond. In like manner there should be available during this period average annual net earnings after first mortgage bond int and before depreciation, first mortgage sinking fund and Federal taxes, of 3.42 times the maximum annual interest charges on the debenture issue.

Gross revenues	1929-30.	1930-31	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Net earns. aft. 1st mtge. bd. int. and be. deprec., 1st mtge. sink. fund & Fed. inc. taxes av.	\$495,000	\$533,500	\$566,500	\$594,000	\$616,000
for debenture int..	239,800	277,915	314,160	348,372	377,140
Deb. int. require.....	91,000	91,000	88,970	84,700*	80,500
Times earned.....	2.63	3.05	3.53	4.11	4.68
Prin. am. 7% deb. outstdg. at beg. of yr. aft. oper. of sink. fund for preceding year-----	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,271,000	1,210,000	1,150,000

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.—
Period End. Nov. 30—1927—Month—1926. 1927—11 Mos.—1926.
Sales—\$5,584,759 \$4,647,860 \$51,869,683 \$48,457,822
—V. 125, p. 2821.

National Theatre Supply Co.—Earnings.—
Results for the 3 Months Ended Sept. 30 1927.
Sales, after returns and allowances—\$2,018,247
Cost of goods sold—1,412,773
Gross profit on sales—\$605,474
Selling and administration expenses—444,703
Net selling profit—\$160,771
Other income—47,496
Total income—\$208,268
Income deductions—26,273
Other charges—48,391
Net profit before Federal income tax—\$133,604

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, Sept. 30 '27, Dec. 31 '26, Sept. 30 '27, Dec. 31 '26. Rows include Fixed assets, Cash, Notes receivable, etc.

Total—\$5,581,242 \$5,375,255 Total—\$5,581,242 \$5,375,255
x Represented by 20,000 shares of preferred stock and 500,000 shares of common stock, both of no par value.—V. 124, p. 3784.

National Union Mortgage Co.—Bonds Offered.—Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 5 1/2% gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due \$500,000 Dec. 1 1932 and \$500,000 Dec. 1 1937. Principal and int. payable semi-annually at Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee, or at Bankers Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, c*.

Business.—Company unites under one bond issue the direct obligations of approved mortgage companies, secured by the deposit of guaranteed first mortgages on improved fee simple suburban real estate.

Mortgages.—The mortgages securing the bonds of the approved mortgage companies, or the bonds themselves, must be insured against loss as to principal and interest by one of the four surety companies mentioned above.

The guaranteed first mortgages mature in from one to not over 12 1/2 years. All mortgages for terms exceeding 5 years must be amortized at a fixed rate.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—November Sales.—
1927—Nov.—1926. Increase. 1927—11 Mos.—1926. Increase.
\$566,806 \$426,718 \$140,088 \$5,188,361 \$3,357,650 \$1,830,711
—V. 125, p. 2679, 1926.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—November Sales.—
Period end. Nov. 30—1927—Month—1926. 1927—11 Mos.—1926.
Sales—\$1,363,801 \$955,159 \$11,835,453 \$7,818,123
—V. 125, p. 2679, 1926.

New England Investment Trust, Inc.—New Name.—
See New England Investors Shares, Inc., below.—V. 125, p. 399.

New England Investors Shares, Inc.—New Control.—
All stock in New England Investors Shares, Inc., formerly New England Investment Trust, Inc., owned by A. B. Benesch and associates, has been purchased by J. M. Robinson and E. H. Talbot, and the former has severed all connections with the trust.

New York Hollow Tile Corp.—Acquisition.—
The corporation has completed arrangements for the acquisition of the plants and properties of the Bradley Fireproofing Products Co. It was announced this week by Robert E. Outman, president of the Tile Corporation, who handled the negotiations.

Old Colony Investment Trust.—Debentures Offered.—
Old Colony Corp. are offering \$2,500,000 4 1/2% debentures, series B, at 96 and int., to yield over 4 3/4%.

Dated Dec. 15 1927; due Dec. 15 1952. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass., depository and registrar. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c* and r*.

Organization.—Old Colony Investment Trust was organized in Jan. 1927 primarily for the purpose of investing in a diversified list of securities, and issuing its own obligations to obtain funds for such investment.

The declaration of trust provides for 5 trustees, who receive no compensation from the Trust. Title to the securities bought is held by the trustees, who are liable only as trustees and not personally for the obligations of the trust.

Present Financing.—The present financing includes an offering of 200,000 common shares to holders of record of common shares on Nov. 21 1927 at a price of \$20 a share, payment to be called for Dec. 15.

\$20 a share to its proportion of these new shares. In part payment of its subscription to new common shares, Old Colony Corp. has agreed to surrender its holdings of the entire issue of 8% pref. stock of the Trust at the price originally paid, \$120 a share, plus accrued dividends.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing.
Authorized. Outstanding.
Debentures, series A, 4 1/2%, due Feb. 1 1947—\$5,000,000 \$5,000,000
Series B, 4 1/2%, due Dec. 15 1952 (this issue)—5,000,000 2,500,000
Common shares (no par value)—Unlimited 300,000 shs.

Okonite Company, New York.—Debentures Sold.—
Lee, Higginson & Co. and H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., have sold at 98 1/2 and int., yielding about 5.65% series A, 2,000,000 15 1/2-year 5 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures, series A.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1942. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., in New York, Boston, and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*.

Sinking Fund.—Annual cash sinking fund for purchase or call and retirement of series A debentures, sufficient to retire annually at least 3 1/4% of these \$2,000,000 debentures, payable in semi-annual instalments, first payment Apr. 15 1928, to be increased in necessary amount if additional series A debentures are issued, and to retire at least 50% of total series A debentures issued before maturity; or equal to 15% of preceding fiscal year's net profits (after interest, all taxes and preferred dividends); whichever is greater.

7% Cumulative Preferred Stock Sold.—J. A. Sisto & Co. have sold at 101 1/2 and div. to yield about 6.90% \$1,000,000 7% cumulative preferred (a. & d.) stock.

Redeemable in whole or in part for sinking fund on 30 days' notice on any dividend date at \$115 per share and divs. Dividends payable Q.—M. (cumul. from Dec. 1 1927). In case of liquidation, stock is entitled to \$115 per share and divs.

Sinking Fund.—An annual cash sinking fund of \$40,000 or 15% of the consolidated net income after deducting preferred dividends and prior charges, whichever of said amounts may be the greater, will be used for the purchase of preferred stock, if obtainable, at or below the call price, or if not so obtainable, then to call stock by lot at \$115 per share and accrued dividends.

Date from Letter of Pres. H. Durant Cheever, New York, Dec. 3.
Company.—Founded in 1878. Is one of the leading manufacturers of high quality insulated electrical wires and cables. It has plants at Passaic, N. J., and is now acquiring the plants and business of the insulated wire and cable division, organized 1898, of the Hazard Manufacturing Co., established in 1871, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Capitalization to be outstanding (upon completion of present financing.)
15-year 5 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures, series A, due Dec. 1 1942 (this issue)—\$2,000,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative—1,000,000

Purpose.—Proceeds of these \$2,000,000 debentures, together with the proceeds of \$1,000,000 7% pref. stock, are to be applied to the acquisition of the plants and business of the insulated wire and cable division of the Hazard Manufacturing Co. to retirement, at its redemption price of 105 1/2, of the entire outstanding issue of \$473,800 7% 10-year sinking fund gold notes; to retirement, at its redemption price of 105, of entire outstanding issue of \$447,700 8% cumulative preferred stock; and to retirement of \$300,000 notes. The financing will further add approximately \$590,000 cash to working capital.

Earnings.—Sales, and net earnings for the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1926, and for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1927, were:

Table with 3 columns: Sales, aNet Earnings, bNet Earnings. Rows for years 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, and 10 months 1927.

a After depreciation available for interest. b After depreciation, interest and taxes.

Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1927 (Giving Effect to Present Financing.)
Assets: Land, bldgs., mach., less depr. \$2,412,635; Investments, 650,000; Cash, 906,038; Accounts receivable, 677,140; Inventories, 920,110; Deferred charges, 152,218; Good-will & patents, 1.
Liabilities: 7% pref. stock—\$1,000,000; Common stock—600,000; Funded debt—2,000,000; Accounts payable—404,662; Reserve for taxes—47,000; Accrued interest—11,056; Capital reserve—555,544; Profit & loss surplus—1,099,580.

Officers are: H. Durant Cheever, Pres.; George M. Brooks, V.—Pres.; Charles E. Brown, V.—Pres.; Lewis G. Martin, V.—Pres.; W. K. Vanderpoel, V.—Pres. & Executive Engineer; D. R. Stevens, V.—Pres. in charge of plant operations; F. C. Jones, Treas. & Gen. Mgr.; Charles H. Baldwin, Sec.; and A. F. Metz, Compt.

Omar Oil & Gas Co.—Plan of Refinancing.—A circular letter dated Nov. 25, sent to the stockholders of the company affords the following:

Company has issued and outstanding \$7,500,000 capital stock (par \$10). Its entire assets, after proper deductions including its capital stock liability amount to a net value of about \$815,000, showing a deficit of \$6,685,076. Its mineral or oil and gas rights, owned or controlled by the company, for the purposes of this plan, have been appraised at \$900,000.

The committee (below) believes that it is imperative that the properties owned and controlled by the Omar company be made revenue producing, else a receivership and consequent loss to stockholders will result.

1. Furnish sufficient working capital whereby the properties owned by the company may be developed to make them "producing."
2. Refinance the property so that the proper relations between assets and liabilities will result.

A new company under the name of the Phoenix Oil Co., or such other name as may be chosen, is to be incorp. in Delaware, with an authorized issue of \$2,000,000 preferred stock (par \$1) and 4,000,000 shares of no par value common stock.

Under this plan the preferred capital stock of the Phoenix company has the following rights, preferences and limitations:

1. To receive cumulative dividends at the rate of 6% per annum, payable quarterly. The accrued unpaid dividends whether declared or not, shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable as, when and in the same manner as the dividends shall be paid.

2. To participate with the common stock, share and share alike in the earnings declared as dividends, after the preferred stock shall have received its cumulative dividends up to 6% for each year, together with all interest, and after the common stock shall have received 6% in dividends in any fiscal year.

3. To have set up such reservation fund, as may be determined upon, and fixed by the board of directors, made up from the proceeds of sale of oil and gas produced from oil and gas lands owned by the company, to which shall be added the proceeds derived from the sale of any property not required by any sinking fund provisions contained in any mortgage obligations of the company, to be replaced in extent and kind for the uses of the company, effective on and after Jan. 1, 1928, to be applied as the board of directors of the company may from time to time direct: (a) For the payment of indebtedness of the company; (b) For the acquisition of other germane property; (c) For the retirement of the outstanding preferred stock by purchase thereof, in the open market from time to time, or upon tender thereof at a price not exceeding \$1.10 per share, plus all unpaid divs. and int. thereon, at the rate of 5% per annum.

4. Company shall have the right, on 90 days' notice to redeem and retire at any dividend paying period, all of the shares of preferred stock then outstanding, by the payment to the holders thereof of the par value of such stock, together with all cumulative unpaid dividends thereon and all interest accrued on such dividends, at the rate of 5% per annum thereon, and a premium of 10% of the par value thereof, and the reservation fund hereinbefore provided for may be used for this purpose.

5. The net assets of the company in case of its liquidation by reason of insolvency, dissolution or otherwise, shall be distributed as follows: (a) To the payment of \$1.10 per share for such preferred stock and accrued unpaid divs. thereon, whether declared or not, together with all interest upon such unpaid dividends at the rate of 5% per annum; (b) The remainder value shall belong to and be distributed among the owners and holders of the common shares of stock of the company.

6. No indebtedness secured by mortgage of the greater part of the property of the company shall be created without the assent of the holders of at least 2-3 in amount of the then outstanding shares of preferred stock. A committee made up of stockholders of the company, working independently from the directors, has evolved this plan to accomplish the desired purposes.

It is proposed in connection with the carrying out of the plan that not to exceed 1,650,000 shares of the preferred stock, and not to exceed 3,000,000 shares of the no par value common stock of the Phoenix company will be issued.

The capital stock not issued under this plan will remain in the treasury for future capital uses. For the purposes of the plan, the Phoenix company shall grant to the committee an option under which the committee has the right to acquire and purchase preferred and common stock of the Phoenix company.

Exchange of Stock.

All of the owners of capital stock of the Omar company, to the amount of practically 750,000 shares of the par value of \$10 per share, are asked to exchange that stock for stock of the Phoenix company upon the following basis:

For each 5 shares of Omar stock so exchanged, they will receive: (a) 6 shares of 6% preferred stock of the Phoenix company, and (b) 5 shares of the common no par value stock of the Phoenix company.

By this exchange the owners of Omar Oil & Gas Co. stock are no better and no worse off than under existing conditions. The Omar stock which they possess represents the physical property which the company owns and controls.

The plan contemplates that by the acceptance of preferred stock certificates in the Phoenix company in proper proportion, representing ownership of the property, the present relative position of the Omar stockholders remains unimpaired, as no change in capitalization can impair or affect the actual property values.

Purchase of Stock.

In addition to this exchange, for the purpose of acquiring adequate working capital, holders of the Omar stock are required to subscribe for and purchase Phoenix company stock upon the following basis:

For each dollar of stock subscription of Phoenix company preferred stock, the subscriber shall receive, on payment of the amount of such subscription: (a) One share of Phoenix company 6% preferred stock and; (b) 3 shares of its common no par value stock.

By this plan the purchase by Omar company stockholders of Phoenix company preferred stock is made obligatory upon those who become "assenting stockholders."

Each Omar stockholder shall have allotted to him as many shares of Phoenix company preferred stock as he owns shares of Omar stock, and each assenting stockholder is required to purchase and pay for at least 60% of such allotment in order to entitle him to participate in this plan.

Purchased of Entire Allotment Urged.—Payment therefor may be made in cash, on call of the committee after the plan is declared effective; or 50% of such subscription on such call, and the balance in two equal instalments in 30 and 60 days thereafter. The right to purchase this stock is limited exclusively to present owners of Omar stock, until Dec. 20 1927; after which the committee may offer the same to the general public upon any terms it may deem proper.

The directors of the company having carefully considered the disadvantages of the situation and having also considered with care the proposed plan, have unanimously approved of the plan as being advantageous to the stockholders respectively of the capital stock of the Omar company.

In the judgment of the directors and the committee, prompt action by the stockholders is most desirable, and they are therefore required to file their written assent with the committee not later than Dec. 31 1927.

Readjustment Committee.—John S. Craig, J. deS. Freund, H. M. Goehring and Chas. M. Johnston. All communications should be addressed to M. C. Reuss, Sec. of the Committee, 109 Vandergrift Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 125, p. 1202.

120 East 39th Street Building (Manleid Corp.) N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., recently offered at 100 and int., \$775,000 1st mtge. fee 6% sinking fund gold bonds. Dated Nov. 28 1927; due Nov. Nov. 15 1939.

Security.—This bond issue is secured by a direct, closed, first mortgage on land owned in fee by the borrowing corporation, situated on the south side of 39th St. between Park and Lexington Ave., N. Y. City; together with the 15 story apartment hotel building now under construction thereon. The building, which is now under construction, will be of steel frame, brick and stone fireproof construction, and will be served by two elevators. It will contain 121 apartments in suites of one and two rooms. There will also be four doctors' suites on the ground floor, and a five room apartment in the penthouse. On the ground floor, in addition to the lobby, there will be a small lounge room, restaurant, and private dining room. Full hotel service will be provided for the tenants in this building.

Valuation.—Land and building, when completed, have been appraised as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Appraiser, Value land, Total value. Rows include Slawson & Hobbs (\$300,000 land, \$1,100,000 total) and S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. (300,000 land, 1,107,000 total).

Based on the lower of these appraisals, there is a margin of equity of \$325,000 above the amount of this first mortgage bond issue.

1001-11 University Avenue Apartments (Symel Realty Co., Inc.), N. Y. City.—Mortgage Loan Offered.—Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York, recently offered at 100 and int. \$215,000 guaranteed 6% 1st mtge. gold loan.

Dated Oct. 15 1927; due April 15 1929-37. American Trust Co., New York, trustee. Int. payable A. & O. at office of trustee or at Empire Bond & Mortgage Co., N. Y. City. Callable at 103 and int. upon 3 months' notice on any int. date on or after April 15 1930, and at 102 and int. on or after April 15 1933. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% will be paid at the source.

Guaranty.—Guaranteed as to principal and interest by Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York.

Security.—The security for this loan is a closed 1st mtge. on an irregular plot of land with a frontage of 165 feet on University Ave. and 168 feet on Sedgwick Ave., extending to an average depth of 50 1/2 feet, together with a 6-story and basement, elevator, brick apartment, recently completed thereon. The building contains 53 apartments, consisting of 161 rooms, exclusive of baths and janitors' quarters. The apartments are arranged in suites of 2, 3 and 4 rooms, each room being of good size and well laid out, while the equipment and furnishings are of the most modern type throughout. On the University Ave. front there are 2 stores, which have already been leased.

1021-31 University Avenue Apartments (Symel Realty Co., Inc.), N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$235,000 guaranteed 6% 1st mtge. gold loan.

Dated Oct. 15 1927; due April 15 1929-37. American Trust Co., New York, trustee. Int. payable A. & O. at office of trustee or at office of Empire Bond & Mortgage Co., N. Y. City. Callable at 103 and int. upon 3 months' notice on any int. date on or after April 15 1933, and at 102 and int. on or after April 15 1933. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% will be paid at the source.

Security.—A closed 1st mtge. on an irregular plot of land fronting 160 feet on University Ave. and 163 feet on Sedgwick Ave., with an average depth of 82 1/2 feet, together with a 6-story and basement apartment, recently completed thereon. The building contains 70 apartments, consisting of 230 rooms, exclusive of baths and janitors' quarters. The apartments are arranged in suites of 2, 3, 4 and 5 rooms, each room being of good size and well laid out, while the equipment and furnishings are of the most modern type throughout.

Guaranty.—In addition to the security of the mortgaged property, the payment of principal and interest of these bond certificates is unconditionally guaranteed by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York.

1041-51 University Avenue Apartments (Symel Realty Co., Inc.), N. Y. City.—Mortgage Loan Offered.—Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$290,000 guaranteed 6% 1st mtge. gold loan.

Dated Oct. 15 1927; due April 15 1929-37. American Trust Co., New York, trustee. Int. payable A. & O. at office of trustee or at office of Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp., New York City. Callable at 103 and int. upon 3 months' notice on any int. date on or after April 15 1930, and at 102 and int. on or after April 15 1933. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% will be paid at the source.

Security.—The security for this loan is a closed 1st mtge. on an irregular plot of land with a frontage of 155 feet on University Ave. and 158 feet on Sedgwick Ave., with an average depth of 114 feet, together with a 6-story and basement apartment recently completed thereon. The building contains 80 apartments consisting of 280 rooms, exclusive of baths and janitor's quarters. The apartments are arranged in suites of 3 and 4 rooms, each room being of good size and well laid out, while the equipment and furnishings are of the most modern type throughout. On the University Ave. front there are three stores which have already been leased.

Guaranty.—In addition to the security of the mortgaged property, the payment of principal and interest of these bond certificates is unconditionally guaranteed by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York.

Otis & Co., Boston.—New Director.—

H. S. Thompson, of Coffin & Burr, Inc., was recently elected a director succeeding James R. Hooper.—V. 124, p. 245.

Pacific Coast Cement Co.—Bonds Offered.—Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc. and Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., are offering at 98 1/2 and int. to yield about 6.15% \$2,000,000 1st mortgage 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Dec. 1 1942. Unconditionally guaranteed by the Pacific Coast Co. which exercises control through stock ownership.

The new company, which will be the only cement plant within 100 miles of Seattle, will be located on tidewater within easy reach of the metropolitan district and will have an initial production rate of 1,000,000 barrels of cement a year in addition to producing and selling limestone and hydrated lime.

Annual net earnings of the new company available for bond interest and reserves are estimated at \$536,000 on the basis of 75% of initial plant capacity, or 4-43 times maximum annual interest charges without taking into consideration savings which may be effected by virtue of the company's close alliance with the Pacific Coast Co., and excluding sales of limestone or hydrated lime. Further details in V. 125, p. 3073.

Paraffine Companies, Inc.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% bonds, series "B," due Feb. 1 1942, have been called for payment Feb. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 125, p. 2947.

Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—To Retire Pref. Stock. All of the outstanding 8% cumulative convertible preferred stock has been called for payment Feb. 1 next at 120 and divs. at the Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The corporation will also redeem on Feb. 1 1928, all of its outstanding preferred stock scrip certificates. On that date each holder of said scrip certificates should present his scrip certificate, or certificates, at the trust company, whereupon he will become entitled to receive payment at 120% of the par value thereof, with adjustment of accrued dividends to Feb. 1 1928.

Payment for the new common stock which is offered to common stock holders of record Dec. 5 should be made at the Empire Trust Co. on or before Dec. 27. See V. 125, p. 2823.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—Sales.—

1927—November—1926. Increase. 1927—11 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$1,105,911 \$556,131 \$149,780 \$11,242,514 \$9,624,854 \$1,617,660

Forty-six new stores have been added to the chain so far this year, bringing the total number of stores in operation at the end of November up to 369.—V. 125, p. 2824, 1986.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Sales.—

1927. 1926. Increase. Month of November—\$17,054,056 \$13,332,982 \$3,721,074

11 months ended Nov. 30—130,149,214 99,696,606 30,452,608

—V. 125, p. 2539, 2276.

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Div. Correction.—

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, (not 60 cents as previously reported) on the common stock, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 15. Three months ago, a similar distribution was made on this issue, compared with quarterly dividends of 80 cents per share paid previously.—V. 125, p. 1592, 2947.

Pennock Oil Corp.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the dividend usually paid about Dec. 24 on the outstanding capital stock. Quarterly distributions of 25 cents per share were made since Mar. 25 1927. Previously the rate was 50 cents per share quarterly.—V. 125, p. 2824.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

1927—November—1926. Increase. 1927—11 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$715,249 \$591,969 \$123,280 \$7,208,401 \$5,566,740 \$1,641,661

—V. 125, p. 2681, 2158.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp.—Time for Exchanging Certificates Extended—April 1 Fixed as Final Conversion Date.—B. & O. and Widener Holdings Placed with Trustee.—

Agnew T. Dice, President of the Reading Co. in a circular letter to the holders of certificates of interest in shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. says:

The extension granted May 3 1927, by the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, of the time for the exchange of the certificates of interest into definitive shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp., under the decree of June 6 1921, and the modified decree of June 28 1923, in the Reading segregation case, expires Jan. 1 1928.

The holders of certificates of interest in 499,319 shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. having failed to make satisfactory disposition of their certificates of interest, Reading Co. filed on Dec. 1 1927, in the District Court a supplemental report setting forth therein the desire of the holders of the outstanding certificates of interest for further relief.

The Baltimore & Ohio RR., and the Estate of P. A. B. Widener, holding together 353,325 certificates of interest in shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp., have signified their willingness to place their certificates of interest in the hands of a trustee who shall presently exchange them for definitive shares of stock of the Coal corporation; the trustee then to proceed to market these shares of stock in an orderly manner and within a reasonable time, and in accordance with such restrictions as may be imposed by the District Court.

Reading Co., desiring to secure protection for the numerous holders of the remaining 145,994 certificates of interest requested the District Court to grant an extension of the time in which to make disposition of their holdings.

Pursuant to the supplemental report of Reading Co., the District Court, on Dec. 2 1927, entered an order:

(1) Approving the proposed transfer by The Baltimore & Ohio RR. and the Estate of P. A. B. Widener of the certificates of interest so held by them, respectively, to the National City Bank, New York, as trustee, for the purpose of exchange into definitive shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. and the subsequent sale of such shares in accordance with the terms of a proposed trust agreement duly submitted to the Court.

(2) Directing the extension to April 1 1928, of the time within which disposition may be made by the holders thereof of the remaining 145,994 certificates of interest held by others than The Baltimore & Ohio RR. and the Estate of P. A. B. Widener.

If you have not already exchanged your certificates of interest for definitive shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp., your attention is called to the fact that this exchange must be made on or before April 1 1928. Failing to make the exchange or dispose of the certificates within the prescribed time, the shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. now held by the trustees, heretofore appointed by the Court, to be issued in exchange for your certificates of interest, will be sold by the trustees and the net proceeds thereof will be distributed to the registered owners of the certificates of interest, upon the surrender thereof.

Each applicant presenting a certificate of interest for exchange for definitive shares in the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. must furnish an affidavit (in the form attached) to the effect that the applicant does not own any shares of the capital stock of Reading Co.

The certificates of interest may be presented for exchange for the definitive shares of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp. at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., Broad and Wall Sts., N. Y. City, or Drexel & Co., 15th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, when accompanied by the affidavit above mentioned.—V. 125, p. 2276.

Piggly Wiggly Corp.—Sales.
Period End. Nov. 30—1927—Month—1926. 1927—11 Mos.—1926.
Sales \$16,269,272 \$14,260,273 \$150,936,349 \$129,911,423
—V. 125, p. 2948, 2681.

Pines Winterfront Co.—Earnings.
6 Mos. Ended Oct. 31— 1927. 1926.
Net profit after all taxes and charges \$320,123 \$222,690
Earnings per share on the combined cl. A & B shs. outst. \$3.20 \$2.23
—V. 125, p. 2948.

Providence-Washington Insurance Co.—Extra Div.
The company has declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 per share, both payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 21. On June 30, last, an extra dividend of \$1 a share was paid.—V. 124, p. 3365.

Railway Exchange Building Co., Montreal.—Bonds Offered.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, recently offered at 99 and int. \$450,000 6½% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1927; maturing Oct 1 1942. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Bank of Nova Scotia, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Saint John and Halifax. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date at following prices and int: 105 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1932; thereafter at 103 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1937; and thereafter at 101 and maturity. Trustee, Montreal Trust Co.

Capitalization.
6½% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds (this issue) \$800,000 \$450,000
7% cumulative participating pref. shares 275,000 173,000
Common shares (no par value) 2,750 shs. 2,750 shs.

Company.—Incorp. in Province of Quebec. Owns a site on the north side of Craig St. West, Montreal, on which it is erecting a modern fireproof store, warehouse and office building of 11 storeys and basement, to be known as the "Railway Exchange Building." The building is to be completed and ready for occupancy not later than May 1 1928. Leases for a substantial part of the building have already been negotiated. Plans provide that an additional unit may be added to the building at relatively low cost, on adjoining land on which an option is held, which will have the effect of approximately doubling its capacity.

Security.—Bonds, proceeds of which will be used to provide a portion of the cost of the new building, will be secured by deed or trust and mortgage constituting, in the opinion of counsel, a first mortgage and charge on the land, building and equipment, and by a floating charge on all other assets now owned or hereafter acquired by the company. Valuation of the land on which the new building is being erected has been certified as \$150,000. Valuation of the building and equipment, upon completion has been appraised at \$553,000 or a total of \$703,000.

Sinking Fund.—A semi-annual sinking fund of 1¼%, plus interest on bonds redeemed, commencing Oct. 1 1930, will be utilized for the redemption of bonds by purchase or call at not exceeding prevailing redemption prices.

Republic Rubber Co.—New President.
J. H. Connors has been elected President to succeed John J. Watson, who will continue, however, as Chairman of the board of directors.—V. 119, p. 1518.

(W. R.) Roach & Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Knight, Dysart & Gamble, and Oliver J. Anderson & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and div. \$500,000 7% cumul. pref. stock.

Dividends payable Q.-F. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$107.50 per share and divs. Exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

Capitalization.
1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds due in 1937 \$1,000,000 \$800,000
7% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100) 2,000,000 500,000
Common stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.

Old National Bank of Grand Rapids, Mich., transfer agent and registrar

Data from Letter of W. R. Roach, Chairman of the Board of Directors
Company.—Incorp. in Michigan in 1902. From a small beginning with a nominal capital of \$30,000, the company has grown to its present size almost entirely from its own earnings. The principal products of this company are canned foodstuffs, including peas, corn, lima beans, wax and string beans, squash, spinach, beets, tomatoes, strawberries, cherries, apples, plums, pears, peaches, &c., which are sold under the company's trademark, "Hart Brand." Company maintains its headquarters in Grand Rapids, Mich., and operates plants at Hart, Scottville, Kent City, Edmore, Crosswell, Owosso and Yale, Mich. In addition to the canneries operated, the company owns about 965 acres of good farm land, 200 acres of which are in orchards. There are two farms used for the purpose of special seed production, one at Northport, Mich., and the other at St. Anthony, Idaho, the output of which is contracted for by the company annually.

