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### The Financial Situation.

Last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies again showed a deficiency in the required legal reserves. The circumstance is not one that can be lightly dismissed and it should not be treated as if it were of no significance. The deficit is only about one-half what it was on the preceding Saturday, but it is the third successive Saturday in which the reserve condition of the Clearing House institutions has been impaired. On Saturday, Dec. 31, the deficit was \$51,651,040; on Saturday, Jan. 7, it was \$62,374,630, and last Saturday (Jan. 14) it was \$30,707,540.

A third deficit in succession was certainly not looked for and created considerable surprise. A record of two successive deficiencies has not been uncommon, and in the present instance the first two of the three deficiencies seemed easily susceptible of explanation on the ground that the impairment had grown out of the very heavy 1st of January interest and dividend disbursements, the theory being that the distribution of these heavy disbursements, by means of which the moneys are returned to the customary channels, had not been fully completed when the Jan. 7 Clearing House statement was compiled. That theory, however, is hardly applicable in the case of the third deficit, already noted, since by that time the distribution must undoubtedly have been completely effected.

The customers of the Clearing House institutions further diminished their borrowings during the week in amount of \$129,276,000, following a similar diminution in the preceding week of \$153,070,000, making no less than \$282,346,000 contraction in the two weeks in the loan item and indicating very

plainly that the January disbursements were having their customary effect. Concurrently there was a diminution of \$78,024,000 in the demand deposits during the week and also a diminution of \$4,055,000 in the time deposits. And the two followed \$170,341,000 decrease in the demand deposits with \$26,359,000 increase in the time deposits the previous week. By last Saturday's return these Clearing House banks were also able to show \$23,798,000 addition to their reserve with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (in part as the result of a reduction of cash in vault of \$6,100,000, which, as cash, does not count as reserve), but the increase in reserves, combined with the shrinkage in deposits, was not sufficient to wipe out entirely the large deficit of the previous week. A further drawing down of United States Government deposits, against which no reserves are required, served to add to the difficulties of the situation.

The change inaugurated in Federal Reserve regulations at the beginning of the year under which reserves of the banks must be computed on the basis of semi-weekly averaging of daily reserves, instead of the former averaging of the daily figures only once a week, was intended, it is believed, to avoid these recurring deficits, but obviously has not yet accomplished its purpose, and we repeat what we said a week ago in discussing the matter that in the case of these large city institutions no averaging at all ought to be permitted, but each single day should be treated by itself and proper penalties enforced whenever a deficit is disclosed on any day.

Attempts to minimize the importance of deficiencies in the reserves of the Clearing House institutions are to be deprecated. Of course in their influence upon the money market impaired reserves are not to be invested with the significance that they possessed before the organization of the Federal Reserve system, since the impairment can so easily be made good by availing of the credit facilities of the Reserve banks, but the impairment itself cannot be treated as being of no account since it indicates a condition of strain just as unmistakably as it did before the establishment of the Reserve system. And the strain exists just as certainly whether the deficiency results from a desire not to indulge in additional borrowing at the Reserve bank or results, as in the present instance, from a diminution in borrowing at the Reserve before the banks are in condition to stand the reduction without incurring a deficiency in their reserve requirements. Whatever might have been the case on Saturday Dec. 31, it is certain no deficit would have appeared either on Jan. 7 or on Jan. 14 if the Clearing House banks had not reduced their borrowings at the Re-

serve bank very heavily. But the Clearing House banks do not like to appear as borrowing at the Reserve Bank any more than absolutely necessary, and the Clearing House returns themselves in showing recurring deficits are the strongest evidence that the curtailment of borrowing was misleading and deceptive, since it eventuated in impaired reserves.

Candor compels the statement that the Federal Reserve system, as it is operated to-day, tends directly to promote the continuance of an unhealthy situation where it exists and to create such a situation where it does not exist. Before the establishment of the Federal Reserve Banks, whenever excessive use of bank credit developed, and warning signals appeared, such as impaired Clearing House reserves, thereby giving notice to the whole community of what was going on, the warnings were heeded, and soon brought about their own corrective. Now they are ignored or regarded as of no consequence. The reason is that having the Reserve banks as unlimited dispensers of credit, we look to them to alleviate every situation of stress and strain. The underlying causes, however, responsible for the strain, receive no attention and are allowed to go on unchecked, thereby adding to the seriousness of the situation.

The advocates of the Reserve system actually claim this as one of its most beneficial attributes, namely, that positions of strain need no longer be taken into account, since the Federal Reserve system by its unlimited capacity to extend credit, and the willingness of the managers of the Reserve system to encourage the employment of such credit without stint, prevents the development of anything in the nature of an acute crisis. Formerly economic laws had free play and worked out, as already stated, their own corrective. Now the operation of economic laws is paralyzed through the operation and management of the Federal Reserve system. Brokers' loans on the Stock Exchange would never have attained their present gigantic dimensions except for the operation of the Federal Reserve System. Every time that the Saturday Clearing House returns disclosed impaired reserves—and this happened 19 times out of the 53 Saturdays in 1927—the speculation would have been halted for lack of funds with which to continue it. And further expansion would have been arrested. Now no one can tell how long the speculative debauch will continue.

At the same time, such remedies as are proposed in bills and resolutions offered by Senators LaFollette and Smith W. Brookhart, would accomplish little, we fear, in the way of removing the most mischievous tendencies. Senator La Follette's resolution calls on the Federal Reserve Board to restrict further expansion of loans for speculative purposes. That is certainly a commendable purpose, but the Reserve banks do not themselves loan on Stock Exchange collateral and have no power so to do. The mischief that the Federal Reserve banks do is done indirectly and in a two-fold way: (1) By fixing their discount rates too low, thereby encouraging borrowing with the idea of making a profit by employing the money at higher rates of interest, and (2) by thrusting out Reserve credit when there is no need for it. This last is accomplished through the so-called open-market operations in the purchase of acceptances and Government securities. Member banks during 1927 greatly reduced their borrowings at the Reserve institutions (having no need for reinforcing their loaning capacity to the public by

recourse to the facilities of the Federal Reserve institutions), and this being so, the Reserve banks ought to have allowed the outstanding total of Reserve credit to contract correspondingly. Instead of that the Reserve banks undertook to keep the same amount of Reserve credit employed as before, and even to increase the total by indulging in the purchase of additional amounts of United States Government bonds.

In this way the Reserve banks by their policy aided Stock Exchange speculation indirectly, but they never do it directly. Since the beginning of the new year the Reserve banks have again been reducing their holdings of United States Government obligations, but even after this reduction, they still held on Thursday of this week in the neighborhood of half a billion dollars of such Government obligations, the exact amount being \$499,368,000, which compares with only \$312,742,000 on the corresponding date of last year. Their holdings of acceptances have latterly also been reduced, but still amount to \$369,035,000 as against \$337,360,000 a year ago. Total bill and security holdings—which item measures accurately the extent of the Reserve credit employed—have likewise latterly been falling, but still stand at \$1,280,962,000, against \$1,068,661,000 a year ago. There is therefore \$212,301,000 more of Reserve credit out and in this way the Reserve banks are encouraging and promoting speculation.

Will anyone for a moment contend that if the 12 Federal Reserve banks were not to-day holding \$1,280,962,000 of bills and securities, brokers' loans would now be outstanding in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000,000? The question carries its own answer. There is only one way in which to deprive the Reserve banks of their great powers for mischief, and that is by repealing the war-time amendments. All other war laws have been repealed, why not these? This would restore the Federal Reserve banks to their former purpose and design. The member banks would then be obliged to hold part of their reserves in their own vaults, instead of being required to turn the whole amount over to the Federal Reserve banks to conjure with as they deem best. The Reserve banks would be clothed with power only to issue Federal Reserve notes against the security of commercial paper and in no other way and the volume of Reserve notes would vary directly as commercial needs vary in accordance with the original design of the Reserve Act. And on that point it is worth noting at this juncture that, according to this week's statement of the Federal Reserve Board, the 12 Reserve banks now have only \$127,278,000 of Reserve notes out against commercial paper, out of a grand total of \$1,280,962,000 of bill and security holdings of all kinds. The difference is \$1,153,684,000, and there are therefore that amount of notes out beyond the needs of trade. This is inflation pure and simple, and is the nub of the whole controversy.

With these war-time amendments repealed, the Federal Reserve banks would also be shorn of some other radical and extreme powers which no body of men ought ever be permitted to exercise except in war-time. It is only through a wholesale revision of this kind that the Federal Reserve banks can once more be made the beneficial agency which they could claim to be when the system was originally devised. The fact that, as shown, there is over a billion dollars of Reserve credit out to-day which should not be out, is especially harmful at a time like the pres-

ent when commercial needs are extremely restricted, but when security loans are outstanding to an inordinate extent.

It happens that this week the brokers' loans against Stock Exchange securities have taken a turn in the right direction and show a decrease. The amount of the decrease, however, is nothing to boast about, and the change is encouraging only because it marks a step in the right direction, and also because it marks an interruption to the long series of constant increases. The decrease for the week is no more than \$31,649,000, and it still leaves the total of these loans to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds by the 50 reporting member banks in New York City at \$3,787,924,000, or more than a billion dollars in excess of the total at the corresponding date a year ago (Jan. 19 1927), when these loans aggregated no more than \$2,770,172,000. The loans made by the 50 reporting member banks for their own account were further reduced the past week in addition to last week's reduction, with the result that on Jan. 18 they were down to \$1,260,255,000, against \$1,511,177,000 on Jan. 4, but comparing with only \$882,901,000 on Jan. 19 a year ago. The loans made by these reporting banks for account of out-of-town banks on the other hand have further risen during the week and now stand at \$1,534,519,000, against \$1,371,213,000 on Jan. 4 and only \$1,140,604,000, on Jan. 19 of last year. The loans made "for account of others" are slightly lower for the week, being now \$993,150,000, at which figure, however, comparison is with only \$746,667,000 on Jan. 19 last year.

As to the Reserve banks themselves, there was a further contraction during the week in their bill and security holdings after the heavy reduction of the previous week. Discount holdings fell from \$439,141,000 Jan. 11 to \$412,059,000 Jan. 18; holdings of acceptances were reduced from \$392,567,000 to \$369,025,000 and holdings of United States Government securities from \$545,263,000 to \$499,368,000. Altogether total holdings of bills and securities are now \$1,280,962,000 as against \$1,377,731,000 a week ago, but comparing with only \$1,068,661,000 on Jan. 19 1927. With the member banks borrowing less, their reserves with the Reserve institutions also declined, and this meant a reduction in the deposits of the Reserve institutions which now are down to \$2,471,643,000 from \$2,517,443,000 a week ago. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation also decreased during the week, falling from \$1,679,624,000 to \$1,623,785,000. Gold holdings remained virtually unchanged, being reported \$2,807,628,000 Jan. 18 and \$2,807,899,000 Jan. 11. With both deposits and note circulation smaller and reserves unaltered, the ratio of total reserves (including reserves other than gold) to deposit and Federal Reserve liabilities combined, is this week 72.7% against 70.7% last week. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York by itself shows closely similar changes. Its bill and security holdings during the week fell from \$361,933,000 to \$264,634,000, its deposits declined from \$1,000,788,000 to \$988,412,000, and its note circulation was reduced from \$354,371,000 to \$348,726,000.

The stock market this week repeated its experience of the weeks immediately preceding. It was weak and lower on Monday and the weakness extended into the early part of Tuesday. It showed re-

covery Tuesday afternoon and gradually gained tone and strength the rest of the week, though with occasional renewed dips to lower figures. The feeling was most confident yesterday, but prices nevertheless in most instances show a net loss for the week. The weakness on Monday, as on previous Mondays, seemed to be due to a determined effort on the part of banking interests to force a decline, in view of the magnitude of brokers' loans which apparently are no more to the liking of these financial interests than to the community as a whole. These people feel that borrowing on the extensive scale indicated by the present total of brokers' loans, has an element of danger in it, and while they have not abandoned their own optimistic attitude they do not view with favor the extensive following they acquire with each upward turn in the course of the market. And especially they view with disfavor the pool operations in new lines of ordinarily inactive specialties, whenever market conditions seem favorable to that end. On Monday there was the additional incentive to forced liquidation arising out of the fact that last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies for the third Saturday in succession showed a large deficiency in the required legal reserve. It did not seem difficult to bring about liquidation; at the same time the market has displayed strong rallying power.

The improvement in the course of values which has been in progress the latter part of the week has followed mainly from the much more favorable reports that are being received regarding the steel trade, due to the greater freedom with which the automotive industry is placing orders and likewise the larger scale of railroad buying. On certain classes of steel, too, attempts are being made to raise prices. In a moderate kind of way general trade seems to be getting better, though the mild weather is still a drawback in many lines. Yesterday the most was made of the decline in brokers' loans, even though the shrinkage was not of very extensive proportions, considering the magnitude of the total and the long series of antecedent increases. As in preceding weeks the volume of trading has diminished as the week advanced. On Monday when activity was most pronounced, owing to the extensive liquidation which then occurred, the sales for the day aggregated 2,470,500 shares; on Tuesday they were 1,558,190 shares; on Wednesday 1,788,860 shares; on Thursday 1,465,800 shares and on Friday 1,847,000 shares.

As was the case last week, no group of stocks has been especially conspicuous. And except in the case of the speculative specialties which went through their customary wild gyrations, prices gradually improved after the break on Monday, and yet did not fully recover their early losses. Taking such market leaders as U. S. Steel, this closed yesterday at 148 against 148 $\frac{1}{4}$  at the close on Friday of last week, after having been as low as 143 $\frac{5}{8}$  on Wednesday. Gen. Motors closed yesterday at 133 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 134 $\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week. Among the copper stocks Green Cananea went through its customary erratic fluctuations and after having been as high as 143 $\frac{1}{4}$  on last Saturday and as low as 130 on Monday closed yesterday at 136 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 142 $\frac{1}{2}$  Jan. 13. Calumet & Arizona closed at 106 $\frac{3}{4}$  yesterday, against 107 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week. American Smelt. & Ref. closed at 175 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 176 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week. Among the rubber stocks, B.

F. Goodrich closed yesterday at  $89\frac{7}{8}$  against 91 on Friday of last week and  $94\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of the previous week, and Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed at  $67\frac{3}{4}$  against  $68\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week and 70 the previous week.

On the improvement in the steel trade some of the independent steel properties developed unusual strength and Republic Iron & Steel closed yesterday at  $64\frac{1}{2}$  against  $60\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week. The railroad stocks, while quiet, were strong and weak by turns, and most of them are somewhat lower than a week ago. New York Central closed at  $161\frac{3}{4}$  yesterday against 163 on Friday of last week; Atchison closed at  $192\frac{1}{2}$  against 193 and Union Pacific at 190 against  $190\frac{1}{2}$ . Among the specialties Montana Power closed yesterday at 116 against  $105\frac{7}{8}$  on Friday of last week. Adams Express closed at 240 against 214 last Friday. Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. closed yesterday at  $96\frac{1}{2}$  against  $92\frac{1}{2}$  last Friday.

The foreign trade statement of the United States for the closing month of last year was the least satisfactory of the year. The volume of business, both as to merchandise exports and imports, was considerably reduced in comparison with December of a number of years past, and the reduction was quite marked. A considerable part of the loss in exports was due to the much smaller movement to foreign ports of raw cotton in that month. Independent of this loss, however, shipments abroad of other merchandise in December also declined from those of the preceding year. Merchandise exports from the United States last month were valued at \$409,000,000. These figures compare with exports of \$460,236,000 for November and \$465,369,000 for December 1926.

In no year since December 1922 has the value of merchandise exports in the closing month of the year been as low as last month. In December 1925 merchandise exports were \$468,306,000, which was the highest for the five years since 1922, and was only about \$3,000,000 above the figures for December 1926. The loss in exports last month compared with a year ago was \$56,369,000, or 12.0%. Cotton exports in December were only 767,314 bales, in comparison with 1,531,267 bales in December 1926; they were much less last month than in November, at which time there was also a considerable reduction from October 1927 and from November 1926. November and December exports of raw cotton are generally the largest of the year. Cotton exports last month were valued at \$81,302,400, while for December 1926 the amount was \$108,835,000, a decline for December 1927 of \$27,532,600 or 25.3%. Deducting the value of cotton exports for December of these two years, from the total value of all merchandise exports, and the remaining amount for December 1927 was \$327,700,000 and for December 1926, \$356,534,000, a reduction for last month of \$28,834,000 or 8.1%.

Imports in December make quite as unfavorable a showing as exports, the value of the merchandise imports for that month being \$331,000,000, in comparison with \$344,262,000 for November, the latter being somewhat below normal and \$359,462,000 for December 1926, a reduction last month from a year ago of \$28,462,000, or 7.9%. Not since December 1923 has the value of merchandise imports in the closing month of the year been as low as for December 1927. The excess of exports last month was

\$78,000,000—this amount compares with \$105,907,000 for December 1926. Furthermore, the excess of exports last month, while large, was less than for the three preceding months of 1927, September to November inclusive.

The merchandise exports for the entire calendar year 1927 are reported at \$4,866,160,000, and the imports at \$4,184,453,000, an excess of exports for the year of \$681,707,000. For 1926 merchandise exports were \$4,808,660,000, and imports \$4,430,888,000, and excess of exports \$377,772,000. Exports for 1927 exceed those of the preceding year by \$57,500,000, while imports for 1927 were \$246,435,000 less than for 1926. Merchandise exports for the calendar year 1925 were higher in value than in 1926—in fact, they were higher than for any year since 1920. Compared with the 1925 figures, the exports for 1927 show a reduction of \$43,188,000. The value of merchandise imports in 1926 were the highest of any year since 1920. Cotton exports last year were heavy in the early months of the year, so that the total for the twelve months of 1927 of 9,477,800 bales was nearly 5% higher than in 1926 and slightly over 11% above the cotton exports of 1925. Export values of cotton during these three years, however, varied somewhat, the amount last year being \$826,318,000, in 1926 \$814,429,300 and in 1925 \$1,059,751,100.

Gold exports last month were again heavy, amounting to \$77,849,000; for November the amount was \$55,266,000, while for December 1926 it was only \$7,196,000. There was quite a movement of gold abroad from the United States in the last four months of last year. The largest last month was to Argentina, \$29,850,000. Western Europe also received a considerable amount, \$8,548,000 to England, \$10,000,000 to France, \$8,049,000 to the Netherlands, \$4,999,000 to Poland and Danzig, and \$2,200,000 to Belgium. Considerable amounts were also sent to Sweden, Uruguay, Venezuela, British India, Hongkong and Canada. In November \$33,000,000 of gold was sent to Brazil and \$26,000,000 to Canada. Imports of gold last month amounted to \$10,431,000, of which \$9,288,984 came from Canada.

For the year 1927 gold exports were \$201,455,000 and imports \$207,535,000, an excess of imports of \$6,080,000. The situation changed very materially in the closing months of the year, for up to September gold imports were in excess of exports to the amount of \$157,000,000. Gold exports in 1926 amounted to \$115,708,000 and imports to \$213,504,000, the excess of imports being \$97,796,000. Silver exports last month were \$7,186,000 and imports \$3,770,000. For the twelve months of 1927 silver exports of \$75,625,000 compare with \$92,258,000 for 1926, while silver imports of \$55,074,000 in 1927 compare with \$69,596,000 in the preceding year.

Extraordinary significance was attached in the past week to the formal opening and initial sessions at Havana of the Sixth Pan-American Conference, inaugurated jointly by President Coolidge of the United States and President Machado of Cuba. The decision of President Coolidge to attend the opening of the Conference in person was regarded by observers as ample evidence of the importance with which the meeting was viewed in Washington. The President's journey to the Cuban capital was described as a "supremely friendly gesture" to the congeries of Latin-American States.

Moreover, the interest in the Conference thus engendered was greatly heightened by recent developments in Nicaragua, where the intervention of the United States Government has been signalized by severe fighting between American Marines and rebel forces under General Sandino. The possibility of a frank discussion of the American policy of intervention in the weak Latin States of the Caribbean area was freely debated, causing unusual interest in the Havana meeting, not only throughout the Americas, but in Europe as well. In recognition of the delicate nature of such a discussion, the Cuban President, General Gerardo Machado, declared substantially on Jan. 14, that it was not within the province of the Pan-American Conference to assume the role of a tribunal to judge the Nicaraguan problem or the general policy of the United States. It would be dangerous, he said, to establish such a precedent, as the Congress had no such rights. To these comments the Cuban Executive added an emphatic defense of the Monroe Doctrine as "the common defensive policy for the territorial integrity of America."

President and Mrs. Coolidge, and the notable American delegation, with Charles E. Hughes at its head, arrived in Havana last Sunday afternoon on the U. S. S. Texas. Guns boomed in formal salute from the Cuban forts as the distinguished visitors landed. Warm greetings were extended by President Machado and members of his Cabinet and by other officials of the Cuban Government. The Cuban people added a vociferous welcome as the two Presidents, seated together in an automobile, proceeded to the Presidential Palace. No discordant note was sounded in these preliminaries, nor in the reception and dinner which followed, and the satisfaction of the officials of the two Governments was apparent in their constantly smiling faces.

The opening ceremony of the Sixth International Conference of American States took place Monday morning at the National Theatre in Havana. President Machado spoke first, offering the assembled delegates the "effusive greetings of the people of Cuba." The address of the Cuban Executive breathed a spirit of co-operation among the American nations and laid great emphasis on their common democratic ideals and interests. Pan-Americanism, he said, "is a constructive work that does not imply antagonisms, but on the contrary, co-operates for universal peace, for a better understanding among all peoples, toward the spiritual and moral unity of the nations of the world." To these felicitations President Coolidge then added his own and those of the people of the United States. Commending the "great work of furthering inter-American understanding," the American Executive asserted that it "is among the republics of this hemisphere that the principle of human rights has had its broadest application, where political freedom and equality and economic opportunity have made their greatest advance." The most sacred trust of the American peoples, he said, has been and is the establishment and expansion of the spirit of democracy. "It is better," he added, "for the people to make their own mistakes than to have some one else make their mistakes for them." Next in importance to the attachment to the principle of self-government President Coolidge placed the general American attachment to the policy of peace. "A determination to adjust differences among ourselves, not by a resort to force, but by the applica-

tion of the principles of justice and equity, is one of our strongest characteristics," he said. "The sovereignty of small nations is respected. It is for the purpose of giving stronger guarantees to these principles, of increasing the amount and extending the breadth of these blessings, that this conference has been assembled," he declared. President Coolidge pointed out further that the existence of the Conference, held for the consideration of measures of purely American concern, involved no antagonism toward any other section of the world, or any other organization. "It means," he said, "that the independent republics of the western hemisphere, animated by the same ideals, enjoying the common blessings of freedom and peace, realize that there are many matters of mutual interest and importance which can best be investigated and resolved through the medium of such friendly contact and negotiation as is necessary for co-operative action." Mr. Coolidge emphasized, moreover, that "all nations here represented stand on an exact footing of equality." The smallest and the weakest, he asserted solemnly, speaks with the same authority as the largest and most powerful. Prolonged handclapping interrupted the American President's address several times, indicating that a fine impression had been made on the delegates.

A few criticisms of President Coolidge's remarks were, nevertheless, heard among the delegations in discussions later in the day, chiefly because of the very general nature of the address. Some delegations, according to a Havana dispatch of Jan. 16 to the Associated Press, privately expressed disappointment because President Coolidge did not particularize in regard to America's problems in her relations with her southern neighbors. Most delegates, however, expressed the opinion that the message had been a "very true statement of the general principles of international justice and fair dealing among nations." The Argentine delegation was said to have pointed out that while Mr. Coolidge had not proclaimed any new or startling principles, he had nevertheless advocated principles that were sound and would be enhanced in public opinion by the great prestige of the American Presidency. In other quarters it was pointed out that only the tried and hallowed formulas of democracy and international good-will finally would realize the Pan-American ideal. The American President and Mrs. Coolidge departed for Washington Tuesday, arriving there early Thursday.

The opening addresses of Presidents Coolidge and Machado at the Pan-American Congress in Havana were followed a few hours later by a meeting of the delegations of the twenty-one nations for the purpose of arranging rules for the full sessions of the Conference. It was agreed at this meeting that all deliberations at the Conference, both in plenary sessions and in committee meetings, should be open to the public, thus applying literally the principle of "open covenants openly arrived at." Another important development was said to be the virtual assurance that suggestions for giving to the Pan-American Union greater powers of supervision over the political questions affecting the Western Hemisphere will be bitterly opposed by some of the most important nations participating in the Conference. Judge Antonio Sanchez de Bustamente, head of the Cuban delegation, was chosen President of the Con-

ference. The first business session of the meeting was held Wednesday in the Aula Magna, or Great Hall, of the University of Havana. One of the first steps taken at this session was the adoption of a suggestion made by Dr. Don Oreastes Ferrara, of the Cuban delegation, that the sessions of the committees be governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure and practices of the last Pan-American Conference. This, according to a special dispatch to the New York "Times," was equivalent to saying that any committee could hold sessions behind closed doors if it so desired. Various motions of felicitation were adopted at this session and a number of complimentary addresses delivered. Perhaps the most impressive feature of the day was a flag-raising ceremony in which the standards of the twenty-one republics were successively unfurled on the sides of the steps leading to the University of Havana. The official committee assignments of the American delegation were announced, as follows:

Pan-American Union—Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, Mr. Hughes and Leo S. Rowe, Director-General of the Pan-American Union.

Public International Law—Mr. Hughes, Mr. Fletcher, Ex-Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama and James Brown Scott, President of the American Institute of International Law.

Private International Law—Judge Morgan J. O'Brien of New York and Mr. Scott.

Communications—Mr. Underwood and Mr. Fletcher.

Intellectual Co-operation—Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of Stanford University, and Mr. Rowe.

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Social Problems—Mr. Scott and Mr. Wilbur.

All ceremony was definitely discarded Thursday and the serious business of organizing the international committees begun. Dr. Enrique Olaya, of Colombia, was elected Chairman of the important committee on Pan-American Union affairs, after Mr. Hughes had declined to stand for election. Gustavo Guerrero, of Salvador, was elected president of the committee on public international law and unified legislation. These committees, it was said in an Associated Press dispatch, are considered the most important of the Conference. The first-named committee, it was pointed out, has to deal with political questions, and any attempt to bring up the matter of United States relations with Central American republics would necessarily be made before it.

The Governmental restrictions against the flotation of French industrial securities in the United States, in force for more than three years, were raised by the State Department Jan. 14. They were applied as a result of the failure of France to fund her war-time indebtedness to this country but it was indicated in Washington that no contemplated change in the French policy had influenced the Washington action. This, it was said, was taken merely as an earnest indication of America's friendship for France. Notification of the change in policy was contained in form letters sent by the State Department to some forty banking houses interested in French financing, most of them in New York. It was stated at the same time that permission to float French Governmental loans will not be granted by the State Department. The ban was lifted, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune," first, in response to a feeling that American business people might as well have the benefit of French financing and, second, because

France is making regular payments on her debt to the United States in spite of the fact that the Mellon-Berenger agreement has not been ratified. This last, it was declared, was the determining factor without which the United States could never have considered raising the ban. As the communication from Washington said that in future the State Department, in passing on French loans, would be guided by the same considerations that apply in the case of loans originating in other countries, it was suggested in New York banking circles that the removal of the ban may be followed by important American financing for French railroad, steamship, coal, iron, motor and chemical companies. In Paris it was said, however, that French industrial financing in the United States would not be very extensive, as France is in excellent position to do her own financing. The abundance of money in French centers was said to have led Premier Poincare, only one week previous to the American announcement, to raise the ban on the exportation of French capital. In consequence, the American action was viewed in Paris largely as a friendly gesture.

Treaty negotiations between the Governments of France and the United States for a pact in which war would unqualifiedly be renounced as an instrument of national policy, lagged conspicuously in the past week after the hasty exchange of notes inaugurated late in December. The last communication was that of the American Government, dated Jan. 11, inviting France to join the United States Government in inviting the British, German, Italian and Japanese Governments to enter preliminary discussions with a view to a definite six-power treaty based on the idea of the original Briand proposal for renunciation of all war. It was announced in Paris on the following day that Aristide Briand, the French Foreign Minister, would promptly reply to the American note, but on Jan. 13 a further announcement indicated that there might be considerable delay. This change in method, according to Edwin L. James, Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," probably resulted from a realization that hasty action might put in peril the negotiations which M. Briand hopes will be fruitful. Further dispatches made it clear, however, that France is unlikely, in any event, to accept M. Briand's original suggestion outlawing war between the United States and France as the basis for a treaty involving many other nations. The French note, it was said, will be devoted chiefly to a detailed explanation of France's obligation to the League of Nations and of other reasons which make it impossible for France to accept a general treaty renouncing all war as an instrument of national policy and will emphasize the necessity for definition of the wars to be renounced in such manner as not to conflict with the existing treaties and commitments of France.

The reply, according to a special cable of Jan. 16 to the New York "Times," will be "an amplification of the supplementary instructions forwarded to Ambassador Claudel just before Mr. Kellogg's reply, which, in French estimation, the American Secretary of State did not take account of in his last note. It will therefore mark no new step in the negotiations, but reveal that France is standing precisely on the same ground as in M. Briand's note urging limitation of the compact to renunciation of aggressive warfare."

Keen interest was displayed by observers in Paris, in the past week, in a series of conferences held by S. Parker Gilbert, Agent-General for Reparations Payments, with members of the Reparations Commission, with Premier Poincare and with Foreign Minister Aristide Briand. Mr. Gilbert tarried a full week in Paris on his way back to Berlin after a trip to Washington, and it was assumed that his conversations in the French capital were of no little importance in the fixation of the policy to be pursued in the future toward German reparations. No official statements were issued in regard to Mr. Gilbert's visit, which was described in dispatches as "extremely successful." The French, it was said, derived a considerable amount of comfort from the conversations, both as to what Mr. Gilbert meant in his last report, in which he seemed to advocate the early fixation of the German debt, and as to the attitude of the United States on the whole debt issue. To the Reparations Commission Mr. Gilbert was said, in a dispatch of Jan. 18 to the New York "Times," to have made it perfectly clear that he had no intention of overstepping his bounds as Agent-General for Reparations Payments in making in general terms a recommendation that the amount of the German debt should be fixed. French officials were said to have given unqualified approval to Mr. Gilbert's action, and even lauded it "insofar as it has advanced by at least a small step the necessity for a general conversation on the whole debt issue."

The long struggle between the moderate Stalin regime in Soviet Russia and the impenitent and drastic Oppositionists, headed by Leon Trotsky, culminated early this week in the exile to remote points in Russia and Siberia of the thirty Oppositionists who incurred the most severe displeasure of M. Stalin. Dispatches from Berlin on Jan. 10 first indicated this startling outcome of the disagreement among the Soviet leaders, but a complete censorship in Moscow prevented any confirmation from reaching the outside world. Gradually, on subsequent days, additional details of the banishment filtered through the censorship, a reliable report last Monday indicating that Trotsky had departed from Moscow that day on the Tashkent train for Vierny, a town of 25,000 people on the border between Russian Turkestan and China. The banishment of Trotsky, known once as the "Napoleon of Bolshevism," was said to have stirred profoundly a Moscow crowd of 1,500 Communists gathered to see him off. Two groups were apparently banished by the Soviet decree, the incorrigibles, headed by M. Sapronoff, being sent to the remotest outposts of Siberia. The minor group, which included Kameneff and Zinovieff, was sent to provincial cities in Russia. An official communication of the Soviet Government, giving its reasons for exiling the Oppositionists, was published in Berlin Thursday by the Tageblatt. Among other things, Trotsky was charged with the grave accusation that he had established contact with foreign bourgeois Governments for the purpose of undermining faith in the Soviet Government. Through the Oppositionist groups material was said to have been sent abroad so that "pernicious and untrue" propaganda about the Soviet was spread throughout the world. "Because this criminal anti-Soviet and illegal activity is incontrovertible, it is regarded," says the communique, "as a minimum security measure for safeguarding the proletarian state that the thirty

members of this organization shall be deported and along with them Trotsky, Smirmow, Charetsko, Scerebrjakow, Radek and Muralow." The communication announced further that "other members of the Opposition bloc, such as Zinovieff and Kameneff, who have declared themselves prepared to accept without question the discipline of the Fifteenth Party Congress, have been ordered to various provinces to engage in party work pending their complete return to the Soviet group."

President William T. Cosgrave of the Irish Free State arrived in New York yesterday for a two weeks' visit in the United States and was received with all the ceremony due the head of a foreign State. Mr. Cosgrave had announced before leaving Ireland that his journey to this country was being undertaken as a representative of the Irish nation and not as a politician. The honors of his official status were accorded him on his arrival, a group of distinguished citizens meeting him and escorting him formally to the City Hall. Mr. Cosgrave left in the afternoon for Chicago and will proceed from there to Washington, for official receptions there in the early part of next week. Included in President Cosgrave's party were Colonel Joseph O'Reilly, his aide-de-camp; Diarmuid O'Haggerty, Secretary of the Executive Council; Joseph P. Walsh, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, and Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister for Defense. Before reaching port President Cosgrave sent a wireless message of thanks and greetings to the American people. "I am profoundly conscious," he said, "that the first Irish State known internationally for many centuries, that Irish Free State which I have the honor to represent, could never have been brought into being without the assistance, generous, unstinting and continual, which all my predecessors for more than a hundred years received from the noble land which I am now approaching. The head of the Irish State has very solid reasons to greet the United States with love in his heart."

Affairs in Nicaragua in the past week have presented a tangle of rare complexity, with General Emiliano Chamorro, former President and stormy petrel of the Conservative regime, again coming into prominence, President Diaz threatening to resign, and the American plans for supervision of the June elections meeting a decided hitch. Stung by recent accusations in the Nicaraguan press that he and other Conservatives were aiding the "bandit General" Sandino, who has been fighting American Marines in the northern part of the country, General Chamorro called on the American military authorities in Managua on Jan. 13 to deny the charges. He suggested, according to a Managua dispatch to the New York "Times," that a Conservative force be organized in the North to help the Marines destroy Sandino. To this suggestion no reply was made by Colonel L. M. Gulick, commanding officer of the American Marines in Nicaragua. General Chamorro, the "Times" dispatch said, is credited by Americans in Managua with still being the actual head of the Conservatives, although President Diaz is titular head of the party by virtue of his office. There developed on the same day a serious set-back in the program for American supervision of the Nicaraguan elections, as provided for under the Stimson agreement of last May. A bill legalizing the

elections was rejected by the House of Deputies, which adopted instead a committee report recommending amendments which, according to the American viewpoint, would reduce the effectiveness of the supervision. American Marine airplanes, meanwhile, continued a steady bombardment of the rebel forces of General Sandino in the Quilali district, infantry detachments co-operating to cut off any attempt that he might make to escape.

The report gained currency on high Nicaraguan authority on Jan. 14 that President Adolfo Diaz desired shortly to present his resignation to the Congress at Managua. President Diaz feels, a dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune" said, "that he is a mere figurehead and that he is not getting the support from the United States which he expected." He was represented as believing also that the American military officials have usurped his executive powers and further that the Liberal General Moncada is receiving the backing of the American State Department. A further severe air attack on the rebel forces was reported last Saturday, Col. Gulick announcing that forty Sandinistas had been killed. A squadron of Marine aviators under Major R. E. Rowell conducted the attack, the planes swooping down on El Chipote, the mountain stronghold of General Sandino. Bombs and hand grenades were dropped in the attack and machine guns used with telling effect. It was reported subsequently that General Sandino himself had been killed or at least seriously wounded in this encounter. Marine aviators on Jan. 18 definitely reported El Chipote abandoned and lifeless, infantry patrols at the same time advising that they were unable to establish contact with the rebels.

The June elections were again considered by the Nicaraguan Chamber of Deputies Tuesday, the rejection of the original measure being confirmed and a substitute bill passed. This was interpreted, according to Harold N. Denny, staff correspondent of the New York "Times," as in direct opposition to the American Administration policy in the country. The Opposition was said to favor American supervision of the elections, but raised objections to the form of the original bill as violating the Constitution by giving final authority to Brig. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, President Coolidge's appointee, instead of to the national Congress. Former President Chamorro was credited with being behind the movement to amend the original bill. He admitted freely to the "Times" correspondent that he opposed the original bill and favored the substitute. The Conservatives, Chamorro said, regarded him as the chief of their party, and if the opposition to his views was carried too far, the Conservative party might abstain from the elections.

An oil dispute of gigantic proportions, involving the powerful Royal Dutch-Shell group of Europe, and the Standard Oil Co. of New York, reached the stage of open conflict early this week when the Standard broke a long silence in the controversy over the purchase of Russian oil by issuing a statement prepared by its directorate. The fight, according to a report in the New York "Times" of Monday, has been smoldering for months and American oil interests were said to believe that it will not be ended until there has been a decisive contest for the oil markets of the world. Sir Henri Deterding, Managing Director of the Royal Dutch, for some months

has been publicly attacking the New York company. He has accused it of purchasing "stolen oil" and has indicated his intention of invading markets in which the Standard of New York has been supreme. The Standard Oil Company, replying to these accusations Monday, asserted that the Royal Dutch-Shell Company had itself attempted to monopolize the Russian oil business. The statement declared further that the considerations dictating the policy of the Royal Dutch-Shell group were of a purely business character, and that the Royal Dutch-Shell interests were quite prepared "to handle and sell Russian oil when and if they could obtain that oil on terms satisfactory to themselves." A policy of price-cutting in India was said to have been inaugurated by the Royal Dutch subsidiaries in order to counter the sale of Russian oil there by the New York company. "The significance of this price warfare will be realized," the statement said, "when it is stated that this form of competition, if continued, will cost the Royal Dutch-Shell and Burmah Oil companies approximately \$12,750,000 a year and the Standard Oil Company of New York approximately \$4,000,000 a year." In conclusion the New York company declared unequivocally that it will continue to supply its markets effectively, and "will not be swerved in any manner from its clearly conceived policy by such desperate and destructive measures as are being followed in India, and threatened in other parts of the world."

A reply to this statement was issued Tuesday by Mr. Richard Airey, New York representative of the Royal Dutch-Shell group. This statement in turn accused the Standard of New York of having interfered with the Royal Dutch-Shell attempts to obtain compensation for the former owners of Russian oil lands, which had been confiscated without compensation by the Soviet Government. Indicating that no objection was made to the marketing in India of American oil, the statement asserted that the Royal Dutch-Shell group decided to try and prevent the marketing of Russian oil and will continue to do so. If the Standard Oil Company ships Russian "stolen goods" to any other country, the Royal Dutch-Shell group will fight it, Mr. Airey declared.

Two changes in discount rates of European central banks occurred during the week. The Bank of France reduced its rate, while the Bank of Belgium moved its rate higher, raising it on Wednesday (Jan. 18) from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5%. The previous Nov. 16 the Belgian Bank had dropped its rate from 5 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ %. Withdrawal of short term funds by French and German lenders is supposed to have been the reason for the renewed advance. The Bank of France on Thursday lowered its rate from 4 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ %, making the second reduction within three weeks, the rate having been lowered on Dec. 29 to 4% from 5%, which latter figure had been in effect since the previous April 14. Otherwise there has been no change this week in discount rates by any of the banks in Europe. Rates remain at 7% in Germany and Italy;  $6\frac{1}{2}$ % in Austria; 5% in Denmark, Norway and Madrid;  $4\frac{1}{2}$ % in London and Holland, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$ % in Switzerland and Sweden. In London open market discounts are now  $4\frac{1}{4}$ @4 5-16% for both long and short bills against  $4\frac{1}{4}$ % for short bills and  $4\frac{1}{4}$ @4 5-16% for long bills on Friday of last week. Money on call in London was quoted at  $3\frac{3}{4}$ % on Tuesday, but was  $3\frac{1}{8}$ % yesterday, which compares with 3% on Friday

of last week. At Paris open market discounts have advanced from 2 7/8 to 3 1/4%, but in Switzerland have been reduced from 3 3/8 to 3 1/4%.

The Bank of England this week showed a gain in gold holdings of £538,543. This with the decrease of £1,185,000 in notes in circulation caused an increase in the reserve in the banking department of £1,724,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities which is now 33.96% makes a more favorable showing than at any time since May 14 1927 when the ratio stood at 34.25%. This time a year ago the ratio was 27.57% and in 1926 it was 17.43%. Public deposits increased £4,348,000, but "other" deposits fell off £9,929,000. Loans on Government securities declined £3,145,000 and loans on other securities, £4,138,000. The Banks total of gold holdings is now £155,540,092 against £151,491,156 and £143,711,895 in the corresponding week in 1927 and 1926 respectively. This total represents the largest amount of gold the Bank has held since September 1926. Notes in circulation now aggregates £134,748,000 against £137,100,715 in 1927 and £141,060,535 two years ago. The Banks official discount rate remains at 4 1/2%. Below furnish comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.		1924.	
	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.
Circulation.....	134,748,000	137,100,715	141,060,535	124,843,320	125,143,180					
Public deposits.....	19,201,000	12,052,368	19,429,955	22,922,608	13,611,617					
Other deposits.....	100,131,000	111,748,704	109,147,578	107,006,810	112,429,695					
Govt. securities.....	36,484,000	31,882,634	45,867,526	49,213,492	49,942,032					
Other securities.....	60,366,000	75,876,921	78,365,678	75,279,527	71,471,923					
Reserve notes & coin	40,542,000	34,140,441	22,401,360	23,478,320	22,682,897					
Coin and bullion.....	155,540,092	151,491,156	143,711,895	128,571,640	128,076,077					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	33.96%	27.57%	17.7-16%	18%	18%					
Bank rate.....	4 1/2%	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 Jan. 18 shows a decrease in note circulation of 568,975,000 francs, reducing the total of that item to 57,590,765,920 francs as against 52,811,831,980 francs last year and 50,817,768,680 francs in 1926. Gold holdings dropped 1,000 francs; holdings abroad remained unchanged. Trade advances decreased 37,387,000 francs, silver 13,000 francs, general deposits 254,709,000 francs and divers assets 649,608,000 francs, while bills discounted rose 134,874,000 francs, treasury deposits 3,495,000 francs and general deposits 254,709,000 francs. The State repaid the Bank 300,000,000 francs, total advances to the State now standing at 23,500,000,000 francs. Below we give a comparison of the various items for the past three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week	Status as of		
		Jan. 18 1928.	Jan. 19 1927.	Jan. 20 1926.
<b>Gold Holdings—</b>	<b>Francs.</b>	<b>Francs.</b>	<b>Francs.</b>	<b>Francs.</b>
In France.....Dec.	1,000	3,680,510,414	3,683,502,443	3,683,825,203
Abroad—Available	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Abroad—non-avail	Unchanged	1,401,549,425		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,544,831,317</b>	<b>5,547,823,350</b>
Silver.....Dec.	13,000	342,929,105	341,107,564	323,306,477
Bills discounted.....Inc.	134,874,000	1,406,041,392	3,596,952,055	2,954,327,970
Trade advances.....Dec.	37,387,000	1,710,022,256	2,101,540,148	2,535,291,371
Note circulation.....Dec.	568,975,000	57,590,765,920	52,811,831,980	50,817,768,680
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	3,495,000	138,786,424	13,746,872	5,482,348
General deposits.....Dec.	254,709,000	11,082,161,187	5,848,833,975	3,352,316,939
*Advances to State.....Dec.	300,000,000	23,500,000,000	33,650,000,000	34,800,000,000
Divers assets.....Dec.	649,608,000	27,139,847,499	6,524,123,196	3,706,791,976

The Bank of Germany in its report as of Jan. 14 shows a decrease in note circulation of 243,067,000

marks reducing the total of that item to 3,927,865,000 marks as against 3,133,117,000 marks last year and 2,508,030,000 marks in 1926. Other daily maturing obligations fell off 19,916,000 marks while other liabilities expanded 5,310,000 marks. On the asset side gold and bullion dropped 462,000 marks, deposits abroad remaining unchanged, bills of exchange and checks dropped 304,609,000 marks and investments 97,000 marks while reserve in foreign currency rose 500,000 marks, silver and other coin 13,822,000 marks, notes on other German banks 5,809,000 marks, advances 10,043,000 marks and other assets 17,321,000 marks. Below we give a comparison of the various items for three years past:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Jan. 14 1928.			Jan. 14 1927.			Jan. 14 1926.		
		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
<b>Assets—</b>										
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	462,000	1,864,043,000	1,834,537,000	1,208,433,000						
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	81,437,000	149,366,000	96,599,000						
Res'v in for'n curr.....Inc.	500,000	286,191,000	501,036,000	368,135,000						
Bills of exch. & checks.....Dec.	304,609,000	2,330,881,000	1,505,152,000	1,536,773,000						
Silver and other coin.....Inc.	13,822,000	65,236,000	121,787,000	74,599,000						
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Inc.	5,809,000	20,312,000	17,100,000	36,624,000						
Advances.....Inc.	10,043,000	33,173,000	13,975,000	7,851,000						
Investments.....Dec.	97,000	93,259,000	89,800,000	232,432,000						
Other assets.....Inc.	17,321,000	536,634,000	629,949,000	747,083,000						
<b>Liabilities—</b>										
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	243,067,000	3,927,865,000	3,133,117,000	2,508,030,000						
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....Dec.	19,916,000	655,130,000	1,012,720,000	860,115,000						
Other liabilities.....Inc.	5,310,000	280,453,000	207,626,000	533,150,000						

The New York money market was fairly firm early in the present week, with the rate for demand funds shading off as the week advanced. A third successive weekly deficit in bank reserves was shown in last Saturday's Clearing House statement, the deficit on this occasion amounting to \$30,707,540. The necessary adjustment of this position Monday resulted in the calling of loans by the banks aggregating approximately \$30,000,000, the market manifesting firmness both in the demand and the time money departments. The call loan rate advanced to 4 1/2% Monday after opening at 4%. The higher rate induced a heavy inflow of funds from out-of-town banks and the pressure of funds was sufficient to reduce the demand rate to 3 1/2% by Wednesday. Business in the "outside" market was reported at 3% Thursday. Time money ruled fractionally higher all week. A good deal of discussion was caused in money brokers' offices in the past week by the apparent policy of the Federal Reserve Bank authorities in disposing of large blocks of Government securities. Heavy sales of these obligations were shown in the last two weekly statements of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and also in the statements covering the entire system. Many observers considered this action plain evidence of a desire on the part of the Reserve authorities to maintain money rates at higher levels than prevailed during the closing months of 1927. The sales of course took a corresponding amount of Reserve Credit out of the market. A further development of much interest in the money market was a wholesome decrease of \$31,649,000 in brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral reported Thursday by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This reduction marked the first important break in the upward movement of such loans in more than two months.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, the renewal rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange on Monday was 4%, but on new loans there was an advance later in the day to 4 1/2%. On Tuesday all loans were at 4 1/2%, including renewals. On Wednesday the renewal rate was reduced to 4% and the

general rate dropped to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ . On Thursday and Friday the renewal rate remained at  $4\%$ , but most other loans were at  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ . Time loan rates have further advanced and yesterday quotations were  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  @  $4\frac{3}{8}\%$  for 30 and 60 days and  $4\frac{3}{8}\%$  @  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  for three, four, five and six months. There has been no change in the rates for commercial paper, which remain at  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  @  $4\%$  for four to six months' names of choice character. For names less well known the quotation remains at  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ . For New England mill paper the quotation is  $4\%$ .

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  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ . The posted quotations on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks remain at  $3\frac{1}{8}\%$  bid and  $3\%$  asked for bills running 30 days;  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  bid and  $3\frac{1}{8}\%$  asked for bills running 60 days;  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  bid and  $3\frac{3}{8}\%$  asked for 90 days;  $3\frac{5}{8}\%$  bid and  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  asked for 120 days, and  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  bid and  $3\frac{5}{8}\%$  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.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
90 Days		60 Days		30 Days		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	3
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						$3\frac{3}{4}$ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						$3\frac{3}{4}$ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Jan. 20.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 5 1927	4
New York.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 5 1927	4
Philadelphia.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Sept. 8 1927	4
Cleveland.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 6 1927	4
Richmond.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 16 1927	4
Atlanta.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 13 1927	4
Chicago.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Sept. 7 1927	4
St. Louis.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 4 1927	4
Minneapolis.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Sept. 13 1927	4
Kansas City.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	July 29 1927	4
Dallas.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Aug. 12 1927	4
San Francisco.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$	Sept. 10 1927	4

Sterling exchange has been extremely dull this week, ruling on average somewhat lower than a week ago, with quotations rather erratic and the market for the most part under selling pressure, although the total volume of transactions is reported as quite small. The range for the week has been  $4.86\frac{7}{8}$  to  $4.87\frac{9}{16}$  for bankers sight, and from  $4.87\frac{5}{32}$  to  $4.87\frac{31}{32}$  for cable transfers. Foreign exchange circles are inclined to attribute the present comparatively reactionary tendencies in sterling to the prospects of firmer money in New York. The lower average sterling rate of the past three weeks is ascribed chiefly to the higher price of call money against New York Stock Exchange collateral. But this was at most only a temporary influence, and now collateral loan money in New York is again very low, as abundant funds have been on offer on several occasions here this week at  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ . Moreover, the open market operations of the Federal Reserve banks during the past two weeks reveal that these institutions have disposed of approximately \$129,000,000 in Government securities, thereby taking an equal amount of money from the funds available for Wall Street

accommodations, and in a measure giving notice to the banking world that money rates are not going to be permitted to go exceedingly low. It is to be doubted if the rate for call money in New York at the present time has much to do with the current sterling quotation. There is no probability of any serious tightening of money rates on this side. There can be little doubt that considerable sums of American money have recently been withdrawn from London, and such operations would certainly not strengthen the sterling rate.

A more important influence on the sterling quotation since the close of the year is a consequence of the financing of autumn exports on dollar instead of sterling credits. Last year exports were financed largely on dollar acceptance credits. American holders of sterling bills were induced, by reason of the wide margin of interest rates between the two countries, to hold the bills as an investment rather than to dispatch them to London for immediate discounting. The effect has been not to remove, but to shift, the pressure on the exchange market until the period when the bills mature for payment. Such bills are now seeking redemption in London. The importance of this factor in exchange may be understood when it is realized that the total of American acceptances outstanding on Dec. 31 was \$1,080,581,000. This is \$325,221,000 greater than a year ago. The significance of the figure is revealed by the fact that there was no acceptance market in the United States prior to the organization of the Federal Reserve banks. The acceptance business was limited to the London houses. Of the total acceptances outstanding on Dec. 31, approximately \$863,000,000 are represented by international trade transactions, American imports and exports taking up \$703,646,000, more than \$23,000,000 representing dollar exchange, and approximately \$131,000,000 credits based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries. Frederick C. Goodenough, Chairman of Barclay's Bank, at the recent annual meeting of the shareholders in London, stated that the rise in the European exchanges which induced the gold flow in November and December, as a result of the depreciation of the dollar, was due to abnormally heavy foreign investments by America, rather than to any real appreciation in the European currencies, and that the recent rise in sterling was also partly due to exceptional causes of an international character, and only in part to the small though important, improvement occurring of late in British exports.

There is less talk of a probable reduction in the rediscount rate of the Bank of England. Opinions here and on the other side have been revised and it is realized that the Bank of England will hardly change its rate at present, especially since there is a decided improvement in the gold position of the bank. The general outlook for sterling is regarded as favorable, although the rates will from now on doubtless continue as in normal times, to fluctuate between the gold points. Latest estimates are that gold could probably move from New York to London if sterling is between  $4.88\frac{5}{8}$  and  $4.88\frac{1}{2}$ , with a possibility of small shipments for sale in the London open market with sterling at a still lower rate. That sterling should move up to the higher points and be maintained there for any length of time seems improbable.

The Bank of England rediscount rate continues unchanged at  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ . This week the Bank seems to have acquired the greater part of the London open market gold. Its bullion holdings have increased £538,543 to £155,540,092. The forthcoming bank statement is expected to show a still further important increase in gold holdings. It was stated here last week that the Bank of England last Friday had shipped £5,000 in gold bars to Spain. This should have read £15,000. On Tuesday the Bank of England bought £503,000 in gold bars. On Wednesday the Bank exported £11,000 in sovereigns to India and £5,000 to Holland. On Thursday the Bank of England bought £556,000 in gold bars, which it was understood had come from Russia, and exported £10,000 in sovereigns to Arabia. Yesterday cable dispatches stated that £1,250,000 more in gold bars had arrived in London from Russia. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Jan. 12-18, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$225,000, of which \$184,000 came from Mexico, and the balance chiefly from Latin America. Exports consisted of \$9,082,000, of which \$5,800,000 went to Brazil and \$3,000,000 to Argentina. Besides the above imports, the Federal Reserve Bank accounts for gold shipments from Canada to New York totaling \$6,000,000. Four million dollars of this Canadian gold import were accounted for here last week. In addition to the above, the International Acceptance Bank of New York has received \$1,500,000 from Canada, and yesterday the New York agency of the Bank of Montreal received a shipment of \$2,000,000. Canadian exchange continues at a discount. Unless Canadian financing here increases sharply, there are no factors which will cause a demand for Canadian funds until payments begin for Canadian spring exports. Such payments usually begin before the exports actually move, but they are not expected for a few months, and hence gold may continue to move toward New York and London during the interval. Gold will undoubtedly move from Montreal if the discount on the Canadian dollar continues around the present level, as the Canadian gold market is free and holdings are well above the reserve required against circulation. It is stated that much of the gold which has recently come to New York has been in the form of American gold coin which had previously been received from New York and held in Montreal. If further shipments are required, they will take the form of bullion from the Government stores at Ottawa.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling was slightly easier last Saturday. Bankers sight was  $4.87\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4.87$  9-16, cable transfers  $4.87\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4.87$  15-16. On Monday pressure continued and the quotations moved downward. Bankers sight ranged from  $4.87$  to  $4.87\frac{3}{8}$ , and cable transfers from  $4.87$  5-32 to  $4.87\frac{3}{4}$ . On Tuesday sterling was slightly in demand. The range was  $4.86$  15-16@ $4.87\frac{3}{8}$  for bankers sight and  $4.87\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4.87$  31-32 for cable transfers. On Wednesday the market was firm. The range was  $4.87\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4.87\frac{3}{8}$  for bankers sight and  $4.87\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4.87\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers. On Thursday the market was dull but steady. Bankers sight was  $4.87$  3-16@ $4.87$  11-32, cable transfers were  $4.87$  9-16@ $4.87$  23-32. On Friday the market was again weak; the range was  $4.86\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4.87$  5-32 for bankers sight, and  $4.87\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4.87$  9-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were  $4.87$  for demand and  $4.87\frac{3}{8}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $4.86\frac{7}{8}$ ,

60-day bills at  $4.83$ , 90-day bills at  $4.81\frac{1}{4}$ , documents for payment (60 days) at  $4.83$  and seven-day grain bills at  $4.86\frac{1}{4}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $4.86\frac{7}{8}$ .

The Continental exchanges, like sterling, have been dull and more or less under pressure, but the generally lower quotations are merely a sympathetic reflection of the sterling market. The political factors affecting all the Continental currencies, and for that matter the other exchanges as well, are treated fully elsewhere in these columns. The outstanding news of importance pertaining to the French franc is the reduction in the rediscount rate of the Bank of France to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  from  $4\%$ . The French bank rate had been at  $4\%$  for only a few weeks, having been reduced from  $5\%$ , where it had stood since April 14 1927. A year ago the rate was  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ . These changes show the material improvement in money conditions in France. During the week ending Jan. 19 the Bank of France reduced its sundry assets 649,608,000 francs. Although the fact is nowhere visible in the statement, it is believed that the amount by which sundry assets holdings has been reduced has gone to purchase gold which is doubtless earmarked somewhere for the account of the Bank of France. It is now accepted as certain that legal stabilization will not take place until after the May election. Recent Paris dispatches state that the French Government will discountenance borrowings in the United States or elsewhere for either industrial or municipal accounts. The Bank of France is in such a strong position that the stabilization program can be carried out without recourse to support from loans either from foreign bankers or central banks. Nevertheless, it is stated on very high authority that foreign credits may be sought and extended for moral effect, even though they may never be required. Money rates in Paris continue excessively easy, so that French capital is moving freely to other markets where interest rates are higher.

The Belgium unit has been extremely dull in this market, but interest attaches to the belgas because of the increase in the rediscount rate of the Bank of Belgium from  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $5\%$ . The rate had been reduced from  $5\%$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  on Nov. 16. The present firmness is attributable to exchange transactions between Brussels, Berlin and France. There has been considerable withdrawal of French funds from Brussels lately, incidental to the return to the gold standard in Paris. Other operations in the short-term money markets of Europe also threatened the money situation in Brussels, so that the rate was raised as a protective measure. There is nothing new in the Italian situation since the decree of the Government on Dec. 21 establishing the stabilization of the lira.

German marks moved down with sterling and ranged this week from a fraction under par to a fraction above par. Money is on average slightly easier in the German centers, but is still highly attractive to loanable foreign funds. The Reichsbank shows a reduction of 462,000 marks in its gold reserves, offset by a reduction in circulation of 243,067,000 marks, making a reduction in the note issue since the end of December of 636,182,000 marks. There has been no further movement of money of any importance to Berlin from New York although private lendings in the short-term money market cannot be easily traced. Such loans must be going over in some volume, as the money market

situation is improving steadily. New York banking authorities thoroughly conversant with the German situation expect a resumption of borrowing on a much more satisfactory basis than Germany has enjoyed for several years past.

Polish exchange is ordinarily considered an inactive one in the New York market, but London authorities assert that £2,000,000 of South African gold taken from the end of October for "unknown destination" were believed to have gone largely to Poland. London customs returns now show that an export of gold to Poland to the amount of £4,300,000 took place in the last quarter of 1927. The President of the Bank of Poland recently stated that Polish gold purchases since the stabilization loan amounted to £1,000,000 in London and \$15,000,000 in New York. This means that the Bank of Poland was responsible for only half of the gold bought by the "unknown buyer."

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.03 on Friday of this week, against 124.02 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at  $3.92\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $3.93\frac{1}{4}$  a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93, against  $3.93\frac{1}{2}$ , and commercial sight bills at  $3.92\frac{1}{2}$ , against 3.93. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.93 for checks and at 13.94 for cable transfers, as against 13.94 and 13.95 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.82 for checks and 23.83 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.82 and 23.83 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at  $5.28\frac{3}{4}$  for bankers' sight bills and at 5.29 for cable transfers, as against  $5.28\frac{3}{4}$  and 5.29 last week. Austrian schillings have not been changed from  $14\frac{1}{8}$ . Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at  $2.96\frac{1}{8}$ , against  $2.96\frac{1}{8}$ ; on Bucharest at 0.62, against 0.62; on Poland at 11.15, against 11.15, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at  $1.32\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and at  $1.32\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers, against  $1.33\frac{1}{4}$  and  $1.33\frac{1}{2}$  a week ago.

In the exchanges of the countries neutral during the war the tendency has been to follow the trend of sterling. Holland guilders were under pressure at one time largely from transactions originating in Continental markets, in addition to which larger offers of guilder grain bills in this market also had a slightly adverse effect on exchange on Amsterdam. Later, however, Dutch exchange recovered. Norwegian krone were an exception to the general trend of the Swedish and Danish currencies. The Norwegian unit was firmer, owing to speculative buying in anticipation of the return of this currency to full gold parity at no distant date. Spanish pesetas showed alternate periods of strength and weakness, due to speculative transactions originating largely abroad, especially in the Amsterdam speculative group. Spanish gold purchases the last few weeks at the Bank of England are said to have been large, which means that equivalent sums in pesetas were absorbed by the market. The gold purchases were made largely by Spanish importers who used the metal in payment of duties. Customs are payable either in paper pesetas or in gold at a ratio fixed periodically. When pesetas are rising, it is said that there are frequent periods when it is profitable to pay in gold purchased abroad. The system acts as a brake on upward movements in pesetas. The attitude of the Spanish Government is still unfavorable to a wide bull movement in the peseta.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.33, against 40.32 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.35, against 40.34, and commercial sight bills at 40.29, against 40.28. Swiss francs closed at 19.26 for bankers' sight bills and at  $19.26\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, in comparison with  $19.26\frac{1}{2}$  and 19.28 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.78 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.79 and 26.80. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.84, and cable transfers at 26.85, against 26.89 and 26.90, while checks on Norway finished at 26.61 and cable transfers at 26.62, against 26.60 and 26.61. Spanish pesetas closed at 17.12 for checks and at 17.13 for cable transfers, which compares with 17.04 and 17.05 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been quiet and steady. Both Argentina and Brazil took gold from New York this week, \$5,800,000 going to Rio de Janeiro and \$3,000,000 to Argentina. As stated here on Jan. 7, \$8,500,000 in gold was shipped direct from South Africa to Brazil, forming part of the London portion of the  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  Brazilian stabilization loan. To complete the London share will require £4,500,000. It is believed that since no gold has been bought by Brazil in London, the metal necessary to complete the London quota will be obtained gradually direct from South Africa. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.71 for checks, as compared with 42.71 last week and at 42.76 for cable transfers, against 42.76. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.99 for checks and at 12.00 for cable transfers, against 11.99 and 12.00. Chilean exchange closed at 12.21 for checks and at 12.22 for cable transfers, against 12.21 and 12.22, and Peru at 3.90 for checks and at 3.91 for cable transfers, against 3.92 and 3.93.

Far Eastern exchanges have been dull, the only apparent demand being confined to Japanese yen. The silver units are weaker, owing largely to the lower price of silver and, of course, to a considerable extent to the continued upheaval in Chinese affairs. There is no news of importance bearing upon the Japanese financial situation and since Shanghai bear operations have apparently ceased for the time being, the yen shows a relatively better position than last week. The Indian rupee, recently under pressure, has been firm this week. Money is tighter in the cities owing to heavy requirements of the cultivators in the interior. There has been some talk of still firmer money rates at the Indian centers. The cash and cash ratio of the Imperial Bank of India have been substantially reduced, according to the statements issued earlier in the month. Recent London advices indicate that £1,500,000 have been remitted to London on account of the Indian paper currency reserve, which makes it appear that the Finance Member of the Indian Government has seen fit to exercise his powers to inflate the currency temporarily against sterling securities. From this it may be inferred that there will be no further increase in the rediscount rate of the Imperial Bank of India. After the temporary needs of crop requirements are satisfied, the additional currency issued against the sterling securities would be returned from circulation and the sterling pledged returned to the account of the Indian authorities. The British senior Trade Commissioner for India and Ceylon, in a recent report on trade conditions, expressed the opinion that the cultivators have at

the present time in the mass a larger reserve of purchasing power than ever before. Indian exports have risen to a very high point with respect to quantity, with a noticeable, though less marked rise in the aggregate value. From this fact it is expected that there will be a correspondingly bright future for the import trade of India. A most important factor in the trade prospects is, of course, the stabilization of the rupee at the gold value rate of 1s. 6d., and the stronger position of Indian public finance. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 46.67@47<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> against 46.88<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 50.15@50<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, against 50<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>@51 3-16; Shanghai at 63<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, against 64<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>@64<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 57@57<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, against 56<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>@57<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; Bombay at 36 15-16, against 36 15-16, and Calcutta at 36 15-16, against 36 15-16.

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, JAN. 14 1928 TO JAN. 20 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 14.	Jan. 16.	Jan. 17.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling	140933	140	140928	141065	141080	141008
Belgium, belga	135465	139466	139387	139382	139385	139303
Bulgaria, lev	007245	007216	007220	007259	007209	007240
Czechoslovakia, krona	029628	029628	029628	029631	029629	029628
Denmark, krone	268012	267940	267813	267847	267850	267795
England, pound sterling	4.878125	4.875596	4.874119	4.875596	4.876038	4.874275
Finland, markka	025189	025186	025182	025187	025187	025190
France, franc	039331	039317	039297	039303	039303	039300
Germany, reichsmark	238258	238195	238175	238235	238316	238256
Greece, drachma	018294	013297	013251	013251	013253	013252
Holland, guilder	403444	403264	403189	403358	403419	403375
Hungary, pengo	174737	174744	174791	174769	174775	174780
Italy, lira	052889	032865	052867	052873	052885	052877
Norway, krone	265105	265890	265870	265887	266328	266163
Poland, zloty	112322	112455	112330	112659	112355	112283
Portugal, escudo	049351	049389	049314	049225	049304	049266
Rumania, lei	006182	006192	006182	006188	006186	006168
Spain, peseta	171116	171440	170752	171242	171530	171092
Sweden, krona	265023	268898	268819	268805	268728	268463
Switzerland, franc	192688	192676	192648	192660	192660	192619
Yugoslavia, dinar	017631	017621	017625	017625	017622	017618
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China—						
Chefoo tael	667500	666666	661250	662083	658541	660000
Hankow tael	657083	655416	648750	643583	646250	647916
Shanghai tael	640892	640535	635714	635982	632678	633928
Tientsin tael	672916	675833	672083	671250	667708	670000
Hong Kong dollar	506071	504464	501250	501428	499732	501428
Mexican dollar	457500	466750	455000	456125	454750	455000
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	455000	455416	451250	453541	451250	453333
Yuan dollar	451666	452083	447916	450416	447916	450000
India, rupee	367215	367100	367157	367189	367932	367260
Japan, yen	469959	469156	467850	468750	468978	467793
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	567500	567500	567291	567291	567291	567291
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar	998098	998129	998025	998016	998059	998016
Cuba, peso	999031	999031	999062	999093	999031	999000
Mexico, peso	488333	488333	488333	488000	487666	487833
Newfoundland, dollar	995750	995664	995429	995429	995468	995351
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	970913	971179	970608	971079	971112	971185
Brazil, milreis	119936	119960	119954	119950	119972	119918
Chile, peso	122141	122119	122326	122128	122141	122140
Uruguay, peso	1029200	1029418	1027720	1028040	1027050	1026200
Colombia, peso	980000	980000	981000	981000	981000	981000

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, Jan. 14.	Monday, Jan. 16.	Tuesday, Jan. 17.	Wednesday, Jan. 18.	Thursday, Jan. 19.	Friday, Jan. 20.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 103,000,000	\$ 111,000,000	\$ 110,000,000	\$ 124,000,000	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 102,000,000	\$ 640,000,000

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	Jan. 19 1928.			Jan. 20 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	155,540,092	155,540,092	151,491,156	151,491,156	151,491,156	151,491,156
France a	221,753,269	13,717,143	235,470,412	147,340,098	13,640,000	160,980,098
Germany b	89,153,400	994,600	90,148,000	84,257,550	994,600	85,252,150
Spain	104,143,000	28,431,000	132,574,000	102,280,000	26,964,000	129,244,000
Italy	46,978,000	3,771,000	50,749,000	45,656,000	4,161,000	49,817,000
Netherl'ds	34,166,000	2,293,000	36,459,000	34,540,000	2,334,000	36,874,000
Nat. Belg.	20,942,000	—	20,942,000	17,722,000	1,073,000	18,795,000
Switzerl'd.	18,056,000	2,556,000	20,612,000	17,687,000	2,899,000	20,586,000
Sweden	12,785,000	—	12,785,000	12,470,000	—	12,470,000
Denmark	10,112,000	611,000	10,723,000	11,610,000	838,000	12,448,000
Norway	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000

Total week 721,808,761 52,373,743 774,182,504 633,233,804 52,903,600 686,137,404  
Prev. week 646,105,293 52,582,263 698,687,556 633,154,726 52,937,600 686,092,326

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting the present year to £74,572,866. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £4,071,850. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The United States and the Pan-American Conference.

On the surface at least, the reception accorded to President Coolidge at Havana on Sunday and Monday was all that could have been desired. The popular demonstration was enthusiastic, the official reception had all the marks of sincere cordiality, and no untoward incident occurred to mar the dignity of a notable occasion. If the official representatives of the various countries that make up the Pan-American Conference cherished any resentment against the United States for its course in Central or South American affairs, or were eager to ventilate any grievances against the "Colossus of the North," their sense of propriety, always strong among the Latin nations, prevented them from giving any intimation of their feelings while the President of the United States, a guest like themselves of the Cuban Republic, was in attendance and the opening formalities of the Conference were being carried out. All this, of course, was quite as it should be. Cuba, at least, has good reason to be grateful to the United States, and it was entirely fitting that the delegates from the sister republics, catching the friendly spirit that everywhere prevailed, should have joined heartily in the welcome extended to Mr. Coolidge during his brief stay on foreign soil.

The address with which Mr. Coolidge opened the Conference was, to many, a disappointment. It had been widely expected that Mr. Coolidge, having in mind the widespread criticisms which have been made of recent American policy in Mexico and Nicaragua, and the known desire of certain South American publicists to transform the Conference into some kind of a political union, would avail himself of the opportunity afforded by his visit to Havana to define once more the position of the United States in its relations with the republics to the south, and to dispel, if possible, the doubts and suspicions which recent events have accentuated. If such was ever Mr. Coolidge's intention, he would appear, for some reason, to have abandoned it, and to have left the declaration of policy, if any, was to be made, to the American delegation headed by Mr. Hughes. His address was devoted to felicitating the southern republics upon their enjoyment of political independence, their freedom from entanglements with Europe, and their progress in economic development and culture, and to emphasizing the cordial interest of the United States in their welfare. It was an address

of agreeable generalities, apparently contrived with the deliberate purpose of avoiding any statements that might seem provocative, or into which the suggestion of an American program might be read, and intended to represent the United States as occupying, in the deliberations of the Conference, a position merely of equality with all the other States.

Friendly and cordial as the address was, however, it could hardly have been possible for any member of the Conference, any more than for the thousands to whom the address was carried by radio, to ignore the fact that over the Conference and its brilliant opening hung the dark shadow of Nicaragua. Two days before Mr. Coolidge and his party left Washington, American Marines were reported to have added fourteen to the number of Sandino's followers who have been killed, and before the return trip began a three-days' bombardment by naval airplanes was reported to have had disastrous results for the enemy, and to have driven a considerable body of Sandino's forces in flight toward the border of Honduras. Incidents such as these, duly chronicled in the press of both continents, afford a striking contrast to Mr. Coolidge's declarations that "a determination to adjust differences among ourselves, not by a resort to force, but by the application of the principles of justice and equity, is one of our strongest characteristics," that "the sovereignty of small nations is respected," that "all nations here represented stand on an exact footing of equality," and that "the smallest and the weakest speak here with the same authority as the largest and the most powerful."

More recent dispatches from Nicaragua bring news of a political complication which seems likely to add to the difficulties of the situation. On Wednesday the House of Deputies refused to accept an electoral bill passed by the Senate, and sent to its second reading an amended bill of a very different character. The Senate bill, which it is understood represents the wishes, if not actually the demands, of the American authorities, provided for the appointment of a national board, the president of which should be named by the United States and be an American citizen, to which should be intrusted complete and virtually arbitrary control of the forthcoming presidential election, which the United States has undertaken to supervise. The amended bill of the House of Deputies, representing the wishes of the Conservative party, substitutes for the American President of the Board of Election an American counsellor on the Board. The Liberals, in other words, who have been in the ascendant through the maintenance of Diaz as President by the aid of the United States, wish to give the United States a free hand in controlling the election, while the Conservatives, who insist that such action would be unconstitutional, are struggling to limit American control to the designation of an American adviser to the National Board of Elections and similar advisers to the various local boards.

It is hardly to be expected that the Pan-American Conference will be able to conclude its sessions without some discussion of the Nicaraguan situation. There is too much outspoken criticism of the United States in the South American press, not to speak of an imposing volume of hostile criticism and cynical comment in the European papers, to make it easy to keep out of the debates a subject which is in everybody's mind. The United States delegation, it is reported, while naturally indisposed to bring the

question up themselves, are prepared to defend the policy of the Administration by an appeal, among other things, to the agreement reached in 1923 between the five Central American republics, under which recognition was henceforth to be accorded only to constitutional Governments, instead of to *de facto* Governments as heretofore. As the determination of what is or is not a constitutional Government devolves, under the agreement, upon some outside Power, it is urged that the United States must decide what is a constitutional Government in any of the Central American republics, and that such a decision is the rightful basis of its course in Nicaragua. Meantime the Conference has completed its organization, created a favorable impression by registering its wish that all the proceedings, including those of the Committees, shall be public, and elected Dr. Gustavo Guerrero of Salvador, a pronounced advocate of compulsory arbitration of all American disputes, Chairman of one of the most powerful committees, that on public international law.

There are two dangers in particular which it is earnestly to be hoped the Conference may be able to avoid. One is "war talk." To allow national resentment, however deep, over American policy in Nicaragua to show itself in heated threats of balancing force of one kind over against force of another would be the height of unwisdom; it would solve no problem, and would stir up more irritation than it could possibly allay. The Conference may well take to heart, if the Nicaraguan imbroglio has to be discussed, President Coolidge's reminder, in his opening address, of the success with which differences among the American States have been settled by arbitration and good offices, and seek for a method of applying that form of settlement to the Nicaraguan trouble if the Conference is forced to act on the question at all. The other danger is the well-defined demand, in certain South American quarters especially, for some kind of political union or league of the American republics. It is greatly to be hoped that this danger, too, will be resisted, as it certainly will be by the United States delegation. The success which has attended the previous meetings of the Conference has been due, in large part, to the avoidance of politics and the confining of attention to such topics as stand on the present agenda—improved transportation service and other means of communication, better news exchange, uniformity of passport regulations, the development of educational opportunities and the exchange of teachers and students, and the codification of law. Here is a field in which previous Conferences have already accomplished much, and in which much still remains to be done. To attempt to turn the Conference into a political body, a kind of American League of Nations, such as is apparently being looked for by Europe, would do no good, but instead would go far to rob the Conference of the prestige which it has acquired by eschewing politics and sticking close to the tasks of peace.

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### **The Railroads.**

Tunnelling mountains, bridging streams, gashing hillsides and filling swamps for grades, the railroads of the country were builded at enormous cost and daring financial adventure. They should be one of the proud possessions of the American people. They are permanent improvements. Trains run on sched-

ule time, carrying freight and passengers over two hundred and fifty thousand miles of traffic lines with marvellous safety and dispatch, responsible to shipper and passenger for wanton damage, and are at the command of all alike. Absolutely indispensable to commerce and industry, they have now admittedly reached the highest peak of efficiency. But they do not pay a reasonable rate of interest on the investment.

What is the matter with the railroads? In themselves, not much of anything! They are operated by the highest skill and talent in the country. They have learned their lesson through costly experience, careful experiment, consistent analysis of the fundamental elements of success, breasting stock speculation and recovering from war control, and are to-day the finest examples we have of private corporate management. If they cannot be made to pay there is a cause outside their administrative conduct, and that cause lies more largely in the Government of the United States and in the attitude of the American people than in themselves.

Let us consider the attitude of the people first. The old antagonism has passed away. But it has not yet been succeeded by that pride in and solicitude for the roads that a great industry of this kind demands. Yet patronage is the life of trade. And we may as well put it flatly: A shipper who, after years of accommodation and service, turns a part of his business to some fly-by-night trucking company in order to encourage a "local" industry, is not treating an old friend right, and is encouraging a concern of little moment in the mass of transportation, that pays little taxes and may or may not be responsible for damages. This is not bestowing patronage where deserved and only serves to help break down the whole interlocking structure of the roads. Putting by all historical criticism, failures and fault-finding, a good motto for the shipper who looks at transportation in its larger aspect would be: Stand by the railroads for they stood by you! These roads are indispensable. Why not concede their importance and give them full patronage? We are not saying some of the short haul business is not permissible in the behalf of progress, but seeking to encourage the breaking down of a huge national industry is poor policy, be it by a shipper large or small. In the midst of a thousand fads, reforms, theories of standardization and betterment, all industry and all commerce is recreant to its highest principle when it forgets the "live and let live" which is exemplified in a rational mutual patronage. The railroads today are paying tremendous sums in taxes to the several States on fixed properties they builded themselves, that are not furnished free highways to run upon, and what they do not pay is largely paid by private citizens and corporations.

And this brings us to the part played by Government. To foster the creation of new transportation methods by dispensing huge sums of the people's tax-money in the building of hard-surface transcontinental highways to be used indiscriminately for short hauls, and long as well, is not good business if it ends in destroying one public utility privately owned and already in efficient operation without furnishing an adequate substitute. And even then there would be the question of the expense and waste of scrapping one for another no better and only partially available. But lest we be accused of discussing impractical features, let us turn to some speci-

fic facts. The railroads of this country need more freedom from the interference of Government. They *alone*, in the mutuality of their intertwining interests and in the levelling processes of necessary joint conduct, are capable of establishing an *equalization of rates* over a territory as large as the United States. No commission sitting high and dry in some chamber at Washington is competent for the job. If consolidations are to become a part of the process then let them go on according to plans worked out by those who own and run the roads and not by permission of a Government Commission on the outside. It cannot be shown that *control* can be had save by ownership—and nobody wants Government ownership of the railroads outside of a few quasi-political theorists.

Of course the people own the railroads—own them in two ways: by an ever-increasing ownership of stock and by the common potential ownership of a public utility. A thrust at the railroads is a thrust at the people. Now at the height of efficiency is the time to show appreciation. What, it may be asked, of the effect of internal improvements, the waterways? The railroads should be allowed to establish barge lines on the rivers, in connection with their own operation, *after the Government has completed the work*, and also in connection with transport on lakes, gulfs, bays, and oceans. But the most serious considerations are these: Is it good business policy, so far as a legitimate let-alone Government is concerned, to refuse to release an already huge, established industry, to act in its own defense while it coddles the formation of small gnawing companies engaged in freight and passenger hauling by furnishing them free hard-paved highways to run upon? Do not mistake, the highways may be built and at Government expense—but the railroads will be able to meet all competition if given the chance, if freed from restrictive laws.

When the railroads can no longer earn a reasonable return to pay dividends and taxes, what will take their place in support of the Government? When the American people read as they will that the first-class roads in 1927 failed to earn the percentage they are allowed by law—that in fact they earned only 4½% on their investment—and when they realize, as it is probable they soon will, that 1928 is not *guaranteed* to surpass its predecessor, is it not fair to believe they will think deeply on the condition of public servants that need their support both in patronage and appreciative concern? Railroads on the down-grade in earnings spell depression. Increased, or equalized rates and lowered wages, what would these do?

#### *The Need for Creative Education.*

When a man of science long in public service retires he may well be expected to have something to say, if only to formulate his conclusions. This is what Henry Fairfield Osborn, our oldest and most distinguished zoologist, professor in Columbia University, senior Geologist in the United States Geological Survey, and President of the American Museum of Natural History, has now done in his book *Creative Education* (Scribner).

He is able to compress into a single phrase the conclusion reached in fifty years of teaching and study. It is that creative education is at once the imperative need as producing in his students "original creative constructive work," and is also the

most joyful recompense of a teacher's life. He emphasizes this because at the beginning of his student life it was not recognized, and only when called to be a junior professor in 1881 did he realize its significance as disclosed to him in the methods of several great teachers like Guyot, Balfour and Welch. As a result he introduced this method into his college teaching and devoted himself to it throughout his career. He now can look with pride upon his "biological sons" and a young army of "biological grandsons" in various parts of the country and feel justified in his emphasis upon the need of serious reformation in our whole system of education.

The distinctive aim of creative education he holds to be to discover and encourage original talent and start it on the right track. The creative impulse is natural in all; it is the expression of the forces that contribute to human progress. He was early impressed with the conviction that something had been lost in the art of education, and as his special investigation in pedagogic literature did not disclose it he had to rediscover it for himself. It was not long before he found that the real basis of education lay not in a successful application of methods but in the awakening of creative force in the pupil and combining the results of such impulses for a specific and general advance, unlocking even in the minds of children impulses of interest and consequent productive effort which produce a joy and satisfaction that will inspire and direct all future effort.

This creative intelligence marks the line in nature between the "live world" and the "world of matter." This may manifest itself in any one of a thousand directions, and the task is to disclose it before it is lost. Without being taught to observe, children lose the power of observation, and their mental development stops. The main purpose of Professor Osborn in his new book is to show that the ideal pursuit of knowledge is when its main object is not ambition and not fame, but to see that the truths of nature shall be revealed to man for his intellectual, moral and physical welfare.

It is for his joy as well as for his gain. As Robert Louis Stevenson said, "If a man love the labor of any trade, apart from any question of success or fame, the gods have called him; let him follow his bent with the impelling motive of adding something new, or true, or beautiful, to civilized life. It is the oldest of distinctive human faculties and should therefore be sought in all who are being taught or trained. It calls for the use of all these faculties, and education therefore should employ all these forces, mental, moral and physical, in developing energy, inspiration and individuality. Imitation is obviously too restrictive a method. It produces uniformity and mediocrity, both of product and of thought.

Professor Osborn tells how the awakening of his interest in geology in his junior year in college led to his gathering the materials of the early history of man and the discovery that brain power in man is not a recent acquisition, nor of centuries of education, but an inborn native faculty awaiting development. He found that the cave boy of the Stone Age was in fact better taught in many things than most children to-day. His life depended upon what his father taught him; his aptness in working, learning and imitation. In later days came education into the realm of ideas. We make education far too

easy and leisurely. To be profitable it must involve effort, self-denial and control, strong purpose, and the choice often of the line of the greatest rather than of the least resistance. His list of the mental and manual processes evident in the intellectual life of primitive man is interesting. "They are: first, to use and thereby to develop the faculties of observation and of imitation; second, to think, to reflect, to form judgments, and thereby to govern the action of the hands and limbs; third, to invent, to create, and thereby to equip the body with tools, weapons, clothing and shelter; fourth, to imitate, and, therefore, through the apprentice system of education, to accumulate all the benefits of past observation and experience, reflection and invention." His comment on this is that we have to deal with minds and hands of the very same kind as those to which the lessons of the Stone Age were taught, and modern civilization, with its stifling of observation and creative power, must not be allowed to enter into the processes of school, college and university education. To *think*, to *create*, and to *act*, are our great impulses, inherited from the far prehistoric past, and the three main objectives in the intellectual education of our American youth.

Professor Osborn has certainly sustained the position he now takes by his own career. It would be difficult to say in what direction he has been the more distinguished. He has led in many directions. In psychology, neurology, anatomy, paleontology, and in biology or the philosophy of life, he has been a profound and pre-eminently creative student and teacher. Throughout he has pursued the line of persistent advance for his students' as for his own success, and now he would inspire others to the same course. He knows from his own painful experience how difficult it is to nurture the productive quality of mind which should be developed in pupils and students, young and old, and he sees it made never more difficult than to-day. Our thinking is all done for us by the few thinkers of the daily papers. The needful action of our hands guided by our brain is performed for us by thousands of labor saving brain enfeebling devices; and while the line of original thinking is the line of greatest resistance, the line of memory, which we are taught to follow, is the line of least resistance and therefore in constant use. We are increasingly dependent upon what the gifted few do for us, and our own powers of observation and reflection, and possibly of creation, suffer daily diminution until they gradually disappear.

Thirty years ago he called attention to the fact confirming the testimony of Helmholtz, Guyot and other teachers, that men coming from the academic curriculum, as then in use, did better work between the ages of 16 and 20 than men coming from the scientific curriculum. This was not because of any lack in the subject, but because the science then taught was purely descriptive, and the teachers failed to see the value of the mental training that was involved, or the immediate practical value of such subjects as biology, physics and chemistry. It was about that time that, following the example of Agassiz, Huxley and others, the laboratory method was introduced. Schools cannot do the advanced work of colleges and universities but they can teach the useful facts of human physiology, botany and geology in which pupils can be taught to observe for themselves, that so they may learn to think also for themselves.

Because we are now on the threshold of a new creative period in every department of activity until business and industry are alert to it, attention to creative education is imperative. Conventionality and imitation are the great destructive forces in human development, coupled with routine life and routine instruction. Our dress, our reading, our social ways, offer no inducement to original thought or creative effort. Painted lips may be regarded as the counterpart of the bound feet of the women of China; both are the persistence of a custom introduced by a single person or a small coterie years ago.

To-day there is an awakening. College entrance classes, it is said, now number more students than the entire college roll of fifty years ago. It is put at some 750,000. The debate has been largely about the machinery of education; required versus elective courses; science versus classics and humanities; modern versus ancient languages; a three-year versus a four-year course. Extra-curriculum activities are often regarded more important than studies. A change has come. The effort now is to give science the freest possible rein, to remove the high protective wall about the study of the classics, to insist on the cultural value of both classic and modern literature, to establish a group elective system with a logical order, and to insist on original thinking and production on the part of the student as the chief end of a college education.

Many people do not know that they have creative ability, and the goal of education is to disclose such ability wherever it exists. Few will become scientists, where at the top men stand alone. Many more than is now the case will be helped to usefulness as teachers and intelligent leaders in business and industry, and still more will be guided in knowing their bent and avoiding mistake in choosing a course of life. All have the right to a right system of education that they may find some expression of themselves and the lines of their connection with the world about them.

Henry Fairfield Osborn has done much to bring this to pass. He has had joy in his work. He is revered by those who were his pupils and fellow students, and he has received much honor. He can rest content in the confidence that his words will be heeded, and the coming generations of Americans will be better taught, let us say, than their grandfathers. Business, whatever may be its successes, will be in the hands of men who because more wisely educated as the result of his teaching and that of others like him, will have more peace in their hearts and larger views of the meaning of life.

### *City Pride.*

Since the advent of the new year, the different metropolitan newspapers have been engaged in recounting the growth of their particular city. And it is a most commendable work, fraught with good to the community in many ways. Cities, whatever we may say of them, are hives of industry and homes of wealth. And it is really remarkable, as one travels over the country, the pride the residents take in the city in which they live. For all cities are much alike. They have their massed blocks of buildings and their paved streets, their railways, lighting systems, business and residence districts, water mains, gas works, municipal buildings, a conglomerate of life, energy and enterprise. On river, bay,

or inland, they are always in a state of change, the old giving way to the new. Some of them have civic and art centers of more or less importance. Some have universities, museums, libraries, science foundations, world renowned. But in each and all there is pride in possession and achievement, albeit the most of them bear evidences of haphazard growth and the absence of original design. They are nerve centers of the nation, political integers of increasing power, and problems vital to the economic life of the people.

Many incidents and influences contribute to the building of cities. A primitive crossroads for no apparent reason becomes a railroad center. A river junction becomes a manufacturing giant. One harbor outstrips another and a great metropolis arises. Sheer determination and a pull-all-together makes a city grow where there is no paramount commercial reason for its existence. The accident of oil discovery, the location of a mineral, the terminal of a steam railroad at an ocean side, and lo, like the magic of a necromancer, a city appears! They grow without being located or even laid out, defiant of geography, and independent of human forethought. Perhaps Washington and a few others are exceptions to the general rule, being previsioned, but who would now place the Capital of the country at its present location? Again, exception to this haphazard growth may be made by saying cities are to some extent the creatures of their environment, but in a wide sweep of the map they little conform to concentrating needs of the people and are builded at a great waste of time and money.

But the inhabitants love them and are ever alert to increase their wealth, extent and power. And as we read these statistics of a year's growth we are not without faith in the spiritual increase embodied in the material growth. In the list of accessions are mentioned hospitals, churches, temples of art, courts, auditoriums, cathedrals; and mention is frequently made of the improvement in architectural design. In the United States it is a far day to "the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome," but we have no storied centuries behind us and have been too busy with the practical to emulate the marvellous achievements of Pericles and Phidias. But we are considering here the pride of the people in their residential cities. And this pride has two sides—one the growth in numbers and physical appointments, and the other growth in the spirit of civic rule and in the culture that educates and enlivens. Stadiums are springing up like mushrooms everywhere, but are our halls devoted to public debate equally in evidence? Our road building exceeds that of any age or country, but the permanence of ancient roadways is not copied. Our games and arena contests consume immense sums of money, but we are not enamored of beauty and skill, rather of speed and endurance. And our cities become of necessity grimed with incessant prosaic toil, and restless with ambition to become larger and more populous than supposed rivals. This urge as a law of growth is more of an extensive force than an intensive conservation. Business incentives are behind much of our city enterprise and those who "boom" their particular city are too often actuated by sheer love of financial gain. Loyal though the people be, they are carried away by an ever increasing growth which brings its inevitable burdens as well as benefits. There are large cities to-day grow-

ing against the weight of subsistence. There are misplaced cities doomed in time to decay. There are metropolitan centers that inevitably must decentralize. There are cities so large that further growth means taxes beyond the power of the people to pay and that makes the costs of extension prohibitive. So that it would in some instances be well if the boomers ceased from booming and the people turned their eyes inward upon what they already have.

While, therefore, it is pertinent to say that, in the rush and exuberance of this passion for improvement, the people are not always getting value received in the permanency of the extensions and accomplishments wrought by means of the enormous long-time debts they are laying upon themselves and their successors, this city pride is a cohesive force which may be used, if the hand of reason be laid upon it, to elevate the culture and enthuse the spiritual in all our cities. It is an antidote to socialism when rightly applied. Without thought on the part of the voters and in the possession of "public spirited

citizens" who seek private gain, city pride may and must sometime lead to disaster. What is borrowed must be paid. Civic centers that do not increase civic virtue are anathema. Power is not as desirable as content. Inviting people to settle in such numbers in a given area as to render the making of a decent living impossible is not conducive to good government. Cities poorly ruled are political plague spots. So that, reflecting upon these universal statistics of growth in population, wealth, and material growth, the important problem is the contribution cities bring to the country at large in spiritual emprise and opportunity. Art, architecture, education, culture, sculpture, painting, auditoriums for political, civic and social discussion, cannot be scattered in isolated spots throughout the country. They belong to congested centers. And intensive growth therein may far exceed in worth in years to come the mere widening of boundaries and increase in population. And to this end there is evidence the public mind is now turning.

### *The New Capital Flotations During December and for the Twelve Months of the Calendar Year*

The record of new financing in this country for the month of December, according to our compilations below, fittingly brings to a close a year which has been distinguished beyond anything else for the extent of the new issues brought out. All previous monthly totals are surpassed, the amount running in excess of a billion dollars, this being only the second time this has occurred, both times in the year 1927.

Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during December reached \$1,041,473,715. In November the new issues totaled \$775,727,309, but in October the aggregate was \$1,033,020,983, this having been the first time in any month that the billion-dollar mark was reached. In September the total was \$627,793,673; in August \$616,422,263 and in July, a dull Summer month, only \$481,503,439. In the first half of 1927 the amounts were quite generally heavy, running in several months in excess of \$900,000,000 and establishing the highest records made up to that time. Thus in June the aggregate was \$925,207,489, while in May it was \$946,992,308, this last having then established a new high monthly record. In April the total was \$906,522,188; in March \$670,868,816; in February \$941,880,732, and in January \$903,481,175.

At \$1,041,473,715 for December 1927, comparison is with only \$621,673,829 in December 1926. More than the whole increase is found in the corporate offerings which were more than double those of the previous year, footing up \$852,063,692 for the month in 1927 against only \$429,303,605 in 1926.

During the month of December new issues on behalf of public utilities exceeded half a billion dollars, being in exact figures \$517,412,000. This public utility total is the largest of any month on record, exceeding the previous high record figure of \$374,774,615 made in February 1927 by more than 142 millions and is more than double the total of \$252,482,092 reported in November. Industrial issues during December amounted to \$260,965,692 against \$348,276,350 in November—a decrease of 87 millions. Railroad offerings, on the other hand, totaled \$73,686,000 in December as compared with only \$16,796,000 during November.

Total corporate offerings in December were, as already stated, \$852,063,692, and of this amount \$549,259,500 comprised long term issues, only \$29,213,000 were short term,

while \$273,591,192 consisted of stock issues. The portion used for refunding reached no less than \$263,472,400, or nearly 31% of the total, the month taking its place as the third largest on record in respect to amount raised for refunding, it being exceeded only by May 1927 with \$265,789,450 and November 1926 with \$264,542,925. In November, \$214,189,800, or over 34%, was for refunding. In October the refunding portion was \$159,700,850, or about 21%; in September it was \$78,778,550, or not much more than 17%; in August it was \$166,446,000 or over 37%; in July it was only \$29,436,500, or not quite 8%; in June \$169,252,700, or nearly 24%; in May no less than \$265,789,450, or in excess of 37%, this latter month constituting the largest on record in respect to amount. The refunding portion in April was \$131,581,150, or more than 25%. In March the amount was \$101,947,000, or slightly over 20%; in February, \$245,061,060, or in excess of 31%, and in January, \$102,531,800, or not quite 17%. In December of the previous year (1926) \$76,076,000, or not quite 18% of the total, was for refunding purposes.

The more prominent issues brought out in December (1927) entirely or partly for refunding were as follows: \$39,478,000 out of \$42,000,000 Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. 5½ "A"s 1938; \$27,380,000 out of \$29,000,000 1st mtge. 4½s "F" 1967 and \$4,200,000 4½s 1929-31 issued by Central Illinois Public Service Co.; \$25,000,000 out of \$60,000,000 Philadelphia Co. secured 5s 1967; \$24,308,500 out of \$31,000,000 The New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s 1967; \$23,190,400 out of \$40,000,000 Alabama Pr. Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s 1967; \$15,000,000 out of \$18,000,000 Twin City Rapid Transit Co. 1st lien and ref. mtge. 5½s "A" 1952, and the following used entirely for refunding: \$20,000,000 Associated Electric Co. 4½s 1953; \$20,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 5 %cum. 1st pref. stock and \$13,000,000 Missouri-Kansas-Texas R. R. Co. prior lien mtge. 4½s "D" 1978.

The total of \$263,472,400 used for refunding in December (1927) comprised \$168,865,900 new long term to refund existing long term; \$47,478,000 new long term to refund existing short term; \$298,000 long term to replace existing stock; \$4,185,000 new short term to refund existing long term; \$5,000,000 new short term to refund existing short term; \$6,833,000 new stock to retire existing long term and \$30,812,500 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues brought out in this country during December (including Canada) aggregated only \$31,

000,000, as against \$134,579,000 in November. The December offerings were as follows: Canadian, \$12,500,000 Canadian Hydro-electric Corp. Ltd. 6% cum. 1st pref. offered at 97½ to yield 6.15%, and \$850,000 372 Bay Street (Toronto) 1st mtge. 6½s 1947 issued at par. Other foreign issues comprised the following: \$7,650,000 Shinyetsu Electric Pr. Co. Ltd. (Japan) 1st mtge. 6½s 1952, sold at 93¼, yielding 7.07%; \$7,000,000 European Mortgage & Investment Corp. 1st lien 7s "C" 1967, offered at 97½ to yield 7.20%, and \$3,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Bogota (Republic of Colombia) 7s 1947, issued at 92½ to yield 7.74%.

The largest corporate offering during December was that of 1,261,514 shares of second pref. stock "A" cum. \$7 per share of American & Foreign Pr. Co. Inc., issued jointly with 5,046,056 common stock purchase warrants in units of 1 share of preferred and 4 warrants at \$100 per unit, involving \$126,151,400. Other public utility issues of importance comprised \$60,000,000 Philadelphia Co. secured 5s 1967, offered at 98 to yield 5.11%; \$40,000,000 Alabama Pr. Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s 1967, priced at 94¾, to yield 4.8%; \$40,000,000 Duke Pr. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s 1967, sold at 98, to yield 4.61%; \$29,000,000 Central Illinois Public Service Co. 1st mtge. 4½s "F" 1967, offered at 94¾, to yield 4.80%; \$20,000,000 Associated Electric Co. 4½s 1953, issued at 94¼, to yield 4.90%; \$20,000,000 Central States Electric Corp. conv. deb. 5s 1948, sold at 96½, to yield 5.28%; \$20,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 5% cum. 1st pref., priced at 97½ per share, yielding 5.12% and \$18,000,000 Twin City Rapid Transit Co. 1st lien and ref. mtge. 5½s "A" 1952, offered at 97, to yield 5.70%.

Railroad financing during December was featured by the following new offerings: \$31,000,000 The New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s 1967, priced at 91¼, yielding 5.00%; \$13,600,000 Missouri-Kansas-Texas R. R. Co. prior lien mtge. 4½s "D" 1978, offered at 99¾, yielding 4.52% and \$12,686,000 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. gen. cons. mtge. 4s 2003, sold at 92¾, to yield 4.32%.

Industrial issues worthy of special mention were as follows: \$42,000,000 Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. 5½s "A" 1938, sold at 98½, to yield 5.70%; 150,000 shares of 6½ cum. pref. of Loew's, Inc., issued at \$100 per share; \$10,000,000 International Securities Corp. of America deb. 5s 1947, offered at 95¾, to yield 5.35%; 98,263 shares of common stock of Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. offered at 98½ per share, involving \$9,678,905; \$6,000,000 Munson Steamship Line secured 6s Jan. 1 1929, issued at par, and 100,000 shares of McKeesport Tin Plate Co. common stock, priced at \$60 per share, involving \$6,000,000.

Foreign Government loans floated in this country during December comprised three separate loans for an aggregate of \$67,547,000. These new offerings were as follows: \$50,000,000 Republic of Peru ext. 6s 1960, offered at 91½, to yield 6.80%; \$15,000,000 Irish Free State ext. 5s 1960, sold at 97, to yield 5.20%, and \$2,547,000 City of Cordoba (Argentine) ext. 7s 1937, priced at 97, to yield 7.43%.

No farm loan securities were brought out during the month of December.

Offerings of various securities made during the month which did not represent new financing by the companies whose securities were offered, and which, therefore, are not included in our totals, embraced the following: 275,000 shares of common stock of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. (Ohio) offered at \$70 per share; \$12,500,000 Southern California Gas Corp. coll. tr. 5s 1937, issued at 95½, to yield 5.60%; 60,000 shares of common stock of the F. E. Myers & Bro. Co., offered at \$30 per share; 50,000 shares of common stock of Galesburg Coulter-Disc Co., priced at 47½ per share; 60,000 shares of conv. "A" stock of Acetol Products, Inc., offered at 29½ per share and 8,000 shares of 4% guar. stock of Beech Creek R. R., sold at \$46 per share.

*The Results for the Full Year—A Grand Total of New Issues of Almost Ten Billion Dollars.*

The predominant feature in any contemplation of the new capital issues for the full twelve months is again the magnitude of the totals. In 1926 and 1925 it had been deemed noteworthy that for two successive years the new securities floated had been in excess of seven billion dollars, but in 1927 these amounts were left far behind, and the grand aggregate of the new flotations almost reached the 10 billion dollar mark, the exact amount being \$9,870,894,090. As compared with 1926 this is an increase of no less than \$2,440,619,406, and as compared with 1925 it is an increase of \$2,744,870,407, while as compared with the years preceding the increases are of yet larger dimensions. Since the signing of the armistice in November 1918 these new capital flotations—barring an occasional dip downward—have been steadily growing in size. In 1922 they went above five billion dollars and in 1923 fell only a trifle short of that amount. That was very properly considered an exceedingly big sum. But for 1924 the grand total of the new issues of all kinds brought out reached the huge sum of \$6,352,479,987, and in 1925 and 1926, the aggregates went up to \$7,126,023,683 and \$7,430,274,684, respectively. As compared with the years preceding 1922, when the totals hovered in the neighborhood of four billions (the aggregate of the new issues in 1921 having been \$4,203,793,085, in 1920 \$4,010,048,184, and in 1919 \$4,286,188,860) the 1927 aggregate is greater by over \$5,000,000,000 per annum, having, in fact, more than doubled.

It is proper, however, again to point out that with each succeeding year the amount of the new issues used to take up or replace existing securities keeps increasing. For 1927 the amount applied to refund outstanding issues actually exceeded two billion dollars, reaching in exact figures \$2,135,574,365, and this indicates the importance of separating the portions of the different issues representing refunding from the amounts representing strictly new capital. And as showing the steady growth in the refunding portion, it is only necessary to say that the 1927 amount at \$2,135,574,365 compares with \$1,086,140,755 in 1926, with \$905,854,350 in 1925, with \$759,300,015 in 1924, with only \$685,319,706 in 1923, with \$931,499,496 in 1922, with \$627,054,673 in 1921, with \$375,213,992 in 1920, and with \$697,785,662 in 1919. Allowing for the amounts used for refunding purposes, the grand totals of the new issues for each period of twelve months are substantially reduced, but even then remain of huge proportions. In other words, the aggregate of the new issues put out in 1927 which represented strictly new capital was \$7,735,319,725, which compares with \$6,344,133,929 in 1926, with \$6,220,169,333 in 1925, \$5,593,179,972 in 1924, \$4,304,425,893 in 1923, \$4,304,362,798 in 1922, \$3,576,738,412 in 1921, \$3,634,834,192 in 1920 and \$3,588,403,198 in 1919.

As heretofore the offerings on behalf of corporations, foreign and domestic, preponderate to an overwhelming degree. Out of a grand total of new issues of every kind in 1927, no less than \$7,301,397,076 was contributed by corporations. Moreover, the bulk of the 1927 increase is found under the same head. In 1926 the corporate issues aggregated no more than \$5,299,553,720, showing that the further addition in that group in 1927 was \$2,001,843,356, which therefore accounts for the best part of the \$2,440,619,406 increase under all the different heads combined. As a matter of fact in amount, the contributions were heavier in 1927 than in 1926 under each leading subdivision. The total of the municipal awards has not varied greatly during the last four years, having been \$1,463,991,714 in 1927, \$1,365,057,464 in 1926, \$1,399,637,992 in 1925, and \$1,398,953,158 in 1924, and yet the 1927 total breaks the record. Farm loan issues sold during 1927 aggregated \$179,625,000 as against \$131,325,000 in 1926, \$188,225,000 in 1925, \$179,106,000 in 1924, no less than \$392,505,000 in 1923, \$386,415,000 in 1922 and \$121,940,000 in 1921.

*The Growing Extent of the Foreign Issues.*

New financing on behalf of foreign countries is each year playing a more important part in swelling the yearly totals of new capital flotations. And the remark applies whether we have reference to foreign government or foreign corporate issues. Under both heads combined the aggregate of the flotations in 1927 reached the imposing amount of \$1,718,796,425, which compares with \$1,349,793,040, \$1,307,307,-

500 and \$1,244,795,765 respectively in the three years preceding, with only \$347,026,279 in 1923, and with \$756,476,034 in 1922 and \$576,517,000 in 1921. The following carries the comparisons back to 1919.

**GRAND SUMMARY OF FOREIGN ISSUES PLACED IN UNITED STATES (INCLUDING CANADA, ITS PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES).**

	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
Calendar year 1927:			
Canada, its Provinces and municipalities	89,287,000	45,969,000	135,256,000
Other foreign government	737,625,300	39,500,000	777,125,300
Total foreign government	826,912,300	85,469,000	912,381,300
Canadian corporate issues	212,989,500	49,808,500	262,798,000
Other foreign corporate issues	515,330,125	28,287,000	543,617,125
Grand total	1,555,231,925	163,564,500	1,718,796,425
Calendar year 1926	1,145,099,740	204,693,300	1,349,793,040
1925	1,086,160,500	221,147,000	1,307,307,500
1924	996,570,320	248,225,445	1,244,795,765
1923	267,084,600	79,941,679	347,026,279
1922	631,211,034	125,285,000	756,476,034
1921	526,517,000	50,000,000	576,517,000
1920	383,450,887	138,998,000	522,448,887
1919	342,130,300	263,429,000	605,559,300

It is always interesting to analyze the foreign issues and therefore we bring them together below. It will be observed that in the case of foreign Government offerings, South American issues have been especially prominent, they having contributed \$349,935,300 to the grand total of \$777,125,300 for the year against \$292,750,000 contributed by European countries. The Argentine Republic was the largest borrower among the South American countries during this period with a total of \$122,952,000, consisting of three Government loans totaling \$88,200,000 and nine municipal issues aggregating \$34,752,000. Brazil, with one Government loan for \$41,500,000 and four municipal borrowings aggregating \$25,900,000, accounted for \$67,400,000, while Peru contributed \$66,500,000, comprising two Government loans and one municipal offering. German municipalities borrowed an aggregate of \$61,000,000, while Italy accounted for \$60,000,000, represented by loans of \$30,000,000 each to the cities of Rome and Milan. Australia was responsible for \$97,500,000, consisting of \$40,000,000 to the Commonwealth, \$50,000,000 to the State of New South Wales and \$7,500,000 to the City of Brisbane.

In the case of the foreign corporate issues, Canadian financing heads the list as usual with a total of \$262,798,000 for the year. Germany with \$224,725,000 corporate issues was not far behind. Italy with \$58,750,000, Sweden with \$50,000,000 and Norway with \$31,000,000 were other important corporate borrowers. Of \$543,617,125 foreign corporate issues (not including Canada) European countries took \$450,429,625 while South and Central American countries absorbed \$60,537,500. Taking into consideration both Government loans and corporate issues, Canada raised \$398,054,000 in our market during 1927 and leads all countries. Germany was the next largest borrower and took \$285,725,000, the Argentine Republic was third with \$122,952,000 and Italy followed with \$118,750,000. European countries took an aggregate of \$753,179,625 while South and Central American countries with \$426,772,800 accounted for most of the remainder.

**CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL ISSUES PLACED IN UNITED STATES IN THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1927.**

	Price.	Yield %.
January—		
\$24,000,000 Ontario (Province of) 4½s, 1928-1957	97.233	4.78
6,000,000 British Columbia (Province of) 4½s, 1929	99.56	4.73
5,700,000 Montreal, Quebec, 4½s, 1966	94.521	4.81
1,500,000 Winnipeg, Man., 6s, 1928-1931	98.45	4.85
1,300,000 Winnipeg, Man., 4½s, 1940	98.45	4.85
1,300,000 Alberta (Province of) 4½s, 1957	94.168	4.87
1,250,000 Alberta (Province of) 4½s, 1942	96.818	4.89
2,500,000 Montreal, Quebec, 4½s, 1947	96.05	4.81
April—		
\$8,800,000 Toronto, Ont., 4½s, 1947-1957	98.349	4.67
4,000,000 Quebec (Province of) 4½s, 1952-1957 d	99.031	4.55
3,875,000 Alberta (Province of) 4½s, 1967	---	---
3,850,000 British Columbia (Province of) 4½s, 1929	---	---
2,169,000 Manitoba (Province of) 4½s, 1957	96.80	4.70
May—		
\$1,235,000 Saskatchewan, Sask., 4½s, 1957	98.11	4.62
September—		
\$9,500,000 Nova Scotia (Province of) 4½s, 1947 to 1952 d	97.41	4.67
2,550,000 Nova Scotia (Province of) 4½s, 1947 to 1952	97.41	4.67
6,037,000 Montreal Metropolitan Comm., Que. 4½s, 1953-61	96.20	4.76
3,000,000 British Columbia (Province of) 4½s, 1957	97.23	---
3,000,000 British Columbia (Province of) 4s, 1929	98.86	---
October—		
\$17,000 (\$24,000,000 sold) Ontario (Prov. of) 4½s, 1928-1947	99.307	4.57
4,500,000 (\$5,000,000 sold) Newfoundland (Gov. of) 5s, 1952	98.513	5.09
November—		
\$5,100,000 Montreal, Que. 4½s, 1947 to 1967	99.52	4.51
3,000,000 Manitoba (Province of) 4s, 1957	92.65	4.45
2,325,000 Winnipeg, Man., 4½s, 1937 to 1957	99.57	4.53
1,800,000 New Brunswick (Province of) 4½s, 1947	101.56	4.38
1,300,000 Saskatchewan (Province of) 4s, 1957	91.65	4.53
1,135,000 Vancouver, B. C. 4½s, 1942 to 1967	97.27	---
December—		
\$5,500,000 Toronto, Ont., 4s, 1930	99.27	4.28
2,000,000 Ontario (Prov. of) 4s, 1928 to 1947	96.31	4.40

\$135,256,000 grand total (comprising \$89,287,000 new capital and \$45,969,000 refunding)

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

**OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES DURING 1927—GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL.**

	Price.	To Yield About Per Cent.
January—		
\$27,000,000 Argentine Sanitary Works 6s, 1961	98½	6.10
556,600 Chile, Mapocho River Canalization 8s, to be amortized within 5 yrs. from Jan. 1 1927 (4,600,000 pesos)	\$121 per 1,000 pesos	8.00
326,700 Chile Talcahuano Naval Station 8s, to be amortized before 1949 (2,700,000 pesos)	\$121 per 1,000 pesos	8.00
5,000,000 Dominican Republic Customs Adm. 5½s, 1946	100	5.50
3,000,000 Municipality of Medellin (Colombia) 7s, 1951	93½	7.60
6,500,000 Province of Mendoza (Argentina) 7½s, 1951	98½	7.60
10,000,000 State of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) 7s, 1966	98	7.15
February—		
\$2,500,000 Dept. of Antioquia (Colombia) 7s "C," 1945	96½	7.35
14,000,000 Bolivia 7s, 1958	98½	7.12
27,500,000 Chile 6s, 1961	93½	6.50
4,669,500 City of Cordoba (Argentina) 7s, 1957	98½	7.10
25,000,000 State of New South Wales (Australia) 5s, 1957	96½	5.25
1,000,000 City of Santiago (Chile) 6s, Jan. 1 1928	---	5.50
March—		
\$7,500,000 City of Brisbane (Queensland, Australia) 5s, 1957	96	5.26
5,000,000 Colombia External Notes, due Aug. 1 1927	---	5.00
6,000,000 State of Pernambuco (Brazil) 7s, 1947	97½	7.20
15,000,000 Peru Secured 7s, 1959	96½	7.48
30,000,000 City of Rome (Italy) 6½s, 1952	91	7.25
20,640,000 City of Tokio (Japan) 5½s, 1961	89½	6.25
April—		
21,200,000 Argentine 6% Loan of 1927, due 1961	99	6.05
10,613,500 Prov. of Buenos Aires (Argentina) Cons. 7s, 1958	95	7.40
30,000,000 City of Milan (Italy) 6½s, 1952	92	7.19
25,000,000 State of New South Wales (Australia) 5s, 1958	96½	5.25
2,122,500 City of Santa Fe (Argentina) 7s, 1945	94½	7.55
2,750,000 City of Trondheim (Norway) 5½s, 1957	97½	5.65
30,000,000 Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 7s "B," 1962	92½	7.60
May—		
20,000,000 City of Budapest (Hungary) 6s, 1962	92	6.60
1,500,000 Province of Callao (Peru) 7½s, 1944	99	7.60
1,500,000 Province of Santa Fe (Argentina) Treas. 6s, May 1 1928	100	6.00
June—		
20,000,000 Free State of Bavaria Treas. Notes, June 10 1928	---	5.375
15,000,000 City of Copenhagen (Denmark) 6s, 1952	94½	5.20
4,000,000 Republic of Estonia 7s, 1967	97½	7.40
500,000 City of Panama Sec. 6½s, 1952	100	6.50
4,000,000 State of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) 7s, 1967	97	7.20
5,900,000 City of Sao Paulo (Brazil) 6½s, 1957	98	6.65
5,000,000 Province of Upper Austria Sec. 6½s, 1957	93½	7.00
July—		
4,000,000 Dept. of Antioquia (Colombia) 7s, 1957	93	7.60
2,700,000 City of Bogota (Colombia) Pr. & Lt. Cons. 6½s, 1947	91	7.36
3,396,000 City of Buenos Aires (Argentina) 6s "C-2," 1960	97½	6.17
2,000,000 Municipality of Call (Colombia) 7s, 1947	93	7.70
1,500,000 Dept. of Cauca Valley (Colombia) 7½s, 1946	98	7.77
9,000,000 Republic of Cuba 5½s, 1928-37	---	5.25
3,000,000 City of Saarbruecken 6s, 1953	95	6.40
August—		
40,000,000 Argentine State Ry. 6s, 1960	99½	6.03
40,000,000 Commonwealth of Australia 5s, 1957	98	5.12
1,000,000 Prov. of Hanover (Prussia, Germany) 6s, 1957	95	6.37
September—		
25,000,000 Republic of Colombia 6s, 1961	92½	6.55
1,281,000 Prov. of Cordoba (Argentina) Treas. 6s, Apr. 1 1928	100	6.00
5,000,000 City of Nuremberg (Germany) 6s, 1952	94	6.50
October—		
41,500,000 U. S. of Brazil 6½s, 1957	92½	7.10
5,000,000 State of Hamburg (Germany) Treas. 6s, Nov. 1 1928	---	5.37
47,000,000 Republic of Poland Stabilization Loan 7s, 1947	92	7.86
30,000,000 Free State of Prussia 6s, 1952	96½	6.28
2,122,500 Province of Tucuman (Argentina) 7s, 1950	94½	7.50
November—		
4,000,000 Dept. of Antioquia (Colombia) 7s, 2d series, 1957	94½	7.48
1,800,000 Republic of Costa Rica Pacific Ry. 7½s, 1949	100	7.50
30,000,000 City of Vienna (Austria) 6s, 1952	90½	6.79
December—		
2,547,000 City of Cordoba (Argentina) 7s, 1937	97	7.43
15,000,000 Irish Free State 5s, 1960	97	5.20
50,000,000 Republic of Peru 6s, 1960	91½	6.80

\$777,125,300 Grand total (of which \$737,625,300 new capital and \$39,500,000 for refunding)

**CANADIAN CORPORATE ISSUES.**

	Price.	Yield.
January—		
\$1,225,000 Campbell River Timber Co., Ltd., 6s, 1932-41	100	6.00
1,000,000 Rountree Co., Ltd., 6s, 1937	100	6.00
February—		
2,000,000 Abitibi Fibre Co., Ltd., 6s "A," 1947	99	6.09
March—		
2,000,000 Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd., 6s, 1931	100	6.00
2,500,000 Canadian Dept. Stores, Ltd., 6½s, 1947	99½	6.55
3,000,000 International Power Co., Ltd., 6½s, 1957	100	6.50
650,000 (Joseph F.) Langer (Orpheum Theatre) 6½s, 1929-41	---	5.95-6.38
April—		
15,000,000 Canadian Nat. Rys. Equip. Tr. 4½s "J," 1928-42	---	4.50-4.70
400,000 Nova Scotia Wood Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., 6s "A," 1952	100	6.00
5,300,000 Provincial Paper Co., Ltd. 5½s, 1947	95½	5.90
13,000,000 Spruce Falls Pr. & Paper Co., Ltd., 5½s, 1930-43	100	5.50
May—		
10,000,000 The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada 6s "B," 1957	102½	4.85
4,000,000 Investment Bond & Share Corp. 5s "A," 1947	100	5.00
4,000,000 Montreal Coke & Mfg. Co. 5½s "A," 1947	100	5.50
3,600,000 United Securities, Ltd., 5½s "A," 1952	100	5.50
June—		
65,000,000 Canadian National Rys. 4½s, 1957	98½	4.60
July—		
1,500,000 Manitoba Power Co., Ltd., 5½s "B," 1952	99	5.57
August—		
665,000 Ford Hotel Co. of Toronto, Ltd., 6s, 1947	100	6.00
September—		
18,500,000 Gatineau Power Co. 5s, 1956	97½	5.16
12,000,000 Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., 5s, 1947	95½	5.35
10,133,000 Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp. 5½s "A," 1957	97	5.70
5,000,000 Fraser Cons., Ltd., 6½s, 1942	99½	6.55
2,000,000 St. Maurice Valley Corp. 5½s "B," 1957	96½	5.75
1,100,000 Metropolitan Corp. of Canada, Ltd., 6s "A," 1947	99	6.09
400,000 Dominion Building (Toronto) 6½s, 1942	100	6.60
October—		
35,000,000 The Shawinigan Water & Power Co. 4½s "A," 1967	95½	4.75
20,000,000 Canada Cement Co., Ltd., 5½s "A," 1947	99	5.58
2,000,000 Murray Bay Paper Co., Ltd. (Montreal), 6½s, 1947	100	6.60
1,980,000 British Amer. Brew. Co., Ltd. (60,000 shs. class "A" and 30,000 shs. class "B" stock in units of 1 sh. class "A" and ½ sh. class "B")	---	\$33 per unit.
November—		
3,225,000 Ottawa Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd., 5s "A," 1957	99	5.05
2,250,000 Windsor Hotel, Ltd. (Montreal), 6½s cum. pref. (bonus ½ share of com. with each sh. of pref.)	99	6.56
1,020,000 McKesson & Robbins, Ltd. (of Canada) \$1,000,000 pref. and 5,000 shs. com. in units 1 sh. pref. & ½ sh. common)	---	\$102 per unit.
December—		
12,500,000 Canadian Hydro-El. Corp., Ltd., 6% cum. 1st pref.	97½	6.15
850,000 372 Bay Street (Toronto) 6½s, 1947	100	6.50

\$262,798,000 Grand total (of which \$212,989,500 new capital and \$49,808,500 for refunding)

OTHER FOREIGN CORPORATE ISSUES.