Equity.—The balance sheet of the company as at Dec. 31 1926, after applying proceeds of the present financing, shows total net assets, after deducting bonded debt and all liabilities, of \$1,965,122, which is equivalent to \$393 per share of preferred stock. Net quick assets alone amount to \$1,614,067. Deducting bonded debt leaves net quick assets equivalent to \$163 per share.

Earnings.—The average annual net profits available for dividends on preferred stock for the 5-year period 1922-1926 was \$169,046, which is equivalent to \$33.80 per share of preferred stock. For the year 1926, the profits available for this purpose were equivalent to \$41.90 per share, or almost 6 times dividend requirements.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund for the retirement, redemption, or repurchase of preferred stock is provided, into which the company agrees to pay on the first day of August of each year, beginning August 1 1928, a sum of money equivalent to 3% of the greatest amount of such preferred stock at any time theretofore issued and outstanding. Company has the right to purchase and tender shares of preferred stock to this sinking fund at par in lieu of cash.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for additional working capital to meet the steady expansion of the company's business.—V. 124, p. 3644.

Robbins & Myers Co.—Receivership.
Appointment of Wilbur J. Myers receiver for the company, manufacturer of electric motors and fans, was granted in Common Pleas Court at Springfield, O., Nov. 25.

F. S. Hunting, chairman of the company stated that the receivership had become necessary because of the inability of the bank creditors and bondholders to agree upon a basis under which the business could be continued.

The bondholders are now forming a protective committee, and will endeavor to work out a reorganization plan which will make possible the continuance of the business. The receiver was appointed on a petition filed by the American Electrical Works, a creditor.

Outstanding capital of the company is \$2,783,000 first mortgage 7% sinking fund bonds, \$1,500,000 8% convertible preferred stock and \$2,066,100 7% cumulative preferred stock and 40,000 shares no par value common stock. On Oct. 31 the company had \$2,352,719 of current assets of which \$601,332 was cash and United States treasury certificates. Its current obligations totaled \$847,013 including \$635,534 of bank loans, \$61,327 accounts payable for current purchases and \$100,151 accrued interest taxes, pay roll, &c. This shows a credit ratio of 2.77 to 1.—V. 125, p. 3074

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales.
Period end. Nov. 30— 1927—Month—1926. 1927—11 Mos.—1926.
Sales \$6,785,822 \$5,097,466 \$68,878,209 \$50,344,194
—V. 125, p. 2948, 2682.

St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas.—Bonds Offered.—George H. Burr & Co., St. Louis, Mo. are offering at par and int., \$300,000 1st mtge. 5% real estate gold bonds

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due serially Nov. 1 1929-37. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. in the inverse order of maturity.

St. Benedict's College of Atchison, Kansas, is a Kansas corporation owned and operated by the Order of St. Benedict, an order of the Roman Catholic faith, otherwise known as the Benedictine Fathers. It had its inception in a small school founded at Doniphan, Kan. in 1857. Later its location was moved to Atchison, where the first building, a 2½-story brick structure, was erected and the College formally opened on Oct. 12 1859. The College is fully accredited by the Kansas State Board of Education, University of Kansas, the Catholic Educational Association, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The number of students has constantly increased and the college has found it advisable and necessary from time to time, to enlarge its facilities. The College proper now occupies about 115 acres adjoining the City of Atchison and overlooking the Missouri River. In 1919 an additional unit of 20 acres including improvements, located at the south edge of Atchison was purchased and converted into a Junior High School, known as St. Benedict's Maur Hill.

Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of St. Benedict's College, and are secured by a first mortgage upon all of the College's property, located in Atchison County, Kansas. The properties consist of (1) approximately 15 acres of land adjoining the City of Atchison on the north, upon which are located the following principal buildings of the college; administration building, gymnasium, monastery, old abbey, library, dormitory, recitation hall, Sister's home, and a bakery and power plant. On this tract a new Abbey is under construction, estimated to cost when completed, \$1,250,000, the first 2 units of which are to be completed at this time at a cost exceeding \$600,000; (2) approximately 20 acres of land on the south edge of Atchison, with an administration building, gymnasium, library and refectory; (3) 317 acres of agricultural land, located 2 miles south of the City of Atchison. The property securing these bonds, exclusive of the new Abbey under construction, has been conservatively valued in excess of \$1,250,000.

Purpose.—Of the \$450,000 total authorized issue, \$300,000 of these bonds are being issued at this time, the proceeds of which will be used in the completion of the first two units of the new Abbey, now under construction. The remaining \$150,000 bonds may be issued at the option of the college.

St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.—Notes Offered.—Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis, recently offered \$450,000 1st mtge. real estate serial 5% gold notes at 100 and int.

Dated June 1 1927; due serially, June 1 1932-42. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Federal Commerce Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo. Denom. \$100, \$500, and \$1,000 c*. Callable, in whole or in part, on any int. date at option of St. Louis University upon 60 days' notice, at 102 and int. No portion of Federal income tax paid.

Security.—Notes are the direct obligations of St. Louis University, a corporation of the State of Missouri, having received its charter in 1832. The University has experienced a steady growth with an enrollment now of between 3,500 and 4,000 students. The University owns a great deal of very valuable real estate in St. Louis, on which the proportion of indebtedness is very small.

St. Louis University is one of the many fine universities, colleges, and high schools owned and controlled by the Jesuit Fathers in what is known as the Missouri Province. This Province embraces practically all of the States of the Middle West.

Purpose.—The growth of the Medical School of St. Louis University has been such during the past several years that it became necessary to greatly enlarge their facilities and to build a large new building to take care of that branch of the work of the University. Therefore, a new building was planned and has just been completed at the Southeast corner of Grand Blvd. and Caroline St. in St. Louis, this building having every modern facility needed by a medical school. There are numerous laboratories, research rooms, lecture halls, and a large cafeteria in the building, and the University is now in a position to take care of the greatly increased enrollment of medical students.—V. 123, p. 2274.

Sabin Robbins Paper Co.—Stock Dividend—To Issue \$500,000 Preferred Stock and Retire Bonds.

The company in November declared a 200% stock dividend on the outstanding 50,000 shares of common stock, no par value. It is reported that the Fifth-Third Union Co. and W. E. Hutton & Co. of Cincinnati proposes to issue about the latter part of this month \$500,000 7% pref. stock, the proceeds to retire the \$225,000 1st mtge. 6% bonds now outstanding.

Officers are Sabin Robbins, Jr., President; John Seagraves, D. W. Whitaker and C. A. Dickerson, Vice-Presidents; Douglas Robbins, Secretary, and Henry Junginger, Jr., Treasurer.—V. 123, p. 1643.

San Francisco Bay Toll Bridge Co.—Debentures Offered.
—Offering is being made by Paine, Webber & Co. of \$2,000,000 15-year participating sinking fund 7% debentures at 99½ and int., to yield over 7%.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1942. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Principal and int. payable at principal office of Bowers & East River National Bank, New York, or at Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part by lot, on any int. date, on 30 days' notice, to and incl. Nov. 1 1933 at 120, thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1938 at 115, and thereafter prior to maturity at 110. Also redeemable in part by lot for the sinking fund at the above times and prices upon like notice. Indenture is to contain provisions regarding refund of Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mill.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, and two columns for dates (Oct. 1 '27. Dec. 31 '26. and Oct. 1 '27. Dec. 31 '26.). Rows include Cash in banks and on hand, Accounts & notes rec., Inventories, Cash in hands of trustees, etc.

Note.—Accrued dividends on preferred stocks, \$2,047,500. a After deducting \$4,918,607 depreciation. b Representing preferred class A par \$5,000,000; preferred class B par \$4,000,000; common par \$5,000,000.—V. 125, p. 2402.

Stanford's, Ltd., Montreal.—Initial Common Dividend.—

An initial dividend of \$1 per share per annum has been declared on the no par value common stock, the first quarterly payment of 25 cents per share to be made on Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. See also V. 124, p. 3511.

State Theatre Co., Boston.—Annual Report.—

Table with 3 columns: Years Ended Aug. 31—, 1927., 1926., 1925. Rows include Net profit, Depreciation, Amortization of bond discount and expense, Preferred dividends.

Table with 3 columns: Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Balance, surplus. Rows include Earns. per sh. on 86,358 shs. no par com. stk. out., Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, 1927., 1926., 1925. Rows include Fixed assets, Cash, Accts receivable, Notes receivable, etc.

Total (each side) \$2,765,857 \$2,799,351 x After deducting \$217,822 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 86,358 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2791.

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding gen. mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series B, due July 1 1944, have been called for payment Jan. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill. (See also Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in V. 125, p. 2951).—V. 123, p. 2532.

Steinway & Sons.—New Trustee.—

Paul H. Schmidt was recently elected a member of the board of trustees, succeeding Nahum Stetson.—V. 125, p. 663.

Suburban Development Co. and Clemons-Knight-Menard Co., Detroit, Mich.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$750,000 1st mtge. serial and sinking fund 6% gold bonds was recently offered at prices to yield from 4% to 6.20%.

The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1927; due serially 1928-1937. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% at Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100. Callable on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. for period ending Sept. 1 1932, thereafter at 101 and int. Auth. \$950,000.

Texon Oil & Land Co.—To Receive Dividend.—

The Big Lake Oil Co. has declared a dividend of 10%, payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 22. A dividend of the same amount was paid on Aug. 3, and on Oct. 29 last. Of the dividend just declared the Plymouth Oil Co. will receive \$300,000 and the Texon company \$100,000.—V. 125, p. 2277.

Table with 5 columns: (John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Sales.— 1927—November—1926. Decrease., 1927—11 Mos.—1926. Decrease., 1927—November—1926. \$1,184,320 \$1,192,523 \$8,203 \$13,085,821 \$13,119,840 \$34,019.—V. 125, p. 2684, 2277.

Timken Detroit Axle Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20. Like amounts were paid in the preceding 4 quarters.—V. 125, p. 1473.

Torrington Co.—Extra Dividend of 5%.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5% on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 15. An extra distribution of 5% was paid on the common stock in Jan. and July 1926 and also in Jan. and July of this year.—V. 125, p. 1831.

Trumbull Steel Co., Warren, Ohio.—Merger with Republic Iron & Steel Co.—In connection with the proposed merger with the Republic Iron & Steel Co., Pres. John T. Harrington, in a circular to the stockholders Dec. 5, says:

The directors of this company and the directors of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. have voted unanimously in favor of the combination of the two companies upon the basis of giving 1 2-3 shares of the common stock of the Republic company for each 1 share of the preferred stock of this company and 1-5 share of the common stock of the Republic company for each 1 share of the common stock of this company.

and it is believed that the other stockholders will readily see the advantages of the proposed combination and will take promptly all action which is necessary for its consummation.

At the present time the finishing capacity of this company exceeds its open hearth steel capacity, while the open hearth steel capacity of the Republic company exceeds its finishing capacity. Each of these companies is able to supplement the other by furnishing something which the other needs.

When the combination is consummated, the Republic company will be the fifth largest steel company in this country and far stronger than either the Republic or this company is at present.

The Republic company has been and is now paying substantial dividends upon its common stock. During the last five years the net earnings of the Republic company available for dividends upon its common stock have averaged a little more than \$7 per share per annum.

William G. Mather, Cleveland, Ohio, and Philip Wick and John T. Harrington, Youngstown, Ohio, will act as a committee to represent the stockholders of this company in connection with the combination under a deposit agreement dated Dec. 1 1927, and you are requested to deposit your stock as promptly as possible with either the First National Bank, Youngstown, Ohio, the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, or the Bankers Trust Co., New York, who will act as depositaries for the committee.

Union Guarantee & Mortgage Co.—Capital Increase.—

This company, which was organized in March, 1926, by interests identified with the Union Mortgage Co., to lend money on first mortgages and sell these mortgages on its guarantee, announces an increase of its capital stock from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000 through the sale of an additional issue of 6,000 shares of \$100 par value capital stock to stockholders.

According to President Frank H. Mann, the company has been paying out less than half its net earnings in the form of dividends. The Company inaugurated dividends at the rate of 6% on Jan. 2 1927, after operating about 10 months.

United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

The results for the period from May 22 1926 (subsidiary companies from respective dates of acquisition or incorporation) to Aug. 31 1927 show net income after interest, taxes, provision for depreciation and amortization of deferred charges of \$261,786.

Table with 2 columns: Assets—, Liabilities—. Rows include Land and buildings, Stocks of affil. cos., Deposits pursuant to leases, etc.

Total— \$7,490,629 Total— \$7,490,628 x Represented by 500,000 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 2684.

United Elastic Corp.—Organized.—

This company, formerly Glendale Elastic Fabrics Co., has filed with the Mass. Commissioner of Corporations notice of issuance of 111,495 shares of no par capital stock.

United Electric Coal Cos.—Rights.—

The holders of common stock trust certificates of record Nov. 30 were recently given the right to subscribe on or before Dec. 9 for 20,000 additional shares of no par value common stock at \$28 per share in the ratio of one new share for each 6 shares owned.

United Engineering & Foundry Co.—Holding Co. for Patents to Be Organized.—

See American Rolling Mill Co. above.—V. 125, p. 2402.

United Shoe Machinery Corp.—Listing.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 388,193 additional shares (par \$25) common stock. This stock was issued as a 20% stock dividend Nov. 30 to holders of record Sept. 20.—V. 125, p. 3076.

Utah-Apex Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended Aug. 31—, 1927., 1926., 1925. Rows include Lead produced (lbs.), Zinc produced (lbs.), Copper produced (lbs.), Silver produced (ozs.), etc.

Vanadium Corp. of America.—Enters New Field.—

This corporation after 3 years of intensive work in its research laboratories, has announced through President A. A. Corey, Jr., its entry into the field of chemical technology, at the same time placing on the market something over 100 chemical products.

Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., England.—The Vickers-Armstrongs Merger.—

In connection with the recently announced plan of combining certain important works and business of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd.,

with those of Vickers, Ltd., definite details have now come to hand. The purposes of this fusion are declared to be elimination of wasteful expenses in competition between themselves; improvement of methods of economic production so as to meet foreign competition; amelioration of unemployment; and the preservation and maintenance of shipyards and works of national importance.

This combine will mark the merging of interests of two internationally known concerns engaged in naval shipbuilding and the manufacture of heavy steel armaments. With its announced share capital of £21,000,000 the new company it is stated will occupy a pre-eminent position in its field, and with its board of directors consisting of men of outstanding ability, its future augurs well.

A summary of the principal clauses of provisional agreement for the amalgamation follows:

New Company.—On or before Dec. 31 1927, a new company is to be formed called Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd.

Capitalization.—The initial share capital of the new company will not exceed £21,000,000, divided into:—7% cumulative "A" preference shares of £1 each, £9,000,000; 6% cumulative "B" preference shares of £1 each, £3,500,000; ordinary shares of £1 each, £7,500,000., and the balance in ordinary shares or possibly partly in ordinary shares and partly in "A" preference shares.

The shares will rank for dividend and capital in the order of priority indicated, and in certain events part of the "A" preference shares may be issued to carry a lower rate or dividend than 7%. Vickers will, if called upon by the new company during the year 1928, subscribe at par up to £1,000,000 "A" preference shares.

One vote for each shareholder on a show of hands and one vote for each preference and ordinary share on a poll.

Directors.—The directors of the new company will not be less than 9 nor more than 15 in number. The first chairman will be General the Hon. Sir Herbert A. Lawrence, G.C.B. So long as Vickers or their mortgagees hold one-half of the issued ordinary shares they will have the right to appoint 6 directors, and so long as Armstrongs or their mortgagees hold one-fourth of the issued ordinary shares they will have the right to appoint 4 directors. All other directors will be appointed by the directors by resolution in which three-fourths of them concur or by an extraordinary resolution of the new company.

There are to be two auditors to the new company, one of whom will be nominated by Vickers and the other nominated by Armstrongs so long as they are respectively entitled to appoint directors as above.

Powers of the New Company.—(a) To create any mortgage or charge whatever on any of its assets (except in favor of a customer in respect of work in course of execution for which payment has been made and to the extent of such payment only) or (b) otherwise to exercise any borrowing powers (other than to provide working capital in the ordinary course of business or in respect of loans made by Vickers or Armstrongs or made or guaranteed by the British Government) shall only be exercised with the consent of the holders of the "A" and "B" preference shares and of the ordinary shares given by extraordinary resolutions passed at separate meetings of each of such classes and the restriction on such powers shall be incorporated in the articles of association of the new company.

Properties to be Sold.—Vickers are to sell to the new company certain "fixed assets," which comprise freehold and leasehold land, buildings, plant, and the works and shipyards at Sheffield, Barrow, Eskmeals, Erith, Dartford, Swanley, Eynsford and the experimental tank at St. Albans, including the businesses carried on thereat, and the goodwill thereof and certain other assets and patents and patent rights, trade marks, trade names and brands. Vickers are also to sell certain "floating assets," such as stock-in-trade, stores and work-in-progress.

Armstrongs are to sell to the new company certain "fixed assets," which comprise freehold and leasehold land, buildings, plant, and the works and shipyards at Elswick, Ridsdale, and Openshaw, and the Naval and Walker shipyards, including the businesses carried on thereat and the goodwill thereof, and certain other assets and patents and patent rights, trade marks, trade names and brands. Armstrongs are also to sell certain "floating assets," such as stock-in-trade, stores and work-in-progress.

Vickers and Armstrongs are also to sell their interests in certain subsidiary companies, and the new company is to have the option for two years of acquiring the interests of Vickers and Armstrongs in certain other companies and in a loan. In the case of Vickers, the Metropolitan Carriage Wagon & Finance Co., Ltd., the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., and their subsidiary companies, and in the case of Armstrongs, Pearson & Knowles Coal & Iron Co., Ltd., the Partington Steel & Iron Co., Ltd., and their subsidiary companies, and the S. A. Armstrong di pozzuoli (Italian company) (except as to the last named in certain events and to a limited extent), are excluded from the sale and prohibitions or restrictions in the agreement.

The sales are to take effect as from Dec. 31 1927. What Old Companies Will Receive.—Vickers are to receive for their "fixed assets" £8,500,000 as to £2,000,000 in "A" preference shares, £1,500,000 in "B" preference shares, and £5,000,000 in ordinary shares.

Armstrongs are to receive for their "fixed assets" £4,500,000 as to £2,000,000 in "B" preference shares and £2,500,000 in ordinary shares. For their "floating assets" Vickers and Armstrongs respectively are to receive the values thereof arrived at in the manner mentioned in the agreement and the amounts found due are to be satisfied by the issue of "A" preference shares. Prior to the sale to the new company, Vickers are to purchase from Armstrongs £600,000 of Armstrongs "floating assets" for cash and will re-sell the same assets to the new company for "A" preference shares.

In addition to the purchase considerations before mentioned, Vickers and Armstrongs are to receive ordinary shares in the new company for their interests in certain other companies mentioned in the third schedule to the agreement, and the interests of the companies mentioned in the fourth schedule may be acquired by the new company for "A" preference shares and (or) ordinary shares as may be agreed or settled by independent valuation.

All the shares in the new company to be issued to Vickers and Armstrongs as purchase consideration are to be issued as fully paid up.

In order to obtain relief from the payment of capital and transfer duties under the Finance Act, 1927, there is a restriction for 2 years against parting with the beneficial ownership of any of the shares to be received as purchase consideration. In addition there is a further restriction against parting with "B" preference share or ordinary shares, and such shares are, in the first instance, to be offered to the other party to the agreement, who will have the option of purchasing them under certain conditions. These restrictions are not to apply in the case of a transfer of the beneficial ownership of the shares by reason of reconstruction, amalgamation or liquidation.

Certain of the patent rights, licenses, trade marks, trade names and brands will be taken over by the new company, while as regards others the new company will have the right of joint user.

There are provisions as to the taking over by the new company of certain current contracts and engagements, and the retention by Vickers and Armstrongs of the liability and obligations in respect of or for carrying out other thing which has arisen or may arise in respect of the period prior to Jan. 1 1928.

Vickers and Armstrongs and their subsidiary companies are to be prohibited with certain exceptions from manufacturing or selling armaments or engaging in armament work or carrying on the business of building restricted passenger ships or from manufacturing or selling certain products which are listed in the agreement or are the subject of patents or licenses which are sold to the new company.

All debts and liabilities up to Dec. 31 1927, are to be borne by Vickers and Armstrongs respectively, and after such date are to be assumed by the new company with certain exceptions. All book debts and sums due to Vickers and Armstrongs respectively up to Dec. 31 1927, are to be collected and retained by them for their own accounts.

The Walker Yard is to be leased to Armstrongs for 21 years, with the option for 5 years from Dec. 31 1927, to purchase.

The agreement is conditional upon the consent being obtained from Vickers debenture stockholders, and the company in general meeting, and from Armstrongs debenture stockholders, noteholders and the company in general meeting, and also upon an agreement being made with the Sun Insurance Office, Ltd., for a contribution up to £200,000 per

annum towards profits of the new company for five years, and relief being obtained by the new company from payment of capital and transfer duties under section 55 of the Finance Act, 1927.

Victor Sparkler & Specialty Co.—Bonds Offered.—The Century Trust Co. of Baltimore recently offered at 99½ and int. \$350,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6½% sink. fund gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1937. Principal and int. M. & N. payable at Century Trust Co. of Baltimore, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice during 1928 at 102½%, and thereafter decreasing ¼ of 1% each year. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund any State, County, or City income, securities or personal property taxes not exceeding in the aggregate 5 mills per annum on each dollar of the principal amount of bonds held, if requested within 6 months after taxes are due.

Company.—Incorp. in 1919 in Delaware with a paid-in capital of \$7,000 and has grown steadily largely out of earnings. Company, which is the second largest in the industry, manufactures and sells to jobbers in the United States and foreign countries, a complete line of fireworks. Its best selling product, moreover, is protected by a basic patent. Company's net sales for the five years ending Sept. 30 1927, averaged \$960,000, and for the 12 months ending on that date net sales were \$1,185,000.

Company owns two plants located in and near Elkton, Md., as well as another smaller plant at Mt. Holly, N. J. Two additional plants, one in Chestertown, Md., and the other in Vineland, N. J., are leased.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes for the 5 years ending Sept. 30 1927, averaged \$152,346, or approximately 6.7 times the interest on these bonds, and for the 14 months ending on that date were \$211,009, which is over 7.9 times the interest requirements on this issue.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for an annual sinking fund commencing Nov. 1 1928, of one-third the annual net earnings of the company but in no case less than \$25,000, and to this amount shall be added amounts equal to the interest on bonds retired through the operation of the sinking fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to fund current indebtedness and to supply additional working capital.

(V.) Vivaudou, Inc.—To Pay Common Div. in Stock.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2½% in common stock on the present outstanding common stock (no par value), payable March 31 to holders of record March 5. From July 15 1926 to Oct 15 1927, incl., the company paid quarterly cash dividends of 75 cents per share.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 13.

The directors stated that although surplus and current earnings warrant continuation of present cash dividends, it was felt that cash should be conserved to finance contemplated expansion of business.

As of Nov. 30 1927 cash on hand totaled \$514,585. Total current assets were \$3,026,003 and total current liabilities \$139,184, or a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of about 22 to 1.

The directors stated that during the coming year dividends on the common should be paid in stock at the annual rate of 10%.—V. 125, p. 2828.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Period, Year End, 5 Mos. End. Rows include Operating profit, Interest and miscellaneous charges, Net income, Extraordinary income, Total income, Minority interest in subsidiary profits.

Table with 3 columns: Period, Aug. 27 '27, Aug. 28 '26. Rows include Net profit, Profit and loss deficit, Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Consolidated Balance Sheet table with 3 columns: Aug. 27 '27, Aug. 28 '26. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., &c., Cash, Notes receivable, etc.), Liabilities (Class A stock, Common stock, etc.), and Total.

Total 17,147,637 12,019,234 Total 17,147,637 12,019,234 x Represented by 350,220 shares of no par value. y Maturing within one year, \$307,617; maturing serially after one year, \$804,500. z Arising from appraisal of property. A Good-will (of which \$1,023,796 arises from the acquisition during the year ending Aug. 27 1927 of 30% of the capital stock of the Vitaphone Corp. No good-will was attached to the 70% previously acquired.

Contingent Liabilities.—(1) Notes discounted, endorsed and guaranteed, \$7,500; (2) guarantee of contested income tax, maximum liability, \$100,000; total, \$107,500.

Note.—The 3-year notes may be secured under certain conditions. The stock of a subsidiary realty company has been pledged as a guarantee for the completion of construction of theatre. The Vitaphone Corp. stock has been placed in escrow to secure purchase money obligations.—V. 125, p. 2161.

West Virginia Coal & Coke Co.—Receivership—Bondholders Protective Committee.—

A friendly receivership action designed to effect reorganization of the company was begun in U. S. District Court at Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 2. Judge McClintic named Pres. John C. Cosgrove of Johnstown, Pa., Gohen C. Arnold, and Lee Ott, as receivers.

The company having made default in the payment of the sinking fund payment due under its 1st mtge. 6% bonds dated Jan. 1 1925, and receivers for the company having been appointed by the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, the committee (below), at the request of the holders of bonds secured by such mortgage, have consented to act as a bondholders' committee.

Deposit of bonds with Jan. 1 1928 and subsequent coupons attached may be made with First National Bank, New York, depository, for which it will issue its transferrable receipts.

The committee says: "The conditions prevailing for some time in the bituminous coal mining industry, and the inability of the company for some time past to earn the bond interest and the sinking fund payments, make it imperative that there should be prompt and concerted action by the bondholders for the protection of their interests."

Committee.—Everett B. Swezey, Chairman (Vice-Pres., First Nat. Bank, New York); Joseph P. Ripley (V.-Pres., National City Co.), New York; John E. Oldham (Pres., Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp.), Boston; John J. Rowe (V.-Pres., First Nat. Bank), Cincinnati, with Leverett F. Hooper, Sec'y, 2 Wall St., New York, and White & Case, counsel.—V. 125, p. 2951.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp.—Protective Committee.—

The committee (below) in a notice to the holders of the (a) Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. prior lien coll. & ref. mtge. 7% conv. sinking fund gold bonds, series A, and the holders of the (b) Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds, says:

Receivers have been appointed for the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co., successor to the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. The interest payable Nov. 1 1927 on the prior lien bonds has been defaulted and we understand that the interest payable Jan. 1 1928 on the 1st mtge. bonds will also be defaulted. A reorganization of the company is essential and it is important in the interest of bondholders that this be undertaken promptly and that the receivership be terminated as soon as possible.

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, Dec. 9 1927.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Rio 7s lower at 14c. and Santos 4s at 21¼ to 21½c. Mild was in fair demand. Fair to good Cucuta, 22 to 23c.; Colombian, Ocaña, 21 to 22c. Bucaramanga, Natural, 24 to 25c.; washed, 27 to 27½c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 28½ to 29c.; Medellin, 29½ to 30c.; Manizales, 28¾ to 29¼c.; Mexican washed, 27¾ to 29c.; East India, Ankola, 36 to 39c.; Mandheling, 36½ to 39c.; genuine Java, 34 to 36c.; Robusta, washed, 16¾ to 17c.; Natural, 27½ to 28½c.; Mocha, 25¾ to 26½c.; Guatemala, prime, 28½ to 29c.; good, 27 to 27½c.; Bourbon, 25 to 26c.; Hayti, washed, 24¼ to 25c.; Trie-a-la-main, 21½ to 22c. Spot on the 6th inst. was quiet with Santos 4s, 21¼ to 21½c. and Rio 7s, 14c. Earlier in the week spot was in moderate demand and firm; Santos 4s, 21¼ to 21½c.; Rio 7s 21¼c. Milds were in rather better demand.

On the 5th inst. cost and freight offers from Rio and Santos were unchanged to higher. The supply of Santos tenders was large but there were few from Rio. The prompt shipment offers included Bourbon 2-3s at 22.10 to 22½c.; 3s at 21¼ to 21¾c.; 3-4s at 20.95c.; 3-5s at 20.40 to 20½c.; 4-5s at 20 to 20.45c.; 5s at 19.45 to 20c.; 5-6s at 19¼ to 20c.; 6s at 19¼c.; 6-7s at 18¾ to 19.15c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 18.60c.; 7-8s at 18c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 20¾c.; 3-5s at 20.10 to 20½c.; 6s at 18¾c.; Santos peaberry 3s at 21c.; 3-4s at 20¾c.; 3-5s at 20¼ to 20.55c.; 4-5s at 20c.; 5s at 19.90c.; 5-6s at 19.45c.; 6s at 19¾c.; Rio 7s at 13.65c.; 7-8s at 13.35c.; 8s at 13c. Future shipment December-January Santos 4s at 20.65c.; 4-6s at 19.65c.; January-March Bourbon 4s at 20.10 to 20.40c.; part Bourbon 4s at 19.95c. On the 7th inst. cost and freight offers were a little lower. Prompt shipment offers included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 22 to 22½c.; 3s at 21 to 22c.; 3-4s at 20.30 to 21c.; 3-5s at 20½ to 20¾c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 18¼c.; 7-8s at 17.95c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3s at 22c.; 3-4s at 20½ to 21.10c.; 3-5s at 20 to 20¾c.; Santos peaberry 2-3s at 22½c.; 3-4s at 20.45 to 20.65c.; 4s at 20.20 to 20.45c.; 4-5s at 19.95c.; 5-6s at 19.30 to 19.40c.; Rio 7s at 13.40c.; 7-8s at 13.10c.; Victoria 7s at 12.90c.; 7-8s at 12.60 to 12¾c. Future shipment Santos Bourbon 4s for December-January at 20.55c.; January-February, 19.70c.; January-March, 20c.

Spot coffee was in better demand later. Milds were scarce and firm; Rio 7s 14c.; Santos 4s, 21¼ to 21½c. or more. On the 8th inst. cost and freight offerings owing to the holiday in Brazil were smaller at some decline. Prompt shipment Bourbon 2-3s 22c. to 22½c.; few at 21.65 to 22.10c.; 3-4s at 20.65 to 20¾c.; 3-5s at 20 to 20½c.; Bourbon separations 6s at 18½c.; 6-7s at 18¼c.; 7-8s at 17.95c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 21 to 21.30c.; 3-5s at 19½ to 20½c.; 5s at 19¼c.; 6s at 18¾c.; Santos peaberry 3-4s at 20.65c.; 4s at 20 to 20.45c.; Rio 7s at 13.30c.; Victoria 7s sold at 12.85c.; 7-8s at 12.60c. to 12¾c.; future shipment Santos 4s for Dec.-Jan. 20.55c.; 4-6s at 19.55c.; Bourbon 4s for Jan.-March at 20.30c.; Victoria 7-8s for Jan.-Feb. at 12.55c. Futures on the 6th inst. were irregular within small limits. At one time on that day 1 to 2 points lower they advanced later 5 to 11 points only to lose much of the rise before the close. The trading was in only 11,000 bags. Santos closed 150 to 325 reis net higher which was not entirely ignored but a decline in Rio of 50 to 200 points had more effect, so that the closing here was 2 points lower to 3 higher.

Some point out that although prices of Santos coffee have advanced about 6c. during the past five months it is well known that our big chain stores had not raised their selling prices, possibly because they did not believe in the permanence of higher Santos prices. Until now, their low retail prices had prevented them from accumulating stocks and caused them to use up those which they owned. Now it seems roasters have uniformly advanced their prices from 3 to 5c. and even 6c. a pound, although import prices have lately declined from 2 to 3c. This may later on permit roasters to raise their limits in Brazil. There were rumors here at the end of last week that the Defense Committee was buying coffee in Rio, in addition to picking up distress lots of Santos. This caused, however, only a passing flurry here. Buyers with the holiday season just ahead seem curiously indifferent. If buyers in general wait until after inventory taking before buying, Brazil may squeeze them again. Stocks in this country are not large. Some feel that another upward movement is likely when renewed buying takes place. The December tenders seem to be promptly stopped.

Some say that while the market has a holiday air the under-tone seems sounder. Liquidation appears to have

pretty well spent its force. The absence of December notices has had a strengthening effect. If the rest of the coffee that may be tendered is held off until the last day shorts may feel uncomfortable. The necessary replenishment of supplies after the middle of January must be considered. There were 16 Victoria notices issued this morning. Futures on the 8th inst. ended 15 to 20 points higher with sales of 47,250 bags. Europe bought. Boston bought March. To-day futures advanced 5 to 7 points net although the cables were indifferent from Rio and Santos. Havre and Hamburg, however advanced. December covering by traders here capped the climax. Final prices show a rise for the week of 26 to 35 points.

Spot unofficial.....	14¼	March.....	13.34@	July.....	13.22@
Dec.....	13.42@nom.	May.....	13.27@	Sept.....	13.00@13.05

SUGAR.—Cuban raws were dull at 2¾c. to 2 13-16c. c. & f., at one time. Later prices declined. Prompt Cuban raws were quiet at 2¾c. c. & f. and 4.52c. delivered with sales of 3,000 tons to Philadelphia at 2¾c. and other business rumored at the same price. Some want a drastic cut in the production by the Cuban authorities. Others advise moderation. Futures were irregular early in the week and at the close on the 6th inst. were 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of nearly 70,000 tons, one-third exchanges. London was lower. Cuban interests were supposed to have bought January and March. Shorts covered. A lack of precise information as to what Cuba purposes to do in regard to crop restriction militated against a rise of prices. Refined was 5.50 to 5.80c. Futures fell 1 to 4 points at one time on tired long liquidation and Cuban selling of January. The depression was due largely to disappointment at the delay in announcing the date for the start of grinding the 1928 Cuban crop and limiting its size.

On the 7th inst. London opened unchanged to 2¼d. higher. Private cables from London said that a cargo of Cubas sold to the Clyde at 12s. 9d. with sellers of Perus at 12s. 9d. Terminal firm. Sellers scarce. Other private cables reported London firm with a better trade. A sale was reported of 1,000 tons of Perus to the United Kingdom afloat at 12s. 9d. and one for December-January shipment at 12s. 10½d. New York opened 2 to 4 points higher on the cables. Reports received from Berlin stated that Cuba has pledged herself to restrict her production at once to 4,000,000 tons, while the other parties agree to reduce their production in 1928-29. A permanent working committee it seems is to carry out the stipulations and devise ways and means for their extension. The unsatisfactory condition of the sugar industry throughout the world it is contended will drive producers to a positive undertaking for the protection of their common interests. Advices from Cuba said there was talk of including sugars that may be carried over at the end of this year into the next crop which is to be limited to 4,000,000 tons with the carry-over included in this total.

Some argue that the outlook for the distant future seems bullish rather than bearish, although the likelihood for an important advance during the next few months appears to be rather remote in view of the present supply situation. Colonel Tarafa's conferences in Europe have not in general, it is argued, led to any tangible results. It is believed, however, that Java sugars will not compete in Europe during the coming season, in consideration of Cuba keeping hands off the Far Eastern markets. Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland will not increase their beet acreage if Cuba maintains its restriction policy during 1928. Hungary and San Domingo may join in some future agreement aiming at curtailment of production and regulating exports. All this has recently caused some outside speculative buying in the terminal markets. But Cuban producers have liquidated freely of nearby deliveries and have also been sellers of March and later options. Refined was 5.50 to 5.80c. with a better business.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 20,653 tons against 34,429 in the previous week, 34,700 in the same week last year and 32,793 two years ago; exports 72,747 tons, against 67,652 in previous week, 60,276 last year and 69,669 two years ago; stock 344,693, against 396,787 in previous week, 195,031 last year and 255,243 two years ago; of the exports U. S. Atlantic ports received 55,114 tons; New Orleans 3,550 tons; Savannah, 2,857 tons; Europe, 10,051 tons, and Japan 1,175 tons. One way of putting it was as follows: "Willett & Gray have recently made their first tabulation of the indicated crops of the world for 1927-28 year; this figure, 24,724,000 tons, is an increase of 1,133,000 tons over last year, but an increase of only 140,000 tons over the year before. As the world's consumption is supposed to increase at an annual average rate of 3 to 3½% it will be seen that the sugar probably available should not be burdensome if the confidence of the consumers of the world could be regained." Some say they would like to be bullish on

sugar but they are afraid to advise buying. Cuban political control they say, reminds them in a sense of a Damocles blade suspended overhead.

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 39,658 tons against 30,513 in the previous week, 36,833 last year and 38,640 two years ago; meltings 38,000 against 48,000 last week, 58,000 last year and 52,000 two years ago; importers' stocks 117,390 against 118,380 in previous week, 134,618 last year and 14,227 two years ago; refiners' stocks 84,142 against 81,494 in previous week, 95,445 last year and 31,101 two years ago; total stocks 201,532 tons against 199,874 in the previous week, 230,063 last year and 45,328 two years ago. Later a full cargo of Cuba afloat sold at 2 13-16c. On the 8th inst. futures closed 1 point lower to 3 higher with sales of 48,000 tons. The cables were strong. This helped together with rumors that the first 200,000 tons of the next Cuban crop are to be sent to Europe and also that the carryover is to be included in the total Cuban supply for 1928, the actual crop to be restricted sufficiently to keep this supply within the 4,000,000 tons total. There was another rumor that 200,000 tons of new Cuban crop are to be held off the market until all the old crop has been sold.

To-day prices closed 1 point lower to 2 higher on futures. London was firm. Europe in general was stronger. Belgium it is said has promised co-operation with Cuba. The Dutch seem friendly. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 point on December with March unchanged. Spot raws at 2 13-16c. being firmer of late and show an advance for the week of 1-16c. London to-day reported sales of 96 degrees test sugars at 13s c. i. f. United Kingdom. In refined here the withdrawal demand was smaller. London terminal at 3.15 p. m. was steady at net advances of 3/4 to 1 1/2d.

Spot unofficial	2 13-16	March	2.86@2.87	Sept	3.09@
Dec	2.82@	May	2.94@		
Jan	2.84@	July	3.01@		

LARD on the spot was barely steady early in the week. Liverpool was 9d. to 1s. lower on the 6th inst. Prime Western 12.40 to 12.50c. in tiers c.a.f.; Refined Continent 13c. delivered New York; South America 14c., Brazil 15c. Hog receipts at all points on the 5th inst. were unusually large, i.e. 156,100 compared with 121,300 a week previously, and 155,500 last year. Deliveries on contracts were 50,000 lbs. Some scattered liquidation followed. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. lower. Today spot trade was light with prime western 12.30c. Futures on the 6th inst. were dull and 5 points lower. Hogs were 10 points lower. Home and foreign business was dull. Hog receipts were very large amounting to 147,100, against 147,200 a week previously, and 127,700 last year. Chicago got 50,000. Deliveries on contracts were 150,000 lbs. of lard. It is stated that about 15,000,000 lbs. of lard in storage at Chicago cannot be delivered on contract after the end of this month. Speculative holdings of such lard it is argued may be liquidated later. Loose lard is selling it is stated, at about 3c. over hogs an unusual premium for this time of year. It may stimulate manufacture and hedging sales. Today futures closed 2 to 7 points lower. Hedging sales largely account for that fact. Packers sold freely. Shorts bought; also houses. Hogs were higher closing 15 to 25 points to; top \$9. Final prices show a decline for the week of 42 up 45 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery	11.82	11.70	11.67	11.62	11.57	11.50-52
January delivery	12.42	12.17	12.15	12.07	12.07	12.05
March delivery	12.57	12.35	12.32	12.27	12.25	12.22
May delivery	12.72	12.50	12.50	12.45	12.42	12.40-42

PORK steady but quiet; Mess \$34.50; family \$40 to \$43; fat back pork \$32 to \$35. Ribs in Chicago steady, cash 11c., basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average; beef firmer; Mess \$23 to \$24; packet, \$25 to \$27; family \$31 to \$33; extra India mess \$40; No. 1 canned corned beef \$3; No. 2, \$5.25; 6 lbs. South America \$18.50; pickled tongues \$55 to \$60. Cut meats advanced; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 17 3/4 to 18 1/2c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 18 1/2c.; bellies clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs. 13 3/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs. 14 3/4c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring 39 1/2 to 52 1/2c.; Cheese, 23 to 29c.; Eggs medium to extras 28 to 60c.

OILS.—Linseed was quiet with carlots cooerage basis 9.8c. generally quoted. This price might have been shaped in at least one direction. Boiled oil was quiet. In tanks, 9.2c.; 5 bbls. or more, 10.6c.; less than 5 bbls., 11c.; March-April carlots, 9.7 to 10c. Later a little better demand was noticeable but it was persistently reported that 9.4c. had been done for carlots, although generally 9.6c. was quoted. The undertone was weak. Jobbing demand lags. In tanks, 9.2c.; 5 bbls. or more, 10.6c.; less than 5 bbls., 11c.; March-April carlots, 9.7 to 10c. Coconut, Manila, coast tanks, 8 3/8c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 8 5/8c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, low acid, 9c. Olive, Den. \$1.60 to \$1.70. Chinawood, N. Y., drums, spot, 15c.; Pacific Coast tanks spot, 13c. Soya bean, coast tanks, 9 3/4c. Lard, prime, 16 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 13 3/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Turpentine, 52 to 57c. Rosin, \$8.45 to \$12.10. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 34,700 bbls. P. Crude S. E., 8 1/2c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.20@	Feb	10.15@10.28	May	10.59@
Dec	9.75@10.00	March	10.33@	June	10.65@10.75
Jan	10.08@	April	10.40@10.50	July	10.79@10.80

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was in fair demand. Consumption this fall has been larger than expected and prices have been steady. New York harbor refiners quoted 8 to 8 1/2c. for U. S. Motor in tank cars at refineries and 9

to 9 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Jobbing demand was better. Kerosene was in good demand and steady. There was a good jobbing business. Stocks are small. Prime white 41-43 gravity 6 3/4c. at refineries and 7 3/4c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade; 43-45 water white 7 to 7 1/2c. at refineries. Cased kerosene was a little more active. Bulk kerosene was in good demand for export at the Gulf at steady prices. Gas oil was in fair demand. Fuel oil was unsettled. Generally \$1.35 was quoted but at least one refiner was said to be willing to accept below that price. New York export prices: Gasoline cases cargo lots, U. S. Motor spec. deod. 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 3/4c.; Bunker oil, \$1.35 dock, f. o. b.; Diesel oil, Bayonne bbl. \$2.10; New Orleans gasoline, U. S. Motor bulk 7c.; 64-66 grav. 375 e. p. 8 1/2c.; kerosene, prime white 6c.; water white 7c.; Bunker Oil, grade C for bunkering 1.30; "Service Station Owners and Jobbers' Price Guide": U. S. Motor bulk, refineries 8 to 8 1/2c.; tank cars, delivered to nearby trade 9 1/4 to 9 1/2c.; Calif. U. S. Motor at term. 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c.; U. S. Motor delivered to N. Y. City garages in steel bbls. 17c.; Up-State and New England 17c. Naptha, V. M. & P. steel bbls., 18c.; kerosene, water white 43-45 gravity bulk refinery 7 to 7 1/2c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 8 to 8 1/4c.; water white 41-43 gravity bulk refinery 6 3/4 41-43 D deliv. to nearby trade in tank cars 7 3/4c.; tank wagon to store 15c.; fuel oils: Furnace bulk refinery 38-42 grav. 6c.; tank wagon 10c.

Pennsylvania	\$2.75	Buckeye	\$2.25	Eureka	\$2.55
Corning	1.45	Bradford	2.75	Illinois	1.60
Cabell	1.50	Lima	1.71	Wyoming, 37 deg.	1.30
Wortham, 40 deg.	1.36	Indiana	1.48	Plymouth	1.33
Rock Creek	1.25	Princeton	1.60	Wooster	1.57
Smackover 24 deg.	1.00	Canadian	2.11	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.20
		Corsicana heavy	1.00	Panhandle, 44 deg.	1.12
Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas		Elk Basin			\$1.33
40-40.9		Big Muddy			1.25
32-32.9	\$1.36	Lance Creek			1.33
52 and above	1.20	Grass Creek			1.33
Louisiana and Arkansas	1.60	Bellevue			1.25
32-32.9	1.20	West Texas all deg.			0.60
35-35.9	1.26	Somerset light			2.35
Spindletop, 35 deg. and up	1.37				

RUBBER has latterly been declining, here and in London. It fell on the 8th inst. 30 to 50 points with sales of 1,460 long tons here. Outside trade was dull at weaker prices. At the Exchange here on the 8th inst. December closed at 40.50c., February at 40.80 to 40.90c.; March at 41.20 to 41.30c.; May at 41.40c.; July at 41.70 to 41.80c.; September at 41.80c.; Outside prices here were as follows: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and December 40 3/8 to 40 1/2c.; January 40 3/8 to 40 3/4c.; January-March 41 3/8 to 41 1/2c.; April-May-June 42 1/8 to 42 1/4c.; Spot first latex crepe 40 5/8 to 40 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 38 1/2 to 38 1/2c.; specky brown crepe 38 1/4 to 38 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe 34 1/8 to 34 1/4c.; No. 2 amber 38 3/8 to 38 1/2c.; No. 3 amber 38 3/8 to 38 1/2c.; No. 4 amber 38 3/8 to 38 3/4c.; Paras, Upriver fine spot 33 1/2 to 34c. London on the 8th was 1/8 to 3/8d. lower. Spot and December 19 3/8 to 19 3/4d.; January 19 3/4 to 19 7/8d.; January-March 20d.; April-June 20 1/2d. Singapore on the 8th was 1/8 to 1/4d. lower; December 19 3/4d.; January-March 20 1/8d.; April-June 20 3/4d. London's stock was 65,869 long tons, against 67,318 in the previous week, a decrease of 1,449 tons. On the 6th inst. prices closed 10 to 50 points higher, after being irregular most of the day. The demand was good. The London market influenced fluctuations here for on the 6th inst. it closed 1/8 to 3/8d. higher.

On the 7th inst. prices declined 30 to 60 points. Sales were 840 lots or 1,510 long tons. The outside market was easier. Plantation ribbed smoked sheets dropped 1/4c. on the spot to 40 3/8c. Lower London prices had their influence in futures here. Support was absent. On the New York Exchange December closed at 40.50c.; January at 40.80 to 40.90c.; February at 41.30 to 41.50c.; March at 41.70c.; May at 41.80 to 41.90c.; July at 42 to 42.10c.; September at 42.10 to 42.20c.; outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets spot and December 40 7/8 to 41c.; January 41 1/4 to 41 3/8c.; January-March 41 7/8 to 42c.; April-May-June 42 7/8 to 43c.; First latex crepe 41 to 41 1/8c.; clean thin brown crepe 38 3/8 to 38 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe 34 3/8 to 34 1/2c.; No. 2 amber 38 3/8 to 38 3/4c.; Centrals, Esmeraldas 25 1/2 to 26 1/2c.; Para-Upriver fine spot 32 1/2 to 34 1/2c.; in London on the 7th inst. spot and December 19 7/8d.; January 20 1/8d.; January-March 20 1/2d.; April-June 20 3/4d. Singapore December 19 7/8d.; January-March 20 3/8d.; April-June 20 7/8d. Reports of shipments from Malaya during the past two weeks showed an increase in shipments of approximately 3,000 tons. Chinese bankers it is therefore inferred can increase shipments when the market price is satisfactory and conversely can withhold it if it suits their purpose. Another bullish indicator, some believe, is an impending decrease in London stocks this week. To-day prices advanced 60 to 70 points. London stocks are not likely it is said to show as much decrease as was expected. The estimate at one time was 1,000 tons; it may be 500. Higher cables, however, were expected from London and the East. To-night it is said good bids were sent from New York to Singapore. London closed quiet at an advance of 1/8d.; spot and December 19 5/8d. There was plainly a good demand for consumption. That is the dominant fact of the whole situation. Final prices show a rise for the week of 70 to 100 points.

HIDES.—River Plate was firm. Sales of 41,000 Argentine steers were reported last week at 26 3/4 to 27c. Some sales of

Uruguayan steers were made at 27 15-16c. to 28 3-16c.; 2,000 light Wilson frigorifico steers sold at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 1,000 Wilson frigorifico cows at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Country hides met with a good inquiry, but not large sales were reported. Common dry were in better demand. Antioquias, 33c.; Orinocos, 31c. Maracaibo, 30c.; Central American, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; La Guayras, 30c.; Ecuador, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29c.; Packer hides; spready native steers, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; native steers, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; butt brands, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Colorados, 23c.; bulls, native, 18c.; New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 2.25c.; 7-9s, 2.60c.; 9-12s, 3.55c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were in general rather quiet. Later rates were lower.

CHARTERS included grain, 34,000 qrs. 10% from St. John to Mediterranean at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 17c. and 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; coal, prompt Hampton Roads to Rio, \$3.15; tankers, December, Venezuela to north of Hatteras, 10c.; grain, New York to Rotterdam, 13c.; Lisbon-Lexos, 17 and 18c.; Dec. 5-20; 23,000 qrs. 10%, St. John or Halifax to four ports Denmark and (or) Sweden, 20c., minus $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for each port dispensing with discharge; direct Copenhagen option at 17c.; Dec. 27-Jan. 10; 33,000 qrs. St. John to Mediterranean, three ports ex-Spain, basis 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; wheat, Portland to United Kingdom or Continent, Jan., 35s.; Time charters: West Indies, round trip prompt, \$1.20; trip across delivery Mexico, \$1.65 prompt; West Indies, round trip prompt, \$1.10; period West Indies, delivery there, 95c.

COAL.—It will require continued cool weather, it is believed, to prevent a decline. That is the position of the market. New York, however, is doing a large enough business to arouse curiosity. Nobody seems to know who is buying except those who are doing the business. Smokeless producers of navy standard are firm on tidewater prices. The demand was mostly for low volatiles at \$4 and \$5 in Hampton Roads and New York markets. Gas and steam coals in the East have a routine demand. Hampton Roads loaded 45,988 tons on Dec. 6.

TOBACCO was reported to be firm, with stocks on hand rather small, and the demand showing a tendency to increase in some directions. In general, however, it was small. Yet November figures of cigars consumption are expected to show some increase over those for October. Wisconsin binders 25 to 30c.; Northern 40 to 45c.; southern 35 to 40c.; New York State, seconds, 35 to 40c.; Ohio, Gebhardt binder, 22 to 24c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30c.; Havana first Remedios, 90 to 95c.; Second Remedios, 70 to 75c.

COPPER has been tending upward. There was a good inquiry, especially from domestic consumers. The quotation was generally 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. delivered Connecticut Valley, but some could be had, it was said, at 14c. For export the price was unchanged at 04.35c. c.i.f. Europe and a good business was reported. Of late export sales have been about evenly divided among European countries. In London on the 6th inst. spot standard was unchanged at £60 7s 6d; futures off 2s 6d to £60 10s; sales 100 tons spot and 1,400 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £65 15s for spot and £66 5s for futures. Later the market was quiet with 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. quoted for delivery to Connecticut Valley. Yet it was reported that 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. could still be done. The official export price was 14.50c. c.i.f. Europe. Export sales were rather active. The American Brass Co. early in the week advanced bare copper wire $\frac{1}{8}$ c. per pound, but other products were not changed. In London on the 8th inst. spot standard fell 3s 9d to £60 10s for spot and £60 12s 6d for futures; sales 200 tons spot and 1,200 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s for spot and £67 for futures.

TIN was rather quiet on the 6th inst. for the first time in several weeks. Consumers apparently had covered immediate requirements. Spot Straits sold at 59c.; February, 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Spot standard in London on the 6th inst. dropped 15s. to £269 15s.; futures up 2s. 6d. to £265 10s.; sales 50 tons spot and 450 futures; spot Straits declined 5s. to £274 15s.; Eastern c.i.f. London up £1 2s. 6d. to £270 5s. on sales of 225 tons. Of late demand has been moderate and prices lower. Spot to April, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Spot standard in London on the 8th inst. dropped 10s. to £270; futures off 12s. 6d. to £264 15s.; sales 80 tons spot and 520 futures; spot Straits declined £4 10s. to £271; Eastern c.i.f. London advanced 2s. 6d. to £269 17s. 6d. on sales of 125 tons.

LEAD while in good demand was not as active as last week. Producers were said to have sold out their December and January production, and were therefore not dissatisfied with the lull. Battery makers have purchased on a fair scale during the past few months. They took November, December and January positions. East St. Louis 6.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6.40c. At New York 6.50c. was quoted by the American Smelting Co. London declined rather sharply on the 6th inst. i. e. 8s 9d. to £22 8s 9d. for spot and £22 15s for futures; sales 250 tons spot and 1,450 futures. Lead ore in the tri-State district advanced \$5. Of late American producers have been disturbed not a little by the continuous declines in London but prices remain firm here. The American Co. quoted 6.50c. New York; East St. Louis 6.35c. Producers are well sold ahead on December and January production. In London on the 8th inst. prices declined 2s 6d. to £22 for spot and £22 6s 3d. for futures; sales 550 tons spot and 1,750 futures.

ZINC showed little change. Business was still quiet with prime western slab zinc at 5.85 to 5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. East St. Louis. Consumers of zinc ore are said to be poorly supplied on their winter requirements. Spot in London on the 6th inst. fell 5s. to £26 15s.; futures off 3s. 9d. to £26 10s.; sales 150 tons spot and 1,000 futures. Later the market declined further to 5.80c. though some producers were holding for 5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Very little business was reported. In London on the 8th

inst. spot declined 3s. 9d. to £26 7s. 6d.; futures off 2s 6d. to £26 2s. 6d.; sales 900 tons of futures.

STEEL was in moderate demand in the case of sheets at 1.80c., Pittsburgh. Some are predicting an improvement in business early in 1928. Over 250,000 tons of rails were sold here last week. Some 50,000 tons of shapes and plates are wanted in Chicago. The steel industry here on the whole is working at 61%, a decrease within a week of 5%. Birmingham's deliveries exceed the output, it is said. December delivery prices were recently advanced from \$2 to \$3 per ton for shipment over the next three months. Mills could sell freely for forward delivery at that decline but they do not care to. Black sheets are off to 2.75c. for prime and lower for seconds. For the first quarter the price is called 2.90c.; galvanized sheets for forward delivery 3.75c.; recently 3.60c.; blue annealed sheets are down to \$2 per ton to 2c. per pound from the 2.10c. quotation for the first quarter of 1928.

PIG IRON is said to have sold freely within a week at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago even if New York, Boston and Philadelphia were dull. Last week's sales, it is now said, were 100,000 tons, including 60,000 at Cleveland and 25,000 at St. Louis. There is more inquiry for bessemer and forge iron. Bessemer iron was reduced in the Pittsburgh district to \$17.50 to \$17.75 valley-furnace. Recently it was \$18. Much of the iron bought in the Middle West was basic pig iron. Nominal quotations were as follows: Foundry No. 2 plain Eastern Pennsylvania \$18.50 to \$19.; Buffalo, \$16.50 to \$17; Virginia, \$20 to \$21; Birmingham, \$16; Chicago, \$18 to \$18.50; Valley, \$17.50 to \$18; Cleveland delivered, \$17.50 to \$18; basic Valley, \$17 to \$17.50; Eastern Pennsylvania, \$19.50 to \$20. There is said to be an increasing demand for the first quarter. At Birmingham No. 2 foundry is selling at \$16. Youngstown reports dissatisfaction among the mills.

WOOL has been steady but there is no apparent improvement in business. A report from Boston by the Government said: "An occasional sale is being reported on territory fine wool consisting of French combing and strictly combing staple from which the clothing wool has been removed. Wool of this type is bringing the same price as last week, about \$1.07 to \$1.09 clean basis. Fine Ohio and Michigan delaine wool is very quiet but dealers are very firm in their quotations. A number of large houses report business very quiet. Members of the trade are endeavoring to keep closely in touch with the progress of the contrasting movement in the West." Boston quotations:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Unwashed delaines, 47 to 48c.; half-blood combing, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; $\frac{3}{4}$ -blood combing, 47 to 48c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood combing, 48c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England: $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood, 43 to 44c.; $\frac{3}{4}$ -blood, 45 to 46c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood, 46c. Scoured basis, territory, Montana, fine and fine medium staple, \$1.12 to \$1.15; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood combing, \$1.02 to \$1.05; $\frac{3}{4}$ -blood combing, \$1 to \$1.06; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood combing, \$5 to \$7c.; good French combing, \$1.03 to \$1.08. Oregon, fine and fine medium staple, \$1.10 to \$1.12; fine and fine medium clothing, 90 to 95c. Valley No. 1, 95c. to \$1. Texas: 12 months, \$1.10 to \$1.12; fine 8 months, 98c. to \$1. California: Northern spring, \$1.02 to \$1.05; Middle County, 92 to 95c.; Southern, 82 to 85c. Pulled: AAA's, \$1.15 to \$1.16; AA's, \$1.08 to \$1.12; fine As, \$1 to \$1.05; Eastern A supers, 95 to 98c.; Western A supers, 90 to 92c.; Mohair: Texas, adult, fall, 58 to 60c.; Texas kid, 72 to 75c. Foreign: Cape Summer kid, 95 to 97c. in bond; Turkey, fair average, 43 to 45c. in bond.