	Prctc.	Yield %
<b>January—</b>		
\$25,000,000 Batavian Petroleum Co. 4½s, 1942.....	96¼	4.85
587,500 Carib Syndicate, Ltd., sub-shares (25,000).....	23½	---
1,100,000 Danish Export Credit Committee 4½s, 1929-34.....	100-95.68	4.50-5.25
10,000,000 International Pr. Securities Corp 7s "E," 1957.....	96½	7.30
6,000,000 International Pr. Securities Corp. 7s "F," 1952.....	95½	7.40
6,000,000 Lombard Electric Co. (Italy) 7s, "A," 1952.....	94	7.50
10,000,000 "Montecatini" Societa Generale per L'Industria.....	96½	7.50
6,000,000 Uniteria ed Agricola (Italy) 7s, 1937.....	---	---
6,000,000 United Electric Co. "Unes" (Italy) 7s, "A," 1956.....	95½	7.62
<b>February—</b>		
\$3,000,000 Agricultural Mtge. Bank (Colombia) 7s, 1947.....	97¾	7.20
700,000 Bolivian Petroleum Co. capital stock (200,000 shs.).....	3½	---
1,500,000 First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd., 7s, 1957.....	97¾	7.20
7,500,000 International Rys. of Central America 6½s, 1947.....	92	7.25
<b>March—</b>		
\$7,000,000 Bank of East Prussian Landowners Ass'n 6s, 1930.....	99½	6.25
1,000,000 Hungarian-Italian Bank 7½s, 1932.....	100½	7.35
3,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Colombia 7s, 1947.....	97½	7.23
4,500,000 Italian Credit Consortium for Pub. Wks. 7s, "A," '37.....	96½	7.50
7,500,000 Italian Credit Consortium for Pub. Wks. 7s, "B," '47.....	95½	7.40
<b>April—</b>		
\$5,000,000 Adriatic Electric Co. (Italy) 7s, 1952.....	96	7.35
2,000,000 Bank of Colombia 7s, 1947.....	96¾	7.30
10,750,000 Meridionale Electric Co. (Italy) 7s, "A," 1957.....	95½	7.35
3,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Bogota (Colombia) 7s, 1947.....	95½	7.45
4,000,000 Pirelli Co. of Italy 7s, 1952.....	98	7.15
1,000,000 Saarbruecken Mortgage Bank 6s "A," 1947.....	97¾	6.20
1,343,750 Selfridge Provincial Stores, Ltd., Amer. Dep. Receipts for ordinary shares (250,000).....	5¾	---
12,000,000 State Mortgage Bank of Jugoslavia 7s, 1957.....	92	7.69
3,000,000 Tyrol Hydro-Electric Pr. Co. "Tiwag" 7s, 1952.....	97¾	7.20
<b>May—</b>		
\$1,000,000 National Bank of Panama 6½s, "B," 1947.....	101½	6.30
1,500,000 Nat. Central Savs. Bk. of Hungary 7½s, "A," 1962.....	100	7.50
5,000,000 Isarco Hydro-Electric Co. (Italy) 7s, 1952.....	93½	7.60
2,109,375 Wiener Bank-Verein (Vienna, Austria) American trust etfs. representing capital stock (22,500).....	93¾	---
<b>June—</b>		
\$20,000,000 Cuba Northern Rys. Co. 5½s, 1942.....	98½	5.65
3,000,000 Hungarian Central Mutual Cred. Inst. 7s, "A," 1937.....	98½	7.48
340,000 Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank, American shares representing capital stock (10,000).....	34	---
500,000 National Central Savings Bk. of Hungary 7½s, 1962.....	100	7.50
<b>July—</b>		
\$30,000,000 United Steel Works Corp. (Germany) 6½s "A," 1947.....	98¾	6.62
30,000,000 Central Bank for Agriculture (Germany) 6s, 1960.....	95	6.36
4,500,000 Danzig Port and Waterways Board 6½s, 1952.....	90	7.35
4,000,000 Hanover State Credit Institute 6s, 1931.....	98	6.65
<b>August—</b>		
15,000,000 Rhine-Westphalia El. Pr. Corp. (Germany) 6s, 1952.....	95½	6.36
5,000,000 Central Bank of German States & Provincial Banks, Inc., 6s "A," 1952.....	95	6.40
4,225,000 United Steel Works Corp. (Germany) 6½s "C," 1951.....	97¾	6.70
2,000,000 First Federal Foreign Inv. Trust 5s "A," 1932.....	98¾	5.30
<b>September—</b>		
25,000,000 Deutsche Bank (Berlin) 6s, 1932.....	99½	6.10
4,000,000 Punta Alegre Sugar Co. 6s, 1930.....	99	6.37
2,000,000 Saxon State Mtge. Institution 6s, 1947.....	95	6.44
<b>October—</b>		
50,000,000 Central Bank for Agriculture (Germany) 6s, 1960.....	95½	6.32
20,000,000 Commerz und Privat Bank (Hamburg-Berlin) 5½s, 1937.....	94½	6.25
10,000,000 Central Bank of German States & Provincial Banks, Inc., 6s "B," 1951.....	95	6.40
5,000,000 Agricultural Mtge. Bank (Colombia) 6s, 1947.....	92	6.75
4,000,000 Austrian Credit-Anstalt (Vienna) 50,000 "American shares".....	80	---
3,000,000 Danish Export Credit Committee 4½s, 1928-34.....	4.25-5.30	---
2,500,000 Lelpzig City Bank (Germany) 5½s, June 23-Aug. 24 1928.....	100	5.50
1,000,000 Saarbruecken Mtge. Bank 6s "B," 1947.....	95	6.45
727,500 Industrial Discount Co. (Amsterdam) 15,000 "Amer- ican shares".....	48¾	---
<b>November—</b>		
50,000,000 International Match Corp. 5s, 1947.....	98¾	5.12
20,000,000 North German Lloyd (Bremen, Germany) 6s, 1947.....	94	6.55
20,000,000 Norwegian Hydro-El. Nitrogen Corp. 5½s "A," 1957.....	95	5.85
6,000,000 Kingdom of Norway Municipal Bank 5s, 1967.....	95	5.30
5,300,000 Mtge. Bank of the Kingdom of Denmark 5s, Series IX 1972.....	96½	5.20
5,000,000 Vamma Water Power Co. (Norway) 5½s, 1957.....	98	5.65
4,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Colombia 6½s, 1947.....	91½	7.31
4,000,000 Union Atlantic Co. 4½s, 1937.....	98	4.75
3,750,000 Cuban Nat'l Syndicate capital stock (250,000 shs.).....	15	---
3,000,000 Pan-American Industrial Corp. 7s, 1937 (bonus of 5 shs. of common given with each \$1,000 bond).....	96½	7.50
2,500,000 Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd., 4½s, Dec. 1 1929.....	100	4.50
2,000,000 Potrero Sugar Co. 7s, 1947.....	98	7.20
384,000 Potrero Sugar Co. common stock (32,000 shs.).....	12	---
2,150,000 Amsterdam Trading Co. 50,000 "Amer. shares".....	43	---
<b>December—</b>		
7,650,000 Shinyetsu Electric Power Co., Ltd. (Japan), 6½s, '52.....	93¾	7.07
7,000,000 European Mtge. & Inv. Corp. 7s "C," 1967.....	97½	7.20
3,000,000 Mortgage Bank of Cordoba (Colombia) 7s, 1947.....	92½	7.74
\$543,617,125 Grand total (of which \$515,330,125 new capital and \$28,287,000 for refunding).		

Farm Loan Issues.

Farm loan issues sold during 1927 aggregated \$179,625,000 as against \$131,325,000 in 1926, \$188,225,000 in 1925, \$179,106,000 in 1924, no less than \$392,505,000 in 1923, \$386,415,000 in 1922, and \$121,940,000 in 1921. There were no farm loan offerings made during 1920, but in 1919 they totaled \$110,000,000. More than 80% of the farm loan issues brought out in 1927 is accounted for by the following three Federal Land Bank flotations: \$100,000,000 of 4½s 1937-57 offered in April at 101¼ to yield 4.10%; \$20,000,000 of 4½s 1937-57 issued in January at 100¾, yielding 4.15%, and \$29,000,000 of 4s 1937-57 sold in October at par, the coupon rate of 4% on the latter issue constituting the lowest rate borne by any bonds issued by these banks.

Large Domestic Corporate Issues During Year.

Domestic corporate offerings of considerable size during the year 1927, in addition to those for December, already mentioned, were as follows:

January.—\$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corp. deb. 6s, 1937, issued at par; \$35,000,000 Gulf Oil Corp. of Pa. deb. 5s, 1947, sold at par; \$30,000,000 Indianapolis Pr. &

Light Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1957, offered at 98, yielding 5.13%; \$27,500,000 The Narragansett Co. coll. trust 5s, "A," 1957, sold at 99, yielding 5.06%; \$25,000,000 San Joaquin Light & Pr. Corp. unif. and ref. mtge. 5s, "D," 1957, offered at 98½, yielding 5.10%; \$25,000,000 North American Edison Co. deb. 5s, "A," 1957, brought out at 98, yielding 5½%; 375,000 shares of Columbia Gas & Electric Co. com. stock, offered at \$60 per share, involving \$22,500,000; \$15,000,000 Electric Bond & Share Co. 6% cum. pref. stock, sold at 107½, yielding 5.58%; \$15,000,000 Solvay American Investment Corp. sec. 5s, "A," 1942, sold at 99¾, yielding 5.02%; and \$15,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1951, issued at 98½, to yield 5.10%.

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

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

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

May.—\$60,000,000 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 1st mtge. and coll. trust 5s, 1957, sold at 97, to yield 5.20%; \$50,000,000 Erie R. R. Co. ref. and imp. 5s, 1967, priced at 94½, to yield 5.30%; \$48,000,000 The Chesapeake Corp. conv. coll. trust 5s, 1947, offered at 94, to yield 5.50%; \$40,000,000 Phillips Petroleum Co. deb. 5½s, 1939, sold at 99¼, to yield 5.33%; \$40,000,000 Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. deb. 5s, 1952, offered at par; \$30,000,000 Empire Oil & Refining Co. 1st mtge. and coll. trust 5½s, 1942, offered at 96, yielding 5.90%; \$26,835,000 Union Pacific R. R. Co. 4½s, 1967, offered at 97¼, yielding 4.65%; \$25,000,000 Cities Service Gas. Co. 1st mtge. pipeline 5½s, 1942, sold at 96¼, yielding 5.87%; \$25,000,000 Remington-Rand, Inc., deb. 5½s, "A," 1947, priced at par, and \$18,000,000 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. (Del.) 5s, 1928-30, offered at prices ranging from 100¼ to 99¼, yielding from 4¾ to 5¼%.

June.—\$63,242,500 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. common stock (par \$100), sold at 107½ per share, involving \$67,985,687; \$35,000,000 The Hudson Coal 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1962, issued at 98½, yielding 5.09%; \$35,000,000 International Tel. & Tel. Corp. deb. 4½s, 1952, sold at 92, yielding 5.05%; \$30,000,000 Marland Oil Co. 5s, 1929-32, offered at prices to yield 5.30% to 5.50%; \$25,000,000 Koppers Gas & Coke Co. deb. 5s, 1947, priced at 96, yielding 5.30%; \$20,000,000 Southern Pacific Co. Oregon Lines 1st mtge. 4½s, "A," 1977, offered at 100½, yielding 4.48%; \$15,000,000 International Paper Co. 7% cum. pref. sold at 99, to yield 7.07%; \$15,000,000 International Securities Corp. of America deb. 5s, 1947, offered at 95¼, yielding 5.40%, and \$15,000,000 P.

Lorillard Co. deb. 5½s, 1937, issued at 97½, to yield 5.80%.

**July.**—\$20,000,000 The Detroit Edison Co. gen. and ref. mtge. 5s, "C," 1962, sold at 102¼, yielding 4.85%; \$20,000,000 The Pure Oil Co. 5½s, 1937, offered at 98, to yield 5.75%; 200,000 shares of \$6 cum. series 1st pref. stock of American Water Works & Elec. Co., Inc., offered at 99, to yield 6.06, involving \$19,800,000; \$12,000,000 Detroit International Bridge Co. 1st mtge. 6½s, 1952, issued at par, and \$8,000,000 partic. deb. 7s, 1952, of the same company, also issued at par.

**August.**—\$49,036,700 New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. 7% cum. pref. stock, offered at par (\$100); \$40,000,000 The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co. sec. 4½s, "A," 1952, sold at 95, yielding 4.85%; \$38,325,000 New York Central R. R. capital stock offered at par (\$100); \$30,942,000 Boston & Maine R. R. 1st mtge. 5s, "AC," 1967, sold at 93¼, yielding 5.41%; \$20,000,000 Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. three-year 1st lien coll. 6s, "D," Sept. 1 1930, offered at 99, yielding 6¾%; \$17,000,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co., 6% coll. notes, March 1 1930, offered to yield 4½% to March 1 1928, the first callable date, and 6% thereafter, and \$17,000,000 New England Gas & Electric Association conv. deb. 5s, 1947, sold at 99, to yield 5.08%.

**September.**—\$30,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1952, issued at par; \$25,000,000 The United Light & Rys. Co. deb. 5½s, 1952, issued at 99½, to yield 5.53%; \$15,000,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s, "E," 1957, sold at 96, to yield 4.75%; \$14,641,100 International Tel. & Tel. Corp. capital stock offered at par (\$100); \$13,879,000 Mobile & Ohio R. R. Co. ref. and imp. mtge. 4½s, 1977, sold at 95, to yield 4.75%, and \$12,500,000 Libby, McNeill & Libby (Chicago) 1st mtge. 5s, 1942, offered at 97½, to yield 5.25%.

**October.**—\$66,000,000 New York Pr. & Light Corp. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1967, brought out at 96, yielding 4.72%; 350,000 shares of convertible preference stock and 105,000 shares of common stock of Hershey Chocolate Corp. (of Del.), offered in units of 10 shares of preference and 3 shares of common at \$740 per unit, involving \$25,900,000, and an offering of \$15,000,000 6% cum. prior pref. of the same company at 99, yielding 6.06%, the offerings involving an aggregate of \$40,900,000; \$40,000,000 of notes of The Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, consisting of \$30,000,000 3-year 4½s, Nov. 1 1930, sold at par and \$10,000,000 1-year 4s, Nov. 2 1928, sold at 99¼, yielding 4.25%; \$35,000,000 The Philadelphia Electric Co. 1st lien and ref. mtge. 4½s 1967, issued at 98½, yielding 4.58%; \$30,000,000 Shell Pipe Line Corp. deb. 5s, 1952, sold at 98, yielding 5½%; \$20,000,000 Great Northern Ry. Co. gen. mtge. 4½s, "E," 1977, offered at 99, yielding 4.55%, and \$20,000,000 Hearst Publications, Inc., 1st mtge. and coll. tr. 6¼s, 1928-47, offered at prices yielding from 5.00% to 6.25%.

**November.**—\$75,000,000 The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1978, priced at 101, to yield 4.95%; \$45,000,000 Cities Service Pr. & Light Co. deb. 5½s, 1952, offered at 98, yielding 5.65%; \$45,000,000 Public Service Electric & Gas Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s, 1967, issued at 98, yielding 4.60%; \$24,000,000 Penn Central Light & Pr. Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1977, issued at 96, to yield 4.70%, and \$16,000,000 Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. 6s, 1947, offered at 99½, to yield 6.04%.

*The Chief Refunding Issues.*

The most conspicuous issues brought out wholly or partly for refunding during 1927, in addition to those for December, already mentioned, comprised the following: \$22,725,000 out of the \$25,000,000 San Joaquin Light & Pr. Corp. unif. & ref. mtge. 5s, "D," 1957, offered in January; \$69,331,260 out of \$95,000,000 Mo. Pacific R. R. 1st & ref. 5s, "F," 1977, offered in February; \$24,000,000 Standard Pr. & Lt. Corp. deb. 6s, 1957, offered in February; \$23,000,000 out of the \$60,000,000 Aluminum Co. of America deb. 5s, 1952, offered in February; \$25,000,000 out of the \$45,000,000 Georgia Pr. Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 5s, 1967, offered in March; \$41,718,500 out of the \$55,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1967, offered in April; three issues in May, totaling \$73,000,000 in connection with the segregation of oil and gas holdings of Empire Gas & Fuel Co., which included \$64,000,000 for refunding. The issues were: \$30,000,000 Empire Oil & Ref. Co. 5½s, 1942; \$25,000,000 Cities Service Gas Co. 5½s, 1942, and \$18,000,

000 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. 5s, 1928-30. Other large refunding issues were: \$60,000,000 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 1st mtge. and coll. trust 5s, 1957, offered in May; \$34,942,000 out of the \$40,000,000 Columbia Gas & Electric Co. deb. 5s, 1952, offered in May; \$35,000,000 out of the \$63,242,500 par value com. stock of Baltimore & Ohio R. R. offered in June; entire issue of \$49,036,700 New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. 7% cum. pref. stock, offered in August; entire issue of \$30,942,000 Boston & Maine R. R. 1st mtge. 5s, "AC," 1967, offered during August; \$26,500,000 out of \$30,000,000 Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5s, 1952, issued in September; \$35,316,190 out of \$66,000,000 New York Pr. & Lt. Corp. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1967, sold in Oct.; \$30,000,000 out of \$40,000,000 3-year 4½% and 1-year 4% notes of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, offered during October; \$26,392,500 out of \$35,000,000 The Shawinigan Water & Pr. Co. 1st mtge. and coll. tr. 4½s, "A," 1967, sold in October; \$64,422,500 out of \$75,000,000 The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. 1st mtge. 5s, "A," 1978, sold in November; \$43,000,000 out of \$45,000,000 Cities Service Pr. & Light Co. deb. 5½s, 1952, offered in November; \$40,601,000 out of \$45,000,000 Public Service Electric & Gas Co. 1st and ref. mtge. 4½s, 1967, issued in November and entire issue of \$24,000,000 Penn. Central Light & Pr. Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, 1977, brought out in the same month.

*Final Summary.*

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

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

	1927.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
		\$	\$	\$
<b>MONTH OF DECEMBER.</b>				
<b>Corporate—</b>				
<b>Domestic:</b>				
Long term bonds and notes.....	314,117,600	216,641,900	530,759,500	
Short term.....	20,028,000	9,185,000	29,213,000	
Preferred stocks.....	189,694,627	22,940,500	212,635,127	
Common stocks.....	33,751,065	14,705,000	48,456,065	
<b>Canadian:</b>				
Long term bonds and notes.....	850,000	-----	850,000	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	12,500,000	-----	12,500,000	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
<b>Other foreign:</b>				
Long term bonds and notes.....	17,650,000	-----	17,650,000	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
<b>Total corporate.....</b>	<b>588,591,292</b>	<b>263,472,400</b>	<b>852,063,692</b>	
Foreign Government.....	67,547,000	-----	67,547,000	
Farm loan issues.....	-----	-----	-----	
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----	
<b>Municipal.....</b>	<b>110,365,323</b>	<b>1,781,700</b>	<b>112,147,023</b>	
Canadian.....	7,500,000	-----	7,500,000	
United States Possessions.....	700,000	1,516,000	2,216,000	
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>774,703,615</b>	<b>266,770,100</b>	<b>1,041,473,715</b>	
<b>12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31.</b>				
<b>Corporate—</b>				
<b>Domestic:</b>				
Long term bonds and notes.....	2,961,547,840	1,504,175,860	4,465,723,700	
Short term.....	223,688,300	81,810,200	305,498,500	
Preferred stocks.....	867,830,602	180,454,600	1,048,285,202	
Common stocks.....	591,823,449	83,651,100	675,474,549	
<b>Canadian:</b>				
Long term bonds and notes.....	193,239,500	49,808,500	243,048,000	
Short term.....	2,000,000	-----	2,000,000	
Preferred stocks.....	15,770,000	-----	15,770,000	
Common stocks.....	1,980,000	-----	1,980,000	
<b>Other foreign:</b>				
Long term bonds and notes.....	455,738,000	23,787,000	479,525,000	
Short term.....	43,500,000	4,500,000	48,000,000	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	16,092,125	-----	16,092,125	
<b>Total corporate.....</b>	<b>5,373,209,816</b>	<b>1,928,187,260</b>	<b>7,301,397,076</b>	
Foreign Government.....	737,625,300	39,500,000	777,125,300	
Farm loan issues.....	86,825,000	92,800,000	179,625,000	
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----	
<b>Municipal.....</b>	<b>1,436,359,609</b>	<b>27,602,105</b>	<b>1,463,961,714</b>	
Canadian.....	89,287,000	45,969,000	135,256,000	
United States Possessions.....	11,983,000	1,516,000	13,499,000	
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>7,735,319,725</b>	<b>2,135,574,365</b>	<b>9,870,894,090</b>	

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

Following the full-page tables we furnish complete details of the new capital flotations during the month, including every issue of any kind brought out.

**SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.**

MONTH OF DECEMBER.	1927.			1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
<b>Corporate—</b>															
<b>Domestic—</b>															
Long term bonds and notes.	314,117,600	216,641,900	530,759,500	212,284,000	24,236,000	236,520,000	240,581,000	34,170,500	274,751,500	150,999,700	33,810,700	184,810,400	160,595,500	13,425,000	174,020,500
Short term	20,028,000	9,185,000	29,213,000	13,015,000	6,300,000	19,315,000	37,298,500	3,274,000	40,572,500	11,159,000	19,650,000	30,809,000	8,300,000	250,000	8,550,000
Preferred stocks	189,694,627	22,940,500	212,635,127	46,863,300	10,540,000	57,403,300	48,197,230	3,793,000	51,990,230	55,016,700	800,000	55,816,700	47,887,000	—	47,887,000
Common stocks	33,751,065	14,705,000	48,456,065	32,565,305	—	32,565,305	77,759,051	219,600	77,978,651	31,088,326	1,650,000	32,738,326	44,820,975	1,200,000	46,020,975
<b>Canadian—</b>															
Long term bonds and notes.	850,000	—	850,000	—	—	—	7,266,500	—	7,266,500	—	3,266,000	3,266,000	—	—	—
Short term	—	—	—	—	—	—	350,000	—	350,000	2,600,000	—	2,600,000	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	12,500,000	—	12,500,000	—	—	—	4,300,000	—	4,300,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other Foreign—</b>															
Long term bonds and notes.	17,650,000	—	17,650,000	33,500,000	35,000,000	68,500,000	31,500,000	2,000,000	33,500,000	52,500,000	—	52,500,000	—	—	—
Short term	—	—	—	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	—	—	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,000,000	—	15,000,000	600,000	—	600,000	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	12,650,000	—	12,650,000	30,000	—	30,000	—	—	—
<b>Total corporate</b>	588,591,292	263,472,400	852,063,692	353,227,605	76,076,000	429,303,605	474,902,281	43,457,100	518,359,381	313,993,726	59,176,700	373,170,426	261,603,475	14,875,000	276,478,475
<b>Foreign Government</b>	67,547,000	—	67,547,000	47,492,000	—	47,492,000	—	—	—	61,000,000	30,000,000	91,000,000	—	—	—
<b>War Finance Corporation</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—	43,600,000	—	43,600,000	2,256,000	—	2,256,000	2,105,000	—	2,105,000
<b>Municipal</b>	110,365,323	1,781,700	112,147,023	142,283,821	2,594,403	144,878,224	156,549,061	1,438,586	157,987,647	90,274,486	3,408,500	93,682,986	111,872,804	1,773,105	113,645,909
Canadian	7,500,000	—	7,500,000	10,500,000	—	10,500,000	10,500,000	—	10,500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States Possessions.	700,000	1,516,000	2,216,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	1,100,000	—	1,100,000	975,000	—	975,000
<b>Grand total</b>	774,703,615	266,770,100	1,041,473,715	543,003,426	78,670,403	621,673,829	686,551,342	44,895,686	731,447,028	468,624,212	92,585,200	561,209,412	376,556,279	16,648,105	393,204,384

**CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.**

MONTH OF DECEMBER.	1927.			1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
<b>Long Term Bonds and Notes—</b>															
Railroads	30,790,500	42,895,500	73,686,000	12,565,000	2,500,000	15,065,000	25,425,000	9,575,000	35,000,000	14,890,000	—	14,890,000	12,007,000	9,500,000	21,507,000
Public utilities	179,083,600	125,351,400	304,435,000	78,708,000	18,177,000	96,885,000	101,428,000	17,945,500	119,373,500	64,427,700	13,476,700	77,904,400	76,166,000	1,175,000	77,341,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	750,000	—	750,000	1,350,000	35,000,000	36,350,000	2,900,000	—	2,900,000	54,500,000	—	54,500,000	14,000,000	2,750,000	16,750,000
Equipment manufacturers	1,960,000	—	1,960,000	3,580,000	—	3,580,000	400,000	—	400,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	1,750,000	—	1,750,000	—	—	—	4,000,000	3,500,000	7,500,000	—	—	—
Other industrial & manufacturing	26,422,500	5,784,500	32,207,000	12,750,000	—	12,750,000	38,326,500	—	38,326,500	8,175,000	15,750,000	23,925,000	14,025,000	—	14,025,000
Oil	2,522,000	39,478,000	42,000,000	50,000,000	—	50,000,000	15,000,000	—	15,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	51,311,500	1,860,000	53,171,500	57,215,000	—	57,215,000	58,008,000	—	58,008,000	45,557,000	1,000,000	46,557,000	37,537,500	—	37,537,500
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	65,000	—	65,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	6,500,000	—	6,500,000	6,500,000	—	6,500,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	39,777,500	1,272,500	41,050,000	27,866,000	3,559,000	31,425,000	31,295,000	8,650,000	39,945,000	1,950,000	3,350,000	5,300,000	6,860,000	—	6,860,000
<b>Total</b>	332,617,600	216,641,900	549,259,500	245,784,000	59,236,000	305,020,000	279,347,500	36,170,500	315,518,000	203,499,700	37,076,700	240,576,400	160,595,500	13,425,000	174,020,500
<b>Short Term Bonds and Notes—</b>															
Railroads	—	—	—	1,500,000	6,000,000	7,500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public utilities	13,777,000	4,185,000	17,962,000	6,330,000	300,000	6,630,000	2,520,000	—	2,520,000	4,800,000	1,000,000	5,800,000	6,450,000	250,000	6,700,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,000,000	650,000	10,650,000	—	—	—
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	794,000	—	794,000	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	500,000	—	500,000	—	—	—	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	—	15,000,000	15,000,000	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	275,000	—	275,000	3,750,000	—	3,750,000	5,926,000	774,000	6,700,000	6,200,000	—	6,200,000	1,850,000	—	1,850,000
Oil	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	2,226,000	—	2,226,000	1,435,000	—	1,435,000	3,052,500	—	3,052,500	600,000	—	600,000	—	—	—
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,000,000	—	15,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	1,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	2,250,000	—	2,250,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	5,150,000	2,500,000	7,650,000	1,365,000	3,000,000	4,365,000	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	20,028,000	9,185,000	29,213,000	23,015,000	6,300,000	29,315,000	37,648,500	3,274,000	40,922,500	23,759,000	19,650,000	43,409,000	8,300,000	250,000	8,550,000
<b>Stocks—</b>															
Railroads	—	—	—	20,605,000	—	20,605,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public utilities	174,565,000	20,450,000	195,015,000	22,600,702	10,540,000	33,140,702	60,270,800	—	60,270,800	48,403,000	800,000	49,203,000	76,787,000	—	76,787,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	560,000	6,000,000	6,560,000	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	1,190,496	—	1,190,496	1,500,000	—	1,500,000	1,100,000	1,200,000	2,300,000
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	320,000	—	320,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	625,000	—	625,000	527,974	—	527,974	1,174,000	176,000	1,350,000	3,165,000	—	3,165,000	4,283,475	—	4,283,475
Other industrial and manufacturing	11,528,727	532,000	12,060,727	14,916,500	—	14,916,500	41,870,650	277,000	42,147,650	23,733,750	1,650,000	25,383,750	3,312,500	—	3,312,500
Oil	—	—	—	500,000	—	500,000	500,000	—	500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	2,827,500	—	2,827,500	7,342,500	—	7,342,500	1,025,000	—	1,025,000	500,000	—	500,000	400,000	—	400,000
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	200,000	—	200,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	45,839,465	10,663,500	56,502,965	13,435,929	—	13,435,929	51,355,335	3,559,600	54,914,935	9,433,276	—	9,433,276	6,825,000	—	6,825,000
<b>Total</b>	235,945,692	37,645,500	273,591,192	84,428,605	10,540,000	94,968,605	157,906,281	4,012,600	161,918,881	86,735,026	2,450,000	89,185,026	92,707,975	1,200,000	93,907,975
<b>Total—</b>															
Railroads	30,790,500	42,895,500	73,686,000	34,670,000	8,500,000	43,170,000	25,425,000	9,575,000	35,000,000	14,890,000	—	14,890,000	12,007,000	9,500,000	21,507,000
Public utilities	367,425,600	149,986,400	517,412,000	107,638,702	29,017,000	136,									

**SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31 FOR FIVE YEARS.**

12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31.	1927.			1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
<b>Corporate—</b>															
<b>Domestic—</b>															
<b>Long term bonds and notes.</b>	2,961,547,840	1,504,175,860	4,465,723,700	2,417,694,530	641,357,970	3,059,052,500	2,231,304,875	435,951,425	2,667,256,300	1,923,771,423	395,689,077	2,319,460,500	1,846,111,457	416,350,543	2,262,462,000
Short term	223,688,300	81,810,200	305,498,500	45,313,900	294,482,695	339,796,595	87,329,000	307,986,250	395,315,250	276,072,800	59,606,000	335,678,800	143,270,700	37,216,800	180,487,500
<b>Preferred stocks.</b>	867,830,602	180,454,600	1,048,285,202	509,323,500	34,256,000	543,579,500	594,285,552	42,526,200	636,811,752	317,990,699	28,064,223	346,054,922	335,108,297	71,609,839	406,718,136
<b>Common stocks.</b>	591,823,449	83,651,100	675,474,549	577,759,185	98,802,800	676,561,985	558,255,990	51,827,899	610,083,889	511,200,842	8,400,000	519,600,842	324,074,101	5,166,760	329,240,861
<b>Canadian—</b>															
<b>Long term bonds and notes.</b>	193,239,500	49,808,500	243,048,000	134,622,000	62,508,000	197,130,000	69,261,500	10,050,000	79,311,500	74,100,000	6,516,000	80,616,000	29,831,600	-----	29,831,600
Short term	2,000,000	-----	2,000,000	1,250,000	78,000	1,328,000	19,950,000	2,500,000	22,450,000	23,750,000	8,000,000	31,750,000	-----	-----	-----
<b>Preferred stocks.</b>	15,770,000	-----	15,770,000	4,000,000	-----	4,000,000	5,000,000	2,600,000	7,600,000	-----	-----	7,900,000	-----	-----	-----
<b>Common stocks.</b>	1,980,000	-----	1,980,000	990,000	-----	990,000	-----	2,600,000	2,600,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Other Foreign—</b>															
<b>Long term bonds and notes.</b>	455,738,000	23,787,000	479,525,000	343,974,000	50,815,000	394,789,000	291,635,000	2,000,000	293,635,000	159,180,000	10,000,000	169,180,000	24,100,000	-----	24,100,000
Short term	43,500,000	4,500,000	48,000,000	29,000,000	6,000,000	35,000,000	56,500,000	-----	56,500,000	35,600,000	-----	35,600,000	-----	-----	-----
<b>Preferred stocks.</b>	-----	-----	-----	47,740,000	-----	47,740,000	38,000,000	-----	38,000,000	600,000	-----	600,000	-----	-----	-----
<b>Common stocks.</b>	16,092,125	-----	16,092,125	41,480,740	3,419,300	44,900,040	15,575,000	-----	15,575,000	30,000	-----	30,000	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total corporate.</b>	5,373,209,816	1,928,187,260	7,301,397,076	4,357,002,750	942,550,970	5,299,553,720	4,100,725,167	637,384,524	4,738,109,691	3,322,295,764	516,275,300	3,838,571,064	2,702,496,155	530,343,942	3,232,840,097
<b>Foreign Government.</b>	737,625,300	39,500,000	777,125,300	481,251,000	32,873,000	514,124,000	540,781,000	104,600,000	645,381,000	570,945,555	207,059,445	778,005,000	186,845,000	56,000,000	242,845,000
<b>Farm Loan issues.</b>	86,825,000	92,800,000	179,625,000	91,125,000	40,200,000	131,325,000	168,697,100	159,527,900	328,225,000	179,106,000	-----	179,106,000	337,473,000	55,032,000	392,505,000
<b>War Finance Corporation.</b>	-----														
<b>Municipal—</b>															
<b>Canadian.</b>	1,436,389,609	27,602,105	1,463,991,714	1,343,540,679	21,516,785	1,365,057,464	1,352,093,066	47,544,926	1,399,637,992	1,379,637,888	19,315,270	1,398,953,158	1,043,117,738	20,002,085	1,063,119,823
<b>United States Possessions.</b>	89,287,000	45,969,000	135,256,000	60,792,000	49,000,000	109,792,000	49,158,000	96,797,000	145,955,000	132,364,765	16,650,000	149,014,765	26,308,000	23,941,679	50,249,679
<b>Grand total.</b>	7,735,319,725	2,135,574,365	9,870,894,090	6,344,133,929	1,086,140,755	7,430,274,684	6,220,169,333	905,854,350	7,126,023,683	5,593,179,972	759,300,015	6,352,479,987	4,304,425,893	685,319,706	4,989,745,599

**CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31 FOR FIVE YEARS.**

12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31.	1927.			1926.			1925.			1924.			1923.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
<b>Long Term Bonds and Notes—</b>															
<b>Railroads.</b>	395,057,490	372,453,010	767,510,500	297,146,000	54,592,000	351,738,000	339,562,500	134,028,000	473,590,500	667,403,800	141,679,900	809,083,700	427,956,500	43,883,000	471,839,500
<b>Public utilities.</b>	1,209,439,510	786,515,990	1,995,955,500	1,047,216,330	333,101,170	1,380,317,500	857,787,400	169,292,600	1,027,080,000	722,018,123	158,092,777	880,110,900	588,821,471	223,366,629	812,188,100
<b>Iron, steel, coal, copper, &amp;c.</b>	91,592,500	80,582,500	172,175,000	141,147,000	78,518,000	219,665,000	95,350,000	18,346,000	113,696,000	160,482,000	30,148,000	190,630,000	252,818,139	49,556,861	302,375,000
<b>Equipment manufacturers.</b>	22,615,000	-----	22,615,000	12,159,000	13,000,000	25,159,000	11,256,000	-----	11,256,000	15,160,000	-----	15,160,000	11,860,000	-----	11,860,000
<b>Motors and accessories.</b>	52,220,000	130,000	52,350,000	67,750,000	-----	67,750,000	78,050,000	350,000	78,400,000	8,960,000	11,815,000	20,775,000	2,562,000	-----	2,562,000
<b>Other industrial &amp; manufacturing.</b>	453,565,400	92,855,300	546,420,700	275,027,000	77,806,000	352,833,000	233,723,300	42,963,700	276,687,000	135,664,000	35,299,900	170,963,900	170,957,447	26,521,053	197,478,500
<b>Oil.</b>	260,381,400	94,018,600	354,400,000	119,362,200	140,587,800	259,950,000	86,924,100	21,475,900	108,400,000	15,616,500	15,393,500	31,910,000	69,716,000	30,084,000	99,800,000
<b>Land, buildings, &amp;c.</b>	536,764,500	36,540,000	573,304,500	621,536,000	25,823,000	647,359,000	658,702,300	37,053,000	695,755,300	317,213,000	2,040,000	319,253,000	238,032,500	1,250,000	239,282,500
<b>Rubber.</b>	10,000,000	60,000,000	70,000,000	6,750,000	-----	6,750,000	34,565,000	-----	34,565,000	400,000	-----	400,000	1,335,000	665,000	2,000,000
<b>Shipping.</b>	25,166,000	419,000	25,585,000	20,950,000	5,050,000	26,000,000	10,159,775	4,315,225	14,475,000	13,800,000	-----	13,800,000	2,568,000	107,000	2,675,000
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>	553,723,540	54,256,960	607,980,500	284,855,000	25,595,000	310,450,000	186,121,000	20,177,000	206,298,000	99,454,000	17,736,000	117,190,000	113,416,000	36,629,000	150,045,000
<b>Total.</b>	3,610,525,340	1,577,771,360	5,188,296,700	2,893,898,530	754,072,970	3,647,971,500	2,592,201,375	448,001,425	3,040,202,800	2,157,051,423	412,205,077	2,569,256,500	1,900,043,057	416,350,543	2,316,393,600
<b>Short Term Bonds and Notes—</b>															
<b>Railroads.</b>	19,500,000	650,000	20,150,000	8,000,000	22,000,000	30,000,000	24,500,000	400,000	24,900,000	56,250,000	19,000,000	75,250,000	9,237,500	9,850,000	19,087,500
<b>Public utilities.</b>	82,427,800	57,194,200	139,622,000	92,283,100	13,696,900	105,980,000	117,540,000	31,280,000	148,820,000	107,032,000	21,041,000	128,073,000	48,712,200	15,962,800	64,675,000
<b>Iron, steel, coal, copper, &amp;c.</b>	2,300,000	-----	2,300,000	6,175,000	-----	6,175,000	21,465,000	2,500,000	23,965,000	14,175,000	1,300,000	15,475,000	9,850,000	-----	9,850,000
<b>Equipment manufacturers.</b>	1,200,000	-----	1,200,000	-----	-----	-----	1,150,000	-----	1,150,000	1,794,000	-----	1,794,000	1,945,000	-----	1,945,000
<b>Motors and accessories.</b>	4,900,000	-----	4,900,000	16,110,000	200,000	16,310,000	1,000,000	-----	1,000,000	1,794,000	-----	1,794,000	1,945,000	-----	1,945,000
<b>Other industrial &amp; manufacturing.</b>	16,850,000	4,950,000	21,800,000	49,101,000	6,650,000	55,751,000	27,619,750	774,000	28,393,750	9,000,000	15,000,000	24,000,000	15,496,000	9,604,000	25,100,000
<b>Oil.</b>	37,850,000	12,350,000	50,200,000	16,023,500	7,408,000	23,431,500	24,000,000	52,200,000	76,200,000	13,110,000	3,200,000	16,310,000	7,350,000	1,800,000	9,150,000
<b>Land, buildings, &amp;c.</b>	38,638,500	1,666,000	40,304,500	26,832,000	875,000	27,707,000	26,592,500	-----	26,592,500	5,260,000	60,000	5,320,000	1,330,500	-----	1,330,500
<b>Rubber.</b>	-----	-----	-----	32,250,000	-----	32,250,000	15,000,000	-----	15,000,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Shipping.</b>	1,125,000	7,500,000	8,625,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	12,500,000	-----	12,500,000	-----	-----	-----	1,000,000	-----	1,000,000
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>	64,397,000	2,000,000	66,397,000	35,144,195	562,000	35,706,195	25,740,000	2,675,000	28,415,000	33,831,800	3,000,000	36,831,800	3,535,500	-----	3,535,500
<b>Total.</b>	269,188,300	86,310,200	355,498,500	282,418,795	51,391,900	333,810,695	297,107,250	89,829,000	386,936,250	335,422,800	67,606,000	403,028,800	143,270,700	37,216,800	180,487,500
<b>Stocks—</b>															
<b>Railroads.</b>	91,108,487	84,036,700	175,145,187	40,845,000	-----	40,845,000	16,218,230	-----	16,218,230	55,963,269	-----	55,963,269	27,322,450	-----	27,322,450
<b>Public utilities.</b>	782,607,178	68,319,500	850,926,678	464,885,946	23,267,900	488,153,846	520,771,004	28,362,500	549,133,504	496,550,704	24,905,223	521,455,927	250,457,058	11,076,000	261,533,058
<b>Iron, steel, coal, copper, &amp;c.</b>	6,579,250	6,000,000	12,579,2												

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING DECEMBER 1927.

LONG-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 5,000,000	Railroads— Refunding; addns. & betterments.	98 1/4	4.04	The Central RR. Co. of N. J. Gen. M. 4s, 1987. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank and National City Co.
5,500,000	Additions; betterments.	101 3/4	4.89	International-Great Northern RR. Co. 1st M. 5s "C," 1956. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
12,686,000	Acquisitions, construction, &c.	92 3/4	4.32	Lehigh Valley RR. Co. Gen. Cons. M. 4s, 2003. Offered by Drexel & Co., Phil., and First National Bank, New York.
13,600,000	Refunding.	99 3/4	4.52	Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. Co. Prior Lien M. 4 1/2s "D," 1978. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Nat'l City Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co., and Hallgarten & Co.
5,900,000	Capital expenditures.	98	4.63	New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2s "D," 1956. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
31,000,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.	91 1/4	5.00	The New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co. 1st & Ref. M. 4 1/2s, 1967. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., First Nat'l Bk., Nat'l City Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co.
73,686,000				
40,000,000	Public Utilities— Refunding; addns., impts., &c.	94 3/4	4.80	Alabama Pr. Co. 1st & Ref. M. 4 1/2s, 1967. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
20,000,000	Refunding.	94 3/4	4.90	Associated Electric Co. 4 1/2s, 1953. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Kidder Peabody & Co., Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Brown Bros. Co., Edward B. Smith & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, The Equitable Tr. Co., N. Y., and John Nickerson & Co.
1,200,000	Additions, extensions, &c.	101	4.93	The Birmingham Water Works Co. 1st M. 5s "C," 1957. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
7,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	98 1/4	5.62	Central Gas & Electric Co. 1st Lien Coll. Tr. 5 1/2s, 1946. Offered by Federal Securities Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., West & Co., Thompson Ross & Co., and Hambleton & Co.
29,000,000	Refunding; addns. & extensions.	94 3/4	4.80	Central Illinois Public Service Co. 1st M. 4 1/2s "F," 1967. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
2,000,000	Acquisitions, addns., exten., &c.	98	4.62	Central Maine Pr. Co. 1st & Gen. M. 4 1/2s "E," 1957. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
4,500,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	97 1/4	6.30	Central Public Service Corp. Coll. Tr. 6s "A," 1940. Offered by Federal Securities Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., West & Co., Hambleton & Co., and Thompson Ross & Co.
20,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions.	96 1/4	5.28	Central States Electric Corp. Conv. Deb. 5s, 1948. Dillon, Read & Co.
8,500,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.	98 1/4	5.60	Central States Pr. & Light Corp. 1st M. & 1st Lien 5 1/2s, 1953. Offered by Chase Securities Corp., Pynchon & Co., West & Co., Peabody, Houghtelling & Co., Federal Securities Corp., Continental National Co., and W. S. Hammons & Co.
720,000	New equipment.		5.25-5.50	Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR. Equip. Tr. 5 1/2s, Series F-1, due 1933-42. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
40,000,000	Addns. & impts.; oth. corp. purp.	98	4.61	Duke Pr. Co. 1st & Ref. M. 4 1/2s, 1967. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Drexel & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., The First Nat'l Corp. of Boston and Estabrook & Co.
1,325,000	New equipment.		3.75-4.75	Electric Ry. Equipment Securities Corp. Equip. Tr. 4 1/2s, 1928-37. Offered by Drexel & Co., Phil.
1,000,000	New construction.	101	4.93	El Paso Electric Co. (Tex.) 1st M. 5s "A," 1950. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co., Inc., and Brown Bros. & Co.
10,000,000	Additions; other corp. purposes.	97 1/4	5.15	Florida Pr. & Light Co. 1st M. 5s, 1954. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc., Harris, Forbes & Co., Old Colony Corp., J. G. White & Co., Inc., and Tucker, Anthony & Co.
2,500,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purp.	100	6.50	Hamilton Gas Co. 1st M. 6 1/2s "A," 1937. Offered by Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., and Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., Inc.
2,600,000	General corporate purposes.	98 1/4	5.10	Indiana Electric Corp. 1st M. & Ref. 5s "C," 1951. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
1,375,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purp.	100	6.00	Keystone Water Works Corp. Conv. Deb. 6s "A," 1942. Offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Toy, Gilson & Taylor, Inc., and A. L. Chambers & Co., Inc.
4,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purp.	99 1/4	5.54	Keystone Water Works Corp. 1st Lien 5 1/2s "A," 1952. Offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Toy, Gilson & Taylor, Inc., and A. L. Chambers & Co., Inc.
450,000	Extensions & improvements.	99	5.06	Lafayette (Ind.) Telephone Co. 1st M. 5s "A," 1957. Offered by Fletcher American Co., and First-Merchants Co., Lafayette, Ind.
2,600,000	Refunding; acquisitions, &c.	99	6.66	Larutan Gas Corp. 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1935. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc.
8,000,000	Acquire constituent cos.	97 1/4	5.15	Louisiana Pr. & Light Co. 1st M. 5s, 1957. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co., John Nickerson & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Old Colony Corp., J. G. White & Co., Inc., and Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc.
600,000	Refunding.	105 1/4	4.32	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. 1st M. 5s, 1938. Offered by Kidder, Peabody & Co., The Kidder Co. of New Bedford, Mass., and R. L. Day & Co., Boston.
60,000,000	Refunding; acquisitions, &c.	98	5.11	Philadelphia Co. Secured 5s, 1907. Offered by H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., First National Bank, N. Y., Chase Securities Corp., Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., The Union Tr. Co. of Pittsburgh and Hayden, Stone & Co.
7,650,000	Retire bank loans; oth. corp. purp.	93 3/4	7.07	Shinyetsu Electric Pr. Co. Ltd. (Japan) 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1952. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.
1,500,000	Acquisitions; working capital, &c.	100	6.00	Southwest Telephone Co. (Chicago) 1st (closed) M. 6s "C," 1947. Offered by Hambleton & Co., and Cammack & Co., Inc.
700,000	Acquire predecessor cos., &c.	100	5.50	Tri-County Telephone Co. 1st M. 5 1/2s "A," 1957. Offered by Chicago Trust Co., and R. F. De Voe & Co., Inc.
18,000,000	Refunding; capital expenditures.	97	5.70	Twin City Rapid Transit Co. 1st Lien & Ref. M. 5 1/2s "A," 1952. Offered by Chase Securities Corp., N. Y., Federal Securities Corp., Chicago, H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Hayden, Stone & Co., Illinois Merchants Tr. Co., A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Minnesota Loan & Tr. Co., Minneapolis, Merchants Tr. Co., St. Paul, First Minneapolis Tr. Co., and Northwestern Tr. Co., St. Paul.
385,000	General corporate purposes.	95	5.85	United Telephone Co. 1st M. Coll. 5 1/2s "B," 1957. Offered by Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Paul C. Dodge & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Whitaker & Co., St. Louis.
2,480,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	99	5.07	Westmoreland Water Co. 1st M. 5s "A," 1952. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.
6,350,000	Refunding; acquisitions, &c.	101 1/4	4.90	Wisconsin Pr. & Light Co. 1st Lien & Ref. M. 5s "E," 1956. Offered by Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Palne, Webber & Co.
304,435,000				
750,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Cap'l expenditures; wkg. capital.		6.00-7.00	Interstate Coal Co. (Chicago) 1st M. 7s "A," 1928-39. Offered by Peabody, Houghtelling & Co.; Chicago.
1,960,000	Equipment Manufacturers— Finance lease of equipment.	100-96.30	4.50-4.85	General American Tank Car Corp. Equip. Tr. 4 1/2s "AA," 1929-42. Offered by Drexel & Co. and Chas. D. Barney & Co.
287,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Refunding.		Price on application	Alabama By-Products Corp. 1st Cons. & Ref. 6s, 1955. Offered by Ward Sterne & Co. and American Traders Nat. Bk., Birmingham.
150,000	Working capital.	100	6.00	American Show Case & Mfg. Co. Deb. 6s, 1929-33. Offered by Union Tr. Co., Detroit.
60,000	New construction.	100	7.00	Batesville White Lime Co. 1st M. 7s "B," 1935. Offered by the Arkansas Natl. Bk., Hot Springs, Ark., and Southern Securities Co., Little Rock, Ark.
600,000	Consolidation of properties.	99 1/4	6.57	Brewster-Ideal Chocolate Co. 1st (v) M. 6 1/2s, 1937. Offered by Lewis & Co., Phil, Jay N. Schroeder & Co., Inc., Lancaster, Pa., and Fitch Crossman & Co., Phil.
725,000	Acquire predecessor co., wkg. cap.	100	6.50	Cloverland Dairy Products Co., Inc. (New Orleans) 1st M. Conv. 6 1/2s, 1943. Offered by Caldwell & Co. and Wheeler & Woolfolk, New Orleans.
5,500,000	Refunding; acq. constit. cos.	98 1/4	6.12	Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc. (N. Y.) 6s, 1947. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co., Hambleton & Co., and Baltimore Tr. Co.
550,000	Refunding; other corp. purp.	99	6.10	The Foote-Burt Co. (Cleve.) 1st M. 6s, 1942. Offered by Maynard H. Murch & Co., Guardian Tr. Co., Cleveland, and Cleveland Tr. Co.
1,000,000	Acquire predecessor co.	98 1/4	6.70	(Byron) Jackson Pump Co. (Berkeley, Cal.) Conv. Deb. 6 1/2s, 1942. Offered by Hunter, Dulin & Co., Schwabacher & Co., Wm. Cavalier & Co., and Dean, Witter & Co.
250,000	Consolidation of properties.	100	6.00	Kingston Products Corp. (Kokomo, Ind.) 1st M. 6s, 1937. Offered by Keane, Higbie & Co., Det.
2,000,000	Additions; working capital.	100	6.00	La France Textile Industries 1st M. 6s, 1942. Offered by Chatham Phenix Natl. Bk. & Tr. Co., Cassatt & Co., Central Natl. Co., Otis & Co., and California Securities Co.
125,000	New plant & equip.; wkg. cap.	100	7.00	Morrilton (Ark.) Cotton Mills, Inc. 1st M. 7s, 1942. Offered by Southern Securities Co., Little Rock, Ark.
800,000	Erection of factory.		4.70-5.15	National Candy Co. 5s, 1931-42. Offered by Mississippi Valley Tr. Co., St. Louis.
450,000	New plant; working capital.		6.00-6.50	Neisler Mills, Inc. (Kings Mountain, N. C.) 6s, 1928-38. Offered by Peoples Securities Co., Charleston, S. C., and R. S. Dickson & Co., Inc., Gastonia, S. C.
2,000,000	Refundg.; retire pref. stk.; wkg. cap.	98 1/4	5.65	Okonite Co. (N. Y.) Deb. 5 1/2s "A," 1942. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co. and H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.
2,000,000	Acquisition; construction, &c.	98 1/4	6.15	Pacific Coast Cement Co. 1st M. 6s "A," 1942. Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc. and Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc.
150,000	Additions, extensions, &c.	100	7.00	Roseland (La.) Box Co., Inc. 1st M. 7s, 1929-37. Offered by Canal Bank & Tr. Co. and Sutherland, Barry & Cleaver, Inc., New Orleans.
1,250,000	Acquire predecessor co.	99 1/4	6.07	Southern Asbestos Co. Conv. Deb. 6s, 1937. Offered by J. A. Sisto & Co. and Schluter & Co., Inc.
700,000	Acquire new plant; wkg. cap.	100	6.50	Unit Corp. of America (Milw.) Deb. 6 1/2s, 1937. Offered by Howe, Snow & Co. Inc., and Carson, Goldsmith & Co.
750,000	Acquire additional property.	100	6.00	United Autographic Register Co. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1938. Offered by Central Tr. Co. of Illinois, Chicago.
3,000,000	General corporate purposes.	97 1/4	5.30	(M. J.) Whittall Associates, Ltd. (Worcester, Mass.) Deb. 5s, 1937. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co.
860,000	Acq. H. O. Wilbur & Sons, Inc.	100	6.50	Wilber-Suchard Chocolate Co. Sec. 6 1/2s, 1937. Offered by Century Tr. Co. of Baltimore, the Colonial Tr. Co., Philadelphia; Lewis & Co., Philadelphia, and Fitch, Crossman & Co., Phila.
6,500,000	Acq. constituent cos.; constr.	101	5.90	York Ice Machinery Co. 1st M. 6s, 1947. Offered by West & Co.
2,500,000	Acq. constituent cos.; constr.	98	6.28	York Ice Machinery Co. Deb. 6s, 1937. Offered by West & Co.
32,207,000				
42,000,000	Oil— Refunding; other corp. purposes.	98 1/4	5.70	Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. 5 1/2s "A," 1938. Offered by Natl. City Co., Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co., Inc. and First Tr. & Savings Bk., Chicago.
1,500,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance constr. eqpt. of clubhouse.	98 1/4	6.60	American Woman's Realty Corp. Mtge. 6 1/2s, 1952. Offered by F. J. Lisman & Co.
2,000,000	Refunding; new construction, &c.	100	6.00	Arcade Building & Realty Co. (Seattle, Wash.) 1st M. Leasehold 6s, 1948. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co.
3,000,000	Improvements; retire debt, &c.	100	6.50	Alphonzo E. Bell Corp. (Bel-Air Properties) 1st (closed) M. 6 1/2s, 1939. Offered by California Co., Drake, Riley & Thomas, Security Co. and First Securities Co.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Prtce.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$			%	
200,000	Land, Buildings, &c. (Con.)— Finance lease of property	100	6.00	(S. L.) Bird & Sons Realty Co. (Det.) 1st M. Leasehold & Coll. 6s, 1937. Offered by Nicol-Ford & Co.
1,250,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5.50	Boston Parcel Post Station 1st M. 5 1/4s, 1935. Offered by Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, and Love, Van Riper & Bryan, Inc., St. Louis.
1,200,000	Improvements & alterations	100	6.50	Broad & Walnut Corp., 6 1/4s, 1937. Offered by Hambleton & Co. and Biddle & Henry, Phila.
250,000	Finance constr. of building	100	6.00	Brownson Bldg. (F. H. Brown Realty Co., St. L.) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Waldhelm-Platt & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
135,000	Refunding	101-100 1/2	5-5.93	Burleson College (Greenville, Tex.) 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Whitney-Central Banks, New Orleans.
475,000	Retire mtge. debt; construction	---	5.50-6.00	(H. G.) Christman Properties (South Bend, Ind.) 1st M. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Straus Bros. Investment Co., Chicago.
250,000	Finance constr. of building	---	6.12-6.25	Clarendon Club Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1930-37. Offered by Straus Bros. Investment Co., Chicago.
550,000	Addition to building	100	5.50	Dante Sanatorium (San Francisco) 1st M. 5 1/4s, 1930-47. Offered by Peirce, Fair & Co., San Fran.
1,000,000	Finance constr. of hotel	100	6.50	The Dayton-Biltmore (Dayton, O.) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1942. Offered by Mosser, Willaman & Co., Chi.
300,000	Real estate mortgage	---	5.85-6.50	Flagler Street Co. (Miami, Fla.) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1929-37. Offered by Stix & Co. and Oliver J. Anderson & Co.
2,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	5.50	Foreman Tr. & Savings Bk. (as Trustee) 1st M. 5 1/2% Partic. Cts. "B," 1937. Offered by A. G. Becker & Co., N. Y.
125,000	Improvements to property	100	5.50	(Thomas) Foulds (Los Angeles) 1st M. 5 1/4s, 1930-37. Offered by Federal Commerce Tr. Co., St. L.
315,000	Finance constr. of apt.	---	5.75-6.00	The Glen Sheridan (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1930-37. Offered by Straus Bros. Investment Co.
215,000	Finance constr. of bldg.	100	5.50	Hamasa Bldg. Assn. (Meridian, Miss.) 1st M. 5 1/4s, 1928-37. Offered by Marine Bk. & Tr. Co., New Orleans.
125,000	Additions to property	100	6.00	Hotel Wilmington (Wilmington, N. C.) 1st M. 6s, 1928-34. Offered by Old Dominion Mtge. Corp., Richmond, Va.
2,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	101	4.75	Illinois Merchants Tr. Co. (Chicago Title & Tr. Co., as Trustee) 1st M. Coll. 5s "H," 1943. Offered by Illinois Merchants Tr. Co., Chicago.
50,000	Acquisitions; constructions	Price on application	---	Industrial Development Co. 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1929-38. Offered by Southern Securities Co., Little Rock, Ark.
3,150,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	Industrial Office Bldg. Co. (Newark, N. J.) 1st M. 6s, 1947. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
65,000	Additions & improvements	100	6.00	Inez Hotel (Brookhaven, Miss.) 1st M. 6s 1930-37. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., N. Ori
100,000	Provide funds for invest. purp.	---	5.00-6.00	Interstate Investment Co., Inc., Coll. Tr. 6s, Series "5," 1927; due 1929-41. Offered by Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans.
2,600,000	Finance constr. of apt. hotel	100	6.00	The Lombardy (N. Y. City) 1st M. Fee 6s, 1942. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,575,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	Medical & Dental Bldg. (Seattle) 1st M. 6s, 1947. Offered by Lawrence Sterne & Co. and Drumheller, Ehrlichman & White and Dean, Witter & Co.
4,200,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	Medinah Athletic Club (Chicago) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1947. Offered by Continental National Co., Minton, Lampert & Co., and Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc.
325,000	Finance sale of property	100	6.00	Meyers Land Co. 1st M. 6s 1937. Offered by Otis & Co., and Security Trust Co., Detroit.
200,000	Real estate mortgage	Price on application	---	Morgan Park Arms (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Chicago Trust Co.
1,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	101	5.36	Mortgage Bond Co. of N. Y. 5 1/4s, Series "14," due 1937. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
1,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	100	5.50	Mortgage Guaranty Co. of America 1st M. Coll. 5 1/4s "AB" 1937. Offered by company.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	---	5.50-6.00	Mortgage Insurance Corp. Insured 1st M. 6s, Issue No. "26," 1927; due 1928-38. Offered by Wm. Cavalier & Co., San Francisco.
190,000	Finance lease of property	100	6.50	Naylor Hotel Corp. (San Angelo, Tex.) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1928-37. Offered by Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans.
560,000	Real estate mortgage	---	5.00-5.50	Niles Garden Apts. (N. Y.) 5 1/2% Prudence Cts., 1928-35. Offered by Prudence Co., Inc., N. Y.
1,100,000	Finance lease of property	98 1/2	5.62	'Farrell & Stockton Realty Co. (San Francisco) 1st M. 5 1/4s "A," 1947. Offered by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Anglo-Callifornia Trust Co., and Blyth, Witter & Co.
775,000	Finance construction of apt. hotel	100	6.00	120 East 39th St. Bldg. (N. Y. City) 1st M. Fee 6s, 1939. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
1,600,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.00	(Alexander) Pantages (Los Angeles and Fresno, Calif.) 1st M. Fee & Leasehold 6s, 1928-47. S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., San Francisco, and Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore.
2,500,000	Finance construction of buildings	---	6.10-6.50	Paramount Theatre Allied Owners' Corp. Deb. 6s, 1931-40. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Graham, Parsons & Co.
125,000	Finance construction of apartment	---	6.00-6.50	Plaisance Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1929-37. Offered by Straus Bros. Investment Co.
275,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.50	Pontiac Corp. 1st M. Fee 6 1/4s, 1929-39. Offered by Backus, Fordon & Co., Detroit.
600,000	Finance construction of apartment	---	6.25-6.50	The Raymond (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1930-38. Offered by H. O. Stone & Co., Chicago.
1,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	101	5.87	Realty Foundation, Inc. Realty-Securities Inv. Trust Insured Partic. 6s, "A," 1937. Offered by Wm. West & Co., New York.
75,000	Retire existing debt	---	4.95-5.93	Rusk College (Rusk, Tex.) 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Whitney-Central Banks, New Orleans.
300,000	Finance construction of abbey	100	5.00	St. Benedict's College (Atchison, Kan.) 1st M. 5s, 1929-37. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co., St. L.
665,000	Finance construction of building	---	5.25	St. Joseph's Hospital (San Francisco) 1st M. 5s, 1932-46. Offered by Dean, Witter & Co., S. Fran.
450,000	Finance construction of building	100	5.00	St. Louis University 1st M. 5s, 1932-42. Offered by Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis.
186,500	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	(Frank S.) Salter (Detroit) 1st M. 6s, 1937. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
135,000	Retire existing debt	---	4.95-5.93	San Marcos (Tex.) Baptist Acad. 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Whitney-Central Banks, N. Orleans
180,000	Finance lease of property	---	5.55-6.50	Sheboygan (Wis.) Bldg. Corp. 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1930-39. Offered by Arthur J. Straus Co., Milwaukee.
1,700,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	The Sheridan-Melrose Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1930-40. Offered by Chicago Trust Co. and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago.
500,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	Sheridan-Rosecoe Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1929-37. Offered by Cochran & McCluer Co., Chic.
2,300,000	Finance construction of building	---	5.63-6.00	16-30 West Washington St. Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. Bldg & Leasehold 6s, 1931-43. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago.
1,250,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	67 South Munn Ave. (East Orange, N. J.) 1st M. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Bankers' Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia, and Guardian Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. of N. J., Newark.
525,000	Refunding	100	5.50	Southern Baptist Hospital Commission (New Orleans) Ref. 1st M. 5 1/4s, 1928-42. Offered by Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans.
175,000	Finance construction of temple	---	5.17-6.00	The South Side Hebrew Congregation Ohavel Emunah Etz Hayyim (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1929-37. Offered by Whitaker & Co., St. Louis.
850,000	Finance construction of building	100	6.50	372 Bay St. (Toronto) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1947. Offered by Otis & Co., New York; Matthews & Co., Ltd., and McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd.
2,500,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.00	Wade Park Manor Co. (Cleveland) 1st M. 6s, 1931-48. Offered by Union Trust Co., Cleveland.
1,000,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Warrington Apts. (Baltimore) 1st M. 6s, 1952. Offered by Gillet & Co., Baltimore.
53,171,500	Miscellaneous.			
2,000,000	Retire debt; acq. add'l securities	99	5.07	American European Securities Co. Coll. Tr. 5s "A," 1958. Offered by A. Iselin & Co., and Jackson & Curtis.
1,000,000	Retire bank loans	100	6.50	(J. Ray) Arnold Lumber Co. (Groveland, Fla.) 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1937. Offered by Townsend, Scott & Son, Baltimore.
2,600,000	Acquisitions; working capital	98 1/2	6.15	Bloomington Limestone Co. (of Indiana) 1st M. 6s "A," 1942. Offered by Geo. M. Foreman & Co.
650,000	Finance construction of bridge	100	6.50	Clarksburg-Columbus Short Route Bridge Co. 1st (closed) M. 6 1/4s, 1952. Offered by Boenning & Co., Philadelphia, and McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh.
7,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	97 1/2	7.20	European Mortgage & Investment Corp. 1st Lien 7s "C," 1967. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co., and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.
300,000	General corporate purposes	100	6.00	Fruitvale Mutual Water Co. (Calif.) 1st M. 6s, 1933-52. Offered by Wm. R. Staats Co., and Drake, Riley & Thomas, Los Angeles.
10,000,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes	95 1/2	5.35	International Securities Corp. of America Deb. 5s, 1947. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
500,000	Refunding; acquisitions, &c.	99	6.13	Leader Mercantile Corp. Coll. Tr. 6s, 1937. Offered by Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis.
3,000,000	Repay banking credit; ret. bds., etc.	92 1/2	7.74	Mortgage Bank of Bogota (Rep. of Colombia) 7s, 1947. Offered by J. & W. Seligman & Co., and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago.
2,850,000	Finance construction of bridge	100	6.50	Mount Hope Bridge Co. 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1957. Offered by Wm. R. Compton Co., Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
1,300,000	Finance construction of bridge	99 (b)	7.05	Mount Hope Bridge Co. Deb. 7s, 1952. Offered by Wm. R. Compton Co., Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
600,000	General corporate purposes	---	5.00-6.00	North American Cold Storage Co. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Old Dearborn State Bank, Chicago.
750,000	Retire debt; working capital	Price on application	---	North Western Lumber Co. (Hoquiam, Wash.) 1st (closed) M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore.
700,000	Finance construction of bridge	99 1/2	6.55	Ocean City Coastal Highway Bridge Co. 1st M. 6 1/4s, 1947. Offered by Wm. R. Compton Co., and Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc.
300,000	Finance construction of bridge	98 1/2	7.10	Ocean City Coastal Highway Bridge Co. Deb. 7s, 1942. Offered by Wm. R. Compton Co., and Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc.
2,500,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes	96	4.75	Old Colony Investment Trust Deb. 4 1/4s "B," 1952. Offered by Old Colony Corp.
3,000,000	Refunding; retire curr. debt, &c.	---	4.75-5.50	Red River Lumber Co. (Minneapolis) 1st M. 5 1/4s, 1928-37. Offered by the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis.
2,000,000	Finance construction of bridge	99 1/2	7.06	San Francisco Bay Toll Bridge Co. Deb. 7s, 1942. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co.
41,050,000				

SHORT-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING UP TO AND INCLUDING FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Prtce.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$			%	
3,500,000	Public Utilities— Acquisitions; other corp. purp.	99 1/2	5.75	Central Gas & Electric Co., 3-yr. 5 1/4s, Dec. 1 1930. Offered by Federal Securities Corp., H. M. Bylesby & Co., Inc., West & Co., Thompson, Ross & Co. and Hambleton & Co.
4,200,000	Refunding; extensions & additions	---	4.25-4.75	Central Illinois Public Service Co., 4 1/4s, 1929-31. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
500,000	Acquisitions; cap. expenditures	99	6.00	Commonwealth Public Service Co., 1-yr. Coll. Tr. 5s "A" Dec. 1 1929. Offered by F. N. Kneeland Co., Inc., Chicago.
1,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purp.	99	6.70	Hamilton Gas Co., 5-yr. Deb. 6 1/4s, Dec. 1 1932. Offered by Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., and Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., Inc.
762,000	Refunding	102	4.55	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co., 5-yr. 5s, Jan. 1 1933. Offered by Old Colony Corp. and Lee, Higginson & Co.
8,000,000	Additions & extensions	100	4.25-4.50	The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co. (Chicago) 4 1/4s, Dec. 1 1928 and 4 1/4s, Dec. 1 1929-30. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
17,962,000				

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 500,000	Motors and Accessories— Acquisitions; new plant & equipmt...	---	5.25-6.00	Johnson Motor Co. (Waukegan, Ill.) 1st M. 6s, 1920-32. Offered by Union Trust Co., Chicago.
275,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acquire predecessor Co.; wkg. cap.	98	7.00	Cloverland Dairy Products Co., Inc. (New Orleans) Conv. 6½s Jan. 1 1933. Offered by Caldwell & Co. and Wheeler & Woolfolk, New Orleans.
55,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance constr. of bldg.....	---	5.50-5.75	Crosstown Highway Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1920-32. Offered by Straus Bros. Investment Co.
221,000	Real estate, mortgage.....	100	6.00	Island Development Co. 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, Feb. 1 1930. Offered by M. W. Bradermann Co., Inc.
750,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	---	5.50-5.75	Security Bond & Mortgage Co. 1st M. Coll. Tr. 5½s, "J" 1929-33. Offered by J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore.
1,200,000	Real estate mortgage.....	101	5.80	Thirteenth & Chancellor Sts (Phila.) 1st M. 6s "A" 1933. Offered by Relly, Brock & Co., Stroud & Co., Inc. and Bank of North America and Trust Co., Philadelphia.
2,226,000	Shipping— Refunding; working capital.....	100	6.00	Munson Steamship Line 1-yr. Secured 6s, Jan. 1 1929. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., and Kidder, Peabody & Co.
1,250,000	Miscellaneous— Acquisitions; working capital.....	100.49-98.12	5-6	(W. P.) Brown & Sons Lumber Co. and Brown Bros. Land & Lumber Co. (Louisville, Ky.) 5½s, 1928-32. Offered by Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago.
500,000	Provide funds for invest. purp.....	97½	5.50	Financial Investing Co. of N. Y., Ltd., Conv. 5s, Oct. 1 1932. Offered by United States Fiscal Corp., N. Y.
500,000	Additions & Improvements.....	99	6.75	Southern Ice & Utilities Co. (Dallas, Tex.) 5-yr. Conv. 6½s, Dec. 1 1932. Offered by John Nickertson & Co., N. Y.
2,250,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of shares	Purpose of Issue.	Amount Involved.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1261,514sh	Public Utilities— Provide for expansion.....	126,151,400			American & Foreign Pr. Co., Inc., 2nd pref. "A" Cum. \$7 per share. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
5046056wts	Provide for expansion.....		4 stk. wts.	\$100	American & Foreign Pr. Co., Inc., Common Stock Purchase Warrants. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*200,000shs	Retirement of secur.; new constr.	8,000,000	40	---	Associated Gas & Electric Co., Class "A" Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*10,000shs	Additions & betterments.....	1,020,000	102	5.88	Binghamton Light Heat & Power Co., \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Pynchon & Co., N. Y.
500,000	General corporate purposes.....	500,000	100 (par)	---	Bridgeport (Conn.) Hydraulic Co., Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
12,500,000	Acq. securities of subsidiaries.....	12,500,000	97½	6.15	Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., 6% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Estabrook & Co., Old Colony Corp., Baker, Young & Co. and Chas. D. Barney & Co.
*25,000shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purp.....	2,362,500	94½	6.87	Central Gas & Electric Co., \$6½ Dividend Series Pref. Offered by Federal Securities Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., West & Co. and Thompson, Ross & Co.
*30,000shs	Retire bonds; other corp. purp.....	3,000,000	100	7.00	Central States Power & Light Corp., \$7 Dividend Pref. Offered by Chase Securities Corp., Pynchon & Co., Federal Securities Corp., Peabody, Houghteling & Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co.
*6,500shs	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	656,500	101	6.93	Community Water Service Co., \$7 Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Hale, Waters & Co.
6,500,000	New construction; addns., &c.....	6,500,000	100	5.50	The Connecticut Light & Power Co., 5½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Estabrook & Co., Putnam & Co., Hinckle Bros. & Co., and Chas. W. Seranton & Co.
20,000,000	Retire 7% preferred stock.....	20,000,000	97½	5.12	Duquesne Light Co., 5% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Chase Securities Corp., Lee, Higginson & Co., The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, and Hayden, Stone & Co.
*4,000shs	Extensions, betterments, &c.....	400,000	100	6.50	Iowa Public Service Co., \$6½ Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Harry L. Polk & Co., Inc., Des Moines, Ia.
100,000	Capital expenditures.....	100,000	100	6.00	Kentucky Electric Development Co., Inc., 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Oscar C. Wright Co., Louisville, Ky.
*30,000shs	Acquire constituent cos.....	2,850,000	95	6.32	Louisiana Power & Light Co., \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Moore, Hyams & Co., Inc., New Orleans.
*25,000shs	Acquisition of properties.....	2,375,000	95	6.32	Mississippi Pr. & Lt. Co., \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Moore, Hyams & Co., Inc., New Orleans.
*1,000 shs	General corporate purposes.....	99,000	99	6.06	Northern Pennsylvania Power Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Parsley Bros. & Co., Lewis & Co. and R. M. Snyder & Co., Philadelphia.
*129,012shs	Provide for add'l utility investm'ts	6,450,600	50	---	Standard Gas & Electric Co. Common. Offered by Company to stockholders; underwritten.
*10,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.	1,000,000	100 (c)	7.00	United Public Service Co. \$7 Dividend Series Pref. Offered by Hale, Waters & Co. and Thompson, Ross & Co.
1,050,000	Retire current debt; extensions.....	1,050,000	25 (par)	---	West Boston Gas Co. Capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
		195,015,000			
*100,000shs	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Retirement of bonds.....	6,000,000	60	---	McKeesport Tin Plate Co. Common. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co.
*20,000shs	Development of property.....	560,000	28	---	United Electric Coal Cos. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
		6,560,000			
*25,000shs	Motors and Accessories— Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	625,000	25	---	Larrabee Truck Corp. Conv. Class "A" Stock. Offered by Harrison R. Burdick & Co., Inc., New York.
750,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Plant expansion.....	750,000	10 (par)	7.50	(C. F.) Braun & Co. (Alhambra, Calif.) 7½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Bayly Bros., Inc., and Dean Witter & Co., Los Angeles.
*35,145 shs	Acquire constituent companies.....	1,388,227	1 sh. pref. and 1-5 sh. common for \$39½.	---	Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc., Pref. Cum. \$2.70 per share. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co. and Hambleton & Co.
*7,029 shs	Acquire constituent companies.....			---	Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc., Common Stock. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co. and Hambleton & Co.
1,500,000	Working capital.....	1,500,000	100	6.00	Fibreboard Products, Inc., 6% Prior Pref. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co., Schwabacher & Co. and J. Barth & Co., San Francisco.
*30,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company.....	690,000	23	---	(Byron) Jackson Pump Co. (Oakland, Calif.) Common. Offered by Ferguson-Kennedy, Inc., San Francisco.
850,000	Retire debt; working capital.....	892,500	1 sh. pref. & 1 sh. com. for \$52½.	---	Meadows Manufacturing Co. (Md.) Conv. Pref. Cum. \$4 per share. Offered by Brokaw & Co. and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago.
*17,000 shs	Retire debt; working capital.....			---	Meadows Manufacturing Co. (Md.) Common Stock. Offered by Brokaw & Co. and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago.
1,000,000	Retire bonds & pref. stk.; wkg. cap.	1,000,000	101½	6.90	Okonite Co. (N. Y.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by J. A. Sisto & Co.
*10,000 shs	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	930,000	93	7.00	Philadelphia Dairy Products Co., Inc., \$6½ Cum. Prior Pref. Offered by Stroud & Co., Inc., and Eastman, Dillon & Co.
1,000,000	New plant; working capital.....	1,000,000	100 (d)	7.00	Piedmont Print Works, Inc. (Greenville, S. C.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by A. M. Law & Co., Spartanburg, S. C.
500,000	Retire bonds; other corp. purposes.	500,000	100	7.00	(Sabin) Rogers Paper Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Fifth-Third-Union Co. and W. E. Hutton & Co., Cincinnati.
*20,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company.....	410,000	20½	---	Southern Asbestos Co. Common. Offered by Jerome B. Sullivan & Co.
*50,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company.....	3,000,000	1 sh. pref. and 1 sh. common for \$60.	---	Woodworth, Inc., Conv. Preference Cum. \$2.50 per share. Offered by Shields & Co., New York.
*50,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company.....			---	Woodworth, Inc., Common stock. Offered by Shields & Co., New York.
		12,060,727			
1,500 cfts	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance lease of land.....	1,515,000	1010	5.45	The Dayton-Biltmore (Dayton, O.) Land Trust Cfts. Offered by Merrill, Lynch & Co. and the Dayton (O.) Savings & Trust Co.
550,000	Finance construction of apartment	550,000	100	6.00	Jefferson Park Realty Corp. (Gary, Ind.) 6% Pref. Offered by the Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis.
450 cfts	Finance lease of land.....	450,000	1010	5.45	Loew's Dayton Theatre Co. Land Trust Cfts. Offered by Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Fifth-Third-Union Co. and Central Trust Co., Cincinnati.
125,000	Finance construction of building..	125,000	100 (d)	6.00	Professional Building (Mt. Vernon, N. Y.) 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Mahlstedt-Steen Securities Corp., New York.
600,000	Expansion of business.....	187,500	2 shs. "A" and 1 sh. "B" for \$12½.	---	Security Bond & Mortgage Co. (Jacksonville, Fla.) Class "A" Common. Offered by company.
*15,000 shs	Expansion of business.....			---	Security Bond & Mortgage Co. (Jacksonville, Fla.) Class "B" Common. Offered by company.
		2,827,500			
*6,000 shs	Miscellaneous— Finance construction of bridge.....	600,000	1 sh. preferred and 1 sh. common for \$100.	---	Clarksburg-Columbus Short Route Bridge Co. \$7 Cum. 1st pref. Offered by Boenning & Co., Philadelphia, and McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh.
*6,000 shs	Finance construction of bridge.....			---	Clarksburg-Columbus Short Route Bridge Co. Common. Offered by Boenning & Co., Philadelphia, and McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh.
2,500,000	Retire Class "A" stock; other corporate purposes.....	2,500,000	100	6.50	The Cuneo Press, Inc. (Ill.), 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Lehman Bros., Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and J. A. Sisto & Co.
*45,000 shs	Wkg. cap. & lmpts. to subs., &c....	4,477,500	99½	6.03	George A. Fuller Company Cum. & Partic. Prior Pref. Cum. \$6 per share. Offered by National City Co.
500,000	Retire pref. stk.; other corp. purp.	500,000	100	7.00	Gallaher Drug Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by W. E. Hutton & Co., Cincinnati.
2,500,000	Expansion of business.....	2,500,000	107	6.07	F. & W. Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc. (N. Y.), 6½% Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co.
500,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	625,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. "A" for \$125.	---	Investment Trust of America, Inc., 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Financial Service Corp., Baltimore.
125,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.			---	Investment Trust of America, Inc., Class "A" Common. Offered by Financial Service Corp., Baltimore.

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$		\$		%	
400,000	Miscellaneous (Concl.)—				
40,000	Acquis., constr. & working capital	440,000	[1 sh. pf. & 2 shs.]		Joseph Kohout Co., Inc. (Ill.), 7% Pref. Offered by M. J. Traub & Co., Inc., Chicago.
*150,000shs	Acquisitions, constr., wkg. capital	15,000,000	(com. for \$110.	100	6.50 Joseph Kohout Co., Inc. (Ill.) Common. Offered by M. J. Traub & Co., Inc., Chicago.
	Additional capital.....				Loew's, Inc., \$8½ Cum. Pref. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co.
*24,000 shs	Retire second preferred stock.....	960,000	40		McCall Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
250,000	Add'ns; equipment; working capital	250,000	100	6.50	(H. H.) Meyer Packing Co. (Cincinnati) 6½% Cum. 1st pref. Offered by Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. and N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati.
*50,000 shs	Equip store; working capital.....	6,500,000	2 shs. pf.		New England Dept. Stores, Inc., \$6 pref. Offered by New England Dept. Stores, Inc.
*50,000 shs	Equip store; working capital.....		2 shs. com.	For	New England Dept. Stores, Inc., Common. Offered by New England Dept. Stores, Inc.
				\$260	
*50,000 shs	Equip store; working capital.....		2 shs. com.		New England Building, Inc., Common. Offered by New England Dept. Stores, Inc.
125,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.....	262,500	10½		New Jersey Shares Corp. Common. Offered by company.
200,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.....	240,000	1 sh. pref. and		North American Investors Corp. 7% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by L. G. Ruth & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.
			½ sh. com.		for \$60.
2,060	Provide funds for invest. purposes.....				North American Investors Corp. Common. Offered by L. G. Ruth & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.
600,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.....	600,000	103	5.82	Ohio Shares, Inc., Series "A" 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by W. E. Hutton & Co., Edgar Friedlander & Co. and First Investment & Securities Corp.
*200,000shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.....	4,000,000	20		Old Colony Investment Trust (Boston, Mass.) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*98,263 shs	Retire preferred stock and bank loans; additions, &c.....	9,678,905	98½		Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
500,000	Working capital.....	500,000	100	7.00	(W. R.) Roach & Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Knight, Dysart & Gamble and Oliver J. Anderson & Co., St. Louis.
2,000,000	Acquire constituent companies.....	2,100,000	1 sh. pref. and		United Grape Products, Inc., 7% Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Harvey Fisk & Sons, New York.
			1 sh. common		
			for \$105.		United Grape Products, Inc., Common. Offered by Harvey Fisk & Sons, New York.
*20,000 shs	Acquire constituent companies.....				Warren Bros. Co. (Boston) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*41,332 shs	Expansion of business.....	3,306,560	30		Worth, Inc. (Md.), Class "A" Conv. stock. Offered by Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc.
*65,000 shs	Acq. predecessor cos.; expans., &c.....	1,462,500	22½		
		56,502,965			

## FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$			%	
2,547,000	City of Cordoba (Argentina) Ext. 7s, 1937 (provide for street improvements).....	97	7.43	Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., and Strupp & Co.
15,000,000	Irish Free State Ext. 5s, 1960 (finance hydro-electric development of the River Shannon; fund floating debt; other Gov't purposes.....)	97	5.20	National City Co. and Guaranty Co. of New York.
50,000,000	Republic of Peru Peruvian National Loan ext. 6s, 1960 (retire certain external debt; repay short-term debt; establish gold exchange fund; pay for share of capital of Mortgage Bank of Peru; public improvements.....)	91½	6.80	J. & W. Seligman & Co., National City Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., Continental National Co., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Graham, Parsons, & Co., F. J. Lisman & Co. and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc.
67,547,000				

\* Shares of no par value.

a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common are computed at their offering prices.

b Bonus of 5 shares of common stock given with each \$1,000 bond.

c Bonus of 1 share of common stock given with each 2 shares of preferred.

d Bonus of 1 share of common stock given with each share of preferred.

## Listings on the New York Stock Exchange for the Year 1927.

The total of listings of new and additional corporate securities on the New York Stock Exchange during the calendar year 1927 (apart from Government and municipal issues) shows a large increase compared with the previous year. In this the comparison compares favorably with the actual corporate financing for the twelve months as represented by stock and bond issues offered in the investment market by corporations, where there has also been a large increase over the offerings of the year preceding. Full details regarding the latter appear on another page of our paper in our article on "New Capital Flotations." The latter compilations constitute an accurate index of new financing done and cover the entire country. The Stock Exchange listings relate to an entirely different thing. They embrace not only new but also old securities which have just found their way to the Exchange, and they have reference alone to the New York Stock Exchange. They also include securities replacing old securities, which process occurs chiefly in cases of recapitalization and reorganizations. The latter have been few, whereas recapitalizations have been on the increase in recent years.

The total corporate listings for the twelve months of 1927 aggregated \$5,261,334,996, a new high record for any twelve months' period in the history of the Exchange. The 1927 total compares with 4,803 millions in 1926, 4,277 millions in 1925, 2,972 millions in 1924, 3,879 millions in 1923 and 4,366 millions in 1922. As in previous years, our totals, while excluding Government and municipal financing, both foreign and domestic, include securities of foreign corporations. The listing of Government and municipal issues, while not included in our general totals, are shown in separate tables further below. Of the total of corporate bonds and stocks listed, \$2,399,399,015 represents the amount issued for new capi-

tal, &c., and \$2,631,945,535 issued for refunding purposes or the replacing of old securities, as against \$2,274,647,495 and \$1,840,887,639 respectively in 1926.

Among the distinctive features in connection with the year's listings are to be observed the following:

1. The record-breaking sum representing stock dividends amounting to \$353,449,586. This figure, however, includes the stock dividend of 40% of the United States Steel Corp., amounting to \$203,321,000.

2. The advent of several additional foreign government issues and municipal loans. These include the Department of Antioquia (Colombia) with three issues aggregating \$10,500,000; the Argentine Government with four loans aggregating over \$85,000,000; the Kingdom of Belgium with \$50,000,000; Buenos Aires with two loans aggregating over \$35,000,000; Chile with two loans aggregating \$70,000,000; Finland with \$15,000,000; the State of New South Wales with two loans aggregating \$50,000,000; Peru with three loans aggregating over \$32,000,000; City of Rome with a \$30,000,000 loan; the City of Tokio with a \$20,500,000 loan, and the City of Yokohama with a loan of \$19,740,000.

3. The listing during the year of "American shares" and "American certificates" against foreign securities. These American shares and certificates are issued against securities of foreign corporations deposited with an American trust company which holds such securities and distributes the income received therefrom to the holders of the American shares and American certificates. Two such issues, viz: Austrian Credit-Anstalt "American shares" and Deutsche Bank (Berlin) "American participation certificates" were listed on the Exchange during 1927. While the Exchange made provision for the listing of shares of foreign companies whose finan-

cial stability measures up to the requirements of the Exchange, the year did not witness any such listing. Application to list "American shares" of the Amsterdam Trading Co. was made by the bankers who brought out such shares on the American market, but the Exchange officials did not pass on the application owing to the opposition of the Amsterdam Company officials.

Corporate bonds listed reach a total of \$1,851,961,700, the record of any single year in the history of the exchange. This compares with 1,091 millions in 1926 and 1,576 millions in 1925. Of the 1927 total, railroad bonds foot up \$591,746,000 against 246 millions in 1926, 634 millions in 1925, 451 millions in 1924, 329 millions in 1923 and 669 millions in 1922. Of the 1927 total, 285 millions were issued for new capital &c., and \$295 millions for refunding purposes. Public utility bonds listed in 1927 aggregated 386 millions as compared with 345 millions in 1926, 448 millions in 1925, 343 millions in 1924, and 382 millions in 1923. Of the 386 millions listed in 1927, 242 millions were for new capital, &c., and 144 millions for refunding purposes.

Industrial and miscellaneous bonds listed in 1927 set a new high record at 874 millions, of which 566 millions were issued for new capital, &c., and 307 millions for refunding purposes.

The volume of stock listings for 1927 foot up the enormous sum of \$3,409,373,296, but failed to reach the 1926 total which aggregated \$3,711,450,408. This latter continues to hold the record of any single year in the history of the Exchange. Of the 1927 total, railroad stocks listed foot up \$320,436,200, of which 155 millions were for new capital and 152 millions were for refunding purposes. Public utility stocks listed aggregated \$722,494,135, of which 263 millions were for refunding purposes and 444 millions for new capital, &c. Of the industrial stocks listed which total \$2,366,442,961 (against \$3,022,937,694 in 1926), \$706,685,650 were issued for new capital, &c., and \$1,469,175,010 for refunding purposes, whereas \$190,582,301 represented old issues listed on the Exchange. As in recent years, it must be taken into account that in many cases the shares listed were of no par value and are represented by more or less nominal figures. Although this practice has to a certain extent changed the comparisons of the total stocks listed as expressed in dollars, still the value of comparisons is in no way impaired, as the figures given represent the stated or declared value of the shares as reported in the companies' latest balance sheets.

The total of note issues put out in 1927 but not listed on the Exchange, as compiled at the end of this article, shows a decrease as compared with 1926. The amount in 1927 reached \$273,755,000 as compared with 427 millions in 1926, 424 millions in 1925, 335 millions in 1924 and 247 millions in 1923. This table of note issues includes principally notes issued for extensions or renewal of maturing bonds or notes, or represents short-term financings. Our object in referring to this table here is because companies in taking care of their immediate wants through this class of financing act to that extent to diminish the volume of stocks and bonds that would normally be presented for listing on the Exchange.

The following table embraces the record of aggregate corporate listings for each of the last ten years:

CORPORATE LISTINGS ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bonds.*	Issued for New Capital, &c.		Replacing Old Securities.	Total.
	\$	\$		
1927	1,092,920,490	12,428,000	746,613,210	1,851,961,700
1926	852,762,800	-----	238,906,200	1,091,669,000
1925	1,030,620,216	25,107,500	526,514,391	1,576,242,107
1924	597,242,100	36,023,489	406,587,832	1,040,453,421
1923	637,040,566	11,962,400	619,351,290	1,268,354,246
1922	867,634,961	15,979,350	698,808,139	1,582,422,450
1921	525,652,059	44,055,900	226,202,119	795,910,078
1920	388,708,500	4,564,300	45,621,906	438,894,706
1919	211,074,311	41,795,500	68,132,729	321,002,540
1918	100,148,400	33,958,500	93,527,800	227,634,700
<b>Stocks.</b>				
1927	1,306,478,525	217,562,446	1,885,332,325	3,409,373,296
1926	1,421,884,695	637,584,274	1,601,981,439	3,711,450,408
1925	1,090,308,991	344,713,098	1,295,985,711	2,701,007,800
1924	625,206,192	286,501,896	1,029,605,601	1,932,313,689
1923	917,756,584	346,922,069	1,346,405,054	2,611,083,707
1922	981,900,977	335,061,654	1,467,062,739	2,784,025,370
1921	358,755,100	249,931,033	481,037,553	1,090,723,686
1920	1,131,237,916	343,522,220	680,638,517	2,155,398,653
1919	565,615,760	236,060,904	464,957,828	1,266,634,492
1918	140,688,297	44,682,250	100,981,130	312,024,647

\* Government issues foreign and domestic not here included shown separately. Note.—Applications for the listing of trust company receipts and of securities marked "assented" (if preparatory to reorganization), or of securities stamped "assumed" or "assessment paid"—the securities themselves having previously been listed—are not included in this table.

In the following we reclassify the figures so as to indicate the amounts under each leading head, namely, railroad, public utility and industrial and miscellaneous companies. This table shows at a glance the volume of bonds and stocks listed during the last ten years by each of the different groups mentioned:

	Bonds.			Stocks.		
	Railroad.	Public Utilities.	Indus. & Mtsell.	Railroad.	Public Utilities.	Indus. & Mtsell.
1927	\$ 591,746,000	\$ 386,131,500	\$ 874,084,200	\$ 320,436,200	\$ 722,494,135	\$ 2,366,442,961
1926	246,643,000	345,551,500	499,474,500	93,955,290	594,557,424	3,022,937,694
1925	634,183,468	448,344,172	493,714,467	211,528,440	432,310,099	2,057,169,261
1924	451,866,855	343,819,906	244,766,666	203,465,920	504,253,169	1,224,594,600
1923	329,100,746	382,953,509	556,300,000	171,500,230	579,445,089	1,860,138,888
1922	669,344,650	398,447,700	514,630,100	159,467,400	289,079,132	1,975,478,838
1921	314,912,600	145,187,900	335,809,578	76,743,500	219,228,895	803,751,291
1920	243,816,550	70,300,000	124,778,156	87,122,800	70,408,255	1,997,867,598
1919	205,251,700	49,857,400	65,893,440	249,865,250	77,869,425	938,899,817
1918	61,294,600	128,305,600	38,034,500	55,268,500	15,674,482	241,081,665

In the following tabulations we undertake to show how much of the listings in the above were for foreign purposes. We give first the amounts of securities of foreign corporations per se, and secondly the amounts of securities of American corporations issued for acquiring or financing and developing properties outside the United States. Both amounts, as already stated, are included in the totals of corporate listings in the above.

SECURITIES OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS PLACED IN THE UNITED STATES AND LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Bonds.			Stocks.		
	Railroad.	Public Utilities.	Industrial & Miscellan's.	Railroad.	Public Utilities.	Industrial & Miscellan's.
1927	\$ 106,376,000	\$ 51,909,500	\$ 174,352,500	-----	-----	\$ 400,000
1926	23,293,000	136,726,000	143,226,000	39,934,300	-----	843,700
1925	119,007,000	17,286,000	35,500,000	-----	-----	8,407,918
1924	11,962,000	18,000,000	28,500,000	-----	-----	15,931,000
1923	13,552,500	-----	63,900,000	-----	-----	87,287,400
1922	104,500,000	4,750,000	41,145,000	-----	-----	128,000
1921	7,000,000	-----	2,500,000	-----	-----	6,489,926
1920	50,000,000	-----	-----	1,000,000	-----	6,139,300
1919	1,240,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1918	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

SECURITIES OF AMERICAN COMPANIES ISSUED FOR FINANCING OPERATIONS OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.

	Bonds.			Stocks.		
	Railroad.	Public Utilities.	Industrial & Miscellan's.	Railroad.	Public Utilities.	Industrial & Miscellan's.
1927	\$ 7,500,000	\$ -----	\$ 33,000,000	\$ -----	\$ 51,236,176	\$ 33,428,240
1926	-----	5,500,000	15,000,000	-----	38,569,973	68,135,413
1925	-----	25,479,000	86,250,000	-----	68,149,667	40,642,000
1924	-----	500,000	-----	30,000,000	25,775,934	5,792,760
1923	2,247,000	2,618,500	10,000,000	10,000,000	19,118,300	43,589,885
1922	-----	3,848,000	24,820,700	-----	-----	5,250,000
1921	-----	-----	38,528,300	-----	5,000,000	1,280,600
1920	-----	-----	27,117,000	-----	-----	20,580,900
1919	-----	-----	3,959,000	-----	8,589,700	34,040,800
1918	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,250,000	1,325,700

Government issues, foreign and domestic, as already stated, are not included in the above tables. The following is the aggregate amount of such issues listed or authorized to be listed for the past ten years:

GOVERNMENT BONDS LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Foreign Issues (Incl. Canadian).	U. S Government Securities.	Total.
1927	\$602,831,500	\$494,898,100	\$1,097,729,600
1926	613,186,000	494,898,100	1,108,084,100
1925	607,700,000	-----	607,700,000
1924	588,720,750	200,000,000	788,720,750
1923	235,929,500	a100,000,000	335,929,500
1922	502,500,000	-----	502,500,000
1921	452,500,000	a55,000,000	507,500,000
1920	520,578,700	-----	520,578,700
1919	55,000,000	b4,516,611,735	4,571,611,735
1918	100,000,000	c16,165,563,850	16,265,563,850

a New York City obligations. b Including State and municipal obligations and \$4,500,000,000 Victory Loan. c Includes Liberty loans.

Railroad bonds listed during 1927 as noted above footed up 591 millions. Chief among the issues of this class are \$95,000,000 Missouri Pacific 1st and ref. 5s of 1977 issued principally to refund existing bonds bearing a higher rate of interest and for expenditures; \$50,000,000 Erie ref. and improv. 5s of 1967 issued for refunding purposes, additions, betterments, &c.; \$26,835,000 Union Pacific 4½s of 1967 issued for refunding purposes; \$22,000,000 Pennsylvania, Ohio & Detroit 1st and ref. 4½s of 1977, issued for betterments, additions, &c.; \$30,000,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 1st and ref. 4½s of 1977, issued for refunding and for other corporate purposes. Other issues were \$20,572,000 Chicago & North Western 1st and ref. 4½s of 2037; \$20,000,000 Southern Pacific-Oregon Line 1st 4½s of 1977; \$16,000,000 Texas & Pacific gen. and ref. 5s of 1977 and \$15,500,000 Wabash ref. and gen. 5s of 1976. Of the 386 millions of public utility bonds listed the following are worthy of notice: \$65,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 1st 4½s of 1967

issued principally to refund existing bond issues bearing higher rate of interest and for extensions to its property; \$45,000,000 Columbia Gas and Electric Corp. 5% debentures of 1952 issued for refunding purposes, &c.; \$37,000,000 Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., 1st 6s of 1966 issued for acquiring additional properties and for refunding purposes; \$35,000,000 International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. 4½% debentures of 1952 issued for expenditures, &c. Other issues were \$22,300,000 Public Service Electric & Gas Co. ref. 5s of 1965; \$25,000,000 Western Union Telegraph Co. 5s of 1951; \$25,000,000 North American Edison Co. 5% debentures of 1957; \$20,000,000 Detroit Edison Co. gen. and ref. 5s of 1962, and \$15,000,000 Public Service Corp. of N. J. secured 5½s of 1956.

Of the 874 millions of industrial bonds listed, over 333 millions were issued to meet the requirements of several oil companies. Leading the list are \$120,000,000 Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) 5% debentures issued to refund in part an issue of approximately \$200,000,000 7% preferred stock; \$50,000,000 Standard Oil Co. (N. Y.) 4½% debentures due 1951, issued for development of its properties, &c.; \$50,000,000 Shell Union Oil Corp. 5% debentures of 1947, issued to refund an existing issue of preferred stock and for working capital, &c.; \$25,000,000 Humble Oil & Refining Co. 5% debentures of 1937 issued for the construction of pipe lines; \$20,000,000 Pure Oil Co. 5½% notes, issued for refunding purposes and additional working capital; \$20,000,000 Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. collateral trust 6s, also issued **for refunding purposes, &c.** Other industrial bonds listed includes \$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corp. 6% debentures, issued for funding purposes and working capital; \$60,000,000 Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 1st and collateral trust 5s of 1957, issued to refund debenture bonds and preferred stocks bearing higher rates of interest; \$35,000,000 Chile Copper Co. 5% debentures; \$35,000,000 Hudson Coal Co. 1st 5s; \$25,000,000 International Paper Co. 6% convertible debentures, and \$25,000,000 Remington-Rand Inc., 5½% debentures.

Among the stocks of railroad companies listed we note 900,000 no par shares of Chesapeake Corp. issued to acquire Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. stock; \$63,242,500 Baltimore & Ohio common stock issued for refunding, additions, &c.; \$47,193,500 New York, New Haven & Hartford preferred stock, issued to refund United States Government obligations; \$33,027,100 New York Central capital stock issued for improvements, &c.; \$38,634,800 Erie common issued against the conversion of bonds; \$15,138,700 St. Louis-San Francisco common stock issued for capital requirements; \$13,756,500 Atlantic Coast Line capital stock issued for extensions, improvements, &c., and \$9,765,400 Southern Ry. common stock issued for capital purposes.

The principal stocks of public utility companies listed were: 705,270 shares \$5 preferred stock and 1,199,660 additional shares of common stock of Consolidated Gas Co. of New York; \$71,603,400 additional capital stock of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.; \$39,088,200 additional capital stock of American Telephone & Telegraph Co.; 1,495,503 shares no par value common stock of Commonwealth Power Corp.; \$50,000,000 common stock of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.; \$22,976,000 preferred stock of Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., and 765,000 additional no par value common stock and \$9,854,000 additional preferred stock of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.

Among the industrial and miscellaneous stocks listed are \$203,321,000 common stock of the United States Steel Corp. issued as a 40% stock dividend. Other stocks issued as stock dividends are \$32,500,000 F. W. Woolworth Co. common stock; \$20,000,000 class B common R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; \$10,327,700 common and \$10,327,700 class B preferred National Lead Co.; 500,000 no par value shares Coca Cola Co.; \$5,944,185 common B Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., and \$6,146,800 common Union Tank Car Co. Other prominent industrial stocks listed are \$435,000,000 General Motors Corp. common stock issued in exchange for no par value shares and \$25,299,400 preferred stock of the same company issued for capital expenditures; 490,556 shares of no par value common and \$20,688,600 preferred stock of the International Paper Co., issued to acquire properties and securities of constituent companies and for working capital; \$90,191,375 common stock of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) issued to retire in part the 7% preferred stock; 4,795,315 no par common shares and \$72,745,200 preferred

stock of the Tide Water Associated Oil Co. issued in exchange for the stocks of the Associated Oil Co., Tidewater Oil Co. and constituent companies; 1,331,661 common shares of no par value, \$16,453,800 first preferred stock and \$3,345,400 second preferred stock of the Remington-Rand Inc., issued to acquire the properties and securities of its constituent companies; 573,394 no par common shares, \$20,849,400 7% preferred stock and 121,459 shares of \$6 preferred stock of the Victor Talking Machine Co., issued in connection with the recapitalization of the company in Jan. 1927; \$29,224,144 capital stock of the Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.; 500,000 no par common shares, 350,000 convertible pref. shares of no par value and \$15,000,000 prior preferred stock of Hershey Chocolate Corp.; 3,338,855 no par value shares capital stock of Pullman Inc., and \$31,544,800 capital stock of Borden Co.

The following table shows at a glance the foreign Government bonds listed on the Exchange during 1927. It must be borne in mind that our figures cover only the foreign Government loans actually listed or authorized to be listed. The totals do not show the full amount of foreign Government issues floated in this country, since some others were brought out which did not find their way to the Stock Exchange.

#### GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL ISSUES LISTED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE LISTED DURING 1927.

Antioquia, Dept. of (Colombia) 20-year ext. 7s, series C, 1945	\$2,500,000
Antioquia, Dept. of (Colombia) 30½-year ext. 7s, 1957	4,000,000
Antioquia, Dept. of (Colombia) 30½-year ext. 7s (2d ser.) 1957	4,000,000
Argentine Government Loan, external 6s (public works), 1960	16,900,000
Argentine Government Loan, external 6s (public works), 1961	21,200,000
Argentine Nation, Government of, external 6s, 1960	20,000,000
Argentine Nation, Govt. of, ext. 6s, 1961 (sanitary works)	27,000,000
Bavaria, Free State of, external 20-year 6½s, 1945	10,000,000
Belgium, Kingdom of (stabilization loan) external 7s, 1956	50,000,000
Bolivia, Republic of, external 7s, 1958	14,000,000
Budapest, City of (Hungary), external 6s, 1962	13,000,000
Buenos Aires, Province of (Argentina), external 7s, 1957	23,994,000
Buenos Aires, Province of (Argentina), external 7s, 1958	10,613,500
Bulgaria, Kingdom of, 7% settlement loans, 1967	4,500,000
Cauca Valley, Dept. of (Rep. of Colombia) 20-year 7½s, 1946	3,972,000
Chile, Republic of, external 6s, 1960	42,500,000
Chile, Republic of, external 6s, 1961	27,500,000
Copenhagen, City of (Denmark) 25-year 5s, 1952	15,000,000
Cordoba, City of (Argentina) external 7s, 1957	4,669,500
Colombia, Republic of, external 6s, 1961	25,000,000
Costa Rica, Republic of, external 7s, 1951	8,000,000
Cundinamarca, Department of (Republic of Colombia), 20-year external 7s, series A, 1946	3,000,000
Dominican Republic 14-year customs administration 5½s, 1940	5,000,000
Finland, Republic of, external 6½s, 1956	15,000,000
Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan 20-year 7s, 1946	6,000,000
Italian Credit Consortium for Public Works, external secured—7s, series A, 1937	4,341,000
7s, series B, 1947	7,412,000
Lower Austria (Province of) secured 7½s, 1950	1,969,500
Milan, City of (Italy), external 6½s, 1952	30,000,000
New South Wales, State of, external 30-year 5s, 1957	25,000,000
New South Wales, State of, sinking fund 5s, 1958	25,000,000
Panama, Republic of, 30-year 6½s, 1961	2,600,000
Pernambuco, State of (Brazil), external 7s, 1947	6,000,000
Peru, Republic of, external 8s, 1944 (sanitation loan)	1,948,000
Peru, Republic of, external 7½s, 1956	15,910,000
Peru, Republic of, secured 7s, 1959	14,929,000
Porto Alegre (Brazil) 40-year 7½s, 1966	4,000,000
Rome, City of, external 7½s, 1952	30,000,000
Sao Paulo, State of (Brazil), external water loan 7s, 1956	7,461,000
Sao Paulo, City of (Brazil), external 6½s, 1957	5,900,000
Tokio, City of (Japan), 5½s, 1961	20,522,000
Trondheim, City of (Norway), 30-year 5½s, 1957	2,750,000
United States of America 3½% Treasury notes, 1943-47	494,898,100
Yokohama, City of, sinking fund 6s, 1961	19,740,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,097,729,600</b>

The purposes on account of which the several bond and stock issues listed during the year were issued are given in the following tables:

#### RAILROAD BONDS LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927.

Company and Class of Bonds	Amount	Purpose of Issue
Atl Coast L gen unlf 4½s ser A '64	\$8,809,000	Refund, cap purposes
Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5s, 1943	3,221,000	Old bonds
do consol ref 4s, 1951	6,044,000	Just listed
Can Pac coll tr 4½s, 1946	20,000,000	Construction, &c.
Cent of Ga ref & gen 5s ser C, 1959	3,000,000	Additions & betterments
Chic & N West 1st & ref 4½s, 2037	20,572,000	Expenditures
Chic & West Ind consol 4s, 1952	283,000	Repay to propr cos
Cleveland Union Terminals 1st mtg 5s ser B, 1973	5,000,000	Construction, &c.
Cuba RR 1st lien & ref 6s ser B, '36	1,376,000	Acquis of securities
Gulf Mobile & Northern 1st 5s series C, 1950	3,000,000	Capital expenditures
Int Gt Nor 1st 5s ser B, 1956	6,000,000	Refunding, cap expend
N O Tex & Mex 1st 5s ser B, 1954	428,600	Acquisitions
do 1st 5s series C, 1956	4,600,000	Cap expenditures, &c.
N Y N H & Hartford 4% deb, 1957	76,000	Exch for Prov Co deb
Nor Cent gen & ref 4½s ser A, 1974	5,231,000	Refunding
St Paul & K C S L 1st 4½s, 1941	118,000	Additions, betterm'ts, &c.
Seaboard Air Line Ry—		
1st & consol 6s series A, 1945	5,048,500	Improvements, &c.
Ga & Ala Ry 1st consol 5s, 1945	3,163,000	Old bonds just listed
Seaboard-All Florida ser B 6s, 1935	2,000,000	Construction expenditures
Southern Pacific coll tr 5s, 1944	5,908,000	Acq of EI P & S West RR
Southern Ry 1st consol 5s, 1944	3,368,000	Refunding
Wabash ref & gen 5s ser B, 1976	15,500,000	Capital expenditures
Wheel & L Erie ref 5s ser B, 1966	2,000,000	Refunding
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,746,100</b>	

**RAILROAD BONDS LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Bonds—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Buff Roch & Plitts cons 4 1/2s, 1957	\$3,536,000	Corporate purposes
Canadian National Ry 4 1/2s, 1957	65,000,000	Expend, refunding, &c.
Cent RR of N J gen 4s, 1987	5,000,000	Refund, betterments, &c.
Chic Burl & Q 1st & ref 4 1/2s, 1977	30,000,000	Refund, corp purposes
Chic Ind & Lou 1st & gen 5s A 1966	650,000	Expenditures
Chic Rock Isl & Pac 4 1/2s, 1952	40,000,000	Refund, add'ns & betterm'ts
Cuba Northern 1st 5 1/2s, 1942	20,000,000	Refund, extensions, &c.
Erle RR ref & Imp 5s, 1967	50,000,000	Refund, add'ns, bett, &c.
Great Northern gen 4 1/2s E, 1977	20,000,000	Capital expenditures
Illinois Central—Ch St L & N O		
Joint 1st ref 4 1/2s C, 1963	17,350,000	Refunding, corp purposes
Internat Rys 1st lien & ref 6 1/2s '47	7,500,000	Construction, &c.
Mo Pac 1st & ref 5s ser F, 1977	95,000,000	Refund & cap expenditures
Morris & Essex 1st ref gtd 3 1/2s	10,406,000	Refunding, &c.
N Y N H & Hartford 4% debs, '57	167,000	Exch Prov Co debs
Pa Ohio & Detroit 1st & ref 4 1/2s, '77	22,000,000	Additions, betterm'ts, &c.
St L-San Fran pr lien 5s "B," 1950	657,400	Acquisition, &c.
Seaboard Air Line 1st & cons 6s	1,948,500	Improvements, &c.
Southern Pac Ore Lines 1st 4 1/2s, '77	20,000,000	Refunding, cap expend's
Texas & Pacific gen & ref 5s B, 1977	16,000,000	Refunding, cap expend's
Union Pacific 4 1/2s, 1967	26,835,000	Refunding
West Maryland 1st & ref 5 1/2s, 1977	12,000,000	Pay notes, cap expendit's
Western Pacific 1st 5s, A, 1946	2,950,000	Red of series B bonds
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$466,999,900</b>	

**PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Bonds—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Am Wat Wks & El deb 6s ser A '75	8,000,000	Acquisitions, &c.
Berlin (Germany) Elec Elev & Underground Rys 6 1/2s, 1956	14,906,000	Additions, betterments, &c.
Duke-Price Power Co, Ltd 1st 6s series A, 1966	37,000,000	Acquisitions, refunding, &c.
Great Consol Electric Power Co, Ltd, Japan 1st & gen 6 1/2s, 1950	13,003,500	Refund., construction, &c.
Kan City Pow & Lt Co 4 1/2s series B, 1957	3,000,000	Improv., additions, &c.
Louisv. G & E Co 1st & ref 5s ser A '52	2,000,000	Additions, &c.
Montana Pr Co 1st & ref 5s ser A '43	1,500,000	Improvements, &c.
N Ori P S, Inc 1st & ref 5s ser B, '55	8,000,000	Corporate purposes
Nlagara Lockp & Ont Pur 1st & ref 5s series A, 1955	3,750,000	Corporate purposes
No Am Edison Co 5% debs ser A '57	25,000,000	Refund. corp. purposes
Pub Ser Corp, N J sec 5 1/2s, 1956	15,000,000	Additions & betterments
Silesia El Corp (Germany) 6 1/2s, 46	4,000,000	Develop. of properties
Utah Power & Light Co 1st 5s (Am series) 1944	3,000,000	Ref., cap. expend., &c.
Western Un Tel Co 5s, 1951	25,000,000	Extensions, improve., &c.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163,159,500</b>	

**PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Bonds—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Berlin City El Co, Inc 6 1/2% debs '51	20,000,000	Liquid. debt, constr., &c.
Col Gas & El Corp 5% debs, 1952	45,000,000	Refunding, &c.
Det Edis Co gen & ref 5s ser C, '62	20,000,000	Improvements, &c.
Duquesne Lt Co 1st 4 1/2s A, 1967	65,000,000	Refunding, extensions
Fed Lt & Tr Co 1st in stamp 5s, '42	930,500	Additions, &c.
Int Tel & Tel Corp 4 1/2% debs, '52	35,000,000	Expenditures, &c.
Mill El Ry & Lt Co ref & 1st mtge 5s ser B, 1961	2,241,500	Exch. for gen. & ref. 5s
Montana Pr Co 5% debs ser A, '62	12,500,000	Red. of 7% pref. stock
Pub Ser El & Gas Co ref 5s, 1965	22,300,000	Ref., acques., work capital
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,972,000</b>	

**INDUSTRIAL BONDS LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Bonds—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Am Writing Paper Co 1st 6s, 1947	5,500,000	Issued per reorg. plan
By-Products Coke Corp 1st 5 1/2s series A, 1945	4,900,000	Refunding
Calif Petroleum Corp 5% debs, '39	8,000,000	Corporate purposes
Cespedes Sugar Co 1st 7 1/2s, 1939	2,690,000	Pay. mtges., &c. & wk. cap.
Chile Copper Co 5% debs, 1947	35,000,000	Ref. 6% bonds
Container Corp of Am 1st 6s, 1946	4,937,500	Acquis. of constit. cos.
GenMotorsAcceptCorp 6% debs, '37	50,000,000	Funding, work. capital
Gen Petroleum Corp 1st 5s 1940	5,658,000	Purch. of properties
Indiana Limestone Co 1st 6s, 1941	14,777,500	Acquis. of constituent cos
Int Paper Co 6% conv debs, 1941	25,000,000	Development program
(Julius) Kayser 5 1/2% debs, 1947	7,000,000	Red of bonds & pref stock
McCroery Stores Corp 5 1/2% debs '41	6,000,000	Refunding, working cap, &c.
Mill Mach Co 7s, 1956	2,894,500	Corporate purposes
Montecatini Mining & Agr Co, Inc (Italy) 7s, 1937	10,000,000	Improve'ts, work cap, &c.
(A I) Namm & Sons 1st 6s, 1943	3,775,000	Refunding, corp purposes
N Y Trap Rock Corp 1st 6s, 1946	6,500,000	Acquisitions, &c.
Pan Am Petr Co (of Calif) 1st conv 6s, 1940	15,000,000	Acquisitions, &c.
Pathe Exchange, Inc, 7% debs, '37	6,000,000	Acq. refund, work cap, &c.
Shell Union Oil Corp 5% debs '47	50,000,000	Red of pf stk, work cap, &c.
Siemens & Halske 7s, 1955	4,472,000	Corporate purposes
do allot cfts 50% paid 6 1/2s, '51	24,000,000	Refunding, work capital
Skelly Oil Co 5 1/2% debs, 1939	15,000,000	Refunding, work capital
Standard Oil Co (N J) 5% debs '46	120,000,000	Red of pref stock
Stand Oil Co (N Y) 4 1/2% debs '51	50,000,000	Devel of properties, &c.
United Steel Wks Corp (Germany)—		
6 1/2s series A, 1951	29,700,000	Construction, work capital
6 1/2s series B, 1951	6,896,000	Exch Thyssen bonds
United Steel Works of Burbach-Eich-Dudelage 7s, 1951	10,000,000	Additions, improve, &c.
Universal Pipe & Radiator deb 6s, 1936	2,100,000	Purch of co's pref stock
Warner Sugar Corp 1st & ref 7s series A, 1939	834,500	Refunding, cap expendit's
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$526,635,000</b>	

**INDUSTRIAL BONDS LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Bonds—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Allis-Chalmers Mfg Co 5% debs '37	\$15,000,000	Red of 7% pref stock
Bowman-Biltmore Hotels Corp 1st 7s, 1934	4,529,200	Advances, corp purposes
By-Products Coke Corp 1st 5 1/2s "A," 1945	2,000,000	Red of pref stock, &c.