Receipts of domestic wool at Boston during November were 8,993,000 lbs., against 6,291,000 in November last year; from Jan. 1 to the end of November the total was 209,000,000 lbs., as against 154,000,000 in the same period last year. In London on Dec. 2 there was a sharp demand from home and Continental consumers. Offerings, 11,000 bales. Greasy slipe and crossbreds were frequently 5% above the opening prices. A good selection of Puntas greasy crossbred and this was taken mostly by foreign buyers at 10% above the October price.

New Zealand greasy halfbred 58s brought 28d.; 56-58s, 23d.; greasy crossbred 58s, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 58-56s, 25d.; 56s, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 50s, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 50-48s, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48s, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Details: Sydney, 2,064 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 30d.; scoured, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 979 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 25d. Adelaide, 608 bales; greasy merinos, 21 to 25d.; scoured merinos, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 44d. Victoria, 209 bales; scoured merinos, 30 to 41d.; scoured crossbred, 31 to 39d. Westralia, 1,442 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 29d. New Zealand, 2,583 bales; greasy crossbred, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28d. Puntas, 2,945 bales; greasy merinos, 15 to 24d. New Zealand slipe, 18 to 30d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Dec. 5 offerings 9,828 bales, including 6,300 bales of Australian merinos, mostly of the kind wanted by the Continent. Most of this was taken by foreign buyers. Some of the best greasy and scoured merinos were bought by Yorkshire, which also took most of the New Zealand crossbreds.

New Zealand greasy halfbreds, 56-58s ranged from 23 to 25d.; greasy crossbred 56-58s brought 23 to 24d.; 50-56s, 21 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48-46s, 16 to 19d. Details: Sydney, 3,849 bales; greasy merinos, 21 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured merinos, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 1,295 bales; greasy merinos, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28d.; scoured merinos, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 51d. Victoria, 1,155 bales; greasy merinos, 27 to 31d.; scoured merinos, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 45d.; scoured crossbreds, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 3,314 bales; greasy merinos, 22 to 26d. greasy crossbreds, 16 to 25d. Cape, 132 bales; scoured crossbreds, 26 to 42d. New Zealand slipe, 15 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

In London on the 6th inst. 10,250 bales were offered, chiefly merinos of medium qualities, the best of which was readily distributed to home and Continental buyers at the recent basis for inferior qualities. Frequent withdrawals at limits above the market parity. New Zealand crossbreds met with a brisk sale, Yorkshire taking the bulk, at firm prices.

Best greasy crossbred 56-58s brought 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 56-50s, 21d.; 50s, 19d.; 50-48s, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48s, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48-46s, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victorian best greasy halfbred 58s, 26d.; greasy crossbred 58s, 27d. Details: Sydney, 2,637 bales; greasy merinos, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured merinos, 34 to 36d. Queensland, 789 bales; scoured merinos, 40 to 45d. Victoria, 673 bales; greasy merinos, 21 to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbred, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 27d. Adelaide, 522 bales; greasy merinos, 21 to 28d.; scoured merinos, 27 to 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbred, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Westralia, 492 bales; greasy merinos, 13 to 24d. New Zealand,

4,913 bales; greasy crossbred, 14 to 22½d.; scoured crossbred, 27 to 36½d. Cape, 233 bales; greasy merino, 14½ to 16½d.; scoured merino, 27½ to 40d. Victorian comeback greasy, 23 to 31d. New Zealand slipe, 14¼ to 27½d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on the 7th inst. offerings 10,183 bales, consisting of a large assortment of speculators' lots, merinos and crossbreds. The former was frequently withdrawn at firm limits; the latter all sold. England and the Continent bought. Prices firm.

New Zealand greasy halfbred best 58s brought 26d.; 56-58s brought 25d.; 56s, 23½d.; greasy crossbreds, 58s, 25d.; 56-58s, 23½d.; 56s, 22½d.; 50s, 19½d.; 50-48s, 18d.; 48-50s, 17½d.; 46s, 15d. Details: Sydney, 2,537 bales, greasy merinos, 17½ to 30d.; scoured merino, 26½ to 43d.; greasy crossbred, 13½ to 22d. Queensland, 1,851 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 27½d.; scoured merinos, 32½ to 44½d.; greasy crossbreds, 19 to 27½d. Victoria, 624 bales; greasy merinos, 22½ to 25½d.; scoured merinos, 36 to 41d.; scoured crossbreds, 22½ to 38½d. Adelaide, 1,006 bales; greasy merinos, 21 to 25d.; scoured merinos, 37 to 44½d. Westralia, 68 bales; greasy merinos, 20 to 23d. New Zealand, 4,017 bales; greasy crossbreds, 14½ to 26d. Cape, 74 bales; scoured merinos, 30½ to 43½d. New Zealand slipe, 14½ to 29d.

In London on Dec. 8 the Colonial wool auction was postponed because of fog, but seemed very likely to be resumed on Friday morning. At Sydney on Dec. 1 the auctions closed with demand good. Prices as compared with the sales on Oct. 19 show an advance of from 5 to 10% on greasy comeback and crossbreds; merinos were unchanged except on faulty lines, which were 5% lower. At Wellington, N. Z., on Dec. 5, of 25,000 bales offered 22,500 sold at firm prices; demand sharp. Prices as follows:

Super merinos, 25 to 27d.; average merinos, 21½ to 24d.; crossbred 56-58s, 19½ to 25d.; 50-56s, 19 to 22d.; 48-50s, 15½ to 20½d.; 46-48s, 15 to 18½d.; 44-46s, 14 to 17d.; 40-44s, 12 to 15d.; 36-40s, 11 to 14½d. Owing to the shipping strike the Perth wool sale was postponed until Thursday, Dec. 8.

At Brisbane on Dec. 6, the sale opened with a good average selection and an excellent demand. Russia and Japan bought freely. A good clearance at very firm prices. At Perth, on Dec. 8, about 20,000 bales offered and mostly sold. Compared with prices prevailing on Nov. 8, merinos were unchanged, top-making sorts firm, and cross-breds and comebacks 5% higher. Lambs were active and America bought.

COTTON.

Friday Night, December 9 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 233,588 bales, against 284,933 bales last week and 257,764 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August, 1927, 5,524,258 bales, against 7,493,196 bales for the same period of 1926, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 1,968,938 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wea.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	10,138	11,808	23,411	8,436	7,287	3,878	64,958
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	2,316	2,316
Houston	---	---	---	---	---	8,306	75,473
New Orleans	3,889	5,669	21,210	8,716	4,947	11,428	55,859
Mobile	316	419	666	951	834	2,134	5,320
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	200	200
Savannah	1,953	1,884	1,904	1,777	994	1,053	9,565
Charleston	1,122	236	1,865	1,077	710	646	5,656
Wilmington	703	82	723	912	496	133	3,049
Norfolk	1,522	1,511	1,957	1,044	868	2,312	9,214
New York	---	---	---	---	---	---	10
Boston	---	---	---	---	---	---	29
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	1,939	1,939
Totals this week.	30,723	42,969	65,241	33,404	26,906	34,345	233,588

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 Dec. 9.	1927.		1926.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1926.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	64,958	1,389,565	125,284	1,911,395	562,027	697,792
Texas City	2,316	64,760	5,562	89,596	38,742	53,612
Houston	75,473	1,945,142	146,224	2,536,939	979,328	948,747
Corpus Christi	---	171,194	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	55,859	853,250	90,370	1,292,525	498,285	666,516
Gulftport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	5,320	192,367	12,399	255,857	35,447	65,229
Pensacola	200	9,467	195	10,957	---	---
Jacksonville	---	8	---	566	---	801
Savannah	9,565	442,600	25,393	679,168	68,735	143,958
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	5,656	193,172	15,485	343,728	45,726	112,731
Lake Charles	---	200	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	3,049	68,662	4,880	68,573	30,660	24,328
Norfolk	9,214	156,215	19,410	251,299	94,848	128,032
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	95	---	---
New York	10	4,401	1,975	11,792	213,509	111,815
Boston	29	3,058	443	7,668	4,417	1,205
Baltimore	1,939	30,042	3,063	31,662	1,295	1,908
Philadelphia	---	155	401	1,376	8,900	10,287
Totals	233,588	5,524,258	451,084	7,493,196	2,582,511	2,967,133

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	64,958	125,284	136,950	123,507	102,538	59,990
Houston*	75,473	146,244	47,533	63,217	43,587	14,763
New Orleans	55,859	90,370	79,250	82,467	70,154	36,925
Mobile	5,320	12,399	10,275	5,355	2,913	3,054
Savannah	9,565	25,393	24,624	16,323	12,020	4,916
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	247	100
Charleston	5,656	15,485	7,248	8,640	5,145	3,462
Wilmington	3,049	4,880	2,662	6,860	6,304	1,225
Norfolk	9,214	19,410	15,325	21,476	15,805	11,239
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	4,494	11,639	6,683	5,976	5,470	3,267
Total this wk.	233,588	451,084	330,550	333,821	264,183	138,941
Since Aug. 1	5,524,258	7,493,196	5,729,585	5,289,333	4,265,669	3,712,968

* 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 143,732 bales, of which 15,912 were to Great Britain, 24,408 to France, 37,118 to Germany, 6,215 to Italy, 22,467 to Japan and China and 37,612 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 220,655 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 3,352,310 bales, against 4,472,586 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Dec. 9 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—						
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.
Galveston	3,890	---	6,446	---	---	12,968	18,528
Houston	47	18,933	11,259	---	---	2,775	5,487
Texas City	1,480	---	1,500	---	---	---	2,980
New Orleans	7,521	5,009	7,467	---	---	6,324	5,042
Pensacola	---	---	200	---	---	---	200
Savannah	---	---	---	550	---	---	3,095
Charleston	---	---	4,817	1,115	---	---	4,953
Wilmington	---	---	---	4,550	---	---	4,550
Norfolk	2,874	---	---	---	---	---	200
New York	100	466	---	---	---	400	200
Boston	---	---	---	---	---	---	107
Los Angeles	---	---	5,429	---	---	---	5,429
Total	15,912	24,408	37,118	6,215	---	22,467	37,612
Total 1926	30,007	20,374	96,821	11,196	---	38,483	23,774
Total 1925	69,427	---	55,662	23,495	---	37,066	12,447

From Aug. 1 1926 to Dec. 9 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—						
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.
Galveston	106,264	198,706	219,953	76,975	11,400	160,282	146,798
Houston	120,379	188,553	231,131	65,690	50,000	158,322	87,455
Texas City	6,064	---	3,510	---	---	---	10,474
Corp. Christi	32,001	35,892	52,373	5,000	3,100	23,972	18,096
New Orleans	80,840	38,612	127,470	45,466	36,626	127,156	48,875
Mobile	22,256	1,269	69,443	1,400	---	15,400	3,500
Pensacola	880	---	7,487	---	---	---	1,100
Savannah	63,469	5,030	264,748	5,301	---	36,005	18,690
Charleston	22,434	1,715	111,207	5,065	---	500	15,933
Wilmington	---	---	13,200	24,467	---	---	---
Norfolk	20,123	100	45,862	---	---	500	2,365
Lake Charles	---	---	200	---	---	---	200
New York	4,802	3,571	11,574	1,294	---	1,384	13,800
Boston	361	15	185	---	---	---	866
Baltimore	---	772	---	870	---	---	267
Philadelphia	100	---	45	---	---	---	1
Los Angeles	1,370	3,829	14,929	491	---	1,550	108
San Francisco	150	---	---	---	---	1,550	41
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	675	---
Total	482,393	478,064	1,173,517	232,019	101,126	527,296	357,895
Total 1926	1,158,523	508,841	1,298,232	328,049	117,873	623,845	437,223
Total 1925	1,178,740	436,370	1,069,249	277,479	96,323	498,012	398,956

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of October the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 17,500 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 29,944 bales. For the three months ended Oct. 31 1927, there were 36,615 bales exported, as against 49,337 bales for the corresponding three months of 1926.

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:

Dec. 9 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	9,100	7,200	8,000	32,900	7,500	64,700
New Orleans	1,522	6,410	6,036	21,562	350	35,880
Savannah	---	---	1,000	---	200	1,200
Charleston	---	---	---	---	98	98
Mobile	6,000	200	---	7,800	62	14,062
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	325	325
Other ports*	2,000	1,000	3,000	8,000	1,000	15,000
Total 1927	18,622	14,810	18,036	70,262	9,535	131,265
Total 1926	54,320	27,764	46,964	98,500	11,782	239,330
Total 1925	37,706	34,855	25,790	62,143	8,228	168,722

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was rather quiet until the 8th inst. when heavy liquidation occurred because the Government crop and ginning reports were found to have been discounted. The crop was put at 12,789,000 bales, a decrease of 56,000, and the ginning at 11,742,806 bales. They were not striking enough to suit the mood of "long" operators who had clung tenaciously to the bull side for a protracted period and had become tired. The supposition was that they had determined to sell anyhow on "Bureau Day" December 8th no matter how bullish the Washington reports might be. Many of them did sell. They sold so heavily that the price crashed down through stop orders to a new "low." The decline from the morning's top was roughly 50 to 60 points and little of it was regained. Wall Street, the South, New Orleans and local traders sold. The old element of surprise was lacking in the reports. The average crop estimate had been 12,875,000 bales and the ginning estimate about 11,750,000 bales. The actual crop estimate by the government of 12,789,000 compares with 17,977,000 bales the final last year, 16,104,000 in 1925 and 13,628,000 in 1924, and if anybody wishes to carry the comparisons further there were such totals as 10,139,000 in 1923, 9,761,000 in 1922, 7,953,000 in 1921 and 13,439,000 in 1920. The ginning to December 1st of 11,742,806 bales compares with 14,644,060 up to December 1st last year and 13,870,507 for same period in 1925. For the period of Nov. 14th to Dec. 1st the total was 843,624 bales against 1,687,626 in the same period last year and 1,610,155 two years ago. These figures were considered bullish on their face, but, as already stated, they were so close to what had been generally expected that they fell flat and even worse than flat. They were greeted

with a brief rise of 20 to 27 points. Then came a plunge downward of \$2.50 to \$3 a bale. The mill buying was smaller than had been expected. Many of the shorts had covered.

The exports for the season are 1,120,276 bales smaller than in the same period last year. Spot markets dropped 50 points. The basis was reported easier. Daily sales at the South continued to fall very noticeably below the totals for the same days in 1926. The mills continue their policy of aloofness. Some more mills in Maine have made wage reductions of 10%. Five mills of the American Printing Co. will close tomorrow for the remainder of December and perhaps longer, wing to dullness of trade and overproduction. Worth Street's trade, with some exceptions, has shown no noteworthy improvement. The estimates on the world's consumption have latterly been 15,250,000 bales. Some would call that a reduction of about 1,000,000 bales. Manchester has more inquiry for cloths, but it still complains of the lowness of the bids. Some reports said that American cotton yarns in Manchester were weak. There is mill curtailment in parts of the South, notably in Georgia and in one case in South Carolina. The New York Association of Textile Cotton Merchants says that the production in November fell off 3.08% from October; that sales in November were only 60.3% of production; that unfilled orders on November 30th were 21.3% smaller than on October 31st. Moreover speculation is now quiet.

On the other hand the crop is small, it is over 5,000,000 bales less than the last one. It looks as though the idea of a possible crop of 13,000,000 bales must be given up. The weevil hibernation seems to be large. A mild winter might therefore prove the forerunner of another short crop. Heavy weevil infestation is supposed to run in cycles of three years. One year of it after years of comparative immunity since 1923 has just passed. The technical position is better. Liquidation in the last month or six weeks has been drastic to the point of ruthlessness. Many "stale" long accounts have been sold out. Some of the trade reports are better. In one day this week a large company owning over one hundred mills sold here 30,000 pieces of cotton goods. That is as much in one day as Fall River has been selling in a week for some time past. New York it is stated has sold 250,000 pieces of gray goods this week. Some bleached muslins have been advanced 1/2c. The textile Association says that shipments of goods in November were 89% of the production. It adds that unfilled orders at the end of November were equal to more than the month's production and that the stocks on hand at the end of November were substantially less than a month's production at the current ratio. Retailers are carrying moderate if not small stocks. Colder weather has set in. The temperatures are very low at the West. The sales of clothing have been stimulated. Foreign exchange is steadily rising, making of course for a better export trade if Europe and Asia see fit to increase their buying. The re-entrance of the Ford Company means something. It bought cotton goods more freely a few days ago. Many farmers at the South refuse to sell at the current prices. The weight of the bales is said to be smaller.

TO-DAY prices advanced 20 to 25 points on better cables than due, covering of shorts and some trade buying. Offerings were smaller. Spot markets were higher. The weekly figures were construed as in the main favoring owners of cotton. Final prices show a decline for the week of 60 to 65 points. Spot cotton closed at 19.35c, a decline of 55 points for the week.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Dec. 8 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 Dec. 15:

Middling fair.....	.94 on	*Middling yellow tinged.....	1.37 off
Strict good middling.....	.69 on	*Strict low middling yellow tinged.....	2.25 off
Good middling.....	.45 on	*Low middling yellow tinged.....	3.29 off
Strict middling.....	.30 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.90 off
Middling.....	Basis	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.42 off
Strict low middling.....	.38 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	1.45 off
Low middling.....	.93 off	Good middling yellow stained.....	2.23 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.75 off	*Strict middling yellow stained.....	1.95 off
*Good ordinary.....	2.53 off	*Middling yellow stained.....	2.76 off
Good middling spotted.....	.23 on	Good middling gray.....	.49 off
Strict middling spotted.....	.01 off	Strict middling gray.....	.78 off
Middling spotted.....	.41 off	*Middling gray.....	1.18 off
*Strict low middling spotted.....	.98 off	*Good middling blue stained.....	1.73 off
Low middling spotted.....	.78 off	*Strict middling blue stained.....	2.37 off
Strict good middling yellow tinged.....	.04 off	*Middling blue stained.....	3.20 off
Good middling yellow tinged.....	.36 off		
Strict middling yellow tinged.....	.68 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec. 3 to Dec. 9—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	19.95	19.65	19.80	19.65	19.15	19.35

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York Dec. 9 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1927	19.35c.	1919	39.20c.	1911	9.20c.	1903	12.40c.
1926	12.40c.	1918	29.10c.	1910	15.10c.	1902	8.50c.
1925	20.20c.	1917	29.95c.	1909	14.95c.	1901	8.50c.
1924	23.25c.	1916	18.75c.	1908	9.25c.	1900	10.12c.
1923	35.00c.	1915	12.65c.	1907	12.15c.	1899	7.69c.
1922	25.10c.	1914	7.50c.	1906	10.95c.	1898	5.81c.
1921	18.10c.	1913	13.40c.	1905	12.60c.	1897	5.88c.
1920	16.25c.	1912	12.75c.	1904	8.10c.	1896	7.44c.

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, 5 pts. adv.	Easy			
Monday	Quiet, 30 pts. dec.	Barely steady	1,200	4,300	5,500
Tuesday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady			
Wednesday	Steady, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady	1,050	2,100	3,150
Thursday	Quiet, 50 pts. dec.	Steady	200	3,400	3,600
Friday	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Steady	1,400		1,400
Total week			3,850	9,800	13,650
Since Aug. 1			160,174	411,600	571,774

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 3.	Monday, Dec. 5.	Tuesday, Dec. 6.	Wednesday, Dec. 7.	Thursday, Dec. 8.	Friday, Dec. 9.
Dec.—						
Range	19.46-19.62	19.20-19.50	19.12-19.31	19.21-19.39	18.73-19.27	18.80-19.00
Closing	19.53-19.54	19.20	19.28	19.23	18.76	18.89-18.95
Jan.—						
Range	19.45-19.62	19.15-19.40	19.07-19.33	19.17-19.39	18.68-19.25	18.73-18.95
Closing	19.50	19.16-19.17	19.27-19.29	19.18-19.19	18.73	18.87-18.88
Feb.—						
Range						
Closing	19.69	19.25	19.38	19.27	18.83	18.98
March—						
Range	19.66-19.81	19.32-19.54	19.30-19.52	19.36-19.60	18.90-19.45	18.93-19.15
Closing	19.68-19.70	19.35-19.38	19.49-19.50	19.37-19.39	18.93-18.95	19.09-19.10
April—						
Range						
Closing	19.75	19.42	19.57	19.45	19.01	19.16
May—						
Range	19.81-19.96	19.47-19.65	19.47-19.68	19.52-19.75	19.07-19.64	19.12-19.30
Closing	19.81-19.85	19.48-19.51	19.65-19.66	19.53-19.54	19.09-19.10	19.23-19.25
June—						
Range						
Closing	19.81	19.49	19.65	19.53	19.07	19.22
July—						
Range	19.80-19.84	19.51-19.64	19.50-19.69	19.53-19.72	19.05-19.61	19.08-19.26
Closing	19.80-19.82	19.51-19.53	19.66	19.53-19.55	19.05	19.22-19.23
August—						
Range						
Closing	19.64	19.38	19.52	19.38	18.92	19.09
Sept.—						
Range						
Closing	19.48	19.23	19.37	19.24	18.77	18.95
October—						
Range	19.32-19.49	19.05-19.22	19.04-19.25	19.10-19.32	18.60-19.10	18.65-18.84
Closing	19.32-19.36	19.08-19.10	19.22-19.23	19.10	18.62	18.81-18.82

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Dec. 9 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Nov. 1927—		12.75 D c. 6 1926 23.77 S pt. 9 1927
Dec. 1927—	18.73 Dec. 8	13.36 Jan. 3 1927 24.72 S pt. 8 1927
Jan. 1928—	18.68 Dec. 8	14.11 Mar. 15 1927 24.77 Sept. 8 1927
Feb. 1928—		18.19 July 12 1927 23.73 Sept. 8 1927
Mar. 1928—	18.90 Dec. 8	14.75 Apr. 4 1927 24.99 Sept. 8 1927
Apr. 1928—		18.35 July 12 1927 26.67 Aug. 31 1927
May 1928—	19.07 Dec. 8	17.35 Aug. 3 1927 25.07 Sept. 8 1927
June 1928—		19.70 Nov. 19 1927 21.77 Sept. 19 1927
July 1928—	19.05 Dec. 8	19.05 Dec. 8 1927 24.76 Sept. 8 1927
Aug. 1928—		20.88 Nov. 1 1927 20.88 Nov. 9 1927
Sept. 1928—	19.35 Dec. 8	19.35 Dec. 8 1927 21.10 Oct. 27 1927
Oct. 1928—	18.60 Dec. 8	19.49 Dec. 3 18.60 Dec. 8 1927 20.20 Nov. 9 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.

	1927	1926	1925	1924
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales 899,000	1,063,000	720,000	572,000
Stock at London.....				1,000
Stock at Manchester.....	69,000	119,000	62,000	63,000
Total Great Britain.....	968,000	1,182,000	782,000	636,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				1,000
Stock at Bremen.....	602,000	439,000	337,000	184,000
Stock at Havre.....	290,000	194,000	173,000	149,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	7,000	7,000	7,000	13,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	102,000	42,000	70,000	45,000
Stock at Genoa.....	43,000	52,000	24,000	37,000
Stock at Ghent.....				5,000
Stock at Antwerp.....				2,000
Total Continental stocks.....	1,044,000	734,000	611,000	436,000
Total European stocks.....	2,012,000	1,916,000	1,393,000	1,072,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	68,000	32,000	48,000	59,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	587,000	870,000	720,000	697,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	92,000	105,000	134,000	119,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	429,000	380,000	261,000	261,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	329,000	221,000	512,000	284,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	2,528,511	2,967,133	1,547,196	1,545,850
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,342,508	1,528,555	1,902,018	1,565,764
U. S. exports to-day.....		2,603	1,025	
Total visible supply.....	7,392,019	8,022,291	6,518,232	5,602,614

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1927	1926	1925	1924
Liverpool stock.....	bales 603,000	696,000	420,000	430,000
Manchester stock.....	55,000	94,000	47,000	43,000
Continental stock.....	989,000	697,000	580,000	402,000
American afloat for Europe.....	537,000	870,000	720,000	697,000
U. S. port stocks.....	2,528,511	2,967,133	1,547,196	1,545,850
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,342,508	1,528,555	1,902,018	1,565,764
U. S. exports to-day.....		2,603	1,025	
Total American.....	6,109,019	6,855,291	5,217,233	4,683,614
East Indian, Brazil, &c.....				
Liverpool stock.....	296,000	367,000	300,000	142,000
London stock.....				1,000
Manchester stock.....	14,000	25,000	15,000	20,000
Continental stock.....	55,000	37,000	31,000	34,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	68,000	32,000	48,000	59,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	92,000	105,000	134,000	118,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	429,000	380,000	261,000	261,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	329,000	221,000	512,000	284,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,283,000	1,167,000	1,301,000	919,000
Total American.....	6,109,019	6,855,291	5,217,233	4,683,614

Total visible supply..... 7,392,019 8,022,291 6,518,232 5,602,614
Middling uplands, Liverpool..... 10.68d. 6.46d. 10.17d. 13.11d.
Middling uplands, New York..... 19.35c. 12.30c. 19.70c. 23.70c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool..... 17.10d. 14.90d. 19.55d. 30.30d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool..... 12.50d. 12.00c. 23.00d. 20.75d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool..... 9.60d. 5.85d. 9.25d. 12.55d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool..... 10.10d. 6.30d. 9.65d. 13.10d.
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 173,000 bales. The above figures for 1927 show an increase over last week of 77,763 bales, a loss of 630,272 from 1926, an increase of 873,786 bales over 1925, and a gain of 1,789,405 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:

Towns.	Movement to Dec. 9 1927.						Movement to Dec. 9 1926.									
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.				
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.						
Ala., Birmingham	3,213	71,594	2,439	22,354	6,189	64,757	4,076	14,463	183	17,412	128	12,092	840	20,815	2,160	11,595
Enfauila	471	66,391	1,302	34,934	3,944	101,681	2,600	31,937	586	52,882	1,816	29,473	2,466	75,031	2,217	40,179
Montgomery	5,636	56,962	6,684	25,850	---	---	---	---	2,662	29,824	3,505	15,867	---	---	---	---
Selma	2,861	39,607	1,443	24,254	4,253	66,688	3,572	42,220	5,636	56,962	6,684	25,850	---	---	---	---
Ark., Blytheville	742	40,805	1,504	9,806	---	---	---	---	2,861	39,607	1,443	24,254	4,253	66,688	3,572	42,220
Forest City	2,741	23,569	1,109	7,565	---	---	---	---	742	40,805	1,504	9,806	---	---	---	---
Helena	4,185	83,474	3,823	32,183	8,560	162,320	6,168	79,905	2,741	23,569	1,109	7,565	---	---	---	---
Hope	2,107	38,776	1,738	9,402	---	---	---	---	4,185	83,474	3,823	32,183	8,560	162,320	6,168	79,905
Jonesboro	6,073	92,970	4,801	43,779	10,316	131,532	7,335	73,750	2,107	38,776	1,738	9,402	---	---	---	---
Little Rock	1,823	21,565	631	7,883	---	---	---	---	6,073	92,970	4,801	43,779	10,316	131,532	7,335	73,750
Newport	2	4,892	15	2,263	146	8,313	70	4,105	1,823	21,565	631	7,883	---	---	---	---
Pine Bluff	662	46,022	1,280	25,105	1,415	28,358	2,160	11,010	2	4,892	15	2,263	146	8,313	70	4,105
Walnut Ridge	1,639	61,592	1,922	18,752	8,363	168,788	5,465	87,035	662	46,022	1,280	25,105	1,415	28,358	2,160	11,010
Ga., Albany	2,881	200,118	3,715	112,579	10,152	229,675	11,749	112,772	1,639	61,592	1,922	18,752	8,363	168,788	5,465	87,035
Athens	2,487	41,953	3,312	9,643	1,523	31,688	1,971	5,673	2,881	200,118	3,715	112,579	10,152	229,675	11,749	112,772
Atlanta	497	46,014	943	8,320	2,660	71,895	2,872	15,446	2,487	41,953	3,312	9,643	1,523	31,688	1,971	5,673
Augusta	1,286	27,919	525	16,197	2,405	37,521	1,250	25,561	497	46,014	943	8,320	2,660	71,895	2,872	15,446
August	3,236	84,931	3,646	48,444	7,560	126,832	4,917	59,399	1,286	27,919	525	16,197	2,405	37,521	1,250	25,561
September	6,274	137,144	4,850	84,254	5,331	125,725	7,087	92,158	3,236	84,931	3,646	48,444	7,560	126,832	4,917	59,399
October	442	30,851	1,177	10,274	3,125	33,408	3,310	10,891	6,274	137,144	4,850	84,254	5,331	125,725	7,087	92,158
November	6,527	140,053	6,266	88,248	3,000	126,950	3,000	98,454	442	30,851	1,177	10,274	3,125	33,408	3,310	10,891
December	384	35,010	295	9,899	2,347	44,050	1,186	17,797	6,527	140,053	6,266	88,248	3,000	126,950	3,000	98,454
Jan.	500	31,184	500	20,993	2,004	31,383	1,034	14,180	384	35,010	295	9,899	2,347	44,050	1,186	17,797
Feb.	416	15,297	370	8,239	1,148	25,602	1,270	19,697	500	31,184	500	20,993	2,004	31,383	1,034	14,180
March	1,120	25,100	1,044	7,337	1,993	33,376	1,595	26,822	416	15,297	370	8,239	1,148	25,602	1,270	19,697
April	17,943	156,913	17,867	741	24,648	266,314	24,111	9,177	1,120	25,100	1,044	7,337	1,993	33,376	1,595	26,822
May	1,387	17,332	886	22,421	480	18,740	998	13,655	17,943	156,913	17,867	741	24,648	266,314	24,111	9,177
June	842	8,722	768	5,510	1,043	14,639	800	10,813	1,387	17,332	886	22,421	480	18,740	998	13,655
July	---	---	---	---	13,983	103,081	12,439	30,792	842	8,722	768	5,510	1,043	14,639	800	10,813
August	---	---	---	---	8,804	97,813	6,773	22,190	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	35,215	559,526	35,162	109,581	9,654	91,758	7,437	33,112	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	11,424	181,379	8,094	83,754	16,604	145,301	10,679	59,219	35,215	559,526	35,162	109,581	9,654	91,758	7,437	33,112
November	61,264	810,675	49,230	279,520	90,994	1,060,022	83,866	347,901	11,424	181,379	8,094	83,754	16,604	145,301	10,679	59,219
December	---	---	---	---	597	5,883	238	2,869	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jan.	2,949	40,552	2,953	1,922	4,840	59,096	4,810	4,771	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Feb.	385	21,804	976	2,995	1,364	29,051	1,634	4,135	2,949	40,552	2,953	1,922	4,840	59,096	4,810	4,771
March	1,173	21,511	827	11,953	1,000	20,574	1,000	7,130	385	21,804	976	2,995	1,364	29,051	1,634	4,135
April	3,863	62,035	1,996	21,578	8,674	124,868	8,110	58,086	1,173	21,511	827	11,953	1,000	20,574	1,000	7,130
May	---	---	---	---	8,659	79,323	6,415	20,852	3,863	62,035	1,996	21,578	8,674	124,868	8,110	58,086
June	3,026	60,805	2,677	9,049	3,715	42,274	4,303	4,509	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,026	60,805	2,677	9,049	3,715	42,274	4,303	4,509
August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	425	31,284	163	4,345	1,008	53,885	1,197	3,615	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	2,500	51,081	2,500	18,351	---	---	---	---	425	31,284	163	4,345	1,008	53,885	1,197	3,615
November	1,455	72,424	1,410	12,854	---	---	---	---	2,500	51,081	2,500	18,351	---	---	---	---
December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,455	72,424	1,410	12,854	---	---	---	---