Company and Class of Bonds—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Canada SS Lines 1st & gen 6s, 1941	18,000,000	Refunding, acquisitions
Deutsche Bank (Berlin) Am partic cfts represent'g partic in 6% note	25,000,000	General business
German Central Bank for Agriculture farm loan sec 6s, 1960	30,000,000	Funds for making farm l'ns
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co 1st & coll 5s, 1957	60,000,000	Red for debs & pref stocks
Gulf States Steel 5 1/2% debs, 1942	4,000,000	Improvement, refunding
Hudson Coal Co 1st 5s, 1962	35,000,000	Acquis of properties
Humble Oil & Ref Co 5% debs, '37	25,000,000	Construct pipe lines
Hungarian Land Mtge Institute 7 1/2s, 1961	3,000,000	To make secured loans
(B F) Keith Corp 1st & ref 6s, 1946	2,000,000	Acquis additional prop, &c.
(P) Lorillard Co 5 1/2% debs, 1937	15,000,000	Corporate purposes
Nat Radiator Corp 6 1/2% debs, '47	12,000,000	Acquis. constit. cos. * (Repay bank loans, corp. purposes, &c.)
Pirelli Co of Italy conv 7s, 1952	4,000,000	
Porto Rican Am Tobacco Co conv 6s, 1942	8,000,000	Acq. Congress Cigar Co.
Pure Oil Co 5 1/2% notes, 1937	20,000,000	Refunding, addit. capital
Rem'gton Rand Inc 5 1/2% debs, '47	25,000,000	Ref oblig. of constit. cos. &c.
Shubert Theatre Corp 6% debs, '42	7,350,000	Ref. of debs., corp. purp.
Sinclair Consol Oil Corp coll 6s "D," 1930	20,000,000	Refunding, corp. purposes
Un Biscuit Co of Am 6% debs, '42	4,000,000	Acquis. of constit. cos.
United Steel Work Corp (Germany) 6 1/2s series C, 1951	3,700,000	Exch. Thyssen, &c. bonds
White Eagle Oil & Ref Co 5 1/2% debs, 1937	4,870,000	Refunding, corp. purposes
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$347,449,200</b>	

**RAILROAD STOCKS LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Stocks—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Atlantic Coast Line capital stock	13,756,500	Extensions, improve., &c.
Chesapeake Corp com(900,000shs)	*54,000,000	Acquis. of C. & O. stock
Chic & North Western common	1,495,900	Acquis. stock of Omaha
Delaware & Hudson capital stock	5,013,000	conv. of bonds
Erle RR common	11,914,600	Conversion of bonds
Gulf Mobile & North pref.	1,000,000	Old stock just listed
Illinois Central common	238,500	Conversion of preferred
Missouri-Kansas-Texas preferred	9,547,500	Conversion of bonds
Norfolk & Western common	280,000	Conversion of bonds
St Louis-San Francisco com	15,138,700	Capital requirements
Southern Ry common	8,910,500	Capital purposes
Western Maryland common	474,200	Conv. of 2d preferred
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,769,400</b>	

**RAILROAD STOCKS LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Stocks—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Baltimore & Ohio common	63,242,500	Refunding, additions, &c.
Bangor & Aroostook common	1,468,000	Reimburse treasury
Chesapeake & Ohio common	267,900	Conv. of 6 1/2% preferred
Delaware & Hudson capital stock	3,470,200	Conv. of 5% bonds
Denver & Rio Grande 6% pref.	36,800	Issued under reorg. plan
Erle RR common	26,720,200	Conversion of bonds
Hudson & Manhattan common—	11,750,800	
Preferred	1,046,600	Old stocks just listed
Illinois Central common	1,589,200	Conversion of preferred
Missouri-Kansas-Texas pref.	6,860,200	Conversion of bonds
New York Central capital stock	33,027,100	Improvements, &c.
New York N H & Hartford pref.	47,193,500	Red. of U. S. Govt. debs
Norfolk & Western common	15,600	Conversion of bonds
Southern Ry common	854,900	Capital purposes
West Maryland common	1,112,900	Conversion of 2d pref. stk.
Wheeling & Lake Erie com	10,400	Conversion of preferred
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,666,800</b>	

**PUBLIC UTILITY STOCK LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Stock—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Amer & Foreign Power Co—		
Common (7,961 shares)	*286,596	Acquisition of properties of constituent companies
\$7 preferred (7,981 shares)	*798,100	
Am Pow & Lt com 104,022 shs)	*9,778,068	Stock dividends, &c.
Am Tel & Tel Co capital stock	32,482,900	Corporate purposes
Am Water Wks & El Co com	324,880	Stock dividend
Brooklyn Edison Co capital stock	14,345,700	Extensions, improve, &c.
Columbia Gas & Elec Corp—		
Common (716,920 shares)	*25,809,120	Acquis, refund, work cap
Preferred	7,087,800	Acquis of constituent cos
Commonwealth Power Corp com (1,359,529 shs)	*13,595,290	Old stock just listed, acquisition of securities, &c.
Consolidated Gas Co of N Y—		
Common (705,270 shs)	*42,316,200	Redemp of pref stock, capital expenditures, &c.
Preferred (1,199,660 shs)	*108,969,060	
Elec Power & Light Corp—		
Common (154,497 shs)	*3,244,437	Acquisition of properties & control of constit cos
Preferred (43,378 shs)	*4,337,800	
Federal Light & Traction Co com	123,420	Stock dividend
Gen G & E Corp com A (9,222 shs)	*378,102	Corporate purposes
Hackensack Water Co pref class A	24,300	Pay floating debt, &c.
Int Tel & Tel Corp cap stock	37,332,500	Acquis of All America Cables stock, conv of bonds
N Y Rys Corp pref (184,830 shs)	*18,483,000	Exch for v t c
N Y Steam Corp \$6 pref (25,000shs)	*2,500,000	Additions, &c.
Niag Lockp & Ont Pr Co pref	17,900	Corporate purposes
Nor Am Co com (4,297,885 shs)	*42,978,850	Exch for \$ par shares, stock dividends
Pacific Gas & El Co com	57,897,475	Exch for cfts of \$100 par, additions, &c.
Pacific Tel & Tel Co com	49,114,700	Capital expenditures, &c.
Philadelphia Co com	387,050	Stock dividend
Phila Rapid Transit Co pref	22,165,800	Refunding, acquisition, &c.
Public Service Corp (N J)—		
Common (576,207 shs)	*10,387,744	Exch for stks of lesser cos
6% preferred	10,027,000	Purch stks of subs, corp pur
Pub Service El & Gas Co 6% pref	21,441,800	Exch stocks of lesser cos
Southern Calif Edison Co com	4,257,725	Extensions, improve, &c.
Utilities Power & Light Corp class A (66,437 shs)	*1,528,151	Gen corporate purposes, stock dividends
Virginia El & Pow Co 6% pref	2,387,200	Exch for securities of const cos, construction, &c.
7% preferred	10,269,300	
West Penn Power Co 6% pref	345,000	Corporate purposes
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$555,422,968</b>	

**PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1927.**

Company and Class of Stock—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Amer & Foreign Power Co, Inc—		
Common (317,548 shs)	*11,114,180	Acquisition of properties of constituent companies
\$7 preferred (17,048 shs)	*1,704,800	
Am Pr & Lt Co com (39,970 shs)	*399,700	Stock dividends
Am Tel & Tel Co capital stock	6,605,300	Corporate purposes
Am Water Works & El Co (Del)		
Common (1,360,710 shs)	*13,607,100	Exch. for shs. of Va. co., stock dividends
Preferred (200,000 shs)	*20,000,000	Exch. for pref. stk. of Va.co

Company and Class of Stocks—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Brooklyn Edison Co capital stock.	612,500	Extensions, improve., &c.
Columbia Gas & El Corp—		
Common (48,080 shs).....	*1,730,880	Acq., working capital, &c.
Preferred.....	2,766,200	Acquisitions, &c.
Commonwealth Power Corp—		
Common (135,974 shs).....	*2,311,558	Corporate purposes
Detroit Edison Co capital stock.....	2,755,200	Corporate purposes
Electric Power & Light Corp—		
Common (11,115 shs).....	*233,415	Acq. of prop., control of
\$7 Preferred (16,233 shs).....	*1,623,300	constituent companies
Engineers Public Service Co—		
Common (16,939 shs).....	*491,231	Exch. of securities of con-
\$7 Preferred (2,317 shs).....	*231,700	stituent companies
Fed Light & Tr Co common.....	25,887	Stock dividend
Fifth Ave Bus Sec Corp—		
Capital stock (59,500).....	*587,455	Old stock just listed
Gen Gas & El Corp (10,063 shs).....	*412,583	Corporate purposes
Int Tel & Tel Corp common.....	34,270,900	Corporate purposes, red. of
		bonds, &c.
Kansas City Power & Light Co		
6 preferred (30,000 shs).....	*3,000,000	Gen. corporate purposes
N Y Steam Corp \$6 pref (5,000 shs).....	*500,000	Extensions, &c
North Amer Co com (217,028 shs).....	*2,170,280	Stock dividend
Pac Gas & Electric Co com.....	6,670,750	Acquisitions, &c.
Pacific Tel & Tel Co com.....	885,300	Capital expenditures, &c.
Phos Gas Lt & Coke Co cap stk.	4,548,300	Expenditures, &c.
Philadelphia Co common.....	783,800	Stock dividend
6% Preferred.....	1,754,400	Conversion of bonds
Phil. Rapid Transit Co pref.....	810,220	Ref., acquisitions, &c.
Pub Ser Corp, N J 6% pref.....	22,556,500	Purch. stk. of subs., &c.
Pub Ser El & Gas Co 6% pref.....	282,500	Exch. stock of lessor cos.
Southern California Edison Co cap	821,650	Extens., improvements, &c.
Stand Gas & El com (78,937 shs).....	*2,993,606	Acquis., corp. purposes
Utilities Power & Light Corp class		
A (160,878 shs).....	*3,861,072	Acquis., stock div., general
Virginia El & Pr Co 6% pref.....	1,948,900	corporate purposes
West Penn Electric Co 6% pref.....	12,000,000	Construction, corp. purp.
		Acquisitions
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$167,071,167</b>	

INDUSTRIAL STOCKS LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927.

Company and Class of Stock—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Air Reduction Co com (2,400 shs).....	*36,000	Acquis of constituent cos
Ajax Rubber Co Inc com (150,000 shs).....	*1,500,000	Working capital
Am Brake Shoe & Foundry Co com (640,000 shs).....	*7,903,700	Issued on 4-for-1 basis for old stock
Am Chiclc Co—Com (91,632 shs).....	*1,832,640	Exch for v t c
Prior preferred (16,343 shs).....	*1,634,300	Exch for v t c
American Ice Co com.....	229,000	Conversion of notes
Am Piano Co com (227,000 shs).....	*4,540,000	Exch for \$100 par shares
American Republics Corp com (9,180 shs).....	*927,180	Exch Galena Signal pref
Am Safety Razor Corp (3,918 shs).....	*3,918	Stock dividends
American Sealing Co v t c com (230,000 shs).....	*3,918,000	Exch for stock of predeces'r co. conv of pref, &c.
American Writing Paper Co common v t c (149,094 shs).....	*318,522	Issued per reorganization plan
Preferred v t c.....	7,711,800	plan
Armour & Co Ill—Class A (v t c).....	81,250	Old stock just listed
Class B (v t c).....	212,500	Old stock just listed
(L) Bamberger & Co pref.....	10,000,000	Capital purposes
Bank of N Y & Tr Co cap stock.....	2,000,000	Stock dividend
Beacon Oil Co com (704,000 shs).....	*9,152,000	Old stock just listed
Burroughs Adding Machine Co. stock (200,000 shs).....	*7,054,000	Stock dividend
Calif Petroleum Corp com.....	2,363,100	Acquis of constituent cos
Cal & Hecla Cons Copper Co stk.....	65,575	Consol constituent cos
Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc, stock (8,099 shs).....	*8,099	Stock dividend
Central Alloy Steel Corp pref.....	510,700	Corporate purposes
Childs Co com (6,937 shs).....	*138,740	Stock dividends
City Stores Co—Cl A (80,796 shs).....	*4,039,800	Old stocks
Class B (164,303 shs).....	*3,978,315	Just listed
Coca-Cola Co com (500,000 shs).....	*9,990,000	Stock dividend
Commonwealth Bank cap stock.....	200,000	Capital purposes
Conde Nast Publication, Inc—Common (320,000 shs).....	*3,451,016	Old stk just list'd, stk div &c
Continental Can Co, Inc, com (7,596 shs).....	*387,396	Acquis of constituent cos
Corn Exchange Bank cap stock.....	1,000,000	Capital purposes
Crown-Williamette Paper Co \$7 pref (51,000 shs).....	*5,100,000	Old stocks just listed
Cushman's Sons, Inc, \$8 pref (1,218 shs).....	*121,800	Stock dividend
Electric Refrigeration Corp capital stock (116,985 shs).....	*1,988,745	Stock div., capital expenditures
Equitable Office Bldg Corp com (207,638 shs).....	*8,521,900	Old stock just listed, conv. of preferred
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co capital stock (12,500 shs).....	*50,000	Stock dividend
Federal Motor Truck Corp stock (20,756 shs).....	*103,781	Stock dividends
Fidelity Phenix Fire Ins Co capital stock.....	5,000,000	Stock dividend
General Asphalt Co common.....	611,300	Conversion of bonds
General Motors Corp 7% pref.....	25,299,400	Capital expenditures
Gotham Silk Hosiery Co, Inc pref.....	5,000,000	Red. of pref., acquis., &c.
Non-voting com (20,470 shs).....	*194,465	Additional working capital
Howe Sound Co v t c com (9,566 shs).....	*47,830	Old stock just listed
(A) Hollander & Son, Inc cap stk (200,000 shs).....	*1,500,000	Old stock just listed
Int Combustion Eng Corp capital stock (8,993 shs).....	*269,790	Increase business
International Paper Co—Common (351,756 shs).....	*9,673,290	Acquisition of securities of
Preferred.....	18,801,800	constitu., & assoc. cos.
International Harvester Co com.....	3,995,000	Stock dividend
Preferred.....	1,944,700	Working capital, &c.
International Silver Co com.....	6,080,100	Old stocks just listed
Preferred.....	6,028,600	
Intertype Corp com (565 shs).....	*4,520	Gen. corporate purposes
Island Creek Coal Co com.....	405,207	Stock dividend
(Julius) Kayser & Co v t c cap stk (87,717 shs).....	*5,263,020	Red. of pref. stock, &c.
Kraft Cheese Co com.....	89,050	Stock dividend
(S H) Kress & Co capital stock (965,380 shs).....	*12,043,040	Exch. for \$100 par shs.
Lehn & FinkProdCo com (10,000 shs).....	*350,000	Acquisition
Liggett & Myers Tob Co com B.....	5,944,185	Stock dividend
Liquid Carbonic Corp common (25,000 shs).....	*1,562,500	Acquisitions, &c.
Loose Wiles Biscuit Co com.....	9,917,000	Exch. for \$100 par shares, conv. of 2d pref. stock
(P) Lorillard Co com.....	1,679,675	Stock dividend
McCrorry Stores Corp 6% pref.....	5,000,000	Red. of pref. stock, &c.
Mandell Bros, Inc capital stock (315,000 shs).....	*7,500,000	Exch. for \$100 par share
Manhattan El Supply Co stock (21,501 shs).....	*1,440,567	Acquisitions, corp. purp.
Marland Oil Co stock (386,062 shs).....	*14,670,035	Working capital, &c.
May Department Stores Co com.....	28,795,300	Exch. for \$50 par shares, red. of pref. stock
Montgomery Ward & Co, Inc com (1,141,251 shs).....	*20,602,248	Exch. for \$10 par shares
Murray Corp of Amer common (299,241 shs).....	*12,317,296	Issued per reorg. plan
National Bellas Hess Co—Common (200,000 shs).....	*200,000	Consol. of Nat'l Cloak & Suit Co. & Bellas Hess Co
Preferred.....	6,624,700	
National Dairy Products Corp com (346,972 shs).....	*2,533,365	Stock dividend
National Enameling & Stamping Co Common (155,918 shs).....	*15,591,800	Exch. for \$100 par shares

Company and Class of Stocks—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
National Lead Co common.....	10,327,700	Stock dividend.
6% preferred.....	10,327,700	
Oil Well Supply Co common.....	1,015,625	Red of bonds.
Otis Elevator Co common.....	4,429,700	Stock dividend &c.
Owens Bottle Co common.....	949,525	Stock dividend
Nevada Consol Copper Co—Common (1,175,527 shares).....	*5,877,635	Conversion of debentures
Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co class B.....	4,363,050	Acquisition Lago Oil stock
Paramount Famous Lasky Corp—Common (573,925 shares).....	*52,083,399	Exch for stocks of Famous-Preferred.....
7,744,800	Players Lasky Corp	
Pathe Exchange Inc—Common (700,000 shares).....	*3,416,340	Issued per plan of recap and expansion
Class A pref (250,700 shrs).....		
Patino Mines & Enterprises Consol (Inc) cap stk (Am shares cfts).....	20,955,860	Old stock just listed
Porto Rican Am Tob Co cl A com.....	10,187,500	Acquisition of Congress
Class B (82,442 shares).....	*2,061,000	Cigar Co
Postum Co Inc com (1,468,627 shs).....	*7,941,143	Exch for Postum Cereal shs
Pro-phylactic Brush Co—Common (100,000 shs).....	*1,808,297	Old stock just listed
Remington Rand Inc—Common (1,310,438 shares).....	*17,303,663	Acquis of properties, securities, &c., of constituent companies
First preferred.....	13,728,100	
Second preferred.....	3,283,900	
(R J) Reynolds Tob Co cl B com.....	20,000,000	Stock dividend
Safety Cable Co com (25,498 shs).....	*1,325,896	Acquis of constituent cos
Snider Packing Corp—Common (129,780 shares).....	*648,900	Exch for cfts bearing name
Preferred (60,000 shares).....	*5,100,000	of N Y Cannery Inc
Standard Oil Co (N J) common.....	88,266,375	Red of pref stock &c.
Standard Oil Co (N Y) cap stock.....	4,500,000	Acquisitions, corp purposes
Texas Corp capital stock.....	31,628,350	Stock div exch Texas Co stk
Texas Pacific Land Trust sub shares certificates.....	711,700	Exch for sub shs of \$100 ea
Tide Water Associated Oil Co—Common (4,795,315 shares).....	*74,536,419	Exch for stocks of Assoc Oil Co Tide Water Oil Co and constituent cos
Preferred.....	72,745,200	
Union Tank Car Co cap stock.....	6,146,800	Stock dividend
United Cigar Stores Co of Am com.....	1,169,475	Stock dividend
6% preferred.....	16,309,260	Working capital
U S Distributing Corp 7% pref.....	12,786,000	Issued per recap plan
U S Realty & Impt Co capital (66,648 shares).....	*2,665,828	Stock dividend
U S Steel Corp common.....	203,321,000	40% stock dividend
Victor Talking Machine Co—Common (573,394 shs).....	*\$16,842,365	Issued per recapitalization and reclassification plan
7% preferred.....	20,849,400	of Jan, 1927
\$6 preferred (121,459 shs).....	*12,145,900	Issued per reorg plan of old company
Virginia-Carolina Chem Co 7% pf.....	131,910	101,000
6% preferred.....	*202,755	Refund indebtedness incurred for cap expendit's
(V) Vivaudou com (13,517 shs).....	1,215,900	Old stock just listed, acquisition, &c.
Warner-Quinlan Co—Common (240,380 shs).....	*4,009,500	Acquisition of assets of predecessor co.
White Sewing Machine Corp—Common (200,000 shs).....	*750,000	Issued per reorganization of old company
Wilson & Co class A (4,885 shs).....	*24,425	390,700
Preferred.....	390,700	of old company
Woolworth Co capital stock.....	32,500,000	Stock dividend
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,146,883,555</b>	

INDUSTRIAL STOCKS LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1927.

Company and Class of Stock—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Adams Express Co pref.....	\$5,592,500	Exch for common stock
Air Reduction Co com (12,942 shs).....	*194,130	Acquis of constituent cos
Ajax Rubber Co com (49,500 shs).....	*495,000	Working capital
Amerada Corp stock (107,275 shs).....	*1,072,750	Working capital, &c.
American Bank Note Co com.....	987,990	Stock dividend
American Chain Co 7% pref.....	11,000,000	Red of class A stock
Am Encaustic Tiling Co, Ltd—Common (107,970 shs).....	*1,499,700	Reclassification of capital
Am Home Products Corp—Capital 243,000 shs).....	*6,804,000	Acquis of constituent cos
Am La France & Foamite Corp (600,000 shs).....	*15,000,000	Exch for \$100 par shares
Am La France & Foamite Corp Common.....	6,093,000	Exch for cfts of Am-La
Preferred.....	5,800,000	Fr Fire Eng Co & acq of Foamite Childs Corp
Am Radiator Co com.....	2,001,475	Acquis of constituent cos
Am Safety Razor Corp—Capital stock (4,053 shs).....	*202,650	Stock dividends
Am Type Founders Co com.....	2,812,700	Working capital
Am Writing Paper Co—Common v t c (2,969 shs).....	*8,907	Issued per reorganization plan
Preferred.....	851,300	plan
Armour & Co (Ill) cl A (v t c).....	3,014,900	Old stocks just listed
Class B (v t c).....	5,290,100	
Austrian Credit-Anstalt (50,000 American shares).....	*400,000	See Note x
Autostrop Safety Razor Co cl A (87,500 shs).....	*437,500	Old stock just listed
Barnsdall Corp class A.....	3,597,300	Exch for class B stock
Bayuk Cigars Inc 7% pref.....	2,000,000	Working capital
Beacon Oil Co com (210,000 shs).....	*2,730,000	Pay. oblig., work. cap., &c.
Beech-Nut Packing Co com.....	1,000,000	Gen. corporate purposes
Best & Co com (150,000 shs).....	*3,750,000	Old stock just listed
Borden Co capital stock.....	31,544,800	Old stock just listed
Brunswick Terminal & Ry Sec Co capital (13,000 shs).....	*273,000	Acquisitions
Bush Terminal Co com (12,697 shs).....	*15,708	Stock divs., work. capital
(A M) Byers & Co com (39,357).....	*196,685	Gen. corporate purposes
Calumet & Hecla Consol Corp cap	34,350	Consol. constituent cos.
Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc stock (1,110 shs).....	*1,110	Stock dividend
Certo Corp cap stk (300,000 shs).....	*2,797,561	Exch. for Douzlas Pectin certificates
Chemical National Bank cap stk.....	500,000	Stock dividend
Childs Co cap stock (6,894 shs).....	*137,880	Stock dividends
Collins & Aikman Corp—Common (591,833).....	*10,000,000	Acquisition of assets, &c. of constituent companies
Preferred.....	11,760,000	
Commercial Solvents Corp cap stk (217,722 shs).....	*4,370,543	Exch. for class B stock
Continental Insurance Co cap stk.....	5,000,000	Stock dividend
Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co—Common (216,778 shs).....	*938,267	Old stocks just listed
Preferred.....	2,514,900	
Cushman's Sons, Inc \$8 preferred (1,452 shs).....	*145,200	Stock dividend
Davison Chem Co com (90,000 shs).....	*3,330,000	Exch. for stk. of constit. co.
Dunhill International, Inc common (125,000 shs).....	*1,342,000	Old stock just listed
Electric Refrigeration Corp capital (273,307 shs).....	*2,186,456	Working capital
Emporium Capwell Corp capital (360,000 shs).....	*5,981,900	Exch. for Emporium Corp. certificates
Equitable Office Bldg Corp com (9,690 shs).....	*310,080	Conv. of pref. stock
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co capital (13,125 shs).....	*102,500	Stock dividend
Federal Motor Truck Co capital stock (33,120 shs).....	*157,621	Stock dividend
Fisk Rubber Co com (15,382 shs).....	*153,820	Conversion of preferred
General American Tank Car Co Common (59,460 shs).....	*2,854,080	Gen. corporate purposes
Gen Cigar Co com (44,994 shs).....	*44,994	Conversion of deb. pref.
Gen Cable Co cl A (203,300 shs).....	*4,675,900	Acquis. of constituent cos.
General Motors Corp com.....	435,000,000	Exch. for no par shares
General Railway Signal Co—Common (32,500 shs).....	*65,000	Working capital
Preferred.....	257,000	

Company and Class of Stocks—	Amount.	Purpose of Issue.
Gillette Safety Razor Co common (2,000,000 shs)-----	*5,000,000	Old stock just listed
Granby Consol Mining & Smelting Co capital stock-----	1,068,100	Conversion of bonds
Great Western Sugar Co common (1,800,000 shs)-----	*15,000,000	Exch. for \$25 par shs.
Hartman Corp cl A (19,862 shs)-----	*19,862	Stock dividends
Hershey Chocolate Corp—		
Common (500,000 shs)-----	*500,000	Acquisition of Hershey
Convertible pref (350,000 shs)-----	*350,000	Chocolate Co., red of
Prior preferred-----	15,000,000	debts, working capital
Independent Oil & Gas Co—		
Capital (150,000 shs)-----	*3,750,000	Red bond loans, develop-
Internat Combustion Eng Corp—		
Common (185,000 shs)-----	*5,735,000	Acquis of constituent cos
\$7 preferred (50,000 shs)-----	*5,000,000	Working capital, acqui'sn
Internat Harvester Co—Com-----	2,077,400	Stock dividend
Preferred-----	1,886,800	Working capital, &c.
Internat Paper Co com (138,800 shs)-----	*7,217,600	Expansion of properties
7% preferred-----	29,531,000	acquisitions, &c.
Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co—		
Common (398,522 shs)-----	*12,808,259	Merger of Kelsey Wheel
7% preferred-----	2,023,400	and Hayes Wheel Cos
Kraft Cheese Co com-----	472,750	Stock divs., acquisition
Lambert Co com (100,000 shs)-----	*342,569	Acquis of constituent cos
Lehn & Fink Products Corp—		
Common (10,000 shs)-----	*350,000	Purchase of notes
Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co com-----	2,513,925	Exch for \$100 par shs, conv of 2d pref stock
MacAndrews & Forbes Co—		
Common (378,500 shs)-----	*9,632,320	Old stocks
Preferred-----	2,815,600	Just listed
Madison Square Garden Corp—		
(314,872 shs)-----	*3,380,396	Old stock just listed
Manhattan Co capital stock-----	1,800,000	Acquisition, &c.
Manhattan Electrical Supply Co—		
Stock (22,501 shs)-----	*1,507,567	Corporate purposes
Moon Motor Car Co—		
Common (161,000 shs)-----	*966,000	Gen corporate purposes
Mullins Mfg Corp com (100,000 shs)-----	*500,000	Exch for cfs of Mullins
Preferred-----	946,500	Body Corp
National City Bank capital stock-----	25,000,000	Additional capital & surp
Nat Dairy Products Corp—		
Common (18,897 shs)-----	*264,558	Acquisitions
Nat Surety Co capital stock-----	5,000,000	Corporate purposes
Nat Radiator Co—		
Common (129,432 shs)-----	*11,500,000	Acquisition of properties of
\$7 preferred (56,000 shs)-----		constituent cos
Oil Well Supply Co com-----	250,000	Corporate purposes
Palge-Detroit Motor Car Co—		
Common (310,234 shs)-----	*3,102,340	Working capital
Paramout Famous Players Corp—		
Common (111,974 shs)-----	*10,006,737	Stock div, redemp of pref
Patino Mines & Enterprises Consol (Inc) capital stock-----	223,880	Old stock just listed
Phillip Morris & Co Ltd com-----	1,375,000	Corporate purposes
Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc—		
Common (400,000 shs)-----	*4,000,000	Reclass of capital, working
Preferred-----	6,000,000	capital redemp of notes
Pittsburgh Coal Co com stock-----	7,830,800	Working capital
Postum Co com (257,365 shs)-----	*2,316,385	Acquis of constituent cos
Pullman Inc cap stk (3,338,855 shs)-----	*168,750,000	Acquis of old company
Remington Rand com (21,223 shs)-----	*275,356	Stock div, acquisitions
1st preferred-----	2,725,700	Acquisition of stock, &c.
2d preferred-----	61,500	of constituent co's
Reo Motor Car Co cap stock-----	20,000,000	Old stock just listed
Reynolds Spring Co com (107,262 shs)-----	*1,287,144	Acquisition, working cap
Richfield Oil Co of Calif com-----	29,224,144	Old stock just listed, ac-
		quisitions, &c.
Rossia Ins Co capital stock-----	399,875	Gen corporate purposes
(Frank G) Shattuck Corp—		
Capital stock (50,000 shs)-----	*712,500	Working capital, &c.
South Porto Rico Sugar Co—		
Common (677,941 shs)-----	*17,872,990	Exch for \$100 par shares, redemp of bonds, &c.
Standard Oil Co (N J) com-----	1,924,600	Red of pref stock, &c.
Standard Oil Co (N Y) cap stk-----	2,905,125	Acquis'n, corporate purp
Sterling Products (Inc)-----		
Capital stock (14,137 shs)-----	*325,151	Acquis Cook Laboratories
Sun Oil Co com (34,701 shs)-----	*1,145,133	Stock dividend
Preferred-----	5,000,000	Pay bank loans, &c.
Texas Corp capital stock-----	103,825	Exch for Texas Co stock
Texas Pacific Land Trust—		
sub shs cfs-----	289,000	Exch for sub shares of
Thatcher Mfg Co com (120,000 shs)-----	*3,456,163	\$100 each
Convertible pref (132,000 shs)-----		Issued in reclass. of stock,
United Biscuit Co of America—		
Common (323,000 shs)-----	*584,001	Acquisition of constituent
Preferred-----	2,000,000	companies
United Cigar Stores Co com-----	2,296,685	Stock div., acqui. of sec.
6% Preferred-----	3,690,740	Expansion, working capital
U S Distributing Corp—		
Common (256,116 shs)-----	*1,280,580	Issued per recapitalization
Preferred-----	113,500	plan
U S Leather com (351,199 shs)-----	39,701,030	Issued in exch. for securi-
Cl A participating (287,226 shs)-----	15,827,200	ties of Central Leather
Preferred-----		Co.
Universal Leaf Tobacco Co—		
Common (107,585 shs)-----	*4,645,276	Old stock just listed
Preferred-----	7,293,400	
Warren Fdy & Pipe Corp capital (250,000 shs)-----	*8,850,000	Acq. reploye Steel
Webber & Heilbronner, Inc—		
Common (94,448 shs)-----	*1,083,544	Exch. for stock of old co.
Preferred-----	2,500,000	Red. of old pref., expans., &c.
Westinghouse Air Brake Co capital stock (3,172,111 shs)-----	*39,651,384	Exch. for \$50 par shares
(Wm) Wrigley Jr Co (Del) capital (1,800,000 shs)-----	*15,000,000	Exch. for shs. of W. Va. Co.
Wilson & Co cl A (2,171 shs)-----	*10,855	Issued per reorg. plan of
Preferred-----	181,000	old company
Total-----	\$1,219,559,406	

\* Includes shares of no par value. The amounts given represent the declared or stated value.  
 Note x.—These 50,000 "American shares" are issued against 400,000 shares of the par value of 40 Austrian schillings each of stock of the Bank (deposited with Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, depository). The proceeds of the "American Shares" were used to increase working capital of the Bank.

As has been our practice, we give herewith a list of the new (unlisted) notes issued for one thing or another during 1927. This compilation is entirely distinct from the corporate listings and the totals are not included in the above tables. Note issues represent principally short-term financing and thus act to diminish the volume of stocks and bonds that would normally be presented for listing on the Exchange.

PRINCIPAL NOTE ISSUES NOT LISTED FIRST SIX MONTHS 1927.

Public Utilities—	Rate.	Date.	Maturity.	Amount.
Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc.—	6%	Feb. 1 1927	Feb. 1 1930	\$500,000
Columbia Water Service Corp.—	5%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1928	7,500,000
Chicago No Shore & Milw RR.—	5½%	Feb. 1 1927	Feb. 1 1930	2,500,000
Continental Telephone Co (Neb)-----	5½%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1932	800,000
Denver Tramway Corp.—	6%	Apr. 1 1927	Oct. 1 1933	1,750,000
East Coast Utilities Co.—	5%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1928	600,000
Edison El III Co of Boston-----		Mar. 31 1927	Sept. 30 1927	2,200,000
Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—	5%	June 1 1927	1928-1930	18,000,000
Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—	6%	June 1 1926	June 1 1931	1,200,000
General Power & Light Co.—	6%	Jan. 1 1927	Jan. 1 1928	750,000

General Telephone Co.— <th>Rate.</th> <th>Date.</th> <th>Maturity.</th> <th>Amount.</th>	Rate.	Date.	Maturity.	Amount.
Hanover & Sherrytown Water Co.—	5%	May 15 1927	May 15 1928	800,000
Houston Gulf Gas Co.—	6%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1937	3,500,000
Lake Ontario Power Corp.—	6%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1929	2,500,000
Mid-Continent Telephone Co.—	5%	July 1 1927	July 1 1928	500,000
Missouri Electric Power Co.—	5½%	June 1 1927	June 1 1928	650,000
Northeastern Iowa Power Co.—	5%	Feb. 15 1927	Feb. 15 1928	150,000
Southern United Gas Co.—	5½%	May 1 1927	Nov. 1 1928	300,000
Texas-Gulf Power Co.—	5%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1929	750,000
United Public Service Co.—	6%	June 1 1927	June 1 1928	900,000
United Public Utilities Co.—	5½%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1929	1,850,000
United Rys. & Electric Co.—	6%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1930	2,500,000

Total public utility company notes first six months-----\$48,600,000

Industrial and Other Co's—

Rate.	Date.	Maturity.	Amount.	
Abtibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—	6%	Mar. 15 1927	Mar. 15 1931	\$4,000,000
Allentown Dairy Corp.—	6½%	July 1 1926	July 1 1936	200,000
Bendix Corp.—	6%	June 1 1927	June 1 1932	1,200,000
Boston Store of Chicago, Inc.—	5%	July 1 1927	Jan. 1 1938	2,500,000
(Alex.) Boyd Estate-----	5%	May 1 1927	May 1 1930	2,000,000
Brush-Moore Newspapers, Inc.—	6½%	July 1 1927	July 1 1937	1,650,000
Crush Dairy Products Corp.—	6½%	May 1 1927	May 1 1937	1,000,000
Childs Dining Hall Co.—	5%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1931	1,400,000
College of St. Catherine (Minn.)-----	5%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1932	200,000
Consumers Sanitary Coffee & Butter Stores-----	6%	May 15 1927	1929-1939	1,000,000
Detroit Properties Corp.—	6%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1932	2,000,000
Duncan Hotels Corp.—	5%	Dec. 1 1926	Dec. 1 1927	600,000
Great Lakes Laundries, Inc.—	6½%	Apr. 15 1927	Apr. 15 1937	800,000
Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc.—	6%	Mar. 1 1927	1930-1933	100,000
do do do-----	6%	Apr. 1 1927	1930-1933	100,000
Huckins Hotel Co.—	5½%	Nov. 15 1926	1927-1936	750,000
(J L) Hudson Co.—	5%	Feb. 1 1927	1930-1936	10,000,000
Journal of Commerce Corp.—	6½%	Jan. 1 1927	Jan. 1 1937	950,000
Koehring Co.—	6%	Jan. 1 1927	1928-1937	1,000,000
Marland Oil Co.—	6%	June 15 1927	1929-1932	30,000,000
Mercantile Acceptance Corp.—	5½%	May 15 1927	1927-1930	200,000
National Pole & Treating Co.—	6%	Dec. 1 1926	Dec. 1 1931	2,000,000
Nichols & Shepard Co.—	6%	Feb. 1 1927	Feb. 1 1937	2,000,000
Ohmer Fare Register Co.—	5%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1930	1,500,000
Oil Well Supply Inv Co.—	5½%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1932	2,000,000
Putnam Lumber Co.—	5½%	Dec. 31 1926	1929-1937	1,000,000
Remington Arms Co., Inc.—	5½%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1930	4,000,000
Republic Finance & Inv Co.—	6%	Apr. 15 1927	1927-1932	750,000
St Alexius Hospital (No Dak)-----	6%	Sept. 1 1926	1929-1936	250,000
St Stanislaus Seminary (Mo)-----	5%	Dec. 1 1926	1931-1941	250,000
Snider Packing Corp.—	6%	May 1 1927	May 1 1932	3,000,000
Southern American Investment Co.—	5%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1942	15,000,000
Southern Dairies, Inc.—	6%	May 1 1927	May 1 1930	2,500,000
Trade Publications, Inc.—	6½%	June 15 1927	June 15 1937	600,000
Trans-Lux Daylight Pic Ser Corp-----	6½%	May 16 1927	May 16 1932	600,000
Trinity Portland Cement Co.—	5½%	Jan. 3 1927	Jan. 1 1930	1,000,000
Trux-Traer Coal Co.—	6½%	Feb. 1 1927	1929-1933	400,000
Tulip Cup Corp.—	6%	Apr. 1 1927	Apr. 1 1932	300,000
Warren Brothers Co.—	5½%	Mar. 1 1927	Mar. 1 1937	2,500,000
Weightograph Corp.—	6%	Jan. 1 1927	Jan. 1 1932	200,000
West American Finance Co.—	6%	Apr. 1 1927	1930-1932	3,000,000
Woodward (Ala) Iron Co.—	6%	Feb. 1 1927	Feb. 1 1937	2,500,000
Yellow Cab Corp (Minn)-----	6%	Jan. 1 1927	1928-1932	250,000

Total industrial and miscellaneous cos. first six months-----\$107,250,000  
 Total public utility and miscellaneous cos. first six months-----155,850,000

PRINCIPAL NOTE ISSUES NOT LISTED SECOND SIX MONTHS.

Public Utilities—	Rate.	Date.	Maturity.	Amount.
Baker County Power Co.—	5%	Dec. 1 1927	Dec. 1 1928	150,000
Central Cities Telephone Co.—	5½%	Aug. 1 1927	Aug. 1 1929	700,000
Central Gas & Electric Co.—	5½%	Dec. 1 1927	Dec. 1 1930	3,500,000
Central III Public Service Co.—	4½%	Jan. 1 1928	1929-1931	4,200,000
Central States Edison Co.—	5%	June 15 1927	June 15 1928	850,000
City Lt & Tr Co (Sedalia, Mo)-----	5%	May 31 1927	May 31 1928	1,000,000
Commonwealth Public Ser Co.—	5%	Dec. 1 1927	Dec. 1 1928	500,000
Commonwealth Telop Co (Del)-----	6%	June 1 1927	June 1 1928	350,000
Edison Elec III Co of Boston-----	4½%	Nov. 1 1927	Nov. 1 1930	30,000,000
do do do-----	4%	Nov. 2 1927	Nov. 2 1928	10,000,000
Electric Public Utilities Co.—	5%	June 1 1927	June 1 1928	1,500,000
Federal Public Service Corp.—	6%	June 1 1927	June 1 1928	1,500,000
Federal Public Utilities Co.—	5%	July 15 1927	July 15 1928	1,000,000
Federated Utilities, Inc.—	5½%	Nov. 1 1927	Nov. 1 1930	2,500,000
General Power & Light Co.—	5%	July 1 1927	Jan. 1 1928	1,750,000
Hamilton Gas Co.—	6½%	Dec. 1 1927	Dec. 1 1932	1,000,000
Keystone Telop Co of Phila.—	5%	Oct. 1 1927	Oct. 1 1930	1,500,000
Michigan Fuel & Light Co.—	6%	June 1 1927	June 1 1928	650,000
Minnesota Southern Telop Co.—	5½%	Aug. 15 1927	Aug. 15 1928	100,000
Peoples Gas Lt & Coke Co.—	4½%	Jan. 1 1928	Dec. 1 1928	3,000,000
do do do-----	4½%	Jan. 1 1928	1929-1930	5,000,000
Public Utilities Consol Corp.—	6%	June 1 1927	June 1 1930	300,000
Southern Cities Utilities Corp.—	6%	Nov. 1 1927	Nov. 1 1928	2,000,000
Southern Indiana Utilities Corp.—	6%	Oct. 15 1927	Oct. 15 1930	150,000
Southwest Gas Co.—	7%	May 1 1927	May 1 1932	500,000
Union Gas Corp.—	6%	July 1 1927	July 1 1929	500,000
Western Power Light & Tel Co.—	6%	July 1 1927	July 1 1929	1,000,000

Total public utility company notes second six months-----\$73,860,000

Industrial & Other Companies—

Rate.	Date.	Maturity.	Amount.	
Baltimore Steam Packet Co.—	5%	Aug. 1 1927	1930-1933	\$925,000
Baxter Laundries, Inc.—	6%	Apr. 1 192		

RECORD OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE.

In view of the growing importance of dealings on the San Francisco Stock Exchange (formerly the San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange), we give below a complete record of the range of prices of all stocks dealt in on the Exchange for each month of the calendar year 1927. The compilation is of course based on actual sales, and covers these and nothing else.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 1927.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and sub-columns for Low and High prices. Rows list various stocks such as Alameda Sugar, Alaska Packers' Assn., American Trust Co., etc.

a Par value to April 12, \$100 from April 13, \$25. b Aug 2, ex-40% stock div. c Ex-14 2-7% stock div. Sept. 23. d Ex-25% stock div. Oct. 25. e Par value to Nov. 19, \$100; from Nov. 21, no par. f Ex-90% stock div., Nov. 21. h Ex-20% stock dividend.

**"California Banking."**

By A. P. Giannini of Bank of Italy N. T. & S. Association.

California is entering the year 1928 with its financial affairs in the best condition on record.

This is true largely because the banking capital and resources of the State are more effectively mobilized than at any other time in our history. Instead of having our loanable funds and working capital scattered about in small parcels, we now have in the principal centers of business large reservoirs of credit in liquid form ready to meet every legitimate demand of commerce, agriculture or industry from one end of the State to the other.

Our banks are bringing themselves more in line with the policies and practices that have been current for some time in other business organizations, and as a result they are better equipped to provide more useful facilities. For a number of years almost every type of enterprise—manufacturing, distributing, retailing and even farming—has been going through a stage of centralization. We have big industrial organizations with branch offices conveniently located all over the country, rather than great numbers of small independent plants. We have wholesalers and retailers with branch warehouses and stores in the principal cities. And now the banks have caught their stride and are doing the same thing.

The result of this as far as financial institutions are concerned, has been decidedly to the advantage of the smaller communities. It is now possible for them to have credit facilities and general banking service on a par with the metropolitan centers and to compete for the location of industrial establishments on even terms with the larger cities.

California, because it has led the way in this new development, has profited to an unusual degree. Our business organizations have escaped the severe reactions that the country in general has experienced during the past few years and have not suffered for want of available credit. Our strong banking systems, with their great supply of mobile reserves, have served the State, locally and directly, in much the same way that the Federal Reserve System with its twelve branch offices functioned in relieving a portion of the strain in the nation at large. As a matter of fact, the branch banks of California are patterned after the Federal Reserve, rather than along the lines of the European and Canadian systems.

The best evidence, to my mind, that the financial structure of our State, as represented by the branch bank organization, stands on a sound and serviceable basis is the attitude shown by many of our best bankers, who were themselves at one time heads of successful unit institutions, but have now become associated with branch banks. I refer in particular to such men as H. C. Carr of Porterville, a former President of the California Bankers' Association; A. B. Post of San Jose, one of the original group in the League of Independent Bankers; H. P. Preston of Fort Bragg, a brother of T. R. Preston, the President of the American Bankers' Association, and numerous others. These men observed the operation of unit and branch banks, side by side, in various communities and came to the conclusion that on the basis of service to their customers, profit to their stockholders, and usefulness to the State at large, the advantage was all on the side of the branch banks.

The financial institutions of California are starting the new year in good shape, with every prospect of proving themselves equal to whatever demands are likely to be made of them.

**The Growing Volume of Business on the San Francisco Stock Exchange.**

Over one-half billion dollars in securities were traded in on the San Francisco Stock Exchange (formerly the San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange) during 1927, official compilation by the Exchange showing that the total market value of stocks traded in for the year reached \$653,521,804, an increase of over 82% above the 1926 total of \$357,953,348. The 1927 total is record breaking. The 1927 share turnover was 15,552,607 shares, which is an increase of over 80% of the 1926 total of 8,611,169 shares. Market value of stocks traded in for the month of December reached a total of \$131,092,269, which exceeds by over \$43,000,000 the previous record for trading in a single month, which record was made in October 1927, amounting to \$87,269,682 for that month.

In 1926 the market value of stocks traded in for that year was \$357,953,348. The \$131,092,269 for December 1927 is more than one-third of the total market value for 1926. The figure for December 1927 exceeds by millions of dollars the entire year of 1924, in which year a total of \$121,114,672 was traded in. Share volume on the San Francisco Stock Exchange has also been noteworthy in its proportions. The number of shares changing hands for December totaled 2,533,103 shares. Never before in the history of the Exchange has the share volume passed the 2,000,000-share mark. The previous record was made in March 1927 at 1,695,346 shares.

A record which portrays in a striking way the increased volume of the San Francisco Stock Exchange, now the second largest securities exchange in the country, follows:

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE—VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS BY CALENDAR YEARS.

Year.	Shares.	Market Value.	Year.	Shares.	Market Value.
1923.....	6,662,438	\$84,487,335	1926.....	8,611,169	357,953,348
1924.....	7,643,537	121,114,672	1927.....	15,552,607	653,521,804
1925.....	9,272,678	293,624,724			

Largest day in history of Exchange to Dec. 31 1927: Dec. 5 1927, 172,152 shares of \$10,548,791 market value.

TOTAL SALES BY MONTHS—1927

Month.	Number Shares.	Stocks Market Value.	Month.	Number Shares.	Stocks Market Value.
January.....	959,035	\$28,190,428	August.....	918,269	31,596,253
February.....	1,581,301	43,247,704	September.....	1,147,719	84,993,530
March.....	1,695,346	44,364,172	October.....	1,489,940	87,269,682
April.....	1,493,266	32,683,566	November.....	1,668,334	75,417,660
May.....	866,318	35,948,061	December.....	2,533,103	131,092,269
June.....	674,722	37,992,464			
July.....	525,754	20,726,015	Total.....	15,552,607	653,521,804

Particular attention may be directed to one of the most interesting features of the 1927 trading, in continuance of the upward trend, first observable in 1926, namely, the growing volume of transactions in industrial shares. While the heavy dealings in oil shares, which had previously characterized the San Francisco market, dwindled to small proportions, industrial shares have—for the last five months of 1927—strikingly dominated the situation. The following shows the composition of the trading during the last three calendar years:

ANALYSIS OF SHARE VOLUME OF BUSINESS ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE.

	*1927.	1926.	1925.
Industrials.....	5,164,721	1,032,653	1,200,716
Oils.....	2,647,538	5,269,371	4,775,424
Public utilities.....	1,188,805	481,460	590,629
Miscellaneous (including banks, sugar & Insurance).....	6,551,543	1,827,685	2,705,909
Total.....	15,552,607	8,611,169	9,272,678

Recent years have been crowded with achievement on the San Francisco Exchange. On Jan. 15 1926 a special Floor Trading Committee was appointed to report on the practicability of substituting an improved system of trading for the call system. A form of post trading was recommended, after a careful study of the problem, and a series of experimental periods resulted in the definite adoption of the post system on May 3 of the same year. It has proved, it is stated, a complete success and has met with universal approval. In connection therewith it has been found expedient also to adopt the specialist plan of trading; under, however (in the public interest), stricter regulations, it is claimed, than obtain on the New York Stock Exchange. Some of the other new features are described as follows:

The ticker service inaugurated Feb. 15 1925 has proved an outstanding success. It has been of great service to the members in supplying their offices with quotations and the banks have expressed their appreciation of this invaluable accessory to their investment and loan departments. A rigid discrimination is exercised over applications for the service.

The Listing Committee has decided, after careful consideration of a very difficult question, on the adoption of a new form of listing application, which establishes new standards to be met by corporations applying for listing privileges. The new regulations are designed to make trading in listed securities still safer, and they have met with hearty response from corporations.

Efforts directed to the elimination of fraud in the investment field have grown more strenuous with each year; a nation-wide plan is well under way for co-ordinating the work of all agencies interested in this important work.

The Stock Exchange Institute, organized Sept. 22 1925 to bring into closer association employees of member firms, for the purposes of educational instruction and recreational activities, is an outstanding success and is a source of very real gratification to the founders, the last educational year closing with remarkable scholarship records. Of the recreational side more is heard and the serious benefits already are plainly evident.

1927 will be conspicuous in the history of the San Francisco Stock Exchange as the year which marked completion of plans for housing it in a manner worthy of its place in the community which it serves. When the new building (to be erected on the site of the present one) is completed, there will be few Franciscans or visitors to the city who will fail to carry away from its contemplation a lasting impression of its architectural beauty, dignity and monumental proportions. It will be indeed a credit to the Wall Street of the West, to the financial centre of the Pacific Coast.

In conclusion, reference may be made to the final mending of a small rift in the lute of San Francisco's financial district. The existence of an exchange which led strangers to think that San Francisco possessed two such institutions created an anomalous situation, owing to similarity of names.

There will be in future no confusion. The outstanding institution, over which I have the honor to preside, and which was formerly known as the San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange, has purchased the building and title of the small exchange on Bush Street, and is now by nomenclature, as it has always been actually, to be known as the San Francisco Stock Exchange. The other exchange will revert to its original character of a mining exchange, seeking new quarters. The building on Bush Street will house the new Curb Exchange, in course of formation. Divisions are invariably a source of weakness, and there will be now nothing to impede the united efforts of all, directed towards the economic and civic development of the marvelous opportunities spread before the eyes of dwellers in the City of St. Francis.

### **Increase in Value of Memberships of San Francisco Stock Exchange.**

The remarkable march forward of the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange is clearly reflected in the advance in the price of memberships on the Exchange. An interesting picture of the outstanding increase in the value of seats on the Exchange is as follows:

1882.....	\$50	January, 1927.....	42,500
1922.....	13,000	March, 1927.....	45,000
1923.....	17,500	September, 1927.....	80,000
1924.....	25,000	October, 1927.....	90,000
1925.....	30,000	November, 1927.....	100,000
1926.....	40,000		

The present price of memberships in the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange is far in excess of that of any other security exchange in the United States excepting the New York Stock Exchange alone.

### **Outlook for the Stock Market for 1928.**

By Sidney L. Schwartz, Pres. San Francisco Stock Exchange.

Nationally, general business is increasing at the rate of about 4% per year. On the Pacific Coast it is increasing at the rate of 6%. While this remarkable advantage enjoyed by the Pacific slope may not continue indefinitely, nevertheless, there is nothing to be found in the figures relating to the fundamental factors of business operation that indicates any material lessening of the present rate of increase in the immediate future. In fact, statistical analysis points directly toward an important improvement of the business conditions prevailing over the past six months.

Bank clearings and bank debits which reflect conditions in almost every conceivable field, car loadings, building operations, employment conditions, business failures, and many other factors influencing business conditions, all point

toward an upward trend for the early part of 1928. Another outstanding factor in the measure of business conditions is the credit supply. Over the past two and a half years we have seen a most prolonged business activity without any perceptible diminution of our supply of money and there is nothing to indicate that this credit position will be disturbed in any material way within the first half of 1928. This is a most important factor and confirms the conclusions to be drawn from the previously discussed factors influencing our present situation for general business.

While there is a close relation between general business and the prices of securities on the stock market, it frequently happens that abnormal situations develop which disturb temporarily the customary relation between stock prices and general business. The stock market has seen almost one continuous rise since the early months of 1925. There have been adjustments, of course, from time to time, but in each case a break in the market has been followed by a prompt recovery carrying prices to even greater heights than before. It is my belief that adjustments of this kind, even though they may be more or less drastic, will not disturb the general trend of business during the months just ahead. I should like to urge caution in the stock market at this particular time because of the technical situation of the market which, in my opinion, needs a corrective move of some proportion to keep the prices of securities from getting out of balance.

So far as The San Francisco Stock Exchange is concerned everything points to a very active year. The organizing of a strong curb market to take over the unlisted securities will not only strengthen the position of our listed market on the San Francisco Stock Exchange but will improve, I believe, through the greater attention that will be given them, the opportunity for recognition of many of the unlisted stocks which have merit but which at this time have not been sufficiently seasoned nor attained a position which entitles them to listing on the big Exchange. The market situation in San Francisco has never been in a better condition and with the clarification of some of these problems, San Francisco is splendidly equipped to serve the investing public and industry in a manner commensurate with its position as the leading financial center of the Pacific Coast.

## **Indications of Business Activity**

### **STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.**

There has been rather more business in wholesale lines for the Spring trade. But what is called the filling in business has suffered from the remarkably mild Winter over much of the country. It is a fact, too, that retail trade does not improve much, if at all. Special sales have to be resorted to persistently in order to get rid of heavy-weight goods. In the industries the heavier lines, like steel and automobile trades, make a better showing than the textiles, thus reversing the conditions which prevailed for a long period. Another point is that employment in December showed an increase over the total for the previous three years in that month. That may mark in a way the turning of the tide. At Detroit employment is up to 216,515, an increase of 2,200, as compared with last week and 4,200 as compared with a year ago. The situation in some respects is better. It is regrettable of course that the cotton and woolen trades are for the time being, at any rate, under something of a cloud.

Wheat has advanced owing to some export demand and fears of injury to Winter wheat by alternate thawing and freezing with a deficient snow covering. Cash markets have been especially firm. Big world's shipments to Europe are quickly used up, or the gains in stocks are relatively small. That fact is certainly suggestive. The relative strength of the world's wheat markets during the past three months in the face of a so-called bearish statistical position, attracts attention. Corn advanced owing to bad weather for husking, but realizing sales caused a reaction and now they say people are selling out corn on better weather and buying wheat. The export demand for corn continues, with daily sales to Europe of 100,000 to 400,000 bushels. At one time a rise in corn checked a reaction in wheat. Argentine corn prices were lower to-day but Amer-

ican exports are gaining. The American visible supply is some 8,500,000 bushels smaller than a year ago. The crop movement has not been as large as had been predicted, but to-day Chicago bought 500,000 bushels to arrive. Considering quality and price, it is maintained that in competition with Argentine the American export trade ought to be good. Rye is being taken by Europe in small lots and prices have latterly risen. Last week's exports were 605,000 bushels against 220,000 in the same week last year. Oats keep steady, with an increasing consumption on the farms; the stocks at the trading markets are reported to be less than half what they were a year ago. Provisions have been in better demand and higher. Farmers are selling light weight hogs freely; the average last week was 230 pounds compared with 233 pounds a year ago and 243 in 1926.

Cotton has declined during the week on the old crop, more particularly owing to dullness of the actual cotton and cotton goods at home and abroad, and a belief that the next acreage will be increased. The recent cold weather must have damaged the weevil. The sales of fertilizers this season are much larger than they were in 1927 because the farmers of the South are in better financial condition. Manchester may have a strike on its hands early in February growing out of a reduction of 12½% in wages and an increase in weekly working time of over 4 hours. The tendency particularly among the New England mills is to curtail working time and now it seems Fall River has reduced wages on some 30,000 operatives 10%. All this means ultimate betterment for the textile industry of this country, but for the time being it does not help the price of raw material; it tends naturally to depress it. The ginning total up to Jan. 16 was estimated at as high as 12,500,000 bales, whereas the Government crop estimate on Dec. 8th was 12,789,000 bales. There has been some covering of shorts on

the idea that the total might be 12,350,000 to 12,400,000 bales. But the speculation in cotton is still small. One development of the week, however, is a rise in New York Cotton Exchange memberships of \$500 making the price \$29,500. It is said that \$30,000 is now bid. Efforts are being made to induce silk merchants to take up trading in silk futures on the floor of the Cotton Exchange here. That fact seems to account for the rise in the price of memberships. Produce Exchange memberships are up to \$7,500 because the Exchange has sought a new field of activity. Cotton goods have been quiet at lower prices in spite of curtailment of the mills. Curtailment will tell no doubt later on. It does not affect the market at the present time. Woolens and worsteds are dull. There is still an excellent demand for printed fabrics in broad silks, but raw silk is dull and lower. Coffee has not changed much during the week. On the whole the Defense Committee still has a pretty firm grip on the situation, and short selling is more cautious and Europe has been buying Santos coffee, the crop of which next season is expected to be short. Sugar has declined somewhat with the spot market dull, refined, rather quiet, and some nervousness in regard to the Cuban situation due to the long delay in announcing the size of the marketed crop and the carry-over. The crop, it seems, will be 4,000,000 tons, of which 150,000 tons will be deducted for home consumption, 3,050,000 will be allotted for export to the United States, 600,000 tons for export to Europe and 200,000 tons held in reserve. Nevertheless, prices of futures are lower than a week ago. Rubber has declined during the week. It is evident that artificial restriction of supply will be combated in this country and it seems to be acknowledged that the Stevenson plan has proved ineffectual. In homely parlance, England shook the bush and Holland caught the bird.

Trade is dull in furniture and also in the paint and glass trades. Radio prices have declined. Wool has been in moderate demand and firm in this country. At the London and Australian wool sales prices have advanced. Steel has sold rather more freely and the output has increased. Some reports are to the effect that prices for bars, shapes and plates for the first quarter have been advanced for the second time since late in November. The coal trade has naturally suffered from the abnormally mild weather, especially bituminous trade, anthracite making the best showing. Both have suffered, however. If the cold snap that prevails over the country continues it is fair to presume that business in both soft and hard coal will increase. Lumber has been in better demand on the Pacific Coast. Hides and leather have been firmer. At the West the shoe industry is well employed, but a strike is on, though unauthorized, at Haverhill, Mass., where 5,000 workers in 37 shoe factories are fighting a reduction in wages brought about by the fact that the Eastern shoe trade has been less satisfactory than that at the West. Flour mills are said to be working at 55% of capacity. In the Birmingham district hydro-electric operations are on a larger scale.

The stock market at times has fallen sharply and trading has very noticeably decreased, something which need not be regretted. At the same time the call money rate has fallen to 3½%. But to-day prices were rising again with a reduction of \$31,000,000 in brokers' loans. United States steel and various industrial and railroad stocks advanced easily, with some indications of improvement in trade and industry. Bonds meet with a steady demand at firm prices. Foreign exchange was lower in some cases. London was steady to-day and Paris irregular. The Bank of France on Thursday dropped the discount rate to 3½%, the lowest in Europe, and the same as that of the Federal Reserve system. This was indeed a significant event.

At Fall River the American Printing Co. opened on the 16th inst. on the new wage schedule and is running at capacity. The cotton division which had been closed for five weeks found 99½% of the former employees back at work. The Arkwright mills at Fall River cut wages early in the week 10%. Later at Fall River 36 cotton corporations were said to have reduced wages 10% effective Jan. 30. At New Bedford, Mass., at the fine cotton goods exchange, a large meeting decided to curtail production of fine goods not less than 20%. This is to start at once, or as quickly as it can be put into effect, and is to continue until Oct. 1. Manchester, N. H., advices say that the wage cutting wave in the cotton industry in New England will possibly make itself felt in the hosiery trade of New Hampshire. The Til-

ton, N. H., hosiery mill operatives have been asked to take a cut in wages. Manchester, N. H., also wired that over 1,000 looms in the mills of the Park Hill Manufacturing Co. of Fitchburg, Mass., are to be shipped to Manchester, N. H., and set up in the plant of the Amoskeag Co., which will then have 22,700 looms. It is believed that the Park Hill transfer will mean more steady employment in the Amoskeag mills which have more than 10,000 operatives on the payroll. At Dover, N. H., the 10% reduction in wages in the Cocheo department of the Pacific Mills was accepted under protest by the members of the Dover Loom Fixers' Association. The loom fixers decided not to strike. At Lewiston, Me., the mills of the Bates Manufacturing Co. are now on a five-day week schedule owing to overproduction. In Philadelphia a general reduction of 10% in wages was made effective in the Wilton carpet mills on the 15th inst. This action, which followed a similar reduction in two mills of the Whittall Associates, is also effective in the mills of A. & M. Karagheusian, Inc., of Freehold, N. J.

Charlotte, N. C., wired that approximately 5,800,000 of the South's 17,000,000 spindles are now operating only 4½ days a week because of adverse market conditions. Mills operating on the schedule of curtailed production which provides for closing Friday noon until Monday include, i. e., print cloth mills, 3,000,000 spindles; narrow sheetings, 1,600,000 spindles; carded yarn mills, 1,200,000 spindles. It is estimated that curtailment already has resulted in reduced production by an estimated total of 250,000,000 spindle hours and this total is being increased weekly by approximately 60,000,000 spindle hours. In the yarn mills curtailment, it is said, will be 25% on and after Jan. 20. At Shelby, N. C., and in that immediate section, textile plants are operating five days a week, closing down at noon Fridays instead of Saturdays.

Reports on mill conditions from France, Italy, Japan and Germany indicate rather unsatisfactory conditions. A London wireless to the New York "Times" on Jan. 18th said that representatives of the cotton industry operatives gave the employers to understand in the conference which began in Manchester that they would refuse to consider the employers' proposals to increase hours and decrease wages. They urge instead that the Government be asked to set up a committee to investigate the position of the industry with special reference to the cost of production. If the employees persist in their refusal to extend hours or to consent to a decrease in wages and the employers maintain their contention that these measures are necessary to bring British cotton down to exportable value, a strike seems imminent.

Employment in manufacturing industries decreased 9-10 of 1% in December as compared with November, while payrolls increased 1.7%, according to a preliminary report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The level of employment in December 1927 was 6.4% below the level of employment in December 1926, and payroll totals were 6.6% lower in December 1927 than in 1926. Comparing conditions in December 1927 with December 1926, each of the 12 groups of industry showed a decrease in employment and all except the paper group decreases in payroll totals over the 12 months period. The outstanding decreases were 11.2% in employment and 14% in payroll totals, both in the iron and steel group. The smallest decreases were in the food and textile groups ranging from 0.6 to 1.5%. At Haverhill, Mass., on Jan. 19th for the first time in several years the shoe industry was practically stopped when 5,000 workers in 37 factories struck as a protest against a decrease in wages.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Dec. 15 1927 is 155.9 against 156.5 in November and 161.8 in December 1926. The weather here this week has been for the most part abnormally mild. It has been 5 degrees above normal. The snowfall was 7.3 inches below the average and the rainfall 3.73 inches below. In the past 10 years, only two Januarys have had less snowfall than this month up to date. Those were in 1919 when .7 of an inch fell up to the 18th, and 1924 with 1.2 inches. This month there has been 1.3 inches of snow. That January snowfall is no criterion of what may come later may be gathered from the fact that in February 1924, which followed an open January, there was a snowfall of 10.7 inches. The Winter of 1919, it is true, had only 3.3 inches of snow altogether. The only heavy snowfalls this Winter have been in Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Maine. New York on the 18th inst. was 41 to 45 degrees,

on previous days it had been as high as 51; at Boston on the 18th it was 38 to 48, in Montreal 28 to 32, Philadelphia 44 to 46, Portland, Me., 32 to 38, Chicago, 34 to 38, Cincinnati 42 to 44, Cleveland 38 to 40, Detroit 34 to 40, Duluth 28 to 32, Minneapolis 36 to 40, Milwaukee 38 to 44. On Thursday night it was colder in the Northwest with temperatures of 6 below to 4 above and in Canada 14 below to 12 above. To-day it was colder here and to-night there is a high wind. It was 32 to 39 degrees here to-day. The forecast is for fair and much colder weather on Saturday with strong west winds. Chicago was down to 4 degrees, Cincinnati to 20, Detroit to 10, Milwaukee to zero, St. Paul to 4 degrees below.

**Col. Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co. on Business Conditions. Little Reason for Apprehension Because of Election Year—Competition Among Automobile Makers to Reach New Pitch.**

In the Business Bulletin of the Cleveland Trust Co., issued Jan. 15, Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Company, in discussing conditions refers to the price war in the automobile field and said that "clearly competition among the motor makers is going to reach a new pitch this year." We quote as follows what Col. Ayres has to say:

Optimistic confidence in the future has been the keynote of almost all the year-end reviews and forecasts. With numerous variations the bankers, and business men, and economists who have in the past two or three weeks discussed the prospects for business in 1928 have stressed the importance of the sound credit conditions that prevail, emphasized the better conditions in the agricultural districts resulting from the good harvests and higher prices for farm products, and mentioned the financial and economic revival now going on in Europe.

In actual fact the new year starts off with prospects good, but with present conditions not very good. It now seems likely that the iron and steel industry will have a better year in 1928 than it did in 1927. The railroads and the automobile makers will almost surely buy more steel than they did last year, and probably the farm implement makers will also. Most important of all, the industry has good prospects of working out a more satisfactory price basis for its products.

In the automobile field the price war that all the manufacturers have united in declaring impossible is already getting well under way. Clearly competition among the motor makers is going to reach a new pitch this year. Fortunately for all concerned the proportion of cars sold on installments is steadily declining, and probably no unfortunate developments are to be feared from that source. It now looks as though the competition among the automobile manufacturers would benefit the general public and general business, but create new difficulties for the companies.

Building construction is starting off as though it would maintain a high level of volume and value this year, and probably in excess of the records of 1927. In view of the prospects in these three great fundamental industries it seems likely that the generally optimistic tenor of the year-end forecasts will prove to be justified even although it is true that no definite upturn in general business is yet clearly revealed by the actual figures of trade, industry, and transportation.

Col. Ayres also comments on business in election years, and says in part:

During the 48 years since 1880 there have been twelve national election years, and this year will make 13 of them.

Business has improved in election years more often than it has declined, for in seven of the twelve cases the year has closed with business at a higher level than it held when the year opened. In the remaining five cases the level of business was lower at the close of the year than it was at the beginning.

It is clear that there is little reason for business to be apprehensive about the effects of election year on trade and industry and transportation. This has not always been true in the past. In all our presidential campaigns, from that of 1880, when President Hayes had just lost his fight against the compulsory coining of silver dollars, until that of 1904 when Alton B. Parker by his historic and courageous telegram to the convention that nominated him finally removed the silver menace from the realm of practical politics, business men were right in viewing the presidential year with apprehension, for our fiscal and credit systems were always in jeopardy.

Those dangers are now happily removed. Our money system was firmly established on a gold basis in 1904, and ten years later the Federal Reserve System came into being with results that have proved of immeasurable benefit to the country. At the present time the advent of the presidential year brings with it no menace to the integrity of our monetary system. Neither does it carry with it the slightest threat that the result of the elections will bring into power an administration at Washington that will prove unfriendly to legitimate business, or one committed to fundamentally unsound economic policies. Business men are fully justified in facing the future with hope and confidence, despite the fact that nominations will be made, political campaigns conducted, and a President elected in 1928.

**Gain During 1927 in Industrial Activity Based on Consumption of Electricity.**

General productive activity in industry in the United States during 1927 was about 2% greater than in 1926, based on consumption of electrical energy, according to "Electrical World." It adds:

With industry more than 78% electrified, consumption of electricity now holds an important place as a barometer of business conditions. The basic figures indicate that seven of the primary industrial groups—rolling mills and steel plants, leather and its products, textiles, lumber and its products, pulp and paper, rubber and its products, and food and kindred products—turned out a volume of products larger than in 1926, although the gains in some instances were slight.

Lessened activity occurred last year in ferrous and non-ferrous metal working plants, automobiles, chemicals and allied products, shipbuilding, and stone, clay and glass.

The closing month of 1927 found general industry operating at a rate of about 8% above that for December 1926. The gain largely reflects increased activity in the automobile industry. The rolling mills and steel plants also increased their rate of activity during December as compared with the corresponding month a year ago. The rate of general operations during December was 4.5% under November, which shows a smaller seasonal decline than was witnessed during December 1926.

The rate of industrial activity for 1927, compared with 1926, all figures adjusted to 26 working days a month, and based on monthly consumption of electrical energy reported to "Electrical World" (monthly average 1923-25 equals 100) follows:

	1927.	1926.		1927.	1926.
All industrial groups.....	115.4	113.1	Automobiles and parts.....	108.9	113.3
Metals industries group.....	111.8	116.	Stone, clay and glass.....	111.0	119.6
Rolling mills & steel plants.....	116.3	115.5	Paper and pulp.....	122.9	115.1
Metal fabricating plants.....	107.3	116.7	Rubber and its products.....	113.8	109.1
Leather and its products.....	101.3	96.0	Chemicals & allied products.....	107.5	114.0
Textiles.....	122.4	109.8	Food and kindred products.....	109.5	103.0
Lumber and its products.....	123.5	116.8	Shipbuilding.....	117.4	120.4

**Wholesale Prices Practically Stationary in December as Compared with November.**

Practically no change in the general level of wholesale prices from November to December is shown by information collected in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Bureau's revised index number, computed on prices in the year 1926 as the base and including 550 commodities or price series, stands at 96.8 for December as compared with 96.7 for the month before, an increase of only one-tenth of 1%. Compared with Dec. 1926, with an index number of 97.9, a decrease of 1 1-10% is shown. Under date of Jan. 16 the Bureau adds:

Farm products as a group remained at about the same price level as in November, grains advancing and beef steers, hogs, and lambs declining sharply. Cotton and potatoes also were cheaper, while poultry, eggs, and tobacco were higher.

Foods as a whole showed a slight decline, with butter above and pork products below November prices. Hides and leather products advanced, sharply, while small increases are shown for metals and metal products, building materials, and miscellaneous commodities. Slight decreases took place in the groups of textile products, fuel and lighting materials, and chemicals and drugs, with practically no change reported for housefurnishing goods.

Of the 550 commodities or price series for which comparable information for November and December was collected, increases were shown in 147 instances and decreases in 139 instances. In 264 instances no change in price was reported.

Comparing prices in December with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that farm products and hides and leather products were considerably higher, while textile products were slightly higher. Fuel and lighting materials, owing to large decreases in bituminous coal and coke and petroleum products, were 17% cheaper than Dec. 1926. Smaller decreases are shown for metals and metal products, building materials, chemicals and drugs, and miscellaneous commodities, while prices of foods and housefurnishing goods were at exactly the same level as in December of last year.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS OF COMMODITIES (1926=100.)

Groups and Sub-Groups.	1926 December.	1927.		Purchasing Power of the 1926 Dollar (in December Cents).
		November.	December.	
All commodities.....	97.9	96.7	96.8	103.3
Farm products.....	94.9	104.3	104.4	95.8
Grains.....	96.9	99.6	102.0	98.0
Livestock and poultry.....	93.5	100.8	97.9	102.1
Other farm products.....	95.2	108.3	109.7	91.2
Foods.....	100.7	101.5	100.7	99.3
Butter, cheese, and milk.....	107.4	108.3	110.0	90.9
Meats.....	98.4	100.9	99.6	100.4
Other foods.....	99.6	99.1	97.7	102.4
Hides and leather products.....	100.4	114.3	116.9	85.5
Hides and skins.....	103.3	131.6	136.4	73.3
Leather.....	99.4	117.1	122.4	81.7
Boots and shoes.....	99.8	106.3	107.1	93.4
Other leather products.....	100.0	109.2	109.4	91.4
Textile products.....	95.2	97.5	97.2	102.9
Cotton goods.....	93.3	104.6	103.3	96.8
Silk and rayon.....	92.4	83.6	83.2	120.2
Woolen and worsted goods.....	98.4	98.1	98.4	101.6
Other textile products.....	99.7	94.9	95.7	103.4
Fuel and lighting.....	99.4	82.9	82.5	121.2
Anthracite coal.....	98.8	96.9	96.8	103.3
Bituminous coal.....	107.9	97.8	97.4	102.7
Coke.....	103.3	92.7	91.9	108.8
Manufactured gas.....	98.1	97.2	*	-----
Petroleum products.....	93.7	66.6	66.2	151.1
Metals and metal products.....	100.4	97.0	98.4	101.6
Iron and steel.....	100.0	93.5	93.7	106.7
Nonferrous metals.....	96.9	90.3	92.3	108.3
Agricultural implements.....	100.0	98.9	98.8	101.2
Automobiles.....	102.3	102.2	104.6	95.6
Other metal products.....	99.4	100.7	100.7	99.3
Building materials.....	99.2	90.2	90.4	110.6
Lumber.....	98.9	89.2	88.0	113.6
Brick.....	97.5	91.3	92.2	108.5
Cement.....	99.4	96.5	96.5	103.6
Structural steel.....	102.1	89.4	91.9	108.8
Paint materials.....	97.6	85.7	86.5	115.6
Other building materials.....	100.1	91.2	92.5	108.1
Chemicals and drugs.....	98.8	97.4	97.2	102.9
Chemicals.....	97.7	102.3	102.2	97.8
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	101.2	85.2	81.9	122.1
Fertilizer materials.....	99.3	94.9	95.0	105.3
Fertilizers.....	100.0	92.9	95.2	105.0
Housefurnishing goods.....	98.8	98.9	98.8	101.2
Furniture.....	99.5	97.2	97.1	103.0
Miscellaneous.....	89.9	100.0	99.8	100.2
Cattle feed.....	105.3	88.3	89.0	112.4
Paper and pulp.....	93.7	122.4	128.9	77.6
Rubber.....	91.3	91.3	90.9	110.0
Rubber.....	78.1	77.8	84.2	118.8
Automobile tires.....	78.6	71.2	69.9	143.1
Other miscellaneous.....	99.7	99.1	98.6	101.4

\* Data not yet available.

**Sales of Chain Stores for the Year 1927 Reach New High Level.**

Sales of chain stores for the year ended Dec. 31 1927 reached a new high record in all time. According to statistics compiled by Merrill, Lynch & Co. of this city, total sales of 21 chain store companies in 1927 amounted to \$987,683,138, an increase of \$139,237,711, or 16.3%, as compared with a total of \$848,445,427 in the preceding year. The J. C. Penney Co., Inc., in 1927 led all others in point of dollar gain with an increase of \$36,271,598, or 31.3%, over the previous year. The J. J. Newberry Co., Neisner Bros., Inc., and Safeway Stores, Inc., led in point of percentage gain with increases of 50.9%, 45.9% and 36.9%, respectively. A comparative table follows:

Calendar Year—	1927.	1926.	Increase.
F. W. Woolworth Co.	\$272,747,430	\$253,642,249	7.5%
J. C. Penney Co., Inc.	151,954,621	115,683,023	31.3%
S. S. Kresge Co.	133,765,777	119,218,005	12.2%
Safeway Stores, Inc.	76,484,749	55,828,629	36.9%
National Tea Co.	58,795,679	53,655,265	9.5%
S. H. Kress & Co.	58,059,929	51,869,460	11.9%
W. T. Grant Co.	43,322,451	35,934,300	20.5%
McCrary Stores Corp.	39,337,644	33,596,855	17.0%
Childs Co.	28,804,419	25,977,421	10.9%
Sanitary Grocery Co.	17,615,138	15,531,870	13.4%
J. J. Newberry Co.	15,065,908	9,982,974	50.9%
F. & W. Grand Stores	12,882,457	10,500,806	22.6%
D. Pender Grocery Co.	12,600,102	10,721,805	17.5%
Metropolitan Stores, Inc.	12,271,878	11,006,875	11.5%
McLellan Stores Co.	11,942,188	9,486,549	25.8%
G. C. Murphy Co.	10,233,592	8,552,557	19.6%
Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.	8,135,816	6,321,119	28.7%
Loft, Inc.	7,878,726	8,401,523	x6.3%
Neisner Bros., Inc.	6,452,159	4,421,135	45.9%
Isaac Silver & Bros.	5,609,947	4,785,541	17.2%
Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc.	3,722,528	3,327,466	11.8%
Total	\$987,683,138	\$848,445,427	16.3%
x Decrease.			

**Survey of Industry By Sherman Corporation—51% of Manufacturers Report Increases in 1927—Comparatively Large Volume of Business at Small Profit Margin Looked For in 1928.**

The leading favorable factors in manufacturing industry at the outset of the new year, according to reports from over a thousand manufacturers in over 30 lines received by the Sherman Corporation, Engineers, during a national survey of industry just completed are:—

- Money rates;
  - Favorable relations between employees and management;
  - High degree of labor efficiency;
  - High wage scales which allow maintenance of consumer purchasing power;
  - Collections;
  - Development of new products to balance production and open new markets;
  - Low commodity price on raw materials, increasing manufacturing efficiency.
- The offsetting unfavorable factors, according to reporting manufacturers, are:—
- Competition;
  - Surplus plant capacity;
  - Overproduction;
  - Pounding down of prices of finished goods;
  - High distribution expenses;
  - Installment selling;
  - Narrowing profit margins.

Fifty-one percent of the manufacturers report increases in 1927 net profits over 1926; 49% report 1927 profits lower than 1926. Contributors to the survey briefly outlined reasons for increase or decrease of profits.

Each manufacturer who has contributed to the Sherman survey, has outlined what he believes to be the outlook for 1928, and an analysis of these statements is said to justify the general conclusion that this year will see a continuance of keen competition and transaction of comparatively large volume of business at a small profit margin, with possibly liquidation of some of these problems as conditions become so tight that weaker manufacturers will be forced out of business. It is added:

Consensus of manufacturing opinion seems to be that necessity to-day is to make the best possible quality of product; develop new products and new markets wherever possible; concentrate on reducing costs to manufacture without impairment of product, summon every means of reducing overheads and costs to sell and to market.

As a part of the Sherman survey, current business problems and trends were discussed with manufacturers, bankers and mercantile executives and among the statements made to the survey director, George L. Moore, we quote two or three as follows:

Louis F. Swift, President, Swift and Company, commenting on the present hand-to-mouth buying in business says that "the essential elements in hand-to-mouth buying have been present a great many years in the distribution of packing products. A considerable share of the product produced by a packer is perishable. Fresh beef must be shipped

and sold within a comparatively brief space of time, so that upon the packer has been imposed the necessity of building a selling and marketing organization to meet a condition which is about as acute hand-to-mouth buying as you will find anywhere in industry. We have had to distribute economically.

"Evidence of the packer's low marketing cost is found in a study by the National Distribution Conference during 1925 of the cost of distribution in seventeen wholesale trades. Of the seventeen trades investigated the cost of packer branch house operation was the lowest."

John G. Lonsdale, President, National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, says, "There is not any question but that 1927 was a hard year for the average business man because of the narrowing margin of profit. So-called 'large business', however, more expertly organized to overcome the disadvantages of narrow profit margins, have shown satisfactory net results.

"There have been constructive factors in the St. Louis situation which have meant a fairly satisfactory 1927, in certain classes of business, and promise continuing good business in 1928. Our shoe industry, with plants scattered about in the smaller communities, and with shrewd, capable operation, continue upward. Our textile wholesalers have done well. There has been a good money crop in Kansas and Nebraska, for example, and the cotton prices are making up for the short crop so that satisfactory transactions should mark that class of business in 1928."

J. R. Nutt, President of the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, says that in his judgment the most satisfactory solution in the present competitive struggle of business is to be found in the formula of increasingly efficient operations, with good volumes and lower unit costs.

Mr. Nutt sees two pitfalls in the present tendency toward straining after volume. One is the practice of cutting prices to a level which preclude profits, and the second is the tendency to give away excessive amounts of free service. "The wise management is one that knows how to employ these tendencies to sustain or to increase profits and not to diminish or to devastate them," points out Mr. Nutt.

At this point, it might be well to state that the only reason that all sugar producing interests of the world were not invited to attend these conferences, was on account of the fact that many countries produce but a portion of their consumption, and consequently those countries who were producers and exporters of surplus production, found it agreeable and necessary to co-operate so that those nationalities who either did not produce sufficient for their requirements, or who produced nothing at all, could depend upon a reasonable price and a proper distribution of surplus of producing countries, through the international co-operation of the latter.

As examples of the results of co-operation among producers in single countries, we might mention that the Hawaiian Factors Co., Ltd. control and co-operate in producing 90% of the Hawaiian production; the Java Sugar Producers Association, a trifle over 90% of the Java production; the Mauritius Syndicate, fully 90% of the Mauritius production; the Polish Cartel, 100% of their production; and in doing so, they have brought about co-operation, decrease in the cost of production, real friendship among themselves, and this without increasing the price to the consumer to such a point where consumption was curtailed. It is confidently believed that the international co-operation referred to in this memorandum, will bring about neither unduly high prices, nor an unusual increase in production, but rather a regulation of production to consumption.

Among other things, it developed that at the Convention in Paris, delegates of each country met delegates of the other countries whom they had not had contact with since 1914. Doubts, prejudices and international economic hatred were dissipated through these meetings, which closed with not alone a tentative agreement, but with a warm, friendly spirit on the part of all.

Since the formation of the American Sugar Refineries Co. (forty years ago), later reorganized into the American Sugar Refining Co., which at its formation controlled practically 95% of the refined sugar capacity and production of the United States, the population of the United States has increased enormously, and the sugar consumption even at a greater percentage, the latter due both to the continually increasing prosperity of this country, as well as to the falling away of prejudice on the part of many against the use of sugar, which prejudice has passed away not on account of advertising of the food value of the article, but due to the friendly attitude of physicians and dieticians; who have continually recognized the stimulating and health-building effect of the increasing, but normal use, of the article, upon the human system.

In the years succeeding 1887, many new and important sugar refineries have been built and operated in the United States. A few of the old refineries operated by the American Sugar Refining Co. have been dismantled and a number of the new ones have been absorbed by either the American or the National, but during these years, the growth of the refining capacity has far exceeded the consumption of this country. The increase in refining capacity was greatly stimulated during the period of the War, due to the urgent necessity of the Allies, as their sources of supply of raw and refined sugar from Europe were entirely cut off. Consequently, not alone was Cuba called upon to supply the raw material for the English and French refiners, but the American refiners were called upon to supply enormous quantities of refined.

The War being over, European producing countries, whether exporters or importers, immediately began to place such high protective barriers against sugar produced outside of their own countries, that Cuba, whose industry was greatly stimulated at the urgent request of the Allies and later, when the United States entered the War, by the United States Government, found it difficult to distribute—except at a continual loss—the sugar they were actually capable of producing. Internal consumption taxes, continually increasing customs taxes on the part of Continental Europe, and enormous bounties granted by the British Government for home grown beet sugars, plus the equally enormous preferentials granted by the British Government to their Colonial grown cane sugars, resulted in the narrowing of Cuba's markets, and at the same time, the curtailing of the exportation of American granulated, refined practically entirely from Cuban produced raw sugar.

Many of the American refiners, at the urgent request of the United States Government, from the time of the entry of the United States into the Great War, increased their refining capacity, which had already been more than sufficient to meet the domestic demand, with the result that during the last few years, when the demand for American granulated from foreign countries was greatly reduced, the American refiners found themselves with a refining capacity of more than 150% of home consumption. In order to refine most economically, it was necessary to refine at full capacity and then close down the refinery

For a period, or, on the contrary, refine at two-thirds capacity at an increased cost. In the former instance, the refiners' labor organization would be disrupted during many periods of the year. Such refiners as adopted the second expedient, would be unable to compete in refining costs, unless all refiners were willing to operate their capacity proportionately to consumption. Consequently, during the past seven years, many new and unusual terms and conditions have entered into the sale and distribution of refined sugar, extending from small beginnings to practically every part of the United States, with the result that an economic sickness has developed and spread and with it, lack of confidence and distrust, until during the past few months the margin between raw and refined has gradually narrowed to such a point, that the industry generally has begun to realize that it is threatened with financial disaster, and even the manufacturers, the jobbers and the chain-store distributors who, in the beginning felt that the special terms and conditions meant some special privilege and benefit to them, now realize that the advantages were but temporary and fleeting, so great has the demoralization become.

Common sense has finally prevailed, with the result that with the consent of the Department of Justice at Washington, every refiner in the United States has been represented at meetings each day of this week to date, with the hope, and we anticipate, the purpose of forming a National Association of Sugar Refiners, the full objects of which are not as yet worked out, but broadly speaking, the purposes of which are:

1. To eliminate so-called unfair practices in the business.
2. The substitution of openly known discounts based on quantity purchases.
3. The compilation of national statistics on consumption, to be used as a guide for the proper melting of raw and distribution of refined sugar.
4. The national advertising of the human benefits to be derived from the increased consumption of sugar.

The question of co-operation on price, will not be discussed or considered, but it is obvious that after a long continued policy of almost "cut-throat" competition, if competition will co-operate for the elimination of the abuses in the business, and the substitution of term and conditions openly known to one and all, and the elimination of the word "confidential," which has become a jest and a byword, and almost a stench in the nostrils of the trade, a great step forward will have been accomplished.

After all, the production of raw and the manufacturing of refined sugar is one of the greatest and most essential industries in the world, yielding the producer and refiner a far less margin of profit, even at best in normal times, than any other article of food. The consuming public should be taught to compare the price of refined granulated sugar with that of any other food commodity, always bearing in mind that every pound of foreign imported raw sugar, first pays the Government of the United States a minimum of \$1.77 per hundred pounds, raw value and \$1.91 refined value which, if deducted from the price of granulated sugar, makes proof of the above statement conclusive. On the other hand, it is well at this moment, for the American beet sugar and Insular cane producers of the United States to realize that they are benefitted at the expense of the people of the United States to the full extent of this \$1.77 per hundred pounds, and receiving this benefit from the people of the United States, they should not use any part of such benefit to oppress their less favored competitors, the American refiners, who are at such a frightful disadvantage.

We anticipate that the example of co-operation set by Cuba in the first instance, and by the refiners of the United States in the second, will be followed by the high-tariff protected beet interests of this country. After all, "the laborer is worthy of his hire" and the stockholders of the great sugar refining industries of the United States are entitled to a fair return upon their money invested, which return, during the past seven years, has in some instances been irregular, inadequate, or not at all forthcoming.

In conclusion, we congratulate the industry if it can work itself out of the slough of despondency in which it finds itself today, and we pledge ourselves to support a National Sugar Refiners Association, if it is founded on a real will of its members to act justly toward each other and toward the consumer. We believe that if such an association is agreed upon by all of the sugar refining interests of the United States, it will be maintained for, one's word given under such circumstances, will not be lightly given, as each will know that when once given, if broken, nothing but contumely and national shame can result.

### Reports to Mid-West Shippers' Advisory Board Forecast Gains in Agriculture and Industry During Coming Quarter.

From the reports furnished by the forty-nine commodity committees comprising the Midwest Shippers' Advisory Board at the fourth annual meeting of that organization at Chicago Jan. 12 Midwest agriculture and industry in general in the coming three months will show some gain in activity as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. These predictions of future business activity, covering the states of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, western Indiana and northern Michigan, were made by the Midwest Board for the information of the public and also for the purpose of informing the Midwest railroads regarding the probable traffic demands that will be made upon them. In indicating the views presented the Board said:

Although nearly all of the lines of agriculture and industry represented reported that their business in the coming three months would be as great or greater than in the first three months of 1927, the estimate of total railway freight traffic originating in Midwest territory in the first quarter of 1928 showed a reduction of some 30,000 cars, or of 2.9%, below the corresponding months a year ago. This probable loss, however, is due entirely to the anticipated falling off in the shipments of Midwest coal, there being an estimated reduction of more than 47,000 cars in the movement of coal from Indiana, Illinois and Iowa mines in the first quarter of the present year as compared with the same months a year ago.

Comparing the first quarter of 1928 with the same period of 1927, the following lines of activity predicted increased business:

An increase of approximately 10% is expected in the movement of acids and chemicals, trade conditions regarding chemicals appearing very encouraging. A similar increase of 10% was reported for the

agricultural implement industry. The brick and clay products industry anticipated an increase in business of from 10 to 12%, while a gain of 5% is expected in the movement of canned goods and groceries.

The cereal beverage and mineral water committee anticipated an increase of about 10% in their line, while there is a very active demand for cider, vinegar and pickles, resulting in a probable business increase of from 10 to 15%. The confectionery industry is looking forward to the new year with considerable satisfaction, as it is felt that the candy and chewing gum tonnage for 1928 will be approximately 10% more than that which was handled during the past year. The movement of field seeds will show an increase of about 15%.

Reports from members of the grain products committee indicate a business increase of 7%, while a gain of 25% in the volume of business is anticipated in the hide and leather industry. The lumber industry predicts a rise of from 5 to 6% in business while a gain of 5% is expected by the paper and pulp committee, and also by the petroleum and petroleum products industry.

Other probable business increases reported were 15% for clam and oyster shells, 8% for silica sand, and 10% for waste materials.

The following lines of activity reported that their business in the coming three months would be at approximately the same level as during the first quarter of 1927: Cement, corn products, dairy products, fresh fruits and vegetables, glass containers, grain, iron and steel, poultry products, live stock, lumber products, machinery and machines, paper distributors and publishers, packing house products, roofing materials, salt, sand gravel and stone, scrap iron, soap and wool.

Decreases in probable future business activity were reported in three lines. As stated, there will be a probable reduction of some 47,000 cars in the movement of Midwest coal. The concrete products committee anticipated a decrease of about 25% in their business activity. No direct cause was assigned for this decrease, but rather a combination of influences in the industry. The establishment of smaller plants with a capacity for local demands has done much to eliminate shipping by rail and again, certain groups of concrete manufacturers are not active during the first quarter of the year but have a business which is confined to open weather beginning in the second quarter. In some instances the decline might be due to large undertakings being held up pending developments as to future national policies, and also due to the fact that expenditures in general have been curtailed. The third committee anticipating a decrease was that covering the paperboard and paperboard box industry, which reported a probable reduction in business of 10%.

The meeting here today was attended by some twelve hundred shippers and receivers of freight and railway officials from the entire territory covered by the Midwest Board. A number of prominent Midwest executives gave brief talks on the state of business, while the principal address was made by Gen. W. W. Aterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The detailed forecast of freight car loadings in Midwest territory in the first quarter of 1928 as compared with the same period in 1927 is shown below:

Commodity	First three months	
	1927	1928
Grain .....	84,583	84,583
Flour, meal and other mill products.....	35,258	37,726
Hay, straw and alfalfa .....	12,084	12,084
Cotton .....	347	347
Cottonseed and products, except oil .....	535	535
Citrus fruits .....	36	36
Other fresh fruits .....	1,623	1,623
Potatoes .....	8,098	8,098
Other fresh vegetables .....	3,204	3,204
Live stock .....	122,569	122,569
Coal and coke .....	447,327	400,000
Ores and concentrates .....	5,111	4,000
Clay, gravel, sand and stone.....	62,233	62,233
Lumber and forest products.....	127,685	135,200
Petroleum and products .....	23,917	25,113
Sugar, sirup, glucose and molasses.....	6,889	6,889
Iron and steel .....	57,915	58,000
Castings, machinery and boilers.....	13,129	13,129
Cement .....	10,091	10,091
Brick and clay products.....	23,375	26,000
Lime and plaster .....	8,255	8,255
Agricultural implements and vehicles other than autos .....	17,559	19,314
Fertilizers .....	3,733	3,733
Paper and products .....	5,317	5,577
Chemicals and explosives .....	7,561	8,317
Canned goods .....	9,980	10,500
Total, all commodities listed .....	1,098,414	1,067,156

### Wholesale Trade in United States as Reported by Federal Reserve Board—Volume of Trade in November 12% Below That of October.

Volume of wholesale trade, as measured by the Federal Reserve Board's combined index for nine important lines of trade, was 12.5% smaller in November than in October, a reduction somewhat smaller than is usual at this season, says the Board in its survey for November, from which we quote further as follows:

Compared with November of last year, total sales were about 4% smaller. In the individual lines the largest declines from last year were shown for sales of meats, dry goods and furniture. Sales of shoes and men's clothing were larger than in November of last year and those of women's clothing and drugs were in about the same volume.

A summary of the changes in sales, by lines, in November as compared with October of this year and November of last year, as indicated by reports received by the Federal Reserve System, is given in the following table:

Line.	CHANGES IN VALUE OF WHOLESALE SALES.	
	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in Sales in November 1927 Compared with—	
	October 1927.	November 1926.
Groceries .....	-2.2	-1.5
Meats .....	-17.6	-9.8
Dry goods .....	-10.7	-9.6
Men's clothing .....	-40.7	+2.3
Women's clothing.....	-47.6	+0.4
Boots and shoes.....	-3.8	+5.6
Hardware.....	-6.9	-1.7
Drugs .....	-12.7	-0.2
Furniture .....	-10.5	-8.3
Total nine lines.....	-12.5	-3.9

Among the additional lines from which data are received but not included in the above table, domestic sales of farm implements and agricultural machinery were 23% larger than in November of last year, according to reports received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago from 81 manufacturers. Orders for machine tools placed with firms reporting to the National Machine Tool Builders' Association were 23% smaller than a year ago.

**Stocks of Wholesale Firms.**

Merchandise stocks carried by reporting wholesale firms were smaller in all reporting lines except groceries and shoes, at the end of November than in October. Compared with a year ago, inventories continued smaller in all lines except dry goods and shoes.

Index numbers of the dollar value of sales in nine leading lines of wholesale distribution included in the Federal Reserve Board's new index of wholesale distribution are given below, both with and without adjustments for seasonal variations. Percentages showing changes in sales and stocks by lines and by Federal Reserve districts are given also below.

**CHANGES IN SALES AND STOCKS OF WHOLESALE FIRMS BY LINES AND BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.**  
Increase (+) or decrease (-) per cent.

Line and Federal Reserve District.	Sales, November 1927 Compared with—		a Stocks, November 1927 Compared with—	
	October 1927.	November 1926.	October 1927.	November 1926.
<b>Groceries—</b>				
United States....	-2.2	-1.5	+1.1	-7.7
Boston District....	+0.7	-3.8	+5.2	-2.2
New York District....	+0.4	-4.2	+7.2	-0.3
Philadelphia Dist..	-2.3	-4.7	+1.0	-8.8
Cleveland District..	-3.2	-4.1	-1.4	-3.7
Richmond District..	-2.5	-0.5	+1.5	-2.6
Atlanta District....	-3.1	-10.2	-0.9	-3.9
Chicago District....	-0.7	-2.2	-0.6	-16.5
St. Louis District..	-4.5	-3.0	+2.8	+6.2
Minneapolis Dist..	0.0	+12.0	+1.0	-6.0
Kansas City Dist..	-1.4	-2.6	+1.4	-5.0
Dallas District....	-11.4	-2.8	-2.0	+1.8
San Francisco Dist..	-1.7	+4.4	---	---
<b>Dry Goods—</b>				
United States....	-10.7	-9.6	-5.5	+4.4
New York District..	-11.5	-6.5	-8.8	+11.9
Philadelphia Dist..	-4.1	-16.4	-4.1	-8.3
Cleveland District..	-3.4	-11.0	-9.1	-7.9
Richmond District..	-16.2	-11.9	-5.8	+18.2
Atlanta District....	-27.4	-14.4	+3.8	-4.1
Chicago District....	-9.1	-8.9	-11.3	-10.2
St. Louis District..	-11.8	-18.6	+2.0	+24.8
Minneapolis Dist..	-4.8	-10.9	-9.4	+13.9
Kansas City Dist..	-28.8	-15.1	-9.6	+5.4
Dallas District....	-12.1	-0.3	-7.2	+5.7
<b>Shoes—</b>				
United States....	-3.8	+5.6	+0.5	+2.7
Boston District....	-3.6	+3.7	-2.3	+7.6
New York District..	-9.1	-15.0	-1.6	+44.9
Philadelphia Dist..	-11.8	-19.0	-15.9	-19.3
Cleveland District..	-7.8	-15.1	-11.0	-9.6
Richmond District..	-32.1	-12.1	-6.1	-25.3
Atlanta District....	-23.2	-18.8	---	---
Chicago District....	-12.0	-14.1	-6.2	+10.8
St. Louis District..	+5.5	+15.0	+9.8	-1.5
Minneapolis Dist..	-26.0	-17.0	+11.0	-10.0
San Francisco Dist..	+2.6	+14.8	-0.7	+3.9
<b>Hardware—</b>				
United States....	-6.9	-1.7	-4.0	-6.2
New York District..	-6.1	-4.4	-3.7	-13.7
Philadelphia Dist..	-2.8	-0.9	-3.1	-0.4
Cleveland District..	-8.9	-7.3	-15.2	-23.9
Richmond District..	-12.8	-9.3	-0.9	-1.2
Atlanta District....	-8.1	-14.0	-1.6	-12.1
Chicago District....	-8.3	-6.6	-3.2	-5.3
St. Louis District..	-5.4	+7.0	-5.4	+7.0
Minneapolis Dist..	-5.0	+11.0	-2.0	-2.0
Kansas City Dist..	-5.9	+4.5	-2.7	-8.8
Dallas District....	-6.6	-2.6	-7.6	-7.6
San Francisco Dist..	-7.3	-2.3	-1.0	-9.3
<b>Drugs—</b>				
United States....	-12.7	-0.2	-3.5	-5.4
New York District..	-27.2	-0.5	-6.1	-11.2
Philadelphia Dist..	-2.0	-3.6	-3.9	+11.6
Cleveland District..	-4.8	-2.5	---	---
Richmond District..	-4.7	+2.6	---	---
Atlanta District....	-3.6	+5.8	---	---
Chicago District....	-4.0	-4.8	-3.4	-5.3
St. Louis District..	-3.0	+1.5	---	---
Kansas City Dist..	-5.4	+9.0	-3.1	+8.0
Dallas District....	-1.5	+4.5	-2.8	-8.9
San Francisco Dist..	-6.9	-3.4	---	---
<b>Furniture—</b>				
United States....	-10.5	-8.3	-2.0	-16.0
Richmond District..	-21.3	-39.6	---	---
Atlanta District....	-3.3	+11.7	+3.7	-12.4
St. Louis District..	-15.8	-9.8	-3.0	-33.2
Kansas City Dist..	-9.7	+5.8	-1.7	-6.3
San Francisco Dist..	-5.4	-10.1	-0.2	+5.2
<b>Agricultural Implements—</b>				
United States....	-28.9	+23.2	---	---
Minneapolis Dist..	-35.0	+7.0	0.0	-12.0
Dallas District....	+4.2	+137.8	-3.7	-15.0
<b>Paper and Stationery—</b>				
New York District..	-5.8	+1.9	---	---
Philadelphia Dist..	-4.3	-0.1	+0.2	+3.1
Atlanta District....	-30.9	-0.9	---	---
San Francisco Dist..	-6.2	-10.0	-4.8	-0.2
<b>Automobile Supplies—</b>				
San Francisco Dist..	-0.2	+0.4	-5.7	-6.4
<b>Clothing—</b>				
New York District..	-41.2	-3.3	---	---
St. Louis District..	+0.6	+13.3	---	---
<b>Cotton Jobbers—</b>				
New York District..	-11.5	-6.5	-8.8	+11.9
<b>Silk Goods—</b>				
New York District..	-1.4	-1.9	---	---
<b>Machine Tools—</b>				
United States....	+0.6	-23.2	---	---
<b>Diamonds—</b>				
New York District..	+8.8	+15.4	---	---
<b>Jewelry—</b>				
New York District..	+3.7	-10.9	-3.8	d+6.7
Philadelphia Dist..	+7.0	-0.3	-5.8	-5.8
<b>Electrical Supplies—</b>				
Philadelphia Dist..	+18.3	+18.4	+7.0	-16.9
Atlanta District....	-12.5	-35.4	---	---
St. Louis District..	+2.5	-7.2	+5.5	+23.1
San Francisco Dist..	+4.7	-6.4	-2.6	+0.2
<b>Stoves—</b>				
St. Louis District..	-30.9	+22.3	-38.5	-27.3

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

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

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

d Includes diamonds.

**WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION BY LINES.**  
(Index numbers, based upon dollar value of sales. Monthly ave. 1923-1925=100.)

	Total Nine Lines.	Groceries.	Meats.	Dry Goods.	Men's Clothing.	Women's Clothing.	Boots and Shoes.	Hardware.	Drugs.	Furniture.
<b>Adjusted for seasonal variation—</b>										
July 1926....	97	98	110	90	88	54	118	100	105	105
August.....	97	97	114	96	101	45	108	99	106	102
September....	100	100	117	97	97	70	103	101	109	103
October.....	94	95	110	90	83	69	90	97	108	101
November....	98	96	116	99	82	66	99	102	111	106
December....	95	96	113	89	87	66	94	100	107	100
<b>1927—</b>										
January.....	94	93	113	83	88	77	112	92	104	100
February....	95	93	112	87	101	75	108	93	103	96
March.....	96	96	108	90	105	67	97	98	106	96
April.....	94	95	111	86	90	68	94	94	106	95
May.....	95	97	109	87	90	69	110	91	104	93
June.....	93	98	104	88	94	62	90	92	106	100
July.....	95	91	102	88	94	79	134	92	105	104
August.....	100	97	109	102	105	72	111	97	112	106
September....	96	94	109	91	96	66	104	99	114	104
October.....	91	90	111	85	84	54	91	94	111	96
November....	95	94	105	90	88	67	105	100	110	97
<b>Unadjusted for seasonal variation—</b>										
July 1926....	91	99	112	83	75	28	95	98	100	86
August.....	107	98	116	117	163	62	119	100	103	104
September....	117	109	125	122	148	111	126	109	116	117
October.....	111	107	123	104	105	111	113	109	125	120
November....	97	102	112	98	61	45	104	100	112	111
December....	84	94	106	71	44	42	76	93	100	94
<b>1927—</b>										
January.....	87	86	113	78	68	71	92	82	102	88
February....	91	81	107	88	128	95	85	82	94	96
March.....	103	94	104	95	144	108	111	102	117	109
April.....	90	90	104	76	88	64	100	96	108	96
May.....	87	95	109	76	54	39	111	93	98	88
June.....	87	101	106	78	48	27	85	96	99	88
July.....	88	92	104	81	82	43	107	90	100	85
August.....	111	98	111	125	172	98	122	98	110	109
September....	112	102	117	113	146	95	127	106	122	118
October.....	107	102	125	99	105	87	114	105	128	115
November....	93	100	101	89	62	45	110	98	112	102

a The new index of wholesale distribution is described in the forthcoming Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for December 1927, and index numbers by lines from January 1919 to date are published in that bulletin.

**Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Low.**

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Jan. 7 which included New Year holiday, totaled 754,062 cars, according to reports filed on Jan. 17 by the railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 74,462 cars above the preceding week (Dec. 31 1927), which included the Christmas holiday, with increases being reported in the total loading of all commodities. The total for the week of Jan. 7 was, however, a decrease of 179,828 cars under the same week in 1927, while it also was a decrease of 153,560 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago. The details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 251,736 cars, a decrease of 67,749 cars under the corresponding week last year and 50,022 cars below the same week in 1926.

Coal loading amounted to 174,979 cars, a decrease of 38,356 cars under the same week in 1927 and 18,334 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 36,600 cars, a decrease of 7,537 cars below the same week last year and 11,489 cars under the same period in 1926. In the Western districts along grain and grain products loading totaled 25,344 cars, a decrease of 2,480 cars under the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 29,080 cars, a decrease of 5,168 cars under the same week last year and 8,199 cars under the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone live stock loading totaled 21,685 cars, a decrease of 4,284 cars compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight totaled 199,772 cars, a decrease of 39,890 cars under the same week in 1927 and 39,849 cars under the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading totaled 44,732 cars, 17,096 cars below the same week last year and 14,600 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 7,128 cars, 2,549 cars under the same week last year and 3,491 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 10,035 cars, 1,483 cars under the same week in 1927 and 7,576 cars below the corresponding week in 1926.

All districts reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the corresponding periods in 1927 and 1926.

Loading of revenue freight in 1928 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Week ended Jan. 7.....	754,062	933,890	907,622

**Building Construction Outlook Called Favorable—Grand Total for Last Year Placed at \$7,800,000,000.**

Construction in the United States in 1927 reached the huge total of \$7,800,000,000, the figure being about the same as the record established in the preceding year, according to the annual review issue of "Engineering News-Record." After adjusting the total involved for a 1% cost decline in 1927, the actual volume is slightly greater than in 1926. Regarding the outlook for the current year in the construction industry, the publication points out that, regardless of a probable further decrease in residential construction, engineering operations, including large commercial buildings, promises to show a gain.

An analysis of the situation reveals that 1927 witnessed a gain in engineering and public works operations slightly overbalancing a drop in small and moderate sized buildings. The signs point toward a maintained activity of about the

same rate as in 1927. Public works construction is on the upswing.

The price level of materials, as well as labor, should maintain itself fairly uniform, with a slight decrease if anything. There are no disturbing elements in sight as concerns labor rates or employment.