Total, 58 towns 204,567 3,690,712 186,778 134,250 285,978 3,963,284 253,022 152,855

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. x Discontinued.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 12,680 bales and are to-night 186,047 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 81,411 bales less 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:

Dec. 9— Shipped—	1927				1926			
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	17,867	157,466	24,111	268,283	11,160	130,719	12,875	158,200
Via Mounds, &c.	668	3,832	730	7,060	1,235	14,651	3,022	24,065
Via Rock Island	616	102,339	7,033	110,625	6,163	102,339	7,033	110,625
Via Louisville	11,031	118,693	18,855	227,609	---	---	---	---
Via Virginia points	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Via other routes, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total gross overland	48,124	527,700	66,626	795,842	---	---	---	---
Deduct Shipments—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,978	38,179	5,882	52,501	632	8,506	738	9,699
Between interior towns	632	8,506	738	9,699	23,698	298,487	32,159	305,210
Inland, &c., from South	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total to be deducted	26,308	345,172	38,779	367,410	---	---	---	---
Leaving total net overland*	21,816	182,528	27,847	428,432	---	---	---	---

*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 21,816 bales, against 27,847 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 245,904 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1927				1926			
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Dec. 9	233,588	5,524,258	451,084	7,493,196	21,816	182,528	27,847	428,432
Net overland to Dec. 9	21,816	182,528	27,847	428,432	---	---	---	---
Southern consumption to Dec. 9	125,000	2,131,000	112,000	1,936,000	---	---	---	---
Total marketed	380,404	7,837,786	590,931	9,857,628	---	---	---	---
Interior stocks in excess	12,608	969,656	38,394	961,074	---	---	---	---
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Nov. 1	---	59,216	---	205,347	---	---	---	---
Came into sight during week	393,012	---	629,325	---	---	---	---	---
Total in sight Dec. 9	---	8,866,658	---	11,024,049	---	---	---	---
North. spinners' takings to Dec. 9	52,517	627,670	55,368	924,024	---	---	---	---

*Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1925—Dec. 11	522,877	1925	10,067,960
1924—Dec. 12	464,750	1924	8,781,299
1923—Dec. 14	336,272	1923	7,263,801

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:

Week Ended Dec. 9.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday.
Galveston	19.75	19.45	19.55	19.45	19.00	19.15
New Orleans	19.56	19.				

Dec. 1 1927 Consolidated Cotton Report for the United States.
 Ginnings to Dec. 1.....11,742,806 running bales
 Estimated total production.....12,789,000 bales, 500 lbs. gross
 Abandonment of acreage since July 1.....4.6%
 Acreage for harvest.....40,168,000 acres.
 Indicated yield of lint cotton.....152.3 pounds per acre.

Bureau of the Census.—Census report shows 11,742,806 running bales (counting round as half bales) ginned from the crop of 1927 prior to Dec. 1, compared with 14,644,070 for 1926 and 13,870,507 for 1925.
Department of Agriculture.—An estimated production (total ginnings) of 12,789,000 bales (500 pounds gross weight) from the crop of 1927, based upon Dec. 1 indications, is shown by the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is equivalent to a yield of 152.3 pounds of lint per acre on the 40,168,000 acres left for harvest after abandonment of 4.6% of the 42,112,000 acres in cultivation July 1.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—A report of the latest available information received up to Dec. 8 as to cotton production in foreign countries has been compiled by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as follows:

Foreign cotton production estimates reported to date total 1,561,000 bales compared with 1,812,000 bales last season, or a decrease of 13.9%. The reports include estimates for Egypt, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Chosen, Syria, Algeria, Tanganyika and Bulgaria, which countries produced 18.1% of the foreign cotton crop last year. Area estimates so far received amount to 25,012,000 acres compared with 26,593,000 acres, a decrease of 5.9%. Estimates included are for Egypt, Russia, Chosen, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Bulgaria, Italy, Algeria, Syria and an incomplete estimate for India, these countries having planted last season 77.7% of the cotton area in foreign countries, not including China.

Western India experienced abnormal weather during the middle of November, heavy rain falling generally causing heavy damage to crops, particularly cotton, according to press reports from Bombay. Rains are reported to have damaged the crop in the Omra districts and drought has reduced prospects in districts where American Surat is grown.

The cotton crop in the Tsinan district of China is reported to be about 40% of normal, according to Consul E. F. Stanton stationed at Tsinan. Conditions are reported to be somewhat more favorable in northwestern Shantung where more cotton is grown than in Tsinan district.

Weather conditions became generally more favorable in Uganda after the middle of September and prospects for the cotton crop improved considerably with more regular rainfall, according to a report dated Oct. 20 from Vice-Consul Oscar Thomason at Nairobi, Kenya.

Planters in the Union of South Africa are planning to increase their cotton acreage about 25% this season due to the rise in the price of cotton, according to a report dated Oct. 15 from Consul Francis H. Styles at Durham, South Africa. At the time of the report it did not appear possible that areas could be greatly increased because of shortage of rain which will delay planting.

Cotton procurements in Russia are now expected to equal the plans for the season, according to a cablegram from Agricultural Commissioner Steere at Berlin.

COTTON—AREA AND PRODUCTION IN COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR 1927-28 WITH COMPARISONS.

Item and Country.	Average 1909-10 to 1913-14.		1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	Per Cent 1927-28 of 1926-27.
	Acres.	Bales.				
Area.						
United States.....	34,152,000	46,053,000	47,087,000	40,168,000	85.3	
Egypt.....	1,743,000	1,998,000	1,854,000	1,574,000	84.9	
India (incomplete).....	18,569,000	22,752,000	22,143,000	20,832,000	93.0	
Russia.....	1,569,000	1,614,000	1,741,000	1,975,000	113.3	
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.....	44,000	230,000	216,000	255,000	118.2	
Bulgaria.....	2,000	8,000	7,000	22,000	314.3	
Italy.....	9,000	9,000	9,000	10,000	111.1	
Chosen.....	146,000	485,000	529,000	502,000	94.9	
Syria.....	—	79,000	75,000	74,000	98.7	
Algeria.....	2,000	15,000	19,000	10,000	52.6	
Total above countries.....	73,243,000	73,680,000	65,180,000	88.5		
Estimated world total, excluding China.....	62,500,000	83,400,000	81,300,000	71.1		
Production a						
United States.....	13,033,000	16,104,000	17,977,000	12,789,000	83.8	
Egypt.....	1,453,000	1,629,000	1,497,000	1,255,000	96.2	
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.....	14,000	107,000	130,000	125,000	98.6	
Chosen.....	20,000	125,000	145,000	143,000	98.6	
Syria.....	—	13,000	7,000	9,000	128.6	
Algeria.....	1,000	6,000	9,000	5,000	55.6	
Tanganyika.....	8,000	18,000	21,000	14,000	66.7	
Bulgaria.....	1,000	2,000	6,000	10,000	333.3	
Total above countries.....	18,004,000	19,789,000	14,350,000	72.5		
Estimated world total, including China.....	20,900,000	27,900,000	28,000,000			

a In bales of 478 pounds net.

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census on Dec. 8 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Dec. 1, in comparison with corresponding figures for the two preceding seasons. It appears that up to Dec. 1 1927 11,742,806 bales of cotton were ginned, against 14,644,070 bales for the corresponding period a year ago, and comparing with 13,870,507 bales two years ago. Below is the report in full:

State—	Running Bales (Counting Round as Half Bales and Excluding Linters)		
	1927.	1926.	1925.
Alabama.....	1,155,794	1,350,715	1,300,799
Arizona.....	61,294	77,826	70,944
Arkansas.....	855,993	1,243,366	1,190,800
California.....	60,226	93,010	69,465
Florida.....	17,075	31,657	39,448
Georgia.....	1,083,371	1,284,277	1,165,994
Louisiana.....	525,521	741,434	826,356
Mississippi.....	1,280,620	1,553,394	1,570,048
Missouri.....	78,787	161,775	190,267
New Mexico.....	57,408	47,870	52,077
North Carolina.....	787,359	1,000,280	1,033,226
Oklahoma.....	867,736	1,164,440	1,340,528
South Carolina.....	700,991	841,149	892,944
Tennessee.....	300,423	357,654	406,661
Texas.....	3,882,446	4,648,448	3,662,167
Virginia.....	23,562	37,328	44,658
All other.....	4,200	9,447	14,127
United States.....	11,742,806	14,644,070	13,870,507

The statistics in this report include 458,356 round bales for 1927, 512,920 for 1926 and 272,802 for 1925. Included in the above are 15,379 bales of American Egyptian for 1927, 10,573 for 1926 and 9,710 for 1925.

The statistics for 1927 in this report are subject to correction when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Nov. 14 are 10,898,956 bales.

Consumption, Stocks, Imports and Exports—United States.
 Cotton consumed during the month of October 1927 amounted to 612,935 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Oct. 31 was 1,327,095 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 5,433,129 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 32,497,504. The total imports for the month of October 1927 were 19,235 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, including linters, were 1,126,509 bales.

World Statistics.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1926, as compiled from various sources, is 27,813,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1927 was approximately 25,869,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 165,000,000.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE MAKES DEC. 24 HOLIDAY.—The members of the New York Cotton Exchange voted Dec. 5 to make Sat., Dec. 24, a holiday. No ballot was taken on a proposal to make Sat., Dec. 31, also a holiday, as the delivery notice day on January contracts would have to be advanced from Dec. 27 to Dec. 23 if the second extra holiday were declared.

FLOOD SUFFERERS IN COTTON BELT MAY BENEFIT BY COMMUNITY ADOPTION OF ONE-VARIETY CROP PLAN.—Recognizing clearly the serious flood damage to cotton growers in the lower Mississippi Valley, students of the situation in the United States Department of Agriculture believe that cotton growers in certain localities—particularly where the flood damage was most complete—might well take this as an occasion opening the way to an improvement in the system of cotton production. They renew the suggestion made repeatedly in the last 15 years and advise communities to get together and decide on the best available variety of cotton for the community, and then plant it to the exclusion of all other varieties. The Department, under date of Nov. 29, in a statement to this effect, says:

In some areas that suffered most from the rise of the Mississippi it will be necessary to import all of the seed for planting next year's crop. In some cases this will have to be financed by some sort of credit arrangement covering a whole community. In other cases it may be that credit will not be available, and that the furnishing of seed will be one of the further measures of relief to flood sufferers. In some neighborhoods it may be that a few planters will be able to finance themselves and others will need relief.

Such conditions might well be regarded as favorable to the initiation of a trial of the one-variety community idea. O. F. Cook, of the Bureau of Plant Industry who is in charge of the cotton breeding and acclimatization work of the department says "Growers in the flooded area should take account of the possibilities of improvement that have been demonstrated in the irrigated valleys of the Southwestern States where growers have organized for production of superior fiber by planting only one variety and maintaining the seed stock. The need of a better system is recognized. Farmers in one-variety communities often get from 2 to 5 cents a pound more for their cotton than those who grow the same cotton in mixed-variety communities."

In addition to the premium on fiber, Mr. Cook has explained in recent publications, that the one-variety community has the fundamental advantage of having its own supply of pure-bred planting seed. In such a community the "gin-run" stock is pure seed and does not tend to "run out" as is the case with the gin-run seed from mixed stock. A general investigation of the breeding and utilization of superior varieties of cotton has shown that pure seed can be produced only in communities that limit themselves to one variety. Such a community also has the advantage of being able, from time to time, to sell pure seed to other communities or to individual growers, though this factor is regarded as a purely secondary advantage.

The industrial use of cotton makes the need for uniformity in cotton greater than with other crops that are being more carefully standardized. Fiber that is not uniform does not spin well or make strong, durable fabrics. Improved spinning machinery has made it possible to spin finer fabrics with shorter staples than could be used formerly, but the fiber must be uniform or the machinery does not work properly. Industrially, the need is for more uniform cotton irrespective of the length of staple, and by a correct choice of varieties this uniformity can be attained in the one-variety community. Uniformity creates its own market and in a one-variety community it has happened that foreign manufacturers whose machinery is well adapted to the particular variety produced have bought year after year in the same market, bidding a premium for the cotton. Eventually American mill buyers will see the advantage in similar buying.

Mr. Cook has been identified prominently with the acclimatization and distribution of the Acala variety which was the "one variety" chosen in the Coachella Valley in California for community production in a notable experiment which has demonstrated the value of such a system of cotton growing. Asked whether he would recommend the introduction of Acala into Mississippi Valley communities next spring, he declined to put the department on record with a positive recommendation. "The indications," he said, "from tests in several parts of the Cotton Belt are that Acala is generally adapted and has done well in some parts of the Mississippi Valley, but we are not ready to recommend it specifically for the overflowed lands. Other varieties have proved profitable and productive in that area, and if pure seed of these varieties could be obtained for community planting of the next crop, the uniformity of the community product, whether of long or medium staple, in all probability would command a premium, and, if carefully handled, would provide good seed for planting the following year."

Community leaders interested in the possibilities of improved production and increased profit from one-variety community culture are invited to write to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for several publications dealing with the possibilities and advantages of one-variety organization. These include: Farmers' Bulletin No. 1334-F, Community Cotton Production; Department Bulletin No. 1467-D, Community Production of Acala Cotton in the Coachella Valley of California; Department Circular No. 205-C, Cottonseed Mixing Increased by Modern Gin Equipment; and Circular No. 2-C, Acala Cotton, the last of which will be published within a few days. The department also has a motion picture entitled, "John Doe's Cotton and Yours," which illustrates and emphasizes the one-variety idea, and may be obtained for exhibition on the usual terms.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather during most of the week has been favorable for picking and ginning

cotton in the northwestern portion of the cotton belt. In North Carolina some damage was done by heavy rain to cotton remaining in the fields. Elsewhere picking is about completed.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Tex.	1 day	1.61 in.	high 69	low 30	mean 50
Abilene	1 day	0.12 in.	high 64	low 14	mean 39
Brownsville	dry		high 78	low 38	mean 58
Corpus Christi	1 day	0.01 in.	high 76	low 34	mean 55
Dallas	1 day	0.58 in.	high 64	low 16	mean 40
Del Rio	2 days	0.02 in.		low 28	
Palestine	1 day	0.78 in.	high 60	low 20	mean 40
San Antonio	2 days	0.38 in.	high 66	low 26	mean 46
Taylor	1 day	0.68 in.		low 22	
New Orleans, La.	2 days	1.64 in.			mean 54
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	1.43 in.	high 73	low 31	mean 51
Savannah, Ga.	2 days	2.08 in.	high 74	low 37	mean 56
Charleston, S. C.	? days	0.16 in.	high 70	low 32	mean 51
Charlotte, N. C.	? days	5.86 in.	high 68	low 30	mean 44

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:

	Dec. 9 1927.	Dec. 10 1926.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	5.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	21.3
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	10.2
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	5.4
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	28.8

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.
Sept. 9	261,473	208,801	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	551,560
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
11	390,293	488,446	343,371	1,260,956	1,349,950	1,646,178	451,314	573,946	421,546
18	341,143	517,711	377,983	1,290,409	1,415,095	1,677,442	370,596	583,298	487,588
25	257,764	470,442	311,384	1,307,971	1,456,381	1,784,345	275,326	511,728	418,287
Dec. 2	284,933	482,959	396,275	1,329,900	1,490,161	1,836,525	306,862	516,739	448,455
9	233,588	451,084	330,550	1,342,508	1,528,555	1,902,018	246,196	489,478	396,043

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 6,482,038 bales; in 1926 were 8,255,721 bales, and in 1925 were 7,452,264 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 233,588 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 246,196 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 12,603 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 489,478 bales and for 1925 they were 396,043 bales.

WORLD'S 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 Dec. 2	7,314,256		7,715,436	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,961,754		3,646,413
American in sight Dec. 9	393,012	8,866,658	629,325	11,024,049
Bombay receipts to Dec. 8	96,000	465,000	69,000	321,000
Other India ship ts to Dec. 8	7,000	194,500	10,000	120,000
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 7	32,000	685,860	74,000	764,400
Other supply to Dec. 7.*	6,000	307,000	16,000	355,000
Total supply	7,848,268	15,480,772	8,513,761	16,230,862
Deduct				
Visible supply Dec. 9	7,392,019	7,392,019	8,022,291	8,022,291
Total takings to Dec. 9. a	456,249	8,088,753	491,470	8,208,571
Of which American	358,249	6,147,393	395,470	6,407,171
Of which other	98,000	1,941,360	96,000	1,801,400

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills. 2,131,000 bales in 1927 and 1,936,000 bales in 1926—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 5,957,753 bales in 1927 and 6,272,571 bales in 1926, of which 4,016,393 bales and 4,471,171 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

December 8. Receipts at—	1927.		1926.		1925.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	96,000	465,000	69,000	321,000	120,000	562,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1927	2,000	14,000	4,000	20,000	14,000	121,000	176,000	311,000
1926	---	6,000	18,000	24,000	1,000	88,000	198,000	287,000
1925	---	5,000	53,000	58,000	11,000	13,000	228,000	369,000
Other India—								
1927	---	7,000	---	7,000	22,500	172,000	---	194,500
1926	---	1,000	---	1,000	8,000	112,000	---	120,000
1925	---	6,000	---	22,000	38,000	143,000	---	181,000
Total all—								
1927	2,000	21,000	4,000	27,000	36,500	293,000	176,000	505,500
1926	1,000	15,000	18,000	34,000	9,000	200,000	198,000	407,000
1925	6,000	21,000	53,000	80,000	49,000	273,000	228,000	550,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 27,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 7,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 98,500 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, Dec. 7.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	* 160,000	370,000	330,000
Since Aug. 1	3,330,619	3,807,293	4,000,940
Exports (bales)—			
This Week.			
Since Aug. 1.			
To Liverpool	5,000	52,775	11,500
To Manchester, &c.		51,84	10,500
To Continent and India	15,000	150,433	18,256
To America	1,000	51,624	800
Total exports	21,000	306,675	41,050

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 7 were 160,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 21,000 bales. *Net weight.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is quiet; in cloths is steady. Demand for foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1927.				1926.			
	32s Cop Twst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-Common to Ftnest.	13s d.	16s d.	32s Cop Twst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-Common to Ftnest.	13s d.	16s d.
Sept.—								
9	18 @ 19	13 6 @ 14 0	12 67	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6	10 16		
16	17 1/2 @ 19	13 6 @ 14 0	11 83	15 1/2 @ 17	13 4 @ 13 6	9 52		
23	17 1/2 @ 19	13 3 @ 13 5	11 20	15 @ 16 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	8 43		
30	17 1/2 @ 19 1/2	13 4 @ 13 6	11 57	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2	12 6 @ 13 2	7 79		
Oct.								
7	17 @ 19	13 2 @ 13 6	11 72	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 4	7 09		
14	16 1/2 @ 18 1/2	13 2 @ 13 6	11 54	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 2 @ 12 6	7 35		
21	16 1/2 @ 18 1/2	13 2 @ 13 6	11 09	13 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 3	6 70		
28	16 1/2 @ 18 1/2	13 3 @ 13 6	11 66	12 1/2 @ 13 1/2	12 0 @ 12 3	6 85		
Nov.								
4	16 1/2 @ 18 1/2	13 3 @ 13 6	11 75	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 2	6 80		
11	14 @ 16	13 0 @ 13 3	11 04	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 2	6 95		
18	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 0 @ 13 3	10 91	12 1/2 @ 14 1/2	12 0 @ 12 2	7 03		
25	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 1 @ 13 3	11 14	12 1/2 @ 13 1/2	12 0 @ 12 2	6 92		
Dec.								
2	15 1/2 @ 17	13 1 @ 13 4	10 90	12 @ 13 1/2	12 0 @ 12 2	6 42		
9	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 4	10 68	11 1/2 @ 13 1/2	11 6 @ 12 0	6 46		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 143,732 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

NEW YORK—To China—Dec. 1—Mentor, 400	Bales.	400
To Gothenburg—Dec. 2—Stockholm, 50		50
To Liverpool—Dec. 2—Celtic, 100		100
To Barcelona—Dec. 6—Manuel Arnaus, 150		150
To Havre—Dec. 7—McKeessport, 140; Dec. 9—Republic, 326		466
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 1—Edgehill, 3,210		3,210
To Manchester—Dec. 1—Edgehill, 680		680
To Copenhagen—Dec. 1—Kentucky, 650; Louisiana, 1,700		2,350
To Gothenburg—Dec. 1—Louisiana, 1,045		1,045
To Japan—Dec. 1—Montevideo Maru, 3,500; Dec. 5—Caltutta Maru, 9,468		12,968
To Barcelona—Dec. 2—Rosandra, 1,250; Dec. 5—Aldecoa, 11,050; West Chatala, 2,333		14,633
To Bremen—Dec. 6—Tenbergen, 6,446		6,446
To Malaga—Dec. 5—Aldecoa, 500		500
HOUSTON—To Bremen—Nov. 30—West Quechee, 5,293; Dec. 6—Tenbergen, 5,966		11,259
To Rotterdam—Nov. 30—West Quechee, 1,062		1,062
To China—Nov. 28—Dryden, 2,775		2,775
To Liverpool—Nov. 30—Edgehill, 47		47
To Barcelona—Dec. 5—West Chatala, 2,475		2,475
To Havre—Dec. 7—West Moreland, 5,457; Dec. 8—Niagara, 13,476		18,933
To Ghent—Dec. 7—West Moreland, 1,950		1,950
NEW ORLEANS—To Dunkirk—Nov. 30—Gand, 958		958
To Liverpool—Dec. 7—Magician, 7,000		7,000
To Manchester—Dec. 7—Magician, 521		521
To Havre—Nov. 30—Gand, 4,051		4,051
To Stockholm—Dec. 7—Kentucky, 50		50
To Antwerp—Nov. 30—Gand, 700		700
To Warburg—Dec. 7—Kentucky, 300		300
To Oporto—Dec. 3—Prusa, 225		225
To Japan—Dec. 6—Devon City, 6,324		6,324
To Vera Cruz—Dec. 3—Sinaloa, 500; Dec. 8—Baja California, 1,000		1,500
To Barcelona—Dec. 5—Cardonia, 2,267		2,267
To Bremen—Dec. 5—West Gumbo, 7,467		7,467
CHARLESTON—To Antwerp—Dec. 1—Mousun, 3,771		3,771
To Rotterdam—Dec. 1—Mousun, 582		582
To Barcelona—Dec. 2—Gilda, 600		600
To Venice—Dec. 2—Gilda, 975		975
To Trieste—Dec. 2—Gilda, 140		140
To Bremen—Dec. 4—Heddernheim, 850; Dec. 7—Sangstadt, 934		1,784
To Hamburg—Dec. 4—Heddernheim, 1,567; Dec. 7—Sangstadt, 1,466		3,033
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Dec. 5—Davisian, 749; Dec. 6—Rockaway Park, 600		1,349
To Manchester—Dec. 5—Davisian, 1,025; Dec. 6—Rockaway Park, 500		1,525
To Rotterdam—Dec. 8—West Arrow, 200		200
SAVANNAH—To Barcelona—Dec. 5—Gilda, 1,675		1,675
To Venice—Dec. 5—Gilda, 450		450
To Trieste—Dec. 5—Gilda, 100		100
To Ghent—Dec. 6—Mousun, 700		700
To Oporto—Dec. 6—Mousun, 300		300
To Rotterdam—Dec. 6—Mousun, 420		420
SAN PEDRO—To Bremen—Nov. 30—Justin, 1,300; Dec. 1—Heina, 4,129		5,429
BOSTON—To Rotterdam—Nov. 29—Anaconda, 107</		

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.
Chent	.47½c.	.62½c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Hamburg	.40c.	.55c.
Havre	.31c.	.45c.	Lisbon	.50c.	.65c.	Piraeus	.55c.	\$.1.0
Rotterdam	.40c.	.55c.	Oporto	.65c.	.80c.	Salonica	.85c.	\$.1.0
Genos	.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:

	Nov. 18.	Nov. 25.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 9.
Sales of the week	40,000	45,000	37,000	39,000
Of which American	26,000	31,000	24,000	23,000
Actual exports	1,000	2,000	1,000	3,000
Forwarded	62,000	62,000	59,000	63,000
Total stocks	896,000	907,000	888,000	899,000
Of which American	596,000	615,000	590,000	663,000
Total imports	47,000	66,000	52,000	69,000
Of which American	28,000	57,000	20,000	51,000
Amount afloat	220,000	172,000	200,000	162,000
Of which American	148,000	95,000	138,000	104,000

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.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ls	11.01d.	10.97d.	10.79d.	10.91d.	10.89d.	10.68d.
Sales	4,000	7,000	7,000	8,000	10,000	5,000
Futures Market opened	Q't but st'y 7 to 9 pts. advance.	Quiet 2 to 4 pts. decline.	Quiet 2 to 9 pts. advance.	Q't but st'y 5 to 6 pts. advance.	Quiet 3 to 5 pts. decline.	Q't but st'y 5 to 10 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet 7 to 8 pts. advance.	Quiet 10 to 13 pts. decline.	Steady 2 to 4 pts. decline.	Quiet 5 to 7 pts. advance.	Barely st'y 17 to 19 pts. decline.	St'dy unch. 2 to 2 pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 3 to Dec. 9.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	4:00	p. m.	4:00	p. m.	4:00	p. m.	4:00	p. m.	4:00
December	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January	10.52	10.47	10.39	10.29	10.37	10.41	10.44	10.39	10.37	10.18	10.18	10.26
February	10.53	10.48	10.41	10.32	10.38	10.42	10.45	10.40	10.28	10.19	10.27	10.25
March	10.51	10.46	10.39	10.31	10.36	10.40	10.43	10.38	10.25	10.16	10.25	10.26
April	10.53	10.48	10.41	10.33	10.38	10.42	10.44	10.40	10.28	10.17	10.26	10.26
May	10.51	10.46	10.39	10.32	10.37	10.41	10.43	10.38	10.24	10.15	10.24	10.24
June	10.53	10.48	10.41	10.34	10.39	10.43	10.45	10.40	10.27	10.18	10.26	10.26
July	10.50	10.46	10.39	10.32	10.37	10.41	10.43	10.38	10.25	10.15	10.23	10.23
August	10.48	10.44	10.37	10.31	10.35	10.39	10.41	10.37	10.23	10.13	10.21	10.21
September	10.39	10.37	10.29	10.23	10.26	10.30	10.32	10.27	10.13	10.03	10.11	10.11
October	10.31	10.27	10.20	10.14	10.17	10.20	10.22	10.17	10.03	9.94	10.02	10.02
November	10.22	10.17	10.11	10.05	10.07	10.10	10.12	10.07	9.93	9.84	9.92	9.92
December	10.17	10.12	10.06	10.00	10.02	10.05	10.07	10.02	9.89	9.80	9.88	9.88
December	10.16	10.10	10.04	10.00	10.02	10.05	10.07	10.02	9.89	9.80	9.88	9.88

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Dec. 9 1927.

Flour has remained in the same situation as regards trade. Buyers are to all appearances pretty well supplied for the time being. December is not likely, it is believed, to bring about much if any improvement in business. Trade is apt to slow up in December. As to export trade, it was dull, with South America or the West Indies.

Wheat advanced a fraction early in the week despite the fact that export business was small, for it was raining in northern Argentina, while it threatened rain in Central and Southern parts of that country. Mills bought moderately of choice wheat at firm premiums. They took May wheat freely at Minneapolis. Liverpool, which at first weakened, later rallied. Buenos Aires advanced ½c. It is true that Canadian marketings on the 5th inst. were 2,444,000 bushels against 1,349,000 bushels on the same date last year. Moreover, the carlots were 2,106 cars against 532 cars for the same time last year. But contract stocks at Chicago showed a decrease of 223,000 bushels. The Kansas weekly report was bullish, on dry weather for new wheat. Export business, however, was only 250,000 to 300,000 bushels in all positions. And Bradstreet's world's visible supply showed an increase of 2,589,000 bushels for the week against an increase last week of 5,473,000 bushels and a decrease last year of 852,000 bushels. The total on hand was 286,922,000 bushels against 243,373,000 a year ago.

On the 5th inst. prices had fallen 1¼ to 1½c. with foreign markets lower and export demand poor at the seaboard and in Winnipeg. Liverpool was unchanged to ½d. lower, and Buenos Aires ¾ to 1¼c. lower. In Argentine the weather was clear on that day. Country marketings in Canada and the carlot receipts were large. World's shipments were large, i. e., 17,453,000 bushels in getting wheat shipped out of Montreal before the official close of Canadian navigation. North American shipments since July 1 were 233,000,000 bushels and world's shipments since July 1 327,000,000 bushels against 299,000,000 in the same time last year. Contract deliveries at Chicago were 359,000 bushels. Export sales on the 5th were only about 300,000 bushels. The United States visible supply decreased only 80,000 bushels, against 2,222,000 in the same week of 1926, and the total is 91,036,000 bushels against 70,722,000 a year ago. The Canadian visible supply, including the quantity in store in the United States, increased 4,722,000 bushels, and the

total is 62,612,000 bushels. Contract stocks in Chicago are now 6,563,000 bushels.

Nat. C. Murray estimated the acreage sown this fall at 46,944,000 acres, an increase of 9.8% over last year. The world's wheat market has declined recently owing to cheaper offers from the Argentine and Canada. Previously the large purchases by importers and the heavy prospective requirements maintained prices. The future trend of the wheat market, it is said, depends very largely upon the Argentine new crop output. On the 8th inst. prices fell 1 to 1½c. on less bullish private crop estimates as they were regarded. Exporters took only 200,000 to 300,000 bushels. Estimates averaged 850,000,000, or 17,000,000 bushels under the recent Government figures, and 18,000,000 larger than the final last year. The technical position was weaker. A decline in corn had some effect. Profit taking was general. Winnipeg fell ½ to ¾c. Liverpool ended unchanged to ¼d. higher. Today prices closed ¼ to ½c. higher in this country with Winnipeg unchanged to ¼c. lower. Export sales were 350,000 to 450,000, of which 300,000 was Manitoba at premiums, showing a rise of ¼ to ½c. Also 40,000 durum and 40,000 hard wheat were taken by exporters to England and Antwerp. There were a good many inquiries. Canadian country marketings were down to 1,584,000 bushels, against 1,762,000 last year. Argentine declined slightly and then rallied. Liverpool, Berlin and Rotterdam were a shade lower. Final prices show a decline for the week of ¾ to 1c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	133¾	133	133¾	133¾	132¾	132¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	151¾	150	150¾	150¾	149¾	149¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	129¾	128¾	129¾	129¾	128¾	128¾
March delivery in elevator	133¾	132½	132¾	132¾	131¾	132¾
May delivery in elevator	135¾	134	134¾	134¾	133¾	133¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	134	132	132¾	133¾	132¾	132¾
May delivery in elevator	138¾	136¾	137¾	137¾	137¾	137¾
July delivery in elevator	137¾	135¾	136¾	136¾	136¾	136

Indian corn advanced 1 to 1½c. on the 6th inst. with a forecast for rain or snow all over the belt, causing covering of shorts and local buying. The country movement, though it increased, was not large. A reaction came later on that day. Commission houses were the largest sellers. There was a little corn offered at Chicago from the West, which was taken principally by elevator interests. Contract stocks increased. The Southwest reported an increasing export demand. Commission houses bought heavily at one time. On the 5th inst. there had been a decline of 1½ to 1¾c. with the weather good for husking, outside demand light, and the Southwest having a surplus. The United States visible supply decreased last week 828,000 bushels against 1,266,000 a year ago. The total is 19,217,000 bushels against 28,699,000 a year ago. Private crop reports, it was expected, would show a reduction. The Government report will be out on the 19th inst. The course of the market during the next few weeks depends largely on the country movement. Chicago wired: "Private estimates are responsible for the decline in corn. While well under the last Government figures, they were larger than the trade expected owing to the widespread talk recently of disappointing husking returns. An increased country movement is anticipated and would be only natural at this season. Pressure may appear on rallies for a while and prices may drag lower during the movement." On the 8th inst. prices fell 2¾c., as crop estimates gave the bulls no help and the market was evidently long. Wire service was poor in Chicago and hampered trading. Stop orders were caught as bulls sold. Private estimates on the crop were about as expected; they had been discounted; they showed an average of 2,645,000,000 bushels, or 108,000,000 less than the recent Government figures, and compare with 2,647,000,000 bushels harvested last year. Today prices closed ½ to ¾c. lower on better weather and further liquidation. There was a good deal of short selling. Southerwestern receipts were larger. Cash corn was slow and ½ to 1c. lower. Exporters wanted corn, but their bids were ½ to 1c. too low. The Continent was inquiring late in the day. Premiums of late have advanced. That hurts trade for export. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 2½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	110¾	110	110¾	111¾	109¾	108¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	91¾	89¾	90¾	91	88¾	88
March delivery in elevator	95¾	94	94¾	95¾	92¾	92¾
May delivery in elevator	98¾	96¾	97¾	98¾	95¾	95¾

Oats met with a good cash demand early in the week and there was buying by some who recently liquidated. Cash premiums were firm with receipts light and the demand persistent. The United States visible supply increased last week 22,000 bushels against 77,000 last year. The total was 23,252,000 bushels against 48,288,000 last year. Realizing caused a decline on the 5th inst. Yet the consumptive demand was good and the crop movement moderate. Chicago wired Dec. 8: "Oats holding well considering the corn

weakness, with important locals who are supposed to be good longs supporting the market in a moderate way."

On the 8th inst. prices fell 1/4c. on general selling. Crop estimates showed an average of 1,173,000,000 bushels, or rather more than was expected, though comparing with 1,206,000,000 bushels by the Government in October and the final of 1,250,000,000 bushels last year. There were further deliveries on December contracts. Cash oats were in good demand at full premiums. Today prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. higher with a good demand, after an early decline and some selling on lower prices for corn; also on clear cold weather. Selling soon stopped, however. Country offerings were small. Cash prices were steady. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/4 to 1 1/2c. on some months, with March unchanged.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white-----65-65 1/4 64-64 1/4 65-65 1/2 65 1/2-65 1/4 65-65 1/4 65-65 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 December delivery in elevator---- 52 1/2 51 1/4 52 1/4 52 1/2 51 3/4 51 1/2
 March delivery in elevator----- 55 1/4 54 1/4 54 1/4 55 1/4 53 3/4 54 1/4
 May delivery in elevator----- 50 3/4 50 56 56 1/4 56 3/4 56

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.
 December delivery in elevator---- 62 1/2 61 60 3/4 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/4
 May delivery in elevator----- 63 1/2 62 5/8 63 1/2 64 1/4 64 1/4 64
 July delivery in elevator----- 62 1/4 61 1/4 62 63 3/4 62 3/4

Rye was 1/2 to 1 1/2c. higher on the 6th inst. with other grain higher. The demand for export, too, continued to take small lots almost daily. Offerings were small. On the 5th inst. there had been a small advance followed by a reaction. The increase in the United States visible supply last week was 378,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of 10,000 bushels. The total is 3,013,000 bushels against 12,899,000 a year ago. On the 8th inst. prices dropped 1 to 1 1/4c. with trade dull; some spreading between Chicago and the Northwest was done. Export trade was dull, but any further decline was expected to reach exporters' limits. Today prices declined 1/4 to 1 1/4c. led by December, with scattered liquidation and very little export demand. Profit taking was a feature. Berlin was somewhat lower. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 2 3/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator---- 110 108 1/4 106 3/4 109 1/2 108 1/4 107
 March delivery in elevator----- 110 108 1/2 109 1/2 109 3/4 108 3/4 108 1/2
 May delivery in elevator----- 110 109 1/2 109 3/4 110 108 3/4 108 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN		GRAIN	
Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	149 3/4	No. 2 white	65 @ 65 1/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	146 3/4	No. 3 white	62 3/4 @ 64
Corn, New York—		Rye, New York—	
No. 2 yellow	108 3/4	No. 2 f.o.b.	120 1/4
No. 3 yellow	104 3/4	Barley, New York—	
		Malting as to quality	100 1/2
FLOUR.			
Spring patents	\$7.00 @ \$7.40	Rye flour, patents	\$6.40 @ \$6.75
Cleats, first spring	6.70 @ 7.00	Semolina No. 2, pound	4 1/2
Soft winter straights	6.15 @ 6.50	Oats goods	3.30 @ 3.35
Hard winter straights	6.80 @ 7.25	Corn flour	2.50 @ 2.55
Hard winter patents	7.25 @ 7.75	Barley goods	
Hard winter clears	6.00 @ 6.60	Coarse	3.40
Fancy Minn. patents	8.30 @ 9.15	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2,	
City mills	8.45 @ 9.15	3 and 4	7.00

All the statements below regarding the movements of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	237,000	434,000	935,000	1,470,000	176,000	59,000
Minneapolis	—	2,183,000	169,000	317,000	311,000	90,000
Duluth	—	3,252,000	9,000	74,000	1,100,000	714,000
Milwaukee	60,000	7,000	109,000	105,000	184,000	20,000
Toledo	—	268,000	33,000	39,000	—	1,000
Detroit	—	326,000	2,000	24,000	2,000	12,000
Indianapolis	—	40,000	236,000	84,000	2,000	—
St. Louis	112,000	517,000	174,000	222,000	42,000	15,000
Peoria	50,000	35,000	371,000	100,000	22,000	—
Kansas City	—	925,000	1,030,000	26,000	—	—
Omaha	—	357,000	648,000	118,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	79,000	248,000	22,000	—	—
Wichita	—	445,000	67,000	2,000	—	—
St. Louis	—	29,000	185,000	58,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '27	459,000	8,897,000	4,216,000	2,661,000	1,840,000	911,000
Same wk. '26	504,000	5,442,000	2,743,000	1,701,000	940,000	291,000
Same wk. '25	444,000	9,737,000	8,516,000	3,125,000	1,103,000	433,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1927	8,900,000	274,266,000	75,906,000	67,840,000	7,125,000	25,744,000
1926	8,742,000	190,307,000	80,365,000	65,232,000	5,093,000	18,319,000
1925	8,581,000	188,988,000	71,611,000	119,940,000	38,913,000	14,339,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Dec. 3, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	330,000	1,732,000	33,000	320,000	582,000	68,000
Philadelphia	39,000	678,000	8,000	6,000	—	10,000
Baltimore	21,000	1,036,000	13,000	14,000	462,000	14,000
Newport News	2,000	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	56,000	258,000	69,000	18,000	—	—
Galveston	—	76,000	87,000	—	—	—
Montreal	45,000	4,649,000	24,000	285,000	761,000	730,000
Boston	49,000	240,000	3,000	45,000	41,000	—
Total wk. '27	543,000	8,669,000	237,000	688,000	1,846,000	822,000
Since Jan. 1 '27	21,112,000	276,619,000	9,383,000	22,476,000	23,281,000	15,563,000
Week 1926	479,000	9,443,000	129,000	161,000	1,546,000	576,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	23,788,000	285,900,000	7,198,000	41,163,000	34,450,000	30,074,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 3 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	2,159,585	51,479	70,964	25,000	36,634	1,627,261
Boston	48,000	—	—	—	—	160,000
Philadelphia	199,000	—	1,000	—	—	—
Baltimore	144,000	—	10,000	—	—	215,000
Norfolk	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	2,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	89,000	19,000	48,000	18,000	57,000	—
Galveston	60,000	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	7,102,000	—	192,000	44,000	799,000	793,000
Houston	16,000	52,000	—	—	—	—
Total week 1927	9,817,585	122,479	324,964	87,000	892,634	2,785,261
Same week 1926	7,845,985	142,535	266,015	17,000	154,000	1,280,111

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1927 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Dec. 3, 1927.	Since July 1, 1927.	Week Dec. 3, 1927.	Since July 1, 1927.	Week Dec. 3, 1927.	Since July 1, 1927.
United Kingdom	162,063	1,832,671	2,793,837	45,738,664	52,000	166,420
Continent	125,751	2,838,912	7,009,748	98,198,132	51,479	82,844
So. & Cent. Amer.	6,000	189,555	13,000	152,000	—	175,000
West Indies	16,000	221,000	1,000	18,000	19,000	384,000
Other countries	15,150	310,663	—	34,503	—	—
Total 1927	324,964	5,392,801	9,817,585	144,451,799	122,479	808,264
Total 1926	266,015	5,972,391	7,845,985	144,609,345	142,535	2,086,145

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 3, were as follows:

United States—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	1,155,000	—	182,000	178,000	298,000
Boston	2,000	—	5,000	3,000	22,000
Philadelphia	692,000	79,000	110,000	16,000	20,000
Baltimore	1,422,000	30,000	41,000	39,000	309,000
New Orleans	913,000	196,000	69,000	21,000	—
Galveston	699,000	304,000	—	41,000	—
Fort Worth	2,843,000	224,000	286,000	12,000	41,000
Buffalo	5,753,000	1,462,000	2,366,000	290,000	243,000
afloat	8,549,000	435,000	693,000	173,000	1,120,000
Toledo	2,979,000	159,000	149,000	6,000	6,000
afloat	609,000	—	—	—	—
Detroit	329,000	60,000	101,000	48,000	40,000
Chicago	6,563,000	8,732,000	4,744,000	790,000	198,000
Milwaukee	45,000	505,000	1,869,000	29,000	215,000
Duluth	12,123,000	—	345,000	697,000	357,000
Minneapolis	20,081,000	1,705,000	8,424,000	242,000	426,000
St. Louis	373,000	77,000	419,000	2,000	17,000
St. Joseph	2,106,000	530,000	586,000	16,000	108,000
Kansas City	14,216,000	1,341,000	499,000	137,000	276,000
Wichita	3,697,000	29,000	25,000	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	688,000	368,000	1,000	—	—
Peoria	3,000	137,000	497,000	—	—
Indianapolis	1,063,000	796,000	398,000	—	—
Omaha	2,147,000	1,790,000	1,249,000	146,000	98,000
On Lakes	1,229,000	214,000	172,000	53,000	—
On Canal and River	757,000	44,000	22,000	20,000	501,000
Total Dec. 3 1927	91,036,000	19,217,000	23,252,000	3,013,000	4,297,000
Total Nov. 26 1927	91,116,000	20,045,000	23,230,000	2,835,000	3,505,000
Total Dec. 4 1926	70,722,000	28,699,000	48,288,000	12,899,000	4,972,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 72,000 bushels; Boston, 20,000; Baltimore, 14,000; Buffalo, 190,000; Canal, 296,000; total, 892,000 bushels, against 226,000 bushels in 1926. Barley—New York, 570,000 bushels; Boston, 42,000; Philadelphia, 56,000; Baltimore, 188,000; Buffalo, 451,000; Buffalo afloat, 140,000; Duluth, 95,000; Canal, 911,000; total, 2,453,000 bushels, against 4,685,000 bushels in 1926. Wheat—New York, 2,794,000 bushels; Boston, 1,022,000; Philadelphia, 1,211,000; Baltimore, 2,485,000; Buffalo, 6,647,000; Buffalo afloat, 13,615,000; Duluth, 243,000; on Lakes, 3,302,000; Canal, 835,000; total, 32,154,000 bushels, against 35,508,000 bushels in 1926.

Canadian—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Montreal	4,003,000	—	604,000	306,000	426,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	13,735,000	—	1,545,000	719,000	1,801,000
Other Canadian	12,720,000	—	400,000	774,000	435,000
Total Dec. 3 1927	30,458,000	—	2,549,000	1,799,000	2,662,000
Total Nov. 26 1927	32,914,000	—	2,086,000	2,123,000	2,552,000
Total Dec. 4 1926	39,490,000	—	7,393,000	1,816,000	6,455,000

Summary—
 American 91,036,000 19,217,000 23,252,000 3,013,000 4,297,000
 Canadian 30,458,000 — 2,549,000 1,799,000 2,662,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Dec. 2, and since July 1 1927 and 1926, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	Week Dec. 2.	Since July 1.	Week Dec. 2.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	14,112,000	232,712,000	227,235,000	151,000
Black Sea	792,000	8,424,000	23,588,000	791,000
Argentina	597,000	31,221,000	11,557,000	4,224,000
Australia	720,000	21,064,000	9,104,000	—
India	—	8,20		

vanced eastward to the Atlantic Coast by the 2d. In the meantime a moderate depression had formed over the extreme Southeast, and this moved slowly northeastward during the following few days, attended by heavy rains in the South and sleet or snow in the middle and north Atlantic areas. By the close of the week, however, the weather had become generally settled, with fair, moderately cool conditions prevailing in most sections of the country.

Data in the table on page 3 show that the temperature for the week was above normal in the more eastern States, and from the Rocky Mountains westward, while in the South mostly seasonal conditions prevailed. The week was cooler than normal in the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, as well as in the Lake region, with minus departures of temperature ranging from about 5 degrees to as much as 18 degrees over the area from the upper Mississippi Valley and northern Lake region westward to the Rocky Mountains. The line of freezing weather extended southward to northern South Carolina and the central parts of the Gulf States, with subzero reported in a considerable area in the central-northern portion of the country.

The table shows, also, that precipitation was substantial to heavy or excessive in the Southeastern States where drought had heretofore prevailed, and was moderately heavy in the middle and north Atlantic areas, parts of the interior valleys, and the eastern Lake region. There was very little precipitation in the lower Mississippi Valley and the Southwest, while the week was practically rainless in central and southern districts west of the Rocky Mountains. There was considerable precipitation in most of the Central-Northern States, and the amounts were light to moderate over the far Northwest. Much cloudy weather prevailed in the East, but in most central valleys, Southwestern, and more western States there was a large amount of sunshine.

The outstanding favorable feature of the weather during the week was the effective relief of the droughty conditions in the Southeastern States. Generous to heavy rains there bountifully supplied the soil with needed moisture, which, together with the generally mild temperatures, brought a marked improvement to the agricultural situation. However, in the Southwest, over a considerable area extending from the Rio Grande northward to the central Great Plains, very little precipitation occurred, and the droughty conditions remain unrelieved.

In the trans-Mississippi States the cool weather about December 3 brought frost practically to the Gulf coast and some damage resulted to tender vegetation; otherwise, temperatures were not materially harmful. There was considerable snow in Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains, with grain fields and meadows fairly well protected in most sections, but very little occurred in the interior valleys. In the more eastern States and the upper Ohio Valley districts farm work made good progress until stopped by the general precipitation near the close of the week. Conditions were rather unfavorable for outside operations in the area between the Lake region and Rocky Mountains, but elsewhere the weather was mostly favorable and good progress in seasonal farm work was noted. West of the Rocky Mountains the mild and mostly fair weather was generally favorable; in the north the soil is well supplied with moisture, but in some southern districts rain is needed.

SMALL GRAINS.—Grain fields were mostly protected by a snow cover in the Northeast as far south as the Potomac Valley, in the Lake region, and in most sections between the latter and the Rocky Mountains; elsewhere there was very little covering at the close of the week. Farther south cool weather checked growth, while there was some slight harm through the overflowing of lowlands locally in the Ohio Valley, but otherwise, east of the Great Plains, the wheat crop continued to make satisfactory advance and is mostly in good to excellent condition. Over a considerable area of the Southwest and north-central Great Plains, however, the drought continued unbroken and poor progress to deterioration was noted. Rains in the Southeast materially improved cereal crops in that section. In the Pacific Northwest favorable reports continue as to the wheat situation and light snows were beneficial in most Rocky Mountain States.

CORN AND COTTON.—Husking corn made good advance quite generally west of the Mississippi River, except for some delay by unfavorable weather in Iowa. East of the River fairly good progress was reported until outside work was stopped by general precipitation the latter part of the week in the more eastern States. Husking has been nearly completed in northern Illinois and is more than four-fifths done in Iowa. The dry, sunshiny weather, and mostly moderate warmth for the season, made conditions favorable for clearing up the cotton crop in the northwestern portion of the belt. Only a small amount remains unpicked elsewhere, but there was some damage by heavy rain to that remaining out in North Carolina.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Little work done account heavy rain throughout State and wet soil. Rivers in moderate flood. Some damage to cotton remaining in fields. Winter trucking going well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Drought effectively broken in central and western counties where drenching rains last of week. Rains greatly improved winter cereal germination and soil for further plowing and sowing. Rainfall disappointing on coast, but cabbage, turnips, and other winter truck generally improved.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Mild weather, with very abundant precipitation over entire State, completely breaking drought. Oats, wheat, rye, and winter truck improved and beginning to look well. Fall sowing of grains progressing and will now soon be completed; soil in good condition to plow.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Moderate, locally heavy, rains in north and central; showers in south. Seed beds, truck, oats, and citrus fruits improved but more rain needed in south for truck, fruit and cane. Sirup making continuing. Harvesting fruit active.

Alabama.—Montgomery: General, locally heavy, rains interfered with farm work, but beneficial for growing truck, hardy winter vegetation, and pastures, and replenished stock water. Sowing oats continues slowly and rather scantily; those up doing well.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Heavy precipitation in southeast; mostly light to moderate elsewhere. Freezing temperatures in north and central without appreciable damage. Progress of farm work and truck fair to poor; progress of pastures poor in north, but fair in south.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Breaking soil and grinding sugar cane made fair progress; some interruption by rains. Results from grinding cane continue excellent. Oats and truck generally doing well.

Texas.—Houston: Cold with frost to coast on 3d, some damage to tender vegetation. Light rains in south; still dry elsewhere and soil now too hard to plow. Condition of pastures, wheat, and oats poor to fair; progress poor and some oats dying. Progress and condition of truck very good in irrigated sections; poor elsewhere.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Fair and dry, with moderate temperatures, favorable for farm activities and good progress made in clearing up corn and cotton crops. Wheat made poor progress or deteriorated in central and west where too dry and needs rain badly, while green bugs have appeared in localities of central. Pastures fair; livestock in good condition.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Temperatures practically normal; no precipitation of consequence; sunshine adequate. Week favorable for clearing land, fencing, fall plowing, and butchering. Winter grains, pastures and live stock in good condition.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Generally favorable weather resulted in wheat making rapid progress. Oats, rye, and barley growing as well as usual for time of year. Late cotton being gathered and showing fair to good; some cotton on lowlands to be picked.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 9 1927.

Most divisions of the textile markets developed a firmer tendency this week. Interest, however, for the most part, centered in the rug and carpet auction conducted by the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. This sale, which opened on Monday, started off rather poorly, but improved on subsequent days. Although prices tended higher, they were still favorable enough to encourage active bidding. The sale has been closely watched by the trade as an indication and test of buying power, particularly as this is the second auction of the season. In regard to rayon, it was

announced that except for a minor change in one of the leading producer's lists, prices would continue unchanged for the first quarter of the new year. Most of the mills have begun to accept orders for delivery during the latter period, and are practically all running at capacity against advance orders. While some were disposed to look for firmer values in view of their sold up condition, it was believed that the industry would benefit more by continuing the price lists. As to their closely allied industry, silks, sales and sentiment have tended to improve. Prices for the raw product are steadier, while distribution of finished goods is larger. The improvement in the primary market is better than in the finished, owing to the fact that some mills are beginning to cover part of their requirements for the first quarter of 1928 in anticipation of better business. Statistics published by the Silk Association of America showed that imports of raw silk during the month of November totalled 36,650 bales, or a decrease of 14,557 bales from October. Deliveries to mills were maintained, the total being 46,947 bales or slightly above the years average. As a result, stocks in storage at the end-month decreased 10,297 bales, to a total of 52,069. The trade was disposed to construe the report favorably as the decrease in imports, coupled with sustained deliveries, allowed for a much stronger statistical position.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Reports covering sales and sentiment in the markets for domestic cotton goods are more encouraging, even though prices and distribution are still irregular. In certain sections of the country, production has been further curtailed, which has, to a large extent, helped avoid the dangers of producing in advance of actual demand. This has accomplished a lot in the way of stimulating a better feeling throughout the trade, but the cause of this week's improvement in sentiment has been the general receipt of a larger volume of orders. Besides this, the majority of business calls for immediate shipment, indicating limited stocks in distributors hands. It appears as though some buyers are looking forward to a period of broader activity after the first of the year, and are beginning to anticipate some of their requirements. The market needs stabilized prices so that buyers can proceed in the matter of making commitments, without having to consider whether the price will be changed within a few days. As a matter of fact, houses in a number of directions are holding their prices firmer, and buyers are finding it more difficult to secure concessions. Sellers appear to be more confident, and are not discriminating between the larger and smaller purchaser. Of course, this does not apply to all classes of cotton goods, as some are quiet, while sales of others are decreasing. Regarding the final Government cotton crop and ginning reports for the season, issued on Thursday, although they equalled expectations, the trade was pleased with the figures and construed them encouragingly in that they eliminated possibilities of a burdensome crop. The Department of Agriculture estimated the total yield this year at 12,789,000 bales. This compares with a previous estimate as of November 1st of 12,842,000 bales. The Census Bureau reported ginnings prior to December 1st of 11,742,806 bales. During the month of November sales of standard cotton cloths, according to figures reported by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York, were only 60.3% of production. Shipments were 89% of production, stocks on hand increased 13.8% during the month, and unfilled orders fell off 21.3%. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 64s' construction are quoted at 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ c., and 27-inch 64 x 60s' at 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 63 x 72s' construction are quoted at 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ c., and 39-inch 80 x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—As the markets for woollens and worsteds are still between seasons, they continue to mark time. However, the openings of lines for Fall 1928 are not far off. Sentiment concerning the price lists for the new year is mixed more or less. It is claimed that mills want broader distribution and any advances may prompt buyers to withhold orders more than they have been doing. On the other hand, the majority of factors believe that a firmer trend is likely to attend the opening. They stress as their arguments, the continued strength of raw wool and the narrow profit margins in finished goods manufacture. These and other similar important questions were discussed to mutual advantage at the annual meeting of the Woolen and Worsteds Men's Association on Wednesday. At the gathering it was stated that co-operation has been increasing and that the outlook for the industry is steadily improving.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—There is little to report in the way of new developments in the linen markets this week. Business has centered largely in hurry calls for small lots for immediate shipment to provide for the Holiday Trade. It is apparent that a general miscellaneous line of goods is needed by distributors, as there is nothing discriminating in these calls. Current popularity, however, centers in goods suitable for holiday gift purposes, such as boxed handkerchiefs and other similar merchandise which can be disposed of quickly. Dress linens are also quite active and it is claimed that many distributors are planning to feature them. The future of the linen markets is viewed optimistically by factors who predict better business and profits for the coming year. Burlaps quieted down following last week's activity, even though supplies are known to be very light. Light weights are quoted at 7.60c., and heavies at 12.00c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

New York, N. Y.—Court Rules Out Subway Item in City's Budget.—The action of the Citizens Union against inclusion in the 1928 budget of the \$13,000,000 item for redemption of short-term subway bonds proposed to be issued under the Delaney subway plan was decided on Dec. 3 against the City. Supreme Court Justice Wasservogel granted the writ of mandamus sought by the Citizens Union. It was Justice Wasservogel's opinion that the \$13,000,000 appropriation was not valid without the Controller's approval, which is required by statute. The Board of Estimate, in giving final passage to the 1928 budget, ignored the ruling and allowed the \$13,000,000 appropriation to stand. Mayor Walker has gone to the Court of Appeals for reversal of the decision.