Total money value of construction operations in the United States covering a period of fifteen years, together with the value in terms of 1913 purchasing power, follows:

Year	Total Construction Value in Dollars	Value in Terms of 1913 Purchasing Power	Year	Total Construction Value in Dollars	Value in Terms of 1913 Purchasing Power
1913	\$1,600,000,000	\$1,600,000,000	1921	\$3,500,000,000	\$2,400,000,000
1914	1,500,000,000	1,700,000,000	1922	4,900,000,000	2,400,000,000
1915	1,600,000,000	1,700,000,000	1923	5,400,000,000	2,500,000,000
1916	2,400,000,000	1,800,000,000	1924	6,000,000,000	2,800,000,000
1917	2,600,000,000	1,700,000,000	1925	7,500,000,000	3,600,000,000
1918	3,200,000,000	1,700,000,000	1926	7,800,000,000	3,750,000,000
1919	3,400,000,000	1,700,000,000	1927	7,800,000,000	3,780,000,000
1920	3,600,000,000	1,400,000,000			

In this table the second column, obtained by dividing the first column by "Engineering News-Record's" cost index, indicates the physical increase in construction, or the value of contracts in terms of the 1913 construction dollar.

**Retail Trade in United States in November as Reported to Federal Reserve Board—Gains as Compared with Same Month in 1926—Districts in which Sales were Smaller.**

The Federal Reserve Board states that "trade of retail stores reporting to the Federal Reserve System was well sustained in November and sales were somewhat larger than last year." The Board goes on to say:

Department store sales were 0.5% larger than last year and those of mail order houses were 4% larger. For the first eleven months of the year as a whole sales of department stores averaged about the same as in the corresponding period of 1926 and those of mail order houses were 3% larger.

A summary of the changes in sales in November and in the first eleven months of the year as a whole, as compared with the corresponding periods of last year, and the number of firms reporting are given in the table:

**CHANGES IN RETAIL SALES AND NUMBER OF FIRMS REPORTING.**

Class of Stores.	Percentage of Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in Sales in		Number of Stores Reporting.	
	Compared with		Nov. 1927.	Nov. 1926.
	Nov. 1927	Jan.-Nov. '27		
Department stores	+0.5	+0.2		
Mail order houses	+4.3	+2.9	4	4
Chain stores—				
Grocery	+21.7	+23.0	28,323	26,338
Five-and-ten-cent	+7.3	+10.0	2,506	2,285
Drug	+12.8	+13.5	797	704
Cigars	-2.4	+0.5	3,459	3,424
Shoes	+3.3	+0.6	618	569
Music	-11.9	-13.5	61	62
Candy	+1.4	+4.8	257	254

**Department Store Sales and Stocks by Federal Reserve Districts.**

Although sales of department stores were slightly larger in November for the country as a whole than in the corresponding month of last year, increases were not reported in all sections of the country. In the Boston, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco Federal Reserve districts sales were larger than in November 1926. In the Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, St. Louis and Minneapolis districts, however, sales were smaller than last year, the largest declines being in the Philadelphia, Cleveland and Richmond districts. For the first eleven months of the year as a whole, sales were larger than in 1926 in the Boston, New York, Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco districts, smaller in the Philadelphia, Richmond, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Dallas districts, and about the same volume as last year in the Cleveland and Atlanta districts.

Inventories carried by department stores increased slightly in November in anticipation of larger sales in December. At the end of the month, however, they were slightly smaller than a year ago. Stocks carried by stores in 8 Federal Reserve districts—New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Dallas and San Francisco—were smaller than in November of last year, while these in the other four districts were larger.

**Stock Turnover.**

The rate at which stocks of department stores were turned over was higher for all reporting firms in November than a year ago. For the first eleven months of the year as a whole the rate of turnover averaged somewhat higher than last year and reflected the result of smaller average stocks and a volume of sales about the same as last year.

**SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES, MAIL ORDER HOUSES AND CHAIN STORES.**

(Index numbers. Monthly average 1919=100.)

Year	De-part't Stores (359)	Mail Order Houses (4)	Chains.							
			Groc'y (27)	5 & 10 (5)	Drugs (9)	Cigar. (3)	Shoe. (6)	Music. (4)	Candy. (3)	
1926										
July	99	97	317	206	195	155	145	108	210	
August	105	98	296	204	193	148	122	121	194	
September	131	121	307	211	192	153	142	137	218	
October	158	151	334	257	206	162	158	151	227	
November	157	153	347	247	198	150	150	146	232	
1927										
July	97	100	373	221	217	153	145	80	211	
August	113	113	352	237	215	147	132	98	208	
September	130	126	384	232	210	146	140	126	223	
October	151	158	426	278	234	154	157	128	233	
November	156	160	422	265	223	146	155	128	235	

**DEPARTMENT STORE SALES BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.**  
(Index numbers. Monthly average 1919=100.)

United States (359) *	Federal Reserve District.									
	Bos-ton. (24) *	New York. (63) *	Phila-del'a. (22) *	Cleve-land. (54) *	Rich-mond. (25) *	At-lanta. (35) *	Chi-cago. (63) *	Min-neap. (23) *	Dal-las. (21) *	San Fran. (31) *
1926										
July	99	94	99	87	100	96	80	115	81	79
August	105	97	99	89	108	93	82	121	84	91
September	131	122	136	116	123	110	92	164	103	114
October	158	154	177	160	152	154	125	171	109	134
November	156	157	170	166	147	155	129	169	102	126
1927										
July	97	90	96	80	98	89	79	114	76	72
August	113	106	106	92	116	97	87	138	89	83
September	130	124	138	110	118	109	101	160	97	109
October	151	145	168	146	142	141	129	165	109	131
November	156	156	176	160	139	149	124	176	101	124

\* Number of stores included in index.

**CHANGES IN SALES AND STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES NOVEMBER 1927.**

(Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Based on Value Figures.)

Federal Reserve District and City.	Change in Sales.		Change in Stocks.	
	November 1927 Compared with November 1926.	Jan. 1-Nov. 30 1927 Compared with Jan. 1-Nov. 30 1926.	Nov. 30 1927 Compared with Nov. 30 1926.	Oct. 31 1927.
	Boston:			
Boston	-1.0%	+1.0%	+1.6%	+5.4%
Outside Boston	+2.5	+2.5	+1.3	+0.6
New Haven	+3.0	+3.0	-3.8	+7.4
Providence	+3.8	+2.5	+4.4	+3.6
Total	+1.6	+1.7	+1.5	+6.2
New York:				
New York	+3.5	+1.6	-1.4	+2.2
Bridgeport	-3.9	-4.0	-7.4	+7.6
Buffalo	-2.2	-0.4	-2.6	+2.4
Newark	+9.4	+7.5	-4.4	-4.9
Rochester	-3.2	-3.3	-8.3	+5.2
Syracuse	+4.2	-0.1	-10.8	+1.9
Other cities	+3.6	-0.5	-3.4	+3.4
Total	+3.7	-1.8	-2.7	+1.6
Philadelphia:				
Philadelphia	-4.2	-4.7	-4.2	+4.0
Allentown	+3.5	+6.3	+8.1	-2.7
Allsona	-3.0	+4.1	-0.4	+5.4
Harrisburg	-0.3	-8.5	-3.7	+1.8
Johnstown	-9.2	-4.9	-7.3	-0.6
Lancaster	+2.7	-3.2	+12.7	-2.0
Reading	+4.2	-4.6	-4.6	-1.9
Scranton	+3.5	-1.8	-0.6	-5.4
Trenton	-1.0	-2.2	+8.0	-0.5
Wilkes-Barre	-4.9	-0.9	+0.6	+1.2
Wilmington	-3.6	+0.3	+7.8	+1.9
York	-7.6	-0.3	-4.6	+1.8
Other cities	-16.4	-7.0	-3.4	+0.0
Total	-3.7	-3.9	-2.7	+2.5
Cleveland:				
Cleveland	-3.2	+0.5	+2.6	+4.9
Akron	+0.1	+2.4	+2.9	+5.2
Cincinnati	+2.7	+3.8	+1.3	+3.5
Columbus	+0.8	+11.0	-1.5	+1.7
Pittsburgh	-6.9	-3.6	-3.3	+2.4
Toledo	+10.4	-4.4	-2.9	+6.7
Wheeling	-13.1	-4.1	-11.6	+0.2
Youngstown	-11.9	+3.3	+2.4	+1.6
Other cities	-3.1	-3.0	-1.1	+4.3
Total	-3.7	+0.1	-0.8	+3.5
Richmond:				
Richmond	+0.6	+2.0	+2.3	+3.4
Baltimore	-7.1	-3.7	-3.3	+2.6
Washington	-2.7	-1.5	+5.7	+4.5
Other cities	-3.4	-1.4	+6.5	+1.3
Total	-3.4	-2.1	+1.8	+3.2
Atlanta:				
Atlanta	+16.7	+13.5	+23.5	+6.4
Birmingham	+0.7	+0.6	-16.3	+7.8
Chattanooga	-9.0	+1.0	-4.3	-1.9
Nashville	+7.4	+2.0	+11.5	+2.1
New Orleans	-12.2	-3.5	+5.2	-0.0
Other cities	-6.4	-7.1	-3.2	+3.6
Total	-2.3	+0.2	+2.8	+2.8
Chicago:				
Chicago	-5.5	+1.6	+5.0	+6.1
Detroit	+17.4	+6.3	-0.5	+3.7
Indianapolis	-1.8	+1.9	+15.5	+3.1
Milwaukee	-1.7	+0.4	-9.4	-1.4
Other cities	-1.9	-4.6	-7.2	+1.0
Total	+3.5	+1.3	-0.5	+2.1
St. Louis:				
St. Louis	-3.4	-2.4	-3.9	-2.7
Evansville	-6.9	+15.5	+17.5	-0.7
Little Rock	+0.5	-3.5	+2.1	-0.0
Louisville	-5.1	-0.9	+1.4	+10.1
Memphis	+8.3	-2.8	-9.0	+8.8
Total	-1.4	-2.3	-3.5	+0.8
Minneapolis:				
Minneapolis	-7.0	-3.0	-3.0	0.0
Duluth-Superior	-2.0	-6.0	-10.0	-2.0
St. Paul	+3.0	-3.0	+0.0	0.0
Total	-1.0	-3.0	-3.0	0.0
Kansas City:				
Kansas City	-3.7	-3.7	+1.5	-1.3
Denver	-0.2	+0.2	+3.2	+0.9
Lincoln	+6.8	+0.2		
Oklahoma City	+17.0	+13.8	+11.3	-4.4
Omaha	+2.0	-2.1	+1.7	
Tulsa	+5.2	+9.9	+14.2	-2.8
Other cities	+1.0	+4.0	-3.6	-6.6
Total	+0.8	+1.8	+2.7	-1.6
Dallas:				
Dallas	+5.7	-7.4	-4.0	+1.5
Fort Worth	+0.3	+2.3	+2.7	+3.1
Houston	-10.2	-4.1	-6.3	-1.5
Other cities	-4.4	-2.0	-4.2	-3.1
Total	-0.5	-3.3	-2.9	0.0
San Francisco:				
San Francisco	+5.9	+1.3	-3.8	+1.9
Los Angeles	+5.6	+5.2	+5.9	+4.2
Oakland	+6.8	+0.6	-4.6	+3.7
Salt Lake City	-10.1	-4.0	+0.2	+0.5
Seattle	+3.2	+3.2	+7.0	+6.4
Spokane	-4.7	-2.9	-6.7	-2.1
Other cities	-3.5	-2.6	-12.0	+1.1
Total	+3.8	+2.8	-0.6	+3.0
United States	+0.5	+0.2	-0.7	+2.2

DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS, BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.  
(Index numbers. Monthly average 1919=100.)

	United States. (314) *	Federal Reserve District.									
		Boston. (24) *	New York. (63) *	Phila- delph. (13) *	Cleve- land. (52) *	Rich- mond. (19) *	At- lanta. (22) *	Chi- cago. (51) *	Min- neapolis. (22) *	Dal- las. (19) *	San Fran. (29) *
1926.											
July	125	111	124	171	118	119	108	136	94	110	129
August	130	111	128	175	122	118	109	152	97	117	134
September	142	125	142	180	136	135	122	163	103	126	143
October	153	136	152	221	144	146	128	175	105	129	151
November	156	141	157	216	150	149	127	177	105	126	156
1927.											
July	125	115	122	171	117	117	107	143	88	95	134
August	130	114	128	175	122	117	113	115	92	106	141
September	143	127	142	194	134	132	126	165	99	115	146
October	152	136	151	209	140	143	132	176	103	118	156
November	154	139	153	209	145	147	136	179	103	117	160

\* Number of stores included in index.

STOCK TURNOVER OF DEPARTMENT STORES, NOVEMBER 1927.

Federal Reserve District and City	Rate of Stock Turnover.*				Federal Reserve District and City	Rate of Stock Turnover.*			
	November.		Jan. 1-Nov. 30			November.		Jan. 1-Nov. 30	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.		1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
<b>Boston—</b>									
Boston	.38	.38	3.39	3.43					
Outside Boston	.25	.25	2.58	2.53					
New Haven	.25	.22	2.37	2.26					
Providence	.29	.29	2.23	2.21					
Total	.33	.33	3.05	3.07					
<b>New York—</b>									
N. Y. & Bklyn	.41	.39	3.71	3.65					
Bridgeport	.28	.27	3.04	2.93					
Buffalo	.26	.26	2.97	2.71					
Newark	.42	.39	3.56	3.43					
Rochester	.31	.29	3.27	3.24					
Syracuse	.35	.30	3.53	2.94					
Other cities	.21	.19	2.12	2.11					
Total	.37	.35	3.50	3.39					
<b>Philadelphia</b>									
Philadelphia	.34	.34	3.13	3.24					
Allentown	.21	.23	2.26	2.27					
Altoona	.22	.22	2.49	2.32					
Harrisburg	.26	.25	2.45	2.58					
Johnstown	.19	.20	2.12	2.26					
Lancaster	.23	.26	2.45	2.73					
Reading	.24	.22	2.40	2.23					
Scranton	.36	.34	3.10	3.39					
Trenton	.27	.29	2.82	2.83					
Wilkes-Barre	.26	.27	2.48	2.51					
Wilmington	.24	.25	2.38	2.56					
York	.25	.25	2.69	2.69					
Other cities	.21	.24	2.19	2.38					
Total	.31	.34	2.90	3.01					
<b>Cleveland</b>									
Cleveland	.28	.30	3.04	3.10					
Akron	.26	.26	3.11	2.93					
Cincinnati	.30	.29	3.10	3.05					
Columbus	.28	.27	3.03	2.92					
Pittsburgh	.23	.24	2.53	2.57					
Toledo	.27	.23	2.55	2.40					
Wheeling	.22	.23	2.55	2.42					
Youngstown	.29	.35	3.30	3.85					
Other cities	.22	.25	2.44	2.50					
Total	.26	.26	2.79	2.80					
<b>Richmond</b>									
Richmond	.29	.29	2.93	2.90					
Baltimore	.30	.31	2.82	2.81					
Washington	.29	.31	2.92	3.01					
Other cities	.21	.23	2.27	2.41					
Total	.28	.30	2.80	2.84					
<b>Atlanta</b>									
Atlanta	.31	.32	3.47	3.37					
Birmingham	.27	.22	2.56	2.36					
Chattanooga	.21	.21	2.18	2.19					
Nashville	.27	.28	2.93	2.79					
New Orleans	.22	.26	2.13	2.34					
Other cities	.22	.25	2.52	2.63					
Total	.25	.26	2.55	2.57					
<b>Chicago</b>									
Chicago	.34	.37	4.00	3.94					
Detroit	.41	.35	4.21	4.11					
Indianapolis	.39	.45	4.06	4.21					
Milwaukee	.30	.31	2.96	2.87					
Other cities	.25	.24	2.66	2.58					
Total	.33	.31	3.42	3.31					
<b>St. Louis</b>									
St. Louis	.30	.30	3.06	3.04					
Evansville	.18	.23	2.06	1.98					
Little Rock	.27	.27	2.23	2.24					
Louisville	.29	.29	2.77	2.74					
Memphis	.28	.23	2.58	2.47					
Total	.29	.28	2.82	2.79					
<b>Minneapolis</b>									
Minneapolis	.42	.42	4.96	4.71					
Dul'th-Sup'r.	.32	.30	3.28	3.75					
St. Paul	.35	.34	3.65	3.29					
Total	.36	.35	3.89	3.70					
<b>Dallas</b>									
Dallas	.26	.24	2.42	2.34					
Fort Worth	.24	.25	2.35	2.21					
Houston	.20	.21	2.15	2.15					
Other cities	.24	.25	2.49	2.41					
Total	.24	.24	2.40	2.32					
<b>San Francisco</b>									
San Francisco	.26	.24	2.45	2.49					
Los Angeles	.26	.27	2.87	2.91					
Oakland	.22	.19	2.32	2.16					
Salt Lake City	.17	.19	1.89	1.95					
Seattle	.26	.26	2.87	2.88					
Spokane	.17	.17	1.80	1.85					
Other cities	.17	.16	1.87	1.94					
Total	.24	.24	2.54	2.54					
<b>United States</b>	.31	.30	3.05	3.01					

\* Figure for rate of stock turnover is the ratio of sales during given period to average stocks on hand.

CHANGE IN STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES, BY DEPARTMENTS.  
(Increase (+) or decrease (-) in stocks, Nov. 1927 compared with Nov. 1926.)

Department.	Total.	Federal Reserve District.							
		Boston.	New York.	Phila- delph.	Cleve- land.	Chi- cago.	Dal- las.	San Fran.	
Silks and velvets	-10.5	-7.2	-15.3	-7.6	-6.9	-12.8	-6.6	-15.3	
Woolen dress goods	-8.8	-12.2	-15.6	-3.9	-4.8	-4.7	-9.6	-13.9	
Cotton dress goods	-13.3	-5.7	-12.7	-13.8	-10.9	-14.3	-27.5	-17.5	
Linen	+2.4	+5.3	+1.9	+4.7	-2.5	+8.8	-16.5	+14.5	
Domestics	+1.6	+1.0	-3.6	+8.0	+6.9	+12.0	-18.6	-8.6	
Laces, trimmings & embrd	-16.2	-13.0	-22.4	-7.4	-15.4	-1.4	-26.0	-19.2	
Neckwear and veerings	-6.2	-5.8	-12.2	-1.1	-5.3	-0.1	-3.3	-9.5	
Ribbons	-7.2	-14.0	-6.8	+9.7	+3.8	-1.0	-26.1	-20.5	
Notions	-4.2	+0.6	-16.2	-0.3	-3.2	-1.4	-4.1	-5.4	
Toilet articles and drugs	-2.6	-8.3	-4.1	-3.9	-0.1	+1.1	-1.1	-1.2	
Handkerchiefs	+1.0	+3.5	+7.8	+1.1	+2.4	+14.9	-34.4	+3.5	
Silverware and jewelry	+1.1	+1.7	-6.8	+4.3	+6.1	+12.2	-10.6	-5.7	
Leather goods	-1.2	-3.0	-6.0	+1.1	+3.7	+10.6	+6.2	-10.3	
Art goods, incl. needlework	-5.1	+0.4	-3.2	-3.3	-5.0	-3.4	-3.6	-9.5	
Men's clothing	+3.4	+3.8	+3.1	-0.8	+5.3	+8.0	-12.5	+1.8	
Men's furnishings, incl. hats and caps	-0.2	+4.6	+3.5	-8.0	-1.5	+9.1	-11.1	-8.0	
Boys' wear	-0.7	-1.2	+1.7	-14.8	-2.0	-0.6	-7.4	+6.5	
Women's coats	-4.5	-4.9	+1.4	+6.0	-8.9	-13.5	+18.1	-2.2	
Women's suits	-1.0	-38.6	+0.3	-26.4	-17.6	+67.4	+4.8	-14.0	
Women's skirts	-8.4	+25.3	+25.3	-20.0	+35.2	-19.7	-24.4	-2.4	
Women's dresses	-0.8	-5.2	+17.2	-6.4	+1.2	-12.3	-9.8	+2.3	
Misses' ready-to-wear	-0.5	-0.4	-9.8	+20.4	+2.0	+4.8	+38.0	-11.4	
Furs	+5.3	+11.0	-2.3	+10.6	+6.7	+1.1	+20.2	-0.6	
Juniors' & girls' ready-to-wear	+0.1	-1.5	-1.1	-16.0	+3.2	-2.2	-4.7	+1.2	
Waists and blouses	+16.9	+1.6	+7.3	+37.4	+30.1	+82.5	+3.9	-5.0	
Sweaters	+8.6	+13.7	+1.7	+15.9	+14.4	-4.3	+12.1	+9.6	
Millinery	-1.2	-3.3	-9.1	-8.6	+0.8	+20.2	-8.2	-6.9	
Gloves	-3.9	+5.3	+17.7	+3.0	-3.4	+7.4	-5.1	-8.4	
Corsets and brassieres	-11.9	-3.7	-32.5	-4.7	-9.2	-9.8	-2.7	-10.5	
Women's & children's hose	+0.5	-3.4	-3.0	-2.2	+6.3	+7.6	+4.6	-8.9	
Knit underwear	-6.7	-1.3	-3.2	-13.1	-5.2	-12.7	-0.3	-16.2	
Silk and muslin underwear including petticoats	-6.3	-8.2	-13.3	-8.1	-3.2	-1.2	+4.2	-11.8	
Infants' wear	-2.3	+0.3	+2.2	+6.6	-2.4	-4.8	-0.7	-11.4	
Negligees, aprons & house dresses	-4.6	-1.4	-7.8	+4.1	+0.4	-7.5	+1.1	-12.3	
Women's and children's shoes	+5.6	+8.8	+4.5	+2.6	+6.1	+7.7	-5.3	+2.8	
Men's and boys' shoes	-4.9	+1.3	+12.5	-13.4					

for December, 1921. Average per capita earnings over the twelve-month period were \$3.58 higher per week in 1927 than in 1921. Total factory payrolls were also larger than in 1921, the index number being 218 for December, 1927 and 185 for December, 1921. Factory payrolls are important not only as income for wage-earners but as purchasing power for manufactured goods.

There were relatively few exceptions to the general decline in employment. Printing plants, silk mills, and men's clothing shops added employees. Agricultural implement industries and a few others making producers' goods also employed more help. There was a slight gain in the steel mills. Practically all the other industries in the state, however, reduced the number of their employees.

Compared with a year ago, it is estimated that there was a net decrease of 66,000 in the number of wage earners employed in New York state factories. The number of workers laid off during the year was even greater but the total decrease was partly offset by the hiring of new workers in a few industries.

*Metal Industries Decline*

The metals group of industries continued downward in December. The largest reductions took place in railroad equipment factories, steam and hot water heating plants and radio firms. Railroad repair shops did not repeat the decline in the railroad equipment factories; instead employees were being added in December.

Although most metal industries made reductions in their forces from November to December, the manufacture of machinery, cutlery and agricultural implements showed a decided gain. The iron and steel mills also showed a small but definite increase in employment from November to December. This increase is especially significant because in 1926 the steel mills were cutting their forces at the end of the year.

Makers of automobiles and parts curtailed activity again in December and employment dropped by more than 5%. Notwithstanding this, here and there firms making sheet metal, automobile hardware and parts, by increase in the number of their employees or by rise in payroll, indicated some improvement in allied industries.

*Holiday Manufactures Fall Off*

Most industries which had been stimulated by holiday buying, for example, leather goods, furniture and pianos, toys and smokers' articles, candy and tobacco, were laying off workers, and sustaining influence of manufacture for holiday trade was largely absent in December.

Manufacturers of such products as perfumery, stationery, silk hosiery and underwear which have a large Christmas sale continued to increase the number of employees in December. Among printing establishments December was the peak of the season for some firms.

In consumers' goods and producers' goods employment in December compared unfavorably with a year ago. A few industries making producers' goods, paper makers' felts, upper leathers, silk textiles upstate, graphite and cut stone required additional employees, but most industries in this classification, such as chemicals, and building materials reported slackening in activity.

*Clothing Trades Employ 17,000 Fewer Employees*

The clothing trades in New York state had, it is estimated, about 17,000 fewer employees than a year ago. This decline was apparent in nearly all of those industries. Thus, although a number of large men's clothing firms, more particularly up-state firms, were beginning their spring lines, the men's clothing industry employed approximately 6,000 fewer workers than in December, 1926. Men's shirts and neckwear factories did not equal their operations in 1926, although the seasonal falling off in December was less than a year ago.

Modistes' shops had passed the high point of their current season. Some manufacturers of women's and children's clothing were starting on their early spring lines, but the net result for the industry was a decline in employment.

With the exception of meat packing, practically all the food products industries showed some loss in December.

**Decline in Building Construction in Illinois During December.**

The usual decline in building construction in the mid-winter season showed its influence in the marked decrease from November to December of 1927, says Sidney W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor, in reviewing building operations in the State during December. For the 28 Illinois cities, he states, the estimated value of building in December was \$28,333,797, which is more than 23% less than that authorized in November. Construction in December of this year was over \$4,000,000 less than in December 1926. Only 6 cities, 2 in the metropolitan area and 4 outside the metropolitan area, showed increases in December over November 1927. Continuing, Mr. Wilcox says:

The sudden spurt of building activity in Chicago evidenced in November settled down to the normal decrease in December. The estimated cost of building declined from \$28,238,025 in November to \$23,413,202 in December.

Evanston is one of the two cities in the metropolitan area which showed an increase in building operations in December over November 1927, and heads the list of cities in this area (Chicago excepted) with authorized permits amounting to \$1,316,750. Oak Park is second with building worth \$778,310, and Winnetka is third with \$258,850. The other city in this group which shows an increase in December is Blue Island, which issued permits for building valued at nearly three times the amount authorized in November 1927.

Some sharp declines in home building in the metropolitan region were manifest in December, though Oak Park increased its provision for families from 114 in November to 141 in December. Evanston and Blue Island also made further provision for families than they did during last month.

Rockford leads all cities outside the metropolitan area, with building authorized at \$312,645. This city also takes a decided lead over the others in this region in home building, providing for 62 families. Four cities—Aurora, Elgin, Joliet and Moline—increased their building activities in December over November 1927. Of these, mention should be made of Elgin, in which building was authorized to an amount nearly double that of the preceding month. Joliet also showed a decided increase over November, this increase noticeably appearing in commercial building. Aurora ranks second in this area in total building authorized in December with \$248,995, an increase over the figure for Aurora in November.

The 1927 total of building construction (January through December) authorized in 27 reporting cities of Illinois was \$462,100,474 (exclusive of Joliet, for which no figures are available before April 1926), a decrease of \$16,209,532 from the figure for 1926. Chicago is responsible for more than \$12,000,000 of this decrease.

During the year 1927 16,712 buildings were authorized to be erected for use as residences, providing for 51,207 families. Of this number Chicago accounts for 10,067 buildings with provision for 41,201 families.

Non-residential buildings show a larger number than residential buildings, although the estimated value of residential buildings exceeds that of non-residential by more than one-half.

Additions, alterations, repairs and installations represent 4.7% of the total building for the State during the year.

In the cities of the metropolitan area outside Chicago, Evanston ranks first in the estimated value of building for the year 1927 with \$15,917,225. Oak Park is second with \$9,080,676 and Berwyn third with \$7,331,500. Four cities in this region—Oak Park and three North Shore cities, Evanston, Wilmette and Winnetka—show increases over last year. Highland Park, the other North Shore city, shows a decrease in building activity for the year. Evanston, providing for 1,423 families during the year, also holds the lead in housekeeping dwellings and Berwyn is a close second, with provision for 1,253 families. In the estimated value of residential building in this district, Evanston ranks first with \$12,120,500; Oak Park is second with \$6,728,600, and Berwyn is a close third with \$6,679,400.

In the metropolitan area outside Chicago, Evanston leads in new non-residential building with a total valuation of \$3,082,855, and Oak Park is second with \$2,083,231.

Outside the metropolitan area, Waukegan commands the lead in yearly building for 1927 with a total of \$7,221,132. Rockford, with building valued at \$6,556,688, is not far behind Waukegan. Next in rank in total value of building for the year are Decatur with \$5,790,415 and East St. Louis with \$5,597,934.

Six cities in this area showed increased building activity in 1927 over 1926. The most noticeable increase occurred in Waukegan. Decatur, East St. Louis, Freeport, Rockford and Rock Island also showed increases in the volume of building over a year ago.

In housekeeping dwellings Rockford takes the lead over the other cities in this area with provision for 926 families. Decatur follows in second place with 612 families provided for and East St. Louis third with provision for 585 families. Rockford leads in the value of residential buildings with \$4,173,200, Waukegan is second with \$3,320,600, and Decatur is third with \$3,185,400.

Waukegan ranks first for the year 1927 among the cities outside the metropolitan area in new non-residential building with a total of \$3,716,582. East St. Louis has authorized non-residential building valued at \$2,960,736, and Decatur is in third place with \$2,351,820.

Details are furnished in the following tables:

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN 28 ILLINOIS CITIES IN NOVEMBER 1927, BY CITIES.

Cities.	December 1927.		November 1927.		Dec. 1926.
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	
Whole State.....	1,812	\$28,333,797	3,408	\$36,887,467	\$32,336,442
<i>Metropolitan District—</i>					
Chicago.....	1,000	23,413,202	1,842	28,238,025	25,940,705
Berwyn.....	49	167,000	103	471,600	359,100
Blue Island.....	30	102,620	32	35,065	66,470
Cicero.....	12	163,755	53	446,772	164,850
Evanston.....	80	1,316,750	98	871,550	1,026,750
Glen Ellyn.....	9	76,800	24	103,830	63,000
Highland Park.....	9	5,350	37	150,965	248,150
Maywood.....	17	50,275	59	228,675	151,935
Oak Park.....	35	778,310	112	1,683,580	289,259
Wilmette.....	16	83,320	30	185,319	79,100
Winnetka.....	28	258,850	27	320,650	708,200
<i>Outside Metropolitan District</i>					
Aurora.....	45	248,995	87	223,387	1,077,190
Bloomington.....	6	24,000	19	91,000	140,900
Canton.....	1	1,000	3	2,115	—
Danville.....	8	21,200	14	50,615	27,600
Decatur.....	26	48,075	88	231,555	144,975
East St. Louis.....	47	135,085	95	180,310	215,253
Elgin.....	47	153,590	63	87,362	178,600
Freeport.....	7	29,000	14	699,050	27,000
Joliet.....	20	154,800	41	125,277	38,300
Moline.....	22	80,740	49	75,373	97,007
Murphysboro.....	—	—	—	—	—
Peoria.....	55	238,925	106	296,675	153,800
Rockford.....	27	49,015	47	102,085	42,275
Rock Island.....	109	312,645	134	348,097	217,350
Springfield.....	48	240,600	92	439,725	55,777
Waukegan.....	26	54,245	70	1,443,405	216,646
Waukegan.....	33	125,650	69	1,055,405	606,850

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN 28 ILLINOIS CITIES FROM JANUARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 1927, BY CITIES.

Cities.	Jan.-Dec. 1927.		Jan.-Dec. 1926.
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	
Whole State.....	48,324	\$464,894,201	\$478,310,006
<i>Metropolitan District—</i>			
Chicago.....	26,982	368,530,442	380,533,530
Berwyn.....	1,565	7,331,500	8,704,200
Blue Island.....	474	1,149,489	1,418,561
Cicero.....	589	4,636,629	5,322,458
Evanston.....	1,470	15,917,225	15,825,679
Glen Ellyn.....	254	1,414,745	1,974,675
Highland Park.....	398	2,121,661	2,654,273
Maywood.....	584	1,975,620	4,418,620
Oak Park.....	1,020	9,080,676	6,469,914
Wilmette.....	344	2,121,759	1,577,968
Winnetka.....	278	2,647,255	2,156,805
<i>Outside Metropolitan District</i>			
Aurora.....	1,063	2,826,668	4,967,592
Bloomington.....	179	924,200	1,178,550
Canton.....	37	128,468	151,060
Decatur.....	240	1,036,791	1,362,900
East St. Louis.....	1,615	5,790,415	5,420,302
Elgin.....	1,363	5,597,934	4,522,440
Freeport.....	1,076	1,894,183	3,399,520
Joliet*.....	214	1,590,851	1,446,562
Moline.....	582	2,793,727	—
Murphysboro.....	881	1,208,504	266,400
Peoria.....	1,493	3,409,575	5,685,410
Quincy.....	438	1,076,886	1,327,618
Rockford.....	2,174	6,556,688	5,543,124
Rock Island.....	954	2,002,065	1,215,282
Springfield.....	1,159	3,848,753	4,269,586
Waukegan.....	885	7,221,132	4,869,055

\* Figures for Joliet not available before April 1926.

**Ford Motor Company's Industrial Exposition Will Tour—  
Company Announces New Brake.**

Plans are under way for the moving of the Ford Motor Company's industrial exposition which closed at the Madison Square Garden on Jan. 14, to other large cities, keeping the exhibits intact. It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 persons attended the exhibit in New York and it is felt that this popularity will be repeated elsewhere.

A change in the brake equipment of all new Fords has been made by the company which issued the following announcement at Dearborn on Jan. 17:

"To meet the technical requirements of a few States, the Ford Motor Company is planning to equip all new Ford cars and trucks with a separate parking brake. The brake is on the transmission shaft and is of the two-shoe, contracting, self-energizing type, operated by a hand lever, which will be located in the centre of the car, slightly forward of the gear shift.

"Provision also is being made to install it in cars and trucks, not so equipped, which already have been delivered to dealers, company employes and a few outsiders."

**Decrease in Wages and Employment in Pennsylvania  
During December—Increases Reported by Delaware Industries.**

The monthly survey of employment conditions in Pennsylvania, released Jan. 16 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, shows a decrease from November to December of 2.2% in the number of wage earners employed and a decline of 1.1% in the total amount of wages paid. Employment is 10.9% lower than in December 1926 and wage payments are 13.2% below the level of the same month in 1926. The Bank says:

The industries in which the largest decreases occurred were stoves and furnaces, cigars and tobacco, glass, wooden boxes, street and highway construction, general construction and explosives. In spite of the general decline there were a few industries which showed improvement. Among these were automobiles, automobile bodies and parts, furniture, silk goods and rubber tires and goods.

Out of the total number of firms reporting, 489 gave figures for the number of man hours worked. This smaller sample likewise showed a lessening of activity, as indicated by a slight decrease in the number of hours worked.

Delaware industries showed an increase in employment and wage payments, chiefly due to the gain in the foundry and machinery group.

Most of the city areas for which figures are compiled showed decreases, Wilkes-Barre having the largest drop. There was a falling off in Philadelphia industries of 2.8% in employment and nearly 1% in total wages paid.

The compilations follow:

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.**

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

Group and Industry.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Dec. 1927 Over Nov. 1927.		
		Employment.	Wages.	Average Wages.
All Industries (55)	830	-2.2	-1.1	+1.2
Metal products	240	-1.5	+1.2	+2.8
Blast furnaces	10	-0.2	+7.5	+7.7
Steel works and rolling mills	44	-2.2	-1.2	+1.0
Iron and steel forgings	10	+1.9	+3.2	+1.2
Structural iron works	10	-5.0	+4.6	+10.1
Steam and hot water heating apparatus	19	+0.4	+5.8	+5.4
Stoves and furnaces	9	-8.5	-11.9	-3.7
Foundries	40	+0.3	+2.7	+2.4
Machinery and parts	39	+2.6	+4.2	+1.5
Electrical apparatus	17	-2.3	+5.1	+7.5
Engines and pumps	10	-3.9	+6.7	+11.1
Hardware and tools	19	-1.0	+5.4	+6.4
Brass and bronze products	9	-2.2	+1.8	+4.1
Jewelry and novelties	4	-1.7	-2.0	-0.4
Transportation equipment	42	-0.6	+2.5	+3.2
Automobiles	7	+7.1	+14.1	+6.5
Automobile bodies and parts	12	+3.4	+8.3	+4.7
Locomotives and cars	13	-3.9	-3.0	+1.0
Railroad repair shops	7	+1.4	+4.2	+2.8
Ship building	3	-4.7	-1.5	+3.4
Textile products	167	+0.0	+0.5	+0.4
Cotton goods	14	+2.3	-3.5	-5.6
Woolens and worsteds	16	-7.0	-6.3	+0.7
Silk goods	40	+2.3	+5.9	+3.5
Textile dyeing and finishing	10	-0.9	+1.1	+2.0
Carpets and rugs	9	+0.8	+3.7	+2.9
Hats	5	+1.2	-2.5	-3.6
Hosiery	28	+0.5	-1.0	-1.5
Knit goods, other	15	-2.8	-0.3	+2.6
Men's clothing	11	-3.4	-1.3	+2.1
Women's clothing	9	+8.0	+9.3	+1.2
Shirts and furnishings	10	-1.2	+0.8	+2.1
Food and tobacco	102	-6.1	-4.5	+1.7
Bread and bakery products	29	-0.5	+0.1	+0.6
Confectionery	14	+1.7	+0.2	-1.4
Ice cream	11	-4.2	-3.6	+0.6
Meat packing	13	+0.2	-1.0	-1.2
Cigars and tobacco	35	-13.0	-11.9	+1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	63	-7.0	-12.4	-5.8
Brick, tile and pottery	27	-3.3	-4.2	-1.0
Cement	13	-5.8	-7.4	-1.7
Glass	23	-10.5	-22.0	-12.9
Lumber products	44	-3.2	-2.0	+1.2
Lumber and planing mills	19	-7.3	-7.3	-0.1
Furniture	19	+7.8	+9.3	+1.4
Wooden boxes	6	-15.1	-17.3	-2.7
Construction and contracting	32	-22.5	-27.2	-6.1
Buildings, com., ind. and res.	19	-14.9	-12.6	+2.7
Street and highway	3	-42.4	-51.4	-15.7
General	10	-13.2	-16.7	-4.0
Chemical products	35	+0.2	-1.0	-1.2
Chemicals and drugs	15	+0.3	-1.6	-1.9
Coke	3	+3.2	+3.1	-0.1
Explosives	3	+4.4	-10.8	-14.6
Paints and varnishes	9	-4.2	-1.9	+2.4
Petroleum refining	5	-0.8	-1.8	-1.0
Leather and rubber products	50	-1.1	+0.8	+1.9
Leather tanning	17	-1.8	-2.2	-0.4
Shoes	22	-0.1	-0.0	+0.1
Leather products, other	7	-5.0	+5.1	+10.6
Rubber tires and goods	4	+2.3	+20.2	+17.5
Paper and printing	55	-0.2	-0.6	-0.4
Paper and wood pulp	12	-0.2	+0.5	+0.7
Paper boxes and bags	6	-3.2	-4.6	-1.5
Printing and publishing	37	+0.4	-0.9	-1.3

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

Group and Industry.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease, Dec. '27 Over Nov. '27.	
		Total Man-Hrs.	Average Hourly Rate.
All Industries (47)	489	-0.3	+0.0
Metal products	167	+1.0	+0.2
Blast furnaces	8	+8.0	+0.2
Steel works and rolling mills	27	-0.3	+0.3
Iron and steel forgings	8	+10.0	-0.9
Structural iron works	5	-11.8	-0.8
Foundries	14	+6.9	-2.6
Steam and hot water heating apparatus	32	+4.5	-0.5
Machinery and parts	29	+5.6	-0.8
Electrical apparatus	12	-13.5	+0.2
Engines and pumps	8	+6.5	+0.3
Hardware and tools	14	+2.2	+1.3
Brass and bronze products	7	-0.9	+4.3
Jewelry and novelties	3	+0.4	+0.0
Transportation equipment	33	+4.2	+0.0
Automobiles	7	+14.0	+0.0
Automobile bodies and parts	9	+9.6	-0.7
Locomotives and cars	9	-5.3	-2.1
Railroad repair shops	5	+3.7	+5.0
Ship building	3	-2.6	+1.1
Textile products	67	+4.1	+1.1
Cotton goods	11	-0.2	+0.4
Woolens and worsteds	10	+3.9	-1.1
Silk goods	22	+7.8	-0.7
Textile dyeing and finishing	5	+6.2	+0.0
Carpets and rugs	5	+1.3	-2.1
Hosiery	6	-3.6	+6.6
Knit goods, other	8	-5.6	+4.6
Food and tobacco	42	-2.8	-0.2
Bread and bakery products	17	+2.2	-1.1
Confectionery	5	-9.5	+1.6
Ice cream	7	+0.5	-2.1
Meat packing	8	-0.4	-2.2
Cigars and tobacco	5	-6.2	-1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	37	-11.8	-2.0
Brick, tile and pottery	17	-8.3	-0.8
Cement	7	-7.5	-0.8
Glass	13	-18.4	-2.6
Lumber products	35	+1.2	+2.8
Lumber and planing mills	15	-2.7	-0.4
Furniture	16	+8.8	+4.6
Wooden boxes	4	-19.8	+1.1
Construction and contracting	27	-26.5	-0.7
Building	16	-12.3	+2.8
Street and highway	3	-50.3	-2.2
General	8	-10.1	-4.2
Chemical products	17	-0.7	+0.0
Chemicals and drugs	11	+1.4	-0.2
Paints and varnishes	6	-2.7	+0.4
Leather and rubber products	28	+1.6	-1.3
Leather tanning	9	-3.9	+0.4
Shoes	11	+1.2	+7.4
Leather products, other	4	+4.7	+0.4
Rubber tires and goods	4	+19.1	+0.5
Paper and printing	36	+1.1	+0.9
Paper and wood pulp	8	-1.0	-4.2
Paper boxes and bags	3	+1.1	+0.9
Printing and publishing	25	+2.5	-0.1

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN DELAWARE.**

Compiled by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Industry.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease, Dec. 1927 Over Nov. 1927.		
		Employment.	Total Wages.	Average Wages.
All Industries	29	+1.8	+5.1	+3.3
Foundries and machinery products	4	+5.9	+21.2	+14.4
Other metal manufactures	5	+0.7	+4.7	+4.0
Food industries	3	+5.4	-0.3	-5.4
Chemicals, drugs and paints	3	-1.1	+1.0	+2.1
Leather tanned and products	3	+5.4	+2.3	-3.0
Printing and publishing	4	-0.5	-0.4	+0.1
Miscellaneous industries	7	-0.3	+3.9	+4.2

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN CITY AREAS.**

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

Areas.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease, Dec. 1927 Over Nov. 1927.		
		Employment.	Total Wages.	Average Wages.
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	79	-2.0	-1.5	+0.5
Albema	15	+2.9	-2.2	-5.0
Eric	14	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7
Harrisburg	32	+0.2	-2.7	-2.9
Hazleton-Pottsville	19	+0.4	+2.9	+2.5
Jonestown	12	-7.7	+1.1	+9.5
Lancaster	30	+1.1	-1.9	-3.0
New Castle	9	-2.4	+8.0	+10.7
Philadelphia	248	-2.8	-0.8	+2.1
Pittsburgh	99	-2.4	-3.0	-0.6
Reading-Lebanon	65	-0.8	-3.4	-2.6
Seranton	35	+3.1	+7.3	+4.0
Sunbury	26	+2.2	+6.9	+4.6
Wilkes-Barre	21	-18.4	-12.6	+7.1
Willamport	23	+2.6	+5.5	+2.9
Wilmington	30	+1.2	+4.7	+3.4
York	45	-5.3	-1.6	+4.0

**Industrial Condition In Illinois During December—  
Employment at Lowest Point Since 1921.**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor reports that factory employment conditions in 7 of the leading Illinois industrial centers are better than they were in November according to the reports of 1,100 manufacturers. Payroll gains have been scored in 8 cities. But for the state as a whole manufacturing employment has declined sharply, reaching the lowest point since 1921. Continued declines in the metal industry, further reductions in food establishments, and dullness on the part of several large establishments now taking inventory account for the less favorable conditions in the state as a whole. The unemployment situation is practically the same as it was a month ago except in agricultural centers where bad weather con-

ditions have made corn husking and other out-of-door work impossible. The analysis by cities follows:

**Aurora.**—There are definite indications that business is experiencing a period of increasing activity in Aurora. Metal establishments are adding men to their working forces, and in factories making cloth products, more workers are employed than in November. But the free employment office reports that the ratio of applicants per 100 jobs has increased from 163 in November to 184 during the last month. In December of last year 169 workers applied for every 100 jobs open.

**Bloomington.**—The completion of holiday orders and the taking of inventories are the factors responsible for a 7.4% drop in the 10 representative Bloomington factories reporting to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in December. Unfavorable weather conditions have also retarded business activity, which is generally less than it was in November except in railroad car repair shops which have added to their forces during the last month.

**Chicago.**—Chicago manufacturers report a drop of 1.7% in employment during December. Metal manufacturers continued to be a leading influence in the decline which is due primarily to the taking of inventories and not to a basic falling off in business. Meat packers closed the year with a gain which corresponds very favorably with seasonal increases in previous years. The same is true of men's clothing manufacturers who have added no less than 300 names to their payrolls. Women's clothing manufacturers report seasonal reductions.

**Cicero.**—All available information indicates that employment conditions have not been as favorable in Cicero during December as they were a month ago. Seven of the leading factories have 4.3% fewer workers on their payroll, and the free employment office reports that fewer jobs were offered than in November. Owing to a reduction in the number of workers, however, the competition for jobs is less than it was last month.

**Danville.**—Employment conditions in Danville have shown a decided improvement during December. Reporting textile products establishments made the heaviest gains, although some increases appear in the payroll statements of metal manufacturers. The free employment office reports that inclement weather has reduced farm employment, but mine reports show that more miners are employed in this district than in November.

**Decatur.**—Although the majority of employers and the free employment office reports indicate that employment conditions are not as favorable as they were a month ago, there have been some notable increases reported during December. In a metal establishment 42 more names appear on the payroll than in November, and a leading clothing factory reports an addition of thirty women to its working forces. As soon as weather conditions become more favorable, employment conditions among outside workers will undoubtedly show a decided improvement because of the large amount of building and corn-husking which is awaiting completion.

**East St. Louis.**—The unemployment situation has improved considerably during December according to the free employment office reports which show that the November ratio of 142 applicants per every 100 jobs has been reduced to 120 in December. The increase is largely due to continued activity in the building industry which is enjoying a very good season. Total employment in the eighteen leading factories has declined 0.8%, although no instances of outstanding reductions appear.

**Joliet.**—Industrial conditions in Joliet, with the exception of one plant which added 85 workers to its payroll, have remained practically unchanged. The volume of employment in metal establishments is slightly lower than it was last month. The unemployment situation is also much the same as it was in November, although the ratio has fallen from 175 applicants per 100 jobs to 120. The drop is due almost entirely to a snow storm which created a demand for a great many casual laborers for a short time. Long jobs have been very scarce according to the reports of the free employment office.

**Moline-Rock Island.**—Comparatively large reductions of working forces in automobile equipment manufacturing establishments counterbalanced sharp increases in the farm implement industries in Moline. In Rock Island gains made in the latter group carried the volume of employment upward. Aside from a sharp pickup on the part of a paper products manufacturer, these are the only significant changes which have been reported in this locality. An increase in the free employment office ratio from 143 applicants per 100 jobs in November to 171 in December reflects a drop in the demand for farm help. The call for men is less than usual for this season.

**Peoria.**—Twenty-one leading Peoria manufacturers paid 5% more money in wages and hired 3.9% more workers than in November. Two notable gains have been made, one in the machine manufacturing industry which added 85 workers to its forces, and a second in the automobile group in which 90 additional names appear on the payroll. Reports from Peoria also indicate that the volume of trade has been very high during the past month, and that the outlook for the immediate future is very favorable. The only evidence of an adverse trend comes from the free employment office whose ratio indicates that 254 job seekers applied for every 100 jobs in comparison with 210 in November.

**Quincy.**—From the industrial standpoint, December has been a very quiet month in Quincy. Factories have been operated with reduced working forces, and jobs have been difficult to obtain. Total employment in the 15 leading factories is 11.5% below last month, and 179 workers applied for every 100 jobs in comparison with 161 in November.

**Rockford.**—The total number of employed workers in the 49 reporting Rockford establishments is 1% less than it was in November. With very few exceptions there have been fewer workers in furniture factories than last month. Farm implement factories, however, report a decided improvement. In other groups of the metal industry conditions have been quiet with no decided tendency to get better or become poorer. Since this month is ordinarily a dull one, conditions may be regarded as being comparatively favorable. From the standpoint of the unemployed worker, the present situation is not as good as it was in November or in December 1926. The ratio of applicants per 100 jobs is 123 for December, 113 for November, and 94 for December 1926.

**Springfield.**—The presence of the inventory season accounts for the comparative quiet in Springfield factories. The changes which appear in the comparison of payrolls with last month reveal only slight differences which fall to show any definite movement. The free employment office reports also indicate that the situation among unemployed workers in this district has changed very little. In December, 126 workers applied for every 100 jobs.

**Sterling-Rock Falls.**—The co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and employers in the Sterling-Rock Falls district has made it possible for the Bureau of Labor Statistics to include these cities in its monthly industrial review. The first report covers conditions in 11 leading establishments, hiring approximately 900 workers, and including six lines of manufacturing activity. During the past month conditions have shown a decided improvement, largely because of gains made in the agricultural implement industry. Reports from other metal establishments are also in agreement that more workers are employed in their industry than in November. Other industries represented in the survey have made practically no change.

The following statistics for the month are supplied by the Bureau:

COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS IN ILLINOIS DURING DECEMBER 1927.

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, 300 W. Adams St., Chicago—By Sidney W. Wilcox.)

Industry.	Employment.			Earnings (Payroll).		
	Per Cent Change from a Month Ago.	Index of Employment (Average 1922=100)			Total Earnings, Per Cent of Change M'nth Ago	Average Weekly Earnings for Dec. 1927.
		Dec. 1927.	Nov. 1927.	Dec. 1926.		
All Industries.....	-0.5	98.6	99.1	107.6	-0.8	\$28.84
All mfg. industries.....	-1.1	90.8	91.8	99.7	-0.9	28.15
Stone, clay, glass pr.....	-4.3	115.8	121.0	124.9	-7.3	28.32
Miscell. stone prod.....	-5.3	91.2	96.3	105.9	-0.5	28.10
Lime, cement, plas'r.....	-4.5	102.2	107.0	121.5	-16.4	26.01
Brick, tile pottery.....	-6.0	104.0	110.6	118.1	-11.5	32.02
Glass.....	-1.4	143.4	145.4	136.6	-3.1	24.28
Metals, machinery, conveyances.....	-1.0	96.1	97.1	108.7	-2.7	28.70
Iron and steel.....	+0.3	110.3	110.0	116.4	-2.6	29.38
Sheet metal work, hardware.....	+1.1	92.0	91.0	102.3	-1.6	24.79
Tools and cutlery.....	+0.9	68.6	68.0	95.0	+3.9	31.56
Cook., heat. appar.....	-3.2	102.2	105.6	109.8	-0.6	28.44
Brass, copper, zinc, other metal.....	-0.9	139.7	141.0	146.2	-4.9	29.43
Cars & locomotives.....	-12.8	31.7	36.3	48.2	-13.8	29.37
Auto. accessories.....	-5.5	90.7	96.0	97.4	-8.8	28.06
Machinery.....	-0.4	129.3	129.8	138.8	-0.2	30.74
Electrical apparatus.....	-5.1	94.2	99.3	118.2	-3.9	28.61
Agricul. implements.....	+2.2	127.3	124.6	131.0	-1.2	28.11
Instrum'ts, appl'ces.....	+2.4	58.6	57.2	63.8	+6.0	28.38
Watches & jewelry.....	-0.3	108.6	108.9	122.6	-4.7	25.97
Wood products.....	-5.0	85.0	89.5	100.4	-5.3	27.31
Saw planing mills.....	-8.5	95.9	104.8	127.0	-6.4	30.61
Furniture, cabinet work.....	-1.8	105.4	107.3	117.0	-4.8	27.31
Pianos, musical inst.....	-6.5	72.3	77.3	90.7	-3.6	30.36
Miscell. wood prod.....	-9.1	54.4	59.9	68.1	-6.5	21.81
Household furnsh'g.....	-6.2	91.1	97.1	97.5	-10.1	22.46
Furs & leather goods.....	+0.2	111.3	111.1	116.4	+8.3	20.25
Leather.....	+0.4	100.6	100.2	103.2	-0.3	28.24
Furs and fur goods.....	-14.5	74.9	87.6	63.4	-19.0	39.91
Boots and shoes.....	-0.0	112.7	112.7	117.4	+11.7	19.21
Miscell. leather g'ds.....	+2.7	75.5	73.5	83.6	+11.8	15.53
Chem., oils, paints.....	-1.0	112.8	113.9	125.8	+2.8	28.14
Drugs, chemicals.....	-3.5	102.1	105.8	95.4	-1.0	23.15
Paints, dyes, colors.....	-1.8	128.1	130.4	133.2	+2.1	29.60
Mineral, veg. oil.....	+1.3	110.4	109.0	145.0	+5.2	30.23
Miscell. chemicals.....	-1.4	124.8	126.6	132.9	+2.4	27.96
Printing, paper g'ds.....	+1.4	122.1	120.4	118.0	+3.9	35.56
Paper boxes, bags, tubes.....	-3.1	144.7	149.3	147.6	-4.4	25.78
Miscell. paper g'ds.....	+2.8	132.0	128.4	127.0	+3.7	26.54
Job printing.....	+3.9	118.5	114.1	118.3	+9.0	37.38
Newspapers, periodicals.....	+2.7	139.7	136.0	145.4	+3.3	46.53
Edition bookbinding.....	-1.8	-	-	-	-2.1	34.95
Textiles.....	-5.2	107.9	113.8	110.6	-5.3	17.21
Cotton & wool g'ds.....	+1.8	155.7	152.9	149.6	-0.4	20.77
Knit goods, hosiery.....	-6.8	92.4	99.1	98.5	-6.7	15.99
Thread & twine.....	-2.3	74.8	76.6	70.8	-3.9	20.54
Clothing, millinery, laundering.....	+1.0	65.3	64.7	67.9	+9.8	26.49
Men's clothing.....	+2.1	56.2	55.0	57.5	+15.3	31.35
Men's shirts, furnsh'g.....	-9.2	95.7	105.4	103.2	-12.6	17.89
Overalls, work cloth.....	+1.5	80.7	79.5	81.7	-0.7	17.26
Men's hats & caps.....	-47.6	27.2	52.0	60.3	-22.6	41.86
Women's clothing.....	+6.1	111.4	105.0	111.2	+8.6	21.44
Women's underwear.....	-6.4	87.2	93.2	105.9	-17.4	14.26
Women's hats.....	+33.4	85.0	63.7	100.8	+38.6	22.50
Laundering, cleaning, dyeing.....	-1.6	119.8	121.7	121.8	-1.2	21.13
Food, beverages, tobacco.....	-0.9	92.8	93.6	99.0	-2.2	28.38
Flour, feed, other cereals.....	-2.7	102.6	105.4	103.0	-7.0	25.09
Fruit, vegetable canning.....	-38.5	10.8	17.6	28.3	-30.9	19.86
Miscell. groceries.....	-0.8	102.5	103.3	94.8	-5.6	27.49
Slaughtering, meat packing.....	+0.2	89.9	89.7	94.7	-1.3	25.74
Dairy products.....	+0.1	98.1	98.0	108.1	+0.5	45.18
Bread, other bakery products.....	-2.8	92.4	95.1	91.3	-3.3	29.45
Confectionery.....	+1.6	73.3	72.1	81.2	+0.2	22.32
Beverages.....	-1.9	65.4	66.7	85.1	-0.5	33.21
Cigars, other tobacco products.....	-1.8	85.3	86.9	84.0	+0.7	22.25
Manufactured ice.....	-17.5	58.6	71.0	67.1	-28.2	46.15
Ice cream.....	+1.6	-	-	-	-1.3	45.35
Trade, wholesale, retail.....	+10.4	86.8	78.6	87.2	+11.3	23.29
Department stores.....	+16.2	146.1	125.7	136.5	+5.5	23.45
Wholesale dry goods.....	-15.1	63.8	75.2	57.1	-10.9	19.43
Wholesale groceries.....	-4.0	90.4	94.2	94.6	-3.6	26.68
Mail order houses.....	+10.9	121.0	109.1	122.5	+13.9	23.27
Public utilities.....	-0.1	136.2	136.3	139.2	-1.9	30.49
Water, light, power.....	+2.4	137.7	134.5	139.7	+0.9	34.40
Telephone.....	-0.0	131.2	131.2	128.2	-1.5	26.52
Street railways.....	-0.9	108.9	109.9	113.2	-3.2	34.10
Railway car repair shops.....	+0.2	56.6	56.5	62.3	-1.5	29.57
Coal mining.....	+2.9	70.4	68.4	100.4	+12.2	34.37
Building, contract'g.....	-19.1	98.9	122.2	144.2	-24.7	39.62
Building construc'n.....	-18.9	67.5	83.2	104.6	-25.1	38.87
Road construction.....	-30.7	302.9	437.1	144.8	-41.7	25.52
Miscell. contracting.....	-16.9	220.7	265.6	291.6	-19.9	46.56

Course of Employment in Illinois During 1927—High Wage Levels Marked Period of Considerable Unemployment.

In reviewing the course of employment in Illinois during 1927 Sidney W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor, says:

Employment developments during 1927 may be characterized by the continued high level of wage rates and average weekly earnings during a period of comparatively great unemployment. A further drop of 1.1% in Illinois factory employment during December has reduced the volume of factory employment to a level which is lower than in any month of the last five years, but average earnings have remained near the peak which they reached in 1926.

While it is improbable that any single reason accounts for this unusual situation, there are three factors which have unquestionably helped to maintain earnings at their present level. The first is that in some of the more highly paid industries, notably printing and glass making, the general decline in employment was reversed by gains which established records for 1927. A second factor is the decreased turnover during the last year. The last, and perhaps leading cause, has been the increased efficiency and responsibility of the workers themselves.

A study completed recently by the National Industrial Conference Board shows that the average output per factory worker in the United States has increased 49% since 1919. This implies not only that he has used more machinery, but that he also has worked more effectively than ever before. Further evidence of the increased efficiency and skill in industry is obtained from the records of social agencies and free employment offices which report that the proportion of unemployed workers is increasing, not because of a decline of ability, but because of more stringent demands on the part of industry. It is reported by Mr. Boyd of the Chicago offices that a worker over 45 years of age is becoming increasingly difficult to place. Organizations which are interested in the placing of workers agree that more skill and experience are required of the applicant for a factory job than ever before.

The decline in industrial activity is probably responsible for many of the high selective requirements which confronted the 1927 job seeker. The pressure to reduce costs was very great during the past year, and the large labor supply which was released from factories in Illinois and in other states has made it possible for employers to exercise more choice in the selection of employees than would have been the case in a period of greater activity. The free employment office ratio indicates that the proportion of workers to available jobs in 1927 was greater than in any year following 1921.

Other industrial centers report that unemployment conditions are much the same as in Illinois. In New York state the volume of factory employment during 1927 was less than in any year following 1921, and fewer workers had jobs in Wisconsin during the past year than in 1925 or 1926. The reports of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the first nine months of 1927, show that there were fewer people employed in the factories of the United States than in 1926. The average for the United States is less than in any of the last four years.

Employment conditions in non-manufacturing industrial groups have varied considerably during the past twelve months. The total 1927 payroll of leading Illinois building contractors shows fewer names than in 1926, the most favorable year in the building trades in the history of the Bureau. A large share of the workers were dismissed because of a decline in building activity, although reports indicate that some of the drop is due to the growing proportion of large buildings whose construction requires relatively less labor than is needed in erecting small structures. Public utilities reports indicate that with the exception of the record breaking 1926, they have employed more workers than ever before. Employment in telephone companies has broken all records. Fewer men have been employed in railroad car repair shops during 1927 than in any of the years following 1921. They have been affected by a reduction in downstate freight demands which resulted from the flood and the extended coal strike that tied up all major mining operations for six months. Of course, employment in coal mines suffered heavily also. During the strike only a few mines continued to work by special agreement. Since the settlement of the strike, employment has gained steadily, although in December it is still 30% under the December, 1926 level.

It is a matter of interest that employment in reporting department stores has broken a four-year record. Two factors account for this increase—the absorption of retail business by large units and increased trade in leading centers. Mail order houses also have more workers than in 1926, but fewer than in the three previous years.

In the manufacturing group the most significant change has occurred within the metal group which gave employment to fewer workers during 1927 than in any of the last five years. A decline of 1.0% in December has carried the volume of employment below any month since March, 1921—the lowest point reached in this industry. The reduction of working forces in iron foundries and railroad equipment factories both of which were operated with smaller working forces in December than in any month of the preceding three years, may be held responsible for a large part of the recession in Illinois metal factory employment, although electrical equipment manufacturers have also contributed a considerable number of workers to the labor market during the past year. Farm implement factories are becoming active after a comparatively quiet season when factories were being operated with greatly reduced forces.

The drop of employment in the food industry is due largely to two groups—meat packing and canning. At the end of 1927 fewer workers are employed by reporting canning establishments than has been the case in the last five years. Meat packing establishments were also operated by fewer workers than at any time since 1921. In contrast to these drops, grocery establishments scored the highest average in the last five years. Recent figures which have been released indicate that the present recession in food industries is confined not only to Illinois, but that it is national in scope. In each of the three months preceding October a smaller amount of foodstuffs was manufactured in the United States than in the corresponding months in 1926.

Unseasonable weather conditions during the spring and fall of 1927 are the basic causes for a decline of employment in the clothing industry which gave work to fewer people during 1927 than in any of the years following 1921. The movement has been influenced by the introduction of labor saving machines which have greatly increased the productive capacity of the workers, especially in the men's clothing industries. Factories manufacturing women's clothes which cannot be made by machine processes have shown no significant drop during the year, and in February and March they actually employed more workers than at any time since 1921.

Reports of employment from representative printing concerns give additional evidence that Illinois and especially Chicago are rapidly becoming printing centers. During the last year more printers were employed in Illinois than at any time in the last five years. Employment records of manufacturers of paper goods also indicate that they have enjoyed a record year. Factories making paper were operated with fewer workers than in 1926—a peak year for that industry.

More employees were employed in textile products concerns than at any time since the post-war decline. The gain was experienced in all liens, although manufacturers of cotton and woolen goods, other than clothing, were leaders in the upward turn during the last year.

Employment records bear evidence that Illinois boot and shoe manufacturers have shared in the national business pickup in that industry. In January they began operations with more workers than they have ever had in any previous January for which figures are obtainable, and after the usual seasonal decline during the spring and summer months, they established a record in total number of workers.

That Illinois tanneries have been factors in the production gains which have been made in the American leather industry is evidenced by payroll statements from leading establishments indicating that more

workers were employed than in any of the three preceding years. One leading establishment reports that the sale of shoe leather has been a big factor in the business increase. Fur and fur goods establishments have also made notable gains, especially during the latter half of 1927 when they approached the peaks of the last five years.

Total employment in the chemical industries has suffered considerably as a result of heavy reductions in oil refineries, which, in some instances, closed the year with five hundred fewer workers than they employed in January. The average number of workers employed in other branches of the industry is less than last year, although conditions have changed only slightly.

Recent figures indicate that the total volume of wood products manufactured during the first nine months in the United States is less than in 1926. This decline has undoubtedly been effected by Illinois manufacturers who report that business conditions have been relatively quiet, especially in the furniture industry which has a lower employment average than in 1926. Box makers' employment records also indicate a slight business decline.

While stone, clay, and glass manufacturers failed to equal the record which they established in 1926, employment conditions in their industry continue to show improvement over the former years. After enjoying a summer which established a new peak in their industry, cement factories laid off more workers than in any preceding autumn. Employment in brick industries has been moderately good, and in glass factories more workers were employed than in any previous years. The gain occurred principally in plate glass factories which have continued to profit from the comparatively high volume of building activity.

**Record Attendance Seen at National Automobile Show.**

The twenty-eighth annual Automobile Show at the Grand Central Palace is reported to have had an attendance which has set a new high record and is regarded as the most successful show the industry has ever held. Exhibitors agree that it has been one of the best selling shows in several years, due to the new models which have had such a distinct appeal to the buying visitors to the show.

**Lumber Industry Expands Rapidly Over Preceding Week.**

Reports received by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association from 457 of the larger lumber mills of the country indicate that production for the week ended Jan. 14 was about 40% larger than for the week before, and appreciably larger than for the same period of 1927. The total reported production was 227,742,000 feet, as compared with the normal for the week of 242,858,165. Shipments increased over those of the preceding week by 50,000,000 feet, and were somewhat larger than in 1927. Orders gained over the preceding week by more than 50% and were well in front of those for the same week of 1927.

The advance in the volume of the movement was chiefly due to the softwood group, which showed tremendous gains over the previous week, and satisfactory gains over the 1927 figures. As compared with the normal production of 221,641,165, the actual softwood production was 210,515,091.

The hardwood group showed some increase in production and shipments and a heavy apparent increase in new business, but with 116 mills reporting as against 106 for the week before. Actual production for the week was 17,227,000 feet, as against a normal of 21,217,000, reports the National Association, adding:

*Unfilled Orders.*

The unfilled orders of 221 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 571,198,305 feet, as against 541,124,332 feet for 219 mills the previous week. The 106 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 219,998,592 feet last week, as against 201,336,160 feet for the week before. For the 115 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 351,199,713 feet, as against 339,788,172 feet for 113 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 341 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 102% and orders 121% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 90 and 118; and for the West Coast mills 96 and 106.

Of the reporting mills, the 341 with an established normal production for the week of 221,641,165 feet, gave actual production 95%, shipments 97% and orders 115% thereof.

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

	Past Week.		Corresponding Week. 1927.		Preceding Week 1928 (Revised.)	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills.....	341	116	351	106	340	131
Production.....	210,515,000	17,227,000	198,383,000	16,362,000	153,200,000	14,673,000
Shipments.....	213,923,000	16,512,000	200,409,000	14,485,000	165,453,000	15,225,000
Orders.....	255,102,000	19,217,000	242,086,000	14,200,000	159,373,000	15,241,000

*West Coast Movement.*

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 115 mills reporting for the week ended Jan. 14 was 6% above production and shipments were 4% below production, which was 99,383,914 feet, as against 104,639,047 normal. Of all new business taken during the week, 49% was for future water delivery, amounting to 51,296,260 feet, of which 31,954,656 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 19,341,604 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 50,985,867 ft., or 48% of the week's new business. Fifty-four per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 52,025,849 feet, of which 30-

959,374 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal and 21,066,475 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 40,425,710 feet, or 42% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 3,332,865 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 112,357,129 feet, foreign 98,408,210 feet and rail trade 140,434,374 feet.

*Southern Pine Reports.*

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 106 mills reporting, shipments were 10.38% below production and orders were 18.05% above production and 31.72% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 77,489,216 feet (previous week 48,641,664); shipments, 58,826,784 feet (previous week 50,349,472), and production 65,640,033 feet (previous week 54,121,146). The normal (three-year average) production of these mills is 69,244,018 feet. Of the 103 mills reporting running time, 69 operated full time, 7 of the latter over-time. Three mills were shut down and the rest operated from four to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' Association of Portland, Ore., reports that the production of 33 mills was 9,845,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for these mills of 15,400,000 feet, and a production the immediately preceding week of 7,371,000. Shipments were 6,000,000 feet larger and new business increased by practically the same amount.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers' Association of San Francisco reports from 22 mills production as 13,572,000 feet, compared with normal production for this week of 11,242,000 feet. Last week 22 mills reported production of 10,469,000 feet. Shipments were considerably larger and new business almost doubled.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., reports that the production of 16 mills was 8,588,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for these mills of 6,577,000 feet, and production the previous week of 5,986,000. Shipments were somewhat larger and new business well in advance of the week earlier.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reports from 23 mills a total production of 5,455,244 feet, compared with a normal for the week of 8,190,000, but considerably more than the reported production of 22 mills the preceding week. Shipments were much larger and new business almost three times as great.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers' Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports from 8 mills a total production of 6,742,000 feet, compared with a normal for the week of 4,228,100, and somewhat larger than that reported from 7 mills for the week before. Shipments showed some increase and a slight advance in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production), reports that the production of 18 mills was 1,288,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for these mills of 2,121,000 feet, and a production the preceding week of 1,178,000. Shipments showed a noticeable increase, and new business more than doubled.

*Hardwood Reports.*

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reports that the production of 18 mills was 4,788,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for these mills of 4,753,000 feet, and a production for the week earlier of 4,344,000. Shipments showed some increase and new business a notable decrease.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 98 mills as 12,439,000 feet—the normal production being 16,464,000 feet—and somewhat less than the production of 113 mills for the week before. Shipments were larger and new business much larger.

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

One hundred thirteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Jan. 7 1928 manufactured 63,876,727 feet, sold 64,681,074 feet and shipped 68,365,560 feet. New business was 804,347 feet more than production and shipments 4,488,833 feet more than production.

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

Week Ended—	Jan. 7 1928.	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 24 1927.	Dec. 17 1927.
Number of mills reporting	113	109	113	117
Production (feet)	63,876,727	49,238,474	93,181,982	116,318,897
New business (feet)	64,681,074	67,317,914	80,243,638	97,184,885
Shipments (feet)	68,365,560	66,522,971	93,841,241	84,116,013
<i>Unshipped Business—</i>				
Rail (feet)	127,739,196	120,154,784	111,715,158	116,919,369
Domestic cargo (feet)	111,533,253	105,772,575	110,394,437	122,745,893
Export (feet)	100,515,723	98,498,080	109,555,606	128,337,349
Total (feet)	339,788,172	324,425,439	331,665,201	368,002,611
<i>First Week of—</i>				
Average number of mills	1928. 113	1927. 102	1926. 103	1925. 119
Production (feet)	63,876,727	70,986,881	45,124,659	56,968,412
New business (feet)	64,681,074	72,762,589	70,678,270	60,150,664
Shipments (feet)	68,365,560	64,041,372	69,014,991	77,449,192

**Softwood and Hardwood Statistics for Year 1927.**

Figures showing in board feet the cut, shipments and orders of soft and hard woods during the calendar year 1927 have been compiled by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. During this period the total cut of softwoods was 12,751,660,478 board feet, compared with 13,752,660,914 board feet cut during the year 1926, a loss of 1,001,000,436 board feet. Shipments of softwoods during the same period suffered a loss of 1,068,959,672 board feet, falling from 13,739,693,677 board feet in 1926 to 12,670,734,005 board feet in 1927. Likewise orders fell from 13,490,188,974 board feet in 1926 to 12,605,850,898 board feet in 1927, a decline of 884,338,076 board feet.

Slight increases over last year's levels were shown in the reports of the hardwoods cut, shipments and orders. The cut amounted to 1,527,860,000 board feet in 1927 against 1,514,274,850 board feet in 1926, a gain of 13,586,150 board feet. Shipments of hardwoods during the same period showed a gain of 33,856,165 board feet, amounting to 1,559,031,000 board feet in 1927 against 1,525,174,835 board feet in 1926. Orders in 1927 rose to 1,578,678,000 board

feet against 1,545,561,447 board feet in 1926, a gain of 33,116,553 board feet.

The gains in the hardwood industry were, however, not of sufficient size to offset the recession in the softwoods. The total cut of lumber, both softwoods and hardwoods, during the year 1927 amounted to 14,279,520,478 board feet against 15,266,935,764 board feet in 1926, a decline of 987,415,286 board feet. Total shipments of softwoods and hardwoods reached 14,229,765,005 board feet in 1927 in comparison with 15,264,868,512 board feet in 1926, a loss of 1,035,103,507 board feet. Orders showed a decline of 851,221,523 board feet, the total of softwood and hardwood orders being 14,184,528,898 board feet in 1927 against 15,035,750,421 board feet in 1926. Detailed comparisons with preceding periods are shown in the National Association's tables, which we add:

**LUMBER MOVEMENT FOR 52 WEEKS OF 1927, 1926, 1925 AND 1924.**  
(In board feet. Revised figures used wherever available.)

	Cut.	Shipments.	Orders.
<i>Softwoods—</i>			
Southern Pine Association:			
1927	*3,470,324,378	*3,435,861,876	*3,445,883,091
1926	*3,762,205,239	*3,789,989,801	*3,726,971,124
1925	*3,948,829,054	*3,941,692,072	*3,930,785,171
1924	*4,034,331,695	*4,097,063,075	*4,034,070,286
West Coast Lumbermen's Ass'n:			
1927	5,243,995,097	5,032,872,749	5,099,696,534
1926	5,376,610,276	5,371,805,388	5,348,172,127
1925	5,148,148,138	5,314,323,778	5,306,818,132
1924	4,813,061,724	4,930,220,058	4,918,424,423
Western Pine Mfrs.' Ass'n:			
1927	1,472,625,000	1,533,824,000	1,537,548,000
1926	1,740,392,000	1,784,904,000	1,825,749,000
1925	1,826,322,000	1,654,006,000	1,632,461,000
1924	1,605,000,000	1,560,000,000	1,590,000,000
California Redwood Ass'n:			
1927	403,387,000	421,126,000	428,386,000
1926	396,752,000	380,862,000	398,421,000
1925	385,746,000	362,525,000	366,368,000
1924	439,652,000	352,383,000	356,904,000
California White & Sugar Pine Ass'n:			
1927	1,185,416,973	1,288,722,199	1,228,226,535
1926	1,499,788,000	1,390,080,000	1,266,575,000
1925	1,391,469,000	1,274,327,000	1,051,968,000
North Carolina Pine Ass'n:			
1927	368,515,730	369,607,781	317,509,638
1926	400,432,999	396,440,088	337,643,723
1925	468,019,905	445,907,053	374,501,390
1924	384,899,134	402,354,638	365,678,745
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Ass'n:			
1927	165,932,000	185,829,000	165,060,000
1926	168,778,000	165,761,000	147,220,000
1925	176,040,000	128,691,000	107,489,000
1924	152,292,000	126,468,000	99,217,000
Northern Pine Mfrs.' Ass'n:			
1927	441,464,300	402,890,400	383,541,100
1926	407,702,400	459,851,400	439,437,000
1925	477,615,900	468,830,700	433,384,000
1924	428,658,800	441,990,400	450,245,000
Total (softwoods):			
1927	12,751,660,478	12,670,734,005	12,605,850,898
1926	13,752,660,914	13,739,693,677	13,490,188,974
1925	13,822,189,997	13,590,302,603	13,203,774,693
<i>Hardwoods—</i>			
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Ass'n:			
1927	238,331,000	226,488,000	213,594,000
1926	217,705,000	220,751,000	206,030,000
Hardwood Mfrs.' Institute:			
1927	1,289,529,000	1,332,543,000	1,365,084,000
1926	1,296,569,850	1,304,423,835	1,339,531,447
Total (hardwoods):			
1927	1,527,860,000	1,559,031,000	1,578,678,000
1926	1,514,274,850	1,525,174,835	1,545,561,447
Grand total			
1927	14,279,520,478	14,229,765,005	14,184,528,898
1926	15,266,935,764	15,264,868,512	15,035,750,421

\* Totals from mills reporting all three items—production, shipments and orders. (Note.—Shipments as reported are from 3 to 5% less than the total disposals of manufactured lumber, because not including uniformly in the mill reports quantities used by the mill, sold locally, burned, charred to re-manufacturing plants, such as flooring, &c. To that extent, therefore, the reported shipments do not indicate total changes in stocks on hand.)

**Lumber Production and Shipments During the Month of November.**

The "National Lumber Bulletin," published monthly by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 7th issued the following statistics regarding the production and shipments of hardwood and softwood during the month of Nov. 1927 compared with Nov. 1926:

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

Association.	Mills.	November 1927.			
		Production.		Shipments.	
		Hardw'ds. Feet.	Softwoods. Feet.	Hardw'ds. Feet.	Softwoods. Feet.
California Redwood	16	-----	43,928,000	-----	33,680,000
California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs.	21	-----	97,038,000	-----	86,950,000
North Carolina Pine	44	-----	29,445,000	-----	27,954,000
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Mfrs.	36	15,469,000	11,026,000	24,556,000	14,261,000
Northern Pine Mfrs.	10	-----	30,789,000	-----	27,239,000
Southern Cypress Mfrs.	5	757,000	2,386,000	1,311,000	4,422,000
Southern Pine	131	-----	318,943,000	-----	321,195,000
West C'st Lumbermen's	110	-----	431,852,000	-----	357,082,000
Western Pine Mfrs.	34	-----	96,721,000	-----	100,637,000
Lower Michigan Mfrs.	11	15,124,000	668,000	6,344,000	1,601,000
Individual reports	20	3,452,000	49,967,000	2,920,000	48,376,000
Total	438	24,802,000	1,112,763,000	35,131,000	1,023,397,000

November 1926.

California Redwood	15	-----	39,426,000	-----	37,222,000
California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs.	21	-----	96,245,000	-----	84,590,000
North Carolina Pine	48	-----	30,066,000	-----	28,457,000
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Mfrs.	41	11,394,000	15,504,000	26,153,000	17,797,000
Northern Pine Mfrs.	8	-----	15,392,000	-----	30,891,000
Southern Cypress Mfrs.	8	2,039,000	8,213,000	1,902,000	5,810,000
Southern Pine	151	-----	327,470,000	-----	310,979,000
West C'st Lumbermen's	102	-----	406,433,000	-----	369,494,000
Western Pine Mfrs.	46	-----	122,846,000	-----	126,586,000
Lower Michigan Mfrs.	8	3,649,000	1,908,000	5,891,000	1,927,000
Individual reports	29	14,396,000	28,349,000	15,537,000	24,151,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>31,478,000</b>	<b>1,091,852,000</b>	<b>49,483,000</b>	<b>1,037,904,000</b>

Total production Nov. 1927, 1,137,565,000 ft.; Nov. 1926, 1,123,330,000 ft.  
Total shipments Nov. 1927, 1,058,528,000 ft.; Nov. 1926, 1,087,387,000 ft.

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

State.	November 1927.		
	Mills.	Production, Feet.	Shipments, Feet.
Alabama	17	25,854,000	23,435,000
Arkansas	15	28,209,000	30,442,000
California	30	114,653,000	100,767,000
Florida	10	24,973,000	24,213,000
Georgia	6	2,220,000	1,416,000
Idaho	12	41,483,000	39,694,000
Louisiana	36	78,624,000	80,174,000
Michigan	18	12,199,000	16,998,000
Minnesota	5	23,275,000	18,476,000
Mississippi	27	86,033,000	84,019,000
Montana	5	12,276,000	12,350,000
North Carolina	10	6,168,000	5,418,000
Oklahoma	2	5,864,000	5,942,000
Oregon	55	214,049,000	181,874,000
South Carolina	13	9,135,000	8,984,000
Texas	33	70,480,000	76,629,000
Virginia	11	13,970,000	14,210,000
Washington	79	287,078,000	243,665,000
Wisconsin	30	22,201,000	30,924,000
Others*	24	58,821,000	58,898,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1,137,565,000</b>	<b>1,058,528,000</b>

\* Includes mostly individual reports, not distributed.

Members of New York Cotton Exchange to Act on Feb. 6 on "Southern Delivery" Plan—President Hubbard Opposed to Proposal Which Would Exclude Deliveries at New York.

The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange, it was announced on Jan. 10, has called a meeting of the members of the Exchange on Feb. 6 to consider a plan for a southern delivery contract, submitted by a committee of which Richard T. Harriss is chairman. President Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr., announced that he is opposed to the plan. The plan proposes that deliveries of cotton be made at four southern points—Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston and Houston, and would exclude deliveries at New York. In a memorandum, the members of the committee said that in suggesting this plan they had kept before them the advisability of:

"As nearly as possible retaining the present form of our contract and making no unnecessary changes in the details of its workings.

"Providing as nearly as possible the equivalent of our present contract without any of its objectionable features.

"Having the contract carry such reasonable stipulations as would add to its intrinsic value and would result in the near month constantly trading at prices substantially above quotations in the cheapest southern port of delivery.

"Having our contract in all reasonable respects as distinct and different as possible from the present southern delivery contracts of the Chicago and New Orleans exchanges, so long as this difference can be accomplished with advantage to the contract itself and to the cotton trade in general."

The other members of the committee which drew up the plan are Thomas F. Cahill, Clayton E. Rich, Walter L. Johnson, Archibald B. Gwathmey, Jr., and Lamar L. Fleming. Mr. Cahill is not in favor of the principles of southern deliveries, the memorandum says, but would favor the proposed plan if the Exchange should adopt southern deliveries. President Hubbard issued the following statement explaining his opposition to the plan:

"This plan, known as the 'Southern Delivery plan' has been submitted to the membership of the New York Cotton Exchange for consideration at a general meeting to be held on Feb. 6, as a result of a petition signed by fifty-five members requesting the Board of Managers to bring the matter before the general membership.

"As far as I am individually concerned, I am opposed to this 'plan', which I believe will cause great injury to the cotton trade of New York and the Port of New York; where we now have every facility for handling cotton on a most economical basis in a modern warehouse, devoted exclusively to the handling of cotton and equipped with a Webb high density compress."

Fall River Mill Workers Affected by 10% Reduction.

Fall River (Mass.) United Press advices Jan. 20 to the "Sun" state:

Between 25,000 and 30,000 cotton textile workers, representing 32 corporations, will be affected by a wage cut of 10%, to become effective here Jan. 30. The wage reduction was announced last night following a conference of the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the Fall River Textile Council, representing the workers.

It was declared, moreover, that the manufacturers could not guarantee steady employment, which the workers had demanded in the event of a pay cut.

William Harwood, Secretary of the Textile Council, said that a meeting of the affiliated unions would be called to decide on whether the wage cut should be accepted or fought.

With regard to a cut in wages at the plant of the American Printing Co., a dispatch from Fall River to the New York "Times" Jan. 13 said:

Members of the doffers' union of the United Textile Workers of America voted, however, to strike, the strike to become effective when the sixty members of this organization employed at the American Printing Co.'s plant have organized other workers there so as to present a united front. U. T. W. shiners voted to abide by whatever action was taken by the doffers.

Fine Cotton Goods Exchange at New Bedford, Mass., Votes 20% Cut in Production.

Curtailment of production by the fine cotton goods industry to an extent not less than 20% was adopted as a policy on Jan. 13 at a largely attended meeting of the Fine Cotton Goods Exchange held at New Bedford, Mass., according to a dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce." It's advice also stated:

The curtailment is to be started at once or just as quickly as it can be put in effect in the individual plants and will continue until Oct. 1, when the question will again be considered.

The methods to be followed in effecting the reduction of output, whether by shutting part of the equipment down completely or by running short time, has been left to be worked out during the next few weeks.

Andrew Raeburn, formerly Secretary of the exchange, who was to-day elected its President, issued the following statement:

"At a largely attended meeting of the Fine Cotton Goods Exchange held in New Bedford to-day the members concluded unanimously to adopt the policy of instituting in their individual establishments a curtailment of production, this curtailment to amount to not less than 20%, to start immediately and to be continued until Oct. 1 1928."

Membership of the Fine Cotton Goods Exchange includes over two-thirds of the fine goods production in the United States. The curtailment movement, however, will include an even large proportion of the producing mills, since many fine goods mills outside the exchange have already signified regarding production. All fine goods manufacturers in the United States will be given the opportunity to join the movement, and it is expected nearly all will fall in line in the hope of stabilizing market values and employment conditions for the best interests of the entire fine goods industry, including both the producers and the distributors of cotton goods.

British Cotton Workers Reject Cut in Wages—Also Refuse Proposal for Longer Day.

The following from London Jan. 17 (copyright) appeared in the New York "Times":

Representatives of the cotton industry operatives gave the employers to understand in a conference which began at Manchester today that they would refuse to consider the employers' proposals to increase hours and decrease wages.

They urged instead that the Government be asked to set up a committee to investigate the position of the industry, with special reference to the cost of production.

If the employes persist in their refusal to extend hours or consent to a decrease in wages and the employers maintain their contention that these measures are necessary to bring British cotton down to exportable value, a strike seems imminent.

The cotton industry, especially that section which spins American yarn, has been in a badly depressed condition for some years, the British percentage of export to India and China having greatly decreased in competition with Japanese and American goods.

The contention of the cotton mill owners that these conditions can be remedied only by making the employes work longer hours for less pay has been challenged by many financial experts, who urge that what the industry needs is reorganization from top to bottom. One of the conditions essential to this operation is that British banks agree to accept losses on some of the money they loaned to help the cotton mills carry on.

Census Report on Cotton Consumed in December.

Under date of Jan. 13 1928 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles, and imports and exports of cotton for the month of December, 1927 and 1926. Cotton consumed amounted to 543,598 bales of lint and 51,844 bales of linters, compared with 602,986 bales of lint and 53,960 bales of linters in December 1926 and 625,680 bales of lint and 62,041 bales of linters in November 1927. It will be seen that there is a decrease from December 1926 in the total lint and linters combined of 61,504 bales, or 9.4%. The following is the statement complete:

December report of cotton consumed, on hand, imported and exported, and active cotton spindles. (Cotton in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign, which is in 500-pound bales).

Locality.	Year	Cotton Consumed During (Bales)—		Cotton on Hand Dec. 31.		Cotton Spindles Active During December (Number)
		December.	Five Months Ending Dec. 31.	In Consuming Establishments (Bales).	In Public Storage & at Compresses (Bales).	
United States--	1927	543,598	3,042,968	1,707,326	5,655,736	31,715,388
	1926	602,986	2,825,916	1,763,739	6,548,257	32,489,570
Cotton-growing States--	1927	406,710	2,250,757	1,206,411	5,349,369	17,891,270
	1926	438,511	2,039,543	1,225,121	6,261,791	17,404,764
New England States--	1927	114,013	657,416	429,934	99,614	12,380,236
	1926	138,553	656,044	458,865	128,264	13,586,862
All other States.	1927	22,875	134,795	70,981	206,753	1,443,882
	1926	25,922	130,329	79,753	158,202	1,497,944
Included above; Egyptian cotton	1927	18,584	100,470	54,873	18,803	-----
	1926	16,876	94,584	36,886	13,065	-----
Other foreign cotton	1927	6,010	32,907	19,205	8,504	-----
	1926	4,527	27,220	16,020	9,908	-----
Amer.-Egyptian cotton	1927	1,512	6,962	4,943	4,582	-----
	1926	1,957	8,835	5,299	4,022	-----
Not incl. above; Linters	1927	51,844	339,325	202,370	55,753	-----
	1926	53,960	340,892	140,564	57,113	-----

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.  
Imports of Foreign Cotton (500-Pound Bales).

Country of Production.	December.		5 Mos. End. Dec. 31.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Total	41,211	39,851	145,678	135,445
Egypt	30,016	20,958	101,460	62,745
Peru	2,083	1,814	12,949	8,590
China	7,145	3,181	16,119	4,342
Mexico	1,573	13,131	2,335	52,301
British India	380	238	12,019	6,606
All other	14	529	796	861

Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters—Running Bales (See note for linters).

Country to Which Exported.	December.		5 Mos. Ended Dec. 31.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Total	767,314	1,531,297	3,864,676	5,573,220
United Kingdom	99,601	396,113	520,027	1,400,453
France	108,588	168,756	556,907	636,042
Italy	93,894	120,000	303,650	409,137
Germany	197,414	443,299	1,248,871	1,530,200
Other Europe	95,461	119,285	504,481	602,098
Japan	114,316	207,755	551,351	729,646
All other	58,040	76,089	179,389	265,644

Note.—Figures include 22,574 bales of linters exported during December in 1927 and 27,290 bales in 1926 and 82,907 bales for the 5 months ending Dec. 31 in 1927 and 61,233 bales in 1926. The distribution for December 1927 follows: United Kingdom, 3,810; Netherlands, 520; France, 2,604; Germany, 11,369; Belgium, 1,912; Italy, 509; Canada, 1,845; Mexico, 3; Japan, 2.

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 of 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.

Decree Restricting Cuban Sugar Crop Signed by President Machado.

From the "Sun" of last night (Jan. 20) we take the following Havana advices:

The Cuban sugar crop restriction decree, limiting the distribution of sugar this season to 4,000,000 tons, plus 250,000 tons carry over, was signed by President Machado to-day. Under the new Cuban sugar law the sugar will be allotted to the consuming countries. The United States will get 3,000,000 tons, 150,000 tons will be sold in the Cuban market for domestic consumption, 600,000 tons will be turned over to the newly created sugar export corporation for foreign markets outside of the United States, and 200,000 tons will be withheld as a reserve.

Commenting on the above, the "Sun" said:

The Cuban crop last year was restricted to 4,500,000 tons. There were no allotments to the different consuming countries in the last season, and the United States received approximately 3,200,000 tons, against 3,751,000 tons in 1926. The average amount of Cuban sugar imported from 1920 to 1924 was approximately 3,000,000 tons, so that the present year's allotment of 3,300,000 tons is not expected to cause any embarrassment either to consumers on account of high prices or to refiners and dealers on account of an oversupply.

The same paper also reported the following United Press dispatch (Jan. 20) from Washington:

The United States, which has been receiving 57% of its sugar from Cuba, must look elsewhere for part of its supply this year.

That was the interpretation placed here to-day on United Press reports from Havana that the Cuban Sugar Commission planned to restrict the island's sugar grindings to 4,000,000 tons this season.

The amount allotted by the Commission to the United States—3,300,000 tons—is nearly 7% less than the average the country has received from Cuba in the last five years.

Commerce Department officials declined to comment on the probable effect the restriction will have on American prices or consumption.

They pointed out the Cuban crop had been arbitrarily reduced every year since 1925-26 with a view to maintaining price levels.

Berlin Sugar Conference Reaches Agreement Regarding Quota for Export.

Associated Press advices from Berlin yesterday (Jan. 20) said:

Representatives of the sugar interests of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia, who have been meeting here in accordance with the recent Paris decisions, have reached an agreement regarding the quota allotted for export during the years of 1928 and 1929. These quotas, fixed by the agreements, total 1,150,000 tons, whereof 66% is allotted Czechoslovakia, 17½% Poland and 16½% to Germany.

Polish Sugar Credits.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 19

Bank of Poland has assigned credit of 30,000,000 zlotys to Polish sugar industry, according to cable to American Polish Chamber of Commerce. It is believed growth in home credits available will permit sugar industry to dispense with foreign credits in near future.

Sugar Prices Now at Their Low—Analysis Prepared by New York University Bureau of Business Research for White, Weld & Co., Sees Upward Trend.

The New York University Bureau of Business Research has contributed an analysis of the sugar situation after a study of such factors as production, consumption and the price outlook as gauged by trends over the last quarter of a century. This study, which has been prepared for White, Weld & Co. and will be issued in booklet form, points to the constantly growing consumption of sugar as tending to restore market equilibrium in this commodity after a

period of over production, and makes the point that this over production has had the effect of cheapening the price of sugar to the extent that consumption is rapidly overtaking output. The study points out that for approximately 28 years prices have tended to play around the general commodity price level, departing widely only under the abnormal conditions that have prevailed in the last few years. During this time raw production of sugar has shown a fairly steady increase which has kept pace irregularly with a growing volume of consumption. Production has almost exactly doubled, indicating an actual average increase per year of about 454,700 tons. There is no reason to doubt, the analysis says, that world sugar consumption, on the other hand will continue to increase at the rate of approximately 421,000 tons per annum for many years, the average annual increase during the first 25 years of the 20th century. The study says:

"In the calendar year 1900 the United States consumed 2,200,000 tons. In the calendar year 1926 the same country consumed 5,671,000 tons. Thus in 26 years the consumption was much more than doubled, the gain being 157%. This represents a greater rate of increase than occurred in the actual world production and consumption.

"The United States, with an annual per capita consumption in the neighborhood of 109 pounds, presents not only the largest but one of the most rapidly growing markets for sugar. There is every reason to suppose that during the next ten years this country's consumption will increase by about 1,175,000 tons. It is a fact that rarely, if ever, has consumption in the United States declined during two years in succession. It seems reasonable to infer that as the economic position of other countries improves their consumption of sugar will to some extent follow the course of consumption in this country.

"Some allowance is to be made for the effect of low prices in stimulating consumption. With sugar as cheap as at present the consumption is likely to be stimulated and be somewhat above normal, which, of course, tends to cut down the apparent excess of production. World sugar production has already been above normal for about three years and it may be so again next year. In this case no sustained recovery in prices is probable for another year. But economic forces ultimately work out a readjustment, unless prevented by artificial government control; and, as in the past, a period of sub-normal production may be expected to result in two or three years, which will restore sugar prices to a parity with other foods.

"The relative cheapness of sugar will tend to cause increased consumption and to restrict production. While it may take two or three years for these tendencies to work out, the ultimate results are as certain as economic developments can be."

Lamborn & Co. on Situation of International Raw Sugar Producers and American Sugar Refiners at Close of 1927—International Meeting at Paris—Association of Sugar Refiners.

The meeting at Paris having for its object the stabilization of the international raw sugar industry, and the proposed formation of an Association of sugar refiners, were referred to by Lamborn & Co., in reviewing, on Dec. 15, the situation of International sugar producers and of American sugar refiners at the close of 1927; we quote from its review as follows:

During the past two and one-half years, through legislative action, Cuba has, by example, shown the raw sugar producers of the world, her desire to stabilize her own industry and at the same time, and in no less degree, assist producers of sister, but competitive nations.

The nations engaged in the sugar producing industry finally realized that the industry had reached such a point that it was no longer a question of the survival of the fittest, but rather the financial destruction of one of the greatest industries of modern times, affecting the great mass of the consumers of the world as to an essential and vital food product.

From the time Cuba's first restrictions were officially placed in effect, until the passage of the latest and more drastic Cuban Sugar Defense Law on October 3rd, the entire sugar world was skeptical of results, and an adverse international propaganda of unimaginable proportions continued until President Machado of Cuba sent Colonel J. M. Tarafa to Europe, as his personal and governmental representative, with full authority to act for the Cuban Government.

The purpose of the international meeting at Paris, was for stabilizing the international raw sugar industry, with the idea first of bringing a decent living wage to the workers; second: for securing a price for the article which would bring about a proper return on capital invested, plus a reasonable surplus for replacement and extension to take care of the normal and almost constant yearly increase in consumption of the ever-increasing population and demand, which demand has increased more rapidly as modern civilization has advanced.

As a result of the Paris Conference, the delegates of Cuba, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland signed a tentative memorandum, which was ratified by their respective industries at a later meeting at Berlin, Germany, after Colonel Tarafa had had four important interviews with the Java Sugar Producers Association, whose headquarters are located at Amsterdam, Holland. Since that time, Santo Domingo, Hungary and Belgium have signed the international agreement of Berlin, and it is fully expected that at a later date, such countries as Holland, Peru and Brazil will also assent. The general details of this agreement are known, and are in sympathy and co-operation with the Cuban Sugar Defense Law. The details of the tentative arrangements made between the Cuban Delegate and the Java Sugar Producers Association, may not be known until a further European meeting in 1928, after the European beet sowings are fully known, but we are in position to state that a real spirit of international amity and co-operation exists between these two interests, and that Colonel Tarafa has accomplished a greater co-operation with the Java interests than was anticipated or even hoped for.

**Flax Corner in Russia—London Advertising Expert Advises Buying of Linen.**

An Associated Press cablegram from London Jan. 3 published in the New York "Times" said:

Linen soon will cost more because Russia has cornered the flax market, Miss Madge Coules, who receives £2,000 (roughly \$10,000) a year as advertising expert of the staff of The Evening Standard, thinks.

In a broadcast talk advising women to take advantage of the January department store sales, she said:

"The reason for the increase in the cost of linen is a shortage of flax. Great quantities come from Russia and the Soviet is only letting out a little at a time so as to keep prices up."

**Production and Shipments of Portland Cement in 1927 Exceeds Totals for 1926—Stocks on Hand Dec. 31 Last Amount to 20,679,000 Barrels as Compared with 16,243,000 Barrels on Nov. 30 1927.**

The Portland cement industry in December 1927 produced 11,999,000 barrels, shipped 6,200,000 barrels from the mills and had in stock at the end of the month 21,821,000 barrels, according to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. Production of Portland cement in December 1927 showed an increase of nearly 12% and shipments a decrease of nearly 4%, as compared with December 1926, and Portland cement stocks at the mills were nearly 6% higher than at the end of 1926. The preliminary totals for 1927 show increases of over 4% in production and more than 5% in shipments over the final totals for 1926. The output of another new plant, located in Colorado, is included in these statistics which are compiled from reports for December from all manufacturing plants except two, for which estimates have been included in lieu of actual returns. The "Bureau" also released the following data:

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1926 AND 1927 (IN BARRELS).

Month.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
January	7,887,000	8,258,000	5,674,000	5,968,000	20,582,000	22,914,000
February	7,731,000	7,377,000	5,820,000	6,731,000	22,385,000	23,563,000
March	10,390,000	11,450,000	9,539,000	11,100,000	23,236,000	23,922,000
April	12,440,000	14,048,000	12,965,000	14,350,000	22,710,000	23,654,000
May	16,510,000	16,701,000	17,973,000	16,865,000	21,255,000	23,503,000
June	18,866,000	17,224,000	19,134,000	19,761,000	19,000,000	20,972,000
July	17,134,000	17,408,000	18,812,000	18,984,000	17,301,000	19,397,000
August	16,995,000	18,315,000	18,583,000	21,411,000	15,718,000	16,292,000
September	16,571,000	17,505,000	18,087,000	19,828,000	14,188,000	13,996,000
October	16,596,000	17,174,000	17,486,000	18,105,000	13,334,000	13,141,000
November	14,193,000	14,449,000	11,276,000	11,619,000	16,243,000	16,022,000
December	10,757,000	11,999,000	6,432,000	6,200,000	20,679,000	21,821,000
Prelim. tot.	164,070,000	171,908,000	161,781,000	170,922,000	-----	-----
Amt. of under est.	460,000	-----	406,000	-----	-----	-----
Final total	164,530,000	-----	162,187,000	-----	-----	-----

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN DECEMBER 1926 AND 1927 (IN BBLs.).

District.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
East. Pa., N. J. and Maryland	2,875,000	2,941,000	1,582,000	1,671,000	4,081,000	5,034,000
New York	634,000	701,000	233,000	402,000	1,284,000	1,504,000
Ohio, West. Pa. and W. Va.	851,000	970,000	543,000	445,000	2,461,000	2,595,000
Michigan	741,000	952,000	330,000	317,000	1,897,000	2,136,000
Wis., Ill., Ind. and Kent'cky	1,530,000	1,605,000	632,000	544,000	2,984,000	2,573,000
Va., Tenn., Ala., Ga., Fla., b & Louisiana c	1,022,000	1,162,000	951,000	786,000	1,195,000	1,680,000
East. Mo., Ia., Minn. & S.D.	904,000	1,247,000	284,000	240,000	2,937,000	2,731,000
West. Mo., Neb., Kan. & Okla.	a616,000	713,000	380,000	357,000	1,777,000	1,622,000
Texas	379,000	514,000	316,000	358,000	444,000	407,000
Colo., Mont. & Utah	87,000	113,000	69,000	63,000	484,000	365,000
California	a982,000	902,000	978,000	890,000	667,000	788,000
Ore. & Wash.	a136,000	179,000	134,000	127,000	468,000	386,000
Total	10,757,000	11,999,000	6,432,000	6,200,000	20,679,000	21,821,000

a Revised. b Began producing September and shipping October 1927. c Began producing June and shipping July 1927.

**Crude Oil and Gasoline Prices Show Some Reductions.**

A few reductions were made this week in certain crude oil and gasoline prices, according to available information. The earliest noted was a reduction amounting to 20c. per bushel announced Jan. 14 by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. (subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New York) on all grades of crude oil in Glasscock County and part of Howard County, West Texas. In the Chalk field of Howard County, all grades are posted at 80c. a barrel while in the Iatan district all grades are posted at 93c. a barrel. Crude in these districts was previously purchased by Magnolia on a gravity basis with base price of \$1.10 a barrel for crude below 28 gravity, \$1.12 for 28 to 28.9 degrees, and 2 cents additional for each degree higher, up to 52 and above which was posted at \$1.60 a barrel.

A press dispatch from Fort Worth, Texas, on Jan. 17 declared that these reductions were adjustments to cover a new grade of crude in that area. The report, as given in the "Philadelphia News Bureau" of Jan. 17 said:

Prices posted by Magnolia Petroleum Co. Jan. 14 for Howard and Glasscock counties, west Texas, crude at 60c. a barrel reduction of 20 cents, were adjustments to cover new grade of oil in area. Old price covered only Tatan crude and shallow production from Chalk pool.

This oil was higher in price than crude in Winkler, Crane and Pesos counties due to higher gravity and lower sulphur content. Until recently Tatan grade was only oil produced in Howard and Glasscock. Magnolia has uncovered a deep production near Howard-Glasscock line similar in low gravity and high sulphur content to Winkler and Crane oil. New price puts new grade of oil on same basis as Winkler, Crane and Pesos.

Gasoline prices were reduced two cents per gallon in greater Boston, Mass., on Jan. 17 when the Jenney Manufacturing Co., Standard Oil Co. of New York and Atlantic Refining Co. reduced the filling station price of gasoline in Greater Boston to 15 cents per gallon. Tank wagon price and retail price outside the metropolitan area remain unchanged. The Gulf Refining Co. has also cut the price of retail gasoline in Greater Boston two cents to 15 cents. The retail price in other localities and wholesale price in all cities both remaining unchanged at 17 cents per gallon.

On Jan. 17 the Standard Oil Co. of N. J. reduced the price of U. S. Navy gasoline, refined oil and water white kerosene ¼ cent a gallon in cases. The new prices are 23.65 cents a gallon for U. S. Navy gasoline, 16.90 cents for refined oil and 17.90 cents for water white grade, all prices in cases.

Wholesale prices in Chicago, Ill., markets on Jan. 20 were quoted as follows: Motor grade gasoline, 5½@5¾; kerosene, 41-43 water white, 4¼@4½; fuel oil, 24-26 gravity, 80@85c.

**Gross Crude Oil Stock Changes for December.**

Pipe line and tank farm gross domestic crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains increased 2,054,000 barrels in the month of December, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by representative companies. The net change shown by the reporting companies accounts for the increases and decreases in general crude oil stocks, including crude oil in transit, but not producers' stocks at the wells.

**Changes in Stocks at Refineries East of California for December.**

The following is the American Petroleum Institute's summary for the month of December of the increases and decreases in stocks at refineries covering approximately 87% of the operating capacity east of California:

(Barrels of 42 Gallons.)	Increase.	Decrease.
Domestic crude oil	176,000	-----
Foreign crude oil	-----	148,000
Gasoline	2,196,000	-----
Kerosene	-----	40,000
Gas and fuel oils	-----	46,000
Lubricating oil	130,000	-----
Miscellaneous	754,000	-----
Total	3,256,000	234,000
Deduct	234,000	-----
Net increase	3,022,000	-----

**Production of Crude Petroleum During November Shows Further Decline—Stocks Increase.**

The production of crude petroleum in the United States during November 1927, as reported to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, by companies which operate gathering lines, amounted to 73,778,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,459,000 barrels. This represents a decrease from the daily average of October 1927 of 28,000 barrels, during which month the total output was 77,081,000 barrels. The Bureau adds:

As was the case in October 1927, the greater part of the decrease in production in November occurred in the two leading producing States—Oklahoma and California. Daily average production in the former fell below the 800,000-barrel mark for the first time in several months. California registered a 10,000-barrel decrease in daily average production, though this was more than counterbalanced in December by developments in the new deep zone at Long Beach. Daily average production in Arkansas was 97,400 barrels, the first time in nearly four years that daily average production in this State has fallen below the 100,000-barrel mark. Texas and the majority of the other States showed little change in output.

Stocks of crude petroleum east of California continued to increase, but, as an aftermath of the decline in production, the increase in November was considerably below that of October. These stocks totaled 348,885,000 barrels on Nov. 30, as compared with 345,357,000 barrels on hand Oct. 31. As was the case in most previous months, stocks of California light crude decreased and stocks of heavy crude increased.

Production in the Seminole field in November 1927 continued to hold up well and again registered the small decline of only 5,000 barrels in daily average production from the previous month. A considerable number of

wells were shot during November, the increased flow being instrumental in maintaining the production at above the 400,000-barrel per day mark. The Panhandle and Seal Beach fields continued to decline, but this was partially counterbalanced by an increase at Long Beach. Stocks at Seminole on Nov. 30 1927 amounted to 14,690,000 barrels, as compared with 13,809,000 barrels the previous month—the smallest increase recorded for some time. A noticeable slowing up in drilling at the Seminole, Panhandle and Seal Beach fields was apparent in November. Long Beach, however, had 57 wells drilling on Nov. 30 1927 as against 30 on Oct. 31 1927.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY FIELDS AND STATES WITH CLASSIFICATION BY GRAVITY. (Barrels of 42 U. S. Gallons.)

	October 1927.		November 1927.		November 1926.	
	Total.	Daily Average	Total.	Daily Average	Total.	Daily Average
Seminole.....	13,210,000	426,000	12,641,000	421,000	3,464,000	115,000
Panhandle.....	2,775,000	90,000	2,525,000	84,000	4,530,000	151,000
Seal Beach.....	1,880,000	61,000	1,500,000	50,000	153,000	5,000
Long Beach.....	2,915,000	94,000	3,050,000	102,000	2,865,000	96,000

STOCKS AT SEMINOLE. (Barrels of 42 U. S. Gallons.)

	Oct. 31 1927.	Nov. 30 1927.
Producers' stocks.....	449,000	479,000
Tank-farm stocks.....	13,360,000	14,211,000
Total stocks.....	13,809,000	14,690,000

RECORD OF WELLS, NOVEMBER 1927. (Barrels of 42 U. S. Gallons.)

	Completions.			Total Initial Production.	Average Initial Production.	Drilling Nov. 30.
	Oil.	Gas.	Dry.			
Seminole.....	99	1	29	76,100	800	220
Panhandle.....	16	8	7	4,000	300	134
Seal Beach.....	3	--	--	500	200	7
Long Beach.....	5	--	--	15,200	3,000	57

Although daily average crude runs to stills in November 1927 did not quite come up to the record figures of the previous month, an increase in cracking and a new high level in blending of natural gasoline at refineries resulted in a record-breaking daily average output of gasoline of 952,000 barrels, an increase over October of nearly 20,000 barrels. The Bureau continues:

The indicated daily average domestic demand for gasoline exceeded expectations in November, when it amounted to 813,000 barrels, a decrease from October of only 9,000 barrels. This indicated heavy consumption of gasoline in November may be attributed to the generally fair weather. It exceeded the indicated domestic demand of November 1926 by 18%. Stocks of gasoline on hand Nov. 30 1927 amounted to 30,401,000 barrels, an increase over the previous month of approximately 850,000 barrels. This marked the first month since March that gasoline stocks have shown an increase. At the current rate of total demand, these stocks represent 32 days' supply as compared with 31 day's supply on hand the previous month and 44 days' supply on hand a year ago.

Little change was recorded for the minor refined products, except in the indicated domestic demand for kerosene and wax, both of which showed material decreases.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 322 refineries, with an aggregate daily crude oil capacity of 2,871,000 barrels. These refineries operated during November 1927 at 81% of their recorded capacity, as compared with 329 refineries operating at 80% of their capacity in October 1927.

ANALYSIS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS. (Including Wax, Coke, and Asphalt in Barrels of 42 U. S. Gallons.)

	October 1927.	November 1927.	November 1926.	Jan.-Nov. 1927.	Jan.-Nov. 1926.
<b>New Supply—</b>					
Domestic production:					
Crude petroleum:					
Light.....	68,037,000	65,378,000	57,720,000	718,365,000	573,506,000
Heavy.....	9,044,000	8,400,000	12,171,000	101,962,000	124,743,000
Total crude.....	77,081,000	73,778,000	69,891,000	820,327,000	698,249,000
Natural gas gasoline.....	3,419,000	3,410,000	2,967,000	35,239,000	29,205,000
Benzol.....	217,000	205,000	179,000	2,351,000	1,936,000
Total.....	80,717,000	77,393,000	73,037,000	857,917,000	729,390,000
Daily average.....	2,604,000	2,580,000	2,435,000	2,569,000	2,184,000
Excess of daily average domestic production over domestic demand.....	367,000	355,000	253,000	384,000	50,000
Imports—Crude.....	4,633,000	5,339,000	5,043,000	51,947,000	55,395,000
Refined.....	1,041,000	1,159,000	1,619,000	12,597,000	19,620,000
Total new supply all oils.....	86,391,000	83,891,000	79,699,000	922,461,000	804,405,000
Daily average.....	2,787,000	2,796,000	2,657,000	2,762,000	2,408,000
Change in stocks all oils.....	4,048,000	5,222,000	921,000	62,552,000	28,318,000
<b>Demand—</b>					
Total demand.....	82,343,000	78,669,000	78,778,000	859,909,000	832,723,000
Daily average.....	2,656,000	2,622,000	2,626,000	2,575,000	2,493,000
Exports b—Crude.....	1,539,000	1,280,000	1,344,000	14,126,000	14,124,000
Refined.....	11,458,000	10,641,000	11,964,000	115,833,000	105,852,000
Domestic demand.....	69,346,000	66,748,000	65,470,000	729,950,000	712,747,000
Daily average.....	2,237,000	2,225,000	2,182,000	2,185,000	2,134,000
<b>Stocks (End of Mo.)</b>					
Crude:					
East of California c:					
Light.....	297,263,000	300,475,000	223,828,000	300,475,000	223,828,000
Heavy.....	48,094,000	48,410,000	53,321,000	48,410,000	53,321,000
California:					
Light.....	21,609,000	21,191,000	30,051,000	21,191,000	30,051,000
Heavy d.....	91,858,000	92,555,000	87,440,000	92,555,000	87,440,000
Total crude.....	458,824,000	462,631,000	394,640,000	462,631,000	394,640,000
Natural gas gasoline at plants.....	781,000	820,000	462,000	820,000	462,000
Total refined.....	117,822,000	119,198,000	121,441,000	119,198,000	121,441,000
Grand total stocks all oils.....	577,427,000	582,649,000	516,543,000	582,649,000	516,543,000
Bunker oil (included above in domestic demand).....	4,594,000	3,953,000	3,953,000	45,629,000	42,596,000

a Decrease. b Includes shipments to non-contiguous territories. c Exclusive of producers' stocks. d Includes fuel oil.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY FIELDS AND STATES WITH CLASSIFICATION BY GRAVITY. (Barrels of 42 U. S. Gallons.)

Field—	October 1927.		November 1927.		January-November	
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.	1927.	1926.a
Appalachian.....	2,589,000	83,500	2,525,000	84,200	28,017,000	26,125,000
Lima-Indiana.....	153,000	5,000	131,000	4,400	1,704,000	1,874,000
Michigan.....	38,000	1,200	33,000	1,100	402,000	68,000
Ill.—S. W. Ind.....	621,000	20,000	625,000	20,800	7,156,000	7,728,000
Mid-Continent.....	47,910,000	1,545,500	45,861,000	1,528,700	497,843,000	382,032,000
Gulf Coast.....	4,023,000	129,800	3,801,000	126,700	45,672,000	39,901,000
Rocky Mountain.....	2,298,000	74,100	2,286,000	76,200	27,720,000	35,343,000
California.....	19,449,000	627,400	18,516,000	617,200	211,813,000	204,278,000
U. S. total.....	77,081,000	2,486,500	73,778,000	2,459,300	820,327,000	698,249,000
States:						
Arkansas.....	3,165,000	102,100	2,923,000	97,400	37,372,000	54,199,000
California.....	19,449,000	627,400	18,516,000	617,200	211,813,000	204,278,000
Colorado.....	217,000	7,000	219,000	7,300	2,579,000	2,525,000
Illinois.....	555,000	17,900	561,000	18,700	6,495,000	7,129,000
Indiana.....	75,000	2,400	72,000	2,400	778,000	738,000
Southwestern.....	66,000	2,100	64,000	2,100	661,000	599,000
Northeastern.....	9,000	300	8,000	300	117,000	139,000
Kansas.....	3,313,000	106,900	3,260,000	108,700	37,476,000	37,914,000
Kentucky.....	590,000	19,000	586,000	19,600	6,179,000	5,758,000
Louisiana.....	1,745,000	56,300	1,634,000	54,500	19,340,000	21,260,000
Gulf Coast.....	234,000	7,600	245,000	8,200	2,776,000	3,815,000
Rest of State.....	1,511,000	48,700	1,389,000	46,300	16,564,000	17,445,000
Michigan.....	38,000	1,200	33,000	1,100	402,000	68,000
Montana.....	404,000	13,000	361,000	12,000	4,704,000	7,360,000
New Mexico.....	64,000	2,100	77,000	2,600	1,123,000	1,498,000
New York.....	189,000	6,100	187,000	6,200	2,048,000	1,775,000
Ohio.....	622,000	20,100	591,000	19,700	6,965,000	6,656,000
Cent. & East.....	478,000	15,400	468,000	15,600	5,378,000	4,921,000
Northwestern.....	144,000	4,700	123,000	4,100	1,587,000	1,735,000
Oklahoma.....	24,810,000	800,300	23,689,000	789,600	254,965,000	161,344,000
Osage County.....	1,789,000	57,700	1,796,000	59,800	21,779,000	23,142,000
Rest of State.....	23,021,000	742,600	21,893,000	729,800	233,186,000	138,202,000
Pennsylvania.....	826,000	26,700	800,000	26,700	8,814,000	8,204,000
Tennessee.....	6,000	200	6,000	200	56,000	40,000
Texas.....	18,900,000	609,700	18,156,000	605,200	194,362,000	148,116,000
Gulf Coast.....	3,789,000	122,200	3,556,000	118,500	42,896,000	36,086,000
Rest of State.....	15,111,000	487,500	14,600,000	486,700	151,466,000	112,030,000
West Virginia.....	500,000	16,100	478,000	15,900	5,542,000	5,427,000
Wyoming.....	1,613,000	52,000	1,629,000	54,300	19,323,000	23,952,000
Salt Creek.....	1,094,000	32,400	1,065,000	35,500	13,071,000	16,775,000
Rest of State.....	609,000	19,600	564,000	18,800	6,252,000	7,179,000
Classification by Gravity (Approx.)						
Light crude.....	68,037,000	2,194,800	65,378,000	2,179,300	718,365,000	573,506,000
Heavy crude.....	9,044,000	291,700	8,400,000	280,000	101,962,000	124,743,000

a Final figures; total includes 3,600,000 barrels consumed on leases, &c., not included in 1927 figures.

STOCKS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM HELD IN THE UNITED STATES

	Oct. 31 1927.	Nov. 30 1927.	Nov. 30 1926.a
<b>At refineries (and in coastwise transit thereto) reported by location of storage—</b>			
East coast—Domestic.....	8,772,000	8,045,000	7,913,000
Foreign.....	2,675,000	2,726,000	2,354,000
Appalachian.....	1,740,000	1,822,000	1,664,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.....	2,737,000	2,692,000	2,058,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.....	4,850,000	4,924,000	2,548,000
Texas—Inland.....	1,677,000	1,556,000	952,000
Gulf coast—Domestic.....	7,473,000	7,653,000	7,903,000
Foreign.....	174,000	204,000	206,000
Arkansas and Inland Louisiana.....	402,000	457,000	635,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast—Domestic.....	5,643,000	6,104,000	7,067,000
Foreign.....	1,043,000	1,150,000	761,000
Rocky Mountain.....	1,368,000	1,394,000	1,501,000
Total east of California.....	38,554,000	38,827,000	35,565,000
<b>Elsewhere than at refineries—</b>			
Domestic—Reported by field of origin:			
Appalachian—N. Y., Pa., W. Va., east-ern and central Ohio.....	Gross 6,869,000	6,797,000	6,864,000
Net.....	6,552,000	6,501,000	6,577,000
Kentucky.....	Gross 1,212,000	1,216,000	1,221,000
Net.....	1,081,000	1,090,000	1,090,000
Lima-Indiana.....	Gross 1,230,000	1,263,000	900,000
Net.....	1,077,000	1,109,000	689,000
Illinois-Southwestern Indiana.....	Gross 12,626,000	12,708,000	12,216,000
Net.....	12,100,000	12,189,000	11,731,000
Mid-Continent—Oklahoma, Kansas, central, north and west Texas.....	Gross 226,506,000	229,754,000	153,475,000
Net.....	214,707,000	218,378,000	140,925,000
Northern Louisiana and Arkansas.....	Gross 28,190,000	28,005,000	34,743,000
Net.....	25,628,000	25,577,000	32,376,000
Gulf coast.....	Gross 18,098,000	18,007,000	19,339,000
Net.....	17,679,000	17,619,000	18,965,000
Rocky Mountain.....	Gross 27,727,000	27,298,000	28,620,000
Net.....	27,681,000	27,256,000	28,571,000
Total pipe-line and tank-farm stocks east of California.....	322,458,000	325,048,000	257,378,000
Foreign crude petroleum on Atlantic Coast.....	100,000	106,000	1

INDICATED DELIVERIES OF CRUDE PETROLEUM, EXCLUSIVE OF CALIFORNIA GRADES, TO DOMESTIC CONSUMERS (BARRELS).

Domestic Petroleum by Fields of Origin.	October 1927.		November 1927.		January-November	
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.	1927.	1926.a
Appalachian	2,823,000	91,100	2,567,000	85,600	28,216,000	27,013,000
Lima-Indiana	83,000	2,700	99,000	3,300	1,261,000	2,159,000
Michigan	38,000	1,200	33,000	1,100	402,000	68,000
Ill. & S. W. Ind	634,000	20,400	536,000	17,900	6,737,000	6,589,000
Mid-Continent	42,515,000	1,371,400	42,241,000	1,408,000	427,736,000	407,177,000
Gulf Coast	4,110,000	132,600	3,861,000	128,700	48,084,000	46,178,000
Rocky Mountain	2,216,000	71,500	2,711,000	90,400	28,539,000	35,624,000
Deliveries & exports	52,419,000	1,690,900	52,048,000	1,735,000	540,975,000	518,808,000
Deliveries	51,305,000	1,655,000	51,093,000	1,703,100	531,524,000	509,597,000
Foreign petrol.	4,571,000	147,500	5,298,000	176,600	52,217,000	55,141,000
Deliveries of domestic & for petrol.	55,876,000	1,802,500	56,391,000	1,879,700	583,741,000	564,738,000

a Final figures. NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS COMPLETED. x

October 1927.	November 1927.	Jan.-Nov. 1927.	Jan.-Nov. 1926.y
1,086	1,044	13,775	17,453

x For States east of California, from "Oil & Gas Journal"; for California, from the American Petroleum Institute.

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM CALIFORNIA TO EASTERN PORTS IN UNITED STATES VIA PANAMA CANAL (BARRELS).

	Oct. 1927.	Nov. 1927.	Jan.-Nov. '27	J'n-Nov. '26a
Crude oil	844,000	864,000	9,805,000	10,681,000
Refined products	1,571,000	1,456,000	21,461,000	20,910,000
Gasoline	984,000	940,000	10,741,000	7,464,000
Tops	154,000	382,000	3,486,000	224,000
Gas oil	363,000	75,000	6,880,000	7,400,000
Fuel oil	70,000	69,000	354,000	488,000
Lubricants	70,000	69,000	354,000	488,000

a Final figures. STOCKS HELD BY THE REFINING COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES NOV. 30 1927 (BARRELS).

	Gasoline.	Kerosene.	Gas Oil & Fuel Oil.	Lubricants.
East coast	4,561,000	1,557,000	10,804,000	2,522,000
Appalachian	822,000	300,000	1,065,000	1,063,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.	3,251,000	932,000	1,938,000	780,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.	2,528,000	540,000	6,066,000	471,000
Texas	4,625,000	1,521,000	9,686,000	1,622,000
Louisiana and Arkansas	1,424,000	890,000	3,419,000	101,000
Rocky Mountain	1,336,000	266,000	659,000	112,000
California	11,854,000	1,835,000	-----	853,000
United States total	30,401,000	7,841,000	33,637,000	7,524,000
U. S. total Oct. 31 1927	29,550,000	7,325,000	33,191,000	7,584,000
Texas gulf coast	3,925,000	1,415,000	8,007,000	1,570,000
Louisiana gulf coast	1,332,000	866,000	2,849,000	101,000

	Wax (Pounds).	Coke (Tons).	Asphalt (Tons).	Other Finished Products (Bbls.).	Unfinished Oils (Bbls.).
East coast	63,277,000	33,700	77,900	100,000	6,780,000
Appalachian	24,467,000	1,200	900	111,000	1,183,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.	14,094,000	34,200	20,800	323,000	3,194,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.	5,053,000	58,300	1,700	83,000	2,089,000
Texas	10,469,000	80,000	8,300	10,000	9,288,000
Louisiana and Arkansas	42,102,000	64,000	26,100	67,000	1,860,000
Rocky Mountain	12,180,000	77,800	9,400	25,000	1,827,000
California	58,000	---	51,100	401,000	58,988,000
United States total	171,700,000	349,200	196,200	1,120,000	35,209,000
U. S. total Oct. 31 1927	170,367,000	331,300	189,400	960,000	35,874,000
Texas gulf coast	10,326,000	66,800	8,300	4,000	8,204,000
Louisiana gulf coast	42,102,000	61,400	25,600	66,000	1,467,000

x East of California. y Includes 1,765,000 barrels tops in storage. Compare also with statistics for September 1927, published in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 12 1927, page 2612.—Ed.]

Crude Oil Production Continues to Decline.

A decrease of 5,950 barrels is reported in the daily average crude oil output during the week of Jan. 14. The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 14 was 2,373,100 barrels, as compared with 2,379,050 barrels for the preceding week. This is slightly below the crude produced in the corresponding week of 1927, when 2,391,000 barrels, or 17,900 barrels more per day than the current flow, were produced. The current daily average production east of California was 1,757,500 barrels, as compared with 1,754,850 barrels, an increase of 2,650 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks mentioned:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels)—	Jan. 14 '28.	Jan. 7 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	Jan. 15 '27.
Oklahoma	683,050	674,900	701,250	594,650
Kansas	105,500	107,300	107,850	118,900
Panhandle Texas	74,950	76,500	89,250	140,450
North Texas	74,000	74,650	75,000	101,350
West Central Texas	58,050	56,950	57,600	68,850
West Texas	267,500	258,900	260,650	67,350
East Central Texas	26,300	26,650	26,800	52,400
Southwest Texas	23,450	23,800	24,400	39,800
North Louisiana	45,400	44,600	46,600	53,300
Arkansas	89,950	90,150	93,350	133,550
Coastal Texas	109,550	117,900	120,450	166,800
Coastal Louisiana	14,250	14,850	15,050	12,150
Eastern	110,000	110,000	110,500	108,000
Montana	57,150	57,450	54,450	57,000
Wyoming	11,000	11,000	11,500	12,600
Colorado	6,950	6,550	5,800	7,900
New Mexico	2,450	2,700	3,500	4,450
California	615,600	624,200	624,800	651,500
Total	2,373,100	2,379,050	2,419,750	2,391,000

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 Jan. 14 was 1,446,150 barrels, as compared with 1,434,000 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 11,750 barrels. The Mid-Continent production excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 1,377,500 barrels, as compared with 1,365,400 barrels, an increase of 12,150 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):

	Jan. 14.	Jan. 7.	North Louisiana—	Jan. 14	Jan. 7.
Oklahoma—	3,200	3,050	Haynesville	6,350	6,400
North Braman	1,950	1,850	Uranian	7,750	7,600
South Braman	15,000	15,000	Arkansas—		
Tonkawa	10,050	10,150	Smackover, light	8,750	8,500
Garber	37,050	37,100	Smackover, heavy	68,600	69,000
Burbank	24,500	24,500	Coastal Texas—		
Bristow Slick	10,700	10,600	West Columbia	8,300	8,450
Cromwell	8,750	9,000	Blue Ridge	3,650	3,950
Wewoka	56,050	53,700	Pierce Junction	9,200	11,850
Bowlegs	101,800	102,950	Hull	11,600	12,050
Searight	20,050	20,150	Spindletop	46,800	52,050
Little River	36,500	36,350	Orange County	4,050	4,050
Earlsboro	130,100	124,700	Wyoming—		
Panhandle Texas—			Salt Creek	42,300	42,450
Hutchinson County	50,300	51,300	Montana—		
Carson County	7,500	7,450	Sunburst	9,000	9,000
Gray	16,100	16,500	California—		
Wheeler	1,000	1,200	Santa Fe Springs	38,500	38,500
West Central Texas—			Lons Beach	115,000	118,000
Brown County	15,600	16,950	Huntington Beach	60,000	60,500
Shackelford County	5,250	5,200	Torrance	20,000	20,000
West Texas—			Dominguez	13,500	13,500
Reagan County	22,550	22,050	Rosecrans	8,000	8,000
Pecos County	49,500	53,200	Inglewood	31,500	31,500
Crane & Upton Counties	105,300	107,100	Midway-Sunset	80,500	81,000
Winkler	74,700	61,200	Wentura Ave	51,500	51,000
East Central Texas—			Laredo District	41,000	41,500
Corsicana-Powell	12,800	13,000			
Nigger Creek	1,700	1,850			
Southwest Texas—					
Luling	13,250	13,500			
Laredo District	7,000	7,100			

The Non-Ferrous Metals—Easier Prices Named for Copper and Tin—Trading Below Average.

The tonnage of non-ferrous metals sold during the past week was below the average. Except for New York lead, prices were easier on all of the major metals, "Engineering & Mining Journal" reports. Platinum has been fairly active and the price has been advanced from \$72 per ounce to \$85. Quicksilver has declined several dollars a flask as a consequence of selling pressure in Europe.

Important primary producers of copper held out for 14.12½ cents a pound, delivered in the East, but no sales, it is stated, went through at this price. The so-called "custom" sellers sold a moderate volume of copper at 14 to 14.10 cents a pound, delivered in Connecticut, and at 14.125 cents at Middle West destinations. It is understood that offerings were made later at a shade under 14 cents, but no transactions were reported. It is added:

Zinc in fair volume was traded in at 5.625 cents per pound. St. Louis basis. New supplies of electrolytic are about to come on the market from Montana and this necessarily has an influence on Prime Western zinc.

The lead market has been unsettled in the past week by offerings by a Middle Western dealer at 6.25 cents, St. Louis, five points less than the price asked by first hands. In the East, all sellers continue to quote on the contract basis of 6.50 cents, all deliveries.

Tin has been easier, in sympathy with London, sales going through as low as 54.25 cents a pound. A fair trade was reported at the reduced quotations.

World's Production of Copper for Month of December Largest of any Month in the Past Year—Total Output in 1927 Increased 57,855 Tons Over 1926.

According to figures compiled by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, the world's production of copper for the month of December 1927 amounted to approximately 152,000 short tons, as compared with total output in November of about 145,000 short tons and of about 145,300 short tons in December 1926.

Copper output for the full year of 1927 by principal countries of the world, which furnished about 98% of the world's total, amounted to 1,658,346 short tons, as compared with 1,600,491 short tons in the preceding year, an increase of 57,855 short tons. The daily rate of production for these countries for the month of December 1927 was 4,805 short tons, as compared with 4,590 short tons the same month a year ago, and 4,733 short tons in November 1927. The Bureau's figures follow:

MONTHLY COPPER PRODUCTION (IN SHORT TONS) x (By principal countries of the world, which furnished about 98% of world's total.)

	Monthly Production.			Daily Rate.		
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1925.	1926.	1927.
January	130,310	129,518	143,337	4,204	4,178	4,624
February	122,975	136,455	132,870	4,392	4,516	4,745
March	135,359	134,727	136,347	4,366	4,346	4,398
April	124,510	136,938	135,729	4,130	4,565	4,524
May	126,236	136,468	139,114	4,072	4,402	4,458
June	125,685	124,100	134,243	4,030	4,016	4,264
July	124,926	124,483	132,159	3,955	4,147	4,355
August	122,618	128,568	135,015	3,829	4,400	4,443
September	125,206	132,013	136,600	3,944	4,406	4,686
October	138,234	136,600	141,975	4,454	4,494	4,733
November	133,007	148,321	148,961	4,252	4,590	4,805
December	131,809	142,300	148,961	4,252	4,590	4,805
Total	1,540,875	1,600,491	1,658,346	4,222	4,385	4,543
Monthly average	128,406	133,374	137,217			

x Table includes production by the United States, Mexico, Canada, Chile and Peru, Japan, Australia, Europe (partly estimated) and Belgian Congo.

**World Stocks of Slab Zinc Decrease 900 Tons—Total on Jan. 1 1928 Estimated at 56,100 Tons—World Production and Consumption Reaches New High Record in 1927.**

A. J. M. Sharpe, honorary foreign correspondent of the American Zinc Institute, Inc., estimates world stocks of slab zinc Jan. 1 at 56,100 metric tons of 2,204.6 pounds each, compared with 57,000 tons Dec. 1, a decrease of 900 tons. The following table gives in metric tons Mr. Sharpe's estimates of zinc stocks in the various countries:

Year 1927—	Jan. 1 '28.	Dec. 1 '27.	Nov. 1 '27.	Oct. 1 '27.	July 1 '27.	Jan. 1 '27.
United States.....	37,000	35,700	32,930	31,100	39,871	19,800
Canada.....	2,400	2,500	2,800	2,600	2,600	3,200
Australia.....	x2,800	x2,600	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,400
Germany & Poland.....	6,100	6,700	7,200	7,600	6,800	9,500
Belgium.....	4,200	4,400	4,100	3,900	3,300	4,000
Great Britain.....	1,100	1,500	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,000
Scandinavia.....	200	200	200	200	200	200
Far East.....	600	600	600	600	500	500
Elsewhere.....	1,700	2,800	3,000	2,700	2,800	3,000
Total.....	56,100	57,000	54,930	52,900	60,371	43,600
x Including unsold shipments afloat.						

Mr. Sharpe, in reviewing world conditions of zinc as at Jan. 21, says:

Perhaps the less said about the disappointments of the past year the better. Misfortunes were not confined to the members of the zinc industry in America; producers in Europe and ore suppliers in Africa and elsewhere had their fair share of troubles also.

The closing quotation for G.O.B. spelter, or in other words prime Western zinc, on the London Metal Exchange on Dec. 30 was £26 5s. per long ton, which contrasts with £32 15s. on Jan. 1 1927.

Complete figures are not available at time of dictation of these notes, so that our preliminary estimate of 1,320,900 metric tons as world production for last year may need slight revision later. Now, having regard to the fact that such a production is a world record, it is almost unbelievable to those not in the trade to learn that the zinc industry did not enjoy a year of prosperity especially as consumption was likewise a record and world stocks of the metal fairly modest. But somehow or other, confidence has been entirely lacking in the zinc market and the price slumped in sympathy with lead, of which there was a super-abundance, indicating overproduction.

True, there was and still is a disposition to slightly overproduce zinc, too, and the portents are that in 1928 another output record will be achieved. Still, with industrial affairs progressing satisfactorily in the Old World and the promise of no retrograde movement in trade in the United States, consumption this year should also break record. For reasons that need not be traversed here, we expect a distinct advance in the selling price of lead by the summer, and it can be taken for granted that a betterment in that direction will be accompanied by such a gain in the selling price of slab zinc as will gladden the hearts of producers everywhere. In brief, there is scope, in our opinion, for a fair advance in the zinc market this year; indeed, we regard the current quotations of 5.65c. per pound in St. Louis and £26 2s. 6d. per long ton in London as substantially below the intrinsic value or what should be the basic price for prime Western at the present time. The next upward movement will be assisted if output be not so pressed so as to curb an increase in unsold stocks in the hands of smelters, the majority of whom are ever disposed to realize in preference to nursing markets by holding back for higher prices. It scarcely falls within the province of this article to comment upon the outputs of individual countries; all that need be observed is that during 1927 the tendency for production to expand was pretty general.

One of the features of the year was the rapidity with which high-grade zinc leaped into popularity in Europe. Consumers, especially in Central Europe, who could not be persuaded to try 99.9% purity metal before 1927, are now willing buyers at premiums ranging up to £3 a ton. The insistent demand for high-grade has indeed been responsible for periodic famines in the available supply and the new year promises well for the producers of this specification in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe.

**Reports of International Zinc Syndicate—Producers Here Say No Project Will Be Considered in Near Future.**

The following is from the New York "Times" of Jan 4:

Officials of zinc producing and distributing companies yesterday denied knowledge of a conference of British, German, Belgian and Polish zinc producers to further an international zinc syndicate described in London reports. One official said European producers might be considering the revival of a European zinc syndicate that existed before the war.

The London report said that American zinc interests had agreed to proposals for restriction of zinc production. Officials of the New Jersey Zinc Company, American Smelting and Refining Company and Anaconda Copper Company denied that they had been approached by European interests in proposals for an international syndicate. They said that no project for regulating world zinc would be considered in the near future.

**Output of Steel Continues to Increase—Pig Iron Price Again Rises.**

With increasing demands from the automobile industry and heavier requirements in other lines, especially the railroads, the output of steel continues to broaden, says the "Iron Age" in its summary of market conditions issued under date of Jan. 19. Finished steel requirements are not only growing in volume, but are becoming better balanced. Avenues of consumption that only recently were taking relatively small tonnages of steel are making heavier drafts on mill production.

The outstanding example is the automobile industry with its steadily mounting demands. Railroad buying is also a major market factor, with a continuance of rail contracting and the promise of additional large purchases of cars and locomotives. In tin plate, increased specifications for

March and April shipment have brought output up to 75% of mill capacity, adds the "Age" review, from which we quote further as follows:

While demand for tubular products continues to lag, the oil industry is taking more well pipe and two large line pipe inquiries, one of them for 14,000 tons, have appeared in southern California. Oil storage tanks, particularly for western Texas, call for a steady flow of plate tonnage. Meanwhile better farmer buying is reflected in the high output of implement plants, and a sustained volume of construction work is indicated.

Steel output continues to gain, although at a retarded rate. At Chicago, a leading centre for railroad buying, two steel works blast furnaces have gone in, making a total of five blown in since Jan. 1, and inxot output has reached 80% of capacity. At Pittsburgh the Carnegie Steel Co. has lighted a furnace and is preparing to blow in another. In the Youngstown district, however, a recession in new orders and specifications has delayed further increases in production. The operations of Steel Corporation plants are estimated at 78%, as against 75% a week ago.

Steel specifications from the motor car industry, in the case of some mills, are almost double the releases of last month. Bars, sheets, strip steel, alloy steel bars and bolts and nuts have all been affected by the increasing requirements of automotive plants. With a large supply of cars needed to stock dealers with new models, heavy automobile production seems assured for the first quarter at least. Current output is estimated at 20 to 25% above January last year, when 238,926 cars and trucks were manufactured. Automobile parts plants are operating at full capacity, and a Cleveland drop forge company has placed an order for 3,500 tons of alloy steel bars. The gain in automobile output has brought the index of employment in Detroit to the highest point since the summer of 1926.

Fresh business in steel from other sources, although in reduced volume following heavy specifying in December, exceeds expectations. A fair volume of small-lot orders for bars, plates and shapes is coming from buyers who underestimated their needs or, in adhering to a hand-to-mouth buying policy, failed to take advantage of lower prices.

Prices generally are well maintained, and in some lines are stronger. Makers of cold-rolled strip have announced an advance of \$3 a ton, and following the stiffening of prices on plate mill sizes of wide strip, the plate market is more firmly established at 1.80c., Pittsburgh. Stronger prices on hot and cold rolled strip will mainly affect second quarter business, since most mills are well booked for the current quarter. Similarly, an effort to advance plates, shapes and bars, now regarded as an early possibility, would have comparatively little effect on invoiced prices until next quarter.

For recent railroad car orders 15,000 tons of plates has been scheduled at Chicago mills. While the week's car buying was confined to a few hundred cars, an inquiry for 2,000 refrigerator cars from the Pacific Fruit Express is expected to be the forerunner of another bulge in equipment buying. The Illinois Central's expected inquiry may call for 4,000 cars.

Rail orders totaled about 25,000 tons at Chicago, of which 15,000 tons was for the Pere Marquette, while at Cleveland the Nickel Plate ordered 11,500 tons. Additional rail inquiry now definitely before Chicago mills from Western roads amounts to 75,000 tons.

Chicago and Cleveland have led in pig iron sales, and the total of first quarter buying at Chicago in December and so far this month has exceeded 300,000 tons, while at Cleveland 25,000 tons has been added to recent heavy purchases. Ohio and Michigan foundries producing automobile castings are increasing their melt, and furnaces which serve them expect to reduce their stock piles, as they probably will ship more iron this month than they make. New York iron sales were 10,000 tons, and at Philadelphia buying has been increased to take advantage of quotations made before the 50c. price advance on foundry grades, now effective.

Structural steel lettings at Chicago totaled 13,000 tons. At Cleveland 20,000 tons is required for three buildings for the Cleveland Union Terminals Co., bringing the total of pending fabricated steel work to more than 41,000 tons.

Fabricated structural steel bookings of 205,165 tons in December brought the year's total to 2,750,700 tons, or 72% of capacity. This exceeded 1926 by nearly 8% and, except for 1925, is the highest total on record.

Greater strength in foundry iron in eastern Pennsylvania has advanced the "Iron Age" pig iron composite price to \$17.67, from \$17.59 last week, as the following table indicates:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Jan. 17 1928, 2.314c. a Lb.		Jan. 17 1928, \$17.67 a Gross Ton.	
One week ago.....	2.314c.	One week ago.....	\$17.59
One month ago.....	2.314c.	One month ago.....	17.54
One year ago.....	2.430c.	One year ago.....	19.39
10-year pre-war average.....	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average.....	15.72

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 86% of the United States output.

High.		Low.	
1927..2.453c.	Jan. 4 2.293c.	Oct. 25 1927..\$19.71	Jan. 4 \$17.54
1926..2.453c.	Jan. 5 2.403c.	May 18 1926..21.54	Jan. 5 19.46
1925..2.560c.	Jan. 6 2.396c.	Aug. 18 1925..22.50	Jan. 13 18.96
1924..2.789c.	Jan. 15 2.460c.	Oct. 14 1924..22.88	Feb. 26 19.21
1923..2.824c.	Apr. 24 2.446c.	Jan. 2 1923..30.86	Mar. 20 20.77

Supported especially by the building, railroad and automotive industries, the iron and steel markets have moved to slightly higher ground in the past week, declares the market survey issued Jan. 19 by the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland. Order books of practically all finished steelmakers have lengthened despite accelerated production. From the character of demand, consumption has expanded more rapidly than many buyers of iron and steel anticipated.

Attesting this improvement, four more blast furnace stacks have been blown in, making twelve added this month. In less than three weeks all of the loss of furnace capacity since September has been recouped, and January will be the first month since April to show an increase in pig iron output. Blast furnace activity is proving an accurate measure of the markets. Steel corporation subsidiaries are operating at 78% this week, a gain of 1 point, observes the "Review," from which we add the following:

While steel ingot production this month cannot exceed last January, the improvement over December promises to surpass that of a year ago. Present firm prices, particularly in pig iron and heavy finished steel, contrast with the crumbling price structure of last January. Some advances announced last quarter approach a test at the hands of carbuilders, fabricators and other large consumers.

A few soft spots have developed, as the first flush of new year expansion fades, but they do not mar the picture. Pig iron sales, due largely to the carryover from fourth quarter, do not measure up with finished steel.

Some Mahoning Valley sheet makers believe automotive specifications, while broadening, are inadequate if auto production is to attain first quarter estimates. And they foresee a jam in March. Chicago markets are forging ahead, while Pittsburgh gathers momentum more slowly.

In several small sales beehive furnace coke has brought \$2.85, but \$2.75 is more usual. One important producer has increased production slightly. Foundry coke consumption is moderately higher, with \$3.75 to \$4.25 the market.

Pig iron enters the area where emphasis is upon shipment rather than selling, but in some districts, notably Pittsburgh, the market is disappointingly quiet. The Lake furnaces are shipping heavily to automotive foundries. Consumption also has expanded in the New York district. Output may be curtailed at Buffalo. Malleable iron is in greater demand at St. Louis, where the week's sales were 10,000 tons. Close to 250,000 tons has been placed at Chicago for first quarter.

December sales of independent sheet mills—530,197 tons—were 200,000 tons over November, double last December and the largest for any month since such statistics have been compiled. Excepting Chicago, specifications are larger in all districts. Mill schedules are slightly heavier, the Mahoning Valley, for instance, starting the week with 104 units as compared with 75 last week. Sheets are quotable at 2c. to 2.10c., Pittsburgh, for blue annealed; 2.80c. to 2.90c. for black, and 3.65c. to 3.75c. for galvanized. Including 20,000 tons for the Union Terminals project at Cleveland and 15,000 tons for a bridge at New York, active structural inquiry totals 60,000 to 75,000 tons. This approximates the tonnage expected to receive action in the Chicago district in the next thirty days. Fabricators at Philadelphia are paying \$2 per ton more, as a result of the new Eastern mill bases on shapes, and further advances are probable.

Merchant bars are in better demand at Pittsburgh than shapes or plates, although 10,500 tons of plates for railroad car floats and ferries are up. West Texas oil tanks, coming out soon, will require 7,500 tons of plates. Deliveries on plates and shapes at Chicago are slightly deferred.

Freight car awards have been light, embracing 550 freight by the Canadian Pacific and about that number of miscellaneous cars by other roads, but at Chicago 5,800 freight and 725 passenger cars are pending. Rail inquiry totals 75,000 tons.

Preliminary estimates of the 1928 Lake Superior iron ore movement indicate an increase of several million tons over the 52,357,000 tons of 1927.

The prospect of foreign competition has permitted Milwaukee to buy 5,000 tons of cast iron pipe at \$26, Birmingham, or a minimum of \$2 under the market.

Cold bar finishers have increased operations to 75% and their bookings are the heaviest for several Januarys.

Following six weeks of slow accumulation of strength, iron and steel scrap is reacting, especially at Chicago where the market is off 75c.

The "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products continues to rise as recent advances become the quotable market, and this week is \$35.33, compared with \$35.23 last week and an average of \$35.09 for December.

The United States Steel Corp. through two subsidiaries, the Carnegie Steel Co. and the Illinois Steel Co., on Jan. 19 advanced prices for steel bars, shapes and plates \$1 per ton. The new prices are \$1.85 per hundred pounds at Pittsburgh and \$1.95 at Chicago. The "New York Times" of Jan. 20 in reporting these changes said:

Reflecting a revived demand, particularly from the automobile industry, the United States Steel Corporation increased the price of steel bars, shapes and plates yesterday \$1 a ton. The advance was put into effect by two subsidiaries, the Carnegie Steel Company and the Illinois Steel Company. The former subsidiary has its headquarters in Pittsburgh and the latter in Chicago.

The new prices are \$1.85 a hundred pounds in Pittsburgh and \$1.95 a hundred pounds in Chicago. This is the second upward revision of prices ordered recently, the first having been announced by the Carnegie Steel Company in November.

The new schedule is applicable only to deliveries in the first quarter. The fact that second quarter orders will not be accepted at the increased price was construed to mean that another increase is in prospect. There has been evidence for some time of an improved demand for steel products. The railroads as well as automobile manufacturers have been increasing their purchases.

Operations of the Steel Corporation have been gradually increasing for some time. The ingot production is now at about 80% of capacity. This compares with 78% at the beginning of this week and 73% ten days ago.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation and other manufacturers are expected to meet the Steel Corporation's price advance.

**Bituminous Coal Mine Wage Reduction—Anthracite Freight Rates.**

In its editorial remarks this week, the "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" reviewed the effect of freight rates on coal market prices in the following terms which we quote in brief herewith:

There is a growing feeling throughout our country that the producer of coal is carrying more than his share of present burdens and that the time has come when the single, double, and quadruple-tracked paths of transportation and distribution should offer their co-operation through lower freight rates for short hauls. This is particularly true of such carriers as control both their originating and delivery terminals with the entire haul besides. The absurdity of the present situation will be apparent when it is considered that anthracite mined in Germany is manufactured into form suitable for domestic use, conveyed by rail to the seaboard, brought across the ocean, unloaded, and redistributed by rail, and sold in Boston and vicinity, where dealers are contesting for such agencies, at lower prices than Pennsylvania anthracite. We hear of no complaints regarding prices at the mines, but it is the destination prices—to speak plainly, largely high freight rates—that are accused as permitting such a situation.

We hear more than rumors that some steamships have stopped bunkering with American coal at Panama and are picking up their fuel supply in the West Indies from Scotch and Welsh sources at lower prices. It was mentioned that one reason for this is a margin of something like three dollars per ton as between cost and selling price at Panama.

In connection with this situation we also hear of resolutions offered in the present Congress to again investigate the coal industry. As the Panama railroad is reported owned by our Government, perhaps the old adage about glass houses and throwing stones may be apropos; and such resolutions might well include, why, without our great production of unexcelled coal, we cannot increase or retain our export market.

To finish as we began, perhaps the event most generally discussed in the bituminous trade among the principal operators was the announcement from western Pennsylvania that, effective January 16, the Pittsburgh Coal Company would further reduce its wages. The reductions are somewhat pronounced. Pick mining from 88 and 94 cents to 77 and 85 cents per ton, respectively, for thick and thin veins. Machine loading from 62 and 65 cents to 53 and 58 cents per ton for thick and thin vein, respectively. Trimmers from \$5.15 to \$4.08 per day, and other day labor to \$4.08. This company had changed from a closed-to an open-shop basis, and we are not informed as to the necessity of a further reduction at this time; but, judging from prices reported quite generally, we would surmise it was to meet competitive conditions.

According to incomplete reports of car loading during the week ended Jan. 14 the total production of bituminous coal in that week is estimated by the National Coal Association as having been slightly in excess of 10,750,000 tons. This is an advance of well toward 1,000,000 tons over the production of the previous week.

**Production of Bituminous Coal Increases But Anthracite Remains About the Same.**

The output of bituminous coal in the week of Jan. 7 increased 1,861,000 net tons over the production in the five-day week of Dec. 31, bringing the total up to 9,803,000 net tons, reports the United States Bureau of Mines. This figure compares with 10,711,000 tons produced during the corresponding week of 1927. Anthracite production in the week of Jan. 7 remained about the same as in the preceding week, the tonnage being 1,286,000 for the former against 1,223,000 tons for the latter period. Further data from the report of the Bureau of Mines is as follows:

**BITUMINOUS.**

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Jan. 7 1928, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,803,000 net tons. This is 1,861,000 tons greater than the revised estimate for the preceding five-day week.

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

	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Dec. 24.....	9,832,000	341,927,000	13,350,000	416,623,000
Daily average.....	1,639,000	1,511,000	2,225,000	1,848,000
Dec. 31 b.....	7,942,000	349,869,000	10,397,000	427,334,000
Daily average.....	1,588,000	1,513,000	2,079,000	1,852,000
Jan. 7 1928 c.....	9,803,000	359,672,000	10,711,000	440,587,000
Daily average.....	1,850,000	1,520,000	2,021,000	1,861,000

a Minus one day's production first week in April to equalize number of days in the two coal years. b Revised since last report. c Subject to revision. d Jan. 1 weighted as 3-tenths of a normal working day.

The total production of soft coal produced during the coal year 1927-1928 to Jan. 7 (approximately 237 working days) amounts to 359,672,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent coal years are given below:

1926-27.....	440,587,000 net tons	1923-24.....	432,782,000 net tons
1925-26.....	404,964,000 net tons	1922-23.....	309,602,000 net tons

The total production of soft coal during the month of December amounted to 41,277,000 net tons, indicating a daily average output of 1,588,000 tons as against 1,638,000 tons in November.

The total production of bituminous coal for the 1927 calendar year is now estimated at 519,804,000 net tons. This figure is subject to slight revision after the annual canvass of soft coal mines for 1927 is completed.

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Dec. 31 is estimated at 7,942,000 net tons, as against 9,832,000 tons in the preceding week.

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

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

States—	Total Production for Week Ended—				December Average 1923.a
	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 24 1927.	Jan. 1 1927.	Jan. 2 1926.	
Alabama.....	251,000	333,000	384,000	426,000	338,000
Ark., Kan., Mo. & Okla.....	262,000	301,000	256,000	232,000	234,000
Colorado.....	171,000	182,000	224,000	248,000	245,000
Illinois.....	1,277,000	1,510,000	1,626,000	1,650,000	1,485,000
Indiana.....	304,000	397,000	516,000	465,000	498,000
Iowa.....	55,000	77,000	122,000	92,000	117,000
Kentucky—Eastern.....	708,000	755,000	730,000	853,000	565,000
Western.....	322,000	371,000	341,000	353,000	197,000
Maryland.....	43,000	57,000	60,000	52,000	35,000
Michigan.....	15,000	13,000	12,000	17,000	20,000
Montana.....	75,000	96,000	58,000	57,000	61,000
New Mexico.....	54,000	67,000	58,000	55,000	55,000
North Dakota.....	50,000	65,000	27,000	23,000	26,000
Ohio.....	130,000	134,000	599,000	523,000	580,000
Pennsylvania.....	1,984,000	2,400,000	2,812,000	2,663,000	2,727,000
Tennessee.....	76,000	79,000	100,000	114,000	99,000
Texas.....	15,000	20,000	22,000	19,000	20,000
Utah.....	118,000	142,000	98,000	95,000	96,000
Virginia.....	181,000	218,000	202,000	232,000	187,000
Washington.....	37,000	48,000	52,000	40,000	56,000
West Virginia—Southern.b	1,135,000	1,647,000	1,595,000	1,686,000	1,124,000
Northern.c.....	510,000	713,000	651,000	649,000	642,000
Wyoming.....	167,000	204,000	161,000	121,000	168,000
Others.....	2,000	3,000	2,000	5,000	5,000
	7,942,000	9,832,000	10,711,000	10,670,000	9,580,000

a Weekly rate maintained during the entire month. 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.

**ANTHRACITE.**

The total production of anthracite during the first week of 1928 is estimated at 1,286,000 net tons. Monday, Jan. 2, was observed as a full holiday in the anthracite fields.

The total amount of anthracite produced during the present coal year to Jan. 7 amounts to 63,427,000 net tons, as against 74,554,000 tons in the corresponding period of the 1926-27 coal year.

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

Week Ended—	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Dec. 24.....	1,513,000	60,918,000	1,493,000	72,058,000
Dec. 31.....	1,223,000	62,141,000	1,128,000	73,186,000
Jan. 7.....	1,286,000	63,427,000	1,368,000	74,554,000

a Minus one day's production first week in April to equalize number of days in the two coal years.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended Jan. 7 1928 is estimated at 83,000 net tons, the same figure as for the preceding week. Production during the corresponding week in 1927 amounted to 170,000 tons. The usual table is omitted.

**Decline in Coal Production in Mid-West—Report to Mid-West Shippers' Advisory Board by G. W. Reed—Eighty Cents Out of Every Dollar Goes to Labor and Compensation Payments.**

"The production of coal in Midwest territory during the last three months of 1927 was 36% below that of the corresponding period in the previous year." So stated George W. Reed, Vice-President of the Peabody Coal Company before the fourth annual meeting of the Mid-West Shippers' Advisory Board, held at Chicago Jan. 12. In his report Mr. Reed said.

"This territory now has a smaller number of mines operating and a smaller daily production than during any other corresponding period in the last twelve years. Indications are that there will be no increase in the present rate of production during the first three months of this year, with a possibility of a further decrease during February and March. Mining operations during those two months will depend largely, if not entirely, upon the outcome of the efforts of the Joint Wage Commissions of Operators and Miners to reach an agreement on the basis for a competitive wage scale, and conditions of employment, that shall become effective April 1, 1928.

"Mining districts in this territory have the largest mines in the world, and the greatest number of large mines. During 1926 two of these mines produced over 2,000,000 tons each. Twenty-six mines produced over 4,000 tons every day of operation. Operators in these districts have done more in the construction of large producing units, installation of equipment for proper sizing, removal of impurities, and loading into cars without breakage, than any other group of operators. Competitive necessity has forced the adoption of the most efficient mining methods, and concentration of operation at the largest and lowest cost mines, but notwithstanding this expenditure of money and effort, together with a most intensive sales campaign, and a tremendous increase in the consumption of coal in the territory immediately adjacent to these mining districts, their production has not only failed to keep pace with other and competing districts, but has materially decreased.

"The production of the country in 1926 was 10,000,000 tons greater than that of 1920. Production of these districts was 27,700,000 tons less. Their production in 1920 was 22.2% of the total, and in 1926, 17% of the total. 1926 was a year of great industrial activity, and there were no interferences with production in these mining districts. This decrease and loss of business has been going on continuously during the last five years. States in which these mining districts are located have a greater coal consumption per square mile than any other territory in this country of like size. Chicago is the large coal consuming center in the world. All of the New England states do not consume as much coal, both anthracite and bituminous, as the Chicago switching district. Starting with 1850 and continuing until recent years, production of these districts at least doubled every ten years. The production of the country as a whole increased at a rate but little less; this rapid rate of increase has stopped, principally through the more efficient use of coal, and the substitution of other forms of fuel.

"The increased efficiency in the use of coal by the larger consumers is outstanding. During a six-year period since the close of the war, the railroads brought about a saving equivalent to 16 weeks' supply for train service, allowing for the difference in the amount of freight and passenger service rendered. The public utility power plants of the United States are now using an average of 57% of the amount of coal consumed eight years ago to generate a kilowatt hour of electricity. These practices have paid such good returns that they will not be abandoned, and we cannot expect a return of the rapid rate of increase in consumption that we had for so many years.

"The problem before all interested in the transportation and mining of coal in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, is that of regaining the markets which have been lost to us, and the position formerly held by these states in the country's production. For several years coal from these districts dominated all Indiana, Illinois and Iowa markets. It does so no more. This coal moved freely to all Mississippi Valley states. Today the movement to Mississippi and Louisiana is practically nothing, and that to Minnesota and the Dakotas not over 20% of the former tonnages, although for the past three years, this coal has been sold at less than the average cost of production at the mines which have operated.

"For over seven years, or since August 16, 1920, these districts have been paying the highest scale of wages for every similar class of labor that is found anywhere. The present scale is higher than the highest wartime scale, by from 27 to 30%, and came into being through government intervention and interference.

"The wage contracts made by the Government through the Fuel Administrator, the Attorney General, and the Coal Commission appointed by President Wilson, for the presumable control of wages to be paid at coal mining operations, during the period November, 1917, to March 31, 1922, were clearly and in every instance expedient only, and gave no consideration whatever to any constructive measures, or changes in conditions. As an illustration, the award of the Federal Coal Commission of 1920, with no provision made for the observation and enforcement of its findings, promptly developed an acute condition resulting in various strikes throughout all of the organized districts during the first four months of that contract. In August, 1920, less than five months from the time of making of the contract, an additional increase was demanded and granted to men employed by the day, which further increased the cost of producing coal approximately 25 cents a ton. This post-war maximum scale has continued ever since, over seven years, during which time non-union competing districts have returned three times to the levels of the Fuel Administrator Award of November, 1917, which was based on the increased living cost then prevailing. The non-competitive character of the union wage scale in these three states throughout practically all of this seven-year period has been clearly and conclusively demonstrated. As eighty cents out of every dollar of coal cost goes to labor and for payments under the Compensation Act, and as the major portion of the remaining cost is made up of taxes, insurance, depreciation and depletion, which items cannot be

reduced, the cost of coal in these districts has been, and is, too high to meet the competition from other fields.

"The railroads using coal from these districts consume approximately 32,000,000 tons per year. This coal has been costing them at least 50 cents per ton, \$16,000,000 yearly, more than eastern railroads buying a similar tonnage. This is based on mine cost, exclusive of transportation to point of use.

"An important factor in the loss of business to these districts is the uncertainty of production through a long record of strikes and suspensions. The expense and annoyance involved in the storage of coal in anticipation of strikes at these mines is no longer tolerated by many large consumers, who for no other reason, are securing their supplies from districts with a record of continuous operation.

"Mining districts in these three states cannot survive under a continuation of a scale that is so far out of line with those paid in competing districts. For the first time in ten years the Operators Associations and the Miners' Organizations, functioning through Joint Wage Commissions, are so far conducting negotiations without governmental or other outside intervention. For the first time also since the beginning of joint wage negotiations, established thirty years ago, the entire wage and contract controversy has been left to commissions set up solely by those engaged in coal mining, and composed only of operators and miners. It is sincerely hoped that these districts may secure under this arrangement such a wage scale and contract as will guarantee continued operation for a term of years on a basis fair alike to the miners, operators and the public."

**Country's Foreign Trade in December—Imports and Exports.**

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on Jan. 16 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for December and the twelve months ending with December. The value of merchandise exported in December 1927 was \$409,000,000, as compared with \$465,369,000 in December 1926. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$331,000,000 in December 1927, as against \$359,462,000 in December the previous year, leaving a favorable balance in the merchandise movement for the month of December 1927 of \$78,000,000. Last year in December there was a favorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of \$105,907,000. Imports for the twelve months of 1927 have been \$4,184,453,000, as against \$4,430,888,000 for the corresponding twelve months of 1926. The merchandise exports for the twelve months of 1927 have been \$4,866,160,000, against \$4,808,660,000, giving a favorable trade balance of \$681,707,000 in 1927, against a favorable trade balance of \$377,772,000 in 1926. Gold imports totaled \$10,431,000 in December, against \$17,004,000 in the corresponding month in the previous year, and for the twelve months they have been \$207,535,000, as against \$213,504,000. Gold exports in December 1927 were \$77,849,000, against only \$7,196,000 in December 1926. For the twelve months of 1927 the exports of the metal foot up \$201,455,000, against \$115,708,000 in the twelve months of 1926. Silver imports for the twelve months of 1927 have been \$55,074,000, as against \$69,596,000 in 1926, and silver exports \$75,625,000, as against \$92,258,000. Following is the complete official report:

TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. (Preliminary figures for 1927, corrected to Jan. 13 1928.)  
MERCHANDISE.

	December.		12 Mos. End. December.		Inc. (+) Dec. (-)
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	
Exports	1,000 Dollars. 409,000	1,000* Dollars. 465,369	1,000 Dollars. 4,866,160	1,000 Dollars. 4,808,660	1,000 Dollars. + 57,500
Imports	331,000	359,462	4,184,453	4,430,888	-246,435
Excess of exports	78,000	105,907	681,707	377,772	
Excess of imports					

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE, BY MONTHS.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
<b>Exports—</b>	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.
January	419,403	396,836	446,443	395,172	335,417	278,848
February	372,666	352,905	370,676	365,782	306,957	250,620
March	408,973	374,406	453,653	339,755	341,377	329,980
April	415,374	387,974	338,255	346,926	325,492	318,470
May	393,140	356,699	370,945	335,089	316,359	307,559
June	356,966	338,033	323,348	306,989	319,957	335,117
July	341,809	368,317	339,660	276,649	302,186	301,157
August	374,751	384,449	379,823	330,660	310,966	301,775
September	425,208	448,071	420,368	427,160	381,434	313,197
October	488,635	455,301	490,567	427,172	399,199	370,719
November	460,236	480,300	447,804	493,573	401,484	380,000
December	409,000	465,369	468,306	445,748	426,666	344,328
12 mos. end. Dec.	4,866,160	4,808,660	4,909,848	4,590,984	4,167,493	3,831,777
<b>Imports—</b>	356,841	416,752	346,165	295,506	329,254	217,185
January	310,877	387,306	333,387	332,323	303,407	215,743
February	378,331	442,899	385,379	320,482	397,928	256,178
March	375,733	397,912	346,091	324,291	364,253	217,023
April	346,501	320,919	327,519	302,988	372,545	252,127
May	354,892	336,251	325,216	274,001	320,230	260,461
June	319,298	338,959	325,648	278,594	287,434	251,772
July	368,820	336,477	340,086	254,542	275,438	281,376
August	342,154	343,202	349,954	287,144	253,645	268,493
September	355,744	376,868	374,074	310,752	308,291	276,104
October	344,262	373,881	376,431	296,148	251,333	291,805
November	331,000	359,462	396,640	333,192	288,305	293,789
12 mos. end. Dec.	4,184,453	4,430,888	4,226,589	3,609,963	3,792,066	3,112,747

GOLD AND SILVER.

	December.		12 Mos. End. December.		Inc. (+) Dec. (-)
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	
Gold—	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Exports	77,849	7,196	201,455	115,708	+85,747
Imports	10,431	17,004	207,535	213,504	-5,969
Excess of exports	67,418	—	—	—	—
Excess of imports	—	9,809	6,080	97,796	—
Silver—	7,186	5,610	75,625	92,258	-16,633
Exports	3,770	4,430	55,074	69,596	-14,522
Imports	—	—	—	—	—
Excess of exports	3,416	1,180	20,551	22,662	—
Excess of imports	—	—	—	—	—

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER, BY MONTHS.

	Gold.				Silver.			
	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Exports—	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
January	14,890	3,087	73,526	281	7,388	9,763	11,385	8,209
February	2,414	3,851	50,600	505	6,233	7,752	8,833	8,877
March	5,625	4,225	25,104	817	6,077	8,333	7,917	8,355
April	2,592	17,884	21,604	1,391	6,824	7,612	9,323	7,802
May	2,510	9,343	13,390	593	6,026	7,931	6,536	9,857
June	1,840	3,346	6,712	268	5,444	7,978	8,522	8,648
July	1,803	5,069	4,416	327	6,650	7,921	8,349	9,190
August	1,524	29,743	2,136	2,397	5,590	8,041	8,285	8,632
September	24,444	23,081	6,784	4,580	6,627	7,243	7,487	10,345
October	10,698	1,156	28,039	4,125	5,945	7,279	8,783	9,465
November	55,266	7,727	24,360	6,689	5,634	6,794	8,118	9,401
December	77,849	7,196	5,568	39,675	7,186	5,610	7,589	11,280
12 mos. end. Dec.	201,455	115,708	262,640	61,648	75,625	92,258	59,128	109,841
Imports—	59,355	19,351	5,038	45,136	5,151	5,763	7,339	5,980
January	22,309	25,416	3,603	35,111	3,849	8,863	4,929	7,900
February	16,382	43,413	7,337	34,322	4,308	5,539	6,661	6,221
March	14,503	13,116	8,870	45,418	3,815	6,322	4,945	3,908
April	34,212	2,935	11,393	41,074	5,083	4,872	3,900	5,640
May	14,611	18,890	4,426	25,181	4,790	5,628	4,919	4,870
June	10,738	19,820	10,204	18,834	4,288	5,949	5,238	7,128
July	7,877	11,979	4,862	18,150	4,856	5,988	7,273	7,042
August	12,979	15,987	4,128	6,656	4,992	7,203	4,504	7,083
September	2,056	8,857	50,741	19,702	5,069	5,098	5,602	5,829
October	2,082	16,738	10,456	19,862	5,102	3,941	4,049	6,481
November	10,431	17,004	7,216	10,274	3,770	4,430	5,747	5,864
December	10,431	17,004	7,216	10,274	3,770	4,430	5,747	5,864
12 mos. end. Dec.	207,525	213,504	128,272	319,721	55,074	69,596	64,596	73,945

Domestic Exports of Grain and Grain Products.

The Department of Commerce at Washington gave out on Dec. 23 its monthly report on the exports of principal grains and grain products for November and the eleven months ending with November as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. Total values are considerably larger than for the same month of 1926, amounting to \$48,352,000 in Nov. 1927, against \$35,048,000 in Nov. 1926. Export of barley in November this year were 6,490,000 bushels, as against only 1,080,000 bushels a year ago, exports of wheat 20,731,000 bushels, against 14,230,000 bushels and exports of rye 2,838,000 bushels, against but 156,000 bushels. Exports of corn were only 771,000 bushels in November 1927, as against 1,924,000 bushels in November 1926, exports of oats 271,000 bushels, against 348,000 bushels; exports of rice, 12,759,000 pounds, against 17,198,000 pounds, and exports of wheat flour 1,326,000 barrels, against 1,344 barrels. The details are as follows:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS NOVEMBER 1927.

	November.		11 Mos. Ended November.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
Barley, bushels	1,080,000	6,490,000	12,206,000	34,548,000
Value	\$866,000	\$6,304,000	\$9,288,000	\$31,926,000
Malt, bushels	403,000	290,000	3,164,000	2,620,000
Corn, bushels	1,924,000	771,000	21,371,000	12,320,000
Value	\$1,425,000	\$661,000	\$18,535,000	\$10,488,000
Cornmeal, barrels	71,000	23,000	433,000	364,000
Hominy and grits, pounds	1,886,000	1,025,000	27,343,000	22,596,000
Oats, bushels	348,000	271,000	11,153,000	9,677,000
Value	\$165,000	\$150,000	\$5,553,000	\$5,054,000
Oatmeal, pounds	11,564,000	7,701,000	129,960,000	59,519,000
Rice, pounds	17,198,000	12,759,000	44,648,000	219,856,000
Value	\$866,000	\$484,000	\$2,085,000	\$8,943,000
Rice broken, pounds	6,790,000	3,228,000	33,331,000	63,413,000
Value	\$220,000	\$83,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,887,000
Rye, bushels	156,000	2,838,000	11,332,000	34,682,000
Value	\$155,000	\$3,078,000	\$11,677,000	\$38,272,000
Wheat, bushels	14,230,000	20,731,000	128,652,000	161,390,000
Value	\$20,554,000	\$27,637,000	\$187,764,000	\$230,472,000
Wheat flour, barrels	1,344,000	1,326,000	10,642,000	11,692,000
Value	\$9,156,000	\$8,626,000	\$74,795,000	\$77,882,000
Biscuits, unsweetened, pounds	631,000	469,000	7,707,000	6,135,000
Biscuits, sweetened, pounds	697,000	357,000	5,324,000	4,626,000
Maccaroni, pounds	753,000	914,000	7,322,000	7,673,000
Total value	\$35,048,000	\$48,352,000	\$326,948,000	\$418,424,000

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on January 18, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows further declines for the week of \$96,800,000 in bill and security holdings, of \$41,600,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and of \$55,800,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and an increase of \$8,000,000 in cash reserves. All classes of bill and security holdings were below the preceding week's totals—Government securities by \$45,900,000, discounted bills by \$27,100,000, and acceptances purchased in the open market by \$23,500,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Most of the Federal Reserve banks report larger holdings of discounts than a week ago, the principal increases being \$25,800,000 at the San Francisco bank, \$4,900,000 at Richmond, \$4,200,000 at St. Louis, and \$4,000,000 at Kansas City. These increases in discount holdings were, however, more than offset by a total decline of \$71,800,000 reported by 4 of the banks, principally New York which showed a decrease of \$63,900,000. Declines of \$161,700,000 and \$27,400,000 in the System's holdings of U. S. bonds and Treasury certificates, respectively, were largely offset by an increase of \$143,300,000 in holdings of Treasury notes. Holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market declined \$23,500,000.

All of the Federal Reserve banks again report a smaller volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, the principal decreases being as follows: Chicago \$10,900,000, Cleveland \$9,000,000, Boston \$8,000,000, Philadelphia \$6,900,000, New York \$5,600,000, and Atlanta \$4,200,000.

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 380 and 381. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Jan. 18 1928 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	+ \$8,300,000	-\$119,900,000
Gold reserves	-300,000	-128,300,000
Total bills and securities	-96,800,000	+212,300,000
Bills discounted, total	-27,100,000	-4,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	-12,600,000	+83,200,000
Other bills discounted	-14,500,000	-87,200,000
Bills bought in open market	-23,500,000	+31,700,000
U. S. Government securities, total	-45,900,000	+186,600,000
Bonds	-161,700,000	+9,600,000
Treasury notes	+143,300,000	+146,100,000
Certificates of indebtedness	-27,400,000	+31,000,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation	-55,800,000	-86,100,000
Total deposits	-45,800,000	+153,800,000
Members' reserve deposits	-41,600,000	+188,300,000
Government deposits	-2,000,000	-21,100,000

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 655—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 member banks, which this week shows a decrease of \$31,649,000 from last week's record figure of \$3,819,573,000, the grand aggregate of these loans for Jan. 18 being \$3,787,924,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York—50 Banks.		
	Jan. 18 1928.	Jan. 11 1928.	Jan. 19 1927.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 7,183,424,000	\$ 7,285,444,000	\$ 6,250,619,000
Loans and discounts—total	5,211,300,000	5,308,439,000	4,511,940,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	51,863,000	41,933,000	42,050,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	2,539,053,000	2,625,301,000	2,060,197,000
All other loans and discounts	2,620,384,000	2,641,205,000	2,409,693,000
Investments—total	1,972,124,000	1,977,005,000	1,738,679,000
U. S. Govt. securities	1,060,038,000	1,047,615,000	843,800,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	912,086,000	929,390,000	894,879,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	783,179,000	796,641,000	712,280,000
Cash in vault	52,549,000	60,145,000	58,782,000
Net demand deposits	5,577,226,000	5,635,993,000	5,066,949,000
Time deposits	1,096,911,000	1,095,383,000	911,633,000
Government deposits	26,627,000	36,989,000	33,518,000
Due from banks	110,624,000	106,128,000	99,055,000
Due to banks	1,316,469,000	1,383,721,000	1,071,573,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	51,200,000	117,400,000	56,018,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	39,150,000	94,900,000	23,100,000
All other	12,050,000	22,500,000	32,918,000
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds)—	1,260,255,000	1,321,088,000	882,901,000
For own account	1,534,519,000	1,502,580,000	1,140,604,000
For account of out-of-town banks	993,150,000	995,905,000	746,667,000
For account of others	—	—	—
Total	\$ 3,787,924,000	\$ 3,819,573,000	\$ 2,770,172,000
On demand	2,916,381,000	2,973,692,000	2,081,944,000
On time	871,543,000	845,881,000	688,228,000

Chicago—43 Banks.			
Loans and investments—total	2,006,515,000	2,014,651,000	1,817,871,000
Loans and discounts—total	1,499,623,000	1,512,976,000	1,408,362,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	12,282,000	11,424,000	13,791,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	782,095,000	793,317,000	686,086,000
All other loans and discounts	705,246,000	708,235,000	708,485,000
Investments—total	506,892,000	501,675,000	409,509,000
U. S. Govt. securities	228,101,000	225,793,000	172,547,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	278,791,000	275,882,000	236,962,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	193,741,000	192,427,000	172,967,000
Cash in vault	18,873,000	20,834,000	21,570,000
Net demand deposits	1,333,262,000	1,335,868,000	1,202,656,000
Time deposits	635,559,000	638,920,000	578,179,000
Government deposits	4,393,000	6,007,000	5,644,000
Due from banks	142,567,000	142,708,000	149,939,000
Due to banks	376,914,000	372,126,000	369,162,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	26,202,000	31,292,000	17,247,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	20,860,000	19,885,000	11,591,000
All other	5,342,000	11,407,000	5,656,000

### 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, 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 655, 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 Jan. 11:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 655 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Jan. 11 shows an increase for the week of \$103,000,000 in investments, and declines of \$188,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$99,000,000 in net demand deposits, and of \$80,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$229,000,000 below the Jan. 4 total at banks in the New York district and \$216,000,000 below at all reporting member banks. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$24,000,000 at banks in the Chicago district and \$28,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities, which showed a total increase of \$99,000,000 for the week increased \$63,000,000 at the reporting banks in the New York district, \$20,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$11,000,000 in the Philadelphia district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$4,000,000, a larger increase of \$9,000,000 in the New York district and smaller increases in the Philadelphia and San Francisco districts being partially offset by decreases in the other districts.

Net demand deposits were \$99,000,000 less than a week ago at all reporting banks, a decline of \$181,000,000 in the New York district being partly offset by increases in most of the other districts, the principal increases being Philadelphia \$23,000,000, Chicago \$19,000,000, and Cleveland \$18,000,000. Time deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$17,000,000 above the preceding week's total, increased \$22,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$8,000,000 in the Chicago district and declined \$7,000,000 in the Boston district.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks comprise declines of \$28,000,000 reported for member banks in the New York district, \$16,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$15,000,000 in the Cleveland district.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 655 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Jan. 11 1928, follows:

	Jan. 11 1928.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—) Week.	During Year.
Loans and investments—total	21,971,617,000	—85,689,000	+1,908,914,000
Loans and discounts—total	15,442,603,000	—188,407,000	+973,021,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	115,076,000	—6,836,000	—39,422,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,606,937,000	—209,706,000	+905,032,000
All other loans and discounts	8,720,590,000	+28,135,000	+107,411,000
Investments—total	6,529,014,000	+102,718,000	+935,893,000
U. S. Government securities	2,918,815,000	+99,101,000	+585,910,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,610,199,000	+3,617,000	+349,983,000
Reserve with F. R. banks	1,832,007,000	—19,826,000	+149,273,000
Cash in vault	283,565,000	—12,256,000	—13,623,000
Net demand deposits	14,110,165,000	—98,507,000	+896,915,000
Time deposits	6,627,758,000	+16,868,000	+689,733,000
Government deposits	124,036,000	—40,133,000	+4,441,000
Due from banks	1,254,954,000	—134,250,000	
Due to banks	3,738,502,000	—182,820,000	
Borrowings from F. R. banks—total	313,802,000	—80,491,000	+8,553,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	228,366,000	—50,096,000	+56,871,000
All other	85,436,000	—30,395,000	+48,318,000

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

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of December 1927. The gold exports were \$77,849,222. The imports were \$10,430,722, of which \$9,288,984 came from Canada. Of the exports of the metal, \$29,850,000 went to Argentina and \$10,000,000 went to France.

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

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Guatemala	—	21,064	—	—	—	—
Belgium	2,199,932	—	—	—	—	—
France	10,000,000	1,048	—	—	—	2,374
Germany	—	—	262,114	—	152,919	162
Italy	—	913	—	—	—	25,626
Netherlands	8,049,955	—	—	—	—	—
Poland and Danzig	4,999,597	—	—	—	—	—
Sweden	1,027,453	32,000	—	—	—	1,250
United Kingdom	8,548,397	1,433	1,156,893	—	675,650	6,897
Canada	4,041,322	9,288,984	118,332	104,555	170,758	363,896
Costa Rica	—	24,701	—	942	—	664
Honduras	—	9,792	—	160,568	—	92,022
Nicaragua	—	26,626	—	102	—	330
Panama	—	2,000	—	—	—	—
Mexico	568,041	224,858	—	2,666,325	219,252	2,405,560
Trinidad & Tobago	—	67,500	—	—	815	555
Cuba	—	3,801	—	—	10,000	9,100
Dominican Republic	—	—	—	—	2,925	—
Argentina	29,850,000	—	4,822	—	—	—
Chile	—	21,329	—	—	—	417,872
Colombia	—	101,016	12,074	278	7,078	183
Ecuador	—	111,590	—	—	—	4,324
Peru	—	30,870	—	—	—	371,295
Uruguay	2,000,000	—	—	—	—	—
Venezuela	1,150,000	40,344	—	—	—	—
British India	2,676,383	—	6,857,940	—	3,955,375	—
British Malaya	451,964	—	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	10,000	—	—	—	—	—
China	151,641	—	3,428,513	—	1,991,697	—
Java and Madura	651,205	119,592	—	93,817	—	53,100
Hongkong	1,452,475	—	—	—	—	—
Japan, Incl. Chosen	20,857	—	—	—	—	—
Philippine Islands	—	208,647	—	—	—	3,973
Australia	—	2,400	—	—	—	2
New Zealand	—	23,425	—	40	—	23
Belgian Congo	—	2,239	—	—	—	7,836
British South Africa	—	52,800	—	—	—	4,324
Mozambique	—	11,750	—	—	—	3,357
	77,849,222	10,430,722	11,840,688	3,026,627	7,186,469	3,770,431

### 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 (Jan. 21) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

#### ARGENTINA.

The import trade in general throughout the week was good but retail trade in the cities is becoming dull owing to the Summer season. Total exports during 1927 amount to 18,722,000 metric tons, valued at 1,008,179,000 gold pesos (par value of gold peso = \$0.9648 U. S. currency). The former represents an increase over last year of 6,444,000 metric tons and the latter an increase of 216,000,000 gold pesos.

#### AUSTRALIA.

The early part of January was marked by the usual seasonal quiet in business circles, but some activity resulted from clearance sales at Christmas stocks. Wool sales at Sydney have enjoyed firmer buying in all better grades. American buyers have been particularly active. Sales at Adelaide have been easier. The wheat and flour trade have revived slightly, but room is left for improvement. Unrest among shipping laborers has been renewed, resulting in delayed sailings of several vessels, but it is thought the difficulty will be of short duration.

#### BELGIUM.

Economic conditions in Belgium at the beginning of the year were vastly improved as compared with prevailing conditions a year ago. Stabilization has been completely accomplished and without serious difficulties. The budget is showing a surplus, money is plentiful and cheap, savings deposits have risen steadily, and the foreign trade balance has improved. All of the heavy industries excepting coal are in a good position and most of them are prosperous. Unemployment has been practically non-existent. Commercial failures during 1927 were much lower than those during the preceding year. The outlook for the coming year, is the brightest since the war. The Government has just announced its intention of raising the minimum of taxable income from 10,000 to 30,000 francs. Car loadings during December maintained the good record of previous months. An important event of the past month was the fusion of the Societe Generale and the Banque d'Outremer, creating the strongest financial group in the history of the country. Trade returns for November were excellent. Franco-Belgian tariff treaty negotiations are approaching a settlement. Shipping at Antwerp during 1927 evidenced remarkable progress. Though still fundamentally unsatisfactory, the position of the coal industry shows some improvement. The metallurgical markets are seasonally calm, but prospects are better. There is also a seasonal calm in the cement factories, but the industry is prosperous and the outlook for the new year is excellent. Conditions in the plate glass industry are favorable but the window glass factories are calm. Leather exports are heavy, while the position of the chemical industry is good. The textile plants are generally active, while lace manufacturers are very busy principally on orders from the United States. The automobile market is active and the demand for American cars is good.

#### BRAZIL.

A slight pick-up was noted in business during the week and the tone continues optimistic with exchange steady. Two loans have been reported unofficially, one for the municipality of Porto Alegre and another for the State of Rio Grande do Norte.

#### BRITISH INDIA.

Indian business continued its brisk tone during the week ended Jan. 12. Customs revenue for December indicated increased imports of tobacco, oils, machinery, textiles, cement and hardware and larger exports of raw jute and hides. Decreases during December were indicated in imports of sugar, matches and automobiles and in exports of manufactured jute.

## CANADA.

Very little variation from the normal trend of post-holiday trade is evident in Canadian business. In grocery lines, the market has been firm and a few prices have advanced slightly; the only reduction of consequence is in Spring wheat flour, which has dropped ten cents per barrel. Trade collections for the week ended Jan. 7 showed some improvement. Revenue car loadings continue above last year's total. There is apparently a large volume of capital available for mining operations which portends the continued expansion of the field for electrical machinery and other lines of mining equipment. Building of the branch railway to the Flin Flon area in Manitoba is proceeding steadily and five miles have already been constructed. Airmail service from Moncton, New Brunswick, to the Magdalen Islands was inaugurated Jan. 11.

## CHINA.

Reports from Canton state that the labor situation there is now fairly quiet but that the trade outlook is too uncertain to preclude any predictions of future prospects. Orders for foreign merchandise remain greatly restricted, with no improvement expected until after Chinese New Year occurring Jan. 23. Customs collections during 1927 were 34% below figures of the previous year in both exports and imports. Declared exports at Canton during December were valued at \$778,000 of which raw silk items totaled \$404,000. This represents a decrease of 40% in the total, and 50% of the raw silk shipments made in December, 1926. Waste silk workers in Canton mills are on strike, but no demands for silk are on hand from America or Europe. Both raw and waste silk demands are dull.

## CUBA.

Business remains dull with no indication of immediate improvement. Collections at the Habana customhouse during December indicate a considerable falling off in importations after the temporary increase due to the new tariff and withdrawals of goods. November normally records high collections but this year the increase is probably due to delays in clearing goods through the customhouse. Transfers of currency from Cuba have continued with scarcely any diminution to the first of the new year, and as exchange is still against Habana, it looks as if the turn will not come until about February first.

## FINLAND.

The lockout in the metalworking industry which has continued since last May was settled on Dec. 19, the employees and the employers agreeing to the terms of arbitration suggested by the Minister for Social Affairs. The laborers demanded a general wage increase of 15 to 20%, with the largest increase for unskilled labor but the agreement reached calls for an average increase of 10% with the degree of skill governing the rate. This was a victory for the employers as it was on this basis that the lockout was declared. The workers will receive no pay for the period of the lockout.

## FRANCE.

A decree promulgated Jan. 11 suspended the application of the law of April 3 1918 prohibiting the exportation of capital and the importation of securities but maintained the provision whereby exchange operations must be registered. The prohibition regarding the listing of foreign securities on the Bourse and the existing regulations relating to the exportation of gold and bank notes are also maintained. The suspension of restrictions on the exportation of capital has been received favorably and is considered another step toward eventual stabilization.

An outstanding feature of present conditions is the extreme easiness of money, and a further early reduction in the discount rate is expected. With the purpose of absorbing reparations in the form of deliveries in kind, the Government has started a move for filling Government requisitions for office equipment from German deliveries. This form of encouragement may later be extended to railroads and other large organizations. It affects particularly typewriters, calculators and similar products.

## GERMANY.

The month of December marked the end of a year, which from the viewpoint of German industry and trade, was more satisfactory than any other in the post-war period. The upward movement of business reached its highest point in July-August, 1927, following which there set in a moderate recession which has continued until now and which became particularly marked in December. The downward movement, however, was too gradual to be characterized as a slump or to lessen materially the satisfactory nature of the year's business as a whole. The position of the Reichsbank at the end of December shows the influence of year-end commercial settlements, with total discounts and loans, and note circulation at their highest levels of the year. Lessening credit demand on the part of industry and commerce have relieved the earlier excessive strain on the Reichsbank's resources, resulting in the likelihood of a decrease in the discount rate in the near future. This is foreshadowed also by a continued decline in the money market rates after a sharp, though temporary increase over the settlement period of the end of December. Domestic investment and foreign borrowing in December were at the lowest point since stabilization. No revival of domestic long-term investment is expected at present, although a resumption of foreign borrowing in the near future, especially on the part of private undertakings, does not appear unlikely. There has been a moderate upward movement in stock exchange quotations and prices have generally remained stationary.

## GREECE.

Estimates of foreign trade for 1927 indicate a larger turnover than in 1926, but the adverse balance of \$58,000,000 is practically unchanged. Automobile sales, in which the United States heads the list, showed a notable increase over the previous year. Announcement has recently been made that a preliminary agreement has been reached in London providing for a loan to the Greek Government of £6,500,000 for the balancing of the budget, currency stabilization, and refugee work. Following the adjustment of Greece's debt to England and the United States, this has created a more optimistic tone in both business and financial circles, and has tended to ease the credit situation. Mortgaged revenues for the year are reported to have exceeded those of 1926, and budget returns are stated to be improving.

## ITALY.

Revised foreign trade figures for November place imports at 1,425,000,000 lire and exports at 1,311,000,000 lire. The excess of imports over exports for the eleven months now stands at 4,392,000,000 lire, which is a considerable decrease from the 6,937,000,000 lire trade deficit for the corresponding period of 1926.

## JAPAN.

Year-end settlements in Japan were recovered with apparent ease, and a quiet money market is reported. Call loan rates have been reduced by 2%, the lowest ever recorded. Business in all lines continues quiet.

Owing to the lessening exports of cotton yarn and piling up of stocks, it now appears likely that spinners will further restrict their output by a total of 30%. Production since November 15 has been restricted by the Japanese Spinners' Association to 81% of capacity. Preliminary figures of Japan's foreign trade during 1927 indicate an excess of imports over exports of about 180,000,000 yen.

## LATVIA.

On Dec. 22 1927 a provisional trade agreement between Latvia and Poland was signed in Riga. This agreement refers exclusively to tariff rates and is drawn on the most-favored-nation basis. Latvia rejected the Polish proposal to insert a clause giving Poland the right to extend special privileges to Lithuania. It is understood, however, that the special privileges granted Soviet Russia by Latvia are in no way affected. The full text of the agreement has not been published but press reports indicate that it is subject to cancellation on one month's notice by either country.

## MEXICO.

During the week ended Jan. 14 there were rumors to the effect that a general textile strike would take place as a result of the closing of three mills in Orizaba on account of overproduction. It is reported that floods in the Rio Fuerte Valley, State of Sinaloa, have destroyed 1,500 cars of tomatoes. Petroleum production amounted to 4,809,592 barrels during November and exports amounted to 3,212,592 barrels during the same period, according to Mexican sources. Indications are that petroleum production and exports in December are considerably less than in November and this seems to be borne out by the published tax receipts which show a decrease.

## NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Business of the past week was quiet and little change is expected until after the Chinese New Year. A general feeling of optimism prevails, however, and the year is opening with a brighter outlook than marked the beginning of 1927.

## NEW ZEALAND.

Business in New Zealand continues brisk, with all major commodities enjoying good demand. The apple export season opens on Feb. 15 with a good yield expected and fruit in excellent condition. It is estimated locally that 900,000 cases will be shipped to overseas markets this season.

## PERU.

Congress has been called for another special session, which convened on Jan. 14, for the purpose of considering the Agricultural Bank Bill. Business conditions continue normal, with exchange quoted at \$3.89 to the Peruvian pound.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

General business conditions of the second week in January showed little change from the quiet which followed the holidays. Copra prices remained firm at 13.25 pesos per picul of 139 pounds delivered at Manila; Hondagua, 12.75 pesos, and Cebu, 13.75 pesos (1 peso equals \$0.50). Abaca trade was abnormally slow, with no demand from New York, London or Japan, and comparatively heavy arrivals of supplies. Present price quotations are 32 pesos per picul for grade F, I 28, JUS 23, JUK 19.50, and L 16.50 pesos.

## PORTO RICO.

Business is beginning to feel the stimulation incident to the harvesting of the sugar crop with 28 mills grinding and 6 more expected to start in a few days. Banks report collections as gradually improving, but wholesale houses continue to complain of difficult collections, especially in tobacco districts. Bank clearings for the month through the 13th amounted to \$7,785,000 as compared with \$8,208,000 in the corresponding period of 1927. Renewed interest is becoming apparent in construction materials in sympathy with the general quickening of business. Building continues very dull but a revival is looked for shortly, excepting in San Juan, where the number of available residences is in excess of the demand. Automobile sales are at about the same level as a year ago. Little fruit is available and shipments continue small, the principal item being about 10,000 crates of grapefruit weekly. The amount of coffee available for export from the current crop is expected locally to be between five and six million pounds. Continued investigation leads to the belief that a good estimate of the normal local annual consumption is 12,000,000 pounds.

## PORTUGAL.

The last statement of the Bank of Portugal shows that the paper circulation at the end of September 1927 was 1,828,158,000 escudos and that by Oct. 6 the amount of paper outstanding had risen to 1,868,684,000 escudos. The metallic reserves of the Bank on the corresponding dates increased from 9,188,000 to 9,146,000 escudos.

## SWEDEN.

The sawmill association has announced a sympathetic lockout on Jan. 23 affecting about 17,000 workers, unless a satisfactory wage agreement in the present Swedish pulp mills lockout is reached before that date. The lockout would affect all sawmill workers except those engaged in floating lumber. The Grangesberg Mining Co., outside the existing conflict, has announced a wage reduction of 10% on Jan. 23 affecting 1,500 workers in Central Swedish mines. The official arbitration committee is endeavoring to adjust the pulp mills conflict but success is uncertain. Unless a settlement is reached by Jan. 23 the lockout will involve about 40,000 workers. The Parliament (Riksdag) which opened on Jan. 11 proposed a new budget for the fiscal year 1928-29 amounting to 734,000,000 crowns, an increase over the present 1927-28 budget which is estimated at 710,727,200 crowns. A slight reduction in income tax rate and State railway freight rates was also proposed.

## UNITED KINGDOM.

Imports in 1927 were valued at £1,219,387,000 as compared with the 1926 total of £1,241,361,000, and that of 1925 of £1,320,715,000. Exports of United Kingdom goods in 1927 were valued at £709,105,000 as against £653,047,000 in 1926 and £773,381,000 in 1925. Exports of imported merchandise amounted to £123,063,000 as against £125,495,000 in 1926 and £154,037,000 in 1925. (In comparing valuation figures, the lower prices prevailing in 1927 must be taken into consideration.) The total adverse merchandise balance of trade in 1927 amounted to £387,219,000 as compared with £462,819,000 in 1926 and £393,298,000 in 1925. The Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., has announced the further extension of the company's non-ferrous metal interests by the acquisition of the British Copper Manufacturers, Ltd., and the Elliotts Metal Company, both inclusive of several subsidiary companies and producing chiefly brass and copper. At the Jan. 12 preliminary conference for the promotion of co-operation in industry between employers and employees, the employers and the trade unionists present expressed a mutual desire for co-operation. The number of persons appearing on the unemployment registers on Jan.

2 was 1,332,300 as compared with 1,495,800 on Jan. 3 1927. The audit for the coal industry for the quarter ending with September showed an aggregate loss of £3,150,000 with every producing district adversely affected. The present outlook for shipbuilding is less promising than was the case six months ago.

### Sir Otto Niemeyer of Bank of England in New York— To Make Headquarters at Federal Reserve Bank During Visit.

Sir Otto Niemeyer, a member of the staff of the Bank of England, arrived in New York on Jan. 18 for a visit during which he will make the Federal Reserve Bank his headquarters according to the New York "Times" which states:

The purpose of his visit was not announced, but it is understood he is here to strengthen the ties between American and British bankers and to arrange for increased credit facilities in the New York market.

### Success of British Bond Issue Exceeds Expectations.

A London cablegram Jan. 20 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" says:

The highest satisfaction has been expressed as the result of the British Treasury bond issue. Even the highest expectations of the financial market were exceeded by about £16,000,000 when it was announced the cash subscriptions totaled £86,100,000 and that approximately 71% of bonds maturing in September have been converted into the new issue. This large conversion also exceeded expectations.

The cash subscriptions will take care of practically all maturities falling in April. Thus, the Government succeeded in the first week of the year in arranging to meet maturities considerably exceeding £200,000,000, representing the peak year of short-dated war debt maturities, leaving less than £50,000,000 for later arrangements. This is regarded in banking circles as a great financial achievement. Dealings began in the new bond issue around the issue price of 101.

### Many Buyers of Irish Republic Bonds Fail to Claim Redemption—Expiration Date Passes—Court Will Be Asked to Extend Time.

The following is from the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Jan. 17:

For the last five months, in accordance with a Supreme Court decision, Matthew G. Healy, sent to America eight years ago by Michael Collins to float \$6,000,000 in loans for the "Republic of Ireland," has been keeping a large office open on the eleventh floor of 117 Liberty St.

Yesterday, designated as the deadline for bondholders to file claims on that loan, the office was to have closed. But since last September Mr. Healy, who has more recently become manager for three receivers appointed by Supreme Court Justice Curtis A. Peters, has received only 70,000 claims.

"And," complains Mr. Healy, "there are about 330,000 bondholders in the United States, all of whom have been urged to put in their claims."

The receivers, Peter J. Brady, State Senator John L. Buckley, and J. Edward Murphy, have about \$2,500,000 of the \$6,000,000 to return to investors on terms to be decided upon by later Referee Henry M. Goldfogle.

The manager for the receivers said yesterday that claims had come in ranging from \$10 to \$10,000. About 40,000 claims are expected from New York City alone. Mr. Healy received 3,500 pieces of registered mail yesterday, representing about 5,000 claims.

### Removal of Ban on Floatation of French Industrial Loan in U. S.—Report That France May Receive Federal Reserve Credit to Aid in Return to Gold Standard.

It was made known on Jan. 14 that the State Department at Washington had removed the ban against the floatation in the United States of French industrial securities. As to the action taken it was stated in Washington advices Jan. 14 to the New York "Times":

The lifting of the ban does not mean that the State Department will not exercise an indirect supervision over this class of loans. It means merely that henceforth French industrial loans will be on the same plane with similar loans from Germany, Great Britain and other countries.

The State Department by its step has not abandoned in any degree its policy of scanning all foreign loans proposed to be floated in this country. This is in pursuance of the voluntary arrangement entered into by the Harding Administration with the American bankers who deal in foreign securities. Under it the department is consulted about the loans in advance that it may determine whether there are any considerations of public policy that would make their floatation unwise.

The considerations of public policy that determine the Department's attitude run to such questions as whether the loans would be utilized in building up competitive armaments abroad, in developing monopolies abroad that would react unfairly upon American citizens at home, or whether they would be employed in undertakings that would restrict the "open door" policy in regions such as the Far East, where the United States stands for equal opportunity in business and financial operations.

The same account stated in part:

Beyond the bare admission that the action had been taken, the Department declined to discuss the matter to-day. But it is understood that the step was taken as an earnest indication of America's friendship for France.

Whether it will be followed by a lifting of the ban against French Government loans at an early rate could not be established. In official circles silence prevailed on this point, with the inference that the step was unrelated to other considerations and that any further step would be taken, if at all, without regard to other questions and in the light of conditions as they develop.

That it is an indication of a progressive policy in this direction, however, is seen by some in that it follows the recent notification to France that the State Department would place no obstacle in the way of France's plans to refund her 8% Government bonds in this country so as to permit a lower interest rate of the investment.

### Move Long Considered.

It was indicated that the withdrawal of the restrictions against French industrial financing had long been under consideration, and represented the independent action of the Coolidge Government uninfluenced by any outside factors, such as intimations from France of favors to come or in response to requests from American bankers.

While it is the hope of the Administration that after the French general elections in May the French Parliament will ratify the agreement for funding the war-time debt of France to the United States, it is understood that this is based merely on the thought that perhaps France, because of the many acts of friendship demonstrated by this country, will decide to adopt such a course.

Apart from the debt questions other situations are involved, such as the controversy—temporarily in abeyance—over discriminations against American goods by the new French tariff. No denial is made of the hope that France, through the increasing practical evidences of America's friendship, will feel disposed to meet this Government half way on all questions.

But all such thoughts are not based on information that France will respond because of the move that has now been made. The ban was removed, it was said, as one more step in the development of cordial relations between nations, just as encouraging steps have recently been taken in relations with Mexico.

Furthermore, it was felt that conditions had changed since the blanket ban was first imposed against French loans in this country. Now there remains unfunded, in addition to the French debt, only that of Greece, and the latter is under negotiation. Moreover, relatively few French industrial loans have been sought in the United States and there are indications that, as has been the case with Germany, extensive loans will be offered here. On the contrary, it is believed that French policy will be against seeking extensive external industrial loans.

According to the advices of the same date (Jan. 14) to the New York "Herald-Tribune" announcement of the action of the Administration was contained in form letters sent to some forty banking houses, most of them in New York after the decision to raise the ban had been reached by President Coolidge, Secretary of State Kellogg and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. A Washington dispatch dated Jan. 16 to the New York "Times" is authority for the information to the effect that informal statements made that day by Treasury officials in regard to the Administration's new policy of permitting the floatation of French industrial loans were taken as indicating that the French Government also would receive a credit from the Federal Reserve system to aid in a return to the gold standard, and that it might even be permitted to float Government loans if these privileges were sought. The dispatch said further:

Officials would not make a definite prediction on these matters, indicating that no declaration of policy was required unless a request was made. But the inference drawn from what was said was that the ban would be lifted, as it was in the case of industrial loans, if occasion arose.

### Say Bank Asked to Float Loan.

It was explained by officials that the decision to lift the ban on commercial loans was a result of a request submitted by an American banking house to float a relatively small loan. There had been no direct request made by the French Government, it was stated.

The opinion also was expressed that heavy floatations were not expected here, as France apparently was able successfully to accomplish necessary financing at home or in outside markets other than America.

The Administration, in agreeing to the floatation of the loan mentioned by the American banking firm, was guided, it was said, by the fact that the French Government had signed the Mellon-Bérenger debt agreement and, although this had not been ratified, had met to date all payments for which the agreement called.

### Loans Made to Others Recalled.

The Administration was hopeful that the war debt agreement would be ratified by the French Parliament and took it to be the intention of the present French Government to do what it could to obtain ratification, it was said.

The point was made also that while France had not ratified the agreement, neither had the American Senate, and that doubt existed here that the Senate would act favorably, just as doubt was said to exist in France as to the probable action of its Parliament.

Treasury officials indicated that permission to float commercial loans in the United States would have been granted by this Government before if requests had been made. The matter came to a head, it was said, merely because a request was made by an American banking institution.

As a result of the expression of this viewpoint by officials, the belief was held here tonight that the ban against floatation of French loans of all kinds was virtually at an end, and that if an effort were made by France to return to the gold standard after the May elections, all possible aid would be given by this country.

The Federal Reserve System participated in stabilization credits in the cases of Great Britain, Belgium and Italy, and it is now believed ready to do as much for France if similar assistance is sought.

It was stated in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 16 that French bond floatations approximating \$200,000,000 will be offered in the American market this year with the removal of the ban on French industrial loans by the State Department. The item went on to say:

Negotiations are now in an advanced stage by Dillon, Read & Co., J. P. Morgan & Co., National City Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and I. Iselin & Co., it is understood, to refund at least \$80,000,000 in French steamship and railroad bonds which yield above 6%.

The American investment bankers have been negotiating for the refinancing operations for some time, it was learned here yesterday, but the sanction of the State Department had been previously refused because of the ban on French industrial loans due to failure of France to fund her war-time indebtedness. With the lifting of the ban it is expected that the negotiations will be completed shortly and the bonds offered in the local market.

*To Await Increase in Value.*

Beside the large aggregate of French railway and steamship 6½s and 7s and the \$10,000,000 industrial issue of the Framerican Industrial Development Corporation, which was callable Jan. 1, 1927, there are about \$60,000,000 in 6% bonds which, although they are not expected to be refunded at present, will eventually be called in favor of bonds carrying a smaller yield. These bonds are now selling a little under par, and they will not be refunded until they increase somewhat in value.

One of the first offerings of French securities here will be that for the Kuhlmann Chemical Co., one of the largest chemical concerns in France. This is being underwritten by Dillon, Read & Co.

Another prospect for a French bond offering is seen in the present deficit of the railroads which amounts to about 700,000,000 francs. Because of the fact that these bonds are guaranteed in effect by the French Government through operation of the "fondes commun" which may be drawn upon, if necessary to pay principal, interest and sinking fund, they have excited no small amount of discussion before the Budget Committee of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, having been mentioned several times by Premier Poincaré. There is little doubt that this deficit will be covered in part, at least, by a sale of bonds here.

The French railways have been borrowing a great deal from bankers in Switzerland, Holland and Sweden. It is recognized that American investment bankers can offer them money at a cheaper rate than 6½ or 7%.

French bond issues for which refunding announcements may now be expected shortly, are those of the Paris Lines Mediterranean, \$20,000,000 in 7s; the Nord Railway Co., \$15,000,000 in 6½s; the Paris Orleans Railroad Co., external 7s, \$10,000,000; the Est Railroad of France, external sinking fund gold 7s, \$20,000,000; French Line, external sinking fund 6½s, \$4,500,000, and the French National Mail Steamship Lines, external sinking fund 7s, \$10,000,000.

*Framerican Issue Cited.*

The Framerican Industrial Development Corporation \$10,000,000 issue of 7s was issued for the primary purpose of facilitating the business of Schneider & Co., which include the Creusot Works, providing the largest productive capacity in France under one control for the manufacture of electric machinery, locomotives, engines and steam turbines. The corporation also owns substantial interests in many other French industrial concerns.

Due chiefly to the export ban on French capital, continued until last week, and the policies continued by the Bank of France, money there is exceedingly cheap. Short term loans have declined to 2½ and 3% and long term capital has also undergone a considerable reduction in interest rate. The French departments, however, still borrow at 7%.

A considerable olume of American capital has been going into France during the last three years, despite the Department of State ban. It has represented private transactions, however, and public offerings have been barred. American bankers, in co-operation with European financial houses, have, at times, purchased large blocks of French securities to distribute privately here. American funds were received indirectly by France. The most recent operation of this type was the financing for the International Match Co., as a result of which the \$70,000,000 of 8% French Government bonds outstanding in the American market will be retired on March 15. The Swedish Match Co. bought \$75,000,000 of new 5% bonds of the French Government selling more than \$50,000,000 of them to an American subsidiary. The American subsidiary in turn offered \$50,000,000 of its own debentures.

**French Not Seeking Large Loans in U. S.—Discount Wall Street Predictions of \$200,000,000 Borrowing This Year—Government Against It—Could Apply Tax to Prevent Interference With Its Plans for Monetary Reform.**

The following Paris advices Jan. 17 (copyright) are taken from the New York "Times":

Some surprise has been caused in financial circles here by cables from New York stating that Wall Street expects that the lifting by the United States Government of the embargo on loans to French industrial firms will result in borrowings to the extent of \$200,000,000 during the year.

That advantage will be taken of the release order to issue refunding loans is, of course, certain, and the amount of the new borrowing may be considerable. There are, however, certain considerations which will operate very strongly, in expert opinion, against any such extensive borrowing as the New York bankers are reported to expect.

In the first place, the French Government under Premier Poincaré has never considered it a hardship, but rather in the nature of a blessing, that borrowing in New York has been forbidden officially during the last few years. In official French opinion that country is happiest in this post-war era which is freest from the influence of foreign capital, and it is to be expected that the policy of discouraging foreign loans will be officially followed.

In putting this policy into operation the Government has at least one very effective arm. It can impose on foreign loans contracted by French firms an 18% income tax, from which they can be exempted only by special Government authorization.

In applying this restraining measure the French Treasury will of course take always into account the general situation. At present, for instance, it is not of dollars but of francs that French industry has need, and already the conversion of foreign exchange into francs is exercising pressure on the Bank of France and on the Government which is not at all agreeable, either. It might easily happen that free borrowing in New York would in this way entirely upset the Government's plans for monetary reform, and, that being so, it is expected that, at least so long as the franc is unestablished, full advantage will be taken of the act which discourages foreign borrowings.

Another factor of the situation which is likely to discourage immediate or extensive borrowing is uncertainty with regard to the franc. It is by no means yet assured that an attempt will not be made after the elections at further revalorization, and it is equally certain that a contrary course will not be adopted, according as one or another of the financial schools has a majority in the new Parliament.

This uncertainty is the main reason why, while short-term loans are easy, the French public is unwilling to make long-term investments. Where the French show a certain timidity it is scarcely expected that American investors will be rash.

"Wall Street does not usually content itself with problematic dividends at future dates," writes Gerville Réache in the information.

Later in the year it is quite possible that there will be a larger demand for American capital, but it is to-day considered that the time is not ripe. At the same time the action of the United States Government

is welcomed here for two reasons: First, because it shows new confidence in French securities, and, second, because it marks a new step toward freer circulation of credit and gold in the world.

**French Exchange Holdings Placed at \$1,500,000,000.**

Under date of Jan. 15 the New York "Times" reported the following (copyright) from Paris:

The current estimate that the Bank of France now holds \$1,250,000,000 in foreign exchange was amplified in banking circles last week by calculating the additional holdings in the hands of the French Treasury. Taking the two together, the estimated total of foreign bills held is figured now at nearly \$1,500,000,000. Of this it is believed that perhaps two-thirds represents directly repatriated French capital.

Its holdings of exchange will be used by the bank for defense of the currency if necessary after stabilization. They may be partly used to increase the gold reserve, but the bank has seemed disposed to add to its actual gold holdings only when foreign exchange rates were distinctly favorable, as was the case with the recent shipments from New York. Such importations may be made by private Paris banks, but the gold imported by them does not remain a day in their own vaults; it is immediately sold to the Bank of France.

**Myron T. Herrick, U. S. Ambassador to France, Returns to Paris—Farewell Dinner at Which French Ambassador M. Claudel Commends Briand Peace Plan.**

Myron T. Herrick, U. S. Ambassador to France, who had been in this country since last June, sailed for France on the Steamship *Paris* on Jan. 15. The Ambassador's return had been delayed owing to the illness which he suffered shortly after his arrival. On the eve of his departure for France a farewell dinner was tendered the Ambassador by 300 of his friends at the Union League Club. Paul Claudel, French Ambassador to the United States, was the principal speaker, while others who addressed the gathering were Dr. Marcel Knecht of *Le Matin*, J. Alfred Spender, former editor of *The Westminster Gazette*; Alfred E. Marlin, the new President of the Union League Club, and Gates W. McGarrah, retiring President. The importance of Ambassador Herrick's part in the proposed treaty negotiations between France and the United States for the outlawing of war was dealt with by M. Claudel, who according to the "Times" said:

"You always considered that in that general declaration of peace to the entire world which is to mark the beginning of a new international era, France and the United States must take the leading part, or if I may say so, the start part, and Mr. Briand could find no better hands than yours, Mr. Ambassador, in which to remit his proposition of outlawry of war. France is the country which is the most in need of peace and America is the country which is able to do most for the cause of peace. No country in the world is able to do war if America says: 'I don't approve of you.'"

"Casual thinking people, speaking of the proposal of Mr. Briand, said: 'It is nothing but words.' Well, words are sometimes great things. As it was written, in the beginning was the Word. Words coming out of the mouth of America and France are well worth speaking of and worth remembering. The same people say: 'What do you mean with that declaration for outlaw of war? Can you stop the war with paper? Your proposed treaty is not worth the paper it will be written on.' Well, gentlemen, I remember some general declarations, some pieces of writing, which were well worth the paper they were written on, pieces of writing which stopped great things and which started great things.

*Points to Just Warfare.*

"They are called the Declaration of Independence and the Declaration des Droits de l'Homme," the Ambassador continued. "Today time is ripe for a new declaration. But France and America do not intend to make a declaration of faith, they want to make a declaration of good sense. They don't mean to say that war everywhere and in every case is a bad thing. There were and there are cases even now where war is a good and just thing. Nobody can deny, for instance, that your War of Independence was a great and good thing. Violence by itself is a bad thing, but it is better than injustice. War is a bad thing, but organized warfare was a great deal better than anarchy and highway robbery.

"Slavery is a bad thing, but it was a great deal better than cannibalism. It is better to feed prisoners than to feed on them. What is in the mind of the principal statesmen of America and of Europe is that a great part of the world is now so highly organized and economically so interwoven that it can do without even the thought of war, not for any religious motives, but simply because it is a clumsy and dangerous weapon; because it is not, as you say in America, a paying proposition. That does not mean that war is bad in every case.

*Says Chief Point Is Law.*

"In those God-forsaken countries where you cannot drive a Lincoln car or a Ford car, you can ride a horse or a donkey. In that proposition of outlawing war the principal point is not war, it is law. When there is law, you can outlaw the war. When there is no law there is nothing out of which you can put the grim fiend.

"My dear Ambassador, our honored and trusted friend, may your way back to the country which loves you and expects you to be smooth under your feet. You have many times explained France to America, you will have once more to explain America to France. She will believe you, for, to use an American expression, she knows that Myron Herrick is the man 'who delivers the goods.'"

**Cash Offer for German Municipal, City and State Bonds Not Yet Filed for Exchange.**

The Special Commissioner in New York for German Government Loans makes the following announcement,

bearing on the revaluation of German municipal bonds and cash offers made by various states and cities:

A number of German states and cities, such as for instances:

Aschen, Augsburg, Bamberg, Berlin, Bremen, Chemnitz, Dessau, Dresden, Essen, Frankfurt a/M., Fuerth, Gmuend, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Hildesheim, Koblenz, Koenigsberg, Liegnitz, Magdeburg, Mainz, Mannheim, Muenchen, Nuernberg, Offenbach, Pforzheim, Regensburg, Reutlingen, Wiesbaden, Wuerzburg, are offering cash payments for the redemption of their Paper-mark Bonds.

As a rule, the time within which bondholders who wish to avail themselves of this offer should send the bonds to the respective debtors, expires on Feb. 29, 1928.

The Special Commissioner for German Public Loans, Rooms 927-930, 42 Broadway, New York City, will gladly furnish details in respect to the amounts of the cash offers in individual cases. Inquiries should contain exact description of the bonds (date and number of issue, interest rate, and name of the City or State).

Bonds should not be sent to the Special Commissioner except on request.

#### Extension of Time Limit on Revaluation of German Government Loans.

The International Germanic Company Limited has been advised by the Special Commissioner for German Loans of this City that the time limit for the revaluation of Government Loans has expired, but that the designated depositories have been instructed to still accept the bonds for exchange. This extension may, however, be terminated at any time. The time limit for Municipal Loans has been prolonged until February 29, 1928. In certain instances Cities are still agreeable to accept applications for revaluation under the so-called "Old Possession" procedure, provided meritorious reasons can be advanced for the delay in handing in the bonds for exchange, as the time limit expired on November 30, 1926. In such cases, permission to file such applications must be obtained from the Special Commissioner for German Government Loans of this City. A previous item in the matter appeared in our issue of Jan. 14, page 187.

#### General.

In 1927 total taxable property values in these 16 municipalities including both real and personal property were placed at \$125,165,800. In the same year taxable income of the inhabitants amounted to \$54,317,850.

The total population of these 16 municipalities has increased more than 35% in the past 20 years. All these municipalities are served by electric light and gas, telephone and telegraph systems, have railway and motorbus connections, etc. Ten of the municipalities are located on tidewater and many of these are important in the export trade of the Kingdom. For example, the port of Esbjerg handles the bulk of the nation's highly important export trade to England of bacon and dairy products. Leading industrial centers among these 16 municipalities include Vejle, which has one of the largest cotton mills in Denmark, Naskov having important sugar refineries and shipyards and Naestved which has a large paper manufacturing industry. The group also includes some of the oldest and most famous municipalities in the Kingdom. The following were originally founded about or before the year 1000: Viborg, important for centuries in Danish national affairs; Soroe, in which is located a renowned seat of learning.

In addition to the six municipalities just mentioned, the other municipalities participating in the present loan are: Hjoerring, Middelfart, Nykoebing on Falster, Roenne, Varde, Korsoer, Horsens, Skive, Slagelse, Stubbekoebing.

#### More Than \$280,000,000 of American Capital Invested in Italy During Past Year—Further Offerings Looked for by J. A. Sisto & Co.

More than \$280,000,000 of American capital has been invested in Italy during the past year in the form of dollar loans, and further offerings of Italian securities will be made here in the near future as a result of the revaluation of the lira, according to a survey of Italy's economic progress issued Jan. 13 by J. A. Sisto & Co. This survey declares that the winning of the "Battle of the Lira" by Premier Mussolini is one of the most important economic achievements of the past few months. "Not the least of the advantages growing out of this triumph," says the survey, "is the belief by international experts on credits that the commercial and financial position of Italy will be strong enough to maintain the new basis without the use of the precautionary international credits arranged by the Italian Government. It signalizes an important step towards strengthening Italy's commercial and financial structure, for the standardization of the lira on a gold basis at a valuation of about 5.26 cents, or 19 to the dollar, means added economic peace and confidence in the future tranquility of commerce." The survey adds:

"The majority of Italian issues now outstanding in the American market, totaling about \$280,000,000, were sold in the past year during the campaign to raise the value of the lira, which from its 1927 low point of 4.26 went to a high of 5.8 cents. Naturally, such an abrupt change caused an inevitable business depression, but happily it has been short-lived, and the opening of the new year, with the lira on a gold basis, inspires all fields of activity."

To prove and justify such an optimistic viewpoint, J. A. Sisto & Co. have prepared their pamphlet, with statistical analysis and charts referring to 22 of the major Italian banks and corporations, from 1922 to 1927.

#### Spanish Banks Organize—Will Finance Public Works Abroad to Stimulate Exports.

The organization of a large combination of Spanish banking firms for the purpose of financing throughout South American countries and Portugal various public works, where the opportunity exists for the utilization of Spanish machinery and industrial products, was announced on Jan. 10 according to a cablegram (copyright) to the New York "Times" from Madrid Jan. 10. It is also stated therein:

The first enterprises to be financed will be railways, street car lines and other public utilities and mining and aviation undertakings.

The principal banks in the venture are the Banco de Cataluna, Hispano Colonial, the Arnusgari and Marsans Companies and the Banco Internacional.

By this movement it is hoped to greatly stimulate Spanish production and exports, as well as offer a new field for the investment of Spanish capital.

#### Interim Certificates of Credit Consortium for Public Works of Italy Drawn for Redemption.

J. P. Morgan & Co. as fiscal agents have issued a statement to holders of interim certificates in respect to Credit Consortium for Public Works of Italy external loan sinking fund 7% secured gold bonds, series A, due March 1 1937, and series B bonds, due March 1 1947, that interim certificates representing \$165,000 principal amount of series A bonds and \$92,000 principal amount of series B bonds have been drawn for redemption at 100 on March 1 1928 out of moneys in the sinking fund. The interim certificates bearing the serial numbers drawn by lot will be paid on and after March 1 1928 upon presentation at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. After March 1 no interest will accrue upon the bonds respectively represented by such certificates, nor will any holder of any such certificates be entitled to any rights thereunder except to receive payments.

#### Dividend of Bank of Poland—Zimmermann & Forshay to Cash Coupons of American Stockholders.

Upon receipt of cabled advices that the dividend of 14% declared by the Bank of Poland (Bank Polski) for the last fiscal year is payable in Warsaw on Feb. 11, Zimmermann & Forshay announced Jan. 17 to American holders of the bank's stock that they are prepared to cash coupon No. 4 (for the year 1927) on and after Feb. 1 1928. The declaration of the dividend was noted in our issue of Jan. 14, page 188.

#### Russian Soviet Budget Shows \$480,000,000 Income—Anticipated Revenue 11.1% and Expenditures 14.8% Above Last Year's Total.

From Moscow Jan. 11 the following Associated Press advices were reported by the New York "Times":

The budget for the Soviet Republic, which comprises two-thirds of the population and seventeen-nineteenths of the total area of the Soviet Union, for the financial year from Oct. 1927 to Sept. 1928, will show an income of 954,189,000 rubles (about \$480,000,000) and an expenditure of 947,571,000 rubles with the balance credited to the reserve fund.

The income from taxation is 698,352,000 rubles, which is 10% more than last year. From other sources, State trading, industry, &c., the income of 255,837,000 rubles, which is 12.9% more. The general growth of income is 11.1%.

Total receipts from the income tax are expected to show a 40.7% increase. While the cost of the bureaucracy and judiciary is reduced 5.8% to 286,900,000 rubles, the general expenditure increase is 14.8%.

Under "financing national economy," that is grants to industry, industrial losses, &c., the total is 159,000,000 rubles, an increase of 16.9%. Measures to eradicate unemployment take 8,000,000 equivalent to an increase of 61.3%; the press subsidy is 3,000,000, increase 96.7%; the "subvention fund" is 15,000,000, reduced 2.6%; local budgets total 348,000,000, increased by 5.5%, and finally education gets 238,000,000, an increase of 15.7%.

#### Czecho-Slovakia to Convert 1925 Loan.

The Czecho-Slovakian Government has proposed conversion of 438,000,000 crowns of 738,000,000 crowns of the outstanding 7½% dollar loan and the issue of an internal loan of 300,000,000 crowns at 5 or 5½% says the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 14, which also had the following to say:

Dispatches from the Department of Commerce in Washington give confirmation to the statement that the Czecho-Slovakian Minister of Finance has announced his intention of converting the loan in the domestic market rather than in the United States.

Commercial Attache Elbert Baldwin at Prague has reported the foreign currency reserve of the Czech National Bank, amounting to 2,141,000,000

crowns, are ample to meet dollar obligations amounting to 750,000,000 crowns arising from the conversion operation. Since so large a holding the loan is held within the country redemption in the majority of domestic cases will probably be made in crowns rather than in dollars. The bonds will probably be called before March, 1928, if this plan is carried into effect. It has been estimated that of the \$21,704,000 still outstanding of the \$25,000,000 2-year 7½% American loan of 1925, at least half of that amount has since been repatriated.

**Gold Movement to Brazil—Fifth Shipment by Dillon, Read & Co.**

Completing the shipment of approximately \$45,000,000 in gold to Brazil, Dillon, Read & Co. forwarded on Jan. 14 \$5,800,000 in gold on the steamship Western World for the account of the Brazilian Government. This is the fifth consignment of gold by the same bankers to Brazil in the past seven weeks. Of the total movement of gold approximately \$37,000,000 represents the proceeds of the American portion of the Dillon, Read-Rothschild loan, floated last October. An additional \$8,000,000 was subsequently collected for the account of the Brazilian Ministry of Finance by its American bankers. All of the gold sent by Dillon, Read & Co. to Brazil, it is understood, will be deposited in the Bank of Brazil, strengthening its reserves preparatory to the stabilization of Brazilian exchange. Other items relative to the Brazilian shipments appeared in our issues of Nov. 12, page 2607; Nov. 19, page 2749; Nov. 26, page 2882 and Jan. 7 page 33.

**Internal Bolivian Issue Floated—Minister of Finance Arranges Sale of \$4,000,000 Bonds to Make up Deficits in Budget.**

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 20:

An internal Bolivian loan of 12,000,000 bolivianos, or approximately \$4,000,000, has been floated by Leon M. Loza, the Minister of Finance, in order to pay deficits arising from expenditures which were not included in the budget, it was learned here yesterday at the offices of the Bolivian Consulate-General.

The bonds, which are believed to have been taken up by the Bolivian banks to be resold at a commission not exceeding one-fourth of 1%, are guaranteed by a direct lien on the income from taxes for identification or citizenship cards, and from the increased taxes on imports. The flotation has no bearing upon the Bolivian bonds held in the United States.

The bonds, which are issued in denominations of 100, 500 and 1,000 bolivianos, carry an interest rate of 8%, payable semi-annually. Amortization of 1% is provided for each six months, and the bonds are redeemable in whole or in part before the regular maturity date, providing ninety days notice is given. Although the legislation providing for the issue, as reported in Bolivian newspapers, does not give the maturity date of the bonds, it is believed that they are to run for six years.

A commission composed of the Minister of Finance, the Director of the Treasury and the President of the Fiscal Commission has been named by H. Siles, President of the Republic, to supervise the issuance of the bonds.

**American Investment in Cuba Passes Billion and Half Mark—54% of Total in Sugar Industry.**

Investment of United States capital in Cuba, which dates back to the days of the country's political independence and which has recently been stimulated by the growing importance of the island as an international tourist resort, has passed the billion and a half mark and is steadily growing, according to cabled reports from the Cuban Chamber of Commerce. The aggregate of \$1,505,000,000 is more than the United States investment in any other Latin-American country and represents, it is said, 90% of the total foreign investment in Cuba at the present time. The bulk of the entire investment, it is stated, is confined to the development of Cuba's principal industries—sugar, tobacco, real estate, railroads, public utilities—and in the purchase of government bonds. Over half of the total, \$800,000,000, is concentrated in the Cuban cane sugar industry which controls about 80% of the world's output of this product, and is represented in lands, plants and refineries on the island. With the increase in tourist business and development of resort facilities, the second figure in importance on the list represents major realty holdings, exclusive of lands devoted to the raising of sugar and tobacco. With the recent acquisition of nearly 2,000 acres of beach land in Havana, including the Casino Nacional and Oriental Park, by the Bowman-Biltmore interests as the nucleus for an American Monte Carlo, realty figures were swelled to \$150,000,000. Also, as a result of this development it is expected that several million dollars additional will be spent by Americans on this project within the next two years. Purchases of Government bonds in the United States now total \$110,000,000. It is expected that this amount will be swelled in the near future with a new American dollar loan of about \$50,000,000 the proceeds from which will be used to speed completion of the great 700 mile Cuban Central Highway now well under

way. Railroads are represented by an investment of \$120,000,000; the tobacco industry, mining and miscellaneous industries aggregate \$135,000,000; public utilities have increased to \$110,000,000 and \$65,000,000 is invested in commerce and banks. The detailed table follows:

Sugar industry.....	\$800,000,000
Realty holdings.....	150,000,000
Railroads.....	120,000,000
Government bonds.....	110,000,000
Public utilities.....	110,000,000
Industrials.....	50,000,000
Tobacco.....	50,000,000
Commerce.....	40,000,000
Mines.....	35,000,000
Banks.....	25,000,000
Miscellaneous.....	15,000,000
Total.....	\$1,505,000,000

**Chinese War Lords Debauch Currency—Manchurians Report Orders from Chang for \$5,000,000 in Gold Credits.**

Under the above head the New York "Times" of Jan. 15 announces the following copyright correspondence from Peking, Dec. 20:

From Mukden and from Tiensin comes news of arbitrary measures just taken by the authorities which bode ill for the commercial future of North China and which must inevitably make more serious the eventual problem of putting this vast area on a sound money basis.

In Mukden the Manchurian authorities profess to have received orders to make all possible haste to remit to Peking \$2,000,000 in American gold or credits and 6,000,000 Japanese yen (about \$3,000,000). These large sums are in addition to the many taxes already being poured into the war chest of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Northern dictator.

The manner devised for raising this money is simplicity itself, but it is calamitous to the hard-working Manchurian farmers and will increase existing discontent.

The money will be raised by official purchases of Manchurian crops, these purchases to be paid for by a new issue of "fengploao," a Manchurian currency already depreciated to the rate of twelve to the dollar. The crops will then be sent to Yinkow and sold for good American dollars and for good yen for export to the United States and to Japan.

In Tiensin the Chichli Provincial Bank has issued notice that it will no longer redeem its own paper money at par, and the value of these notes has slumped to 34 cents on the dollar. The seriousness of the situation may be gauged from the fact that there are \$15,900,000 worth of these notes outstanding.

The Government of the province, which controls the bank, has not utterly repudiated these notes, but will accept 20% of all tax payments in this currency. Several new taxes are to be imposed which may be paid in their entirety with these notes, but these measures will neither mollify nor benefit the enraged people.

The banknote scandal is intensified by the fact that the bank recently borrowed nearly \$3,000,000 from a Chinese syndicate, the ostensible purpose of the loan being the creation of a redemption fund for these notes. No one has stated what has become of this borrowed money.

The only excuse made for measures and deals of this kind is that the North is at death grips in a war to save China from communism, but this explanation, instead of arousing the loyalty of the people, seems to put many of them in the frame of mind where they think that almost any change would be a change for the better.

**Nanking Would Stop Any Loans to Chang—Government Protests Plan for Secret Advance to Peking by Telegraph Companies.**

In its Jan. 15 issue the New York "Times" announced the following in special correspondence from Shanghai, Dec. 24 (copyright):

Nanking Government has taken steps in recent weeks looking to the prevention of loans, private or through a foreign power, to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, Peking war lord.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has lodged an emphatic protest with the British and Danish Ministers in Peking against a reported secret loan said to have been proposed by the Peking Government. Peking wanted to get money from the British and Danish telegraph companies in China, the report stated, offering in return an extension of the telegraph contracts the telegraph companies hold from previous Peking Governments.