Aldermen Pass 1928 Budget of \$512,528,831.—By a vote of 53 to 2, the Board of Aldermen on Dec. 6 approved the budget without reducing the amount from the \$512,528,831 figure set by the Board of Estimate in October. In doing this the Board ignored the writ of mandamus granted to the Citizens Union directing the City to eliminate the \$13,000,000 subway bond fund item from the budget.

Walker to Use Home Rule Rights to Defeat Opponents.—In an effort to counteract the effects of Justice Wasservogel's decision against the \$13,000,000 subway item in the 1928 budget, Mayor Walker, using powers he believes the City legislature has under the Home Rule Act, is having enacted a local law authorizing the Comptroller to certify to the necessity of the \$13,000,000 appropriation, and granting to the Board of Estimate power to give certification should the Comptroller refuse to certify the appropriation.

Irish Free State.—\$15,000,000 5% Gold Bonds Sold.—The National City Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York, jointly, sold on Dec. 6, \$15,000,000 5% Irish Free State external sinking fund gold bonds, at 97 and int. yielding about 5.20%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as to principal only. Due Nov. 1 1960. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable without deduction for any present or future Irish taxes, in New York City, in gold coin of the United States of America of the standard existing Nov. 1 1927, at the head office of the National City Bank of New York, American fiscal agent. The bonds it is stated are redeemable, in whole or in part, on any int. date prior to maturity, on thirty days' prior published notice, at 100, either through the operation of the sinking fund or, on or after Nov. 1 1950, at the option of the Irish Free State. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ADA, Pontotoc County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$425,000 issue of coupon water line bonds offered for sale on Nov. 29 (V. 125, p. 2840) was awarded to the Security National Bank of Oklahoma City at par as follows: \$227,000 as 4 3/4% bonds and \$198,000 as 4 1/4% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due from 1930 to 1952 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in New York City. (These are the bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on Nov. 15—V. 125, p. 2701.)

ALABAMA, State of (P. O. Montgomery).—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 10 there will be a special election for the purpose of having the voters pass upon the proposition of issuing \$20,000,000 school bonds. Under the provisions of the amendments, each of the counties in the State will receive \$200,000 for construction of public school buildings. After caring for each county, the remainder of the bond issue would be used in constructions of buildings at the State University, Auburn, Montevallo and State Normal institutions.

ALABAMA, (State of) (P. O. Montgomery).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Governor Bibbs Graves until Dec. 15 for the purchase of a \$2,000,000 issue of coupon, harbor improvement, 8th and 9th series bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 4 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due \$50,000 from Dec. 1 1937 to 1976 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the fiscal agency of the State of New York or at the office of the State Treasurer. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish the legal approval. A certified check, payable to the State, for 2% par of the bid, is required.

ALACHUA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Gainesville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 15 by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of \$100,000 5 1/2%, 5 3/4% and 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926 and due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 and 1930; \$3,000, 1931 to 1938; \$4,000, 1939 to 1944; \$5,000, 1945 and 1946; \$7,000, 1947 to 1950 and \$10,000 in 1951. The right is reserved by the Board to sell only 85 of the bonds, or from 85 to 100 of the bonds, as may be advised. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will furnish legal approving opinion. Required bidding forms will be furnished by the clerk or the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York. A \$2,000 certified check, payable to the above clerk, must accompany bid.

ALAMEDA COUNTY (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete list of the bids submitted by bidders on Nov. 28—V. 125, p. 3089—for the purchase of the \$250,000 issue of 5% Oakland Harbor Inner tube bonds:

Table listing bidders for Alameda County bonds, including Harris Trust & Savings Bank, The National City Co., Schwabacher & Co., and others, with bid amounts.

ALBUQUERQUE, Bernalillo County, N. M.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the other bids submitted on Nov. 30—V. 125, p. 3089—for the purchase of the six issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$590,000 awarded to a syndicate composed of the Continental & Commercial Co., Taylor, Ewart & Co., and the Wm. R. Compton Co., all of Chicago, as 4 1/2%, at a basis of about 4.39%:

Table listing bidders for ALLEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT bonds, including E. H. Rollins, First National, Mississippi Valley Trust, etc.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Northampton R. F. D. No. 3), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 2965—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia at 104.13. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,000 in 1932, 1937, and 1942. Interest payable J. & D. 15.

ALVIN, Brazoria County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 3 there will be a special election for the purpose of having the voters pass upon the following propositions: \$60,000 snow removal bonds, \$30,000 paving bonds and \$20,000 city-hall bonds.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Zella Swartz, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$72,500 5% improvement bonds. To be dated not later than Dec. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.; 10,000, 1933; \$8,000, 1934; \$9,000, 1935; \$10,000, 1936; and \$9,500, 1937. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Auditor, until 12 m. Dec. 30, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$56,700: \$49,000 special assessment improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1929; and \$10,000, 1930 to 1933 incl. 6,700 city's portion improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,700, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; and \$1,000, 1931 to 1933 incl. To be dated not later than Oct. 1 1927.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 tax revenue bonds offered on Dec. 8—V. 125, p. 3089—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Boardwalk National Bank of Atlantic City, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., and the Old Colony Corp., as 3.80s, at a premium of \$125, equal to 100.006. Dated Dec. 12 1927. Due June 12 1928. Other bids were as follows:

Table listing bidders for Atlantic City bonds, including Bankers Trust Co., Guarantee Trust Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., etc., with interest and premium rates.

ATTALA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Kosciusko), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$70,000 issue of 5% road bonds has recently been purchased by the Merchant Bank & Trust Co. of Lexington at a price of 102.14.

AVONMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Livengood, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 27, at the office of Crowell & Whitehead, Greensburg, for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated Dec. 28 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 28, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937; \$1,000, 1938 and 1939; \$2,000, 1940; \$1,000, 1941; \$2,000, 1942; \$1,000, 1943; \$2,000, 1944 to 1946 incl.; and \$1,000, 1947. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Cherokee County, Kan.—BOND CALL.—All holders of the \$40,000 5% sewer improvement bonds, dated Nov. 1 1917 and due on Nov. 1 1947 are called for payment of the bonds on Jan. 1 1928 at the office of the State Treasurer in Topeka. Int. will cease on Jan. 1.

BAY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. M. McAuley, Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 28, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$115,500: \$90,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows \$4,000, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$5,000, 1948 and 1949. 12,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially on Oct. 1 1928 to 1939, incl. 13,500 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$500. Due serially on Oct. 1 1928 to 1940, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 3% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Squire Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

BEACHWOOD (P. O., R. F. D. Warrensville), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank C. Marous, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 3 at the office of Locher, Green & Woods, Cleveland, for the purchase of \$265,504.13 5% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$504.13. Due serially from Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable in gold at the office of the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

BEAUFORT COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), S. C.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$75,000 4 1/4% bonds reported sold—V. 124, p. 1715—to the South Carolina National Bank of Columbia are divided as follows: \$45,000 road and bridge bonds and \$30,000 high school bonds. Due in 20 years. No option.

BELLEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—James J. Turner, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Dec. 19, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$425,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$425,000. Dated Jan. 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15, as follows: \$19,000, 1929; \$20,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$21,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$17,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$19,000, 1943; \$17,000, 1944 to 1947 incl.; and \$7,000, 1948 to 1957 incl.; Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Belleville. The U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y., will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds; the legality of which will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

BEXAR COUNTY (P. O. San Antonio), Texas.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$192,000 4 1/4% road and bridge funding bonds has been purchased by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 10 1927. Due from April 10 1931 to 1967, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 10) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City.

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$170,000 offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 2089—were awarded to Stephens & Co. of New York City, at 100.51, a basis of about 3.87%:

Table listing bond issues for Binghamton, including \$65,000 West Junior High School site bonds, \$5,000 June 1 1928 to 1940 incl., and \$50,000 St. John Ave. school bldg. and equip. bonds.

Table listing a complete list of other bids submitted for Binghamton bonds, including Pulley & Co., Kissell Kinnecutt & Co., Barr Brothers & Co., etc.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Birmingham) Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$74,000 school building bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 125, p. 3089—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4 1/2s, at a premium of \$1,483, equal to 102, a basis of about 4.26%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 and 1930; \$3,000, 1931 to 1938, incl.; \$4,000, 1939 and 1940; \$5,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$6,000, 1946, and \$7,000, 1947.

BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. A. Stauffer, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 5, for the purchase of an issue of \$30,870.53 5% Main Street paving bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$3,000, one bond for \$3,870.53. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; and \$5,870.53, 1939. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

BOISE, Ada County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on Dec. 27 by City Clerk Angela Hopper for the purchase of a \$12,426.48 issue of 7% improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due in 1937. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

BOUND BROOK, Somerset County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 5% coupon or registered permanent bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 2966—were awarded to the New Jersey Fidelity and Plate Glass Insurance Co. of Newark, at a premium of \$112.14, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 4.80%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and 1929; and \$2,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.

BRATTLEBORO, Windham County, Vermont.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Shumway, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 15, for the purchase of the following 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$280,000.

\$135,000 bridge bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1928 to 1942 incl.; and \$6,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.

65,000 refunding bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; and \$3,000, 1933 to 1947 incl.

Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J) payable at the Brattleboro Trust Co., or at the First National Bank, Boston; the said Trust Co. will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Bouden & Perkins of Boston.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Real value of taxable property (\$25,787,386), Assessed valuation, 1927 (15,472,432), Total bonded debt (not including these issues) (324,000), Floating debt (65,000). Total to be paid from proceeds of this issue.

BRAZORIA COUNTY (P. O. Angleton), Tex.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 road bonds has recently been purchased by H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston subject to an election to be held shortly.

BRECKENRIDGE, Stephens County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5% paving bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Roger H. Evans Co. of Dallas.

BRISTOW, Creek County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,800 issue of 4 1/2% improvement bonds offered for sale on Dec. 5 (V. 125, p. 3089) was awarded to the American National Bank of Bristow at par.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, has recently purchased prior to an election to be held soon an issue of \$129,000 5% refunding bonds. The same company also purchased a \$15,000 issue of warrants.

BURBANK, Los Angeles County, Calif.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete list of the bidders who submitted bids Nov. 29 (V. 129, p. 3089) for the purchase of the \$325,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon sewer system improvement bonds awarded to the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco at a basis of about 4.20%:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate, and Premium. Lists bidders such as Anglo-Continental Securities Co., Harris Trust Savings Bank, Magnolia Park National Bank, etc., with their respective rates and premiums.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Amount. Shows Dean Witter & Co., split at \$288,000 + 4 1/2% for 169.00, and E. R. Gundelfinger Inc., split at \$198,000 + 4 1/2% (Low 127,000 + 4 1/2%) for 33.00.

BUTLER COUNTY, (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. O. Roll, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$39,929.05 5% "Seven Mile" coupon bridge bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denoms. to suit purchase. Due Sept. 1 1936. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

CAMBRIA COUNTY (P. O. Ebsenburg), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry L. Cannon, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$400,000 4 1/2% public improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially from Dec. 30 1928 to 1952, incl. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following statement has been prepared in connection with the sale of \$921,000 4% or 4 1/2% coupon or registered county building bonds on Dec. 13, notice and description of which appeared in V. 125, p. 2966:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Gross Debt—Bonds, \$6,007,382.80; Floating debt (including temporary bonds) \$1,726,481.62; County building and highway bonds to be issued \$7,733,864.42; Floating debt to be funded by such bonds \$921,000.00; Net debt, including bonds to be issued \$7,733,864.42; Assessed valuation real property incl. improvements, 1927 \$285,549,403.00; Assessed valuation real property, incl. improvements 1926 \$272,064,176.00; Assessed valuation real property, incl. improvements 1925 \$230,280,857.00; Population, census of 1920, 190,508.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownville), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 19 by County Judge Oscar C. Dancy for the purpose of selling \$1,000,000 5% coupon series B bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$40,000 from Mar. 1, 1933 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in New York City at the Seaboard National Bank. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, New York attorneys, will furnish approving opinion. A \$10,000 certified check, payable to the Commissioners' Court of the County, must accompany the bid.

CAMPBELL, Mahoney County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Anthony Julius, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (central standard time) Dec. 21, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% city portion bonds aggregating \$18,821.57: \$12,210.45 sewer bonds. Due \$2,442.09, Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive. 3,770.65 paving bond. Due \$754.13, Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive. 1,811.19 paving bonds. Due Sept. 20, as follows: \$362.23, 1929 to 1932 inclusive and \$362.27, 1933.

709.00 sidewalk bonds. Due \$141.80, Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive. 320.30 grading bonds. Due \$64.06, Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 inclusive. A certified check payable to the order of the City Auditor for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

CARRBORO, Orange County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of coupon street impt. bonds offered for sale on Nov. 29—V. 125, p. 2842—was awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago as 5 1/2% bonds for a price of 101.08, a basis of about 5.12%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1929 to 1941 and \$2,000, from 1942 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York in gold.

CARRIZO SPRINGS, Dimmit County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters approved the proposition of issuing a \$55,000 flotation for water and water works purposes.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Huntingdon), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$178,000 issue of coupon highway bonds, issue of 1927, offered for sale on Nov. 30—V. 125, p. 2967—was awarded to a number of local banks for a \$12,500 premium, equal to 109.02. Due in 1947. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. (Rate of interest not given).

CARSON COUNTY (P. O. Panhandle), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$700,900 issue of 4 1/2% road bonds offered for sale on Dec. 1—V. 125, p. 2842—was not sold as all bids submitted on the issue were rejected. A bid of 100.18 for 4 1/2% bonds was rejected among others.

CAZENOVIA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wenona), Marshall County, Ill.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$6,000 road bonds awarded to the Merchants & Illinois National Bank of Peoria.—V. 125, p. 2967—bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2% mature \$2,000, July 1 1929 to 1931 incl.; and were awarded at par.

CHAMBERS COUNTY (P. O. Anahuac), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 12 by County Judge L. R. Miller for an issue of \$100,000 5% road bonds. (These are the bonds unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 14—V. 125, p. 2559.)

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—The Sanitary District of Chicago, will offer on Dec. 19, an issue of \$10,000,000 4 1/2% bonds, according to the "Herald-Tribune" of Dec. 8.

CLARK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rahway R. D. No. 2), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Brewer, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Dec. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$105,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929; \$3,000, 1930 to 1948, incl.; and \$2,000, 1949 to 1967, incl. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$105,000. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Rahway National Bank, Rahway. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

CLARKE COUNTY (P. O. Vancouver), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of 4 1/2% county bonds offered for sale on Aug. 1—V. 125, p. 685—has been awarded to Blyth, Wiciter & Co. of Portland. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$2,150,000 offered on Dec. 8—V. 125, p. 2842—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, at 100.019, a basis of about 3.89% as below:

\$1,500,000 city's portion, paving and sewer bonds as 3 1/4%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$88,000, 1929 to 1941, incl., and \$89,000, 1942 to 1945, incl.

350,000 park bonds as 4 1/4%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$14,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943, incl.

300,000 motor vehicle bonds as 4 1/4%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$60,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1933, incl.

CLEVELAND, Rowan County, N. C.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The \$25,000 issue of street impt. bonds which was to have been sold on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 2702—was not awarded as the sale was postponed. The reason for the postponement was a disagreement with the attorney handling the issue. The bonds will be sold in the near future.

CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. A. Gesell, Clerk-Treasurer Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (eastern standard time) Dec. 27, for the purchase of \$2,000,000 4 1/2% school coupon building bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York City. Only bids for 4 1/2% bonds will be considered. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, of the City School District of Cleveland, for \$50,000 is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (P. O. Lisbon) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$230,000 offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 3090—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a premium of \$8,740, equal to 103.80, a basis of about 4.20%:

\$100,000 road bonds. \$0,000 road bonds. \$50,000 road bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$23,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$333,000 4 1/2% special assessment Loudon Ave., bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 125, p. 3090—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, at a premium of \$10,619.39, equal to 103.18, a basis of about 3.96%. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Due March 1 as follows: \$33,000, 1930 to 1936, incl., and \$34,000, 1937 to 1939, incl.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Lists bidders such as Detroit Trust Co., Old Colony Corp., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., etc., with their respective premiums.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The \$66,300 promissory notes offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 3090—were awarded to Grau & Co. of Cincinnati, as 4.15s, at par. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Due June 15 1929.

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,150,000 coupon school building bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 2842—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Redmond & Co. of New York, and the Huntington National Bank, of Columbus, as 4s, at a premium of \$1,943.50, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 3.99%. Dated Dec. 10 1927. Due \$46,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1952 incl.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Amount. Lists bidders such as Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo, Eldredge & Co., N. Y., \$1,150,782.00; Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, \$1,150,240.00; First National Bank, N. Y., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., N. Y., Redmond & Co., N. Y., Huntington Nat. Bank, Columbus, \$1,151,943.50.

* Successful bid. The successful bidders are now offering the bonds for investment at prices to yield from 3.75% to 3.90%. These bonds, it is stated, are issued for school purposes and are a direct obligation of the entire school district, both principal and interest being payable from a direct annual tax on all the taxable property therein. The latest official financial statement of the City of Columbus shows property with assessed valuation for taxation purposes estimated at \$609,000,000. The total net bonded debt, including this issue, aggregates \$8,804,500.

CORNING SCHOOL DISTRICT, Perry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. Foracker, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Dec. 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$77,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000, \$750. Due as follows: \$1,500, March and \$2,000, Sept. 5 1928 to

1949 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, Board of Education, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

COSHOCTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. A. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati, were awarded on Dec. 3, four issues of 5% coupon special, assessment bonds aggregating \$14,140.50 at a premium of \$327.50 equal to 102.31. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1927, and mature serially from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

CRANE COUNTY (P. O. Crane) Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—The Thomas Investment Co. of Dallas, has purchased a \$30,000 issue of court house warrants.

CRANSTON, Rhode Island.—BOND OFFERING.—William M. Lee, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Dec. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$200,000 4% coupon fire station bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, Dec. 15 1928 to 1967 incl. Principal and interest (J. & D. 15) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation, Debt limit for City of Cranston, Total bonded debt, and Note indebtedness.

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*Of this amount \$2,463,000 in sundry bonds and notes is exempted from debt limit by Legislature. **Of this amount \$200,000 to be paid from proceeds of this issue. Assessors value of property owned by the City (Real Estate) \$1,415,580 Population estimated, 35,000.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Bridgeton), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds offered at public auction on Dec. 5 (V. 125, p. 3090) were awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of Atlantic City as follows: \$83,000 full bonds (\$85,000 offered) at 103.14, a basis of about 4.10%.

DANIA, Broward County, Fla.—PRICE BID.—The \$50,000 issue of 6% coupon improvement bonds sold on Nov. 3—V. 125, p. 2967—to the Municipal Investment Co. of West Palm Beach was awarded to them at a price of 95, basis of about 6.395%. Dated Sept. 12 1927. Due \$5,000 from Sept. 12 1947 to 1956, inclusive.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the \$75,000 coupon bridge impt. bonds awarded to A. C. Allyn & Co., of Chicago, at 102.69—V. 125, p. 3090.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Price Bid. Lists various companies and their bid amounts for bridge improvement bonds.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Brainbridge), Ga.—MATURITY BASIS.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% coupon paving bonds sold on Nov. 19—V. 125, p. 3090—to Bell, Speas & Co. of Atlanta at a price of 101.85, is due and payable in 1957. Basis is about 4.88%.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Leon), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 23 a special election will be held for the purpose of having the voters pass upon the proposition of issuing \$500,000 in bonds to pave its primary road system.

DEER PARK (P. O. Pleasant Ridge), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 6% special assessment improvement bonds aggregating \$17,697.58 offered on Nov. 14—V. 125, p. 2560—were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$1,056.42 equal to 105.97, a basis of about 4.68%.

DRUID HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Decatur), De Kalb County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—A special bond election will be held on Jan. 9 for the purpose of having the authorized electors pass upon the proposition of issuing \$250,000 for a new grammar and high school.

DUNN COUNTY (P. O. Menominee), Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$153,000 highway bonds has been purchased by the State Teachers' Retirement System, paying par for the issue.

DUNSMUIR, Siskiyou County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Los Angeles has recently purchased \$57,796.80 7% impt. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$353.12. Dated Nov. 9 1927.

EAST RUTHERFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$130,000 4 1/2% bonds. The bonds will be dated Dec. 15 1927, to be in denoms. of \$1,000 and mature as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1935 inclusive; and \$15,000, 1936 and 1939.

EAU GALLIE, Brevard County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$99,000 issue of 6% improvement bonds has been purchased by Prudden & Co. of Toledo, Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 2 1927 and due on May 2, as follows: \$10,000 from 1928 to 1936 incl. and \$9,000 in 1937. Prin and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank.

ECTOR COUNTY (P. O. Odessa), Tex.—BOND SALE.—Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% highway paving bonds for a premium of \$5,489, equal to 105.489, a basis of about 5.14%. Due in 1957. (These bonds were voted on Oct. 4 and sold on Oct. 7—V. 125, p. 2176.)

EL CAMINO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Proberta), Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$120,000 issue of irrigation bonds offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 125, p. 2843—was not sold as no bids were submitted on it.

ERWIN, Unicoi County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Dec. 16 by Town Recorder Frank E. Bryles for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1 1947. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank or at the Chemical National Bank. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—WARRANT OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners until Dec. 13 for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of warrants.

FAYETTE, Fulton County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held during November, the electors authorized the issuance of \$100,000 bonds to finance the erection of a new consolidated school building. Out of 425 votes cast 308 votes were for the proposition.

FEDERALSBURG, Caroline County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4 1/2% coupon water works bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 2843—were awarded to a syndicate composed of MacKubbin, Goodrich & Co., the Continental Co., and Strother, Brogden & Co. all of Baltimore, at 100.63, a basis of about 4.44%. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Dec. 15 1932 to 1946 inclusive.

FENTRESS COUNTY (P. O. Jamestown), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received for the purchase of \$100,000 5% road bonds by H. N. Wright, County Judge, until 11 a. m. on Dec. 23. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due in 40 years and optional after 20 years. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

FLAGLER AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES OCEAN SHORE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Daytona Beach), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$265,000 issue of 6% series AA impt. bonds offered for sale on Nov. 26—V. 125, p. 2703—was awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1938 to 1941; \$7,000, 1942; \$8,000, 1943; \$9,000, 1944 and 1945; \$10,000, 1946; \$12,000, 1947; \$15,000, 1948; \$12,000, 1949; \$15,000, 1948; \$18,000, 1949; \$21,000, 1950; \$24,000, 1951; \$25,000, 1952; \$27,000, 1953; and \$30,000 in 1954 and 1955.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston was awarded on Dec. 9, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.42% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 22 1928.

FRANKLIN LAKES, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk, until 8:30 p. m. Dec. 19, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered fire apparatus and fire house bonds, not to exceed \$28,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000, over \$28,000. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1937, incl., and \$1,000, 1938 to 1947, incl. Principal and int. (J. & D. 15) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Wycoff. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Crowheart), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Mrs. Willis J. Smith, Clerk of the Board of School Trustees, until 2 p. m. on Dec. 27, for the purchase of a \$4,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 5 1927. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at county treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the school district treasurer, for 5% of the bid, is required.

GALENA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,100 4 1/2% equipment bonds offered on June 11 (V. 125, p. 3247) were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo at 101.57. Dated June 1 1927. Due Mar. and Sept. 1 1938 to 1946 inclusive.

GEARY ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Spencer) Roane County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$174,500 6% road bonds has been purchased at par for the sinking fund of the State of West Virginia. Dated July 1 1927 and due in 1956.

GLENWOOD CITY, Saint Croix County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of 4 1/2% water main bonds has been purchased by Kuechle & Co. of Milwaukee. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1927 and due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1933 and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in Milwaukee at the First Wisconsin National Bank.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur Green, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$64,500 6% ditch bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denoms. \$500 and \$450. Due \$6,450 Dec. 15 1928 to 1937 inclusive. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

GREEN ISLAND LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Maquoketa) Jackson County, Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,279.79 5% drainage bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 125, p. 3091—were not sold as no bids were received for the issue. (These are the bonds unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 17—V. 125, p. 3091.)

GUILFORD COUNTY (P. O. Greensboro), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 13 by R. H. Wharton, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of three issues of 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$1,565,000 as follows: \$750,000 road and bridge bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1928. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1930 and 1931; \$40,000, 1932 to 1934; \$50,000, 1935 and 1936; \$60,000, 1937 to 1939; \$70,000, 1940 and 1941 and \$75,000 in 1942 and 1943.

500,000 school building bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1936; \$15,000, 1937 to 1943; \$20,000, 1944 to 1951, and \$25,000, 1952 to 1958, all incl. 315,000 road and bridge bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1934; \$15,000, 1935 to 1939; \$20,000, 1940 to 1944 and \$25,000, 1945 to 1948, all incl. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in gold in New York City.

The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich, Esq., New York City, will be furnished the purchaser. Bids must be on a form which will be furnished by said trust company or the undersigned and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for Bonds" and addressed to the undersigned, and must be accompanied by a certified check of \$31,300 upon an incorporated bank or trust company, unconditionally payable to the order of the County Treasurer, upon which check interest will be allowed the purchaser at the rate borne by the bonds. The right to reject all bids is reserved. (This report completes V. 125, p. 3091.)

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation of property in 1926, Assessed valuation of property in 1927 (estimated), Estimated actual value, Bonds outstanding, Road and bridge notes, and Notes due State for school loans.

Total debt including bonds now offered \$5,730,850.00 Bond anticipation notes to be paid from proceeds of bonds now offered, not included in above.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Deductions: Sinking fund, June 30 1927, and Net debt, including bonds now offered.

Population of County U. S. Census 1920 79,272 Present population, estimated over 100,000 City of Greensboro, Official U. S. Census 1923 43,525 City of Greensboro, present population estimated over 50,000 County Seat, Greensboro, N. C.

Total county-wide tax rate is 98c. per \$100 valuation of which 64c. is for county-wide schools. The entire County debt, except about \$300,000, is payable in annual serial instalments, thus obviating the necessity of large sinking funds.

HARRIMAN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 5% coupon water bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 3092—were awarded to the Monroe National Bank, Monroe, at 103.10, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932; and \$3,000, 1933 to 1937, incl.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Rate Bid. Lists W. A. Harriman & Co., Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Prudden & Co., Farson, Son & Co., R. F. DeVoe & Co., and Orange County Trust Co. with their respective bid rates.

HASKELL, Muskogee County, Okla.—COUPONS REDEEMED.—We are now informed that funds are on deposit with the Chatham & Phenix National Bank in New York for the redemption of all the 1924 coupons of the Improvement District No. 1 bonds. (Report of redemption of 1922-23 coupons appeared in V. 125, p. 3092.)

1950, and \$16,000 in 1951, all incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis. Basis is about 4.84%.

NORTH VERSAILLES, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 8—V. 125, p. 2298—the voters authorized the issuance of \$180,000 school building bonds by a vote of 472 for to 239 against. **BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by J. T. Harris, East McKeesport, Pa., for the purchase of the above-mentioned bonds, until Jan. 9. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4½% and mature in 1956.

NORTHVILLE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas E. Murdock, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) Dec. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$95,485 5/8% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$8,485, 1928, and \$10,000, 1929 to 1937 incl. A certified check for \$2,500 is required. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

NORTHVILLE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$59,100 special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Nov. 28—V. 125, p. 2970—were awarded to the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit, as 4½s, at 101.14, a basis of about 4.28%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,100, 1928; and \$6,000, 1929 to 1937 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with columns Bidder, Premium, Price. Includes Guardian-Detroit Co., Detroit Trust Co., Griswold-First State Co., Security Trust Co., Bank of Detroit, Braum, Bosworth & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Howe, Snow & Co., First National Co.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—The following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$60,000 were recently awarded locally: \$40,000 water works bonds. Due serially from Oct. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. 20,000 fire apparatus bonds. Due serially from Oct. 1 1928 to 1932 incl.

NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—S. A. Hering, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3.30 p. m. Dec. 15, for the purchase of an issue of 5% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$21,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$21,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1928 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Closter National Bank & Trust Co., Closter. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 coupon water works bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 125, p. 2422—were awarded to A. E. Aub. & Co. of Cincinnati, as 4½s, at a premium of \$936.00, equal to 102.96, a basis of about 4.23%. Dated July 15, 1926. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1940; and \$3,000, 1941 to 1951 incl.

OAKWOOD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oakwood), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Speed Warren, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 27 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$324,000 5% coupon bonds, issued under authority of Sections 2293-2 and 2293-19 to -23 General Code. Denoms. 312 for \$1,000 and 24 for \$500. Date Jan. 1 1928. Int. J. & J. Due \$13,500 yearly on Jan. 1, from 1930 to 1953 incl. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company in Ohio, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk-Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on Jan. 3 1928. Legal opinion of Peck, Shaffer & Williams, of Cincinnati, and D. W. & A. S. Iddings, of Dayton.

OAKLAND, Washtenaw and Macomb Counties (P. O. Lansing), Mich.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of bids submitted for the two issues of bonds aggregating \$819,000 awarded as 4½s to Watling, Lerchen & Hayes of Detroit, and Howe, Snow & Co. of Detroit in V. 125, p. 3094.

Table with columns Bidder, Price. Includes Watling, Lerchen & Hayes; Griswold-First State Co.; Lewis & Co.; Keane, Higbie & Co.; Prudden & Co.; Howe, Snow & Co.; Security Trust Co.; Watling, Lerchen & Hayes acct.; Prudden & Co., account.; Lewis & Co., account.

OBION COUNTY (P. O. Union City), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by County Judge Henry O. Stanfield until 11 a. m. on Dec. 26, for the purchase of a \$645,000 issue of semi-annual road bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Date Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 1947.

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred G. Bunnell, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 27, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% road improvement bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues given below: \$183,000 Lakewood-New Egypt Road bonds. Due as follows: \$19,000, 1928 to 1930, incl., and \$18,000, 1931 to 1937, incl. 66,000 East Central Ave., Seaside Park bonds. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$3,000, 1934 to 1947, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, Barnegat. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY (P. O. Okeechobee), Fla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of 6% bonds were recently purchased by W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, at a price of 95, a basis of about 6.65%. The issues aggregate \$120,000, divided as follows: \$80,000 road bonds. Due \$5,000 from 1932 to 1947, incl. 40,000 bridge bonds. Due \$5,000 from 1932 to 1939, incl.

OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Omaha), Neb.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Dec. 19 by Mary E. Bird, Secretary of the Board of Education, at the city hall for the purchase of a \$1,000,000 issue of not to exceed 4% coupon promissory notes. Dated Jan. 10 1928 and due on Aug. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (Aug. 1) payable at the office of Kountze Bros. in New York or at any place in the United States designated by successful bidder. Each note to be in the sum of \$500 or such multiple thereof as shall be requested by purchaser. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approving opinion. A \$25,000 certified check, payable to the school district, must accompany the bid. Bids to be unconditional.

Table with columns General Statement, Total general fund notes exclusive of this issue, Valuation of taxable property within the school district, Maximum tax levy, Existing levy, Amount of existing levy, Fiscal year begins Aug. 1, ends July 31, Population of City, 191,603 (1920 census); 219,200 (1927 estimate).

ONEONTA, Otsego County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, were awarded on Dec. 1 an issue of \$60,222.31 sewer bonds, as 4½s, at 100.93, a basis of about 4.03%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,222.31, 1928; and \$6,000, 1929 to 1937 incl.

OOSTANAUOLA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Calhoun) Gordon County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,000 issue of 5½% school bonds has recently been disposed of at par to local investors. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000 in 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942 and 1944. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

OPELIKA, Lee County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—A \$52,000 issue of 6% paving bonds was awarded on Dec. 5 to Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham, for a \$91 premium, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 5.98%. Denom. Nov. 1 1937. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY (P. O. Orangeburg), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$282,000 issue of 4¾% coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 2970—was awarded to the Peoples Security Co. of Charleston for a premium of \$5,225, equal to 101.85, a basis of about 4.43%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$19,000, 1928; \$33,000, 1929 to 1931; \$14,000, 1932 to 1934; \$13,000, 1935 to 1938 and \$14,000 from 1939 to 1943, all incl. Prin. only of bonds may be registered. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold in New York City. Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish legal approval. These bonds are doubly secured in payment by the State and County Reimbursement Agreements.

ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Orleans), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 issue of 4½% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 2971—was awarded to A. B. Leach & Co., Minton, Lampert & Co., Taylor, Ewart & Co., A. G. Becker & Co., all of Chicago; Mississippi Valley Trust and the Liberty Central Trust Co. both of St. Louis, for a premium of \$69,285, equal to 103.464, a basis of about 4.27%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$29,000 in 1936, \$30,000 in 1937, \$32,000 in 1938, \$33,000 in 1939, \$34,000 in 1940, \$36,000 in 1941, \$38,000 in 1942, \$40,000 in 1943, \$42,000 in 1944, \$44,000 in 1945, \$46,000 in 1946, \$48,000 in 1947, \$50,000 in 1948, \$52,000 in 1949, \$54,000 in 1950, \$56,000 in 1951, \$58,000 in 1952, \$61,000 in 1953, \$64,000 in 1954, \$67,000 in 1955, \$70,000 in 1956, \$73,000 in 1957, \$76,000 in 1958, \$80,000 in 1959, \$84,000 in 1960, \$88,000 in 1961, \$91,000 in 1962, \$95,000 in 1963, \$100,000 in 1964, \$105,000 in 1965, \$110,000 in 1966, and \$114,000 in 1967. Principal of bonds may be registered. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold in New York City, Chicago or New Orleans. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish the legal approving opinion. These are the bonds unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 8—V. 125, p. 2846.

The bonds are now being offered to the public for subscription by the successful syndicate; priced to yield 4.20% on all maturities.

OSSINING, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4½% coupon fire equipment bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 2971—were awarded to Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York City, at 101.21, a basis of about 4.05%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$5,000, Dec. 1 1928 to 1932 incl.

Table with columns Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Graham, Parson & Co., Rutter & Co., Sherwood & Merrifield, George B. Gibbons & Co., Batchelder, Wack & Co., James A. Trowbridge, Ossining Trust Co., First National Bank & Trust Co., R. F. Devroe & Co., Farson Son & Co.

PAINESVILLE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. S. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Dec. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$225,000 4½% school construction bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due October 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1929 to 1943 incl., and \$10,000, 1944 to 1952 incl. Prin. & int. (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Painesville. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for \$5,000 is required.

PARKERSBURG, Wood County, W. Va.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$400,000 issue of water works bonds recently purchased—V. 125, p. 3095—was par by the State of West Virginia bears 5% interest and is due as follows: \$5,000, 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$10,000, 1932; \$10,500, 1933; \$11,000, 1934; \$11,500, 1935; \$12,000, 1936; \$12,500, 1937; \$13,000, 1938; \$14,000, 1939; \$15,000, 1940; \$16,000, 1941; \$17,000 in 1942; \$18,000, 1943; \$19,000, 1944; \$20,000, 1945; \$21,000, 1946; \$22,500, 1947; \$24,000, 1948; \$25,500, 1949; \$27,000, 1950; \$28,000, 1951; \$29,000, 1952 and \$12,500 in 1953.

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete list of the other bids submitted on Nov. 28—V. 125, p. 3095—for the purchase of the two issues of 4¾% bonds aggregating \$65,000 given to Drake, Riley & Thomas of Los Angeles at a basis of 4.24%. The first figure is for the smaller issue:

Table with columns Bidder, Prem. 1, Prem. 2. Includes Commonwealth Investment Co., U. S. National Bank, Heller, Bruce & Co., John M. C. Marble Co., Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., Dean Witter & Co., Anglo-L-P Co., E. R. Gundelfinger, Security Co., Wm. R. Staats Co., R. H. Moulton & Co.

PHILADELPHIA, Philadelphia County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. Freeland Kendrick, Mayor, until 12 m (Eastern standard time) Jan. 4, for the purchase of the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$15,000,000:

- \$6,000,000 30-year 4% registered and coupon loan. Due Jan. 1 1958. 9,000,000 50-year 4% registered and coupon loan. Due Jan. 1 1978. Dated Jan. 1 1928. The City reserves the right to redeem the bonds, at par and accrued interest at the expiration of twenty (20) years from the date of issue of this loan, or at any interest period thereafter, upon 60 days' notice by public advertisement. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICTS (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% coupon bonds of the total block of 5 issues offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 2707—were awarded to Davis, Miller & Cobb of Tampa, at par 75,000 Special Road and Bridge District No. 4 bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1932; \$3,000, 1933 to 1935; \$4,000, 1936 to 1939; \$5,000, 1940 to 1943 and \$6,000, 1944 to 1947, all incl. 35,000 Special Road and Bridge District No. 7 bonds. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1942, and \$3,000, 1943 to 1947, incl. 25,000 Special Road and Bridge District No. 2 bonds. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1940 and \$2,000, 1941 to 1947, all incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Principal of bonds may be registered. Chester B. Masslich, New York attorney, will furnish legal approval. Prin. and int. payable in New York City in gold. The above named clerk will furnish required forms.

PLANT CITY, Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% bonds offered for sale on Nov. 14—V. 125, p. 2422—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Orlando at a price of 102.63, a basis of about 5.47%. The total of the two issues is \$35,000 divided as follows: \$25,000 street impt. bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927 and due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1936; \$2,000 in 1930, 1932, 1934; \$4,000, in 1937. 10,000 street impt. bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927 and due on Jan. 1 1933. Prin. and int. payable in New York City at the National City Bank.

\$650,000 municipal airport, voted. 250,000 water main extensions, voted. 200,000 municipal pier extension, voted. 100,000 recreation area in bay, defeated. 150,000 municipal golf course, defeated. 50,000 bulkhead extension in bay, voted. 65,000 paving and storm drains on tidelands, defeated. 119,000 paving streets in Balboa Park, voted.

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 15 by L. R. Phillips, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$510,000 issue of refunding bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1931 to 1948 and \$30,000, 1949 to 1953, all incl. Int. rate to be named in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Split interest rate bids will be considered. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York City at the National Park Bank. Caldwell & Raymond, New York attorneys, will furnish legal approving opinion. Bids for less than 95% of par will not be considered. A certified check for 2% of the bonds to be sold must accompany the bid.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY (P. O. Coldspring), Texas.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston, are reported to have purchased a \$1,000,000 issue of county road bonds.

SAUGERTIES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Saugerties) Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the President Board of Education, until 3 p. m. Dec. 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$80,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Dec. 22 1927. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$2,000, Dec. 22 1928 to 1967 incl. Principal and interest payable at the Bank of Saugerties, Saugerties. A certified check for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$373,200 special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 125, p. 2565—were awarded to the First National Bank of Detroit, as 4 1/2%, at a premium of \$20.00. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$41,200, 1929, 41,000, 1930; \$42,000, 1931; \$41,000, 1932; \$42,000, 1934; \$41,000, 1935; \$42,000, 1936; and \$42,000, 1937. The following bids were submitted for 4 1/2% bonds:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Includes Central Trust Company of Illinois (\$4,403), Guardian Trust Company (4,033), Otis & Company (3,942), Stranahan, Harris & Oatis (3,816), The Herrick Company (3,776), Geo. W. York & Company (3,134).

SHARPSVILLE, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh was recently awarded an issue of \$35,000 4 1/2% funding bonds at a premium of \$653, equal to 101.86, a basis of about 4.10%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932, and \$10,000, 1939, 1944 and 1947.

SHOREWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shorewood) Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$185,000 4 1/2% coupon school improvement bonds has been purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1930, 1931, 1936 and 1939; \$2,000 in 1932 and 1937; \$4,000 in 1933 and 1935; \$54,000 in 1940; \$59,000 in 1941 and \$48,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Bank of Shorewood.

SINTON, San Patricio County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 issue of 5 1/2% street improvement bonds voted on Oct. 22—V. 125, p. 1874—has been purchased by the J. E. Jarratt Co. of San Antonio. Dated Dec. 10 1927, and due on Dec. 10 from 1935 to 1962.

SKAGIT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Mount Vernon), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 15—V. 125, p. 2181—has since been awarded to the State of Washington as 5% bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due from 1929 to 1931, inclusive.

SMACKOVER, Union County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$55,000 issue of paving bonds has been purchased by M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock.

SOUTH DAKOTA, State of (P. O. Pierre)—WARRANT SALE.—The \$750,000 issue of tax anticipation warrants offered for sale on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 3096—was awarded to the Continental and Commercial Co. of Chicago, as 4% warrants at par. Denoms. \$5,000 and \$10,000. Dated Dec. 20 1927 and due on Dec. 20 1928. A. G. Becker & Co. of Chicago bid par for 4.20s.

SOUTH PASADENA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles) will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 19 for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Due serially from 1930 to 1957.

SPARTANSBURG, Spartanburg County, S. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$400,000 issue of 4% notes has been disposed of to an unknown purchaser.

SPERRY, Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$42,000 issue of water works and sewer bonds has been purchased by Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City.

STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$21,900 offered on Nov. 30—V. 125, p. 2848—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, as follows:

- \$14,700 Salem Township road bonds at 102.80, a basis of about 3.97%. Due \$735 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.
7,200 Pleasant Township road bonds, at 101.87, a basis of about 4.15%. Due \$360 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.
Dated Nov. 7 1927.

STINNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stinnett) Hutchison County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$75,000 school bonds recently sold—V. 125, p. 2848—bear 6% interest and were awarded to C. Edgar Hannold of Oklahoma City at par.

STOCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stockton) Lanier County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An \$18,000 issue of school bonds has recently been disposed of to an unknown purchaser.

SUMTER COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Center Hill), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased \$120,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1931 to 1945 and \$5,000 from 1946 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

SUSSEX, Sussex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered borough hall bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 3096—were awarded to the Farmers National Bank of Sussex, at a premium of \$232.22, equal to 101.16, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$2,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1937 inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Includes M. M. Freeman & Co. (\$20,011.11), Prudden & Co. (20,014.00).

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The Sagamore Trust Co. of Lynn, was awarded on Dec. 2, a \$100,000 issue of notes; a 3.28% discount basis. The notes mature Nov. 10 1928. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, Disc. Basis. Includes Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (\$3.00, 3.30%), Central National Bank (3.305%), Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (3.33%), F. S. Mosley & Co. (2.00, 3.34%), Manufacturers National Bank (1.25, 3.34%), Security Trust Co. (3.39%).

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 6 P. M. Dec. 13, for the purchase of the following issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$150,000:

- \$90,000 water mains bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due \$6,000, Jan. 1 1929 to 1943 inclusive.
60,000 water supply bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Due \$2,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1957 inclusive.
Denom. \$1,000. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

TAYLOR COUNTY (P. O. Abilene), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$600,000 issue of 4 1/2% road bonds sold on Nov. 29—V. 125, p. 3096—to the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas at a price of 100.471 is described thus: coupon bonds, dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1 1957. Basis of about 4.48%. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin)—BONDS REGISTERED.—State Treasurer G. N. Holton registered during the week ended Dec. 3 the following issues of bonds:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Mature. Rate. Includes \$100,000 Harris Co., \$17,000 Quail, 400,000 Pampa R. Dist., 30,000 Menarg, 1,500 Mills Co., 300,000 Eastland Co., 1,250,000 Harris Co., Ship., 2,000,000 Harris Co., 200,000 Bexor Co., 5,000 Galveston Co., 2,000 Galveston Co.

TILLMAN COUNTY (P. O. Frederick), Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on Nov. 29 the authorized electors defeated the proposition of issuing \$900,000 in road bonds by a vote of 1,971 to 1,422. A petition will be shortly put in circulation for another election.

TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marshall County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, until 2 p. m. Dec. 29, for the purchase of an issue of \$45,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Jan 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500, Jan. and July 1 1929 to 1943 inclusive.

TIPTON, Tillman County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of water works bonds voted on Nov. 2—V. 125, p. 2708—was recently disposed of to an unknown purchaser.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% general improvement bonds offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 3096—was awarded to the Guaranty State Bank of Topeka for a premium of \$1,213.71, equal to 101.2137, a basis of about 4.04%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927 and due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,000, in 1930, 1932, 1934 and 1936; \$13,000, in 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1937. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the State Treasurer's office.

TUSCARAWAS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The State Teachers Retirement System, was recently awarded an issue of \$96,000 school bonds at par.

VINCENNES, Knox County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. J. Julian, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Dec. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 4 1/2% bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 15 1929 to 1938, incl. A certified check for \$100 is required.

WALNUT COVE, Stokes County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. R. Voss, Town Clerk, until 1.30 p. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 6% water, electric light and sewer system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1930 to 1944 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York City at the Guaranty Trust Co. Bray Bros. of Greensboro will certify to genuineness of signatures and seal, and Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will approve legality. A certified check payable to the Town Treasurer, for 2% par of the bid, is required.

WALTON COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. DeFuniak Springs), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 22 by the Superintendent of the Board of Public Instruction, for the purchase of a \$23,000 issue of school bonds.

WARRINGTO, TOW, SHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warrington), Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 125, p. 2708—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, at 104.52, a basis of about 4.08%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1932; 1942 and 1947; and \$3,000, 1952. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Doylestown Trust Co. (100.50), J. H. Holmes & Co. (103.33), M. M. Freeman & Co. (103.19), A. B. Leach & Co. (102.60).

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (P. O. Hillsboro), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. A. Shearer, Chairman of the Board of School Directors, until 8 p. m. on Dec. 9, for the purchase of an \$8,500 issue of 6% school bonds. Due \$850 from Dec. 1 1928 to 1937 incl. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

WAVERLY, Tioga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens National Bank of Waverly, were awarded on Nov. 28, an issue of \$12,000 motor pump bonds at 100.30 (rate of interest not given).

WEBB COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 79 (P. O. Fort Worth) Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 12—V. 125, p. 1225—has since been sold to the sinking fund of the school at par. Due in 1967.

WELLESBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wellsburg), W. Va.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—The correct amount of the 4 1/2% school bonds sold recently—V. 125, p. 3097—is \$225,000, not \$180,000 as first reported.

WESTBORO, Worcester County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The First National Bank of Westboro, was awarded on Nov. 16, an issue of \$8,000 improvement notes on a 3.73% discount basis. The notes are dated Nov. 16 1927 and mature Nov. 16 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the successful bidder.

WEST HOMESTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Homestead) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 2708—were awarded to Grover & MacGregor of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$885, equal to 102.95, a basis of about 4.01%. Due \$5,000, on Nov. 1, in each of the years, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, and 1956.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Mellon National Bank (Pittsburgh) (\$695.50), R. M. Snyder Co. (800.00), M. M. Freeman Co. (797.70), J. H. Holmes (780.00), Union Trust Co. (673.80), E. H. Rollinson & Co. (603.60), S. M. Vochel & Co. (761.10), A. B. Leach & Co. (690.00).

WEST LAWN, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on Dec. 7 (V. 125, p. 2708) were awarded to the Reading National Bank of Reading at a premium of \$862.50, equal to 103.45, a basis of about 3.98%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952 and 1957.

WEST SALEM, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 5% special assessment improvement bonds offered on Dec. 3—V. 125, p. 2708—were awarded to the Farmer State Bank, West Salem, at a premium of \$45.00, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$500, Sept. 1 1928 to 1933 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes A. E. Aub & Co. (\$3,004.00), First Citizens Corp. (3,017.60), Well, Roth & Irving Co. (3,004.00).

WETZEL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. New Martinsville) W. Va.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of road district bonds have recently been purchased at par by the state sinking fund. The three issues aggregate \$815,000.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank A. Morrow, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 27, for the purchase of an issue of \$3,400 4 1/2% road improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Denom. \$340. Due \$340 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1933, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the office of the above-mentioned official.

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BIDS.—The following bids, according to I. T. McClure, City Treasurer, were also submitted for the two issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$225,000, awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of New York City, in—V. 125, p. 3097—
Bidder—
 Laird, Bissell & Meeds, Wilmington, Del., and Harris, Forbes & Co., New York (joint bid)-----\$223,987.50
 National City Co. of New York-----224,290.05
 Bankers Trust Co. of New York-----223,377.75
 Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York-----224,325.00
 Stephens & Co. of New York-----223,169.00
 Eldredge & Co. of New York-----223,850.25
 Graham, Parsons Co. of Phila. Pa-----223,022.50
 Guaranty Co. of New York-----224,525.25
 Solomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York-----223,143.75
 Morris Mather & Co. of New York-----223,377.75
 Kissel Kinnicutt & Co. of New York-----222,860.00
 R. M. Grant & Co. of New York and Henry Nowland, Inc., of Wilmington, Del. (joint bid)-----220,657.00
 Howe, Snow & Co. of New York-----224,772.75

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winslow) Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia were awarded on June 24 an issue of \$30,000 5% school bonds.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY SUPERVISORS DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Water Valley) Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$122,500 issue of 5½% road bonds offered for sale on Dec. 5—V. 125, pp. 2849 and 3097—was awarded to the First National Bank of Memphis for a premium of \$7,225, equal to 105.897, a basis of about 4.90%. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1927, and due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$2,500, 1928 to 1932; \$5,000, 1933 to 1942 and \$6,000 from 1943 to 1952, all incl.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of)—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., and the Royal Bank of Canada, was awarded at private sale on Dec. 3, an issue of \$1,000,000 4% gold bonds at 92.69, a basis of about 4.42%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1957. The bonds are payable in New York in United States and Canadian funds. The bonds are now being offered to the public for investment at 93.75 and interest to yield about 4.375%.

CHATHAM, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The London Life Insurance Co. of Ontario, was recently awarded an issue of \$35,000 hospital bonds. (Price paid and other details not available.)

DUTTON, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—J. D. Blue, Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Dec. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$57,000 5% 30-installment school debentures, dated Dec. 31 1927 and guaranteed by the County of Elgin.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND SALE.—The Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto were recently awarded the following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$410,770, at 99.43, a basis of about 4.88%:
 \$181,770 impt. bonds. Due in 1947.
 169,980 impt. bonds. Due in 1957.
 59,020 impt. bonds. Due in 1942.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND ELECTION.—At the municipal election to be held in January, the ratepayers will be asked to vote on several by-laws aggregating \$818,521.

HAMILTON, Ontario.—BOND ELECTION.—At the municipal elections held in January, the ratepayers will be asked to approve or reject a \$383,000 sewer debenture by-law and a \$373,000 hospital debenture by-law.

KENTVILLE, N. S.—BOND SALE.—J. C. Mackintosh & Co., were recently awarded an issue of \$3,000 5% bonds at 101.17, a basis of about 4.89%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1927 and mature in 1942. The following bids were also submitted:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Rate Bid.</i>
H. M. Bradford & Co.	100.80
Johnson & Ward	100.57

MIMICO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto were recently awarded an issue of \$85,000 5% high school building bonds at 100.29, a basis of about 4.94%. The bonds mature in thirty annual installments.

NEW TORONTO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$67,550 offered on Dec. 5—V. 125, p. 3098—were awarded to the Bank of Nova Scotia, of Halifax, at 99.56, a basis of about 5.06%:

\$59,650 pavements and water main bonds. Due serially from 1928 to 1942 incl.
 7,900 sidewalk bonds. Due serially from 1928 to 1937 incl.

ONTARIO (Province of) (P. O. Toronto)—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 4% coupon Niagara Parks Commission bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 3098—were awarded to Dillon, Read & Co. of New York and the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto, jointly, at 96.31, a basis of about 4.40%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$67,000, 1928; \$70,000, 1929; \$73,000, 1930; \$76,000, 1931; \$79,000, 1932; \$82,000, 1933; \$85,000, 1934; \$88,000, 1935; \$91,000, 1936; \$95,000, 1937; \$99,000, 1938; \$103,000, 1939; \$108,000, 1940; \$112,000, 1941; \$116,000, 1942; \$121,000, 1943; \$126,000, 1944; \$131,000, 1945; \$136,000, 1946; and \$142,000, 1947.

POINT GREY, B. C.—BOND SALE.—A number of bond issues, aggregating \$23,384, bearing interest at the rate of 6% and maturing in 1937 and 1942, have been disposed of recently.

QUEBEC (City of)—BOND SALE.—The National City Co. of New York, were awarded on Dec. 2, at 100.178, the following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$605,000: at 100.178, \$365,000 bonds. Dated March 1 1926.

240,000 bonds. Dated May 1 1927.
 Principal and interest payable at the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Quebec or Montreal, or at the main office of the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, at the option of the holder. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. The following bids were also submitted:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Rate Bid.</i>
Hanson Bros. and Rene Leclerc & Co.	99.83
Dominion Securities Corp.	100.17
Banque Nationale Canadienne	99.05
Mead & Co.	99.55
Wood, Gundy & Co.	99.55

RIVERSIDE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—R. H. Bain & Co. of Toronto were recently awarded the following issues of bonds aggregating \$182,824 at 100.58:

\$100,588 5¼% impt. bonds. Due serially from July 5 1929 to 1947 incl.
 \$82,236 5½% impt. bonds. Due serially from Sept. 19 1928 to 1942 incl.

SANDWICH, Ont.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, were recently awarded the following issues of 5½% bonds aggregating \$275,813 at 103.80, a basis of about 5.04%:
 \$158,500 impt. bonds. Due in equal amounts from 1928 to 1957 incl.
 71,547 impt. bonds. Due in equal amounts from 1928 to 1937 incl.
 45,766 impt. bonds. Due in equal amounts from 1928 to 1947 incl.

THOROLD, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Town Treasurer, until 5 p. m. Dec. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$70,862.64 local improvement, 5% debentures. The debentures mature in ten equal annual instalments. Legality approved by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board and Long & Daly of Toronto.

TORONTO, Ont.—NOTE SALE.—The \$5,500,000 4% coupon registerable as to principal, treasury notes offered on Dec. 6—V. 125, p. 3098—were awarded to the Chase Securities Corp. of New York, A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., and the Royal Bank of Canada, all of Toronto, at 99.27 a basis of about 4.28%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due June 1 1930.

The notes are now being offered by the successful syndicate at 99.75 and interest, yielding over 4.10% (New York payment and delivery). According to the offering circular, the sinking fund of the city averages \$428 for every \$1,000 of sinking fund debt outstanding, and is over \$1,000,000 in excess of requirements. The following is a complete official list of the other bids submitted for the issue:

<i>Tenderers</i>	<i>Price.</i>
First National Bank, N. Y., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Redmond & Co., Bank of Montreal, Lee, Higginson & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Eldredge & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, National Park Bank, Hanson Bros. and Kerr, Fleming & Co.	99.25
Bank of Toronto	99.24
R. A. Daly & Co., Blair & Co., N. Y.; Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., N. Y.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Continental National Co., Chicago; Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Matthews & Co., Ltd.	99.088
National City Co., Guaranty Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Bankers Trust Co., all of New York	98.904

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NOTICE OF SALE
\$55,000
County of McDowell, North Carolina
FUNDING BONDS.

Sealed bids, addressed to the undersigned, will be received by the Board of Commissioners of McDowell County, at the office of the County Commissioners, at the Court House, at Marion, North Carolina, until Monday, December 19, 1927, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purchase of \$55,000 Funding Bonds of McDowell County, North Carolina, maturing \$2,000 of bonds on January 1 1929, \$3,000 of bonds on January 1st, 1930-1935, inclusive, \$4,000 of bonds on January 1st, 1936-1940, inclusive, and \$5,000 of bonds on January 1st, 1941-1943, inclusive. Bonds dated January 1, 1928. Interest payable semi-annually (January 1st and July 1st) at the rate to be fixed on the day of sale not to exceed 6%. Coupon bonds, registerable as to both principal and interest, denomination \$1,000, payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. General obligations. Unlimited tax. Bidders are requested to name rate of interest in multiples of ¼ of 1%—not to exceed six per cent per annum.

Each bidder must present with his bid a certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, unconditionally payable to the order of McDowell County for two per centum of the face value of the bonds bid for, for the purpose of securing the County against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. County will furnish the bond forms and approving opinion of recognized bond attorneys.

Dated, November 29, 1927.
 R. F. BARNES,
 Clerk, Board of Commissioners.

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