In an explanation of Nanking's stand issued through the Nationalists' official news agency, the Ministry of Communications pointed out the telegraph contract in question expires in 1930. Nanking declares that "the further extension of this ruinous contract, which has hampered the Chinese Telegraph Administration for several decades, would condemn the Chinese telegraphs to an eternal position of subordination."

In this connection, the matter of future contrasts is brought up, the Nanking Ministry of Communications notifying the British and Danish Ministers in Peking that the Ministry "reserves the exclusive right to enter into negotiations with the British and Danish telegraph companies on any matter concerning Chinese telegraphic administration, and that it will not recognize any contracts entered into by the two companies with any other Chinese 'authorities' other than the Ministry of Communications of the Nationalist Government."

Along similar lines as far as Nanking's policy toward Peking's right to make loans is the Nationalist Government's communication to the Belgian Minister in Peking through the Belgian Council General in Shanghai.

The Nanking report asserts the "Nationalist Government feels constrained to warn the Belgian Minister against accepting the Fengtien war lord's proposal" for a loan in the form of a bond issue for \$5,000,000 gold, to be secured on the Belgian Boxer Indemnity Fund, and for "an additional loan of \$1,100,000 from the Belgian Boxer indemnity reserve."

The report of the protest issued here adds that "the Nationalist Government, while disclaiming any responsibility for all loans to the Fengtien Party to enable Chang Tso-lin to maintain his military regime at Peking, is sincerely desirous of preserving its friendship with the Belgian Government and earnestly hopes the Belgian Minister will reject the Northern militarist's loan proposals."

### Offering of \$1,500,000 7½% Bonds of British and Hungarian Bank, Ltd.—Books Closed.

Following the announcement this week that the British and Hungarian Bank, Ltd., had sold to Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., and Strupp & Co., \$1,500,000 7½% thirty-five-year sinking fund mortgage gold bonds, public offering of the issue was announced on Jan. 17 by the two banking houses. The bonds were offered at 98¾ and interest to yield about 7.60%. The proceeds will be used to extend the bank's operations in the mortgage loan field under authority of the Hungarian mortgage loan law. The books were closed on the day of the offering. The bonds will be dated December 1, 1927, and will mature December 1, 1962. A cumulative sinking fund June 1, 1928, is calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity. The bonds will be redeemable as a whole or in part, other than for the Sinking Fund, on or after June 1, 1928, but prior to December 1, 1932, on any interest payment date on thirty days' notice at 101, on or after December 1, 1932, but prior to December 1, 1937, at 100½, and on or after December 1, 1937, at 100, in each case with accrued interest. They are Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations. The United States Mortgage & Trust Company is Authenticating Agent. Principal and interest (June 1 and December 1) will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., New York City, Fiscal Agents, or, at the option of the holder, at the principal office of the British and Hungarian Bank, Ltd., Budapest, without deduction for any taxes, assessments, duties, fees, or other charges, that may be levied by the Kingdom of Hungary or by any other taxing authority therein or thereof. Information received by the bankers from Alexander Fleiszig, Managing Vice-President, and Henry Kalman, Deputy General Manager of the British and Hungarian Bank, Ltd., says in part:

#### *History and Business.*

The British and Hungarian Bank, Ltd., was established in 1890, partly through the interest of the Royal Hungarian Government. The Bank has grown in the 37 years since its foundation to one of the strongest banking institutions in Hungary, with 27 branches and auxiliaries in Budapest and the provinces, and connections with British, American, Dutch, and Swiss associates. British interests own about 33½% of its share capital. As a result of the increase of capital stock on Nov. 11, 1927, capital stock and disclosed reserves have been increased from the equivalent of \$3,726,000 to the equivalent of \$5,400,000. The new shares were subscribed by Messrs. Helbert Wagg & Co., Ltd., of London, and have been placed with the British Overseas Bank, Ltd. Deposits amount at present to the equivalent of \$8,000,000.

The bank's bonds are legal investments in Hungary for municipalities, corporations, and institutes controlled by the Government, as well as for widows' and orphans' funds.

#### *Security.*

These mortgage bonds are the direct and unconditional obligations of the British and Hungarian Bank, Ltd., and are issued against an equal amount of mortgage loans payable, both as to principal and interest, in United States gold dollars of the present standard of weight and fineness, and secured by first mortgages on lands and buildings thereon within the territorial limits of Hungary. All mortgage loans of the bank under Hungarian law and the mortgages securing the same constitute specific security for its outstanding mortgage bonds. If during the life of these bonds the bank should issue additional mortgage bonds the bank should issue additional mortgage bonds payable in other than Hungarian currency, the mortgages made out of the proceeds thereof must be payable in the same currency as such bonds. The Hungarian Law provides for the following additional safeguards:

- (1) Mortgage loans against which mortgage bonds are issued must be recorded in the Land Register with a special clause of entry which renders it impossible for any other creditor of the bank to acquire a claim against mortgages subject to this special clause.
- (2) Mortgage bonds outstanding shall never exceed the par value of mortgage loans, and in case of repayments on the part of borrowers an equal amount of mortgage bonds must be cancelled.
- (3) A special security fund has been created, which must be 5% of the total amount of mortgage bonds outstanding, but under no condition be less than 1,000,000 Pengos. At present it amounts to 1,030,000 Pengos (\$180,000) represented by government bonds of dollar and pound sterling principal amounts and dollar bonds of first class mortgage institutions listed on American stock exchanges.
- (4) In addition, the mortgage bonds are secured by the general assets of the Bank, *pari-passu* with other creditors of the bank.

#### *Loan Policy.*

Mortgage loans made in connection with this issue of mortgage bonds shall not exceed 40% of the appraised valuation of the lands and buildings thereon mortgaged, except that in case of forest and vineyard lands, the mortgages thereon shall not exceed 25½% of the appraised valuation. Statutes of the bank contain detailed and conservative regulations concerning the methods of appraisal for mortgaged real estate. Mortgage loans will be amortized through periodical half-yearly installments sufficient to have paid them in full by maturity.

#### *Dividends, Earnings, and Market.*

The net profit of the bank, available for dividends, was \$112,000 in 1925, \$163,000 in 1926, and for the first six months of 1927, \$160,000. The bank has paid dividends on its capital stock, without interruption, since 1893, or for 34 years.

### Bonds of Westphalia United Electric Power Corporation To Be Placed on Market Next Week.

Speyer & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. will offer for public subscription Monday (Jan. 23) at 92¾ and interest, yielding about 6.60%, \$20,000,000 Westphalia United Electric Power Corporation First Mortgage 6% sinking fund gold bonds, Series "A" due Jan. 1 1953. Westphalia United Electric Power Corporation is one of the largest producers and distributors of electricity in Germany. The entire capital stock of the Corporation, approximately \$10,000,000 par value, is owned directly or indirectly by municipalities served and by the Free State of Prussia. Combined net earnings for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927, before reserves for renewals and replacements but after deducting Dawes Plan charges, are equal to about 3 1-3 times annual interest on the bonds.

Part of the proceeds of this issue will be used to redeem at par on June 1 1928, the outstanding \$7,500,000 First Mortgage 6½% Bonds due 1950, which were placed here by the same bankers in November 1925. It is the first long term German Dollar loan to be refunded at a lower rate of interest. The balance of the proceeds of the present issue will be applied to the payment of floating debt incurred for capital expenditures and additions and improvements to the properties of the Corporation and its subsidiary companies. This is the first larger German loan to be offered here since the early part of November.

### Offering of \$2,000,000 Bonds of Danish Consolidated Municipal Loan—Books Closed.

Bearing the official approval of the Minister of the Interior of the Kingdom of Denmark, a new issue of \$2,000,000 Danish Consolidated Municipal Loan twenty-five-year 5% external gold bonds were placed on the market on January 20 at 96¼ and interest to yield 5.27% by a banking group headed by Brown Brothers & Co., and including the New York Trust Company and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. The books were closed early in the day. The bonds constitute the joint and several obligation of 16 Danish municipalities including a substantial number of the chief municipalities in Denmark. The loan contract provides that if any of these 16 municipalities shall create any debt specifically secured by lien or charge upon any of its assets or revenues these bonds shall share such lien or charge equally and ratably with such other debt. The total population of the 16 municipalities is in excess of 200,000. The bonds will be dated Feb. 1, 1928, and will mature Feb. 1, 1953. They will be redeemable as a whole or in part on any interest date on thirty days' notice at 100 and accrued interest. The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. Interest will be payable Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, and principal and interest will be payable in New York at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., Fiscal Agents for the Loan, in United States gold coin of or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future taxes of the Kingdom of Denmark or of any political subdivision thereof or taxing authority therein. S. Bresemann, Chairman of the Loan Association of the Consolidated Municipalities of Denmark, submits the following relative to the municipalities—their supervision, finances, etc.:

#### *Government Supervision.*

Under the Danish municipal law the National Government exercises strict control over the financial policies of the municipalities, including approval of loans and accounts. With this supervision the finances of the municipalities have been conducted on a very conservative basis.

#### *Credit.*

The credit of these 16 municipalities ranks high. No default has ever occurred on the obligations of any of these municipalities. The bonds of each of these municipalities constitute legal investments for trust funds in Denmark.

#### *Finances.*

On March 31st, 1927 the total funded and floating debt of the 16 municipalities participating in this loan was \$24,903,865 of which about \$23,000,000 was funded debt. Since that date there has been no increase in the funded debt and no appreciable change in the floating debt. Against their debt the municipalities owned properties valued on the same date at \$31,012,200, including municipal electric light and power, gas and water works and other revenue producing enterprises conservatively carried at \$16,012,700. For the year ended March 31st, 1927 the net income from these public utility and other revenue producing municipal enterprises alone was substantially in excess of the interest for the same period on the total debt of the municipalities.

#### *Revenues and Expenditures.*

For the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1927 the combined income of these 16 municipalities exceeded expenditures by \$404,000 and for each of the two preceding fiscal years by more than \$208,000. The combined budgets for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1928 show receipts equal to expenditures without borrowing.

*Purpose of Issue.*

The proceeds of the present issue will be used to retire indebtedness and for the construction and improvement of revenue producing enterprises.

**Offering of \$4,000,000 7% Bonds of City of Santiago (Chile)—Issue Sold.**

A new issue of \$4,000,000 twenty-one year 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the City of Santiago (Chile) was offered on Jan. 19 at 100¼ and accrued interest, by a group composed of Hallgarten & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., the Grace National Bank of New York, and E. H. Rollins & Sons. Approximately \$3,000,000 of the proceeds of this loan, which will constitute the only funded debt of the city, will be used for retiring all its existing funded debt, both internal and external, the remainder to be applied to public improvements. Announcement was made on Jan. 19 that the bonds had all been sold. The bonds will bear date Jan. 2, 1928, will become due Jan. 2, 1949; a cumulative sinking fund is calculated to retire all of the bonds at or before maturity. With regard to the sinking fund it is stated:

The cumulative sinking fund is payable semi-annually and applicable to the purchase of Bonds up to principal amount and accrued interest, or if not so obtainable then to the redemption of bonds by lot on 30 days' published notice at principal amount and accrued interest. In addition to being redeemable for the sinking fund, the Bonds are redeemable at the option of the city as a whole or in part on any interest date on 60 days' published notice at principal amount and accrued interest plus a premium of 4% if redeemed before Jan. 2, 1939; of 3% if redeemed on or after said date and before Jan. 2, 1944; and of 2% if redeemed on or after said date and before maturity.

The bonds, coupon in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, are registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (Jan. 2 and July 2) will be payable at the principal office of either of the Fiscal Agents in New York City in United States gold coin, free of all present or future Chilean taxes except in the case of citizens or residents of Chile. Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., Fiscal Agents. Mayor Rodrigues, of the City of Santiago, has the following to say regarding the security of the bonds:

*Security.*

These bonds constitute the direct obligation of the city. They are secured by the full faith and credit of the city and (upon the retirement of said internal funded debt) by the assignment (pursuant to the National Decree authorizing this issue) of the annual payment amounting to not less than 3,280,000 pesos (\$399,045), being made in semi-annual instalments by the National Government to the city, pursuant to transitory Article 5 of Decree-Law 755 of 1925 which provides that such payment shall continue until enactment of a further law organizing municipal revenues. Any excess of each semi-annual instalment above the amount required for the service of the bonds to the next interest date will revert to the city. The city covenants that in the event that other revenues or payments shall be substituted for said annual payment, it will assign or charge as security for the service of these bonds, the revenues or payments so substituted.

These bonds are also secured by a first lien upon the revenues of the city from the industrial, commercial and professional license tax and the slaughter house dues, such revenues to be applied to the service of the bonds to the extent that such service has not been previously provided for from other sources.

The amounts produced during the past five years from the payments and revenues charged as security for the service of these bonds, have been as follows:

1923.....	\$595,277
1924.....	659,774
1925.....	740,711
1926.....	876,673
1927.....	854,080

(Figures prior to 1926 include revenues for which the national payments were substituted.)

As the annual service charge on this issue of bonds, both for interest and sinking fund, is \$374,400 per annum, the average annual amount produced by said payments and revenues during the years specified above has been approximately twice such annual service charge, and the amount for 1927 was over two and one-quarter times the annual service charge on these bonds.

The city covenants that if the aggregate amount of payments and revenues charged with the service of the bonds should in any fiscal year be less than twice the above-mentioned annual service charge, it will assign and pledge as additional security for the service of the bonds, other taxes or revenues, free of liens, and producing an annual amount sufficient to cover such deficiency.

Upon application of the proceeds of this issue as aforesaid, these bonds will then constitute the sole funded debt of the city. Floating debt as of January 1, 1928, was less than \$100,000. Under existing Chilean law the city may not create any new loan the issuance of which would cause its total debt to exceed the aggregate of its revenues for the preceding three years; nor create any new loan without the approval of the Council of Ministers of the National Government.

**Government of Chile to Refund Outstanding 8% Bonds in American Market.**

Cable dispatches from Chile report that the Chilean Government has completed arrangements with the National City Bank of New York, its fiscal agents in the United States, for refunding its 8% bonds outstanding in this market. The

financing is expected to take the form of a railway refunding loan to be offered in the near future by the National City Co. Completion of the loan arrangements follows a year of steady improvement in Chilean economic and financial conditions. Reports from both London and Valparaiso agree that the Chilean nitrate industry has returned to a healthy and prosperous condition. Nitrate exports from Chile in 1927 exceeded the most optimistic estimates and the outlook for 1928 is characterized as even more favorable. In the copper industry the Andes Copper Mining Co., controlled by the Anaconda Copper Co., recently commenced large scale production, thereby adding extensively to the Chilean copper output as represented by the operation of the Chile Copper and Bradon plants. For the year ended Dec. 31 1927, the Chilean Government will show a surplus of revenues over expenditures estimated between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 Chilean pesos. It is expected that the Government will make a formal announcement regarding the new financing within a few days.

**Herman W. Booth, Former New York Stock Exchange Broker, Receives 10-Year Sentence.**

Herman W. Booth, who was petitioned into bankruptcy last September (following his expulsion from the New York Stock Exchange for violation of its rules) and subsequently arrested for embezzlement, on Jan. 13, was sentenced by Judge Charles C. Nott in the Court of General Sessions to serve not less than five years nor more than ten years in State prison on each of two indictments for grand larceny to which he had pleaded "guilty" on Dec. 12, according to the New York "Times" of Jan. 14. In imposing sentence the Court specified that the terms are to run consecutively. Continuing the "Times" said:

Booth's career was sketched in court, before sentence was imposed, by Assistant District Attorney Thomas Kane. He said that for years Booth was a practicing attorney, but in 1913 purchased a seat on the Stock Exchange and began a brokerage business. In 1923 he began a systematic victimization of his clients which lasted until his expulsion from the Stock Exchange and his arrest last September, the Court was told.

His method was to borrow from his clients stocks which he had purchased for them, on the pretext that he could lend the securities to other brokers at a premium. In this manner, said Mr. Kane, Booth got the custody of more than \$3,000,000 in securities, which he sold, pocketing the proceeds. Out of the income accruing to him from the sale of stocks he paid dividends to his customers.

The belief that Booth has secreted a large part of the profits of his frauds was expressed by Mr. Kane. He said that the receiver, Edward H. Childs, has been able to locate only \$397,000 of Booth's assets, of which \$235,000 came from the forced sale of his Stock Exchange seat and \$77,000 was returned to the receiver by a woman relative of Booth's who had received securities of that value from the broker.

When pressed for information about his assets, Booth invariably answered that he could not remember, Mr. Kane continued. Among the devices that Booth had used to satisfy clamoring customers just before his crash was to furnish to them stock certificates in an asbestos company which he did not own, but the stock certificate book of which he had obtained. More than 100 indictments could have been found against him by the Grand Jury, Mr. Kane concluded.

Denying that there was any evidence to show that Booth had willfully concealed assets, James E. Duross, attorney for the broker, made a plea for clemency. He insisted that his client was the victim of slipshod business methods and has not at present a penny. He said Booth was penitent and had endeavored to assist his receiver, but because of his failure to keep any books was unable to do so. He expressed the belief that the sums lost by Booth had been swallowed up by real estate speculation.

Judge Nott said he was satisfied that Booth had for years defrauded his customers by paying them dividends out of the proceeds of the sale of their securities. He said that while relatives of the broker had appealed for clemency on the ground that he was nearly a mental wreck, he could see no grounds for leniency.

Among those in court when sentence was pronounced was Edward Raldiris of 12 East Eighty-sixth Street, whose wife lost \$800,000 through Booth. Raldiris, who is Chairman of the Creditors' Committee, said that the claims filed with Mr. Childs show that Booth's thefts totaled \$3,800,000. He announced that he would endeavor to have United States Attorney Tuttle proceed against Booth for using the mails to defraud.

Our last reference to this matter appeared in our issue of Dec. 24, 1927, page 3429.

**Easier Money Foreseen By Treasury Department By End of Month.**

Under date of Jan. 12 advices from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

The delay in the return of cash to the banks and the Treasury after the seasonal abnormal circulation of currency during the record Christmas buying season has been given some attention at the Treasury Department.

To-day, however, it was learned that Secretary Mellon feels, even though the extra cash has remained in circulation longer than usual this January, that "it eventually will get back."

Money circulation increased about \$53,000,000 between November 30 and January 1. This, of course, resulted from the abnormal expenditures of the season and the fact that many millions of dollars in cash were used for Christmas presents, getting an excessive volume of currency into circulation.

As a rule, the bulk of the excess gets back to the banks immediately after the Christmas holidays, but this year the dollars have kept on wander-

ing to unaccustomed haunts. Some tightening of the money rates during January has continued.

Easier money by the end of the month, however, is anticipated at the Treasury Department.

### Two Members of New York Rubber Exchange Suspended for Week—First Suspension in History of Exchange.

The Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., issued the following statement Jan. 19:

The suspension of two members of the Rubber Exchange of New York for a period of one week beginning to-day (Jan. 19) was announced from the rostrum this morning by Secretary Walter Dutton. The two members suspended are A. O. Forney and W. C. Murphy.

These are the first suspensions in the history of the Rubber Exchange and were made for a technical violation of the rules.

### Joint Commission of State Bankers and Legislators Named in Illinois to Revise State Banking Laws.

A state commission to revise the banking laws of Illinois was named on Dec. 29 by Governor Len Small, in accordance with an act passed by the last legislature, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" which stated:

Those named with the approval of the Illinois Bankers Association were: Edward E. Brown, First Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago; C. R. Holden Vice-President of the Union Trust, Chicago; E. M. Stevens, President of the Illinois Merchants Trust, Chicago; W. J. Rathje, President of the Mid-city Trust and Savings, Chicago; J. M. Appel, President of the Park Ridge State Bank, Chicago; M. S. Heagy, Rock Island; F. W. Aldrich, McLean; F. W. Crane, Quincy; C. W. Terry, Edwardsville; C. E. Holler, Greenville.

The members of the commission from the House and Senate are: Senators Harry G. Wright, Dekalb; Richard R. Meents, Ashkum; George Reynolds, Utica; John T. Denvir, Chicago; and Harold G. Kessinger, Aurora; Representatives David E. Shanahan, Chicago; L. E. Beckman, Kankakee; W. G. Phillips, Mount Vernon; Michael Igoe, Chicago; Michael Fahy Toluca.

### Sale of American International Holdings By Blair & Co., Inc. Said to Have Netted About \$3,500,000.

The following is from the New York "Times," of Dec. 31:—

A profit of about \$3,500,000 was realized by Blair & Co., Inc., investment bankers, on their stock holdings in the American International Corporation, the last of which they disposed of on Thursday to Matthew C. Brush, President of American International; Lazard Freres and Scott & Stringfellow, bankers.

It was reported that the purchasers paid close to the Thursday market price, or about \$65 a share, for the Blair stock, which was said to amount to about 60,000 shares. Blair & Co. originally owned about 125,000 shares. This transaction gives the purchasers virtual control of the company. Mr. Brush, who is said to be the largest individual stockholder, will remain as President and Chairman of the Board.

The fact that John J. Raskob, Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Motors Corporation, is to be added to the directorate of the American International was believed in some quarters to foreshadow a closer community of interests between these two companies. There will not be any definite affiliation between the two, it is understood.

The du Pont interests, with whom Mr. Raskob is associated in General Motors and in E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., are stockholders in American International, and American International is said to be a holder of General Motors stock.

An item relative to the sale of Blair & Co.'s interest appeared in our issue of Dec. 31, page 3564.

### Paul M. Warburg of International Acceptance Bank, Inc., in Address at Annual Meeting Discusses War Debts and Reparation Payments—Hopes For New Experts' Plan and Reopening of Market to German Loans.

The hope that the time may not be distant when a new experts' plan may be devised and accepted to the end that a permanent economic peace may be realized was expressed by Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., in his address to the stockholders at the annual meeting on Jan. 17. Mr. Warburg stated that "while happily, Europe seems to be rapidly approaching the point where this vexing problem may be discussed and disposed of on the basis of 'realities' instead of miracles, it is deplorable that the issue seems interlocked with the settlement of the inter-allied debt question." He further said that "if the war indemnity had not been raised to its excessive size by the inclusion of war pensions, etc., and if whatever total had been imposed had not been treated as an interest-bearing item, the war debt question could have been solved ten years ago, and the victors might have saved themselves the pangs of currency depreciation and other economic sufferings. Similarly, if the United States had treated loans to our associates in the war as advances free of interest, inasmuch as uniforms, arms, ammunition and food used in the joint enterprise were not interest producing investments, that problem would not have assumed its baffling dimensions. If on all sides payments with respect to these debts had been considered as payments on account of principal, instead of permitting cumulative interest tables to confuse

the issue, a fair and practicable solution of the problem might have been found nine years ago."

Commenting on the fact that floatations of German loans in the United States had come to a sudden halt as a consequence of S. Parker Gilbert's note of Oct. 20, 1927, Mr. Warburg observed that "it is fair to assume that this interruption will prove to be only a temporary one, and that our markets will soon be open again for loans issued for productive purposes and recognized by the proper authorities as in consonance with the public interest and with the general ideas of the Dawes Plan."

The movement of gold to the other side, and the Federal Reserve Board's recent ruling regarding acceptances were also referred to in Mr. Warburg's address which we give herewith.

A writer on economics and finance in reviewing the year just ended might well say that it ran surprisingly close to the course that logic had chartered for it at its beginning. In the United States it brought, quoting the language of our last annual report, "a general contraction of business—in itself not a serious matter, meaning simply that production could not always proceed at top speed and in record volume—a contraction which would logically entail a tendency towards easier money."

In Europe it bore out our expectation then expressed, that "1927 would mark the end of the period of fiscal and currency anarchy into which Europe was thrown as a consequence of the war."

This latter goal we may now well consider as definitely reached, even though, much to the disappointment of her own people, France has not yet found it practicable to put the official stamp of legal sanction and finality upon a stabilization de facto well accomplished. Poland and Italy, having joined the ranks of the gold standard countries, it is safe to anticipate that within a very short time the French government will see its way clear to announce officially its definite return to a stable gold franc basis.

The restoration of currency stability in the leading countries of the Old World marks an historic event of supreme importance, all the more so because what we hope may be considered the last of the long list of tantalizing economic post war problems—the settlement of the war debts—could not be tackled with any chance of success, unless each country had first gained a clear picture of its own real condition. After the agony and confusion of the years of inflation and deflation nothing but a period of practical operation amid conditions of stability could teach the nations involved what they could confidently and conscientiously undertake to pay or to forego, with respect to war debts. While thus the attainment of stability was in itself a fact of far-reaching moment, the importance of this accomplishment was further enhanced by the circumstances in which it was achieved. For it is a matter of the happiest augury that fourteen Central Banks in stabilized countries should have lent their strength and wholehearted support to the promotion of currency stabilization in countries still afflicted with the curse of uncertain exchange standards. This farsighted co-operation is in itself an impressive demonstration of that wider conception of post war problems as problems affecting all nations together. It is a conception visualizing nations as a team that cannot move its load by overtaxing to the point of collapse the strength of any single member; for a complete breakdown of one would, in the end, result in placing a heavier load on the surviving members, if, indeed, it would not block progress altogether. We may congratulate ourselves upon the important part that our Federal Reserve System has played in this connection, a part that does equal credit to the strength of that System and to the sagacity and courage of its administration.

While amongst political leaders the spirit of Locarno during the year of 1927 at times showed distressing signs of weakening, it is a most hopeful symptom that leaders of finance and business made themselves the standard bearers and kept the flag of that spirit flying.

The realization that old national antagonisms must be submerged in the common desperate task of saving a sinking ship found impressive expression in the resolutions passed by the International Economic Conference at Geneva and the Stockholm meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce. From the abstract, captains of industry translated these thoughts into the concrete, when they found it possible to hurdle political and economic barriers and devise compacts uniting in a bond of common interest competing industries of competing countries.

While it is a far cry from the demand expressed at those conferences for a removal of customs barriers between leading European nations to the actual attainment of this coveted goal, we must bear in mind that when, under the pressure of impelling necessity, leaders of thought unite in pronouncing a determined conviction concerning certain definite high aims to be attained in the public interest, the victorious march of such thoughts is often assured, even though it may take a long number of years and many reverses before public opinion ultimately becomes mobilized into effectual action. In this connection it may not be uninteresting to recall that as early as October, 1919, a handful of Dutch, English, French and American economists and bankers, of whom your Chairman was one, met at Amsterdam, and formulated a proclamation, later signed and launched by 153 leading statesmen, economists, educators and business men of Europe and America, in which countries were warned "to arrest and counteract the continuous growth in the volume of outstanding money and of government obligations and its concomitant, the constant increase of prices." Balanced budgets were urged. "Unless remedies are promptly applied"—the proclamation read—"the depreciation of money, it is to be feared, will continue, wiping out the savings of the past and leading to a gradual but persistent spreading of bankruptcy." With regard to war debts it was recommended "that the scope of the annual contributions must be brought within the limits with which solvency can be preserved."

"The world's balance of indebtedness"—the document continued—"has been upset and has become top-heavy and one-sided. Is it not necessary to free the world's balance sheet from some of the fictitious items which now inflate it? Would not a deflation of the world's balance sheet by the first step towards a cure?"

"When once the expenditure of the various European countries has been brought within their taxable capacity (which should be a first condition of granting them further assistance), and when the burdens of indebtedness, as between the different nations, have been brought within the limits of endurance, the problem arises as to how these countries are to be furnished with the working capital necessary for them

to purchase the imports required for re-starting the circle of exchange, to restore their productivity, and to reorganize their currencies."

I have taken the liberty of quoting the above passages from this long forgotten proclamation in order to bring out two points:

First, that it failed completely in averting the disasters it foresaw. (It may be remembered that the proclamation was written long before the acute currency debacle and world-wide orgy of inflation had begun.)

Second, that while madness ran its course and while it had to be left to suffering and distress as stern taskmasters to drive home their lessons where an appeal to reason had failed, out of their first conference others grew, reiterating and further developing the gospel, until finally the time had become ripe for devising the admirable Experts' Plan now in operation. Today, eight years since the publication of the first vain appeal, every desideratum stipulated in it has been fulfilled barring one: the world balance sheet still contains fictitious assets, for the reason that the war indemnity to be paid by Germany has not yet been fixed at an amount which experience under the operations of the Dawes Plan would warrant as practicable, and because the so-called inter-allied debts have not yet been definitely arranged.

In these circumstances, the closing paragraph in the recent Report of the Agent General for Reparation Payments, dated December 16, 1927, is of the greatest significance. Mr. Gilbert writes:

"And as time goes on and practical experience accumulates, it becomes always clearer that neither the reparation problem nor the other problems depending upon it will be finally solved until Germany has been given a definite task to perform on her own responsibility, without foreign supervision and without transfer protection."

The importance of this statement cannot be overestimated. It is encouraging and discouraging at the same time. Encouraging because it shows beyond peradventure that we now find ourselves at last grappling with the final phase of our long struggle toward the goal of a permanent economic peace. Discouraging because it has taken us over nine years of unparalleled and unnecessary squandering to reach that point, and because of the realization that in all probability it will take us several additional years of waste until the education of the masses and their leaders will have been sufficiently advanced to enable nations to grasp the wisdom of bowing to certain conclusions as obviously unavoidable today as they were eight years ago. To teach people the dangers of a conflagration by letting them set their neighbor's house afire, thereby endangering their own property, is as wasteful a method as it is primitive. To make them foresee the consequences by an appeal to their powers of reason is the highest art and a great saving for them. From 1919 to 1924 we followed the first course. The second method, unhappily, as yet being impracticable, the Experts' Plan then had to devise a new course lying midway between the two. It created machinery by which incontrovertible economic facts continued to be demonstrated by actual operation, but it provided certain safeguards which would prevent the house from being entirely destroyed and the conflagration from spreading while the experiment lasted.

As an instrument with which to demonstrate the possibilities and impossibilities of the problem involved, the machinery of the Dawes Plan must be considered a most ingenious device. As a bridge for the on-march of reason it constitutes a work of incomparable value. But to prove impossibilities by actual operation is wasteful and fatal in the long run. In the light of these considerations, Mr. Gilbert's closing remarks, above quoted, may well be read as an appeal to the thinking minds of the nations involved on both sides of the Rhine and the Atlantic, to help him shorten the space of time for which the experiment must still be continued. It may be hazardous to precipitate the attempt to bring about a final solution before the minds of the people are ripe for it. Just as no headway could be made toward currency stabilization until the determined resistance to the doctrine of balanced budgets had been broken down, so there are similar truths with regard to war debts which must be broadly understood and accepted before the solution of the war debt problem can be successfully undertaken.

It is Germany's task to do everything in her power to conform to the terms of the Dawes Plan and to permit economic "realities" freely to develop from its untrammelled operation. It is the Agent General's twofold duty on the one hand to see to it that the Plan is properly carried out, and, on the other, as an unbiased judge, to present to the world the "stern realities" of economic facts so as to enable it to draw its own inevitable conclusions. Mr. Gilbert in periodically publishing his masterful reports is rendering yeoman service. But if we want to avoid letting the world run the full gamut of actual waste, thoughtful people must study his reports and draw and pronounce their conclusions as frankly and bravely as he presents the facts.

Mr. Gilbert states that Germany's total gross export trade in 1913, as in the last two years under report, approximated ten billion marks and that for the last three years Germany's adverse trade balance totalled six billion marks. He states that the first three annuities under the Experts' Plan have been paid and transferred. The conclusion that these transfers have not been made from trade balances, but from foreign loans, he leaves to his readers. He states that in 1927-8, 1,750,000,000 marks and 1928-9, 2,500,000,000 marks will have to be transferred, and very significantly he quotes from the "Experts' Report" the following paragraph:

"For the stability of a country's currency to be permanently maintained, not only must her budget be balanced, but her earnings from abroad must be equal to the payments she must make abroad, including not only payments for the goods she imports, but the sums paid in reparation. . . . Loan operations may disguise the position or postpone its practical results, but they cannot alter it. If reparation can and must be provided . . . it can only be paid abroad by means of an economic surplus in the country's activities."

Even though, in spite of the inroads of "deliveries in kind," we may hope to see Germany by supreme efforts convert her trade balance from an adverse into a favorable one, the Agent General leaves us to ponder this question: by what miracle in present world conditions—with customs barriers preventing the free flow of goods and with Uncle Sam continuously increasing his slice of the world's export trade—can a net surplus of 2,500,000,000 marks be produced for a long term of years from a total of 10,000,000,000 marks gross exports?

While, happily, Europe seems to be rapidly approaching the point where this vexing problem may be discussed and disposed of on the basis of "realities" instead of miracles, it is deplorable that the issue seems interlocked with the settlement of the inter-allied debt question. Electric years, such as the present, are, unfortunately, poor years for the discussion of such problems. Let us hope, however, that the time may not be distant when a new Experts' Plan may be devised and accepted as the final solution. Meanwhile, it might be well for us to let the thought sink in, that if the war indemnity had not been raised to its excessive size by the inclusion of war pensions, etc., and if whatever total had been imposed had not been treated as an interest-bearing item,

the war debt question could have been solved ten years ago, and the victors might have saved themselves the pangs of currency depreciation and other economic sufferings. Similarly, if the United States had treated loans to our associates in the war as advances free of interest, inasmuch as uniforms, arms, ammunition and food used in the joint enterprise were not interest producing investments, that problem would not have assumed its baffling dimensions. If on all sides payments with respect to these debts had been considered as payments on account of principal, instead of permitting cumulative interest tables to confuse the issue, a fair and practicable solution of the problem might have been found nine years ago.

It is true that on these lines Uncle Sam would have sacrificed sums to which as a matter of contract and law he was entitled, but in all his negotiations concerning inter-allied debts he has shown a readiness to do so. The further application of this policy would be amply justified from the point of view of enlightened self-interest, for the debtor's adversity or ruin is bound to affect the creditor. But quite aside from this consideration, our country in the end is bound to find greater happiness in a policy of generous altruism such as befits a people of great wealth, than in treating as a matter of law and contract the obligations made and signed under the duress of the war.

The accomplishment of currency stability seems to offer a very appropriate moment for taking new thought concerning this problem. For with their credit once more firmly established, and with so many of their own post-war economic difficulties overcome, allied countries may find it more economical, instead of requiring Germany to borrow, to use their own credit in world markets (if, indeed, they should still find it necessary to raise foreign loans) and to absorb in their own budgets the annual payments to be received from Germany. Meanwhile, Germany, directly or through her states, communes and private interests, would be left free to use her credit in order to borrow in foreign markets that portion of her annual payments which she would not be able to produce from her trade and other services. This presupposes, of course, that annual payments will be so fixed as to remain within the limits of Germany's capacity, as established by a fair test and careful assessment of "realities" under the operation of the Experts' Plan.

While flotations of German loans in the United States came to sudden halt as a consequence of Mr. Gilbert's note of October 20, 1927, it is fair to assume that this interruption will prove to be only a temporary one, and that our markets will soon be open again for loans issued for productive purposes and recognized by the proper authorities as in consonance with the public interest and with the general ideas of the Dawes Plan. The hope seems warranted that in the end the note incident will lead to a narrowing of the funnel of government scrutiny and that, therefore, it will have the effect of strengthening the basis for future issues. As to external loans already in the hands of investors, it is hard to conceive how in actual practice and as a matter of plain common sense, theoretical arguments notwithstanding, the priority questions can ultimately affect the status and intrinsic worth of the securities involved.

Having dealt at such length with a problem which at present seems more important than any other, and with apologies for having in so doing unduly taxed your patience, I shall make an all the more earnest effort to shorten the balance of my general remarks.

Permit me, then, to record briefly that for all American banks, and, indeed, for the entire United States, the extension for an indefinite term of years of the charter life of the Federal Reserve Banks must be chronicled as one of the most important events of the year 1927.

Another occurrence worth recording for that year is that the stream of gold which for so many years had flowed towards the United States, showed for the first time a marked tendency to turn in the opposite direction. Whether or not this movement will mark a definite turning of the tide cannot at this time be foretold, as strictly economic considerations alone will not play the determining part in deciding that problem. Its solution will lie in the hands of the Central Banks, and depend upon the conclusions reached by them concerning the question as to how far they will wish to repatriate actual gold reserves, and how far, on the other hand, they will deem it important not to disturb our low interest rates which form the keystone of the rate structure of the world's principal money markets. Argentina, Brazil and Peru having returned, or being about to return, to a gold or gold exchange standard, and India heading strongly in that direction, a program for the gradual redistribution of gold will have to be nothing short of world embracing. Whatever the program will be it will have the beneficial effect of strengthening the automatic control exercised over Central Bank policies by prospective or actual gold movements. We can afford complacently to watch the outflow of the yellow metal, for we have means at our disposal to counteract unfavorable effects of the movement or to arrest it altogether if that should prove desirable.

The Federal Reserve System's policy in 1927 may well be characterized as having been designed to arrest the flow of gold to the United States, and to give to the rest of the world the fullest advantage of our affluence in so far as possible without detriment to our own interests. The effect of this policy is evidenced by the huge aggregate sum of foreign securities issued in our markets during the year, amounting to the record total of nearly one billion and a half dollars, and by the increase in the volume of dollar acceptances outstanding at the end of 1927 to a total estimated at \$1,050,000,000 against \$755,360,281 at the end of 1926.

The increase in the use of American acceptance facilities was greatly stimulated by the decline of our open market rate for bankers acceptances, which receded from 3¾% at the end of 1926 to 3¼% at the end of 1927, and which, after the increase in the Dutch discount rate became one of the lowest of the important discount rates in stable exchange countries.

A new ruling of the Federal Reserve Board, granting greater latitude to American acceptors in dealing with certain transactions for which the old rules had placed American bankers at a disadvantage, should tend further to develop America's acceptance business. It is to be hoped that at its present session Congress will pass on amendment to the Revenue Act urged by the Secretary of the Treasury with a view to freeing foreign Central Banks from the vexation of becoming subject to the United States income tax on income derived from the purchase of American bankers acceptances. As in stable discount markets foreign Central Banks generally are found to be amongst the principal investors, the American bill market would profit greatly from the passage of the proposed amendment.

#### Survey of Outstanding Bankers' Acceptances.

The following survey of outstanding bankers' acceptances and market quotations was issued Jan. 18 by the American Acceptance Council:

**TOTAL OF BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.**

Federal Reserve District.	Dec. 31 1927.	Nov. 30 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.
First	\$137,880,347	\$122,209,950	\$81,630,444
Second	790,792,139	755,358,945	562,711,280
Third	16,183,361	16,307,738	8,294,750
Fourth	15,148,388	13,536,666	9,819,059
Fifth	12,890,372	11,739,774	10,273,775
Sixth	17,436,226	18,770,120	13,224,426
Seventh	37,879,941	34,919,028	28,815,803
Eighth	2,306,560	1,969,727	1,491,469
Ninth	2,530,132	3,114,350	4,700,768
Tenth	459,914	565,272	124,981
Eleventh	9,586,190	9,876,877	8,030,292
Twelfth	37,487,895	41,121,987	26,240,234
Grand total	\$1,080,580,565	\$1,029,490,434	\$755,360,281
		Incr. \$51,090,131	Incr. \$325,220,284

**CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CREDIT.**

	Dec. 31 1927.	Nov. 30 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.
Imports	\$312,716,967	\$304,031,088	\$283,586,610
Exports	390,929,038	375,752,173	260,713,277
Domestic shipments	20,958,730	21,930,727	28,685,811
Domestic warehouse credits	196,784,066	186,047,888	115,882,201
Dollar exchange	28,316,432	30,819,226	26,179,328
Based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries	130,875,332	110,849,332	40,313,054

**AVERAGE MARKET QUOTATIONS ON PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES DEC. 15 1927-JAN. 15 1928.**

Days.	Dealers' Bidding Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.
30 days	3.125	3.000
60 days	3.250	3.125
90 days	3.401	3.275
120 days	3.526	3.401
150 days	3.646	3.521
180 days	3.651	3.526

**Annual Statement of Federal Reserve Bank of New York—Gross Earnings in 1927 Greater Than in 1926—Net Income Smaller.**

In its thirteenth annual statement, for the year ending Dec. 31 1927, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports total earnings of \$10,647,759, compared with \$10,600,967 for the previous year; the net income for the year just closed was below that of the 1926, the figures for the latter period having been \$3,749,748, whereas for the twelve months of 1927 they are shown to have been \$3,720,601. Out of the latter \$2,327,355 was paid in dividends to member banks and \$1,393,246 applied to surplus. As is pointed out by the bank, any net income remaining after paying dividends and making additions to surplus is paid to the United States Government as a franchise tax. No balance remained for such payments in 1927 or 1926. The following is the profit and loss account for the two years:

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 1927 & 1926.**

	1927.	1926.
<b>Earnings—</b>		
From loans to member banks and paper discounted for them	\$4,614,110.43	\$5,836,835.57
From acceptances owned	2,558,080.10	2,001,668.33
From U. S. Government obligations owned	2,960,562.64	2,379,546.18
Other earnings	515,005.63	382,917.47
<b>Total earnings</b>	<b>\$10,647,758.80</b>	<b>\$10,600,967.55</b>
<b>Additions to Earnings—</b>		
For sundry additions to earnings, including income from Annex Building	126,074.48	174,366.14
<b>Deductions from Earnings—</b>		
For current bank operation. (These figures include most of the expenses incurred as fiscal agent of the United States)	\$5,955,030.69	\$5,991,459.59
For Federal Reserve currency, mainly the cost of printing new notes to replace worn notes in circulation, and to maintain supplies unissued and on hand, and the cost of redemption	517,139.84	429,981.88
For depreciation, self-insurance and other reserves, &c.	581,061.33	604,143.98
<b>Total deductions from earnings</b>	<b>\$7,053,231.86</b>	<b>\$7,025,585.45</b>
<b>Net income available for dividends, additions to surplus, and payment to the U. S. Government</b>	<b>\$3,720,601.42</b>	<b>\$3,749,748.24</b>
<b>Distribution of Net Income—</b>		
In dividends paid to member banks, at the rate of 6% on paid-in capital	\$2,327,354.74	\$2,100,190.56
In additions to surplus. The bank is required by law to accumulate out of net earnings, after payment of dividends, a surplus amounting to 100% of the subscribed capital; and after such surplus has been accumulated to pay into surplus each year 10% of the net income remaining after paying dividends	1,393,246.68	1,649,557.68
Any net income remaining after paying dividends and making additions to surplus (as above) is paid to the U. S. Government as a franchise tax. No balance remained for such payments in 1927 or 1926.		
<b>Total net income distributed</b>	<b>\$3,720,601.42</b>	<b>\$3,749,748.24</b>

The gross earnings by months and the ratio of net earnings are shown as follows:

**GROSS EARNINGS BY MONTHS.**

The following figures show in comparison the gross earnings of the bank by months for the years 1927 and 1926:

	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	889,899.60	784,164.19	755,748.76	888,155.98
February	645,994.85	890,812.62	864,725.65	852,827.28
March	873,372.14	883,873.04	1,010,235.50	906,301.92
April	815,442.43	761,713.17	974,363.75	886,854.77
May	810,816.59	869,518.24	917,686.03	859,293.80
June	758,644.19	827,544.39	1,330,829.31	1,189,908.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,647,758.80</b>	<b>10,600,967.55</b>		

**RATIO OF NET EARNINGS.**

	1927.	1926.
Per cent earned on capital paid in	9.6	10.7
Per cent earned on capital and surplus	3.7	3.9
Per cent earned on capital, surplus and deposits	0.4	0.4

We also reproduce as follows the comparative statement showing the volume of operations for the past three years:

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING VOLUME OF OPERATIONS.**

The following table presents in comparative form for the past three years the volume of the principal operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which are of such character that they can be expressed in quantitative terms. At the close of business Dec. 31 1927, the total personnel of the bank, including the Buffalo Branch, numbered 2,429.

**Supplying Currency and Coin—**

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Currency paid out, received or re-deemed:			
Individual notes counted	640,967,000	605,280,000	554,123,000
Dollar amount paid and received	\$8,386,293,000	\$7,945,912,000	\$7,306,749,000
Coins paid out or received, a service previously performed largely by the Sub-Treasury, but now entirely in the hands of the Federal Reserve Bank:			
Individual coins received	1,189,801,000	1,129,026,000	981,654,000
Tons of coin received during year	5,672	5,611	5,055
Currency and coin shipments, number of shipments to and from out-of-town banks during the year	284,288	284,630	274,076
<b>Making Loans and Investments—</b>			
Bills discounted for member banks, either discounted customers' paper or advances against the notes of member banks secured by collateral in the form of Govt. securities or commercial or agricultural paper.			
Number of bills discounted	31,024	35,660	36,272
Dollar amount	\$13,854,347,000	\$17,242,348,000	\$17,067,799,000
Acceptances and Govt. obligations purchased for the account of this bank and other Federal Reserve banks:			
Dollar amount	\$7,403,868,000	\$4,490,000,000	\$3,984,000,000
<b>Collecting Checks, Drafts, Notes and Coupons—</b>			
Cash items, mostly checks, handled for collection for banks in all parts of the country:			
Number of items	168,724,000	155,488,000	143,175,000
Dollar amount	\$100,206,587,000	\$93,068,875,000	\$88,241,217,000
Non-cash items handled for collection, including drafts, notes and coupons:			
Number of items	2,259,000	2,064,000	2,040,000
Dollar amount	\$2,385,753,000	\$2,065,742,000	\$2,085,032,000
<b>Supplementary Services—</b>			
Securities held in safekeeping for the U. S. Govt., the War Finance Corporation, and others:			
Average dollar amount	\$1,357,900,000	\$1,289,000,000	\$1,161,000,000
Acceptances and other securities bought or sold for member banks, and foreign banks:			
Dollar amount	\$1,674,324,000	\$599,029,000	\$305,722,000
Funds transferred by telegraph to and from all parts of the country for the Treasury Dept. and member banks:			
Number of transfers	329,000	329,000	294,000
Dollar amount	\$50,819,889,000	\$44,392,474,000	\$38,821,300,000
<b>Services in Connection with Government Loans—</b>			
U. S. Government securities redeemed, or exchanges, including Government bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness:			
Number of items	2,196,000	1,572,000	1,640,000
Dollar amount	\$5,219,626,000	\$2,635,722,000	\$2,959,125,000
Coupons paid on Govt. securities:			
Number of coupons	9,931,000	10,783,000	12,156,000
Dollar amount	\$250,622,000	\$296,577,000	\$311,647,000

(In addition to these operations for the Treasury, the bank performed other work for the Government connected with the currency, the collection of checks, the custody, purchase and sale of securities, the transfer of funds, &c., which have been referred to under their respective headings.)

**L. P. Talley Re-Elected Governor Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta—Member Banks Which Sought His Removal to Seek Congressional Investigation of Affairs of Bank.**

The re-election of Lynn P. Talley as Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Texas, occurred on Jan. 14, despite the opposition of a group of member banks which sought his removal, on the ground that he was "not in sympathy with the smaller banks." Governor Talley was re-elected by a vote of 6 to 3. Associated Press dispatches from Dallas Jan. 14 reporting this said:

Immediately following the election T. P. Perkins, representing more than 250 member bankers who have been seeking the removal of Governor Talley, announced that a Congressional investigation of the affairs and policies of the Dallas institution was inevitable.

The re-election of Governor Talley occurred at a postponed annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank as a result of a hearing into the tactics employed by Governor Talley in dealing with member banks.

The hearing was based on charges of the complaining bankers, led by J. P. Williams, of Mineral Wells, Texas, who alleged Governor Talley was discourteous, officious and dictatorial in dealing with rural bankers.

Talley, in a statement, made a blanket denial of all testimony offered by complaining bankers. After the action of the Board of Directors to-day Mr. Perkins issued the following statement for Mr. Williams and his other banker clients:

"Members of Congress have signified their intention to act immediately if Talley was re-elected. These include the majority members of Congress from the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. However, it may first be taken up with the Federal Reserve Board at Washington before a resolution is offered in Congress.

"While we are disappointed to a certain extent we are not disheartened or discouraged. We had anticipated that this hearing would become a matter of official record. It has, and now the next move is from representatives in Congress."

Talley's only statement after the election was: "I will continue to pursue the same policies I have been pursuing."

Reference to the opposition to the credit policies of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank was made in these columns Nov. 26, 1927, page 2887 and Dec. 17, page 3286. The charges were heard by the directors of the bank from Dec. 12 to Dec. 14; the meeting it is stated was held behind closed doors and at its conclusion Col. C. C. Walsh, chairman of the Board, and J. P. Williams issued the following statement:

"The hearing in which the Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas have been engaged for the last three days has this evening been adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Jan. 6, 1928. By that date it is understood data from the Bank's files will have been prepared and distributed for the examination of the directors."

According to the Dallas "News" of Jan. 15, approximately thirty-five witnesses were examined, all but three of them hostile to Mr. Talley's policies, during the three-day session, one of which lasted until 11 o'clock at night. The "News" said in part:

Hostile testimony was concluded Tuesday night, and little of Wednesday was used by Mr. Talley's witnesses. Their testimony was short and the greater part of the day was used in effort to reach a compromise. Mr. Williams and Clark Pease of Corpus Christi were the complaining witnesses who testified at the greatest length.

After the directors had adjourned it became known that complaining bankers, headed by J. P. Williams of Mineral Wells, had insisted on the removal of Mr. Talley and had rejected all compromises, including a proposal that Mr. Talley remain in office, but that his policies be changed.

From the Dallas "News" of Dec. 11 it is learned that on Dec. 10 Mr. Williams issued a statement to the effect that the opponents of Mr. Talley are not unfriendly to the Federal Reserve system. The statement was published in the "News" as follows:

"In our protest against the policies of Lynn P. Talley and his treatment of and general attitude toward a considerable number of member banks and in our contention that the best interests of the institution would be best subserved to his removal as governor, we have personal knowledge that we represent a very large contingent of bankers, many of whom, for prudential reasons, do not wish to be known in it. We are prepared to present a portion of our evidence to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank sitting jointly with the stockholders' advisory committee. Our case will be presented by T. P. Perkins, assisted by W. E. Allen, the former of the law firm of Miller & Perkins of Mineral Wells, the latter of the firm of Goree, Odell & Allen of Fort Worth.

"Some bankers whose evidence is material and whom we were very anxious to have appear and testify will not do so for various reasons known to them. However, it should be stated in fairness to Col. Walsh, the chairman of the board, that he used his very best efforts to secure the attendance of all witnesses by us listed with him. But since attendance of witnesses at a hearing of this nature is not compulsory, but entirely voluntary, the matter of making appearance and offering testimony had to be left with each person. However, we have already been advised of a goodly number who will attend.

"We greatly regret that the wholly unfounded impression was gained in some quarters that there is in our movement a spirit of unfriendliness toward the Federal Reserve system, and we are gratified that this notion has been pretty thoroughly dispelled. Our cause is just and we are confident that in the end we will gain the relief we seek."

It was stated that the Dallas bank had offered to pay the traveling expenses of any of the 700 members who desired to attend the meeting.

Testimony in his own behalf by Governor Talley was presented before the directors of the Bank on Jan. 13, the Dallas "News" of Jan. 14 indicating this as follows:

Lynn P. Talley had his inning Friday.

For three days last December he listened to criticism of his administrative acts as governor of the Eleventh Federal Reserve district, by member bankers testifying before the board of Directors of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank that he was out of sympathy with the small member bank and hampered them in the service of farmers. He listened to about thirty bankers from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona, all of them alleging him the sponsor of an objectionable policy.

Friday Governor Talley had his day. He, himself, testified before the board defending his practices. He said that his acts had not been dictated by personal feeling but by the dictates of good banking, and pointed out the condition of certain banks when he refused them loans, or refused to extend their time in repaying loans, thus forcing them to collect payment from farmers who desired an extension of time. A large number of Talley's supporters testified to specific incidents substantiating Governor Talley's claims.

#### Opponents Not Satisfied.

Opposing bankers, however, declared they were not satisfied with Talley's defense. They declared they understood he would not resign and reiterated their declaration of last December that they would ask for a Congressional investigation of the whole situation if he did not resign.

This faction through its spokesmen, said that they were not criticising Governor Talley for his actions, but for the manner that he put them into effect, saying that a defense of the soundness of his actions from a banking standpoint did not meet their criticism.

"We are completely satisfied with the progress of proceedings so far," T. P. Perkins of Mineral Wells, counsel for the complaining bankers, declared at the close of Friday's proceedings. "We hope that the board of directors can satisfactorily dispose of the case, thus eliminating friction in the district and precluding any chance of further proceedings on the part of complaining bankers. Gov. Talley made a blanket denial of every iota of evidence sworn to by former bankers, declaring that not a shred of their evidence was true. His witnesses confined themselves to generalities and few of them told of relations with the governor dealing with the discount of loans, the matter that has caused the friction."

The board of directors, with whom a final decision rests, is about equally divided it is said, by some of those who have attended the sessions, with Governor Talley's supporters being in a slight majority. It is believed that the hearing will continue at least another day.

#### Night Session.

A night session was held Friday lasting until 10:30 p. m. About thirty-five witnesses testified in Governor Talley's behalf. When all the testimony is concluded and there will be no rebuttal on behalf of the faction led by J. P. Williams of Mineral Wells, the board of directors will take the testimony under advisement. No formal announcement pertinent to the issue involved will be made. Instead it will hold its regular monthly meeting some time this month for the election of officers for 1928. If they re-elect Governor Talley this will be his vindication. If they do not, it will show the board concurs in the beliefs of his opponents.

Complaining bankers declare they have their plans ready to procure an immediate Congressional investigation in case that Governor Talley

is vindicated. They say that a number of Texas representatives are merely waiting word to take the matter up before Congress.

If a Congressional investigation should be launched the procedure would be initiated with a bill calling for an investigation and outlining the reasons for it, introduced by a Texas Congressman on the floor of the House of Representatives. Should the bill be passed it would be referred to its proper committee, which would appoint another committee, composed of members of the House of Representatives, which would come to Texas to take testimony in the case. This committee, after taking testimony, would recommend a course of action to the body that appointed it, which would in turn recommend a course to the House of Representatives. This recommendation would be voted upon, and if passed, would be carried out. Such a bill would probably recommend to the board of directors of the United States Federal Reserve that offending parties be removed.

#### Resolution of Senator La Follette Calling Upon Federal Reserve Board to Restrict Speculative Loans By Member Banks.

In a resolution calling attention to the fact that the intent of Congress in creating the Federal Reserve System "was to prevent its use for the encouragement or support of purely speculative operations," the Federal Reserve Board is asked to take immediate steps to restrict the further expansion of loans by member banks for speculative purposes. The resolution, introduced in the Senate, on Jan. 18 by Senator La Follette (Republican) of Wisconsin, also calls upon the Federal Reserve Board to report to Congress "what legislation, if any, is required to prevent the future use of the funds and credit of the Federal Reserve System for speculative purposes." The resolution was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency. According to the *United States Daily* of Jan. 19, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, R. A. Young, in response to inquiries, said the Board has had the question of brokers' loans under consideration constantly just as it does other factors that relate to the general credit situation. Governor Young's statement follows:

I have no authority to speak for the Federal Reserve Board but personally I have no hesitancy in acquainting the public with the fact that the Board has the increase or decrease in the volume of brokers' loans continually before it, the same as it has other factors that relate to the general credit situation. Under the circumstances I feel I would not be justified in making any further statement.

The same paper also gives as follows a statement issued by Senator La Follette explaining his resolution: "I have introduced a resolution calling on the Federal Reserve Board to restrict further expansion of loans for speculative purposes because I believe that the best interests of the nation demand such action.

#### Present Trend Described.

"During the past week, since President Coolidge was quoted as expressing indifference toward the enormous increase of such loans, the amount of such loans to New York brokers for out-of-town banks has increased \$131,367,000. This represents a transfer of credit to New York from the interior of the country where farmers, merchants and manufacturers are still paying excessive rates of interest.

"It is significant that the wise New York bankers while they have thus enormously increased the loans for the account of out-of-town banks, have reduced their own loans on stocks and bonds \$190,089,000 during the past week. This shows that they know how unsafe such transactions are and are putting themselves in a safe position as rapidly as possible. The people of the West and South should understand the relation of this situation to their own interests and use their influence to secure a speedy correction of this unnatural condition.

"When President Harding was inaugurated the total loans on stocks and bonds by the New York members banks of the Federal Reserve amounted to only \$778,000,000. Prior to that time the largest amount in the history of the system was \$1,422,000,000 in October, 1919. By the time President Coolidge was inaugurated in March, 1925, these loans for speculative purposes had risen to \$2,119,000,000. Today they stand at \$3,819,000,000. Thus during the seven years of the Harding-Coolidge administration they have increased more than three billion dollars.

#### Warnings Are Issued.

"For months some of the ablest financial authorities in the United States have been issuing warnings of the grave dangers involved in this situation. As long ago as May, 1927, Dr. H. Parker Willis, former Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board and now editor of the *New York Journal of Commerce*, declared:

"To-day we have much more than five and one half billions of dollars devoted by the banks to carrying stocks and bonds, of which well toward three and a half billions is applied in this way in New York City and places affiliated with it, the greater portion of that vast sum being used in margin trading. I estimate that this amount is roughly speaking three times the amount so used just after the war and probably about three and a half times the amount so used prior to the adoption of the Reserve Act. It is true that we have to-day a rather better control over speculation than formerly when we wish to use it and also that our Reserve System has brought about beneficial changes which have set free money that has gone into speculative uses without drawing so heavily as it otherwise must on other lines. But when allowance has been made by the most charitable of observers it remains a fact that our remedial influence upon the great American evil of stock exchange gambling and of the use of the liquid funds of banks in that occupation."

#### Journal Opposes Tendency.

"Even more directly The Commercial and Financial Chronicle, one of the oldest and most conservative financial journals, stated in its issue of August 6, 1927:

"With stock exchange speculation rampant, as just shown, and with borrowing on stock exchange account of huge volume and steadily growing, the true course would be to raise rates, thereby rendering borrowing on the part of the member banks more costly and thus discouraging it. But the reserve banks are anxious to increase the volume of their earning assets, which latterly have been falling off somewhat, notwithstand-

ing the absorption of so much money in stock exchange speculation. \* \* \* But is such a policy sound and sensible, and is it in consonance with the theory upon which central banks are supposed to function? If not, why should the managers of our reserve institutions give adherence to it? Are there not serious portents in the course which is being pursued and should not these receive careful attention and thoughtful consideration? Are we not sowing the wind with danger of reaping the whirlwind?

"It is my opinion, based upon the advice of eminent financial authorities, that this use of the funds and credit of the Federal Reserve System to support stock market speculation is an evasion of the letter of the Federal Reserve Act and a flagrant violation of its spirit. That Act, in Section 13, contains a specific prohibition of the use of the discount privileges of the reserve banks for speculative purposes. Let me quote its exact language:

"But such definition (referring to paper subject to discount by Federal Reserve banks) shall not include notes, drafts, or bills covering merely investments or issued or drawn for the purpose of carrying or trading in stocks, bonds or other investment securities, except bonds and notes of the Government of the United States."

*Purpose of Act Explained.*

"When the Federal Reserve Act was being considered by Congress, Senator Carter Glass, then a member of the House, declared on September 10, 1913:

"The whole fight of the great bankers is to drive us from our firm resolve to break down the artificial connection between the banking business of this country and the stock speculative operations at the money centers. The Monetary Commission, with more discretion than courage, absolutely evaded the problem; but the Banking and Currency Committee of the House has gone to the very root of this gigantic evil and in this bill proposes to cut the cancer out. Under existing law we have permitted banks to pyramid credit upon credit and to call these credits reserves. It is a misnomer; they are not reserves. And when financial troubles come and the country banks call for their money with which to pay their creditors they find it all invested in stock-gambling operations. There is suspension of payment and the whole system breaks down under the strain, causing widespread confusion and almost inconceivable damage.

"The avowed purpose of this bill is to cure this evil; to withdraw the reserve funds of the country from the congested money centers and to make them readily available for business uses in the various sections of the country to which they belong."

*Senator Reiterated Principle.*

"So, likewise, Senator Robert L. Owen, who led the fight for the adoption of the Federal Reserve Act in the Senate, declared as one of its principal purposes:

"To put an end to the pyramiding of the bank reserves of the country and the use of such reserves for gambling purposes on the stock exchange."

"The statements were unchallenged and I am convinced that the Federal Reserve Act would never have been adopted if the people and a majority of Congress had not been convinced that it definitely prohibited the use of the Nation's credit for speculative purposes.

"I am informed that the member banks of the Federal Reserve System have invented several subterfuges by which they are evading the provisions of Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act and in effect making the credit of the System available for speculation. I believe that it is time to call a halt on this dangerous misuse of the Nation's credit and restore the Federal Reserve System to its original and legitimate function of supplying credit for commerce and industry.

"I believe that the Federal Reserve Act confers on the Federal Reserve Board all the power that is necessary to restrict further expansion of loans for speculative purposes, to compel the contracting of such loans as rapidly as the financial stability of the Nation will permit, and also to prevent the future use of the System's funds for speculation. When the Reserve Board wished to compel the Chicago Reserve Bank to lower its interest rate so as to assist the financial operations of the Bank of England, it did not hesitate to issue peremptory orders to the Chicago bank, although eminent financial authorities have denied that the Federal Reserve Act gave them that power. Here we have a case where the System is being used for purposes in direct conflict with the spirit of the Act. It seems to me, therefore, clearly the duty of the Reserve Board to issue immediately whatever orders and regulations may be necessary to correct this dangerous condition.

"The resolution provides, however, that if further legislation is deemed necessary to deal effectively with this situation, the Federal Reserve Board should submit its recommendations to the Congress.

"As all the facts with regard to this situation are available in the official reports of the Federal Reserve Board, and, so far as I am informed, are not controverted, I do not believe that there should be any delay in its adoption by the Senate. In order, however, that there may be an opportunity for any who may defend the misuse of the funds of the Federal Reserve System to express themselves, I am asking that it be referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

"I shall request that Committee to give it immediate consideration, because in my opinion, we are confronted with a serious situation that grows progressively more dangerous week by week. A very large part of the credit of the Nation is now directly tied up with a highly inflated speculative structure. We cannot afford to waste time in an extended investigation. I shall, therefore, exert every effort to secure an early report from the Committee and shall press for its speedy adoption by the Senate."

The following is the text of the resolution:

(S. Res. 113).

Whereas, the total loans secured by stocks and bonds of the 51 member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District on January 11, 1928, reached the unprecedented total of \$3,819,573,000; and

Whereas, the largest part of this sum is used for speculation on the New York Stock Exchange, as stated by the Federal Reserve Board in its Annual Report for 1928 as follows:

"The largest growth, both absolutely and relatively, was in security loans, which increased by about 66% during the period. That this growth in loans on securities represents to a considerable extent an increased volume of credit used in financing transactions in securities at the New York Stock Exchange is indicated by the rapid growth during the period of loans to brokers and dealers in securities in the New York market;" and

Whereas, during the past year such speculative loans made through the Federal Reserve System have increased more than a billion dollars, and during the past seven years more than \$3,000,000,000; and

Whereas, the reports of the New York Federal Reserve Bank reveal that \$1,502,580,000 of these loans on stocks and bonds is for account of out-of-town banks, representing credit transferred from other parts of the country to be used in New York for speculative purposes; and

Whereas the inevitable result of the utilization of the funds of the Federal Reserve System for speculative purposes is to restrict the

amount of credit available for legitimate commercial purposes, as is indicated by the fact that the amount of commercial paper outstanding as reported to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York actually decreased from a total of \$925,379,000 in October, 1924, to \$610,945,000 in October, 1927; and

Whereas, the intent of the Congress in the creation of the Federal Reserve System was to prevent its use for the encouragement or support of purely speculative operations, as is evidenced by following paragraph of Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act:

"Upon the indorsement of any of its member banks, which shall be deemed a waiver of demand, notice and protest by such bank as to its own indorsement exclusively, any Federal Reserve Bank may discount notes, drafts, and bills of exchange arising out of actual commercial transactions; that is, notes, drafts, and bills of exchange issued or drawn for agricultural, industrial, or commercial purposes, or the proceeds of which have been used, or are to be used, for such purposes, the Federal Reserve Board to have the right to determine or define the character of the paper thus eligible for discount, within the meaning of this act. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit such notes, drafts, and bills of exchange, secured by staple agricultural products, or other goods, wares, or merchandise from being eligible for such discount, and the notes, drafts, and bills of exchange of factors issued as such making advances exclusively to producers of staple agricultural products in their raw state shall be eligible for such discount; but such definition shall not include notes, drafts, or bills covering merely investments or issued or drawn for the purpose of carrying or trading in stocks, bonds or other investment securities, except bonds and notes of the Government of the United States."

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that it is the sense of the Senate that the Federal Reserve Board should immediately take steps to restrict the further expansion of loans by member banks for speculative purposes and as rapidly as is compatible with the financial stability of the Nation require the contraction of such loans to the lowest possible amount; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Federal Reserve Board be directed to report to the Congress what legislation, if any, is required to prevent the future use of the funds and credit of the Federal Reserve System for speculative purposes.

### Representative Dickinson Introduces Resolution Designed to Curb Speculative Loans By Amending the Federal Reserve Act So As to Call for Increased Cash Balances By Member Bank.

A direct move to contract the present large volume of brokers' loans to some extent was made on Jan. 16 by Representative L. J. Dickinson of Iowa in introducing in the House a proposed amendment to Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we also take the following:

Mr. Dickinson would have the Federal Reserve Board clothed with authority to compel member banks dealing extensively in "unrecognized" securities to carry larger cash balances than are now required by law. Under the terms of his proposal instead of carrying 13% of demand deposits and 3% of time deposits banks loaning on securities not subject to rediscount would have these percentages raised to 20% and 5% respectively, in the discretion of the board. The full text of the Dickinson proposal is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States Congress assembled that Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end of Paragraph (c) a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(d) If in a central reserve city, as now or hereafter defined, and the Federal Reserve Board finds that such member bank makes extensive loans for use in dealing in securities on the Stock Exchange or in unlisted securities not eligible for rediscount in a Federal Reserve bank, the board may request such member bank to hold and maintain with the Federal Reserve Bank of its district an actual net balance in excess of the balance required in Paragraph (c), in such amount as the board deems necessary to insure the safety of the member bank, but the total balance required to be so held and maintained by such member bank shall not be in excess of an amount equal to 20% of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and 5% of its time deposits."

Mr. Dickinson proposes now to take the matter up with Chairman L. T. McFadden of the House Banking and Currency Committee, with a view to securing public hearings on his bill. The next report of the Federal Reserve Board, as to the total of brokers loans at the close of business on Wednesday, is being awaited. If there is a very appreciable falling off in the volume it is not expected that there will be any great pressure brought for the taking of summary action.

### Privilege of Exchanging Third Liberty Loan Bonds For Treasury Notes to Expire Jan. 23.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced on Jan. 15 that the privilege of exchanging Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds for 3 1/2% Treasury Notes would expire Jan. 23—Details of the offer appeared in our issue of Jan. 14, page 198. Secretary Mellons' announcement of Jan. 15 follows:

Secretary Mellon stated that the privilege of exchanging Third Liberty 4 1/4% bonds for the new 3 1/2% Treasury Notes of Series C-1930-32 will terminate at the close of business on Monday, Jan. 23. Exchange subscriptions in the mails or otherwise in transit before midnight on Jan. 23 will be accepted. Holders of Third 4 1/4% have, therefore, only one week within which to avail themselves of the current offering.

Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds of 1928 will mature on Sept. 15 1928, and will cease to bear interest on that date. The current exchange privilege was announced by the Treasury on Jan. 9 1928. The new 3 1/2% Treasury notes offered in exchange for Third 4 1/4% will be dated and bear interest from Jan. 16 1928, will mature Dec. 15 1932, and will be callable on and after Dec. 15 1930.

Under this exchange offering holders of Third Liberty Loan bonds are given an opportunity to exchange their bonds, par for par, for the new Treasury notes, and those taking advantage of the offer will receive, at the time the new notes are delivered, interest in full to Mar. 15 1928, on their Third Liberty Loan bonds, without deduction because of the earlier redemption.

Banks and trust companies have been fully advised of the terms of the offering and the Treasury has utilized every other available means of informing holders of Third 4 1/4% of the exchange privilege.

It was stated in Washington advices Jan. 19 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" that exchanges of Third Liberty bonds for the new issue of Treasury Notes so far have amounted to about \$500,000,000. It was added that Under Secretary of the Treasury Mills did not give out the exact amount but indicated that the Treasury obtained "about what was anticipated." When the new issue was offered there were \$1,147,000,000 in Thirds outstanding.

#### Senate Finance Committee Votes to Postpone Action on Tax Revision Bill until after March 15—Statement by Senator Simmons.

An attempt by Democratic members of the Senate Finance Committee to secure immediate consideration of the tax revision bill was defeated on Jan. 17, when a motion by Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat, to take up the bill was rejected by a vote of 11 to 9. According to the Washington account to the New York "Herald Tribune" the vote was a straight party division, Senator Couzens, of Michigan who sometimes aligns with progressive members of the Senate, voting with the regular Republicans. The account went on to say:

In answer to a question by Senator Simmons, Senator Smoot, Chairman, said the committee would not take up the bill until after March 15.

The committee determined to take up the alien property bill next Monday, limiting hearings to Monday and Tuesday.

#### Plan Coalition to Force Bill Out.

The test on the tax bill followed on a discussion behind closed doors. However, Senator Simmons has not abandoned efforts to force the tax bill to the floor. He and progressive Republican leaders are negotiating over a plan to unite on a tax and tariff revision program. If they can agree, a motion will be made soon by Senator Simmons on the floor of the Senate to discharge the Finance Committee from consideration of the tax bill. And if such a motion should prevail, amendments to the tax bill would be offered to revise certain tariff schedules, including some of the agricultural rates, which would be moved upward, and some of the rates on manufactures which would be revised downward.

The difficulties in the way of a coalition of this sort are great and there is doubt whether it can be effected.

#### Cities Republican Shift.

Senator Simmons, after the meeting of the Finance Committee, made the following statement:

"In all of these tax bills heretofore the Republicans have regarded them as emergency measures and have sought under whip and spur to force them through before March 15. In all of them since the Republicans came into power after the war the Senate, through Democratic amendments, has materially increased the amount provided by the House, and in all of them the Republican managers have pressed them for action, sometimes asserting as they did in 1926 that the result would probably be a deficit in the Treasury.

"The present change of attitude on the part of the majority, in the light of this record seems unnatural. Some attribute it to the intense opposition of the Secretary of the Treasury to the amendments made in the House by the Democrats with respect to consolidated returns. Others think that it is the result of a desire to use whatever surplus there is in the Treasury for a further reduction of the national debt and that the Administration does not at this time sincerely favor tax reduction at all."

#### Secretary of Treasury Mellon Reasserts that \$225,000,000 Tax Cut Represents Maximum Amount Which Treasury Considers Safe—Warning That Loss in Revenue With Greater Reduction Would Bring Increased Taxes.

Speaking in New York before the Women's National Republican Club at the Waldorf, on Jan. 14, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon reiterated his previous declarations to the effect that "the Treasury believes that \$225,000,000 represents the maximum amount by which taxes should be reduced." Mr. Mellon in stating that while at present the general trend is reassuring, added that "if there should be a falling off in business, with a consequent and immediate reduction in the yield of the corporation and individual income taxes it may be necessary for Congress to levy additional taxes," and he added, "the first move will be to increase the rates on individual and corporation taxes." Secretary Mellon's address, in full, was given as follows in the "United States Daily":

I am glad to have this opportunity to address the members of the Women's National Republican Club. Coming, as you do, from all parts of the country and being familiar with local as well as national conditions, you know how necessary it is to have a policy of sound and constructive economy at Washington, and can estimate at its true value the great achievement of President Coolidge in carrying that policy into effect.

#### Finances Are Sound.

The measure of his success is best indicated by the fact that the Government's finances to-day are in a sound condition; the debt has been reduced to manageable proportions; taxes have been lowered on three successive occasions and are about to be reduced a fourth time; and business has enjoyed one of the most prosperous periods in the country's history.

The Administration has followed a balanced program of debt reduction and tax reduction. It has recognized that reductions in taxes are dependent on reductions in expenditures, and that one of the most direct and effective methods of cutting down expenditures is to reduce the sums paid each year as interest charges on the public debt.

The service of the debt imposes a heavy drain on the revenues. In the last fiscal year the expenditures for interest charges alone constituted nearly one-fourth of the entire budget, and exceeded the total cost of the

Government in 1913, the last year before the war period. Some idea of the enormous carrying charges of the debt may be had from the fact that, in the 10 years since our entry into the war in 1917, this country has paid out as interest charges the stupendous sum of over \$8,000,000,000.

#### Lower Interest Obtained.

In order to reduce and eventually to extinguish these payments, the Administration has proceeded to pay off as much of the debt as practicable and to refund the balance at a lower rate of interest. There is no question of the fact that such a policy was not only the part of wisdom but was imperative if we were to set our financial house in order.

I shall review only briefly the steps which were taken in carrying this policy into effect. At the beginning of the present Republican Administration on March 4 1921 practically all of the war debt bore interest at an average rate of about 4½%. Short-term obligations in the sum of \$7,500,000,000 were maturing within two and one-half years; and other obligations were coming due, including the Third Liberty Loan, which then amounted to over \$3,500,000,000, and was maturing in September 1928.

To-day the short-dated debt has been retired or refunded into more manageable maturities. The Second Liberty Loan of over \$3,000,000,000 has also been retired or refunded, and the way has been cleared for operations in connection with the retirement or refunding of the Third Liberty Loan. During the last six and one-half years the public debt has been reduced by nearly \$6,000,000,000, leaving an actual gross debt today of slightly over \$18,000,000,000.

#### Budget Is Reduced.

By reason of this decrease in the debt and also by the lowering of the interest rate in successive refunding operations, there has been effected a saving in interest payments of not less than \$275,000,000 annually. During this period the budget has been reduced from \$6,482,000,000 in the fiscal year 1920, to \$3,494,000,000 in the fiscal year 1927, or a total reduction of nearly \$3,000,000,000.

So much for reductions in debts and expenditures. Turning now to taxes: within a period of six years, Congress has passed three major tax-reduction measures, repealing many burdensome taxes and instituting needed reforms in the administration of the law. In order to give in a very few words some idea of the extent to which taxes on incomes have been reduced, I might cite the case of a married man with no children and a net income of \$4,000 a year. Under the 1918 Act his taxes were \$120; under the 1921 Act they were \$60; under the 1924 Act, \$22.50, and under the 1926 Act \$5.63.

Not only were normal and surtax rates reduced, but the amounts exempted from taxation in the cases of individuals and heads of families were greatly increased. As a result of the exemptions provided in the 1926 Act, almost two million taxpayers were relieved of paying any income tax, leaving only two and a half million individual income taxpayers to contribute from this source to the support of the Federal Government.

#### Tax Reduction Affected.

These are facts which are doubtless known to all of you, but I have cited them, first, because they show what has already been accomplished in the way of tax reduction, and secondly, because their significance is sometimes overlooked in the plans which are being made for further reductions of taxes and particularly for the elimination of certain taxes which may prove to be essential in a well-balanced system of taxation.

We depend to-day on three sources of revenue: First, customs duties; second, internal revenue taxes, including individual and corporation income taxes and such other taxes as those on tobacco, estates, automobiles, and admissions; third, miscellaneous revenues such as receipts on account of loans to foreign governments, railroad loans, and from the sale of capital assets.

Customs duties are fairly stable. They can be counted on to produce approximately \$600,000,000 a year, which was about the revenue derived from that source last year and the year before.

The individual income tax, however, has become so restricted in its application that it is a class rather than a general tax. For the calendar year 1925 less than 10,000 payers returned half of the total tax from this source. Out of a total population of 114,000,000, there are only 2,500,000 individuals and about 250,000 corporations with 3,000,000 or more stockholders, who pay any income tax. Yet we depend on this comparatively limited number of taxpayers for over one-half of the total revenue needed for the support of the Government.

#### Prosperity Raises Taxes.

In prosperous years this revenue is stable enough, and in an era of mounting prosperity we may expect an increase in the taxable income of this limited number of taxpayers who form the base of the Federal tax structure. But if the situation should be reversed, and prosperity should begin to recede, it might result in such a shrinkage in incomes that the Government's revenue would be very seriously affected. Obviously, we should retain some other taxes which can be relied on in times when a slowing up of prosperity may cause a falling off in incomes and a consequent drop in taxes derived from this source.

It is for this reason that the Treasury has opposed the elimination of such excise taxes as those on automobiles and admissions. It is easy—and popular—to slash taxes, particularly those which have a general application and are wide-spread in their appeal.

Both the Treasury and Congress are in agreement in wanting to reduce taxes to the greatest possible extent consistent with the revenue needs of the Government. But care must be taken to keep such reductions well within the surplus which may be counted on, for we do not want to be lowering and then raising our taxes every year or two. While it may be good for business to lower taxes, it most assuredly would not help matters to be obliged to raise them.

#### Temporary Sources Disappearing.

What are the facts as regards the probable surplus available for tax reduction? The surpluses of the last few years have been due, in great measure, to such items as revenues from back taxes, and receipts from the sale of capital assets and surplus war material. These assets are now very nearly exhausted and the revenue derived from such temporary sources must largely disappear within the next year or two. In view of these facts, and after allowing for an increase in the Government's revenues, due to the normal growth of the country's income, the Treasury believes that \$225,000,000 represents the maximum amount by which taxes should be reduced.

Such a reduction, if used for the elimination of inequalities in the present law, will help to bring about that reform of the tax system towards which the efforts of this Administration have been directed. And yet this proposed reduction, which is equal to nearly one-third of the entire budget 15 years ago, is viewed in some quarters as a trivial and inconse-

quantum sum; and Congress is urged, even by responsible business men, to commit the country to a greater reduction in taxes than is warranted by the revenues, notwithstanding the fact that such action may involve the integrity of the budget.

Needless to say, business men do not follow that policy in the conduct of their own affairs; nor, I am confident, does the country expect less care to be exercised in the conduct of the public business by those to whom it is now entrusted.

It must be remembered that our present revenues are due to the high level of prosperity which has obtained for several years, and any reduction in taxes will be made on the assumption that this prosperity will continue without any abatement. While at present the general trend is reassuring, nevertheless, if there should be a falling off in business, with a consequent and immediate reduction in the yield of the corporation and individual income taxes, it may be necessary for Congress to levy additional taxes in order to provide for the revenue needs of the Government.

Once the excise taxes have been eliminated, they will not be restored. The first move will be to increase the rates on individual and corporation income taxes, and the very persons now urging an excessive reduction in taxes will be the first to pay the penalty in any increased taxes which may be necessary for the production of needed revenue.

From the point of view of the taxpayers, this is undesirable, of course. But it has a greater significance than this. If productive business should again find itself burdened with disproportionately high taxes, not only business itself but the whole country would lose the benefits now beginning to be felt as the result of getting back to a more balanced system of taxation.

The principal evil to be avoided in any system of taxation is that of excessive rates. Excessive rates upon any class of property or taxpayers are harmful, because they distort or obstruct the normal flow of trade and investments. It is not so important just where the tax is levied, but it is extremely important that no income, corporate or private, and no property, tangible or intangible, should be disproportionately burdened. Any undue or disproportionate load is not only obstructive upon the business or property on which it is placed, but its consequences are felt throughout the whole fabric of industry.

We should make use of the opportunity offered by tax reduction to correct any inequalities which may exist, for the main objective, after all, is to give the country a better balanced system of taxation. That end can be attained not by cutting rates indiscriminately or eliminating the greatest number of taxpayers from the rolls or doing away with the most unpopular taxes, but only by revising the whole system so that it will produce each year revenues adequate for the Government's need and at the same time bear not too heavily on any part of the population or the business community.

A sound tax system is particularly important in this country where our Governmental organization, based as it is on the association of the separate States, does not lend itself to the most economical administration. Under our State and Federal Governments, there is so much duplication of functions that the cost of operation is necessarily greater than would be the case in a more compact and simple structure.

We have, for instance, two systems of courts, State and Federal; two banking systems; two sets of public utility commissions; and two systems of taxation supported by a single body of tax payers. With our traditions and the vast extent of our territory, a more concentrated Governmental authority would be neither practicable nor desirable. Nevertheless, under the circumstances which prevail, it is of the utmost importance that economy in administration should be observed and that the tax systems of both State and Federal Governments should be sound in principle, so that the burden of taxation shall be as equitably distributed as possible.

### Representative Garner Declares Secretary Mellon Has 'Selfish Interest' in Seeking to Keep Tax Bill From Becoming Law—Repeal of Provision Permitting Filing of Consolidated Returns Would Increase Mr. Mellon's Taxes According to Mr. Garner.

In the House of Representatives on Jan. 16 Representative Garner (Democrat) of Texas declared that the Administration's action in blocking consideration by the Senate of the tax revision bill was due to the increased taxes which Secretary Mellon would have to pay as a result of the provision (Section 141) in the pending bill, which would require parent and subsidiary corporations to file separate tax returns instead of "affiliated returns" as permitted at present. Representative Garner stated that "while the bill as it passed the House will reduce the taxes \$290,000,000, it would increase the taxes of Mr. Mellon over a million dollars for the year 1929." We quote from the "Congressional Record" Representative Garner's statements before the House on the 16th:

Early in November the Ways and Means Committee met, unofficially, and had hearings on a tax bill, as you will recall. The Secretary of the Treasury appeared before the committee and recommended a reduction of taxes to the extent of \$225,000,000. The committee, after two weeks or more of hearings and then two weeks or more of consideration of the of the various items in the bill, reported a bill to the House carrying a reduction, as I recall, of around \$232,000,000. The provisions of this bill had the approval of the Treasury Department and of the Administration, if we may judge by a statement of the Secretary of the Treasury as well as a semi-official statement made at the White House.

The bill was taken up in the House of Representatives and was amended. After certain amendments were placed on the bill it went to the Senate with a reduction in taxes estimated at \$290,000,000. This estimate, however, was not made by the Treasury Department. So far as I recall at the moment, there has been no official estimate made of the amount of tax reduction under this bill for the calendar year 1929 by the Treasury Department. So I want to refer to the bill with particular reference to the calendar year 1929.

Section 141 does not apply to the calendar year 1928, and you will recall that when I refer to section 141—it is the section that repeals the consolidated or affiliated returns of corporations. This provision was inserted

so as to permit the year 1928 to intervene from the time we drew the bill until the time that portion of it would go into effect, so as to give the corporations ample opportunity to adjust their affairs to a separate rendition. It went to the Senate. The Senator who is Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate—I am speaking of matters outside of the Senate—is a member of the joint committee of the House and Senate with reference to taxation, and early in October at a meeting of that committee, as I recall the 16th day of October, the Senator in charge of the bill in the Senate announced that taxes could be reduced \$350,000,000.

About two weeks later, in a final meeting of the joint committee, the same Senator said it could be reduced \$300,000,000 at least, and a little later when the Treasury became alarmed that the House of Representatives would not carry out its mandate the same Senator announced at the White House that it could not exceed \$225,000,000.

I give you that as a background that you may see some reason why the tax bill has not been brought up for consideration in the Senate.

The bill is not being considered because it contains provisions which the Treasury does not want in there.

If you have section 13 in the proposed bill, and if you have section 141 in the proposed law, and you have the automobile tax repealed in there, he would ask the President to veto it, although it would be a reduction of \$85,000,000 for the calendar year 1928 but would be comparatively no reduction for the calendar year 1929. It is not on account of the amount of the tax reduction that caused the Treasury Department to object. It is the provisions in the bill that do not suit the Administration—I ought not to say "Administration," but does not suit the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Treasury is the Administration so far as it applies to tax matters.

No one will gainsay that Mr. Mellon is absolutely the boss as far as the finances, the economic policy, of the Administration is concerned.

If section 141 remains in this bill it will never become a law. It means increased taxes for Mr. Mellon. It is not tax reduction according to his viewpoint. It may have \$290,000,000 tax reduction for 1929, but it will mean more taxes to him and his companies, and I challenge him to deny it.

It is the repeal of the consolidated return and the consumption tax on automobiles and the principle of graduated taxes on small corporations, and not the amount of the reduction, that is the reason for the delay. It is not the amount.

I say to this House, and I stake my reputation upon it as a forecaster of revenue, that for the calendar year 1929 the tax reduction in the bill that passed the House will not exceed \$200,000,000. You ask how I bring that about. The repeal of the provisions of section 141 will give you over \$50,000,000 in taxes. The twenty-odd thousand corporations in this country that now have the advantage provided for under that section of a joint return will turn into the Treasury for the year 1929 \$50,000,000 more than they will for 1928. So the reduction of that tax would bring it to \$240,000,000 and the increase by the year 1929 over the commercial production of the country for 1928 will reduce the amount still further to \$200,000,000. So I say that the taxes in the present bill, if put into law now, for the calendar year 1929 would not exceed in reduction more than \$200,000,000. The Secretary of the Treasury in the beginning said that he could not tell how much to take off because of the appropriations and he wanted it to go over until after March 15. Then he went to New York the other night and made a speech for the Women's Club, and he said that one of the reasons why he could not tell it was because the taxes that we were now levying and the ones that we were repealing made it so uncertain that he could not tell how much revenue there would be from the taxes. That is to say, we had repealed the automobile tax, which is a certainty, and we had repealed a tax that he did not mention, which was also a certainty, which was the stamp tax, and which amounted to \$9,000,000, which had his approval, although the repeal of the automobile tax did not have his approval. The income tax of individuals and the estate taxes are more or less uncertain, and he wanted to have some permanent, definite taxes which were repealed in the bill in order to be able to make an estimate. It was amusing to me to see the Secretary of the Treasury teach one thing one week and another thing another week, because it is not usual with him, but he was finessing. He was trying to camouflage the real reason for his opposition to this bill. Have you heard him say one word about section 141? I know that that is the thing that hurts him. I know how much loss a certain few companies took advantage of in the last year. Let somebody in the Treasury Department deny it. I do not imagine they will. They may not think that what I say is of sufficient importance to take notice of it; but nevertheless I make the statement to the country that if you will take our the graduated-tax principle, applying to small corporations, and section 141, you will find that that is all that he is afraid of. He does not care for the \$25,000,000 reduction.

It is not a \$25,000,000 reduction. I overestimate it—I always try to estimate against myself when I am trying to make an argument, because I want to be fair. It is not \$20,000,000 reduction, and the gain, because of the repeal of the consolidated return, will be more than \$50,000,000. I estimated that one offset the other, if you will remember, in order to be fair, but it will not be \$20,000,000; but the principle of it is what hurts, and the Secretary of the Treasury never wants to see the Congress adopt that principle. That is what he is afraid of, because he does not come within the little brackets. The consolidated return does help him, and he does not want that provision knocked out; but you take those two provisions out of the bill, and I venture the assertion—I will stake my reputation on it—that with those two provisions out, if you will pass the bill with the reduction up to within \$10,000,000 of \$300,000,000 reduction, the President will sign it. I made that statement down at the other end of the Avenue to some gentlemen when I was talking to them, and I said that I would make them a little bet that he would sign it, but they did not take it. He will sign it, but he will not sign it if the repeal of section 141 is left in the bill. But you take that out and take out the graduated tax and reduce taxes to the amount of \$300,000,000, and Mr. Mellon will write an approval of it and the President will sign it; but you leave that in there and reduce it to \$100,000,000, and the President will veto it, because, I repeat, it will increase the taxes of Mr. Mellon and his associates, and that is not tax reduction according to Secretary Mellon's viewpoint. Whenever you pass any kind of tax reduction bill and it does not reduce the taxes of Mr. Mellon and his associates in big business, it is not tax reduction.

Representative Howard (Democrat) of Nebraska interupted to say he was advised that by eliminating the affiliated return that corporations in which the Treasury Secretary was interested would pay an increased tax which would be nearer \$3,000,000.

In the House on Jan. 17 Representative Treadway (Republican) declared the Garner speech "outranks anything I have known to take place here for absolute misstatement of facts." The New York "Times" dispatch from which we quote, added:

He accused Mr. Garner of abusing his position in the House and challenged the contention that the consolidated return section would involve millions of dollars in taxes.

"When a man stands here and tries to show the American people that the Secretary of the Treasury would stand in the way of legislation, because of the personal effect on his finances, it is demagoguery of the worst kind," Mr. Treadway exclaimed. "Fortunately, the Secretary has an even disposition and has stood that sort of abuse for a long time from certain gentlemen. I think it is time we thanked such a public official as Andrew W. Mellon for his services to his country."

*Garner Renews His Attack.*

"I stated yesterday, and I repeat it," retorted Mr. Garner, "that Andrew W. Mellon had a selfish interest in the consideration of this bill and that that interest was being asserted to keep the bill from becoming law.

"I give you the facts," Mr. Garner concluded, "and you may draw your own conclusions. I say, and I think the facts justify it, that in making this recommendation he had a selfish interest; that when he recommended the repeal of the estate tax he was looking forward a little bit further, with an estate of \$500,000,000, part of which may have to go to the Treasury.

"I have the right to draw this reduction. The country draws this deduction, and has the right to, because I have never seen any Secretary of the Treasury and few Presidents even who could dissociate from themselves either a lifetime training or human nature."

**Under-Secretary of Treasury Mills Upholds Secretary Mellon Against Critics—Tells Prof. T. C. Adams of Yale That Underestimates of Surpluses Do Not Harm.**

Remarks by Professor T. C. Adams of Yale at the National Republican Club on Jan. 14 to the effect that the Treasury Department had a habit of underestimating the annual surplus, which gave rise to the suspicion that the Administration sought to reduce the public debt faster than the statutory requirement, brought a rejoinder from Ogden L. Mills, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, according to the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Jan. 15, from which we quote as follows:

Mr. Mills, who already had made his scheduled address, promptly made a brisk reply to Professor Adams, saying that critics of the Treasury Department might have avoided controversy if they had made inquiries there before making criticisms outside.

"I have been in the Treasury Department a year," he said, "and neither the gentlemen of the United States Chamber of Commerce nor any one else, to my knowledge, ever has been there to inquire about surpluses or to see the books.

*No Secrecy on Methods.*

"I wish to say here and now that there is no secrecy about the methods of the Treasury Department. Any one can ask any question he wishes about our methods and he will obtain a straightforward answer. My criticism is just this; that our critics never have been to the Department to ask about these matters suggested by Professor Adams. The question according to Mr. Adams's interpretation is 'Have you got anything up your sleeve in the Treasury Department?' My answer is that we have not. There is no mystery or concealments there. The Chamber of Commerce would have avoided error if it had come to the Treasury Department and asked for the facts before it indulged in unfounded criticism.

"The Treasury Department is being run on the general principle that the nation's budget should be balanced year by year, with provision for a small surplus. Dr. Adams says we have underestimated our surpluses hitherto and that that fact has led to the suspicion that we are reducing the public debt in order at an early day to cancel the debts of foreign nations.

*Cites Abnormal Conditions.*

"My answer is that we have been passing through years when conditions have been abnormal. We reduced the income tax and raised more money than we did the year before. But we were dealing with abnormal conditions. Who could tell what back taxes would be settled in any given year? It was impossible, for instance, to tell in advance what railroads would come in any year to cancel their indebtedness to the Government. They did not know themselves. It all depended on business conditions.

"The underestimates have not done any harm. No better use could have been made of the Treasury surplus than to reduce the public debt. Dr. Adams asks 'Who's going to be right next year?' What difference does it make who's right in a matter of this kind? Our business is to make the best estimate possible.

"When you are doing a business of \$4,000,000,000 a year and you allow a surplus of only \$27,000,000, you are running pretty close to the margin of safety—too close, in my judgment."

*Program Must Fit Facts.*

In his first address, Mr. Mills said:

"In so far as I am concerned, I would limit tax reduction at the present time to a revision of the rate on corporation income, a revision of the rates applicable to the intermediate brackets, some provision for the relief of the small corporation that really is equivalent to a partnership, and the repeal of the Federal estate tax. It is, of course, very easy for gentlemen who have no available responsibility to affirm that there will be \$400,000,000 available for tax reduction. Their position is entirely different from the financial officer of the Government on whom is placed the great responsibility of submitting accurate estimates upon which the Congress may rely. The former can afford to make their estimates conform to their wishes; the latter is bound to make his program fit the facts."

**Address of President Coolidge Before Pan-American Conference at Havana—Most Sacred Trust Is Establishment and Expansion of Spirit of Democracy—Committed to Principle of Self-Government.**

President Coolidge, in an address in which he opened the sixth Pan-American Conference at Havana on Jan. 16, declared that "it is a heavy responsibility which rests upon the people and the Governments represented at this conference. Our most sacred trust," said the President, "has been and is the establishment and expansion of the spirit of democracy." "We have put our confidence in the ultimate wisdom of the people," he said, and "we are thoroughly committed to the principle that they are better fitted to govern themselves than any one else is to govern them." The President went on to say that "next to our attachment to the principle of self-government has been our attachment to the policy of peace." He added in part:

"We have kept the peace so largely among our republics because democracies are peace-loving. They are founded on the desire to promote the general welfare of the people, which is seldom accomplished by warfare. In addition to this we have adopted a spirit of accommodation, good will, confidence and mutual helpfulness. We have been slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

The President observed that "the Pan-American Conferences meet for the purpose of maintaining and extending these important principles." "Like the subjects which have occupied the attention of your predecessors," he said, "the topics contained in the agenda of the present conference call for co-operative international action. They belong to the class of inquiries that produce closer international relations, promoting the good of all in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres. Your predecessors have shown great wisdom in directing their attention to the matters that unite and strengthen us in friendly collaboration—subjects that develop an inter-American unity of sentiment which alone can make our common endeavors fruitful."

The President took occasion to state that "the existence of this conference, held for the consideration of measures of purely American concern, involves no antagonism toward any other section of the world or any other organization. It means that the independent republics of the Western Hemisphere, animated by the same ideals, enjoying the common blessings of freedom and peace, realize that there are many matters of mutual interest and importance which can best be investigated and resolved through the medium of such friendly contact and negotiation as is necessary for co-operative action. We realize that one of the most important services which we can render to humanity, the one for which we are peculiarly responsible, is to maintain the ideals of our Western world."

Measures for developing intercourse between the American Republics were referred to by the President, who called attention to the "proposed highways connecting the principal points of our two highways" and to the proposed establishment of aviation routes "principally for the transportation of mails, which will afford to our republics a channel of interchange which will find its ultimate expression in closer cultural and commercial ties and in better mutual comprehension." Pointing out that "often times in our international relationship we shall have to look to the spirit rather than to the letter of the law." President Coolidge added:

"We shall have to realize that the highest law is consideration, co-operation, friendship and charity. Without the application of these there can be no peace and no progress, no liberty and no republic. These are the attributes that raise human relationships out of the realm of the mechanical, above the realm of animal existence, into the loftier sphere that borders on the divine. If we are to experience a new era in our affairs it will be because the world recognizes and lives in accordance with this spirit. Its most complete expression is the Golden Rule."

The President's trip to Havana was referred to in our issue of Jan. 14, page 199. What is said to have been the greatest demonstration ever accorded by Cuba to the visiting head of a foreign nation marked the President's arrival at Havana on Jan. 15. Havana advices of that date published in the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

Landing from the battleship Texas, Mr. Coolidge was met by President Machado and his Cabinet and taken to the National Palace through streets crowded with cheering Cubans.

Mr. Coolidge responded to the demands for him after he entered the palace by appearing on the balcony of the Cuban President's home.

In a formal statement General Machado declared that it was not within the province of the Pan-American Conference to assume the role of a tribunal to judge the Nicaraguan problem or the general

policy of the United States, as the Congress had no such rights. It would be dangerous, he said, to establish a precedent.

"Resolutions of an International Congress are without efficacy," he continued, "if they lack the support of all the members. These are my opinions, and they are based on the instructions the Cuban delegation has received.

"I desire to regard the Monroe Doctrine as representing the noble action of a President of the United States who prevented the reconquest of America at the time of the Holy Alliance.

"The Monroe Doctrine was and ought to remain, the common defensive policy for the territorial integrity of America. The Monroe Doctrine is not only compatible with the sovereignty of America below the Rio Grande, but is a document giving the greatest force to that right."

Describing the opening of the conference on Jan. 16 the New York "Times" copyrighted cablegram from Havana said in part:

*Impressive Entry of Presidents.*

The scene at the National Theatre when Presidents Machado and Coolidge appeared to open the inaugural session of the Pan-American Conference was strikingly impressive.

The interior of this handsome playhouse is arranged with four balconies in a horseshoe around the sides, overlooking and in the rear of the seats on the floor. Six proscenium boxes, three on each side, flank the spacious stage, which had a background of the draped flags of all twenty-one American republics, their bright colors brought into relief by the solid wall of soft green cloth which extended around the entire stage.

Cuban army officers in khaki and spruce-looking policemen in horizon blue uniforms formed an aisle leading from the theater entrance to the auditorium. Through this passed the two Presidents, followed by staff officers in uniform and large delegations of Cuban officials, the Secretaries of State and of the Navy of the United States and members of the American delegation to the conference.

The entire audience rose as Presidents Coolidge and Machado, arm in arm, made their way down the central aisle. Handclapping began and kept up until they had taken their places in the foreground of the stage.

*Beautiful Costumes of Women.*

A survey of that audience was a sight to be remembered. The boxes, balconies and floor were occupied by well-dressed people. American women there said that they had never seen in Europe or elsewhere a better dressed assemblage of their sex. They praised their Cuban sisters, who were present in large numbers, as having marked taste in costume and noted that the gowns for the most part were the latest Paris creations.

American men joined them enthusiastically in appraisal of the beauty of many of these Cuban ladies.

Mrs. Coolidge arrived with Senora Machado just ahead of their husbands and they were escorted to places in a box to the right of the stage. Mrs. Coolidge wore a big red hat, which framed her face attractively.

The wives of Chairman Hughes, Ambassador Judah and Ambassador Morrow and other members of the American official contingent had places in the line of boxes or in the front row of seats, which in the United States would be known as the orchestra circle.

*Machado Hails Common Ideals.*

Probably a large part of that notable audience were unable to understand the foreign tongue in which the President of the United States spoke, but many found their lack of English overcome by the printed Spanish translation of President Coolidge's address, which was passed around just before he rose to speak. Certainly, the entire audience seemed to understand him, however, when he made the references which brought rounds of enthusiastic applause.

President Machado's address of Jan. 16 welcoming President Coolidge and the delegates to the conference is given elsewhere in this issue. Below we give the address of President Coolidge:

Mr. President and Members of the Pan-American Conference:

No citizen of any of the Americas could come to the Queen of the Islands of the West Indies without experiencing an emotion of gratitude and reverence. These are the outposts of the new civilization of the Western Hemisphere. It was among them that the three small ships of the heroic Admiral came when, with the assistance and support of Spain, Columbus presented to Europe the first widespread, public and authoritative knowledge of the New World. Other points may have been previously visited, but for these was reserved the final revelation.

The Great Discoverer brought with him the seed of more republics, the promise of greater human freedom, than ever crossed the seas on any other voyage. With him sailed immortal Declarations of Independence and Great Charters of self-government. He laid out a course that led from despotism to democracy. Edward Everett Hale, a seer of New England, tells us that this gallant seaman who rose above the storms to become the forerunner for an age of pioneers

Left blood and guilt and tyranny behind,  
Sailing still West the hidden shore to find;  
For all mankind that unshaken scroll unfurled,  
Where God might write anew the story of the World.

In the spirit of Christopher Columbus all of the Americas have an eternal bond of unity, a common heritage bequeathed to us alone. Unless we together redeem the promise which his voyage held for humanity, it must remain forever void. This is the destiny which Pan America has been chosen to fulfill.

As we look back over the accomplishments of the past four centuries we can see that we are warranted in asserting that the Western Hemisphere has not failed in the service that it seemed destined to render to humanity. Progress does not go forward in a straight line. It is a succession of waves. We cannot always ride on their crest, but among our republics the main tide of human advancement has been steadily rising. The people have taken charge of their own affairs. In spite of some temporary discouragements, they have on the whole been successful. The fertility of a virgin soil, a wealth of mineral deposits, an abundance of water power, a multitude of navigable rivers, all at the command of a resourceful people, have produced a material prosperity greater in amount and more widely distributed than ever before

fell to the lot of the human race. The arts and sciences have flourished, the advantages of education are widespread, devotion to religion is marked by its sincerity. The spirit of liberty is universal. An attitude of peace and good-will prevails among our nations.

A determination to adjust differences among ourselves, not by a resort to force, but by the application of the principles of justice and equity, is one of our strongest characteristics. The sovereignty of small nations is respected. It is for the purpose of giving stronger guarantee to these principles, of increasing the amount and extending the breadth of these blessings, that this conference has been assembled.

*Cuba's Progress.*

The very place where we are meeting is a complete demonstration of the progress we are making. Thirty years ago Cuba ranked as a foreign possession, torn by revolution and devastated by hostile forces. Such government as existed rested on military force. Today Cuba is her own sovereign. Her people are independent, free, prosperous, peaceful, and enjoying the advantages of self-government. The last important area has taken her place among the republics of the New World. Our fair hostess has raised herself to a high and honorable position among the nations of the earth. The intellectual qualities of the Cuban people have won for them a permanent place in science, art and literature, and their production of staple commodities has made them an important factor in the economic structure of the world. They have reached a position in the stability of their Government, in the genuine expression of their public opinion at the ballot box, and in the recognized soundness of their public credit that has commanded universal respect and admiration. What Cuba has done others have done and are doing.

*Committed to Principles of Self-Government.*

It is a heavy responsibility which rests upon the people and the Governments represented at this conference. Unto them has been given a new land, free from the traditional jealousies and hatreds of the Old World, where the people might come into the fullest state of development. It is among the republics of this hemisphere that the principle of human rights has had its broadest application, where political freedom and equality and economic opportunity have made their greatest advance.

Our most sacred trust has been, and is, the establishment and expansion of the spirit of democracy. No doubt we shall make some false starts and experience some disappointing reactions. But we have put our confidence in the ultimate wisdom of the people. We believe we can rely on their intelligence, their honesty and their character. We are thoroughly committed to the principle that they are better fitted to govern themselves than any one else is to govern them. We do not claim immediate perfection. But we do expect continual progress. Our history reveals that in such expectation we have not been disappointed. It is better for the people to make their own mistakes than to have some one else make their mistakes for them.

*Attachment to Policy of Peace.*

Next to our attachment to the principle of self-government has been our attachment to the policy of peace. When the republics of the Western Hemisphere gained their independence they were compelled to fight for it. They have always been a brave, resolute and determined people, willing to make any sacrifices to defend what they believed to be their rights. But when once their rights have been secured they have been almost equally solicitous to respect the rights of others. Their chief efforts have been devoted to the arts of peace. They have never come under the delusion of military grandeur. Nowhere among these republics have great military establishments ever been maintained for the purpose of overawing or subjugating other nations. We have all nourished a commendable sentiment of moderate preparation for national defense, believing that for a nation to be unreasonably neglectful of the military art, even if it did not invite and cause such aggression as to result either in war or in abject humiliation, it must finally lead to a disastrous disintegration of the very moral fibre of the nation. But it is one thing to be prepared to defend our rights as a last extremity and quite another to rely on force where reason ought to prevail. The form of our governments guarantees us against Old World dynastic wars. It is scarcely too much to say that the conflicts which have been waged by our republics for 150 years have been almost entirely for the purpose of securing independence and extending the domain of human freedom. When these have been accomplished, we have not failed to heed the admonition to beat our swords into plowshares.

We have kept the peace so largely among our republics because democracies are peace-loving. They are founded on the desire to promote the general welfare of the people, which is seldom accomplished by warfare. In addition to this we have adopted a spirit of accommodation, good-will, confidence, and mutual helpfulness. We have been slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. When this attitude prevails it is not difficult to find practical means of adjusting differences.

The statesmanship of the southern American republics has shown a sultation. The first Pan-American Congress assembled at Panama City about 100 years ago. The purpose of that gathering has never been forgotten and it may be said to have marked the beginning of a permanent institution. The republics south of the Rio Grande have produced a most impressive record of a resort to mediation, arbitration, and other peaceful methods of the adjustment and adjudication of their international differences. A study of their treaties will disclose some of the finest examples of mutual covenants for the limitation of armaments and the avoidance of hostile conflict. In the discovery of the true principles of international relations, and in the practical ability of putting them into effect, they have demonstrated a moral power and strength of character for which the whole world should be profoundly grateful.

*Purpose of Pan-American Conferences.*

The Pan-American conferences meet for the purpose of maintaining and extending these important principles. It is impossible to conceive of a mere inspiring motive which men could entertain in dealing with the affairs of this world. You have convened to take counsel together for increasing the domestic welfare of the free people of our independent republics and promoting international peace. No other part of the world could provide constituencies which all have such a unity of purpose. The whole atmosphere of the conference is animated with the spirit of democracy and good-will. This is the fundamental concept of your organization. All nations here represented stand on an exact footing of equality. The smallest and the weakest speaks here

with the same authority as the largest and the most powerful. You come together under the present condition, and the future expectation, of profound peace. You are continuing to strike a new note in international gatherings by maintaining a forum in which not the selfish interests of a few, but the general welfare of all, will be considered.

If you are to approximate your past successes, it will be because you do not hesitate to meet facts squarely. We must consider not only our strength but our weaknesses. We must give thought not only to our excellence but to our defects. The attitude of the open mind must prevail. Most of all, you must be guided by patience, tolerance and charity, judging your sister nations not only by their accomplishments, but also by their aspirations. A Divine Providence has made us a neighborhood of republics. It is impossible to suppose that it was for the purpose of making us hostile to each other, but from time to time to reveal to us the methods by which we might secure the advantages and blessing of enduring friendships.

Like the subjects which have occupied the attention of your predecessors, the topics contained in the agenda of the present Conference call for co-operative international action. They belong to the class of inquiries that produce closer international relations, promoting the good of all in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres. Your predecessors have shown great wisdom in directing their attention to the matters that unite and strengthen us in friendly collaboration—subjects that develop an inter-American unity of sentiment which alone can make our common endeavors fruitful.

#### *No Antagonism Toward Other Sections of World.*

The existence of this Conference, held for the consideration of measures of purely American concern, involves no antagonism toward any other section of the world or any other organization. It means that the independent republics of the western hemisphere, animated by the same ideals, enjoying the common blessings of freedom and peace, realize that there are many matters of mutual interest and importance which can best be investigated and resolved through the medium of such friendly contact and negotiation as is necessary for co-operative action.

#### *Maintenance of Ideals of Western World.*

We realize that one of the most important services which we can render to humanity, the one for which we are peculiarly responsible, is to maintain the ideals of our Western world. That is our obligation. No one else can discharge it for us. If it has to be met, we must meet it ourselves. We must join together in assuring conditions under which our republics will have the freedom and the responsibility of working out their own destiny in their own way.

#### *Fruits of Conferences.*

The proceedings of the successive Pan-American Conferences reveal a record of achievement which, without attempting the spectacular, constantly builds on the solid foundation of the immediately attainable. With each succeeding conference the agreements for the orderly settlement of such differences as may arise between the American republics have been extended and strengthened, thus making their relationship more certain and more secure.

Each conference has contributed its share toward developing more intimate cultural ties among the nations of this hemisphere and establishing new currents of mutual understanding. Obstacles to closer economic relations have been removed, thus clearing the pathways of commercial intercourse.

Of scarcely less importance have been the many special conferences which from time to time have assembled for the purpose of dealing with the more technical questions in the relations between the republics of America.

The meetings of the International Commission of Jurists, the Pan-American Highway Conferences, the Child Welfare Conferences, the Sanitary Conferences, the Conference on Consular Procedure, the Scientific Congresses, the Financial Conferences, the Red Cross Conferences, and the highly important and significant Congress of Journalists have all served to strengthen that spirit of Pan-American solidarity which, in the last analysis, represents one of the greatest achievements of our American civilization and one which, in the future, is destined to play so important a part in the fulfillment of the high mission entrusted to the republics of this hemisphere.

It has been most gratifying to witness the increasing interchange of university professors and the constantly growing stream of student migration from one country to another. No other influence can be more potent and effective in promoting mutual comprehension of national aims and ideals. It is sincerely to be hoped that this cultural interchange will with each year assume larger proportions.

It is not desirable that we should attempt to be all alike. Progress is not secured through uniformity and similarity but rather through multiplicity and diversity. We should all be intent on maintaining our own institutions and customs, preserving the purity of our own language and literature, fostering the ideals of our own culture and society. In a territory reaching from the North Temperate Zone through the tropics to the South Pole there is room enough for every worthy activity which is profitable and every ideal which is good. Our geographical location, as well as our political ideals, has endowed us with a self-contained unity and independence. Instead of considering our variations as an obstacle, we ought to realize that they are a contribution to harmonious political and economic relations.

#### *Responsibility of Press.*

In this great work of furthering inter-American understanding a large responsibility rests upon the press of all countries. In our present stage of civilization, knowledge of foreign people is almost wholly supplied from that source. By misinterpreting facts or by carelessness in presenting them in their true light much damage can be done. While great progress has been made toward the publication of fuller information and unbiased views, a better exchange of news service would do much to promote mutual knowledge and understanding.

What happens in this hemisphere is of more vital interest to all of us than what happens across any of the oceans.

#### *Development of Inter-American Communication.*

An increase of information depends largely on an increase in the means of communication. During the entire nineteenth century intercourse between the American republics was exceedingly difficult, and this isolation proved a serious obstacle to closer understanding. The twentieth century, however, and especially the last ten years, have witnessed astonishing changes in this respect.

Transportation by water has become rapid, comfortable, and relatively inexpensive. Shipping facilities from the United States have been largely improved. Our Government is greatly interested in increasing their efficiency. Railway lines have been extended so that it will soon be possible to travel with practically no interruption from the northern border of the United States to the southern border of El Salvador, and in South America from Peru to Patagonia.

During very recent years every Government of this hemisphere has been giving special attention to the building of highways, partly with a view to establishing feeders to the railway lines, but also to provide great arteries of inter-American communication for motor transport. On the wall of my office hangs a map showing proposed highways connecting the principal points of our two continents.

I am asking the United States Congress to authorize sending engineering advisers, the same as we send military and naval advisers, when requested by other countries, to assist in road building. These gratifying changes are about to be supplemented by the establishment of aviation routes, primarily for the transportation of mails, which will afford to our republics a channel of interchange which will find its ultimate expression in closer cultural and commercial ties and in better mutual comprehension. Our Congress also has under consideration proposals for supporting such air routes. Citizens of the United States are considering installing them. Private organizations of a civic, cultural and educational character also have a great opportunity to help in the development of a closer understanding amongst the nations of America. The fine co-operation of the Red Cross societies of the American continents is an outstanding instance of the field for service open to the civic and philanthropic organizations of this hemisphere.

In the domain of commercial relations the last few years have witnessed an extraordinary strengthening of the economic ties binding together our republics. In both agricultural and industrial production the countries of America are now complementing one another to an unusual degree, resulting in an increasing exchange of commodities. Furthermore, recent years have witnessed a most gratifying rise in the standards of living of the wage-earners throughout the Americas. They enjoy a greater productive and earning capacity, with a consequent increase in their purchasing power, which has been reflected in the growing volume of inter-American commerce, destined to become more and more important as it combines a scientific utilization of natural resources with an increasing economic power of the masses of the people.

The greater a nation becomes in wealth and production the more it has for the service of its neighbors, the larger its markets for the goods of others. The operation of natural forces, supplemented by the conscious purpose of the governments and peoples of the Americas, has increased their mutual interest in each other and strengthened the commercial ties among them.

In this work of inter-American co-operation an important part has been played by the Pan-American Union. It stands as the permanent organ of these conferences. This international organization has labored unceasingly to give effect to the treaties and resolutions adopted by the successive conferences. Its scope of usefulness is constantly being enlarged and its ability to serve the American republics is strengthened with each year that passes.

In the area of political relations the results have been no less gratifying and even more significant. It is almost impossible fully to appreciate the remarkable record achieved by the republics of America in the settlement of the differences that have arisen among them. Because of ill-defined boundaries of the sparsely settled political subdivisions of the old Spanish colonial empire, the independent States of America carved out of it fell heir to a large number of territorial disputes which, in many cases, were of an exceedingly delicate and difficult nature. It is a tribute to the spirit of good-will and mutual accommodation which has dominated the relations among the nations of the Western World that most of these disputes have been settled by the orderly process of negotiation, mediation and arbitration. The adjustment of international differences on the American continents has happily advanced to a stage at which but few questions remain unsolved. This extraordinary record of achievement places heavy responsibility upon the present generation to advance the great work that has been so auspiciously begun.

It is a high example that we have set for the world in resolving international differences without resort to force. If these conferences mean anything, they mean the bringing of all our people more definitely and more completely under the reign of law. After all, it is in that direction that we must look with the greatest assurance for human progress. We can make no advance in the realm of economics, we can do nothing for education, we can accomplish but little even in the sphere of religion, until human affairs are brought within the orderly rule of law. The surest refuge of the weak and the oppressed is in the law. It is pre-eminently the shield of small nations. This is necessarily a long, laborious process, which must broaden out from precedent to precedent, from the general acceptance of principle to principle. New activities require new laws. The rules for the governing of aviation are only beginning to be considered. We shall make more progress in the end if we proceed with deliberation. No doubt you will find in your discussions many principles that you are ready to announce as sound and settled rules of action.

But there are certain to be other questions concerning which it is not possible at the present time to lay down a specific rule of law. This need not discourage any one. It is rather the most conclusive evidence that the results which have been secured are not of a temporary and ill-considered nature, but a mature statement of sound and conclusive principles.

The founders of our republics sought no peculiar preferment for themselves. That same disinterested spirit which has animated the conduct of our past conferences has given the American family of nations a high place in the opinion of the world. Our republics seek no special privileges for themselves, nor are they moved by any of those purposes of domination and restraints upon liberty of action which in other times and places have been fatal to peace and progress. In the international system which you represent, the rights of each nation carry with them corresponding obligations, defined by laws which we recognize as binding upon all of us. It is through the careful observance of those laws which define our rights and impose our duties that international co-operation is possible. This lays on us all a continental responsibility which none of us wish to avoid and

the fulfillment of which is one of the most important guarantees of international friendship.

*Spirit Rather Than Letter of Law In International Relations.*

While the law is necessary for the proper guidance of human action and will always remain the source of freedom and liberty, and the ultimate guaranty of all our rights, there is another element in our experience which must always be taken into consideration.

We read that "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." Oftentimes in our international relationship we shall have to look to the spirit rather than to the letter of the law. We shall have to realize that the highest law is consideration, co-operation, friendship and charity. Without the application of these there can be no peace and no progress, no liberty and no republic. These are the attributes that raise human relationships out of the realm of the mechanical, above the realm of animal existence, into the loftier sphere that borders on the divine. If we are to experience a new era in our affairs, it will be because the world recognizes and lives in accordance with this spirit. Its most complete expression is the Golden Rule.

The light which Columbus followed has not failed. The courage that carried him on still lives. They are the heritage of the people of Bolivar and of Washington. We must lay our voyage of exploration toward complete understanding and friendship. Having taken that course, we must not be turned aside by the fears of the timid, the counsels of the ignorant, or the designs of the malevolent. With law and charity as our guides, with that ancient faith which is only strengthened when it requires sacrifices, we shall anchor at last in the harbor of justice and truth. The same Pilot which stood by the side of the Great Discoverer, and the same Wisdom which instructed the founding fathers of our republics, will continue to abide with us.

**Address of President Machado at Pan-American Conference at Havana—Pan-Americanism Pictured as Representing Collective Ideals—Welcome to President Coolidge.**

Extending greeting to President Coolidge and the peoples of that and other nations represented, General Gerardo Machado y Morales, President of Cuba, at the Pan-American Conference described Pan-Americanism as "a constructive work that does not imply antagonisms but, on the contrary, co-operates for universal peace, for a better understanding among all peoples; toward the spiritual and moral unity of the nations of the world." "Pan-Americanism," President Machado said further "is not merely the result of civilization, treaties or noble Institutions; it is also, and primarily, public spirit, the will of the people and collective ideals." The following is his speech in full:

Intense is our joy and complete our faith in the future destinies of our hemisphere when, gazing over this hall, adding brilliancy to this transcendental occasion, we behold the illustrious person of his Excellency, Calvin Coolidge, Chief Executive of the greatest of all democracies, head of the great people whom Cuba had the honor of seeing at her side in her bloody struggle for independence, which she enjoys without limitation, as stated in the joint resolution of April 20, 1898, honorably applied and inspired by the same ideals set forth in the ever famous Declaration of Independence of North America, liberty's greatest monument and the gospel of the rights of men and countries; and the select group of distinguished persons who constitute the delegations of the nations of America, which, throughout a century, have contributed with intense activity to the welfare of the world and to the great progress of its latest historical period.

I offer to all of you the effusive greetings of the people of Cuba, whom I have the honor of representing on this solemn occasion; to your peoples I express fervent wishes for their prosperity and greatness and, to the chiefs of State, the prophecy that, as a product of this new gathering of all Americans, we may complete, during their incumbencies, that which constitutes our common aspiration, the rule of peace and justice.

The representatives of the American republics gather once more with the practical purpose of the consolidation of a mutual, beneficial and positive brotherhood, both in spirit and in interest. The International American Conference, initiated at Washington thirty-nine years ago, and continued at Mexico, Rio Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Santiago, Chile, again meets to toil for the welfare and glory of this hemisphere, root of a new humanity and crucible of a new civilization.

Cuba is proud of your presence in her capital for the celebration of such an extraordinary event. Regarding myself, I have never before felt as much pleasure as I do in these solemn moments in which I behold my country as the scene of an assembly that, animated by the most serene conciliatory spirit, directs its efforts toward the approximation, development and strengthening of the spiritual and material bonds between States that have been destined for fraternal love by geography and history.

*Pan-Americanism Constructive Work.*

Pan-Americanism is a constructive work that does not imply antagonisms, but, on the contrary, co-operates for universal peace, for a better understanding among all peoples, toward the spiritual and moral unity of the nations of the world. It is something that, if in any manner it wishes to signify itself, it is in the desire of being placed at the front, bearing in mind that in international life, greatness should not be judged by standards inspired by admiration for brute force, but by the efforts of each nation within the scope of its civilization.

Pan-Americanism is not merely the result of civilization, treaties, or noble institutions; it is also, and primarily, public spirit, the will of the people and collective ideals.

This public spirit, this will and these ideals, must be molded upon the progress made in individual fields, with due regard for the fact that a victim deserves respect and an aggressor condemnation; it must be molded upon regard and affection, the country that in constant labor carries its valuable contribution toward collective well-being;

and upon admiration, the State that places at the service of the common cause of progress its daily efforts, civil activity, hopes and aspirations. The great principle of co-operation must substitute the idea of separation of interests. Pan-Americanism is the synthesis of all principles of good that rise from the lives of the individuals to that of the State.

It is not my purpose to suggest rules of conduct to such an illustrious assembly, but, if I am permitted to express the sentiments of my people, I will say to you that Cuba, one of the last republics to join this family of nations, aspires, with the faith of a novice, to see this hemisphere as the exponent of the most sincere cordiality, of the firmest union; to see the nations here represented, although politically separated, united in the common name of America, some refusing to allow their control by unjustified prejudices that may reveal impotence, and others, any demonstration that might result in an involuntary threat.

I will say that we Cubans can feel the magnificent effect of our common traditions and see, with clear vision, the great enterprise that the future expects from our countries and our men, while maintaining our love for the countries of our respective births and paying them due homage, for which no sacrifice is excessive, no matter how great it may be.

The constitution of the Pan-American Union upon a judicial foundation; the codification of the generally accepted principles of international law; the consideration of the results of the technical conferences held with specific aims; of communications, customs, sanitation, etc., and the promotion of more profitable economic relations, constitute a beautiful program that may meet the aspirations of our peoples.

The work outlined will not be difficult if we direct our thoughts toward good, with the determination of being useful to humanity and to ourselves.

No person nor anything can now oppose the tide that impels the destinies of the Western Hemisphere toward its definite brotherhood under the shelter of the judicial standards that are indispensable for the maintenance of peace. If we reach that end in the sixth International American Conference, and a similar aim prevails in the minds and souls of all here present, this alone will be sufficient to mark the meeting of your assembly at Havana as a brilliant milestone in the annals of modern international life.

All of you feel the desire to find basic formulas that will harmonize the common interests of all Americans; peace through the absolute preponderance of justice, without which happiness is not possible, neither among individuals nor among nations; justice secured upon adequate resolutions freely accepted by all nations, without discrimination.

But I have not come here to state axioms already accepted by all. It is sufficient for me to affirm that this nation has directed and directs all her energies toward the fruitful labors of peace, order, liberty and progress, upon which her glory rests; and if success has crowned her efforts, it is due to that spirit of admiration that she had at birth for all lands of America and for those nations that preceded her in the conquest of independence, which constitutes the supreme good of all countries. A free nation, she today offers you her hospitality and, in her name, I say to you that in her bosom you will find the warmth of the hearth, the shelter of the ally and the love of the fellow-citizen.

Delegates, receive my welcome, my prophecy of success and my encouragement for victory.

**Radio Breaks Down In Transmission of Speech of President Coolidge from Havana.**

A broken microphone wire marred the transmission of President Coolidge's speech on Jan. 16 as he addressed the delegates at the sixth Pan-American Conference assembled in the National Theatre in Havana says the New York "Times" which states:

The President went on the air at 11:15 o'clock. For five minutes a muffled jumble of sound rewarded radio listeners who were tuned in on the forty-two stations taking the program. Then the sound ceased and the radio audience was informed that, due to a breakdown, Graham McNamee in New York would read the speech until repairs were made.

The hook-up was arranged by the National Broadcasting Company and the Cuban Telephone Company with the co-operation of the Government of Cuba. The interruption to the President's speech lasted until about 11:30 o'clock. A representative of the National Broadcasting Company explained that the microphone through which the President was speaking was connected to the physical link of the circuit by three wires. One of these had broken. This caused the muffling of the President's voice, which ruined the reception of the first part of his address. After a ten-minute delay, during which Graham McNamee read the address from the beginning, the President's voice was again heard, taking up at the point Mr. McNamee had reached. This time the reception was much improved and his words as he explained his program for participation in the Pan-American Union came over clearly and distinctly.

*Official Explains Mishap.*

In commenting on the breakdown, an official of the broadcasting company said:

"The broadcast came over a physical link of about 2,000 miles between New York and Havana. Part of the way it was carried by submarine cable. The cable was constructed for the transmission of speech and has a range of from about 250 to 2,500 cycles. In broadcasting the human voice a minimum range of from 60 to 5,000 cycles is necessary for faithful reproduction.

"This difference explains in part the difficulty in reproducing the President's voice. The breakdown, however, was caused by the failure of the Cuban Telephone Company to have extra installation. The circuit between here and Havana was checked and was found to be in perfect working order. The trouble lay in a broken microphone wire in Havana.

"For more than an hour before the broadcast was scheduled to go on the air we made every possible check and found the circuit in perfect working condition. It took about ten minutes to locate and repair the trouble."

The broadcast commenced shortly after 10:30 o'clock with a description by Phillips Carlin, the announcer, of his own trip to Havana, of how he almost missed the Memphis and dashed over the gangplank just as it was about to be raised. During this personal narrative, the delegates were arriving. As Mr. Carlin continued his own story, President Machado of Cuba and President Coolidge entered the theatre. The audience gave them an ovation, which was faintly heard against Mr. Carlin's voice.

#### *Machado's Voice Heard.*

Mr. Carlin then switched on the microphone in front of President Machado. His address, which was in Spanish, continued for a brief time, when he was cut off the network and switched over to the stations at Schenectady and Pittsburgh for broadcast on a short wave for the benefit of the Spanish-speaking countries to the South. A translation of the speech in English was read by Mr. McNamee here.

After the applause that greeted the welcoming address had died down, President Coolidge arose to talk.

At the offices of the National Broadcasting Company it was said that this was the first time that a broadcast originating beyond the continental limits of North America had been radiated over the company's network. When the Havana-Key West cable was opened several years ago, a direct wire connected Havana with San Francisco and the ceremonies attending its opening were broadcast through a radio station in San Francisco. About 12,000 miles of wire were used in the hook-up. Of this amount 2,000 miles connected the key stations in New York with Havana, while the remaining 10,000 miles were used to effect the linkage of the forty-one stations.

The result of the attempt to reach Mexico and South America and other foreign countries over 2ZAD, Schenectady, and 8XX, East Pittsburgh, short wave stations of the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, respectively, was not known yesterday. The broadcasting company said that it had sent out queries to various points checking up on the short-wave transmission, but that no answers had been received.

#### **Constructive Results From Havana Pan-American Conference Expected by Secretary of State Kellogg.**

The view that "we have every reason to be confident that valuable and constructive results will be derived from the Havana conference," was expressed by Secretary of State Kellogg in a letter Jan. 15 to David Lawrence, editor of the "United States Daily." Secretary Kellogg also said:

"The continuation and development of friendship, mutual understanding and sympathy among the nations of the Western Hemisphere are the ends which the United States believes the sixth international conference of American states can further, and the American delegates will use their best efforts toward the accomplishment of this purpose," Secretary Kellogg wrote.

"The policy of the government of the United States toward the republics of Latin America is one of mutually beneficial co-operation, and the spirit of this policy will be manifested in our attitude and action at the approaching conference.

"During past conferences projects have been indorsed and recommendations made on matters political, commercial and sanitary which have had a profound and far-reaching influence on the course of events in this hemisphere. Furthermore, the coming together of men typical of the best feeling and thought of all the republics brings out a gradual growth of mutual understanding upon which it is possible to build solid international friendships founded in justice, respect, good will and tolerance."

#### **F. W. Sargent of Chicago & North Western Railway Before Massachusetts Bankers' Association Discussing Multitudinous Duties of Inter-State Commerce Commission Suggests Restriction of Functions to Original Law.**

According to F. W. Sargent, President of the Chicago & North Western Ry. Co., "America's railroads could never be duplicated under our present plan of regulation." This statement was made by Mr. Sargent in an address at Boston on Jan. 12 before the Massachusetts Bankers' Association, in which he stated that "a system of regulation that dips into the details of management, that discounts the fruits of efficiency by reducing rates and increasing taxes, and that dictates the details of operation to an extent undreamed of when regulation began, would even now tend to destroy the spirit of progress were it not that railway managements have not lost faith in the ultimate fairness of the American public." Mr. Sargent noted that in 1927 the opinions rendered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission will occupy 12,000 pages and contain 5,820,000 words, and in addition to all this, he said, "the Commission handles about 10,000 cases per year." In suggesting that the Commission be relieved "of all that class of duties which enter into the field of management," and that it be relieved of "all duties of a technical nature pertaining to safety of operation," Mr. Sargent proposed that the powers and duties of the Commission be confined "to the general functions of the original law under which it was created, to wit, the maintenance of reasonable and just transportation rates, classifications and practices." At the outset of his remarks Mr. Sargent dealt with incidents bearing on the construction of the Union Pacific, and he said "had the present system of regulation prevailed in the latter half

of the nineteenth century, as has come into existence in the first quarter of the twentieth century, the Union Pacific Railroad could not have been constructed." The address in full follows:

One of the greatest railroad engineers and builders was Major-General Grenville M. Dodge. He it was who successfully carried through the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad from Omaha to Promotory Point. The first rail was laid in July, 1865, and the last spike was driven in May, 1869.

Dodge was also an able statesman and a great general. Not long before his death I had a most interesting visit with him and he told me some rather intimate things dealing with the building of the Union Pacific. When the conversation was finished it left no doubt in my mind but that General Dodge looked upon his part in that undertaking as the outstanding achievement of his career. And when we look back in an attempt to visualize the difficulties under which he labored, it is clear that his claim to fame will always rest secure, and that history will give him a permanent place as one of the greatest construction engineers of the nineteenth century.

When President Lincoln called him to Washington in 1863 to consult concerning the eastern terminus of the line, Lincoln said, "Dodge, Grant tells me you are the most destructive civil engineer in the northern armies, and that if you will turn your ability as a destructionist to that of a constructionist, you are the man to complete the building of the Union Pacific Railroad in the shortest possible time."

Lincoln then told Dodge about his concern for the far west, lest it too might find reason for not staying in the Union, and how anxious he was that a trans-continental railroad be completed at the earliest possible date.

While the first rail was laid in 1865, not much was accomplished in real construction work until Dodge took hold in 1866. In his final report sent to the company and the United States Government on Dec. 1 1869, among other things he said:

"The country is evidently satisfied that you accomplished wonders and have achieved a work that will be a monument to your energy, your ability and your devotion to the enterprise through all its gloomy as well as its bright periods; for it is notorious that, notwithstanding the aid of the Government, there was so little faith in the enterprise that its dark days—when your private fortunes and your all was staked on the success of the project—far exceeded those of sunshine, faith and confidence."

While in this report Dodge does not single out any individuals for special mention, yet he told me in the conversation to which I have alluded, that in the darkest days, when it looked as if the enterprise must fail for lack of funds, there were two men who never gave up and who constantly assured him that somehow, some day, more money would be found and forwarded. Those two men, Dodge said, were the Ames of Boston. And I find this statement verified by General Dodge in his "History of the Union Pacific Railroad" where he writes:

"Nothing but the faith and pluck of the Ames fortified with their extensive credit, carried the thing through. They may be termed the 'Big Two' of the Union Pacific Railway." Again he says "to the Ames and their New England following monuments should be raised, as it was to their nerve and the use of their unlimited credit that is most due the success of the Union Pacific."

And again he says, "I remember once when I wrote Oakes Ames that we must have money or the work would stop, he answered to go ahead, that it should not stop if it took the shovel shop to keep it going. Again when the question came whether the credit of the company should be impaired or that of the standing and credit of the Ames should suffer, he said: 'Stand by the company and let the Ames take care of themselves'."

To me, as to others, General Dodge said that he hoped and believed the time would come when the West and indeed the nation, would realize its great debt to those courageous men and their New England following, without whose support the then Union Pacific undertaking would have failed. And so I trust you will not deem it wholly inappropriate for one who comes from the West to convey this message from that great railroad builder, and to say as he would have us say, that we do not recognize the debt of gratitude and will do what we can in our weak and humble way to honor the names and memories of those courageous men who risked their all to give to America its first great transcontinental railroad.

Those were the frontier days of construction pioneering. We had already passed the first great judicial and legislative frontier of railroad regulation. That was in 1824 when John Marshall wrote for the Supreme Court of the United States that epoch making decision in the case of Gibbons vs. Ogden.

Up to this time the several States had insisted upon the exclusive right to regulate all commerce, not only within their borders, but between the States and upon all navigable streams and waters. Every possible argument was advanced against the exercise of authority by the Federal Government over inter-State commerce. Every conceivable obstacle was thrown in the way of a decision that would set commerce free as between the States and upon the navigable streams and waters.

Had the decision of the Supreme Court been otherwise, we can now see, looking backwards, that the cause of transportation would have been set back for at least a quarter of a century, and until such time as the public should be convinced through the sheer force of necessity that conflicting regulations by the different States would create an intolerable situation.

The power of the Federal Government to regulate commerce has been firmly established. The question as to whether that power is to be wisely exercised yet remains to be determined.

Had the present system of regulation prevailed in the latter half of the nineteenth century, as has come into existence in the first quarter of the twentieth century, the Union Pacific Railway could not have been constructed. For why should the men and women of New England risk their savings in a wilderness without traffic for a rate of return no greater than they could secure in safe investments at home, and with a legislative policy which would recapture one-half of all earnings over 6% in any possible good year but leave them to bear all the losses in the poor years?

America's railroads could never be duplicated under our present plan of regulation. A system of regulation that dips into the details of management, that discounts the fruits of efficiency by reducing rates and increasing taxes, and that dictates the details of operation to an extent undreamed of when regulation began would even now tend to destroy the spirit of progress were it not that railway managements have not lost faith in the ultimate fairness of the American public.

The railroads are being regulated under a system of laws largely passed by forty-nine separate sovereignties in the days when the public was sorely

aggrieved. While public sentiment has changed, yet the laws for the most part remain the same. The bulk of these laws were enacted from 1906 to 1913, both inclusive. During that period almost every State in the Union passed laws affecting freight and passenger rates, prescribing standards of service and regulating details of management, all of which as administered in connection with the administration of the Federal laws, involving many of the same principles, enormously increased costs of operation and restricted the earning capacity of the carriers.

At the present time the Inter-State Commerce Commission is hearing a case involving the dimension of curtains on engine cabs, and at the same time struggling with problems involving the consolidation of our largest railway system.

In the second year of the existence of the Inter-State Commerce Commission its total expenditures were \$97,867. In 1926 its expenditures amounted to \$5,936,723.

In the year ending Nov. 1 1927 the Commission had 1,600 hearings involving 291,297 pages of testimony, and still had 2,800 cases pending. In the last seven years the number of pages and words used by the Commission in its decisions have been 540% greater than the averages of the preceding thirty-three years, and for the year 1927 the average was 840% greater.

In 1927 the opinions rendered will occupy 12,000 pages and contain 5,820,000 words. In addition to all this, the Commission handles about 10,000 informal cases per year. And this is only an index of the drain upon the treasury of the railroads and the time of their officers in preparing for and participating in these hearings.

The duties imposed by Congress upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission extend from the administration of the Ash Pan Act to the regulation of all rates, the supervision of all financing and the guardianship of all management. In fact, the Commission has been made in practical effect at least, a quasi-board of directors for all the railroads of the United States. Regulation is exceedingly burdensome and expensive to the Government and the carriers. It is far from satisfactory to either the shippers or the carriers.

What is the remedy? To my mind the answer is not difficult.

First, I would make the tenure of office of each commissioner for life or during good behavior, and pay salaries commensurate with the responsibilities involved.

Second, I would relieve the Commission of all that class of duties which enter into the field of management, such for instance as jurisdiction over security issues, abandonments and extensions of lines, and general supervision of honest, efficient and economical management.

Third, I would relieve it of all duties of a technical nature pertaining to safety of operation such as the administration of the Boiler Inspection Act, the Ash Pan Act, Safety Appliance Acts, the Train Control Act, and other allied measures.

In short, I would confine its powers and duties to the general functions of the original law under which it was created, to wit, the maintenance of reasonable and just transportation rates, classifications and practices.

The present system is tantamount to Government ownership without Government responsibility.

The railroads pay more to their Government in taxes than they do to their owners in dividends. The Government recaptures earnings in good years and leaves the owners to bear the burdens of all losses in poor years. The Government guarantees nothing in the way of earnings, but assumes very large powers of management with relation to costs of operation. It controls the power to finance new improvements and refund old or maturing obligations. It controls the right to abandon an unprofitable line or to build one that is profitable.

In short, it exercises most of the important functions of management. There is no better illustration of how the exercise of a little power in the beginning leads on to an ever increasing system of regulation.

I entertain little hope that political conditions for some time to come will permit the application of the remedies I have suggested.

It is reasonable to hope, however, that Congress will refrain from further enlarging the powers or increasing the duties and burdens of the Commission, that men of ability and character once on the Commission, will be kept there so long as they are willing to serve, to the end that real efficiency may be approached and consistent policies maintained.

I know of nothing of greater importance to the prosperity of the country than prosperous and healthy railroads. Our banks and our life insurance companies are charged with a direct responsibility in this re-railroads. Every policy holder and every depositor has a right to guard for they own more than one-third of all the bonds of American railroads. Every policy holder and every depositor has a right to expect that earnest attention will be given to this subject, to the end that we may pass through the present frontier of legislative entanglements in safety.

Almost every session of Congress and every session of a State legislature has before it numerous bills, the purpose of which is to further restrict or regulate matters pertaining to railway operation. Some of them have to do with matters pertaining to further regulation of management involving increased costs of operation, and some are in the form of measures looking to reduction in the carriers' revenue by direct legislative procedure.

For instance, within the last few days the public press has carried news items of a bill offered by Senator Capper directing the Inter-State Commerce Commission to lower export rates on grain and maintain them on a basis that would compete with similar rates on the Canadian railroads.

I know of no group who more earnestly desire to help the American farmer than the officers in control of American railroads, but it is of the greatest importance that in trying to help the farmer we point out to him the advantages he is already securing, while he, through his legislative representative makes it impossible to offer the relief desired.

Not only have the granger States as well as other States been exceedingly severe in the passage of laws imposing costly practices upon the railroads with relation to maintenance and operation of their properties, but they have and are exacting from the railroads taxes on a basis so high that when compared to taxes of Canadian railroads they more than offset the difference in freight rates on grain products of the agricultural States.

This fact is clearly established in a case known as Grain and Grain Products Case, 122 I. C. C. Reports, Page 235, where the Great Northern Railway product exact comparisons between its tax burdens and those of the Canadian Pacific, and indeed all of the Canadian railways.

For instance, it was shown that in Minnesota and North Dakota the Great Northern pays taxes in excess of \$1,000 per mile of road, against \$92.91 per mile of road by the Canadian lines in the Provinces of Mani-

toba and Saskatchewan. In other words, the Great Northern's taxes are eleven times greater per mile of road than those paid by the Canadian railroads in the Provinces named.

It was also shown that the entire Great Northern system paid 399% of the taxes per mile of road paid by the entire Canadian Pacific system, and the Great Northern paid 423% of the taxes per \$100 gross revenue paid by the entire Canadian Pacific system. It was also shown that if the Great Northern's taxes were on the same basis per mile of road as the Canadian Pacific's taxes were, the Great Northern would save \$7,685,987 per annum in its tax bill alone. It was shown that the Great Northern with one-fifth as much mileage as that of all the Canadian railways, paid 118% of the taxes paid by all the railroads of Canada.

The Great Northern demonstrated by an exhibit that if its taxes were on the same basis as those of the Canadian Pacific, the Great Northern could reduce not only export grain rates, but every freight rate on its system 9% and still have as much net revenue left.

The Chicago and North Western Railway Company system, comprising 10,064 miles, paid more taxes in 1926 than were paid by all of the railroads in the Dominion of Canada, consisting of about 40,000 miles.

While I have used only two railroads for matters of comparison, yet we know the same general illustration will apply to all the railroads in the United States. The difference in the basis of taxation between Canadian and our railroads, whether measured on a mileage basis or on a gross revenue basis, is sufficient to account for the entire difference in the rates referred to by Senator Capper.

The grain producing States are reaping their benefits by exacting these larger taxes. It is, of course, impossible for American railroads to overcome this handicap in taxation and at the same time be prepared to meet the demands of Senator Capper.

Our railroads are taxed, restrained and restricted by regulation and by law to an extent that places them in a disadvantageous position. Our railroads have been legislated out of the Panama Canal and off of the Great Lakes. They were called upon by taxation to help build the Canal and are now not only prohibited from using it, but are also prohibited under the law as administered from competing for the business that the Canal takes from them.

Time will not permit a complete review of the legislative and administrative policies which are holding up the costs of American railroad maintenance and operation. It is clear, however, from what has already been stated, that there is an opportunity to help the general prosperity of the country through a policy of friendly rather than restrictive and repressive regulation of American railroads, and that there is an immediate necessity for the adoption of a constructive national policy that will keep the Government out of the business management of railroads, and restrict its functions to those contemplated in the beginning, to wit, the regulation of rates, classifications and practices, rather than the general supervision of details of operation, maintenance and management.

Already the railroads have made large contributions to the economic structure by reductions in rates since 1920. In the six-year period 1922 to 1927, both inclusive, these reductions have aggregated more than four billions of dollars when applied to the traffic moved, and as a result of these reductions the shippers saved almost nine hundred million dollars in their freight charges during the year 1927. That is to say, the rate adjustments since 1921 applied to the traffic moved in 1927 saved this amount to the shippers of the United States.

The reductions in rates made since 1921 on traffic moving in the Western territory alone have cost the Western carriers \$1,882,761,000 for the years 1922 to 1926 inclusive, and this is equal to 78% of the total freight revenues actually received by the Western carriers in the year 1926.

We must not by an unwise policy permit our railroads to drift back again to the State of inefficiency which resulted in Government control and operation upon our entrance into the World War.

The railroads constitute the greatest single industry in America. They and the companies directly dependent upon them for business are our largest contributors to prosperity. The great bulk of the money which the railroads collect is immediately paid back to the people in the form of wages, taxes, and in the purchase of supplies and materials. The mass of the people cannot afford to have such an industry crippled by "refined and metaphysical reasoning" founded on premises which concede to the carriers only a bare living.

Railroads must be permitted to earn something more than merely enough to pay the interest on their bonds and a fair return to their stockholders, provided, of course, that just and reasonable rates, measured by what the traffic will reasonably bear, will produce such a result. They must be permitted to earn a surplus in the good years to tide them over periods of depression, and they ought to be permitted to earn a sufficient surplus every year to take care of those capital expenditures of a public character which in and of themselves add nothing to earning capacity.

To insist on a policy that will reduce rates as rapidly as the carriers show improvement in their financial condition, and which proposes to measure value by some refined and metaphysical system of reasoning unknown to the practical business world, and to continue a scheme of regulation that dips into the details of every day practical management such as we are now experiencing on every hand, and to insist upon recapturing earnings from the carriers in their good years and leaving them to bear their entire losses in the poor years, means that we are heading again toward a state of inefficiency that in the long run cannot be in the interest of the greater public welfare.

I believe the railroads are fully justified in calling these matters to your attention and asking for your earnest and friendly co-operation to the end that your clients may be protected as to the investments already made, and encouraged to look with favor upon even greater investments in the future by supplying new capital, which is each year indispensable to the enlargement of the transportation plant.

### Amalgamated Bank, New York Labor Bank, Increases Rate on Special Interest Accounts to 4½%.

Adolph Held, President of the Amalgamated Bank, the first labor bank in New York, in announcing an increase of interest rate to 4½% on all deposits in the Special Interest Thrift Department, makes the following statement:

"This increase in interest rate to our depositors is merely the carrying out of the principles upon which the Amalgamated Bank was founded, a little less than five years ago. We were to share with our depositors the earnings which their deposits made possible. Dividends to our shareholders were deliberately limited in our by-laws so that every shareholder

in the bank knew that he could never receive above a certain maximum dividend no matter how prosperous the bank might become.

"First a surplus must be provided for which should put the Amalgamated Bank on such a firm financial foundation that every dollar entrusted to its care should be absolutely secure. This must come before everything else. This having been done, if the earnings of the bank warranted it, the interest rate on its Special Interest Thrift Department was to be increased. The resources of the bank being now close to \$10,000,000, its business at present justifies the increase to 4½% interest rate to our Special Interest Thrift depositors. That we have been able to do this after operating for less than five years shows that at least a portion of the workers of New York appreciate keenly the necessity of a financial institution founded to primarily serve their interests."

#### Name of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative National Bank of Cleveland Changed to Engineers National Bank of Cleveland.

The stockholders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Co-Operative National Bank, at their annual meeting on Jan. 10 decided to adopt the shorter title of the Engineers National Bank of Cleveland. The Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Jan. 11 in indicating this said:

This change was voted, President Alvanley Johnston announced, because the former name was too bulky for popular consumption, and because the public and press long ago had shortened it to a more popular and wieldy form.

The report on business made to the stockholders showed that the bank has been staging a big comeback under President Johnston since the reorganization a few months ago.

"It is certainly gratifying," said President Johnston, "to see the way friends have been rallying to the bank, and new customers have been coming in. For November and December since the reorganization the savings deposits have increased \$364,600 and resources have increased \$1,750,000. In the last quarter of 1927 new accounts totaled 3,375."

All directors were re-elected and two were added: Charles Bicknell, president of the Union Paper & Twine Co., and W. A. Riddell, president of the W. A. Riddell & Co.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, BANKERS AND TRUST COS.

Four New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer, the consideration in three instances being \$300,000 each and the fourth at a nominal figure. The proposed transfers are as follows: Richard T. Lord to William Fuerst; F. Arthur Wellman deceased to Thomas F. Kelley; Albert M. Lilienthal to Edwin Gruntal; William A. Paine to Herbert I. Foster, the last mentioned at a nominal price.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Barclay McFadden was reported sold this week to George R. Siedenburg for another, the consideration being stated as \$29,500, an increase of \$500 over the last preceding sale.

New York Produce Exchange memberships sold this week at the highest figures ever recorded. In the early part of the week a seat was sold for \$6,500, but later they jumped to \$7,300. A number of memberships were reported sold at prices ranging from \$6,500 to \$7,300. The boom in prices is stated to be due to the idea of trading in unlisted securities, a special committee, it is reported, working on a plan to be submitted on or before Feb. 1.

The Chicago Stock Exchange membership of Stuyvesant Fish Jr. was reported posted for transfer to Norman Freehling, the consideration being stated as \$22,000. Last preceding sale \$25,000.

A Montreal Stock Exchange membership was reported sold for \$80,000, a new high record and an advance of \$15,000 over the last preceding sale.

The French American Banking Corp. announces that after seven years of successful management Paul Duran has resigned as President of the corporation. Mr. Duran, who has been connected with the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Paris, France, for many years, will again join that institution. J. de Sieyes, who has been Vice-President of the corporation since joining the institution in February 1922, has been elected President. George E. Roosevelt has been elected a Director. A. Comtet, who has been affiliated with the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris since 1903, has been appointed Vice-President, and W. C. Thompson, formerly Treasurer, has been appointed Vice-President and Treasurer.

On Thursday of this week, Jan. 19, Arthur L. Fuller of the firm of A. L. Fuller & Co. of this city was restored to membership in the New York Stock Exchange. The action was taken by the Committee on Admissions, which had had Mr. Fuller's application for reinstatement under advisement for some time. Mr. Fuller was automatically suspended from the Exchange on Aug. 12 last when his firm

went into the hands of a receiver following the spectacular break on Aug. 11 in the stock of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company, in which stock customers of the Fuller firm were largely interested.

From yesterday's (Jan. 20) New York "Times" we take the following in regard to the matter:

The receivership was dismissed on Nov. 30 by Judge Know in the United States Court. A report by certified public accountants at that time showed that the firm had assets of more than \$800,000, with creditors' claims amounting to only \$320,000.

The suspension of Fuller & Co. was due to its inability to arrange bank loans on Manhattan Electrical Supply stock for some of their accounts which had been impaired by the 60-point decline in the stock on Aug. 11. Some banks would not accept the stock as collateral after the collapse. Prior to the break it had a loaning value with the banks of around \$80 a share. None of the firm's creditors lost as a result of its temporary embarrassment.

Last night's "Wall Street Journal" reported that on Thursday of this week (Jan. 19) Mr. Fuller and Lorren M. Hart formed the firm of A. L. Fuller & Co., 120 Broadway.

The suspension of A. L. Fuller & Co. was noted in our issues of Aug. 13 and Aug. 20, pages 869 and 1001, respectively.

The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. of New York Jan. 20 announced the appointment of Nathan Burkan, Edwin G. Lauder Jr. as members of the advisory board of the company's 49th St. office, at 49th St. and Seventh Ave. Mr. Burkan is widely known in the legal profession. He is a director of the United Artists Corp. and of the F. & W. Grand Five & Ten Cent Stores. Mr. Lauder is First Vice-President of the Keith-Albee Circuit of Theatres and Executive Manager of the B. F. Keith-Albee Vaudeville Exchange.

William L. DeBost, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, and James Brown, Chairman of the Executive Committee, heading a delegation from that organization, left Jan. 19 for Havana, where they will be guests of President Machado of Cuba for nearly a week. In addition to Mr. DeBost, who is also President of the Union Dime Savings Bank, and Mr. Brown, who is head of the banking firm of Brown Brothers; Jessie Isidor Strauss, President of R. H. Macy & Co., John McHugh, of the Chase National Bank; Howard Ayres, of Cralton & Moffitt; Clarence A. Dudlum, Vice-President of the Home Insurance Company; David T. Warder, of Seiling and Warden; Charles L. Bernheimer, President of the Bear Mills, and Charles T. Gwynne, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber comprise the delegation.

The stockholders of the Interstate Trust Company and the Hamilton National Bank of New York, at special meetings on Jan. 16 approved the proposals submitted to them by their respective boards of directors calling for the consolidation of the two institutions. The merger will go into effect immediately. The consolidated statement of the Interstate Trust Company, which will include the Hamilton National Bank resources, is expected to show total resources of upward of \$50,000,000, aggregating deposits of approximately \$40,000,000 and capital, surplus and undivided profits of over \$7,000,000. Approval of the consolidation will give the enlarged Interstate Trust Company eight banking offices located as follows:

Main office, 59 Liberty Street, N. Y. City; the present main office of the Hamilton National Bank at 130 West 42nd St., which will be known in the future as the Hamilton Office, located in the heart of the rapidly growing Times Square District; The Franklin Office, located at Franklin and Hudson Sts., in the center of the grocery and dry goods district in that section; the Bloomingdale Office, at Lexington Ave. and 60th St.; The University Office, at 110th St. and Broadway; the Bronx Office at 96 East 170th St.; The Washington Heights Office at 181st St. and Wadsworth Ave.; and Queens Village Office, Jamaica Ave. and 217th St.

The entire personnel of the main office of the Hamilton National Bank and the various branches of that institution is taken over by the Interstate Trust Company. Under the terms of the consolidation the Interstate Trust Company will offer in exchange 5½ shares of its capital stock for each six Hamilton units. The proposed consolidation was referred to in our issue of Dec. 24, page 3431. William Lange, Jr., Formerly Assistant Secretary of the Interstate Trust Company has been elected an Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Lange is located at the Franklin Office at Franklin and Hudson Streets.

Henry J. Davenport, President of the Home Title Insurance Company, was elected a director of the Interstate Trust Company, at the annual meeting of stockholders

this week. The following also were elected directors to serve for the coming year:

E. N. Brown, Eugene P. Thomas, DeWitt Millhauser, A. Curtin Fetterolf, John W. Doty, Samuel J. Bloomingdale, Carleton H. Palmer, Ralph Wolf, William V. Griffin, George S. Silzer, James A. Kenny, Herbert C. Lakin, Albert T. Johnston, Arthur P. Smith, William J. Weller, Arthur P. Williams, Frederic A. Williams, Andrew Wilson, George Roberts and Isaac Alpern.

E. Milton Berry, Vice-President of the Interstate Trust Company of New York, left on Jan. 18 by the S. S. San Lorenzo for Porto Rico on business for the bank.

In order to have more time for his activities in connection with the International Chamber of Commerce and other similar organizations of a semi-public nature, Fred I. Kent has asked to be relieved of his duties as Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company of New York. He will, however, remain on its Board of Directors. Mr. Kent came to New York in 1908 to join the official staff of Bankers Trust Company at the invitation of Henry P. Davison. He was largely instrumental in the conception and establishment of the American Bankers Association Travelers Cheque, more familiarly known today as the A. B. A. Cheque. His success in this field is best demonstrated by the fact that during the first year 12,000 individuals purchased the check and during 1927 it was purchased by no less than 487,000 travelers. Mr. Kent was in Germany at the outbreak of the war and rendered unique service to thousands of American travelers stranded in Europe and England by creating machinery which enabled them to convert their travel funds into currency. After the United States entered the war Mr. Kent was chosen Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank and Director of its Foreign Exchange Department, in which latter capacity he served until the Armistice. In recognition of his services to foreign governments, Mr. Kent has been made an Officer of the Legion of Honor and has received the highest decorations from Italy and Belgium.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New York Trust Company on Jan. 18, John Murray Mitchell, formerly Assistant Vice-President, and Louis Stewart, Jr., were elected Vice-Presidents of the Company. Mr. Mitchell joined the New York Trust Company on Jan. 1, 1919, and on Jan. 1, 1923, became Assistant Treasurer with duties at the 40th Street Office. He returned to the main office at 100 Broadway the first part of 1926 as Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Stewart has just joined the staff of the New York Trust Company and will assume active duty at the 40th Street and Madison Avenue Office, in which district his previous business connections have always been.

The Bank of United States, following its directors meeting announces that its capital increase from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 has been completed. The increase is now in effect and gives the institution capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$13,261,041. The additional stock, as stated in our issue of (Dec. 17, page 3299) was authorized by the stockholders on Dec. 15. As of Jan. 17, 1928, the latest official statement of the Company showed total resources of \$110,884,133 against \$95,719,819 on Dec. 31, 1926. Deposits increased from \$83,926,727 on Dec. 31, 1926, to \$95,176,057 on Jan. 17, 1928, a gain of \$11,249,330. B. K. Marcus, President, announces the addition of Eugene B. Kline to the Board of Directors. Mr. Kline is President of a chain of department stores known as Kline's Inc. The bank's board of directors now number fifteen, all other directors having been re-elected. All officers also were re-elected and in addition Mr. Marcus announced the following promotions: Geo. Pankin and Philip Schiffman were promoted from Assistant Vice-Presidents to Vice-Presidents; W. W. Veazie, in charge of the Bond Department, was elected Assistant Vice-President; Charles Hamburger, M. J. Meyers, and Max Silverstein were promoted to Assistant Vice-President, and Richard K. Buechler and Chas. Seiken were elected Assistant Cashiers. In addition to its main office at Fifth Ave. and 32nd Street, the bank now has six branches in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn.

At the first annual meeting of the shareholders of the International Germanic Trust Company on Jan. 17, all directors were re-elected with the exception of James Bruce, who has become Vice-President of another financial institution, and David H. Knott, who were succeeded by

George W. Carpenter, of Jesup & Lamont, and Fred C. Pritzlaff, of Milwaukee. Prevost Boyce, of Stein Bros. & Boyce, of Baltimore, was also added to the Board. The President, Julian M. Gerard, stated that the first three months of operation of the new trust company just completed were satisfactory and that the net earnings have been in excess of \$10,000 per month. The trust company has nearly eleven hundred shareholders and outside of the directors' holdings no individual or corporation ownership has at any time amounted to as much as 250 shares. Special stockholders meetings will be held on Jan. 25 to act upon the merger agreement approved by the directors of both trust companies for merging the Terminal Trust Company into International Germanic Trust Company. The merger agreement provides for the exchange of International Germanic Trust Company stock for shares of Terminal Trust Company stock, over two-thirds of which was acquired in December by interests connected with the International Germanic companies.

So far as the operation of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., is concerned, the year just ended was a highly satisfactory one, according to F. Abbot Goodhue, President. The statement of the bank presented at the annual meeting Jan. 18 showed a substantial growth in the volume of acceptances outstanding, the total reaching the record figure of \$65,785,598 as of December 31. Total resources as of December 31, 1927, also established a new high record, aggregating \$130,591,971. Mr. Goodhue also announced the change in name of the International Acceptance Security & Trust Company, an affiliated organization, to the International Acceptance Trust Company. During 1927, the second year of its operation, the Trust company has shown a steady development, having added \$137,000 to undivided profits during the year. The American & Continental Corporation, another affiliated organization, has completed its third year of operation. This company increased its surplus from \$720,000 as of Dec. 30, 1926 to \$1,300,000 at the end of last year. The directors of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., were re-elected and the following changes were announced in the official staff of the bank: R. W. Proctor was elected Treasurer and R. T. Giblin was elected Manager of the Commercial Credit Department. Several changes also were made in personnel of the International Acceptance Trust Company: G. B. Blaine was elected Vice-President and R. J. Keenan was elected Secretary. The annual of Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., is referred to elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper.

Arthur D. Wolf, Vice-President and Director of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Company of this city died on Jan. 13 in Mount Sinai Hospital. Mr. Wolf was sixty-five years of age. In 1914 he was made a Vice-President of the Union Exchange Bank and when the bank was consolidated with the Chatham Phenix he remained a Vice-President and was made a director. Mr. Wolf was also a member of Governor Smith's advisory commission on the cloak and suit industry and was President of the City Safe Deposit Company.

A. M. Turell a director of the bank for the past two years and J. B. Postal, Vice-President and Cashier, were elected Vice-Presidents of the Central National Bank of this city, at the banks annual meeting. G. A. Gehrken, Assistant Cashier was elected Cashier to succeed Mr. Postal and O. W. Cooke, M. E. Anglim, A. Emke and S. W. Sandberg were appointed Assistant Cashier. H. W. Schreder was appointed Manager of the Foreign Department.

Eugene M. Stevens, President of the Illinois Merchant Trust Company of Chicago, Eugene W. Stetson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company, and Joseph R. Swan, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York and President of the Guaranty Company, were elected Directors of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York at the annual meeting of its stockholders on Jan. 18.

Burnett Walker and Harold F. Greene were appointed Vice-Presidents of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York on Jan. 19. They are also Vice-Presidents of the Guaranty Company of New York, subsidiary of the Guaranty Trust Company, having held that position in the Guaranty Company since its organization in 1920.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, Jan. 12, 1928, Alfred J. O'Keeffe, Jr., formerly Assistant Trust Officer, was appointed a Vice-President and Trust Officer. Mr. O'Keeffe has been connected with the Bank for over twenty-five years.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of The Equitable Trust Company of New York on Jan. 17, Richard B. W. Hall was appointed an Assistant Treasurer of the Company. Mr. Hall joins the official staff of The Equitable's Uptown Office at Madison Avenue and 45th Street.

The Central Mercantile Bank and Trust Company of this city, announces the election to its board of the following new directors: Frederick G. Hobbs, President of Slawson & Hobbs; Paul Mazur, a member of the banking firm of Lehman Brothers, and Arthur W. Little, Chairman of the board of J. J. Little & Ives Co.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 17 of Murray Hill Trust Company of New York, Robert Law, Jr., was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors in place of W. I. Lincoln Adams, resigned. Mr. Law for many years was Chairman and President of Barnsdall Corporation and is actively identified with many large business and philanthropic entities. The directors whose terms expired were re-elected, and to fill vacancies in the Board, the following were elected: A Pierre de Malglaive, President of the French Chamber of Commerce and General Representative of the French Line in the U. S. and Canada, Rodney Hitt of Hitt, Farwell & Co., New York Investment Bankers, and Harry O. King, President of Magazine Repeating Razor Company and Vice-President and General Manager of The Bassick Co. O. W. Birkhead, President, R. W. Brixby and H. B. Thorne, Vice-President of the Murray Hill Trust, were re-elected and Joseph Clark Baldwin, 3rd, was elected Assistant Vice-President. Total resources of the Murray Hill Trust Company, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1927, stand at \$9,329,383, as compared to \$5,525,349 reported on the last business day of 1926, a gain of 68.8%. The item of undivided profits appears as \$99,338, compared with \$24,155 shown at the end of the preceding calendar year. This item does not include earnings of Murray Hill Allied Corporation, a subsidiary.

Martin D. Ryan, Manager of Credit Department of the Harriman National Bank of New York, was on Jan. 17 appointed Assistant Cashier.

Joseph H. Cohen was elected President of the Pennsylvania Exchange Bank of this city on Jan. 16 to succeed William F. Fitzsimmons. The official staff of the bank is made up of the following: Joseph H. Cohen, President; Abraham Cohen and Milton Collier, Vice-Presidents; Arthur F. Kaufhold, Cashier and May F. Kivlon, Assistant Cashier.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the County Trust Company of New York on Jan. 18, the following directors were re-elected: John J. Cavanagh, James P. Geagan, William F. Kenny, Herbert H. Lehman and Ralph W. Long. The President, James J. Riordan, reported to the stockholders the progress made by the Company and stated that the deposits had increased in one year over \$7,300,000; deposits as of Jan. 1, 1928, were \$17,445,486.21 as against \$10,125,000 on Jan. 1, 1927 and on Jan. 18, 1928 were \$18,500,000 a further increase of \$1,000,000. The capital, surplus and undivided profits as of Jan. 1, 1928 were \$1,750,418.

John J. Sparler and Roy H. Griffin were elected directors of the Fordham National Bank of this city at its annual meeting held on Jan. 17. The officers of the bank have been re-elected to serve during 1928.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of New York on Jan. 17, the following trustees whose terms expire were re-elected: Frank Bailey, Edward T. Bedford, Charles S. Brown, Clinton D. Burdick, Frederick P. Condit, Ronald H. Macdonald, Frederick W. Rowe, S. Brinckerhoff Thorne, William H. Wheelock.

At the Organization Meeting of the Trustees which followed, the present officers of the Company were re-elected: Clarence H. Kalsey continues as Chairman of the Board and Clinton D. Burdick as President of the Company.

The Directors of the First National Bank of Bellmore, L. I., on Jan. 10, declared a 100% stock dividend and thereby increased the capital of bank from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The dividend is payable to stockholders of record Jan. 10, five days after receipt of approval from Comptroller of the Currency. This approval was received Jan. 16. After the increase the figures will be: Capital \$50,000; Surplus \$25,000; undivided profits \$10,000. Deposits it is stated have increased from \$500,000 to over \$1,000,000 in the last three years.

Harvey C. Halliday and Bert H. White, heretofore Asst. Vice-Presidents of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, Buffalo, were promoted to Vice-Presidents at the annual directors' meeting on Jan. 10, according to the Buffalo "Courier-Express" of Jan. 11. Other changes in the personnel made by the directors were the election of Elmer L. Theobald, Floyd J. Pfleeger and Harold E. Choate, as Asst. Vice-Presidents, and the appointment of Walter Rebenek as Auditor. The stockholders earlier on the same day elected J. H. Hutton a member of the board of directors. Mr. Hutton is a member of the firm of Schoelkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, a well-known Buffalo investment security house.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo on Jan. 10, Arthur P. C. Rodenbach and Albert L. Sanderson were elected Assistant Treasurers, Merrill J. Campbell was made an Assistant Secretary and Frank G. Quinn was appointed sales manager for the bond department, according to the Buffalo "Courier-Express" of Jan. 11. All the other officers were re-elected. George F. Rand is President.

Announcement was made Jan. 13 of the purchase of the First National Bank of Bangor by the Merrill Trust Company of Bangor. The deposits of the First National amounting to some \$7,000,000 will be assumed and provided for by the Merrill Trust Company. The deposits of the latter are about \$14,000,000 at the present time. The combined institutions will be operated under the name of the Merrill Trust Company. The charter of the First National was granted sixty-five years ago in the year 1863, and was the second one issued in Maine, but the bank was the first one in Maine to be operated under the National Bank Act. The Merrill Trust Company was organized as a Trust Company twenty-five years ago in 1903 and since that time has grown from the smallest to the largest in Maine. Henry W. Cushman who has been President of the Merrill Trust Company since 1909 will continue in that position, as will the other officers of that bank, with the addition of H. Eugene Collett as a Vice-President. Mr. Collett occupied a similar position in the First National since 1916. In order to provide a stable basis for the financial structure produced by this consolidation the stockholders of the Merrill Trust Company will be asked to authorize an increase of the capital stock to \$1,000,000 and the surplus account to \$800,000. It will thus become the first and only bank in Maine with capital stock of \$1,000,000.

Effective at the close of business Dec. 31, the City National Bank of Holyoke, capitalized at \$500,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution has been absorbed by the Hadley Falls Trust Co. of Holyoke.

J. Whitney Bowen, Treasurer of the Flint Mills of Fall River, Mass., was added to the Board of Directors of the Second National Bank of Boston at the annual meeting of the shareholders on Jan. 11 and the old directors were re-elected, according to the Boston "Transcript" of that date. No changes in the officers were made in the personnel of the institution at the annual meeting of the directors which followed.

At the annual meeting of the Hampshire County Trust Co., Northampton, Mass., held on Jan. 10, Winthrop Earle Caldwell of the Florence Casket Co., Florence, Mass., was elected a new director and all the old directors were re-elected.

Michael Hollander was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Guardian Trust Company of New Jersey, at the organization meeting of the Board held this week. The following officers also were re-elected for the ensuing year: Clarence G. Appleton, President; Grover C. Trumbull, James Rattray and William B. Hard-

ing, Vice-President; Albert L. Earle, Secretary and Treasurer; William E. Ford, Assistant Vice President; Ralph S. McDonald, Trust Officer and James G. Newbury, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The following promotions also were announced: William E. Nieman and Clifford A. Rothfuss, both named to the office of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Joseph F. Steele, Manager Foreign Department.

The Commercial Trust Company of Jersey City at its annual meeting elected the following directors: Gustave H. Koven, Common Pleas Judge Robert V. Kinkead, Former Circuit Court Judge William H. Speer and Former Common Pleas Judge G. Tennant. The new directors succeed Thomas C. Kinkead, Col. Williard C. Fisk and William B. Jenkins, all deceased and Albert I. Drayton, retired. The stockholders of the Company on Dec. 16 approved plans to increase the capital of the institution from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and to change the par value of the capital stock of the Company from \$100 per share to \$25 per share. The increase in capital became effective on Jan. 12. The stockholders were given the rights to subscribe to the 40,000 shares of capital stock of the par value of \$25 in their respective proportionate interests, at \$100 per share, the stockholders to have the right to subscribe and pay for two shares of the par value of \$25 each for each share of the present outstanding capital stock of this Company of the par value of \$100 per share. The capital is now \$3,000,000, surplus \$5,500,000 and undivided profits \$665,214, or a total of \$9,165,215. An item regarding the plans appeared in these columns Dec. 3, page 3014.

Harry W. O'Dowd, Vice-President of the Standard Gas & Equipment Co. of Baltimore, has been elected a director of the Greenville Banking & Trust Co. of Jersey City, N. J.

William Frey, Vice-President of the Clinton Trust Company of Newark, N. J., was elected President of the institution at the bank's annual meeting to succeed Charles Koos who was made Chairman of the Board. Mr. Frey was one of the organizers of the bank and had been Vice-President for eighteen years.

At meetings of the directors of the West Side Trust Company, the South Side National Bank and Trust Company and the Peoples National Bank of Newark, N. J., on Jan. 17, Ray E. Mayham was elected President of each of the three banks to succeed the late Meyer Kussy, who died on Jan. 5. Mr. Mayham had been Vice-President of the three banks, having become identified with the West Side Trust Co. in 1920, with the South Side National Bank and Trust Co. when it was organized in 1925, and with the Peoples National Bank when it was organized in 1926. He is a native of New Jersey, and began his banking career in New York City and later was an officer of a trust company in Jersey City; in 1912 he became a New Jersey State Bank Examiner, continuing as such, except during the World War, when he served as an officer of the United States Army, until 1920, when he resigned to become connected with the West Side Trust Co., one of the banks of which he has now been elected President.

Edward A. Kuhlman was elected a Vice-President of the Merchants and Manufacturers Trust Company of Union City, N. J., at the Company's annual meeting.

The Steneck Trust Company of Hoboken, N. J., on Jan. 17, increased its capital from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. It was increased from \$750,000 to \$800,000 through the sale of additional stock at 100. Then a 25% stock dividend was declared on the \$800,000. Both proposals were authorized by the stockholders on Nov. 29, 1927.

Kenneth R. Shand, Executive Vice-President of the Essex Title Guaranty & Trust Company of Montclair, N. J., was on Jan. 13 elected President to succeed J. H. Connor, who asked to be relieved of the responsibilities. Mr. Shand has been with the company since 1909 and has held offices of First Assistant Secretary, Office Manager, Treasurer and Vice-President.

Charles C. Huitt was elected President of the Ampere Bank of East Orange, N. J., on January 12 to succeed Frank C. Ferguson who became Chairman of the Board. On the same date Howard M. Bradley, Cashier, was elected Vice-President and Cashier.

Charles M. Ashton, Norman T. Hayes and Francis J. Rue have been elected Vice-Presidents of the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank of Philadelphia. They were previously Assistant Vice-Presidents.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 18, Frank P. Benjamin, former District Attorney of Scranton and well known in financial circles in that city, was elected President of the Scranton-Lackawanna Trust Co. of Scranton, on Jan. 17 to succeed former Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, L. Watres, who was made Chairman of the Board. Mr. Watres had been President of the institution since its organization (as the Scranton Trust Co.) in 1905.

The directors of the Second National Bank of Allegheny, Pittsburgh, Pa., at their recent organization meeting, elected W. L. Guckert, heretofore a Vice-President of the institution, President, to take the place of J. N. Davidson, who retired, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 18. George E. Meyer was elected a Vice-President. Both Mr. Guckert and Mr. Meyer, it was stated, are directors of the Dollar Savings Bank. All the other officers of the Second National Bank were re-elected.

A. J. Hazlett, President of the Eastern Rolling Mill Co., was elected a director of the Union Trust Co. of Baltimore at the annual meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 10, succeeding the late J. M. Jones, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of that date. The stockholders also ratified the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$1,150,000 to \$1,500,000 (noted in these columns in our issue of Jan. 7) by the issuance of 7,000 additional shares of stock (par value \$50 a share). As a result of this action, it was stated, stockholders of record Jan. 26 will have the right to subscribe to 20% of their holdings at \$250 a share. It was furthermore stated that the directors at their meeting declared an extra dividend of 2%, or 50 cents a share, in addition to the regular dividend of 4%, or \$2 a share on the \$50-par stock. The dividends are payable to stockholders of record Jan. 15, it was said.

All the old directors of the Merchants' National Bank of Indianapolis were re-elected at the annual stockholders' meeting on Jan. 10, and at the annual directors' meeting which followed. J. P. Frenzel Jr., heretofore Vice-President and Cashier, was elected Vice-President only, and Otto Frenzel Jr. was promoted from an Assistant Cashier to Cashier, according to the Indianapolis "News" of the same date (Jan. 10).

Increasing its staff of officers to care for anticipated growth of business, The First Trust & Savings Bank, of Akron, Ohio, reported a prosperous year at the annual meeting of stockholders on Jan. 11. One director and four new officers were named. Deposits increased \$1,800,000, it was reported and corresponding growth was reported in every department of the bank. Stockholders re-elected all directors and added Thomas F. O'Neil to the board. The directors re-elected all officers to their former positions, with the exception of R. C. Parish, who was promoted from Auditor to Assistant Trust Officer. The four new officers added to the regular staff are B. M. Rockwell and W. J. Ederer, Assistant Treasurers; W. H. Simmons, Auditor, and F. W. Hamrick, Assistant Secretary.

The Guardian Trust Company of Cleveland, increased the membership of its Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the stockholders Jan. 16. The five new directors elected are: C. W. Brand, President, The Widlar Co.; G. B. Durell, President, American Fork & Hoe Co.; Proctor Patterson, President, The W. T. Tyler Co.; H. B. Stewart, President, The Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad; Geo. J. Whelan, President and General Manager, Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co. All other directors were re-elected. R. R. Emmick, Assistant Trust Officer, was promoted to Assistant Secretary and all other officers of the bank were re-elected at the directors' meeting Jan. 17. Following the meeting the directors made a tour of inspection of the entire bank. Many alterations and improvements have taken place in the past six months, including an additional security vault, two new elevators, the latest pneumatic tube system and a new signal system. The bank now occupies four floors of the Guardian building and part of the fifth, and has increased its floor space by 30,000 square feet.

E. F. Carter, President of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., was elected a director of The Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, at the annual stockholders meeting on Jan. 11. Mr. Carter, who has had a long and very successful career as a public utilities executive in the Bell Telephone Companies in the southwestern part of the United States, went to Cleveland from St. Louis about a year ago to assume the Presidency of the Bell Telephone Co. in Ohio, including Cleveland the Company's headquarters. At the annual meeting of directors and stockholders held the same day the following changes were made in the personnel of the company: R. S. Crawford, formerly Secretary and Treasurer, was made Vice-President and Secretary; P. T. Harold and C. W. Carlson, heretofore Assistant Vice-Presidents, were promoted to Vice-Presidents; C. B. Anderson, formerly an Assistant Vice-President, was advanced to Treasurer, and R. L. William and C. F. Heil, formerly Assistant Treasurers, were made Assistant Vice-Presidents. In addition the following new Assistant Treasurers were elected: S. R. James, W. A. Pfeiffer, A. F. Reed and A. R. Boethelt, and L. A. Cordrey, F. A. Cheadle and G. T. Stout were appointed Assistant Credit Managers.

The following promotions were made by the directors of the First National Bank of Cincinnati at their annual meeting on Jan. 10, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of the next day: Percy E. Kline, formerly Cashier, was advanced to a Vice-President; A. R. Luthy, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, was made Cashier, and Charles W. Finch was elected an Assistant Cashier. Mr. Kline had held the Cashiership of the institution for about ten years, it was stated.

At the annual meeting of the Community Bank of Lakewood, Ohio, held on Jan. 11, 1928, all old Directors were elected and one new one added in the person of Luther B. Watson, President of the Motoreria Company. During the years past, the bank added to its Board Joseph M. Daugherty, Mayor of Fairview Village; W. J. Theuer, Manager and Treasurer of the Suburban News & Herald; John Schurman, President of the York-Ohio Ice Machine Company, and Abner H. Goldman, attorney and member of the Cleveland City Council. D. J. Kilby of the Kilby Manufacturing Company, is President, and Fred W. Staffeld, Vice-President and Secretary. Wallace J. Bonner, Lakewood Health Officer, Edward F. Simon, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ohio Machine & Boiler Company, and M. C. Ripple, formerly President of the Elliott Electric Company, are Vice-Presidents. Resolutions were passed to increase the capital stock of the bank to \$175,000, making available for subscription \$50,000 in new stock to be sold at \$120 per share. The original stock of the bank was paid for at the rate of \$120 per share and the stockholders voted to make the increase at the same figure. Trust and Fiduciary Powers are to be added to the bank's facilities, the name of the bank now becoming The Community Trust Company. Mr. Staffeld, Vice-President, reports an excellent year. Deposits and resources increased approximately \$500,000 for the year. The bank now occupies its new bank building at Cranford Avenue and Detroit Avenue.

According to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 11, a special meeting of the stockholders of the American State Bank of that city will be held on Jan. 27 to vote on the proposed merger of the institution with the Griswold-First State Bank, noted in our issue of Dec. 31, last, page 2590. Action by the Griswold shareholders will also be taken later in the month, it is understood. At the annual meeting of the directors of the Griswold-First State Bank on Jan. 10, H. R. Wilkin, heretofore Assistant Cashier and supervisor of branches of the institution, was elected Cashier. All the other officers were re-elected.

Stockholders of the First National Bank of Detroit and the Central Savings Bank, Detroit, (institutions which have been under the same ownership but operating under separate charters since 1919) at their annual meeting on Jan. 10 ratified the proposed consolidation of the institutions referred to in our issue of Dec. 31, page 2580, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 11. The consolidation, it was stated, will give the First National Bank a capital of \$7,500,000, surplus of \$9,500,000 and undivided profits of \$2,436,203. No changes were made in the directors of the banks at the meeting and the directors at their

meeting which followed re-elected the old officers of the respective institutions.

Announcement was made in Detroit on Jan. 15 that a plan of unified stock ownership of the Union Trust Co. and the National Bank of Commerce, both of that city, had been recommended to the respective stockholders of the institution by their directors, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of the following day. A joint statement issued by Frank W. Blair, President of the Union Trust Co., and Charles B. Warren, director and counsel of the National Bank of Commerce, states that an exchange of stock on a share for share basis is provided for in the agreement submitted to the stockholders. The combined capital of the two banks is \$5,000,000, surplus \$5,500,000 and undivided profits over \$1,300,000. Total resources aggregate more than \$100,000,000. The joint statement referred to, as printed in the Detroit paper, is as follows:

"The Board of directors of the Union Trust company and the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce, by the unanimous vote of the members present at each board meeting have recommended to the stockholders of the two institutions that a plan be put into effect by the action of the individual shareholders of the two corporations for a unified ownership by the same stockholders of the two companies.

"Frank W. Blair and Joel H. Prescott, representing the Union Trust company, and Richard P. Joy and Charles B. Warren, representing the National Bank of Commerce, are by the terms of the agreement appointed trustees to carry into effect the exchange of stock in order to bring about the unified ownership of the same stockholders. The exchange of stock will be on the basis of share for share in each company.

"The Union Trust Company will maintain its corporate charter and identity. The National Bank of Commerce will maintain its national charter and corporate identity. When the plan is put into operation the National Bank of Commerce will sell its present office building on Fort Street and will move into the banking quarters in the new Union Trust building which is under construction, covering the block bounded by Griswold, Congress and Larned Streets. The Union Trust Company will occupy the trust company quarters in the new building."

John Endicott, President of the Merchants' National Bank of Detroit for the past four years, resigned at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 10 in order to devote more time to his personal interests, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 11. Mr. Endicott continues with the institution as a director and in an advisory capacity. John Ballantype, who has been acting as Chairman of the Board, resumed the office of President in lieu of Mr. Endicott. Charles K. Bartow, Vice-President and Cashier of the bank, retired as Cashier and was succeeded by R. F. Miller. At the annual meeting of the stockholders, which preceded the directors' meeting, Benjamin G. Vernor, a Vice-President of the bank, was elected a director.

Several errors having crept into our item of a week ago (page 207) regarding the changes which occurred at the annual meeting of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago (not Illinois Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, as the title was erroneously given), we are giving herewith the correct news items issued by the company.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Illinois Merchants Trust Company to-day (Jan. 5), Alexander Legge, President of the International Harvester Company, Fred. W. Sargent, President of the Chicago & North Western Railway Company, and H. G. P. Deans, Vice-President of the bank and in charge of its foreign banking business, were added to the Board of Directors.

The following directors were re-elected: Henry A. Blair, Chauncey B. Borland, Clarence A. Burley, Edward B. Butler, Robert W. Campbell, Henry P. Crowell, Marshall Field, Stanley Field, Frederick T. Haskell, Hale Holden, Marvin Hughitt, Chauncey Keep, Charles H. Markham, Cyrus H. McCormick, William H. Mitchell, Charles W. Nash, John S. Runnells, Edward L. Ryerson, Martin A. Ryerson, Charles H. Schweppe, J. Harry Selz, James P. Soper, Albert A. Sprague, Eugene M. Stevens, Edward F. Swift, Robert J. Thorne, Charles H. Wacker.

Changes made in the official personnel of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., at the annual election (Jan. 6) were as follows:

T. J. Bryce, Manager of the bond department was elected Vice-President, J. S. Loomis was made an Assistant Manager of the bond department, and J. F. Verhelle was made Comptroller.

All other officers of the bank were re-elected with the exception of George F. Jewett, who retired as Assistant Secretary.

Last week (pages 206 and 207) we indicated some of the changes which occurred among the Chicago banks at the annual meetings. Below we show the changes made among Chicago's outlying banks at the annual elections.

Aetna State Bank—George T. Jengel was added to the board. W. E. Ericson was made Assistant Cashier. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Albany Park National Bank—George C. Lowe and W. H. Odum were elected directors, increasing directorate to nine members. E. C. Nagel was elected Vice-President and Secretary of the board.

Armitage State Bank—A. C. Bayna was elected a director to succeed J. K. Edlin. Edward A. Mayer and Olus Hanson were added to the board. Other directors were re-elected. Mr. Meyer and F. J. Senge were elected Vice-Presidents, one succeeding Mr. Edlin and the other filling a Vice-Presidency which has just been created. Erwin

Larson was elected Assistant Cashier. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Ashland State Bank—Directors and officers were re-elected with the exception of Henry N. Wisniewski, Assistant Cashier, resigned.

Atlas Exchange National Bank—Directors were re-elected and will meet Jan. 28 to elect officers.

Austin National Bank—Directorate reduced to sixteen members from seventeen, F. A. Thullin resigning. Other directors and officers re-elected.

Broadway Trust & Savings Bank—Directors were re-elected as were all officers except Haydn Miller, Assistant Cashier.

Bryn Mawr State Bank—Edward B. Mallers, J. D. McCarthy, and Arthur J. Lindheimer were elected to the board to succeed A. Miller, Allen Whitney and Albert Pick, resigned. Other retiring directors were re-elected. D. E. Rowe was appointed Vice-President and Cashier. Other retiring officers re-elected.

Builders & Merchants State Bank—Reduced number of directors by three. Martha S. Hall, John A. Lundstrom and William Patterson are no longer members of the board.

Capital State Bank—Ralph L. Peck was elected Chairman of the Board and Harry E. Kolber named to replace Kurt Peich. Other directors and officers were re-elected with the exception of the addition of R. Ostengaard, H. A. Arnold and E. P. Wallenius as Assistant Cashiers.

Cheltenham Trust & Savings Bank—William M. Antonisen was elected President of the bank to succeed Roy P. Roberts, resigned. All other officers re-elected.

Chicago City Bank & Trust Co.—Paul S. Paulson was added to the board. All other officers and directors re-elected.

Chicago Lawn State Bank—Officers and directors re-elected. C. A. Rattay was made Assistant Cashier.

Citizens State Bank—Directors and officers re-elected with the addition of Henry F. Hawkins as Second Vice-President and Trust Officer and F. M. Spohr as Second Vice-President.

Cosmopolitan State Bank—Dr. Antonio Lagorio was elected a director to succeed Henry Schoellkopf, resigned. Other directors and officers re-elected. The bank transferred \$125,000 from undivided profits to surplus, leaving that account \$500,000.

Crawford State Savings Bank—A. L. Rosenthal, M. Brisch and George Podd were added to the directorate. With the exception of P. S. Keating, all officers and directors re-elected.

Depositors State Bank—Frank M. Sandera was elected to the board. Other directors and officers re-elected.

Division State Bank—Clemens K. Shapiro, Assistant Cashier, was promoted to Vice-President. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Drovers National Bank—Officers and directors re-elected. Surplus was increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000, leaving undivided profits and reserves \$346,543.

Edgewater Trust & Savings Bank—R. O. Byerrum, Fred G. Heuchling and Walter G. Raymer were added to the directorate with S. M. Dague and A. L. Busse resigning. Emil W. Schellenberger was made Assistant Cashier. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank—John T. Benz, Vice-President, was elected a director and other directors and officers were re-elected.

Franklin Trust & Savings Bank—Irving J. Rich was elected a director and other directors and officers re-elected.

Fullerton State Bank—Announce the formation of Fullerton Securities Co. A special 10% dividend was approved to be applied on the capital stock of the new company which will be owned and controlled by the bank for the benefit of the stockholders. It will have a capital stock of \$25,000. Directors and officers were re-elected.

Edison Park State Savings Bank—Ning Eley, a director, was elected President to succeed O. A. Christianson who had resigned. Other officers were re-elected. M. Schiessle, Walter J. Raymer, and Van A. Wirt were elected to the board. George A. Brannan, O. A. Christianson, J. W. Wirt, Adam H. Weiss, Stanley McNeil and E. Z. Zuehls were dropped from the board. Other directors re-elected.

Garfield State Bank—Retiring directors re-elected. Officers are to be announced later. Stockholders ratified the proposal to increase capital stock from \$500,000 to \$600,000 by the issuance of 1,000 shares to be offered to Stockholders Feb. 1 at \$175 a share; \$100,000 of the proceeds will be transferred to the capital account and \$75,000 to surplus which will then amount to \$225,000. The undivided profit account will be approximately \$155,000.

Guardian National Bank—Andrew T. Murphy was elected to the board of directors making them number 15. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Guarantee Trust & Savings Bank—Edward P. Mueller was added to the directorate and all others re-elected.

Halsted Exchange National Bank—R. Ganz succeeds Thomas Curran as director. Other directors and officers re-elected.

Harbor State Bank—T. J. Lundquist and O. E. Quinton were elected to the board to succeed Peter Foote and Noah Van Cleffe. O. E. Quinton becomes a Vice-President. A. M. Whitmore was made Cashier, and R. E. Evans and G. N. Sheffer Assistant Cashiers.

Howard Ave. Trust & Savings Bank—Officers of the bank were re-elected while William L. Johnson and H. R. Kendall were elected to the board to succeed Jacob Best and John Lebahn.

Illinois State Bank—Directors re-elected. Will vote on officers Feb. 4.

Independence State Bank—J. A. O'Keefe was added to the board. Leo Kan-S. Kantrow and Albert E. Lapkoff were made Vice-Presidents. William G. Dahl was elected Cashier and E. C. Warner and William Paust were elected Assistant Cashiers. James Burnham was made chief clerk. Other officers were re-elected.

Jackson Park National Bank—Directorate increased to nine members with the addition of Frederick A. Fischel. O. B. Cottle was elected Vice-President, George H. Maywald Cashier and Malcom J. Proper Assistant Cashier.

Jefferson Park Trust & Savings Bank—Otto Gorski and Lester B. Cook elected to the board to succeed L. H. Prylyski and J. J. Vonish. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Kenwood National Bank—Board of Directors reduced to five members with the resignation of Emil C. Wetten. Others re-elected.

Lakeview State Bank—William H. Hickey was made director and Vice-President; O. D. Granstrand Cashier; D. M. Rides and Edward F. McCabe Assistant Cashiers; and C. G. McCabe Assistant Secretary.

Lawrence Ave. National Bank—Adolph Bame resigned as director and no successor was named. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Liberty Trust & Savings Bank—William J. Dooley, Vice-President, elected to succeed Thornhill Broome as director. Samuel E. Hirsch was elected a director. Officers re-elected.

Lincoln State Bank of Chicago—Frederick J. Seldin and Louis Ander-

son were elected additional directors. John C. Hammand was elected a director to succeed his father, the late Oliver C. Hammond. Other directors and officers re-elected.

Madison & Kedzie State Bank—Ira Krupnick was elected a director to succeed Walter Graham. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Madison Square State Bank—Fred W. George was elected a Vice-President. Henry A. Sellen and Henry D. Cheney were elected directors, succeeding R. C. Weiboldt and C. E. Stimming. Other directors and officers re-elected.

Marquette Park State Bank—Directors and officers were re-elected. W. L. Stoetzel, Trust Officer, was made Assistant Cashier.

Market Traders State Bank—John Baumgarth was elected a director to succeed Joseph White. Other directors and officers re-elected.

Midway State Bank—Albert B. Fulton, Frank J. Heitman, Osborne E. Quinton and Edward R. Tyler resigned from the board and Charles F. Axelson, Joseph B. Hall, William P. Hemphill, George R. Katzman, Rollo K. Packard and Eric P. Stranberg, Jr., were added. James O. McKinsey was made Chairman of the Board. Percy E. Wagner was elected Vice-President.

North Avenue State Bank—A 20% stock dividend was voted by the directors after the stockholders had approved an increase in capital stock from \$500,000 to \$600,000. Officers and directors were re-elected.

North Austin Trust & Savings Bank—All directors were re-elected. Also officers, excepting H. H. Hulseberg, Assistant Cashier, resigned.

Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank—Directors re-elected. William H. Schmidt was made Executive Vice-President. John N. Budzban was elected Cashier. The bank also announced that the capital stock of the Northwestern Securities Co., amounting to \$250,000 with a surplus of \$75,000, was trustee for the benefit of the stockholders at the annual meeting. A net operating capital of \$30.20 a share on the capital as increased, was shown for the year.

Old Colony State Bank—Directors increased to twelve with the addition of Frederick D. Montgomery and Richard F. McCarthy to the board. Retiring directors re-elected.

Papenek-Kovac State Bank—Joseph Ringl was added to the directorate. Officers were not acted upon.

Peoples Stock Yards State Bank—Charles Krutckoff, Claude S. Beall, Eli Swanson and Elmer Mower were added to the directorate.

Pinkert State Bank—Otto Kerner and Walter Exkert were elected directors and Charles J. Berenak was made Assistant Cashier.

Prudential State Savings Bank—Directors re-elected. Kaspar Schmidt was promoted to Vice-President and other officers re-elected.

Public State Bank—Bernard Ruckberg and A. J. Pringman were added to the directorate. N. S. Kahn resigned as Assistant Cashier. No other changes.

Prairie State Bank—H. R. Dow, Vice-President was elected President to succeed Ernest B. Tomlinson, resigned. William G. Nyman succeeded Mr. Tomlinson as a director and Thomas A. Jackson was elected Vice-President to succeed Mr. Dow. Other officers and all directors were re-elected.

Pioneer Trust & Savings Bank—Norton F. Norton was elected a director to succeed William J. Sievert, resigned. Officers re-elected.

Reliance State Bank—R. C. Fenner and William Cameron were elected directors. H. S. Clark was elected Vice-President.

Rogers Park National Bank—R. C. Clark, Vice-President, was added to the board of directors. H. O. Haaker, Assistant Cashier, resigned. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Roseland State Savings—A. J. Forschner was elected a director. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Roseland National Bank—Charles Riddel was promoted from Cashier to Vice-President and Arthur J. Zimmerman was made Cashier. V. S. Dlatke was made Assistant Cashier and other officers and directors were re-elected.

Second Security Bank—Edward Lemke was made Cashier and Elmer Asherman and Bert F. Gunerlack were made Assistant Cashiers.

Security Bank—Arnold Christianson, Joseph H. McNabb and Martin Hanson were added to the directorate. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank—Howard S. Hane was made Assistant Cashier and other officers and directors were re-elected.

Sherman State Bank—S. I. Witnanski and Jame P. Boyle were added to the directorate. W. G. Pokorny, Cashier, was also made Vice-President. Other officers and directors re-elected.

Sixty-Third & Halsted State Savings Bank—Directors were re-elected. Walter H. Dehning was made Assistant Cashier.

South Shore State Bank—Addition of Charles E. Fox to the board of directors was the only change in official personnel.

Southwest Trust & Savings Bank—Thomas D. Healy was elected a director succeeding Leonard J. Reid. Other directors were re-elected. C. B. Litsinger was elected to the newly created position of Assistant Secretary. Officers were re-elected and Thomas J. Healy, President, was elected Trust Officer.

State Bank of Beverly Hills—Ben Franklin Meyer and William S. Melican were elected directors and Gerald Priensberg Assistant Cashier.

Stock Yards National Bank—T. W. Evans was added to the directorate. Retiring directors were re-elected. With the exception of A. W. Axtell, Assistant Cashier, who resigned, the retiring officers were re-elected.

Transportation Bank of Chicago—Newton Jenkins and Nelson K. Reese were made Vice Presidents to succeed O. J. Taylor and W. F. Donohue, resigned. Nelson K. Reese, Edward P. Kelly, G. S. Watson, Hope Thompson and William Flood were elected directors.

Union Bank of Chicago—William Cameron was added to the board. Harry B. Ahrensfield was elected Vice-President, Clarence H. Hallquist Assistant Cashier and John N. Toeveiler Assistant Secretary and Assistant Trust Officer.

West Englewood Trust & Savings Bank—Directors re-elected. Edward C. Barry resigned as Cashier but will continue as Vice-President. W. Merle Fisher was promoted from Assistant Cashier to Cashier.

West Irving State Bank—Albert J. Schorsch, President, continues in that position and becomes Chairman of the Board to succeed John A. Schmidt, who remains on the board. Others re-elected.

West Side Trust & Savings—M. V. Mervis, Charl F. Jernberg and H. S. Pfaum were made directors.

City State Bank—A. L. Jarema and Frank A. Bergen were elected to the board to succeed Guy L. Bush and George E. Patterson.

All directors of the First Wisconsin institutions, Milwaukee, were re-elected at the annual stockholders' meeting held Jan. 10 and the following new directors added:

George C. Dreher, a Vice-President of the First Wisconsin National Bank; Harry S. Johnston, President of the Robert A. Johnston Co.; Walter J. Kohler, President of the Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis.; John LeFeber, President of the Gridley Dairy Co.; George B. Luhman, President of the First Wisconsin Trust Co.; H. H. Seaman, President of the Seaman Body Corporation; L. R. Smith, President of A. O. Smith Corporation and J. T. Wilson, Vice-President of the Nash Motors Co., Kenosha, Wis.

At the annual organization meeting of the directors of the institutions held on Jan. 12, changes were made in the personnel of the First Wisconsin National Bank as follows: George E. Fleischmann was promoted from an Assistant Vice-President to a Vice-President; E. R. Ormsby, Frederick Wergin, and George T. Campbell were advanced from Assistant Cashiers to Assistant Vice-Presidents; S. R. Quaden was promoted from Auditor to Comptroller, E. A. Bacon, N. Rendenbach and Philip P. Edwards were appointed Vice-Presidents, and Clarence Becker, was appointed an Assistant Cashier. All the other officers of the First Wisconsin National Bank were re-elected, namely: Walter Kasten, President; Robert W. Baird, August W. Bogk, F. K. McPherson, George C. Dreher, William K. Adams, A. V. D. Clarkson and Henry Kloes, Vice-Presidents; A. G. Casper, Cashier; R. E. Wright, an Assistant Vice-President; Oscar Kasten, L. K. Houghton and E. V. Kaiser, Assistant Cashiers; William C. Haas, Manager of the Foreign Department; William Zimmer, Assistant Manager of the Foreign Department, and Herman Graf, Manager of Savings Department.

Changes made in the officials of the First Wisconsin Trust Co. were: George B. Luhman, formerly Vice-President and Trust Officer, elected President, and Elwyn Evansg formerly with Miller, Mack & Fairchild, appointed Assistant Trust Officer. The other officers of this company were re-elected as follows: Walter Kasten, Chairman of the Board; Charles M. Morris, Robert W. Baird and Philip P. Edwards, Vice-Presidents; Wilbur L. Barth, Secretary and Treasurer; Willis C. Otis and Arthur H. Brunkow, Assistant Trust Officers; Robert W. Janssen, George H. Gillies, John W. Campbell and Oliver O. Barth, Assistant Secretaries, and Leon F. Reed and Walter H. Dietz, Assistant Treasurers.

All the officers of the First Wisconsin Co. were re-elected, namely: Walter Kasten, Chairman of the Board; Robert W. Baird, President; Hugh W. Grove and William H. Brand, Vice-Presidents; Milton O. Kaiser, Secretary, Joseph A. Auchter, Treasurer, and William F. Style, Assistant Treasurer.

The combined net profits of the three affiliated First Wisconsin institutions for the year ending Dec. 31, 1927 amounted to \$1,156,251, or 19.27% on the capital stock of the bank. Average total deposits for the year were \$95,006,084 as compared with \$92,592,749 for 1926. Savings deposits increased from \$15,675,817 on Dec. 31, 1926 to \$16,904,924 on Dec. 31, 1927. Dividends of 12% were paid on the capital stock of the bank during the year.

Directors of the Grand and Sixth National Bank of Milwaukee on Jan. 12 promoted N. Rendenbach, formerly Cashier, to a Vice-President and elected A. M. Rebstock, formerly with the First Wisconsin National Bank, Cashier to succeed Mr. Rendenbach. The complete list of officers of this bank is as follows: John LeFeber, President; Jesse A. Smith and N. Rendenbach, Vice-Presidents; A. M. Rebstock, Cashier and Edward Heckl, Assistant Cashier.

All the officers of the Mechanics' National Bank were re-elected by the directors at their annual meeting on Jan. 14. The complete list is as follows: W. R. Franzen, President; Fred Hoffman, Vice-President, and A. H. Lambeck, Cashier.

That the firm of Blair & Co. of this city has now acquired all the shares of the First National Bank of St. Paul held by heirs residing in the East of the late James J. Hill—the controlling interest—for the purpose of redistribution to the bank's stockholders in St. Paul, is revealed in a statement by Louis W. Hill, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank, furnished the "Commercial West" on Dec. 30 and which appeared in the Jan. 7 issue of that paper. Prefacing Mr. Hill's statement, the paper mentioned said:

Negotiations have been completed whereby stock of the First National Bank of St. Paul, held by heirs of the late James J. Hill who reside in

New York, has been purchased by the New York banking house of Blair & Co., for the purpose of redistribution to St. Paul owners of stock. This will return to St. Paul practically all the shares of the bank that have been outstanding in the East and will give positive control to L. W. Hill and other St. Paul owners who have the best interests of the bank and of the Northwest at heart.

When rumors of the purchase of the stock by Blair & Co. were first published in some of the daily papers conjectures were current that control of the bank might pass out of the hands of Louis W. Hill, Chairman of the board and chief owner of the stock, and his associates. These rumors are set at rest by an authorized statement furnished the Commercial West on Friday of last week by Mr. Hill.

#### Mr. Hill's statement in full follows:

"The acquisition of a substantial block of First National Bank stock by Blair & Co. of New York will cause no change in the personnel, management or policy of that bank. On the contrary, the effect will be to place the control in the hands of St. Paul and Northwestern citizens, who will be actively interested in the continued prosperity and development of that institution.

"To more fully explain this, a brief history of the bank is not out of place. The First National Bank was organized in 1853 as a private banking house. A little later the bank was nationalized under Charter No. 203, being one of the first banks nationalized west of Chicago and starting with deposits of about \$245,000, which in 1894 had increased to about \$4,500,000.

"In 1912 all of the stock of the First National Bank was purchased by James J. Hill. The bank at that time had deposits of about \$11,000,000. At the same time Mr. Hill also purchased the Second National Bank and consolidated the two banks, bringing the deposits up to about \$17,000,000. A portion of the stock was sold to citizens of St. Paul who became members of the board. At that time Mr. Cyrus P. Brown became president of the institution, in which position he has continued ever since. During this period the deposits have increased to over \$65,000,000.

"In 1917, in the distribution of the estate of James J. Hill, a large amount of stock went to various heirs who lived in or moved to the East, thus taking to the East a large amount of stock of the First National Bank of St. Paul, and by reason of their residence in the East their interest ceased to be active or of special benefit to the institution. Therefore, for the first time, a substantial holding in the old First National Bank passed out of the hands of residents of St. Paul and nearby vicinity.

"Recently the old private banking house of Blair & Co. of New York, one of the leading banking houses in the East, acquired after a long period of negotiation all of the shares of the Eastern heirs. These negotiations were conducted with a full knowledge of the principal officers and stockholders of the bank and with a full appreciation of the benefits which would accrue to the institution by reason of the opportunity for local distribution and acquisition of the stock.

"It is contemplated that a public offering of this stock will be made shortly after the first of the year, which will have the effect of again bringing back the greater portion of the ownership of the old First National bank to the community in which it has been owned and held for a period of nearly 75 years. A number of the directors have already indicated that they will purchase substantial amounts of the stock.

"The officers and directors are highly pleased at the outcome of these negotiations and it should also be most welcome news to the more than 40,000 depositors to whom opportunity for presenting these facts has not been possible until the present time, owing to the pending negotiations for the purchase of the shares from the various non-resident stockholders. As previously stated, there will be no change in the officers, personnel or policies of the bank."

Effective Jan. 10 the Produce State Bank of Minneapolis was purchased by the First National Corporation, adding a new unit to the First National Group of banks in Minneapolis. Established in May 1923, the Produce State Bank has progressed steadily until its last statement Dec. 31 1927 showed deposits of \$1,004,872. Under the new regime Sumner T. McKnight, former President of the bank, becomes Chairman of the Board; P. J. Leeman, a Vice-President of the First National Bank, becomes President, and R. B. Rathbun, who has been executive officer and Vice-President since the bank's organization, continues in the same capacity. Other officers are Guy W. LaLone, Vice-President; Guy F. Jensen, Cashier, and T. A. Heck, Assistant Cashier. Lyman E. Wakefield, President of the First National Bank in Minneapolis, stated that the purchase was made in order to furnish better banking service and more extensive credit facilities to the wholesale and produce districts of the city in the heart of which the Produce State Bank is located. In addition to the Produce State Bank, the First National Bank Group now includes the First Minneapolis Trust Co., Bloomington Lake National Bank, Minnehaha National Bank and the St. Anthony Falls, West Broadway and North Side Offices of the First National. Combined capital and surplus of the Group are over \$12,900,000.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank in Minneapolis, held on Jan. 10, three new directors were added to the Board, as follows: Charles G. Ireys, Vice-President and Treasurer Russell-Miller Milling Co., Minneapolis; Lewis C. Burr, General Manager Butler Bros., Minneapolis, and John Junell, Attorney, associated with the firm of Junell, Dorsey, Oakley and Driscoll.

The following Minneapolis men were added to the advisory committee of the St. Anthony Falls Office of the First National Bank: E. L. Anderson, President Crown Iron Works; H. T. Bertsch, Secretary-Treasurer Grau-Curtis Co.; H. S. Lamberton, Northwestern Sales Agent Whittall Mills Co.; H. A. Morse, Secretary-Treasurer Carter-Mayhew Co.;

Elmer H. Smith, President Smith Welding Equipment Corp., and Frank E. Struthers, Assistant Manager Wabash Screen Door Co.

To the advisory committee of the North Side Office of the First National Bank were added L. B. Barnes, Northwestern Sales Manager Chevrolet Motor Co., and Arthur P. Kemp, Vice-President First National Bank.

The one addition made to the advisory committee of the West Broadway Office was H. J. Kane, Treasurer Happiness Bakeries, Inc.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Minneapolis Trust Co. held the same day (Jan. 10) Julius S. Pomeroy and P. J. Leeman, both Vice-Presidents of the First National Bank in Minneapolis, were added to the directorate.

The directors of the trust company at their meeting which followed appointed Joseph M. Downes an Assistant Cashier and Delmar E. Kulp, Auditor. Mr. Downes joined the force of the former Wells-Dickey Trust Co. as teller in the banking department six years ago, and served in the same capacity at the Minneapolis Trust Co. following the merger of the two organizations effective in April 1925. Since July 1927 he has been a member of the sales force of the Trust Company's bond department. Mr. Kulp has been with the First Minneapolis Trust Co. and its predecessor organization, the Minneapolis Trust Co., in the accounting and auditing departments since Jan. 1918.

Directors of the Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, at their annual meeting on Jan. 10 Clarence Diehl, heretofore an Assistant Vice-President of the bank, was promoted to a Vice-President, according to the Des Moines "Register" of Jan. 11. At the stockholders' meeting held earlier in the day, Herbert L. Horton, a Vice-President of the bank, and F. O. Bohlen were added to the Board of Directors. Louis C. Kurtz is President of the institution.

At the stockholders' meeting of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, held on January 10, James J. Mullen, Vice-President of the Moloney Electric Co., was added as a new director and the following officers were re-elected by the Board of Directors:

President, John G. Lonsdale; Vice-Presidents, W. E. Cowen, W. L. Hemingway, W. M. Chandler, G. N. Hitchcock, E. J. Mudd, A. W. Thias, A. L. Weissenborn, F. E. Eaton, H. H. Reinhard, Fred J. Paro, Leo D. Kelly, W. B. Weisenburger and Davis Biggs; Cashier, E. J. Mudd; Assistant Cashiers, R. T. Williams, R. J. Kunz, G. H. Kleinschmidt, H. D. Weigle, W. L. Rehfeld and J. M. Gamble; Auditor, E. G. Kehde; Trust Officer, Davis Biggs; Assistant Trust Officer, J. A. McCarthy, and Trust Attorney, Wm. H. Lawrence.

At a meeting on January 11 of the Board of Directors of the Federal Commerce Trust Co. investment division of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, the following officers were re-elected: John G. Lonsdale, Chairman of the Board; W. L. Hemingway, President; W. W. Ainsworth, Vice-President and Treasurer; E. T. Tobey, Vice-President; J. A. McCarthy, Secretary, and W. A. Bell, Assistant Secretary. J. C. Walker, who has been in charge of the New York office of the Federal Commerce Trust Co. for the past two years was elected a Vice-President and he will return to St. Louis to be in charge of municipal bond buying. Thomas I. Glannon, former assistant loan officer at the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis was elected Assistant Secretary. He will be engaged in the same type of work at the Federal Commerce Trust Company, under the direction of Mr. Tobey. Mr. Glannon was with the Mercantile Trust Co. for seventeen years. James J. Mullen, Vice-President of the Moloney Electric Co., was also elected a director of the Federal Commerce Trust Co.

The First National Bank in St. Louis has purchased the International Bank of that city, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Jan. 6, which stated that the latter institution would be taken over after the close of business Jan. 7. With regard to the then proposed absorption of the International Bank by the First National, the paper mentioned in its issue of Jan. 5 said in part:

If the deal is consummated according to the present arrangement, it is understood the First National will take over the business of the International Bank, assuming its deposit obligations and other liabilities.

The International Bank is capitalized at \$1,000,000. Its statement as of June 30, 1927, showed total resources of \$8,656,713. Deposits aggregated \$7,102,720, surplus and undivided profits \$323,713. Loans and discounts were listed at \$6,428,058. Bonds and other securities at \$771,509 and cash and exchange \$1,457,145.

George A. Meyer is chairman of the Board of the International Bank. Other officers are: Gustav Riesmeyer, Jr., president; Theodore

Hemmelmann, Jr., J. H. August Meyer and Edward Horman, Vice-Presidents; Henry J. Brenner and George J. Boeckenkamp, Assistant Cashiers.

The First National Bank is the largest financial institution in St. Louis, capitalized at \$10,000,000. Its statement as of December 31, 1927, shows total resources of \$168,528,624.92. Loans and discounts are listed as \$105,503,031.67, and cash and sight exchange, \$33,047,000.53. Deposits totaled \$141,598,767.52, and surplus and profits, \$7,264,573.74.

In reporting the annual election of officers of the First National Bank in its issue of Jan. 11, the "Globe-Democrat" stated that G. Riesmeyer, Jr., former President of the International Bank, and Edward Herman, former Vice-President of that institution, were elected Vice-Presidents of the First National Bank, while H. J. Brenner, heretofore an Assistant Cashier of the International Bank, was made an Assistant Cashier. The promotion of F. O. Watts, formerly President of the First National Bank, to Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the advancement of W. W. Smith, formerly a Vice-President, to the Presidency of the institution, were noted in last week's "Chronicle," page 207.

According to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Jan. 6, the directors of the Union Trust Co. of East St. Louis, Ill., at their annual meeting on Jan. 5 elected the following officers: Paul A. Schlafly, Chairman of the Board of Directors; August Schlafly, Chairman of the Executive Committee; G. A. Miller, President; E. P. Keshner, J. F. Schlafly and Ferd W. Hemker (and Bond Officer) Vice-Presidents; Sidney W. Ring, Cashier; Stephen C. Jarvis, Secretary; F. J. Hornberg, Assistant Secretary, and Frank J. Shay, Assistant Cashier. The institution, it was stated, has had a successful year and occupies its own building at the northeast corner of Collinsville and Missouri Avenues.

W. E. Stansbury, for some time a director and member of the finance committee of the Fidelity Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, was unanimously elected President of the institution at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 10, according to the Memphis "Appeal" of Jan. 11. Mr. Stansbury succeeds in the presidency John D. McDowell, who remains with the bank as a Vice-President. E. G. Willingham, was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Other officers elected were: D. D. Robinson, Vice-President and Cashier; S. Nelson Castle, Assistant Cashier, and Capt. W. F. Murrain, counsel and Trust Officer. Mr. Stansbury, the new President, who is a native of Lexington, Miss., for 25 years has been closely identified with many of the largest business interests of Memphis and the surrounding territory. He was reported as saying:

The Fidelity Banks is in excellent condition. Prospects for the future are very bright, indeed. I am very happy to be associated with the bank in the capacity of president.

At the stockholders' meeting held earlier on the same day, the number of directors was reduced from 36 to 16.

Charles D. Hunt, Cashier of the Bank of Lexington, Lexington, N. C., and prominent in that city, died suddenly of a heart attack on Dec. 29. Mr. Hunt, who was sixty-five years of age, was born near Roxboro, N. C., but had lived in Lexington for the past thirty years. He entered the Bank of Lexington twenty-five years ago and had been Cashier for the past seven years.

Following the annual meeting of its directors on Jan. 10, the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., announced several changes in its official staff, according to the Chattanooga "News" of that date. Dawson B. Harris, formerly an Assistant Vice-President, was made a Vice-President; A. E. McDonald, heretofore an Assistant Cashier was made an Assistant Vice-President, while William J. Ingle, O. U. Dykes, Neill J. Loder and T. R. Preston Jr., were advanced to Assistant Cashiers and Charles F. Hall was promoted from teller to Assistant Auditor. At the stockholders' annual meeting, which preceded the meeting of the directors, the following new directors were added to the Board: Senator Newell Sanders, T. H. Lasley and R. W. Olmsted.

Directors of the First National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., at their annual meeting on Jan. 10 advanced H. R. Rutland, heretofore an Assistant Cashier to the position of an Assistant Vice-President and made P. H. Stegall an Assistant Cashier, according to the Chattanooga "News" of the same date.

James Gilly Jr., heretofore an Assistant Vice-President of the Whitney-Central National Bank of New Orleans, was

elected a Vice-President and E. W. Whiteman was appointed an Assistant Cashier at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 10, according to the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of the following day. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the bank, held earlier on the same day, E. G. Swartz was added to the board. The stockholders of the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank (an affiliated institution) elected Dr. James T. Nix Jr. a director. John E. Bouden Jr. is President of both institutions.

According to the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Jan. 11, stockholders of the American Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans on Jan. 10 elected three new directors, and the directors in turn, at their meeting on the same day, elected William J. Sonnemann and Alfred B. Freeman Vice-Presidents of the institution, and B. S. D'Antoni to an executive position in the new business department. All other officers were re-elected.

The following changes were made in the personnel of the Bank of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, La., at the annual meeting of the directors of the institution on Jan. 10, according to a press dispatch from that city on the same date, appearing in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Jan. 11: Joseph Gebelin, President of the institution for the past nine years, was elected Chairman of the Board, while Eugene Cazedessus, a Vice-President for the past ten years, was made President. W. L. Ward, King Harding Knox and D. I. Cazedessus were re-elected Vice-Presidents. The dispatch went on to say that Mr. Gebelin was one of the organizers and original officers of the Bank of Baton Rouge when it was chartered in 1889, and Mr. Cazedessus, the new President, began as a runner and assistant individual bookkeeper in 1893.

The following changes were made in the officers of the American Exchange National Bank of Dallas, Texas, at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 10, according to the Dallas "News" of the following day: B. B. Johnston and Paul Danna, heretofore Assistant Vice-Presidents, were made Vice-Presidents, and R. V. Sanders, formerly an Assistant Cashier, was promoted to an Assistant Vice-President. At the annual stockholders' meeting on the same day Richard S. Haseltine, Vice-President and General Manager of the Guberson Corp., was made a director.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas, Tex., on Jan. 10, Milton F. Brown, Cashier of the institution and also of the Mercantile Trust & Saving Bank, was given the additional office of Vice-President of each institution.

Two promotions were made by the directors of the Republic National Bank of Dallas, Texas, at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 10, as reported in the Dallas "News" of the following day. J. M. Hadra, formerly an Assistant Vice-President, was made an Active Vice-President, and Rupert Eldridge, heretofore Cashier, was given the added duties of a Vice-President. The stockholders at their meeting the same day made no changes in the directorate.

Christian C. Weichsel, President of the Dallas Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas for several years, resigned the office at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 10 to become Chairman of the Board and was succeeded in the Presidency by Ernest R. Tennant, Cashier and a Vice-President of the institution, according to the Dallas "News" on Jan. 11. Mr. Weichsel, it was stated, will continue to be active in directing the bank's affairs. Other changes in the personnel at the same meeting were the promotion of J. Ollie Humphreys and Joe Agee from Assistant Cashiers to Vice-Presidents, the advancement of J. W. Scull from Auditor to Cashier, and the election of B. H. McCulloch, Vernon J. Carey, Opal Greene and Z. Gossett as Assistant Cashiers. Mr. Tennant, the new President, entered the bank nineteen years ago as a clerk.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the German-American Savings Bank of Los Angeles on Jan. 12, Karl L. Schloessmann, who has been Executive Vice-President since its organization last year, was elected President to succeed Emil Kirchner who was made Chairman of the Board, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Jan. 13. Other changes made by the directors were the election of D. F. Smith, a Los Angeles attorney, as a Vice-President;

H. Lehnkuhl as an Assistant Cashier, and W. E. Olivera, as Escrow Officer. All the other officers were re-elected.

At the annual meetings of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank and the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, held on Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, respectively, Eli P. Clark, President of the Clark & Sherman Land Co., was elected a director of the Citizens National Bank, and Edwin Janss, President of the Janss Investment Co., and E. Clem Wilson, President of the Wilson & Willard Manufacturing Co., were elected directors of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank. The old directors of both banks, it is understood, were re-elected. With regard to the proposed union of the Citizens National Bank and the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank we are advised as follows:

It is expected that the consolidation of the Citizens National Bank and the Citizens Trust and Savings Bank will be effective on April 2nd, under the name of the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank. The new institution will have above \$100,000,000 in deposits and total resources in excess of \$115,000,000. The main office will be at Fifth and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, and extensive alterations are being made to provide accommodations for the departments that will be located there. The entire second floor will be occupied by the Trust Department and the third floor by the Citizens National Company and administrative offices of the bank.

The par value of the stock will remain unchanged, and the consolidated bank will have approximately \$11,000,000 in capital funds, with a loaning limit to any one customer of \$850,000. The Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank will take its place amongst the first sixty banks in the United States in point of size.

According to a press dispatch from Los Angeles on Wednesday of this week (Jan. 18), the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank at a special meeting held late Tuesday afternoon, ratified the agreement for the consolidation of that bank with the Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank, effective April 2. The consolidated bank, it was stated, will be known as the Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank and will operate 29 banking offices throughout Los Angeles. There will be no change, it was said, in the status of the Citizens National Co., investment arm, which is owned by the shareholders of the bank. The dispatch furthermore stated that the directors of the Citizens National Bank and the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank will constitute the board of directors of the consolidated institution, with the addition of Chester A. Rude, a Vice-President of the Citizens National aBnk.

Paul L. Sipp, resident manager of the San Francisco office of the Detroit Co. of Detroit, has been elected resident Vice-President of the organization, according to announcement made recently. Mr. Sipp will continue in charge of the San Francisco office.

Advices from San Francisco on Tuesday of this week (Jan. 10) stated that the annual meeting to be held in New York of the Bancitaly Corporation (the holding company of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association with headquarters in San Francisco) has been postponed until Jan. 25 and will be attended by A. P. Gianini, President of the organization, who will leave for Europe shortly thereafter.

That the Bancitaly Corporation (the holding company of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, headquarters San Francisco) has purchased 600 shares of stock of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, was reported in the following press dispatch from Minneapolis on Dec. 24, appearing in the "Wall Street News" of Tuesday, Dec. 27:

"Bancitaly Corp., investment house of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, has purchased 600 shares of the First National Bank of Minneapolis stock at \$400 a share. There are approximately 1,000 stockholders in the Minneapolis bank, which has capital, surplus and profits of more than \$13,800,000.

Purchase of the stock was made for investment purposes and not for the purpose of acquiring stock participation interest. The increasing prosperity of the Northwest, it is understood, caused the Bank of Italy subsidiary to place a part of its investment funds in this territory.

The group of Minneapolis banks, known as the First National group, includes also the First Minneapolis Trust Co., the Bloomington-Lake National Bank, the Minnehaha National Bank, the West Broadway office, the North Side office and the St. Anthony Falls office.

The Bank of Italy is the largest banking firm in the United States outside of New York and Chicago. National investment houses for some weeks have been attempting to make purchases of stock of the more prominent banks of the country for investment purposes, due to the large surplus of funds that exist in financial centers. The investment of \$240,000 in the First National Bank of Minneapolis is regarded as a means to diversify its investments in high grade securities.

Directors of the First National Bank of Portland, Ore., on Jan. 10 elected E. B. MacNaughton, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Strong & MacNaughton Trust Co. of

Portland, a Vice-President of the institution, to succeed W. L. Thompson, resigned, according to the Portland "Oregonian" of Jan. 11. Mr. Thompson, it was said, resigned as Vice-President of the bank chiefly in order that he may direct the affairs of the Columbia Packers' Association, Inc., of which he is President. At the stockholders' meeting held earlier on the same day, Mr. Thompson was re-elected a director of the bank and Mr. MacNaughton was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. L. Mills, the late President of the institution.

Edgar H. Sensenich, President of the West Coast National Bank of Portland, Ore., was elected President of the Portland Clearing House Association on Jan. 12 to succeed John F. Daly, President of the Hibernia Commercial & Savings Bank. Mr. Sensenich had been Vice-President the past year.

H. V. Alward, Manager of the Portland Branch of the Bank of California, was elected Vice-President of the Association. Lansing Stout, Vice-President of the Hibernia Commercial & Savings Bank, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Standard Bank of Canada, General Manager's office Toronto, Ont., announces that the Bank has declared a dividend for the current quarter ending the 31st of Jan., 1928, at 3%, being at the rate of 12% per annum, upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank, and which is to be payable on and after Feb. 1, to Shareholders of record Jan. 16. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank in Toronto, on Feb. 22.

Lloyds Bank Limited announce that, in order to facilitate the rebuilding of the Lombard Street premises, the City Office business will, as a temporary measure, be carried on at No. 20 King William Street, E.C.4, beginning Jan. 9. Lloyds Bank Limited also announce that a branch of the bank has been opened at 1 and 1a, Walm Lane, Willesden Green, N.W.2, under the management of A. P. Carter.

**THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.**

Decreased activity, irregular price movements and frequent periods of liquidation and profit-taking, followed by sharp recessions, have characterized trading on the stock market the present week. On Saturday and again on Monday the trend of prices was generally downward, though the market strengthened and the tone improved as the week advanced. Motor stocks gradually moved upward and public utilities have attracted considerable speculative attention. Copper issues were moderately strong during the forepart of the week, but have gradually quieted down, and steel stocks were somewhat higher on Wednesday and Thursday. The interesting feature of the week has been the decrease of \$31,649,000 in brokers' loans—the first real drop in many weeks.

After a brief period of strength in the early trading on Saturday, the market turned reactionary and realizing sales became increasingly heavy, particularly in the last half hour. Railroad shares were the strong stocks of the day, Lehigh Valley attracting considerable speculative interest because of the expected contest for control at the shareholders' meeting on Tuesday. High-priced stocks, such as United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry & Case Threshing Machine, yielded from 2 to 3 points and both United States Steel common and General Motors moved to lower levels. Such stocks as Baldwin Locomotive, Du Pont, Timken Roller Bearing and Midland Steel Products pref. sold off about 4 points.

The downward drift was again in evidence as the market opened on Monday. Railroad stocks were quiet and such recent favorites as Southern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central and Chicago & North Western moved gradually downward. On the other hand, Lehigh Valley moved against the trend for a short time, though it ended the day with a moderate loss. Mack Truck moved below 100 and a number of the independent motor stocks slipped back a point or more. Youngstown Sheet & Tube was the strong issue of the day and moved above 100, as compared with its previous close at 98. Other stocks that moved against the trend included Coca Cola, Allied Chemical & Dye and International Mercantile Marine, the latter making a new high for the movement close to 43.

The market completely reversed its course on Tuesday and most of the active speculative issues recovered a good

share of the declines of the previous day. Railroad stocks were in strong demand at improving prices, New York Central and New Haven leading the upswing with substantial advances. Copper stocks were active, Greene-Cananea running up about three points and such stocks as Calumet & Arizona, Anaconda, Kennecott and Cerro de Pasco displayed marked improvement. Motor stocks were active, General Motors showing a strong tone all through the day. Hupp. Motors moved upward about three points and Hudson Motors improved about two points. Oil shares were weak in the early trading but improved later in the day, Sun Oil leading the advance with a gain of three points. In the so-called specialty group Cluett-Peabody sold as high as 87, as compared with its previous close at 84. Considerable irregularity characterized the movements of the market on Wednesday and the periods of strength alternated with periods of dullness. Railroad stocks were heavy, St. Paul issues making a new low record and Chesapeake & Ohio, New York Central, Canadian Pacific, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific all slipped back from two to three points. Public utilities were active and strong, Electric Power & Light moving forward to a new high for 1928 and Standard Gas & Electric making substantial progress upward.

The market displayed renewed strength on Thursday, particularly after midsession and numerous advances ranging from two to five points were recorded in the final hour. Public utilities moved up with the leaders, Montana Power making a gain of about four points to its highest top in over 10 years. Federal Light & Traction advanced more than two points; Electric Light & Power crossed 34 to its highest in over a year and Commonwealth Power, American Power & Light and Standard Gas & Electric all moved briskly forward to higher levels. General Motors was active and strong above 133 and Chrysler, Hupp. and Hudson made further progress upward. United States Steel common improved over two points and a gain of more than four points was scored by Republic Iron & Steel. Advances of approximately four points were also recorded by Youngstown Sheet & Tube and Bethlehem Steel. Copper stocks made little progress, though Calumet & Arizona was active and strong and closed with a net gain of about two points. Prices continued to improve on Friday, following the brisk rally in the closing hour of the preceding day, and a number of substantial gains were recorded among the more active speculative favorites. Public utilities again moved to the front under the leadership of Montana Power, which bounded forward seven points to its highest peak in many years. Hupp. Motors was particularly prominent in the motor group and advanced nearly three points on the day and Mack Truck was in active demand at a substantial advance. General Motors did not do so well, though it closed fractionally higher. United States Steel common advanced a point to 148, and Republic Iron & Steel gained 1½ points. Railroad stocks were quiet and without noteworthy feature. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Jan. 20.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,144,650	\$5,342,000	\$1,969,000	\$373,000
Monday	2,470,550	7,770,100	4,083,500	478,500
Tuesday	1,558,190	7,378,000	3,193,000	471,500
Wednesday	1,788,860	8,211,000	3,413,000	391,500
Thursday	1,465,800	6,533,500	3,887,000	428,000
Friday	1,847,000	6,540,000	3,277,000	591,000
Total	10,275,050	\$41,774,600	\$19,822,500	\$2,733,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 20.		Jan. 1 to Jan. 20.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks—No. of shares.	10,275,050	8,763,040	36,666,206	23,320,552
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,733,500	\$5,147,200	\$12,537,250	\$21,328,900
State and foreign bonds	19,822,500	24,228,000	53,608,500	75,280,200
Railroad & misc. bonds	41,774,600	61,031,000	121,917,800	166,050,300
Total bonds	\$64,330,600	\$90,406,200	\$188,063,550	\$262,659,400

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Jan. 20 1928.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*21,706	\$28,200	24,848	\$29,000	2,100	\$10,000
Monday	*31,685	155,500	40,973	39,100	3,877	40,300
Tuesday	25,983	62,500	42,532	48,600	2,734	51,100
Wednesday	29,006	118,400	28,560	26,100	2,263	27,000
Thursday	22,547	36,000	39,798	16,100	2,081	13,200
Friday	17,236	8,000	31,021	104,000	3,443	22,000
Total	148,163	\$408,600	207,732	\$262,900	16,498	\$163,600
Prev. week revised	208,237	\$240,300	272,058	\$344,000	18,562	\$278,700

\* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 578; Monday, 816.

THE CURB MARKET.

There was a strong tone to Curb Market trading this week and prices moved upward. Some selling was reported early in the week but this was easily absorbed. Amer. Cyanamid com. B sold off at first from 42 $\frac{7}{8}$  to 40 $\frac{1}{2}$  then up to 50, the close to-day being at 48 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Amer. Rolling Mill com. broke badly, dropping from 104 $\frac{7}{8}$  to 95 then selling up to 107, with the final figure at 106 $\frac{5}{8}$ . Bancitaly Corp. after a loss of over three points to 140 advanced to 148 $\frac{1}{8}$ , the close to-day being at 147 $\frac{5}{8}$ . Bohn Aluminum & Brass, off at first from 41 $\frac{7}{8}$  to 39, ran up to 47 $\frac{5}{8}$ , with the final transaction to-day at 47. Fansteel Products sold down from 29 to 19 $\frac{1}{8}$  and at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  finally. Ford Motor of Canada declined from 516 to 510, advanced to 560 and finished to-day at 550. Lehigh Coal & Nav. after its recent advance reacted from 119 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 114 and recovered finally to 117. Newport Co. com. was advanced from 124 to 140, the close to-day being at 139 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Ruberoid Co. lost about six points to 90. W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. fell from 890 to 850 but recovered to 940. Utilities for the most part show only narrow changes in price. In Oils Humble Oil & Ref. weakened from 67 $\frac{5}{8}$  to 65 $\frac{1}{8}$  and sold finally at 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Imperial Oil of Canada lost over four points to 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and finished to-day at 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Gulf Oil was off from 114 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 110 $\frac{3}{4}$  and ends the week at 111 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 400.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Jan. 20.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	Foreign Govt.
Saturday	165,650	118,950	55,100	\$3,048,000	\$127,000
Monday	302,891	127,530	118,650	6,489,000	314,000
Tuesday	232,785	112,770	82,530	6,245,000	256,000
Wednesday	260,538	153,380	58,870	4,423,000	398,000
Thursday	242,728	90,670	118,910	3,989,000	576,000
Friday	316,900	124,150	126,500	4,058,000	376,000
Total	1,521,492	727,450	560,560	\$28,252,000	\$2,047,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 4, 1928:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £151,468,435 on 28th ultimo as compared with £149,401,760 on the previous Wednesday.

Bar Gold to the value of £609,000 came on offer in the open market yesterday. The Home and Continental Trade secured £122,000, India and the Straits Settlements £23,000, and £438,000 was bought by the Bank of England, as will be seen by the details below.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	1927			1928		
	Dec. 29.	Dec. 30.	Dec. 31.	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.	Jan. 4.
Received	Nil	£10,000	Nil	£250,000	£438,000	Nil
Withdrawn	£41,000	Nil	£1,000,000	Nil	32,000	£23,000

The receipts on the 30th ultimo and the 3rd inst. were in bar gold—the latter being South African; that on the 2nd inst. was in sovereigns from Canada. The £1,055,000 sovereigns withdrawn were destined as follows: "Set aside account Switzerland" £1,000,000, Spain £46,000 and India £9,000. During the week under review £398,000 on balance has been withdrawn from the Bank, increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £5,906,000 as set out in the daily bulletins at the Bank.

The gold movements this year have resulted in a net influx of £633,000 into the Bank.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered in the week ended the 28th ultimo:

Imports.		Exports.	
U. S. A.	£1,543,480	Netherlands	£18,175
Other countries	3,927	Switzerland	20,400
		British India	43,500
		Straits Settlements	56,348
		Other countries	6,649
	£1,547,407		£145,072

It was reported from New York on the 29th ultimo that \$10,000,000 gold had been engaged for shipment to Argentina and that, further to the \$10,000,000 shipped on the S.S. "Rochambeau," a consignment of \$10,000,000 gold would be made to France this week. Receipts of \$3,500,000 and \$2,000,000 in gold were reported in New York from Canada on the 29th and 30th ultimo respectively. It is also announced that the S.S. "Pennland" left New York at the beginning of the week with a consignment of \$1,200,000 bar gold for Belgium.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for Nov. 1927 amounted to 47,435 fine ounces, as compared with 46,752 fine ounces for Oct. 1927, and 51,090 fine ounces for Nov. 1926.

SILVER.

Owing to the New Year, the market has been very quiet and business naturally has been on a small scale. Hence, prices have easily moved either way and there has been no pronounced tendency, nor at the moment need any great change be anticipated. A consignment of 276 bars was shipped by the S.S. "Ranchi" last week from Marseilles to Bombay—this presumably represents French demonetized silver.

A correspondent of the "North China Herald" reveals the severity of China's currency problems by stating that the Post Office charges 12% for orders on Honan. Nor is this the limit of loss in transit, for good silver dollars have to be paid to the Post Office, though the payee only obtains depreciated Nationalist bills.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered in the week ended the 28th ultimo:

Imports.		Exports.	
France	£62,978	Miscellaneous	£26,430
U. S. A.	89,419		
Other countries	17,584		
	£169,981		£26,430

No fresh Indian Currency Returns have come to hand.

The stock in Shanghai on the 31st ultimo consisted of about 48,500,000 ounces in sycee, 74,000,000 dollars, and 1,460 silver bars, as compared with about 48,500,000 ounces in sycee, 75,000,000 dollars, and 2,540 silver bars on the 24th idem.

Statistics for the month of December last are appended:

	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
Highest price	27d.	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	84s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Lowest price	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	26 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	84s. 10d.
Average price	26.700d.	26.531d.	84s. 11.2d.
Quotations—			
1927.			
Dec. 29	26 9-16d.	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	84s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
30	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	84s. 11d.
31	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	26 7-16d.	84s. 11d.
1928.			
Jan. 2	26 7-16d.	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	84s. 11d.
3	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	26 5-16d.	84s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
4	26 7-16d.	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	84s. 11d.
Average	26.448d.	26.396d.	84s. 11.0d.

The silver quotations today for cash and two months' delivery are respectively the same as and 1-16d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week End Jan. 20	Jan. 14.	Jan. 16.	Jan. 17.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.
Silver, per oz.	26 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	26 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	26 3-16d.	26 3-16d.	26 1-16d.	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
Gold, per fine oz	84s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	84s. 11d.	84s. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	84s. 11d.	84s. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	84s. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Consols, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	---	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$
British, 5%	---	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	110 $\frac{3}{4}$
British, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	---	96 $\frac{3}{4}$	97	97	97	97 $\frac{3}{4}$
French Renten						
(in Paris) fr.	---	67.50	66.90	66.30	66.90	67.05
French War L'n						
(in Paris) fr.	---	89.40	88.40	86.60	87.75	88.20

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{1}{4}$	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$
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COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will show a satisfactory 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, Jan. 21), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 8.6% above those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$11,370,335,299, against \$10,470,288,235 for the same week in 1927. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 7.9%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended January 21.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,535,000,000	\$5,132,000,000	+7.9
Chicago	617,357,809	566,412,210	+9.0
Philadelphia	471,000,000	487,000,000	-3.3
Boston	502,000,000	461,000,000	+8.9
Kansas City	123,685,647	127,544,729	-3.0
St. Louis	143,800,000	139,100,000	+3.4
San Francisco	185,088,000	164,567,000	+12.5
Los Angeles	170,602,000	168,763,000	+1.1
Pittsburgh	144,853,263	149,750,496	-3.3
Detroit	163,000,000	148,565,926	+9.7
Cleveland	108,482,257	101,937,938	+6.4
Baltimore	86,441,283	88,968,194	-2.8
New Orleans	61,951,822	66,515,949	-6.9
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,313,262,081	\$7,802,125,442	+6.6
Other cities, 5 days	1,162,017,335	1,047,417,150	+10.9
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,475,279,416	\$8,849,542,572	+7.1
All cities, 1 day	1,895,055,883	1,620,745,663	+16.9
Total all cities for week	\$11,370,335,299	\$10,470,288,235	+8.6

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Jan. 14. For that week the increase is 19.8%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$12,294,366,033 against \$10,262,711,850 in the same week of 1927. Outside of New York City the increase is only 7.1%, the bank exchanges at this centre showing a gain of 29.5%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is an expansion of 28.9%, in the Boston Reserve District of 15.2% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 13.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a gain of 3.6%, but the Richmond Reserve District has suffered a

loss of 5.6% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 4.1%, the latter due mainly to the falling off at the Florida points, Miami showing a shrinkage of 53.8% and Jacksonville of 22.4%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 12.1%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 6%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 9.1%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a decrease of 2% and the Dallas Reserve District of 11.8%, but the San Francisco Reserve District has an increase of 3.7%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End. Jan. 14 1928.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
<b>Federal Reserve Dist.</b>					
1st Boston—12 cities	638,728,395	554,346,738	+15.2	550,977,211	578,141,900
2nd New York 11 "	7,693,640,906	6,966,629,004	+28.9	6,531,999,405	6,391,712,731
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	659,151,868	582,325,496	+13.2	648,533,983	612,762,607
4th Cleveland—8 "	434,053,717	413,794,570	+3.6	423,723,604	409,294,840
5th Richmond 6 "	190,684,651	202,013,634	-6.1	218,604,869	199,248,121
6th Atlanta—13 "	219,638,730	229,106,760	-4.1	296,221,131	240,686,983
7th Chicago—20 "	1,039,442,483	950,691,869	+12.1	1,054,927,382	1,030,862,345
8th St. Louis—8 "	244,842,100	230,963,296	+6.0	251,068,057	251,705,152
9th Minneapolis 7 "	132,118,806	121,060,119	+9.1	134,981,021	132,019,316
10th Kansas City 12 "	283,813,492	259,698,836	+9.2	270,519,051	261,228,895
11th Dallas—5 "	80,968,221	91,755,732	-11.8	96,961,258	85,992,163
12th San Fran.—17 "	617,342,654	595,325,796	+3.7	578,668,247	530,891,040
Total—129 cities	12,294,366,033	10,262,711,250	+19.8	11,067,183,219	10,724,546,123
Outside N. Y. City—	4,750,857,528	4,435,973,326	+7.1	4,680,495,619	4,461,775,995
Canada—31 cities	474,599,888	337,841,497	+40.5	316,589,317	305,962,540

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week Ending Jan. 14, 1928.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
<b>First Federal Reserve District—Boston—</b>					
Maine—Bangor	818,756	1,055,839	-22.4	780,231	697,599
Portland	4,893,708	3,902,603	+25.4	3,897,542	3,121,452
Mass.—Boston	574,000,000	494,000,000	+16.2	487,000,000	517,000,000
Fall River	2,113,197	2,094,968	+0.9	2,664,070	2,739,992
Holyoke	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell	1,434,044	1,382,870	+3.7	1,162,617	1,259,940
Lynn	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford	1,279,312	1,324,710	-3.0	1,618,029	2,161,023
Springfield	5,641,982	5,788,456	-2.5	6,025,761	6,365,697
Worcester	3,830,600	3,775,600	+1.5	4,334,031	4,002,000
Conn.—Hartford	17,191,691	16,343,085	+5.2	17,383,015	15,150,207
New Haven	9,604,768	7,825,703	+22.7	7,994,752	7,744,870
R. I.—Providence	17,035,500	16,141,700	+5.9	17,477,700	17,155,300
N. H.—Manchester	831,867	711,184	+17.0	639,463	734,920
Total (12 cities)	638,728,395	554,346,738	+15.2	550,977,211	578,141,900
<b>Second Federal Reserve District—New York.</b>					
N. Y.—Albany	7,331,752	6,031,665	+21.6	6,889,367	7,187,771
Binghamton	1,354,400	1,331,800	+1.7	1,249,100	1,158,600
Buffalo	61,742,222	55,765,483	+10.7	61,002,289	54,628,714
Elmira	1,308,295	1,035,223	+26.3	1,480,054	935,661
Jamestown	1,745,384	1,612,655	+8.2	1,827,541	1,601,507
New York	7,543,508,505	5,826,738,524	+29.5	6,386,687,600	6,262,770,128
Rochester	15,775,007	13,906,285	+13.4	13,892,171	14,314,352
Syracuse	7,681,441	6,798,231	+13.0	6,514,290	5,661,572
Conn.—Stamford	3,943,215	3,752,545	+5.1	3,355,293	3,592,185
N. J.—Montclair	1,058,509	866,603	+22.1	778,880	653,369
Northern N. J.	48,192,176	48,789,390	-1.2	47,342,820	39,208,872
Total (11 cities)	7,693,640,906	5,966,629,004	+28.9	6,531,999,405	6,391,712,731
<b>Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia.</b>					
Pa.—Atoona	1,765,551	1,712,883	+3.0	1,578,044	1,686,104
Bethlehem	4,508,245	4,017,445	+12.2	4,219,954	4,205,741
Chester	1,397,114	1,567,851	-10.9	1,554,589	1,438,148
Lancaster	2,460,539	2,047,562	+20.2	2,723,539	2,595,774
Philadelphia	621,000,000	548,000,000	+10.0	616,000,000	580,000,000
Reading	5,123,822	4,534,441	+13.0	4,135,479	3,718,260
Seranton	7,061,180	6,919,633	+2.0	6,746,162	7,212,972
Wilkes-Barre	24,945,157	4,059,034	+21.9	3,855,059	3,879,804
York	2,156,300	1,872,234	+15.2	1,977,988	1,920,829
N. J.—Trenton	8,732,960	7,504,413	+15.0	5,740,169	6,064,975
Del.—Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	659,151,868	582,325,496	+13.2	648,533,983	612,762,607
<b>Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland.</b>					
Ohio—Akron	47,101,000	5,744,000	+23.6	6,217,000	8,747,000
Canton	5,241,333	5,064,045	+3.5	4,779,179	5,769,064
Cincinnati	84,972,000	81,102,533	+4.8	80,722,954	75,992,861
Cleveland	132,405,436	123,779,539	+7.0	125,731,759	119,682,818
Columbus	20,568,800	19,265,700	+6.8	19,162,700	17,312,100
Dayton	a	a	a	a	a
Lima	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield	1,840,197	2,102,499	-12.5	2,157,410	1,792,579
Springfield	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown	7,085,821	5,916,331	+19.8	6,328,962	6,434,266
Pa.—Erie	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh	174,839,130	175,820,103	-0.6	178,623,640	173,564,152
Total (8 cities)	434,053,717	418,794,570	+3.6	423,723,604	409,294,840
<b>Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond.</b>					
W. Va.—Hunt'g'n	1,348,688	1,634,635	-17.5	1,584,106	2,111,519
Va.—Norfolk	45,734,011	8,020,649	-27.9	8,921,262	9,803,346
Richmond	44,556,000	49,446,222	-9.9	59,415,035	56,867,185
S. C.—Charleston	*150,000	1,886,526	-7.2	2,575,105	2,939,417
Md.—Baltimore	109,416,624	113,474,199	-3.6	118,243,938	101,401,558
D. C.—Washington	27,809,328	27,551,403	+0.9	27,865,422	26,125,098
Total (6 cities)	190,664,651	202,013,634	-5.6	218,604,869	199,248,121
<b>Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta.</b>					
Tenn.—Chatt'ga.	49,036,137	8,016,330	+12.7	8,416,749	7,013,387
Knoxville	*5,000,000	*4,700,000	+6.4	4,956,084	3,791,174
Nashville	26,828,480	23,391,216	+14.7	24,377,485	22,245,105
Ga.—Atlanta	54,860,948	53,135,936	+3.2	81,908,428	66,908,404
Augusta	2,315,504	2,265,157	+2.2	2,315,504	2,129,200
Macon	2,245,131	2,091,565	+7.4	1,852,384	1,588,954
Savannah	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jack'ville.	18,912,991	24,374,068	-22.4	41,285,289	21,616,745
Miami	3,881,000	8,613,051	-53.8	25,869,930	9,612,374
Ala.—Birmingham	26,574,921	25,129,241	+5.8	27,868,943	29,650,035
Mobile	1,705,596	2,536,940	-32.8	2,275,629	2,174,767
Miss.—Jackson	2,616,971	1,679,000	+55.9	2,072,000	1,523,000
Vicksburg	576,654	556,537	+3.6	494,106	685,311
La.—New Orleans	64,954,397	72,617,679	-10.6	72,798,600	72,148,527
Total (13 cities)	219,608,730	229,106,760	-4.1	296,221,131	240,686,983

Clearings at—	Week Ending Jan. 14.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
<b>Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago.</b>					
Mich.—Adrian	330,644	275,464	+20.2	291,942	319,186
Ann Arbor	1,032,847	1,163,464	-11.2	1,112,630	936,671
Detroit	190,129,735	168,388,040	+12.9	164,717,755	152,840,629
Grand Rapids	9,878,917	10,081,292	-2.0	10,081,292	8,586,113
Lansing	2,464,269	2,374,000	+3.8	3,300,000	3,334,892
Ind.—Ft. Wayne	3,523,971	2,764,199	+27.5	3,334,892	2,572,701
Indianapolis	27,007,000	26,671,000	+1.3	25,558,000	23,144,000
South Bend	3,186,800	3,067,900	+3.9	3,032,700	2,504,800
Terre Haute	6,679,171	7,333,068	-8.9	6,334,854	4,555,666
Wis.—Milwaukee	50,682,184	46,680,096	+8.6	45,623,239	42,495,513
Iowa—Ced. Rap.	2,985,551	2,664,076	+12.1	2,834,776	2,816,584
Des Moines	10,601,376	8,984,156	+18.0	10,188,708	10,809,272
Sioux City	7,114,564	7,321,565	-2.8	7,880,376	8,324,427
Waterloo	1,248,309	1,557,530	-8.6	1,208,010	1,648,055
Ill.—Bloomington	1,688,792	1,655,443	+7.4	1,644,590	1,777,689
Chicago	767,800,771	677,175,145	+13.4	755,663,194	750,916,557
Decatur	1,336,793	1,490,556	-10.3	1,480,058	1,805,493
Peoria	5,232,995	4,906,619	+6.6	5,497,040	5,738,861
Rockford	3,503,291	3,391,092	+3.3	3,093,066	2,848,445
Springfield	2,954,513	3,057,279	-3.4	3,335,871	3,394,683
Total (20 cities)	1,099,442,493	980,691,869	+12.1	1,054,927,382	1,030,862,345
<b>Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis.</b>					
Ind.—Evansville	5,543,961	5,504,445	+0.7	5,622,799	6,890,910
Mo.—St. Louis	151,600,000	145,112,137	+4.5	162,900,000	160,400,000
Ky.—Louisville	46,108,392	40,064,702	+15.1	43,150,991	40,701,414
W. Va.—Martinsburg	23,332,494	22,449,171	+3.9	29,869,493	27,047,701
Tenn.—Memphis	15,822,342	15,508,307	+2.0	16,830,918	13,909,180
Ark.—Little Rock	340,356	319,200	+6.6	452,780	414,465
Ill.—Jacksonville	1,441,967	1,459,048	-1.2	1,644,571	1,592,847
Quincy	a	a	a	a	a
Total (8 cities)	244,842,100	230,963,296	+6.0	261,066,057	251,705,182
<b>Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis.</b>					
Minn.—Duluth	87,440,993	6,730,045	+10.6	7,348,682	7,932,434
Minneapolis	83,164,168	76,131,567	+9.2	84,821,782	84,329,350
St. Paul	34,006,366	31,054,914	+9.5	35,653,467	32,603,286
No. Dak.—Fargo	2,193,824	2,075,060	+5.7	1,953,869	1,880,318
S. D.—Aberdeen	1,389,248	1,338,517	+3.7	1,644,550	1,512,574
Mont.—Billings	696,207	836,522	-16.3	671,111	779,392
Helena	3,228,000	2,893,521	+11.0	2,887,55	2,981,962
Total (7 cities)	132,118,806	121,060,119	+9.1	134,981,021	132,019,316
<b>Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City.</b>					
Neb.—Fremont	445,637	391,688			

**Commercial and Miscellaneous News**

**Breadstuffs figures brought from page 441.**—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	266,000	144,000	2,027,000	678,000	172,000	22,000
Minneapolis	—	2,215,000	170,000	473,000	614,000	85,000
Duluth	—	673,000	2,000	2,000	9,000	142,000
Millwaukee	29,000	15,000	372,000	108,000	312,000	12,000
Toledo	—	42,000	31,000	54,000	1,000	—
Detroit	—	39,000	16,000	24,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	36,000	309,000	164,000	—	—
St. Louis	133,000	430,000	655,000	365,000	43,000	2,000
Peoria	74,000	22,000	418,000	159,000	81,000	—
Kansas City	—	674,000	911,000	45,000	—	—
Omaha	—	289,000	820,000	108,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	83,000	398,000	15,000	—	—
Wichita	—	266,000	140,000	12,000	—	—
Sioux City	—	34,000	334,000	90,000	1,000	—
Total week '28	502,000	4,962,000	6,604,000	2,299,000	1,233,000	263,000
Same wk. '27	388,000	4,764,000	4,973,000	3,106,000	744,000	220,000
Same wk. '26	430,000	5,229,000	6,432,000	3,530,000	806,000	353,000
Since Aug. 1:						
1927	11,613,000	306,833,000	122,943,000	81,377,000	13,558,000	29,134,000
1926	11,445,000	219,302,000	111,062,000	80,300,000	8,942,000	19,813,000
1925	11,239,000	230,373,000	114,470,000	142,527,000	53,992,000	16,682,000

**National Banks.**—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Jan. 14—The Citizens National Bank of Collinsville, Okla.-----	Capital. \$25,000
Correspondent: E. E. Bateman, Collinsville, Okla.	

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Jan. 9—Conqueror First National Bank of Joplin, Mo.-----	250,000
Succeeds The Conqueror Trust Co., Joplin, Mo. President, J. G. Starr; Cashier, A. G. Cofer. The Longacre National Bank of New York, N. Y.-----	1,000,000
Conversion of Longacre Bank, New York, N. Y. President, Frederick K. Teipel; Cashier, Geo. A. Kelly.	
Jan. 10—First National Bank in Lodi, N. J.-----	100,000
Pres., Benjamin Dansen Jr.; Cashier, Warren C. Banta.	
Jan. 13—The National Bank of Commerce of Superior, Wis.-----	150,000
Conversion of Bank of Commerce, Superior, Wis. President, Chas. A. Chase; Cashier, J. M. Crawford. The First National Bank of Columbus, N. J.-----	50,000
Pres., Joseph H. Armstrong; Cashier, Justus Z. Deacon.	
Jan. 14—St. Paul National Bank, St. Paul, Minn.-----	100,000
Conversion of St. Paul State Bank, St. Paul, Minn. President, E. C. Turnquist; Cashier, Harry L. Johnson.	

CHANGES OF TITLES.

Jan. 10—The Peoples National Bank of Strasburg, Va., to "The First National Bank of Strasburg."
Jan. 12—First National Bank in Port Huron, Mich., to "First National Bank & Trust Co. of Port Huron." The Liberty National Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., to "The Liberty National Bank & Trust Co. of Syracuse."
Jan. 13—The Swarthmore National Bank, Swarthmore, Pa., to "Swarthmore National Bank & Trust Co."
Jan. 14—The Central National Bank of Tulsa, Okla., to "The Central National Bank & Trust Co. of Tulsa." The First National Bank of Manhasset, N. Y., to "First National Bank & Trust Co. of Manhasset."

**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 R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
5 National Shawmut Bank	337	170 Wickwire Spencer Steel Co., com., v. t. c.; \$40 Wickwire Spencer Steel Co., ser. A 7s, Feb. 25 1930, coup. Jan. 1928 & Sub. on 85	85
15 National Rockland Bank	525	5 Public Electric Light Co., 6% pf. 87	87
15 First National Bank, Haverhill	124	100 Draper Corp. (quar.)	72 1/2
10 Nonquitt Spinning Co.	20 1/2	5 Columbian Nat. Life Ins. Co.	315
1 Peperell Mfg Co.	104 1/2	5 Washington Water Power Co.	216
15 U. S. Worsted Corp., com.	35c	25 Carr Fastener Co., com, par \$25	30
3 U S Worsted Corp., 1st pref.	2 1/2	10 Nicholson File Co.	245
10 Arlington Mills	45	10 Towle Mfg Co.	150 1/2
1/2 Peperell Mfg Co.	\$12 per 1/4 th	4 Hood Rubber Co., 7 1/2 % pref.	101
90 Lancaster Mills, pref.	16-16 1/2		
19 Lyman Mills, \$100 paid in liquidation.	80 1/2		
108 Great Falls Mfg Co.	6 1/2		
10 Lancaster Mills, pref.	6 1/2		
5 Connecticut, 1st pref.	18		
25 York Mfg Co.	21 1/2		
21 Springfield G. Lt. Co., v. t. c., par \$25	67 1/2		
5 Youngstown & Southern Ry. Co.			

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
17 Federal Nat'l Bank	265 1/2	2 First Peoples Trust units	30 1/2
15 Nat. Shawmut Bank	337	8 George W. Harvey Trust	2 1/2
25 Flint Mills	67	12 Algonquin Printing Co.	342 1/2
5 York Mfg. Co.	21 1/2	25 West Boston Gas Co., v. t. c.	37 1/2
12 West Boylston Mfg. Co., pf. 40 1/2	40 1/2	12 Mass. Bonding & Insurance	600
15 Arlington Mills	45	75 Heywood & Wakefield Co., 1st pref.	86 1/2
10 Peperell Mfg. Co.	104 1/2	10 Hood Rubber Co., 7 1/2 % prior pf. 101	101
8 Columbian Nat. Life Ins. Co. 331 ex-div.		25 Boston Ground Rent Trust	114 1/2
25 New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.	100 1/2	1,000 Socold Refrigerating Corp., B 6c	6c
50 Dedham & Hyde Park Gas & Elec. Light Co. (undep.)	46	40 Plymouth Cordage Co. 95 ex-div.	95
5 Boston Insurance Co.	96 1/2	65 N. E. Pub. Serv. Co. 69 1/2-69 3/4	69 3/4
50 Western Mass Cos.	62	25 Springfield Gas Lt. Co., undep.	66 1/2
25 Brockton Gas Light Co., v. t. c.	55 1/2		
10 Puget Sound Power & Light Co.	94 1/2		
6% pref.	94 1/2		
6 Blackstone Valley G. & E. Co., com., v. t. c.	134 1/2		
15 New England Pow. Assn., pref.	98 1/2		
50 United Elastic Corp.	41 1/2		

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
1 Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., no par.	34	1,000 Columbus Kirklind, par \$1	6c
1 Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., dref.	27	10 Asseta Realization Co.	\$2 lot
par, \$25		1,000 Baldwin Gold Mines, par \$1	2 1/2

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
12,600 1/4 Harris Brothers Co., (Del.) common	\$50,000 lot	60 Mesaba Ry., pref.; 92 Kan. City, Clay County & St. Joseph Ry.; 20 Ammonia Corp., pref., A; 16 2-3 Ammonia Corp., com., no par; 200 Chemical Securities, no par; 24 Smith Wood Products, A, no par; 127 Kan. City, Clay County & St. Joseph Ry., pf. \$415 lot	
10 Camp Grant Wrecking Co., com.; 50 Camp Sales Corp., cl. A; 150 Camp Sales Corp., class B	\$1,000 lot	\$6,000 Sizer Steel 7s, 1937, ctf. of dep.; 30 Ammonia Corp., pref., A; 80 Ammonia Corp., com., no par; 37 Smith Wood Prod., A. \$105 lot	
85 North County Colony, par \$5. \$26 lot			
10 Ammonia Corp., pref.; 27 1-3 Ammonia Corp., com., no par	\$17 lot		
110 Rothholz Examining & Shrinking Co., Inc., pref.; 60 Rothholz Examining & Shrinking Co., Inc. common	\$3,000 lot		

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per share.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per share
\$29,000 Globe Phosphates Co. 1st 5s, 1914, together with 73 shs stock	\$1000 lot	10 Peoples Bk. & Tr. Co. of St. Petersburg, Fla.	\$50 lot
5 Nat. Bk. of No. Phila.	290	17 E. P. Wilbur Tr. Co., Bethlehem, Pa.	137
5 Southwark Nat. Bank	485	63 Cambria Mining & Mfg. Co.	20
8 Southwark Nat. Bank	477	5 Kulair Corp., 1st pf., par \$10	6
8 Erie National Bank	160	5 Kulair Corp., 2d pf., par \$10	1
20 First Nat. Bank of Phila.	560	10 Kulair Corp., com. par \$10	1 1/2
10 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank	850	20 Pocomo Manor Assn. pf. par \$50	50
5 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank	849	12 Mfrs. Fire Ins. Co. par \$10	27 1/2
8 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank	847	100 Mfrs. Cas. Ins. Co. par \$10	30
4 Phila. Girard Nat. Bank	799	18 Independence Indemnity Co.	355
3 Cumberland Nat. Bank, Bridge-ton, N. J.	600	2 Germantown Pass. Ry. Co.	80
25 Union Bank & Tr. Co.	356	1 Germantown Pass. Ry. Co.	80
100 Union Bank & Tr. Co.	356	6 Philadelphia Bourse, com par \$50	39
10 Oxford Bank & Tr. Co., par \$50	326	6 Philadelphia Bourse, com par \$50	39
10 Bankers Trust Co., par \$50	90	5 Philadelphia Bourse, pf., par \$25	25 1/2
2 Provident Trust Co.	838 1/2	20 Tonopah & Goldfield RR., com.	20
3 Provident Trust Co.	838 3/4	20 Aldine Mfg. Guar. Co. par \$10	15
20 Com'wealth Title Ins. & Tr. Co. 668 1/2		1 Library Co. of Phila., due paid	10
10 Integrity Trust Co., par \$50	683	10 Keystone Tel. Co., pref.	56
5 Fidelity Phila. Tr. Co.	854	205 Union Transfer Co., par \$25	25 1/2
5 Wm. Penn Title & Tr. Co. par \$50	75	14 John B. Stetson Co., com. no par	103 1/2
5 Wm. Penn Title & Tr. Co. par \$50	75	80 Quaker Product, \$250; profit shs. oft.	8
2 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives, &c.	1000	2 Fairhill Trust Co.	65
2 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives &c.	998		
2 Girard Trust Co.	1506		
3 Girard Trust Co.	1501		
10 Integrity Trust Co., par \$50	681 1/2		
15 Chelton Trust Co.	440		
14 Burlington Co. (N. J.) Tr. Co.	352		
10 Burlington Co. (N. J.) Tr. Co.	352		
5 Delaware Co. Tr. Co. of Chester, Pa.	320		
5 Delaware Co. Tr. Co. of Chester, Pa.	319		

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Railroads (Steam).</b>			
Augusta & Savannah (extra)	1 1/4	July 5	*Holders of rec. June 15
Internat. Rys. of Cent. Am., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
<b>Public Utilities.</b>			
Amer. Superpower, partic. pf. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Associated Gas & Elec., 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
\$6 1/2 preferred (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
British Col. Elec. Ry., pref.	2 1/2	Jan. 14	Jan. 5 to Jan. 14
Cambridge Electric Light (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Community Power & Light, com.	*60c.	Jan. 28	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Second preferred (quar.)	*\$2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Cumberland Pow. & Lt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Dallas Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Dallas Ry. & Terminal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Derby Gas & Elec. Corp., \$7 pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
\$6 1/2 preferred (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Edison Elec. Ill. of Brockton (quar.)	62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Elec. Power & Light, 2nd pf. A (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Fall River Gas Works (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Kentucky Utilities, junior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Keystone Telephone, pref. (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17
Lawrence Gas & Elec. (quar.)	63c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Mohawk & Hudson Power, pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
National Power & Light, com. (quar.)	*20c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
North Amer. Edison, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
No. Amer. Util. Securities 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 29
First pref. allot. etcs. (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 29
North West Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Ohio Public Term., 1st pf. A (monthly)	*58 1-3	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Pacific Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*37 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Palmer Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Phila. Suburban Water, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Portland Gas & Coke, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Railway & Light Securities, com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Common (extra)	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Rhode Island Pub. Serv., cl. A (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Rockland Light & Pow., com. (quar.)	*\$1.12	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Sierra Pacific Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Southern Colorado Pow., com A. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Tampa Electric Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Common (one-fiftieth share com. stk.)	(f)	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Toledo Edison, 6% pref. (monthly)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Preferred A (monthly)	\$8 1-3c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Union National Gas (quar.)	*35c.		
Extra	*5c.		
Wilmington Gas Co., preferred	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
<b>Banks.</b>			
Berardini (M) State Bank (in stock)	*650		
Stapleton National	5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
<b>Trust Companies.</b>			
Farmers' Loan & Trust (quar.)	*4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Kings County Trust (Brooklyn) (qu.)	*15	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Extra	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24
<b>Fire Insurance.</b>			
Guardian Fire Assurance (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 23
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>			
Acme Wire, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Alaska Packers Assn. (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Extra	*\$2	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
American Art Works, com. (extra)	4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
American Brick, com. (quar.)			

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<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</b>			
American Glue, pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Amer. Sumatra Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	2 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Binney & Smith Co., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (extra)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (quar.)	*5	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
British Columbia Pulp & Paper, pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Bucyrus-Erie Co., com. (No. 1)	*25c	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Convertible preferred (No. 1)	*62 1/2c	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Burns Bros., com. cl. A (quar.)	*\$2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Burroughs Adding Mach., (special)	\$1	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Calumet & Hecla Consol. Corp. (quar.)	50c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Canadian Converters (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Carnation Milk Products, com.	*50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Carrier Engineering Corp., conv. pf. (qu.)	*4 1/4	Jan. 16	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Case (J. I.) Plow Works, class A	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Celluloid Co., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
First preferred (quar.)	15c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Centrifugal Pipe Corp. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Chic., Wilmington & Franklin Coal—Preferred (quar.)	*1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Cities Service, com. (monthly)	*7 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Com. (payable in common stock)	*3 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Preferred and pref. BB (monthly)	*5c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Preferred B (monthly)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Clinchfield Coal, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Consolidated Laundries—Com. (one-half sh. pf. per 100 sh. com)	(7)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Cushman Sons, Inc., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (payable in 8% pref.)	*\$83	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
8% preferred (quar.)	*2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Deere & Co., com. (No. 1) (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, com. (quar.)	*50c	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Dome Mine, Ltd. (quar.)	*25c	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Ewa Plantation (extra)	*\$2	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Fair (The), common (monthly)	*20c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Common (monthly)	*20c	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Common (monthly)	*20c	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Fam. Players, Canadian Corp., pf. (qu.)	*2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Foster & Kleiser Co., com. (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
General Steel Wares Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
German Credit & Invest., 1st pref.	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Glidden Co., prior pf. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Globe Grain & Milling, com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 28
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 28
Second preferred (quar.)	*\$2	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 28
Hamilton-Brown Shoe (monthly)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Hall (W. F.) Printing (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Hawaiian Pineapple	*15c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Hazeltine Corp. (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 24	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Hershey Chocolate, prior pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Convertible preferred (quar.)	*1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Hollander (A.) & Sons, (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Homestead Funds Corp., com.	25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Illinois Pacific Glass, com. (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Common (extra)	*25c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Internat. Harvester, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 4
International Shoe, pref. (monthly)	3/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Intertype Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Iste Royale Copper (quar.)	50c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Kinney (G. R.), pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 2	Holders of rec. Feb. 17
Knox Hat, partic. "A" stk.—Preferred (quar.)	\$15	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
1 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Kroger Groc. & Bk., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*25c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Com. (payable in com stock)	*5	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Com. (payable in com stock)	*75	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (quar.)	*3	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Lit Brothers Corp.	50c	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Lord & Taylor, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Massey-Harris Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
McIntyre Porcupine Mines (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Melito Sea Food, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Merrillam Mfg., com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Preferred	2 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Metrop. Chain Stores 1st & 2d pt. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Mirror (The) pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Moloney Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Montgomery Ward & Co., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 13	*Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Common (extra)	*\$1	Feb. 13	*Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Class A (quar.)	*\$1.75	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
National Food Products, cl. A (qu.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a
National Lead, pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 2
Nat. Recording Pump (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Extra	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
New Amsterdam Casualty, Balt. (quar.)	*70c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19
New Process Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 27
New Cornelia Copper (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Feb. 3
New Jersey Zinc	*2	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
North Central Texas Oil (quar.)	15c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Otis Elevator, com. (extra)	\$1	Feb. 29	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Pacific Finance, pref. A & B. (quar.)	*\$2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Dividend omitted			
Piggly Wiggly Western, A (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Pillsbury Flour Mills, com. (quar.)	40c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Pullman Company (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24d
Republic Iron & Steel, com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Procter & Gamble, pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Pro-phylactic Brush, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 29
Quincy Mkt. Cold Stor. & Whse., pf. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Russell Manufacturing, common	*1 1/4		
Russell Motor Car, common	4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
St. Lawrence Flour Mills, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
St. Louis Car Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Savannah Sugar, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Schulte Retail Stores, com. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (quar.)	*87 1/2c	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15
Common (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Common (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Scott Paper, pref. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Stamford's, Limited, 1st & 2nd pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Thatcher Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*90c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Troxel Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Union Storage (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Quarterly	*62 1/2c	May 10	*Holders of rec. May 1
Quarterly	*62 1/2c	Aug. 10	*Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Quarterly	*62 1/2c	Nov. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Un. Biscuit of Amer., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*40c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 26
U. S. Bond & Mortgage Corp. of Mass., preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	2 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Common (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Common (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1

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<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Vanadium Corp. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Washburn-Crosby Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Wayagamack Pulp & Paper, com. (qu.)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Railroads (Steam).</b>			
Alabama Great Southern preferred	\$1.75	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Preferred (extra)	\$1.50	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 27a
Common (extra)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 27a
Preferred	2 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Baltimore & Ohio, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Preferred (quarterly)	1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Canada Southern	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers, pf.	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Cuba RR, preferred	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Great Northern, preferred	2 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 27a
Hudson & Manhattan, pref. (semi-ann.)	2 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Louisville & Nashville	5 1/4	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Mahoning Coal RR., common (quar.)	\$12.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Massachusetts Valley	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Michigan Central	20	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Nashville Chatt. & St. Louis	3 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
New York Central RR. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Dec. 31 to Jan. 25
Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Pere Marquette, prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Five per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Pittsburg & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Pittsburg West Va. com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Reading Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 9	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Southern Ry., common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Virginian Ry., preferred	*3	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Wabash, pref. class A (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
Preferred B	5	Feb. 6	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a

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<b>Public Utilities.</b>			
American Commonwealths Power Corp.			
First preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Second preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J., com. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Amer. Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
American Light & Trac., com. (qu.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 17 to Jan. 26
Amer Water Works & Elec., com. (qu.)	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Common (1-40th share com. stock)	(7)	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Associated Gas & El., class A (quar.)	150c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Class A (extra)	125c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co., com. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Brazilian Tr., Lt. & Pow., ord (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Broad River Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Bklyn-Manhat. Tran., pf. ser. A (qu.)	\$1.50	Apr. 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
Central & S. W. Utilities—			
Prior lien and preferred stocks (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Amer. Gas & Elec. Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Ill. Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 14	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Central Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Chicago Rapid Tran., prior pref. A (qu.)	65c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Prior pref. A (quar.)	65c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Prior pref. series B (quar.)	60c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Prior pref. series B (quar.)	60c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Columbia Gas & Elec., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Commonwealth-Edison Co. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Commonwealth Power Corp., com. (qu.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Consolidated Gas of N. Y., pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30

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<b>Public Utilities (Continued)</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued)</b>			
Phila. Rapid Transit, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan.	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a	Canfield Oil, com. (quar.)	*2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Power & Light Securities Trust—				Common (quar.)	*2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Shares of beneficial interest	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9	Common (quar.)	*2	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Shares of beneficial interest (extra)	(7)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9	Common (quar.)	*2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Pub. Serv. Corp. of N. J., 6% pf. (mthly.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Dec. 21 to Jan. 4
Pub. Ser. Nor. Ill., com. \$100 par (qu.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Common, no par (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Southern Calif. Edison, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Southern Canada Power Co., com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Cerro de Pasco Copper Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
South Pittsburgh Water Co., 5% pref.	87 1/2c	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Chelmsford Co., class A (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Standard Gas & Elec. (Del.) com. (qu.)	1 1/4c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
7% prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Standard Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Chicago Ry. Equip. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Tennessee East Elec., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	33 1/3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
\$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Monthly	33 1/3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Tennessee Electric Pow., 6% 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Chief Consol. Copper (quar.)	*10c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
7% 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Christie, Brown & Co., com. (quar.)	30c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
7.2% 1st preferred (quar.)	1.80	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
6% 1st preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Cities Service, com. (monthly)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
6% 1st preferred (monthly)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Com. (payable in com. stock)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
6% 1st preferred (monthly)	50c.	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Prof. & pref. B. B. (monthly)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred B. (monthly)	6c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	City & Fuel (Cleveland) (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	1st Stores Co., class A (quar.)	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Texas Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Cleveland-Cliffs Iron (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
United Lt. & Pow. old com. A & B (qu.)	60c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Cleveland Stone (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
New common A & B (quar.)	12c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Quarterly	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
U. S. & Foreign Securities, 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Western Power Corp., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Cluett, Peabody & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
West Penn. Electric Co. 7% pfd. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Columbian Carbon v.t.c. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Connecticut Cash Credit, com. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Preferred (quar.)	15c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Wisconsin Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 29	Preferred (extra)	15c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
York Railways, preferred (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24	<b>Consolidated Cigar Corp.</b>			
<b>Banks.</b>				Prior preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	1.62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Continental	4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 27a	Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	20c.	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a	Consumers Company, pref.	3 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Public Nat. Bank & Trust, stock div.	e20	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Continental Can., Inc. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
<b>Trust Companies.</b>				Continental Motors Corp. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Bancilla Corp. (stock dividend)	*e2	Jan. 28	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Crucible Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Manufacturers, extra	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6	Cuba Company, pref.	3 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Title Guar. & Trust (extra)	5	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 22	Davega, Inc. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
<b>Fire Insurance.</b>				Extra	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
City of New York (quarterly)	4	Apr. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 31	Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Home Insurance (quarterly)	5	Apr. 9	Holders of rec. Mar. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19a
Stuyvesant (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 30	Jan. 25 to Jan. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20a
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>				Detroit Motor Bus, com. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Abraham & Strauss, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Domination Bridge (quar.)	65c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Acme Steel (quar.)	*\$1.25	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Domino Engineering Wks. (quar.)	65c.	Apr. 14	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	Dunhill International, com. (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
Allis Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24a	Du Pont De Nem. & Co., deb. stk. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Amalgamated Laundries, pref. (mthly.)	58 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Eastern Bankers Corp., common	30c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (monthly)	59 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Common (extra)	30c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (monthly)	58 1/2c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (monthly)	58 1/2c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Eastern Theatres, Ltd., preference	3 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (monthly)	58 1/2c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Easton Axle & Spring (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Amerada Corporation (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a	Elgin Nat. Watch (quar.)	62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
American Can, common (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a	Erle Steam Shovel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
American Cigar, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Esmond Mills, com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 12 to Feb. 5	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Amer. Fork & Hoe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a	Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
American Foundry, trust, com. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Eureka Vacuum Cleaner (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Com. (1-140 share com. stk.)	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Exchange Buffet Corp. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
7% 1st pref. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Fair (The), com. (quar.)	20c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
6% 1st pref. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Fajardo Sugar (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
6% 2nd pref. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Federal Knitting Mills, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
American Home Products, com. (mthly)	20c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Common (extra)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
American Ice, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Common (quar.)	*62 1/2c	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Common (extra)	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Common (extra)	*12 1/2c	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Federal Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
American Machine & Fdy., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a	Firestone Tire & Rubber, 7% pref.	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a	Fisk Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
American Meter (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Convertible 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Franklin (H. H.) Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Amer. Smelt & Refg., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13a	Freeport Texas Co. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 3a	Extra	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Amer. Vitriol Products, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Galesburg Coulter-Dise. (No. 1)	*80c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	General Cigar, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., com. (qu.)	75c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a	General Elec com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Arizona Commercial Mining	25c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Special stock (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Artloom Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a	General Motors, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Associated Dry Goods, common (quar.)	63c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11a	Six per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11a	General Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Gilchrist Company (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Babeock & Wilcox Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a	Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Babalan & Katz, com. (monthly)	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Gimbel Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Common (monthly)	*25c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Gobel (A.) Inc. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	called	for redemption Feb. 10
Common (monthly)	*25c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Goddard Dust Corp. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	*33 1/3c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Bancroft (Joseph) & Sons Co., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Common (monthly)	*33 1/3c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 17
Barnhart Bros. & Spindler—				Common (monthly)	*33 1/3c	May 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
1st and second pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a	Common (monthly)	*33 1/3c	June 2	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Barnsdall Corp., class A & B	62 1/2c	Feb. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a	Common (monthly)	*33 1/3c	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Bastian-Blessing Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Gotham Silk Hosiery—			
Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.87 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Com. voting (in voting com. stock)	f4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Bigelow-Hart, Carpet, com. & pfd. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Com. non-vot. (in non-vot. com. stk.)	f4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Blaw-Knox Co. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 22 to Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Bloch Brothers Tobacco, com (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 15	Feb. 10 to Feb. 14	Great Lakes Steamship (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 22a
Common (quar.)	37 1/2c	May 15	May 10 to May 14	Halle Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Aug. 15	Aug. 10 to Aug. 14	Hammermill Paper (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Nov. 15	Nov. 10 to Nov. 14	Harbison-Walker Refract., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Mar. 26 to Mar. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	June 25 to June 29	Harris, Seybold, Potter Co., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Sept. 25 to Sept. 29	Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Dec. 26 to Dec. 30	Higbee Co., 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 22 to Feb. 1
Bloomington Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Second preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Bon Ami Co., com. cl. A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines, (monthly)			

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Intertype Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Common (extra)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Jaeger Machine, com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 17
Kaufman Department Stores, com. (qu.)	2	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Common (extra)	12 1/2c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Common (extra)	12 1/2c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Kellogg Switchboard & Supp., com. (qu.)	32 1/2c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Kelsey-Hayes Wheel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Kentucky Cash Credit Co.			
Common (1-10 share common stock)	(f)	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Common (quar.)	15c.	Mar. 24	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Preferred (quar.)	15c.	Mar. 24	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Preferred (extra)	15c.	Mar. 24	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Keystone Watch Case Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Kress (S. H.) Co., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Special preferred (quar.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Landay Bros., Inc., class A (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Lanston Monotype Mach. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 29	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Lehigh Portland Cement—			
Common (in pref. stock)	1100	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Jan. 15 to Jan. 31
Lemur Co., common	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Lessings, Inc. (quar.)	*1	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Lion Oil Refining, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Liquid Carbonic Corp. (quar.)	90c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Loew's Boston Theatres (quar.)	15c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Loew's Biscuit, com. (quar.)	40c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Lord & Taylor, 2d pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Louisiana Oil Refining, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Macy (R. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 28a
Common (payable in common stock)	75	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Mascot Oil (monthly)	*1	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
McCrory Stores Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
McVellie Shoe, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Mercantile Stores Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Miami Copper Co. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Miller Rubber, pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Mining Corp. of Canada	12 1/2c	Jan. 25	Jan. 11 to Jan. 24
Missouri-Ills. Stores, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 28
Mohawk Mining (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 28
Motor Products, com. (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Mulford (H. K.) Co., com.	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Common (extra)	*\$1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Mullins Mfg., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Nash Motors, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Common (extra)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
National American Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Quarterly	*50c.	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Quarterly	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Quarterly	*50c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 14	Holders of rec. Mar. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 29	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Nat. Dept. Stores, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a
Nat. Food Products, cl. A (qu.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
National Supply, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 13a
National Lead, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
National Radiator, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
National Tea, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
National Tile (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Nelsner Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Nelson (Herman) Corp., stock dividend.	*e1	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Stock dividend	*e1	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 19
New England Equity Corp., com. (No.1)	50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 18
New Jersey Cash Credit, com. (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Common (1-100 share pref. stock)	(f)	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Preferred (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Preferred (extra)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Pref. (1-100 share pref. stock)	(f)	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
New York Air Brake (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Extra	25c.	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
New York Merchandise (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Niehoh Grain & Milling	*\$5	Feb. 7	
Oceanic Oil (bi-monthly)	*2c.	Jan. 26	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Extra	*8c.	Jan. 26	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Oil Well Supply, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Oppenheim, Collins & Co., com. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 27
Common (payable in com. stock)	710	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 27a
Outlet Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Pacific Coast Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Packard Motor Car, monthly	25c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Monthly	25c.	Feb. 29	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Paramount Famous Lasky, pref.	2	Feb. 1	Called for redemption
Parker Rust Proof Co., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Preferred (quar.)	35c.	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Pender (David) Grocery, cl. B (qu.)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Class B (extra)	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Penmans Ltd., common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Pennsylvania Cash Cred. Corp., com. (qu.)	12c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Preferred (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Preferred (extra)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Penn Traffic	7 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Philadelphia Insulated Wire	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Extra	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Pick (Albert), Barth & Co., part. pf. (qu.)	43 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg—			
8% Preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
7% Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Pines Winterfront Co., cl. A & B (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Postum Co., (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Pyrene Manufacturing (quar.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	Jan. 21 to Jan. 31
Quaker Oats, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 19	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
sQ R. S. Music, common (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 19	*Holders of rec. Apr. 2
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Apr. 2
Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Rice-Stix Dry Goods, common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Richfield Oil, common (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	43 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
River Raisin Paper (quar.)	20c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Rockland & Rockford Lime 1st pref.	3 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Second preferred	*3	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Royal Dutch Co. (Amer. shares)	\$1.34	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 20
Extra	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 20
Quarterly	50c.	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Extra	25c.	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Quarterly	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20
Extra	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20
Quarterly	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Salt Creek Producers Assn. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Savage Arms, 2d pref., (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Sears-Roebuck & Co., (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Seeman Brothers, Inc., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Shaffer Oil & Ref., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Shell Transport & Trading (Am. shs.)	97c.	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Silver (Isaac) & Bros., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Sinclair Consolidated Oil, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</b>			
Skelly Oil (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Square Deal Investment Corp.	*1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 28
Stock dividend	*5	Feb. 15	
Steel & Tubes Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Steel Co. of Canada, com. & pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Sterling Products (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Stone (H. O.) & Co.—			
Common (payable in com. stock)	75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Stover Mfg. & Eng., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Swift International	60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Teck Hughes Gold Mines, Ltd.	10c.	Feb. 1	Jan. 18 to Jan. 31
Extra	5c.	Feb. 1	Jan. 18 to Jan. 31
Telaugograph Corp., com. (quar.)	20c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Thompson (John R.) Co. (monthly)	30c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Monthly	30c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Tide Water Oil, conv. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Tobacco Products Corp., class A (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 27a
Trucon Steel, com. (in com. stock)	76	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Tung Sol Lamp Works, com. (quar.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Class A (quar.)	*45c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Union Oil of Calif., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Unit. Bond & Share Corp., part. pf. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
United Clear Stores of Amer. pfd. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13a
United Drug, com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
United Paper Board pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 2a
United Verde Extension Mining	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
U. S. Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Universal Leaf Tobacco, com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Universal Pipe & Radiator, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Venezuelan Petroleum (quar.) (No. 1)	5c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Vick Chemical (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Victor Talking Mach., pr. pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
V. S. pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
V. Vivandou, com. (pay in com. stk.)	\$2 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Warner (Chas.) Co.—			
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Weber Hellbronner, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Westinghouse El. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
White Sewing Mach., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Wilcox (H. F.) Oil & Gas (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Woolworth (F. W.) Co. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co. (monthly)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Zonite Products Co. (No. 1)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4

\* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. j 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.

i Associated Gas & Electric dividends payable either in cash or class A stock as follows: On class A stock one-fourth share class A stock; on \$6 pref. 3 40-100ths share of class A stock; on \$6.50 pref. 3 69-100ths share of class A stock.

r Power & Light Securities Trust extra dividend is three one-hundredths of a share of beneficial interest on its shares of beneficial interest.

s Changed from monthly payment to quarterly payment.

t Knox Hat (class A) dividend is payable in prior pref. stock.

u British American Tobacco dividends are, final, 1s. 8d., and interim, 10d. Transfers received in London up to Dec. 31 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees.

v Payable in class A stock.

z Holders of record date changed from Dec. 31 to Jan. 10.

**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 Jan. 14. 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.)

Week Ended	Capital.	Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
Jan. 14 1928.	Nat'l. Dec. 31	State, Nov. 15	Tr. Cos. Nov. 15					
(000 omitted)								
Members of Fed. Res. Bank of N Y & Tr Co.	6,000	12,690	83,047	544	8,008	59,420	7,987	---
Bk of Manhat'n	12,500	18,834	184,871	4,200	20,541	145,889	30,058	---
Bank of America	6,500	5,427	89,049	1,098	12,			

Week Ended Jan. 7 1928. (000 omitted)	Net Profits		Loans, Discount, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Deposit- ories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time De- posits.	Bank Circu- lation.
	Nat'l. Tr. Cos.	Dec. 31 Nov. 15						
Trust Co's Not Members of Fed'l Res. Bk. Title Guar & Tr. Lawyers Trust.	10,000 3,000	21,171 3,602	69,912 26,105	2,043 953	4,404 2,149	42,701 20,790	1,842 1,855	----
Total of averages	13,000	24,773	96,017	2,996	6,553	63,491	3,527	----
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 14	94,753	2,856	6,662	62,251	3,532	----	----
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 7	96,112	2,991	6,701	63,901	3,469	----	----
Totals, actual condition	Dec. 31	95,113	2,869	6,492	62,121	3,525	----	----
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Jan. 14	632,438	6,366,254	56,144	677,295	4,998,415	788,066	23,490
Comparison with prev. week		-194,088	-1,807	-20,024	-184,733	+6,729	-77	
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Jan. 14	6,315,587	53,184,627,431	4,944,743,790,414	23,416			
Comparison with prev. week		-129,276	-6,327	+21,729	-78,024	-4,055	-148	
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Jan. 7	7,644,863	59,511,605,702	5,022,767,794,469	23,564			
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Dec. 31	6,597,933	58,392,637,837	5,193,108,768,110	23,524			
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Dec. 24	6,205,670	68,546,664,781	4,861,625,747,787	23,645			
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Dec. 17	6,162,235	64,406,670,883	4,918,610,718,801	23,741			
Gr'd agr., av'g' condition	Dec. 10	6,143,968	58,480,670,637	4,919,201,723,189	23,643			

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total Jan. 14, \$33,077,000. Actual totals Jan. 14, \$29,334,000; Jan. 7, \$36,635,000; Dec. 31, \$48,052,000; Dec. 24, \$50,051,000; Dec. 17, \$50,052,000; Dec. 10, \$1,162,000. Bills payable, rediscouts, acceptances, and other liabilities, average for week Jan. 14, \$862,620,000; Jan. 7, \$90,035,000; Dec. 31, \$891,128,000; Dec. 24, \$830,487,000; Dec. 17, \$789,531,000; Dec. 10, \$806,353,000. Actual totals Jan. 14, \$816,893,000; Jan. 7, \$856,564,000; Dec. 31, \$865,148,000; Dec. 24, \$883,220,000; Dec. 17, \$787,413,000; Dec. 10, \$802,383,000.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$250,559,000; Chase National Bank, \$14,179,000; Bankers' Trust Co., \$44,078,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$77,506,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,731,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$110,010,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$35,206,000; Chase National Bank, \$1,776,000; Bankers' Trust Co., \$1,102,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$8,721,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,737,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$4,298,000.

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.

	Averages.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	8,497,000	4,604,000	13,101,000	12,799,260	301,740
Trust companies*	2,996,000	6,553,000	9,549,000	9,523,650	25,350
Total Jan. 14	11,493,000	677,295,000	688,788,000	676,089,070	12,698,930
Total Jan. 7	11,463,000	697,319,000	708,782,000	699,755,520	9,026,480
Total Dec. 31	11,456,000	663,845,000	675,301,000	668,171,820	7,129,180
Total Dec. 24	11,250,000	654,138,000	665,388,000	661,032,450	3,355,550

\* 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: Jan. 14, \$21,469,950; Jan. 7, \$21,252,300; Dec. 31, \$20,387,940; Dec. 24, \$19,794,210; Dec. 17, \$19,503,090; Dec. 10, \$19,524,150.

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	8,213,000	4,041,000	12,254,000	12,954,780	-700,780
Trust companies*	2,856,000	6,662,000	9,518,000	9,337,650	180,350
Total Jan. 14	11,069,000	627,431,000	638,500,000	639,207,540	30,707,540
Total Jan. 7	11,296,000	605,702,000	616,998,000	679,372,630	62,374,630
Total Dec. 31	11,212,000	637,837,000	649,049,000	700,700,040	51,651,000
Total Dec. 24	10,976,000	664,781,000	675,757,000	656,935,900	18,821,100

\* 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: Jan. 14, \$21,547,380; Jan. 7, \$21,654,450; Dec. 31, \$20,840,130; Dec. 24, \$20,251,410; Dec. 17, \$19,390,050; Dec. 10, \$19,610,430.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Jan. 7.	Differences from Prev. Week.
Loans and investments	\$1,452,647,000	Inc. \$8,822,200
Gold	5,805,200	Dec. 228,400
Currency notes	25,890,600	Dec. 1,317,300
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	122,009,700	Dec. 3,045,200
Time deposits	1,499,808,100	Dec. 7,976,600
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges & U. S. deposits.	1,404,757,400	Inc. 9,352,700
Reserve on deposits	195,799,100	Dec. 12,808,500
Percentage of reserve, 21.00%		

RESERVE.

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$39,580,600 17.89%	\$113,314,900 15.96%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	10,376,200 4.69%	32,527,400 4.58%
Total	\$49,956,800 22.58%	\$145,842,300 20.54%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 14 was \$122,009,700.

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.

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sept. 17	7,276,682,800	5,990,345,100	\$3,361,800	771,680,400
Sept. 24	7,290,010,700	5,885,011,200	\$1,144,800	80,449,500
Oct. 1	7,304,600,300	5,897,049,400	\$2,314,800	760,172,500
Oct. 8	7,406,023,400	5,971,040,300	\$3,304,200	774,359,100
Oct. 15	7,315,962,900	5,903,629,300	\$6,248,900	770,304,400
Oct. 22	7,307,457,600	5,952,316,500	\$2,589,900	777,194,400
Oct. 29	7,322,436,700	5,960,174,600	\$4,457,300	773,177,400
Nov. 5	7,369,553,800	6,030,524,900	\$3,515,500	791,129,000
Nov. 12	7,421,396,900	6,056,967,900	\$7,395,500	778,567,000
Nov. 19	7,501,257,200	6,148,900,500	\$5,950,500	802,801,300
Nov. 26	7,526,722,000	6,183,811,700	\$6,031,600	800,450,500
Dec. 3	7,601,347,100	6,266,367,500	\$8,962,900	818,811,500
Dec. 10	7,587,309,500	6,286,819,400	\$9,065,500	811,488,000
Dec. 17	7,567,275,900	6,292,581,100	\$7,111,900	822,545,300
Dec. 24	7,632,582,400	6,261,887,800	\$105,223,300	808,138,600
Dec. 31	7,757,544,200	6,324,178,700	\$98,255,100	825,703,100
Jan. 7 1928	8,004,166,800	6,578,552,700	\$90,882,500	873,495,100
Jan. 14	7,818,901,000	6,403,172,400	\$8,029,800	\$42,208,300

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, the ts, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Dis- counts, Invest- ments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depos- itories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Member of Fed'l Res'v. Bank.							
Grace Nat Bank	1,000	2,002	16,154	98	1,306	8,897	4,197
Trust Company Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Mech Tr, Bayonne.	500	744	9,735	432	217	4,350	5,806
Gr'd agr., Jan. 14	1,500	2,747	25,889	530	1,523	13,247	10,003
Comparison with prev. week			-359	+19	-35	-390	+86
Gr'd agr., Jan. 7	1,500	2,747	26,248	511	1,558	13,637	9,917
Gr'd agr., Dec. 31	1,500	2,682	25,832	418	1,447	12,780	9,749
Gr'd agr., Dec. 24	1,500	2,682	25,716	443	1,469	12,711	9,689
Gr'd agr., Dec. 10	1,500	2,682	25,448	441	1,515	13,200	9,690

a United States deposits deducted, \$104,000. Bills payable, rediscouts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$3,518,000. Excess in reserve, \$31,330 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Jan. 18 1927.	Changes from Previous Week.	Jan. 11 1928.	Jan. 4 1928.
Capital	\$78,400,000	Unchanged	\$78,400,000	\$77,150,000
Surplus and profits	94,215,000	Dec. 1,135,000	95,350,000	97,596,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,114,182,000	Dec. 575,000	1,114,757,000	1,108,312,000
Individual deposits	722,363,000	Inc. 9,533,000	712,830,000	725,475,000
Due to banks	182,005,000	Dec. 4,449,000	186,454,000	183,371,000
Time deposits	279,706,000	Dec. 5,140,000	284,846,000	292,075,000
United States deposits	10,299,000	Dec. 2,667,000	12,966,000	17,095,000
Exchanges for C'g H'se	40,665,000	Dec. 646,000	40,711,000	57,292,000
Due from other banks	98,619,000	Dec. 372,000	98,991,000	110,433,000
Res'v in legal depositories	88,032,000	Dec. 560,000	88,592,000	87,343,000
Cash in bank	11,087,000	Dec. 608,000	11,695,000	12,213,000
Res'v excess in F.R.Bk	651,000	Dec. 815,000	1,466,000	690,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 14, 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."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Jan. 14 1928.			Jan. 7 1928.	Dec. 31 1927.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies.	1928 Total.		
Capital	52,300.0	9,500.0	61,800.0	61,800.0	61,800.0
Surplus and profits	165,840.0	17,449.0	183,289.0	183,296.0	182,132.0
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,021,646.0	98,265.0	1,119,911.0	1,113,392.0	1,107,034.0
Exch for Clear. House	44,757.0	996.0	45,753.0	54,673.0	41,161.0
Due from banks	100,812.0	407.0	101,219.0	712,624.0	112,840.0
Bank deposits	148,645.0	3,511.0	152,156.0	153,699.0	143,683.0
Individual deposits	655,034.0	52,459.0	707,493.0	712,804.0	692,790.0
Time deposits	191,131.0	25,921.0	217,052.0	217,005.0	211,311.0
Total deposits	994,810.0	81,891.0	1,076,701.0	1,063,608.0	1,047,784.0
Res. with legal depositories	9,362.0	9,362.0	9,362.0	11,333.0	11,079.0
Res. with F. R. Bank	74,084.0	74,084.0	74,084.0	72,391.0	70,734.0
Cash in vault	10,251.0	2,734.0	12,985.0	13,670.0	14,977.0
Total res. & cash held	84,335.0	12,096.0	96,431.0	97,394.0	96,790.0
Reserve required	73,128.0	10,129.0	83,257.0	82,910.0	81,027.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	11,207.0	1,967.0	13,174.0	14,484.0	15,763.0

\* 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, Jan. 19 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 341. 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 JAN. 18 1928

	Jan. 18 1928.	Jan. 11 1928.	Jan 4 1928.	Dec. 28 1927.	Dec. 21 1927.	Dec. 14 1927.	Dec 7 1927	Nov 30 1927.	Jan. 19 1927.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,530,476,000	1,524,657,000	1,477,638,000	1,469,255,000	1,505,098,000	1,585,009,000	1,530,667,000	1,476,253,000	1,575,495,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	53,955,000	51,068,000	51,447,000	54,681,000	53,925,000	47,952,000	46,190,000	49,238,000	52,633,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,584,431,000	1,575,725,000	1,529,085,000	1,523,936,000	1,559,023,000	1,632,961,000	1,576,857,000	1,525,491,000	1,628,128,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	551,153,000	572,502,000	594,958,000	595,110,000	554,358,000	487,463,000	586,044,000	631,911,000	503,513,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	672,044,000	659,672,000	618,458,000	620,054,000	628,942,000	671,778,000	663,834,000	647,584,000	804,294,000
Total gold reserves	2,807,628,000	2,807,899,000	2,742,501,000	2,739,100,000	2,742,323,000	2,792,202,000	2,826,735,000	2,804,986,000	2,935,935,000
Reserves other than gold	167,934,000	159,324,000	146,719,000	123,096,000	115,219,000	125,764,000	126,540,000	134,904,000	159,566,000
Total reserves	2,975,562,000	2,967,223,000	2,889,220,000	2,862,196,000	2,857,542,000	2,917,966,000	2,953,275,000	2,939,890,000	3,095,501,000
Non-reserve cash	94,118,000	93,146,000	81,352,000	69,647,000	55,211,000	56,310,000	53,728,000	58,274,000	81,174,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	284,781,000	297,370,000	350,933,000	411,824,000	390,830,000	347,586,000	294,613,000	345,070,000	201,611,000
Other bills discounted	127,278,000	141,771,000	169,946,000	197,385,000	187,326,000	147,387,000	149,294,000	131,955,000	214,448,000
Total bills discounted	412,059,000	439,141,000	520,879,000	609,209,000	578,156,000	494,973,000	443,907,000	477,025,000	416,059,000
Bills bought in open market	369,035,000	392,567,000	387,131,000	385,527,000	365,772,000	381,125,000	379,998,000	354,740,000	357,360,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	65,033,000	226,765,000	293,322,000	287,746,000	276,390,000	270,980,000	266,243,000	264,732,000	55,463,000
Treasury notes	243,857,000	100,581,000	104,583,000	62,531,000	53,907,000	59,245,000	58,105,000	55,611,000	97,774,000
Certificates of indebtedness	190,478,000	217,917,000	229,498,000	252,849,000	257,655,000	267,670,000	281,853,000	227,492,000	159,505,000
Total U. S. Government securities	499,368,000	545,263,000	627,403,000	603,126,000	587,952,000	597,895,000	604,201,000	547,835,000	312,742,000
Other securities (see note)	500,000	760,000	880,000	980,000	980,000	950,000	915,000	915,000	2,500,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,280,962,000	1,377,731,000	1,536,293,000	1,598,842,000	1,532,860,000	1,474,943,000	1,429,021,000	1,380,515,000	1,068,661,000
Gold held abroad	568,000	566,000	566,000	568,000	569,000	566,000	566,000	566,000	657,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	705,805,000	670,056,000	860,067,000	728,018,000	759,246,000	828,912,000	647,516,000	692,230,000	722,746,000
Uncollected items	58,724,000	58,122,000	57,972,000	60,185,000	60,190,000	60,176,000	60,007,000	60,001,000	58,231,000
Bank premises	11,222,000	14,888,000	15,043,000	14,383,000	14,462,000	14,759,000	14,176,000	13,991,000	12,053,000
All other resources	5,126,861,000	5,181,732,000	5,440,513,000	5,333,839,000	5,280,080,000	5,353,632,000	5,158,349,000	5,145,467,000	5,039,023,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,623,785,000	1,679,624,000	1,760,710,000	1,813,198,000	1,821,332,000	1,766,735,000	1,749,795,000	1,716,574,000	1,709,919,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,431,764,000	2,473,358,000	2,485,757,000	2,431,845,000	2,394,335,000	2,418,572,000	2,397,062,000	2,378,563,000	2,243,429,000
Government	15,160,000	17,134,000	15,752,000	16,880,000	15,425,000	4,040,000	1,771,000	2,093,000	36,238,000
Foreign banks (see note)	5,658,000	4,825,000	5,652,000	4,423,000	4,338,000	4,473,000	5,410,000	4,842,000	5,699,000
Other deposits	19,061,000	22,126,000	29,138,000	20,328,000	19,905,000	20,894,000	23,010,000	27,672,000	32,429,000
Total deposits	2,471,643,000	2,517,443,000	2,530,299,000	2,473,276,000	2,434,003,000	2,447,979,000	2,427,253,000	2,413,170,000	2,317,795,000
Deferred availability items	154,526,000	609,065,000	768,850,000	666,322,000	644,451,000	758,776,000	602,517,000	637,726,000	646,976,000
Capital paid in	133,775,000	132,585,000	132,512,000	132,460,000	132,403,000	132,315,000	131,738,000	131,698,000	125,480,000
Surplus	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000
All other liabilities	9,813,000	9,696,000	8,823,000	19,808,000	19,116,000	19,052,000	18,271,000	17,524,000	10,078,000
Total liabilities	5,126,861,000	5,181,732,000	5,440,513,000	5,333,839,000	5,280,080,000	5,353,632,000	5,158,349,000	5,145,467,000	5,039,023,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	68.6%	66.9%	63.8%	63.9%	64.4%	66.2%	67.7%	67.9%	72.9%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	72.7%	70.7%	67.2%	66.8%	67.2%	69.2%	70.7%	71.2%	76.9%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	232,291,000	233,812,000	232,181,000	226,904,000	223,870,000	201,112,000	187,587,000	186,186,000	90,382,000
<b>Distribution by Maturity—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	149,752,000	172,388,000	182,427,000	172,948,000	141,772,000	153,976,000	155,324,000	137,746,000	147,001,000
1-15 days bills discounted	347,115,000	372,923,000	449,009,000	537,482,000	515,415,000	438,526,000	386,039,000	412,153,000	310,773,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	93,000	15,272,000	1,606,000	20,851,000	22,479,000	46,165,000	59,932,000	5,064,000	1,564,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	---	---	100,000	100,000	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days bills bought in open market	73,298,000	80,578,000	102,696,000	110,201,000	99,627,000	88,522,000	77,774,000	71,372,000	71,170,000
16-30 days bills discounted	15,342,000	14,383,000	18,059,000	18,330,000	20,455,000	16,835,000	17,465,000	19,893,000	21,613,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	---	---	35,473,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days municipal warrants	---	---	20,000	120,000	120,000	100,000	155,000	100,000	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market	67,676,000	79,449,000	75,568,000	78,434,000	98,268,000	107,092,000	115,489,000	108,980,000	90,754,000
31-60 days bills discounted	28,255,000	27,294,000	27,010,000	26,892,000	20,781,000	19,288,000	21,386,000	27,224,000	43,411,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	90,841,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days bills bought in open market	---	57,376,000	26,341,000	23,207,000	24,786,000	29,673,000	29,346,000	34,501,000	21,060,000
61-90 days bills discounted	75,015,000	16,186,000	17,995,000	18,617,000	13,368,000	11,844,000	11,440,000	10,912,000	24,448,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	14,264,000	105,220,000	114,569,000	153,370,000	157,098,000	---	---	---	---
61-90 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	---	2,776,000	2,099,000	1,337,000	1,319,000	1,862,000	2,065,000	2,141,000	3,375,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	3,294,000	8,355,000	7,906,000	7,888,000	8,137,000	8,480,000	7,577,000	6,843,000	9,814,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	7,083,000	27,738,000	77,850,000	78,628,000	12,225,000	221,505,000	221,921,000	222,428,000	157,941,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	99,544,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,971,203,000	2,991,317,000	3,020,347,000	3,043,440,000	3,037,792,000	3,017,610,000	2,975,476,000	2,946,575,000	2,983,478,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	845,755,000	817,415,000	801,857,000	779,860,000	776,640,000	794,750,000	800,190,000	819,870,000	820,473,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,125,448,000	2,173,902,000	2,218,490,000	2,263,580,000	2,261,152,000	2,222,860,000	2,175,286,000	2,126,705,000	2,163,005,000
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates	411,341,000	408,950,000	407,951,000	407,928,000	406,579,000	405,778,000	405,467,000	405,468,000	306,280,000
Gold redemption fund	97,197,000	100,781,000	105,359,000	106,794,000	100,483,000	99,126,000	100,783,000	109,775,000	105,659,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	1,021,938,000	1,014,926,000	964,328,000	954,533,000	998,036,000	1,080,105,000	1,024,417,000	981,010,000	1,163,556,000
By eligible paper	755,142,000	808,940,000	873,849,000	938,890,000	907,392,000	826,502,000	790,318,000	801,551,000	733,266,000
Total	2,285,618,000	2,333,597,000	2,351,487,000	2,408,145,000	2,412,490,000	2,411,511,000	2,320,985,000	2,277,804,000	2,308,761,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 18 1928

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Two Ciphers (00) omitted.												
	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	1,530,476,000	109,059,000	374,538,000	102,882,000	178,053,000	37,756,000	133,038,000	247,181,000	41,392,000	46,907,000	55,256,000	26,235,000	178,179,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	53,955,000	4,929,000	13,150,000	6,847,000	5,101,000	2,807,000	1,822,000	6,647,000	2,678,000	2,604,000	2,940,000	1,928,000	2,502,000
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes</													

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two cities (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Other securities	\$ 500.0									\$ 500.0			
Total bills and securities	1,280,962.0	102,263.0	264,634.0	113,403.0	136,012.0	76,795.0	48,625.0	203,142.0	60,762.0	43,182.0	63,221.0	57,948.0	110,975.0
Due from foreign banks	568.0	37.0	216.0	46.0	51.0	25.0	68.0	21.0	13.0	18.0	17.0	17.0	35.0
Uncollected items	705,805.0	69,279.0	185,653.0	62,766.0	63,766.0	54,890.0	28,058.0	83,658.0	35,262.0	12,758.0	40,368.0	28,512.0	40,835.0
Bank premises	58,724.0	3,824.0	16,498.0	1,749.0	6,865.0	2,889.0	2,825.0	8,615.0	3,790.0	2,202.0	4,308.0	1,785.0	3,374.0
All other resources	11,122.0	97.0	2,935.0	178.0	1,011.0	397.0	1,683.0	1,314.0	723.0	1,221.0	416.0	518.0	629.0
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>5,126,861.0</b>	<b>380,159.0</b>	<b>1,605,473.0</b>	<b>359,486.0</b>	<b>492,360.0</b>	<b>216,037.0</b>	<b>249,293.0</b>	<b>723,883.0</b>	<b>192,092.0</b>	<b>134,302.0</b>	<b>205,964.0</b>	<b>152,755.0</b>	<b>415,057.0</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,623,785.0	129,145.0	348,726.0	121,406.0	201,024.0	70,685.0	136,484.0	237,401.0	54,453.0	58,225.0	63,769.0	42,973.0	159,494.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.	2,431,764.0	155,111.0	974,016.0	142,588.0	188,187.0	73,949.0	69,201.0	353,159.0	85,083.0	51,992.0	90,968.0	67,070.0	180,440.0
Government	15,100.0	613.0	1,688.0	1,989.0	1,346.0	236.0	1,263.0	1,915.0	511.0	1,090.0	223.0	1,199.0	3,087.0
Foreign bank	5,658.0	363.0	2,183.0	460.0	503.0	247.0	203.0	673.0	208.0	131.0	174.0	169.0	344.0
Other deposits	10,061.0	206.0	10,525.0	77.0	991.0	238.0	130.0	896.0	370.0	282.0	846.0	97.0	4,403.0
Total deposits	2,471,643.0	156,293.0	988,412.0	145,114.0	191,027.0	74,670.0	70,797.0	356,643.0	86,172.0	53,495.0	92,211.0	68,535.0	188,274.0
Deferred availability items	654,526.0	67,085.0	161,496.0	57,767.0	61,007.0	51,331.0	26,531.0	76,951.0	35,086.0	11,723.0	36,232.0	28,116.0	41,201.0
Capital paid in	133,775.0	9,403.0	41,460.0	13,245.0	14,122.0	6,227.0	5,172.0	17,971.0	5,341.0	3,025.0	4,252.0	4,261.0	9,296.0
Surplus	233,319.0	17,993.0	63,007.0	21,662.0	24,021.0	12,324.0	9,996.0	32,778.0	10,397.0	7,039.0	9,046.0	8,527.0	16,229.0
All other liabilities	9,813.0	340.0	2,372.0	292.0	1,159.0	800.0	313.0	2,139.0	643.0	795.0	454.0	343.0	163.0
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,126,861.0</b>	<b>380,159.0</b>	<b>1,605,473.0</b>	<b>359,486.0</b>	<b>492,360.0</b>	<b>216,037.0</b>	<b>249,293.0</b>	<b>723,883.0</b>	<b>192,092.0</b>	<b>134,302.0</b>	<b>205,964.0</b>	<b>152,755.0</b>	<b>415,057.0</b>
<b>Memoranda.</b>													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	72.7	67.9	82.7	67.3	70.6	49.5	78.8	70.2	61.3	65.5	60.5	54.4	73.0
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	232,291.0	17,472.0	65,024.0	22,132.0	24,228.0	11,881.0	9,784.0	32,382.0	10,017.0	6,290.0	8,387.0	8,154.0	16,540.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	501,663.0	46,331.0	160,931.0	47,476.0	41,342.0	21,860.0	30,523.0	54,438.0	7,574.0	5,124.0	9,304.0	9,531.0	67,229.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 18 1928.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two cities (00) omitted.													
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	2,971,203.0	241,346.0	786,137.0	203,982.0	282,346.0	118,144.0	229,027.0	471,939.0	78,717.0	82,613.0	110,893.0	72,036.0	294,023.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	845,755.0	65,870.0	276,480.0	35,100.0	39,980.0	25,599.0	62,020.0	180,100.0	16,690.0	19,264.0	37,820.0	19,532.0	67,300.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,125,448.0	175,476.0	509,657.0	168,882.0	242,366.0	92,545.0	167,007.0	291,839.0	62,027.0	63,349.0	73,073.0	52,504.0	226,723.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank													
Gold and gold certificates	411,341.0	35,300.0	205,150.0	40,000.0	31,021.0	20,000.0	—	8,400.0	14,167.0	—	17,303.0	40,000.0	—
Gold redemption fund	97,197.0	10,759.0	19,288.0	11,105.0	13,053.0	5,735.0	6,838.0	2,181.0	3,492.0	4,396.0	2,932.0	16,578.0	—
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,021,938.0	63,000.0	150,000.0	91,777.0	125,000.0	1,000.0	106,200.0	245,000.0	29,500.0	32,000.0	50,800.0	6,000.0	121,601.0
Eligible paper	755,142.0	70,489.0	150,455.0	69,385.0	76,309.0	58,433.0	36,121.0	123,885.0	25,293.0	20,697.0	26,770.0	27,723.0	69,582.0
<b>Total collateral</b>	<b>2,285,618.0</b>	<b>179,548.0</b>	<b>524,993.0</b>	<b>172,267.0</b>	<b>254,362.0</b>	<b>96,189.0</b>	<b>169,159.0</b>	<b>371,066.0</b>	<b>66,685.0</b>	<b>67,604.0</b>	<b>82,026.0</b>	<b>53,958.0</b>	<b>247,761.0</b>

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 655 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 342, 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 JANUARY 11 1928. (In thousands of dollars.)

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	21,971,617	1,537,007	8,460,638	1,245,973	2,104,765	702,221	623,473	3,198,397	730,753	382,550	645,687	434,576	1,905,677
Loans and discounts—total	15,442,603	1,066,971	6,037,532	810,123	1,386,046	527,253	495,402	2,297,951	515,668	250,084	422,222	331,706	1,301,645
Secured by U. S. Gov't obliga's.	115,076	6,516	43,539	6,933	15,647	3,351	5,300	16,548	4,193	2,326	3,389	2,689	4,645
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,606,937	405,402	2,998,790	451,698	611,847	167,393	113,875	1,016,394	209,242	79,025	121,596	85,046	346,629
All other loans and discounts	8,720,590	655,053	2,995,203	351,492	768,552	356,509	376,227	1,265,009	302,233	168,733	297,237	243,971	950,371
Investments—total	6,529,014	470,036	2,423,106	435,850	718,719	174,968	128,071	900,446	215,085	132,466	223,465	102,870	603,932
U. S. Government securities	2,918,815	175,462	1,139,928	121,893	314,258	78,629	62,707	372,300	84,547	69,808	103,836	71,732	323,715
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,610,199	294,574	1,283,178	313,957	404,461	96,339	65,364	528,146	130,538	62,658	119,629	31,138	280,217
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank	1,832,007	106,036	859,524	86,674	131,935	44,921	42,674	269,001	50,971	26,731	56,802	34,443	122,295
Cash in vault	283,565	21,660	75,969	16,502	33,112	13,748	12,298	48,143	8,835	6,398	13,205	9,850	23,845
Net demand deposits	14,110,165	983,251	6,250,007	810,248	1,064,641	391,495	351,110	1,931,695	442,250	228,927	498,950	307,603	850,528
Time deposits	6,627,758	489,496	1,621,994	293,193	891,155	244,545	241,427	1,200,062	238,237	136,875	161,616	115,541	993,617
Government deposits	124,036	10,798	40,855	10,749	12,519	4,305	6,786	10,647	2,314	1,057	2,668	6,843	14,495
Due from banks	1,254,954	69,510	151,412	64,147	102,726	58,273	85,919	229,751	63,911	53,589	126,610	67,743	181,363
Due to banks	3,738,502	180,813	1,453,977	189,803	264,785	127,898	137,745	522,921	159,826	103,188	225,465	121,245	250,836
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	313,802	6,946	127,050	21,182	41,222	14,127	18,690	46,641	5,775	1,000	6,056	2,325	22,788
Secured by U. S. Gov't obliga'ns.	228,366	2,088	103,474	18,138	32,418	4,032	6,298	31,964	3,700	1,000	2,570	2,325	20,359
All other	85,436	4,858	23,576	3,044	8,804	10,095	12,392	14,677	2,075	—	3,486	—	2,429
Number of reporting banks	655	38	83	48	71	66	33	95	30	24	65	45	57

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Jan. 18, 1928 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Jan. 18 1928.	Jan. 11 1928.	Jan. 19 1927.	Resources (Concluded)—	Jan. 18 1928.	Jan. 11 1928.	Jan. 19 1927.
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$ 374,538,000	\$ 315,067,000	\$ 377,791,000	Gold held abroad	—	—	—
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	13,150,000	15,173,000	11,077,000	Due from foreign banks (See Note)	216,000	216,000	657,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	387,688,000	330,240,000	388,868,000	Uncollected items	185,653,000	171,297,000	176,594,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	262,620,000	248,975,000	148,947,000	Bank premises	16,498,000	15,898,000	16,276,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	421,810,000	407,804,000	519,390,000	All other resources	2,935,000	5,605,000	1,683,000
<b>Total gold reserves</b>	<b>1,072,118,000</b>	<b>987,019,000</b>	<b>1,057,205,000</b>	<b>Total resources</b>	<b>1,605,473,000</b>	<b>1,601,840,000</b>	<b>1,552,034,000</b>
Reserves other than gold	33,231,000	31,127,000	31,531,000	<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Total reserves	1,105,349,000	1,018,146,000	1,088,736,000	Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	348,726,000	354,371,000	394,145,000
Non-reserve cash	30,188,000	28,745,000	24,800,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	974,016,000	985,678,000	882,386,000
Bills discounted	64,778,000	117,433,000	47,288,000	Government	1,688,000	714,000	10,764,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	20,124,000	31,406,000	41,732,000	Foreign bank (See Note)	2,183,000	1,350,000	2,057,000
Other bills discounted	44,654,000	86,027,000	6,556,000	Other deposits	10,525,000	13,046,000	15,538,000
Total bills discounted	84,902,000	148,839,000	89,200,000	Total deposits	988,412,000	1,000,788,000	910,745,000
Bills bought in open market	78,620						

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 372.

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 Jan. 20, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and Foreign Exchange.

\* No par value.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.86 1/4 @ 4.87 1/4 for checks and 4.87 1/4 @ 4.87 9-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.86 1/4 @ 4.86 1/4, sixty days 4.82 1/4 @ 4.83, ninety days 4.81 1/4 @ 4.81 1/4, and documents for payment 4.82 1/4 @ 4.83. Cotton for payment 4.86 1/4 and grain for payment 4.86 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 39.2 11-16 @ 39.3 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.30 @ 40.34 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.03 francs, week's range, 124.02 francs high and 124.05 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, and Germany Bankers' Marks, with columns for High and Low for the week.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

All prices dollars per share.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and other details.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.

Large table showing daily records of U.S. bond prices for various series like First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury bonds, with columns for dates and prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing transactions in registered bonds with columns for bond type and sales volume.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Newton R. Cass has become associated with Kelley, Converse & Co.
George H. Hewitt, formerly with the National City Company, will become associated with Bainbridge & Ryan.
Col. Clarence Hodson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Clarence Hodson & Co., 165 Broadway, died on Jan. 13 at his home in East Orange, N. J.
Toland, Trimble & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, 1326 Walnut St., Philadelphia, have admitted Henry F. Schwartz to membership in their firm.
The Chase National Bank has been appointed Registrar for 150,000 shares common "A" stock, and 310,000 shares common "B" stock of The Toddy Corp.
Due to increase in volume of business, Yeager, Young & Pierson, Inc., have moved their Albany offices to larger quarters in the State Bank Bldg., 75 State St.
Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., 57 William St., N. Y., announce that Homer R. Phelps is associated with them in charge of their trading department.
Ralph B. Leonard & Co., 25 Broad St., N. Y., have prepared for distribution an analysis of First National Bank of Rockville Center, L. I.
Henry Apotheke is now connected with Newman Bros. & Worms as Associate Manager of their branch office located at 16 East 63d Street.
Irving Allen Greene is now associated with the unlisted trading department of C. Lester Horn & Co., Inc., 60 Broadway, N. Y.
The current investment review of Reynolds, Fish & Co., contains an analysis of Pere Marquette Railway.

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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.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range for Year 1927. On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Main table listing stock symbols (e.g., Aitch Topeka & Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, etc.), par values, and price ranges for 1927 and 1926.

\* Bid and asked prices. † Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range for Year 1927. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926		
Saturday, Jan. 14.	Monday, Jan. 16.	Tuesday, Jan. 17.	Wednesday, Jan. 18.	Thursday, Jan. 19.	Friday, Jan. 20.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares		\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
144 1/4	144 3/8	144 1/2	149	150	154	7,500	Industrial & Miscellaneous.					
105 1/2	105 1/2	100	105	102	102	3,500	Bitbl Powder & Paper..No par	83	Jan 27	150 1/4	Dec 28	
111 1/4	112 1/4	111 7/8	112	111 1/2	111 1/2	90	Abraham & Straus..No par	62 1/4	Jan 26	118 1/4	Nov 23	
205	207	205	212	212	217 1/2	7,000	Preferred.....100	109	Aug 11	113 1/2	Feb 20	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/4	12	11 1/4	11 1/4	11	Adams Express.....100	12 1/2	Jan 5	210	Nov 17	
34	37	34 1/2	34 3/4	34	35	34 1/2	800	Advance Rumely.....100	7 3/8	Oct 24	15 1/2	Feb 9
182	182 1/4	179 3/8	183	180 1/2	182 1/2	180	400	Advance Rumely pref.....100	22 1/2	Oct 22	45 1/2	Nov 9
12 1/2	13 1/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	22,300	Ahumada Lead.....1	24 1/2	June 2	61 1/2	Sept 6
27	27	25 1/2	26	26 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/4	3,300	AJ Reduction, Inc.....No par	134 1/2	Jan 26	199 1/2	July 18
93 1/2	93 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	99	99	48,100	Alx Rubber, Inc.....No par	7 1/2	June 15	13 1/2	Mar 25
153 1/2	156 1/2	152 1/2	155 1/2	153	155 1/2	154 1/2	27,700	Alaska Juncow Gold Min..10	1	June 18	2 1/4	Feb 18
123	123 1/2	123	123 1/2	123	123	122 1/2	1,500	Albany Perf Wrap Pap.No par	18	Apr 21	32	Sept 6
117 1/2	118 1/2	115 1/4	117 1/2	116 3/4	117 1/2	116 1/2	60	Preferred.....100	96	June 2	102	Sept 21
12	12	12 1/4	11 3/4	12	11 3/4	11 1/2	37,600	Allied Chemical & Dye.No par	131	Jan 25	169 1/2	Sept 6
70	74	70	70	69	70	69	100	Allied Chemical & Dye pref.100	120	Mar 11	124	Apr 4
32 1/4	32 3/8	23 1/4	32	32	32	31 3/4	3,700	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.....100	109	Feb 9	112 1/2	Dec 28
19 1/4	19 1/4	18 1/2	19	18 1/2	19	19 1/4	2,100	Preferred.....100	11 3/8	Nov 11	24 1/2	Feb 11
66	67 1/2	65 1/2	66	65 1/2	66	65 1/2	9,800	Amerada Corp.....No par	27 3/8	Apr 28	37 3/8	Feb 7
73	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	2,400	Amer Agricultural Chem..100	8 1/8	Apr 6	21 1/2	Dec 27
64	64 3/4	64	64 3/4	64	64	64 1/2	2,700	Preferred.....100	28 3/4	Apr 6	72 1/2	Dec 27
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	100	Amer Bank Note.....100	41	Jan 6	98 1/2	Nov 29
38	42	38	42	38	40 1/2	38	380	Preferred.....50	56 1/2	Jan 4	65	Sept 14
21 1/4	21 1/4	20 7/8	21 1/2	21	20 3/4	20 7/8	100	Amer Beet Sugar..No par	15 1/2	Oct 22	23 1/4	Mar 14
43 1/4	43 1/4	43	44	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 1/4	100	Preferred.....100	35	Dec 20	60 1/2	Jan 3
124	126	124	126	124	126	126	1,600	Amer Bosch Magneto..No par	13	Jan 20	26 1/4	Oct 4
15 1/2	15 1/2	15	15 1/2	15	15	15 1/2	4,900	Am Brake Shoe & F new.No par	35 1/2	May 2	46	July 25
55 1/4	58	58	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58	100	Preferred.....100	117 1/2	Feb 7	128	Mar 12
72 1/2	74 1/2	70 3/4	72 1/2	70 1/2	72 3/8	71 1/2	5,100	Amer Br wn Boveri El.No par	5 1/4	Aug 26	39 1/2	Jan 5
137	138	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2	50	Preferred.....100	40	Aug 19	98	Feb 1
106 3/4	107 3/4	106 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	92,500	Amer Can.....25	43 3/8	Mar 31	77 3/8	Dec 20
129 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	600	Preferred.....100	126	Jan 14	141 3/4	Dec 28
101	101 1/4	101	101 1/4	101	100 7/8	100 7/8	7,300	Amer Car & Fdy..No par	95	July 13	111	Dec 30
70	70 1/4	70	69	69	69 1/2	69 1/2	200	Amer Chain pref.....100	98 1/2	Dec 25	103	Sept 19
108	108	108 3/8	108 3/8	108	108 3/8	108	1,000	Amer Chain pref.....No par	36	Jan 26	74 1/2	Nov 15
13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	430	Prior preferred.....No par	90	Jan 13	110	Dec 27
58	63	58	58	57	59	58 3/8	7,200	Amer Druggists Syndicate.10	9 3/4	Apr 20	15 1/2	Nov 22
171	174 1/4	169	170 1/2	173	173 1/2	171	1,700	Amer Encaustic Tiling.No par	38 3/8	Aug 1	57 1/2	Nov 30
23 1/2	23 1/4	22 3/4	23 1/4	23	23 1/4	23 1/4	2,000	Amer Express.....100	127	Jan 17	183	Nov 17
106	107	106 1/2	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	107	46,800	Amer & For'n Power..No par	18 1/2	Feb 17	31	Dec 15
13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	800	Preferred.....No par	8 1/2	Feb 15	10 3/4	Dec 14
63 1/4	64	62	62 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	400	Amer Hide & Leather.100	7 3/8	Apr 26	12 1/2	Oct 6
65 1/4	66 1/4	63 1/4	66	64 1/2	63 1/4	62 1/2	3,700	Preferred.....100	48	Mar 1	66 3/4	July 20
30 1/2	31 3/8	30 1/2	31 1/4	30	31	30 3/4	13,400	Amer Home Products..No par	30 3/8	Jan 3	71	Nov 14
91 1/4	91 3/4	91 1/2	91 3/4	91 1/2	91 3/4	91 1/2	20,800	Amer Ice New.....No par	25 1/4	Oct 21	32	Aug 22
86 1/4	88 3/4	85 1/4	88 3/4	85 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	200	Preferred.....100	84	Jan 7	96 1/2	May 7
5 1/8	5 7/8	5 1/8	5 7/8	5 1/8	5 7/8	5 1/8	56,100	Amer Internat Corp..No par	37	Mar 23	72 3/8	Dec 31
58 1/2	65	58 3/8	58 3/8	59	60	59 1/2	8,500	Amer La France & Formite 10	4	June 4	10	Jan 3
58	59 1/4	57 1/2	59 1/4	58 1/2	60 3/4	59 1/4	100	Preferred.....100	60	Dec 31	90 1/8	Jan 6
88	88	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	18,200	Amer Linsed.....100	20 1/8	Apr 5	72 1/2	Nov 17
11 1/2	11 1/2	10 5/8	11 1/2	10 5/8	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,900	Preferred.....100	46 3/8	Mar 19	92 1/2	Nov 4
127 1/2	128	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	6,300	Amer Locomotive.No par	99 1/4	Oct 22	116	May 18
166	174	165	168	161	169	167 1/2	300	Preferred.....100	73 1/2	Feb 23	127	July 23
225	249	225	250	225	250	225	300	Amer Machine & Fdy.No par	67 1/2	Jan 3	183 1/2	Dec 17
44 1/4	44 1/2	43 1/4	44	44	44 3/8	44 1/4	50	Preferred.....100	125 1/2	Jan 24	147	Dec 17
111	112	111	112	111	112	111	8,000	Amer Metal Co Ltd..No par	36 1/8	Nov 3	49 3/8	Dec 22
20 1/2	21	20 1/2	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	20	2,430	Preferred.....100	108	Jan 6	113 1/2	Dec 23
87	87	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/8	87	86	1,400	Amer Plano.....No par	20 1/2	Dec 29	43 1/2	June 9
63 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 3/4	64 3/8	63 3/4	220	Preferred.....100	84	Nov 23	110 1/4	Mar 24
134	134	131 1/2	133 1/2	131 1/4	130 1/2	131 1/2	8,200	Am Power & Light..No par	54	Jan 27	73 3/8	Oct 10
111	113	110	113 1/2	112	113	111	6,400	Amer Radiator.....25	110 1/2	Jan 21	147 1/2	Sept 16
68	69 1/2	66 1/2	68 3/4	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	1,300	Amer Railway Express..100	87 1/2	Apr 4	116 1/2	Nov 17
57	58 1/2	56 1/2	57	57	58 1/2	56 3/4	10,500	Amer Republics..No par	35 1/8	Jan 4	82 1/2	Dec 23
40	40	39 3/4	40	39 3/4	40	40 1/4	1,900	Amer Safty Razor.....100	42	July 23	64 7/8	Nov 21
4	4 1/8	4 1/8	4 1/8	4	4 1/8	4	1,700	Am Seating v t c..No par	38 3/8	Oct 22	51	July 20
108	112 3/4	108	110	108	112 3/4	108	3,000	Amer Ship & Comm..No par	2 1/2	Oct 22	6 3/4	Jan 7
175	176 3/4	172 3/4	175 1/2	174	175 1/2	174 1/2	100	Amer Shipbuilding.....100	80	Jan 21	123 1/2	Nov 28
133 1/2	134	132 1/2	134	133	133	133 1/4	27,500	Amer Smelting & Refining.100	132 3/4	Jan 26	188 1/2	Dec 21
148	148 3/4	147	147 1/4	144 1/4	144 1/2	144 1/2	400	Preferred.....100	119 1/4	Mar 16	133	Dec 31
103	104	103 1/4	104	103 1/4	104	104	1,300	Amer Snuff.....100	119 3/4	Jan 17	146 1/2	Nov 23
67	68 3/8	65	68 1/4	65	66 1/2	66 1/4	70	Preferred.....100	94 1/2	Jan 4	106 1/2	Oct 13
112 3/4	113	112 3/4	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	54,100	Amer Steel Foundries..No par	41 1/2	Apr 29	72 3/8	Dec 13
77	77 1/2	75 3/4	77 1/2	75 3/4	77 1/2	76 3/4	610	Preferred.....100	110 1/4	July 5	115	Jan 13
109	111	109 1/2	111	109	110 1/2	110	4,700	Amer Sugar Refining..100	65 1/4	Jan 3	95 1/2	May 26
60	60	58 1/2	60	60	61 1/2	60 1/2	300	Preferred.....100	104	Nov 2	116 1/2	May 26
30	32	30	32	30 1/2	31	30 1/2	12,900	Am Sun Tob v t c..No par	41 1/2	Jan 3	68 3/4	Oct 11
178 3/4	178 3/4	178 1/2	179 1/2	178 1/2	179 1/2	179 1/2	500	Amer Telegraph & Cable..100	26	Apr 1	36 3/4	Aug 24
170 1/2	173	170	170 3/4	168	169 1/4	168 1/2	9,800	Amer Teleg & Teleg..100	149 1/4	Jan 3	185 1/2	Oct 11
171 1/4	172	169	171 1/2	168	170	167 1/2	6,100	Amer Tobacco com..50	120	Jan 7	189	Nov 10
118	120	119 1/2	120	119 1/2	120	119	11,600	Common Class B.....100	119 1/4	Jan 5	186	Nov 10
122 1/2	122 1/2	119 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/4	121 1/2	118	600	Preferred.....100	10 1/8	Jan 4	120	Dec 29
113	114	113	114	111	114	111	3,200	Amer Type Founders..100	119 1/8	Nov 7	146	Feb 18
47 1/2	51 1/2	47 1/2										

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 days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges per share. Includes various stock symbols and their corresponding price movements.

Sales for the Week. A vertical column listing the total sales volume for each stock entry.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1927'. Lists various industrial and miscellaneous stocks with their price ranges.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926'. Lists the price ranges for the same stocks as the previous table, comparing them to the 1926 performance.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex dividend. Ex-rights. Ex-warrants.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday, Jan. 14.', 'Monday, Jan. 16.', etc.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range for Year 1927. On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for 'Shares', 'Industrial & Misc. Par', 'Lowest', 'Highest', and 'Lowest', 'Highest' for previous years.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			PER SHARE Range for Year 1927. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926	
Saturday, Jan. 14.	Monday, Jan. 16.	Tuesday, Jan. 17.	Wednesday, Jan. 18.	Thursday, Jan. 19.	Friday, Jan. 20.		Shares	Indus. & Miscel. (Con.)	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share				\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
64 1/2 65 1/2	63 3/4 64 3/4	64 1/4 65 1/4	64 1/4 65 1/4	66 66 1/2	65 1/2 66	21,400	Kayser (J) Co v t c.....	No par	49 Apr 29	65 1/2 Dec 13	33 1/2 May	51 1/2 Dec	
23 24 1/2	22 1/2 23 1/2	22 3/4 23 3/4	23 24	23 1/2 23 3/4	23 23 1/2	15,400	Kelly-Springfield Tire.....	55	9 1/2 Jan 27	32 1/2 Nov 15	9 Oct	21 1/2 Feb	
79 83	78 82	77 1/2 82	79 79 1/2	78 79 1/2	78 80	1,000	8% preferred.....	100	35 Feb 2	102 Sept 21	4 1/2 Oct	74 1/2 Feb	
75 80	77 81	77 78	75 1/2 75 1/2	75 77	75 76	2,000	Kelsey Hayes Wheel.....	No par	44 Jan 19	97 1/2 Sept 28	45 Dec	73 1/2 Feb	
24 1/2 25	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	38,500	Kennecott Copper.....	No par	60 Feb 9	90 1/2 Dec 23	49 1/2 Mar	64 1/2 Nov	
83 1/2 84 1/2	81 1/2 82 1/2	81 1/2 82 1/2	80 1/2 81 1/2	80 1/2 81 1/2	81 82 1/2	100	Keystone Tire & Rubb.....	No par	4 June 30	1 Mar 11	1 1/2 Mar	2 1/2 Jan	
39 1/2 39 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 39 1/2	40 43 1/2	44 52	48 1/2 51	4,100	Kinney Co.....	No par	49 June 28	45 Jan 5	39 Nov	82 1/2 Jan	
97 1/2 98 1/2	91 1/2 92	91 1/2 93	92 93 1/2	92 95	93 95	2,450	Preferred.....	100	56 June 29	93 Dec 12	85 Sept	99 1/2 Jan	
65 1/2 66 1/2	63 1/2 63 1/2	63 1/2 64	64 64 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	17,300	Kraft Cheese.....	25	49 June 16	62 1/2 Feb 25	56 1/2 Dec	68 Nov	
68 68 1/2	66 1/2 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	67 68 1/2	68 68 1/2	16,200	Krause (S) Co new.....	10	45 1/2 Jan 28	77 1/2 Sept	42 1/2 Mar	82 Jan	
*115 1/2 116	115 1/2 115 1/2	113 1/2 115 1/2	113 1/2 115 1/2	113 1/2 114	*113 1/2 115	130	Preferred.....	100	110 1/2 Feb 9	118 July 16	112 1/2 Nov	114 1/2 Feb	
*14 17 1/2	*14 17 1/2	*14 14 1/2	*13 1/2 14	*13 1/2 14	*13 1/2 14	300	Kresge Dept Stores.....	No par	10 Feb 28	18 Dec 1	15 1/2 Jan	13 1/2 Jan	
*51 55	52 1/2 52 1/2	*51 1/2 54 1/2	*51 1/2 54 1/2	*51 1/2 54 1/2	*51 1/2 54 1/2	100	Preferred.....	100	45 Nov 7	80 Jan 4	70 1/2 Mar	83 1/2 Feb	
95 95	94 1/2 94 1/2	*93 1/2 95	*93 1/2 95	*93 1/2 95	*93 1/2 95	400	Kress Co new.....	No par	59 Jan 28	105 1/2 Sept 8	135 Dec	196 Dec	
*200 215	*205 215	*200 215	205 205	*201 210	208 208	200	Laclede Gas L (St Louis).....	100	17 1/2 Jan 27	267 1/2 June 2	86 Sept	101 1/2 Dec	
*100 103	*100 103	*100 103	*100 103	*100 103	*100 103	6,800	Lago Oil & Transport.....	No par	93 Jan 5	130 May 7	19 1/2 Mar	24 1/2 Dec	
35 35 1/2	33 1/2 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	*34 1/2 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	28,500	Lambert Co.....	No par	20 1/2 Jan 13	37 1/2 Nov 15	8 1/2 May	72 Nov	
80 1/2 82	80 1/2 82	81 1/2 81 1/2	81 1/2 81 1/2	81 1/2 81 1/2	81 1/2 81 1/2	4,700	Lee Rubber & Tire.....	No par	7 Jan 4	18 1/2 Dec 20	6 1/4 Dec	14 Jan	
18 1/2 18 1/2	17 1/2 18	17 1/2 18 1/2	17 1/2 18	17 1/2 18	17 1/2 18 1/2	2,200	Lehn & Fink.....	No par	32 1/2 Apr 27	43 Nov 9	30 1/4 Mar	41 1/2 Jan	
38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	3,200	Liggett & Myers Tobacco.....	25	20 1/4 Sept 16	34 1/2 Dec 31	17 1/2 May	25 Dec	
31 1/2 31 1/2	*31 31 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 31	9,200	Liggett & Myers Tobacco.....	25	*87 1/2 Feb 10	128 Sept 30	72 1/2 Mar	103 Dec	
*119 1/2 122	119 1/2 119 1/2	*118 120	*118 120	*118 122	119 1/2 120	100	Preferred.....	100	*85 1/2 Feb 10	123 Oct 4	72 1/2 Mar	72 1/2 Dec	
120 120	118 120	118 1/2 118 1/2	118 1/2 119 1/2	119 1/2 120 1/2	120 121	2,700	Lima Loc Wks.....	No par	12 1/4 Jan 27	140 Dec 30	119 1/4 Jan	129 1/2 May	
137 1/2 137 1/2	*135 139	*135 139	*135 139	*135 139	*135 139	16,200	Liquid Carbonic certifs.....	No par	49 Oct 29	76 1/2 Apr 26	53 1/2 Mar	69 1/2 Jan	
60 1/2 60 1/2	59 60	59 59	59 59	59 59	59 59 1/2	12,800	Loew's Incorporated.....	No par	45 1/2 Sept 19	78 1/2 Dec 29	43 1/2 Oct	58 1/2 Nov	
77 1/2 77 1/2	73 1/2 75 1/2	75 77 1/2	75 78 1/2	75 78 1/2	75 78 1/2	3,600	Loft Incorporated.....	No par	48 1/2 Jan 4	63 1/2 Mar 17	34 1/4 Mar	43 1/2 Dec	
57 1/2 58	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	20,200	Loose-Wiles Biscuit new.....	25	5 Oct 17	7 1/2 Jan 20	6 Oct	11 1/4 Feb	
61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	20	1st preferred.....	100	25 1/2 Dec 6	43 Jan 7	41 1/4 Dec	50 1/2 Feb	
*27 1/2 28 1/2	*28 28 1/2	*28 28 1/2	*28 28 1/2	*28 28 1/2	*28 28 1/2	17,500	Lorillard.....	25	118 Jan 4	157 1/2 Nov 21	112 Jan	119 1/2 Dec	
52 1/2 52 1/2	49 1/2 51 1/2	50 1/2 51 1/2	49 1/2 51 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	50 1/2 51	200	Preferred.....	100	157 Mar 11	171 May 7	120 1/4 Mar	176 Dec	
121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	100	2d preferred.....	100	23 1/2 May 2	47 1/2 July 28	27 1/4 Oct	42 1/2 Feb	
37 1/2 37 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37	36 1/2 36 1/2	10,200	Louisiana Oil term cfts.....	No par	107 Feb 27	118 1/2 Jan 13	11 1/2 Apr	130 Aug	
*112 1/2 115	113 1/2 113 1/2	112 1/2 113	112 1/2 112 1/2	*111 113	*111 113	120	Preferred.....	100	10 Oct 29	12 Aug 16	9 1/2 Feb	5 Feb	
12 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	4,600	Louisville G & El A.....	No par	85 1/2 Dec 5	97 Feb 5	72 Dec	98 Dec	
*89 1/2 90 1/2	*89 1/2 90 1/2	*89 1/2 90 1/2	*89 1/2 90	*89 1/2 90	*89 1/2 90	30,700	Ludlum Steel.....	No par	23 1/2 Jan 3	30 1/2 Dec 22	22 1/2 Mar	26 1/2 Feb	
28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	400	MacAndrew & Forbes.....	No par	20 Oct 28	33 1/4 Mar 18	22 1/2 Oct	58 1/2 Feb	
29 1/2 30 1/2	29 1/2 30 1/2	29 1/2 30 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	57,800	Mack Trucks, Inc.....	No par	43 Nov 14	58 1/2 Dec 14	---	---	
48 50	48 1/2 49 1/2	49 49	48 48	*47 49 1/2	*47 49 1/2	1,000	1st preferred.....	100	105 Feb 27	134 Aug 24	122 Oct	135 Feb	
*112 118	*112 118	*112 118	*112 118	*112 118	*112 118	400	2d preferred.....	100	67 Aug 2	74 Aug 18	68 Mar	73 1/2 Feb	
69 69	68 1/2 68 1/2	69 69 1/2	68 1/2 70	69 69	*68 70	1,000	Madison Sq Garden.....	No par	88 1/4 Jan 24	118 1/2 May 23	89 1/2 Nov	159 Jan	
100 1/2 102	98 1/2 100 1/2	99 1/2 100 1/2	99 1/2 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 1/2 103 1/2	19,400	Madison Sq Garden.....	No par	109 Jan 25	113 1/2 July 19	102 Nov	113 June	
*231 240	238 1/2 238 1/2	*236 241	*236 240	240 242	250 250	100	1st preferred.....	100	107 Jan 18	107 1/2 June 9	102 Oct	108 1/2 Sept	
23 1/2 25	23 1/2 24 1/2	23 1/2 24	24 25	25 1/2 26 1/2	26 26 1/2	100	2d preferred.....	100	124 Jan 18	24 1/2 Nov 28	86 1/2 Mar	131 Dec	
51 1/2 52 1/2	49 1/2 51	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	100	Madison Sq Garden.....	No par	20 1/2 Aug 3	25 1/2 Oct 14	---	---	
*16 1/2 16 1/2	*16 1/2 16 1/2	*16 1/2 16 1/2	*16 1/2 16 1/2	*16 1/2 16 1/2	*16 1/2 16 1/2	100	Malinsson (H R) & Co.....	No par	29 1/2 Feb 9	58 1/2 Dec 22	34 Apr	44 1/2 Feb	
*85 89 1/2	*87 1/2 88 1/2	*87 1/2 88 1/2	*87 1/2 88 1/2	*87 1/2 88 1/2	*87 1/2 88 1/2	100	Preferred.....	100	11 1/2 Apr 7	29 1/2 Dec 12	12 1/2 Nov	28 1/2 Jan	
41 41	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	100	Manati Sugar.....	100	66 1/2 July 15	95 Dec 13	71 Dec	78 1/4 Mar	
80 1/2 85	85 86 1/2	85 85	83 83	80 80	80 1/2 80 1/2	5,000	Preferred.....	100	27 Nov 18	46 Feb 7	27 Apr	50 1/2 Jan	
38 1/2 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 38	*37 1/2 38	38 38	1,000	Mandel Bros.....	No par	48 Oct 24	80 1/2 Dec 29	55 June	82 Feb	
32 1/2 32 1/2	31 33	31 33	31 33	31 33	31 33	9,800	Manhattan Shirts.....	25	39 1/2 Dec 31	49 1/2 Aug 17	---	---	
45 1/2 45 1/2	*45 1/2 46	*45 1/2 46	*45 1/2 46	*45 1/2 46	*45 1/2 46	108,500	Marland Oil.....	No par	43 Oct 25	132 Aug 5	44 Oct	87 1/2 July	
17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	5,900	Maracaibo Oil Expl.....	No par	24 1/2 Jan 18	35 1/2 Dec 12	21 1/2 Oct	32 1/2 Jan	
37 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	6,500	Marathon Parry Corp.....	No par	40 Jan 22	60 Oct 19	27 1/2 Mar	45 1/2 Sept	
50 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	48 1/2 49	48 1/2 49	48 1/2 49	2,800	Marlin-Rockwell.....	No par	12 Oct 4	22 1/2 Jan 18	16 1/2 Oct	28 Feb	
*15 1/2 16	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	3,600	Marlin-Rockwell.....	No par	31 June 27	58 1/2 Jan 10	49 1/4 Mar	63 1/2 June	
122 1/2 122 1/2	118 1/2 121 1/2	122 124	121 1/2 123	122 1/2 123 1/2	123 1/2 124	6,000	Matheson Alkali Works.....	No par	27 Jan 10	55 1/2 Nov 30	24 1/2 Oct	33 Mar	
*115 116 1/2	*115 116 1/2	115 115	*115 116 1/2	*115 116 1/2	*115 116 1/2	3,800	Mexican Copper.....	100	15 1/2 Dec 21	24 1/2 Feb 24	17 May	23 June	
*82 1/2 83 1/2	*82 1/2 83 1/2	*82 1/2 83 1/2	*82 1/2 83 1/2	*82 1/2 83 1/2	*82 1/2 83 1/2	100	Mid-Continent Petro.....	100	103 Jan 6	133 1/2 Dec 6	62 1/2 May	106 1/2 Jan	
33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34 1/2	33 1/2 34	34 34	33 1/2 33 1/2	*82 1/2 85	100	Mid-Continent Petro.....	100	68 1/2 June 28	90 1/2 Nov 14	69 1/2 Dec	70 Dec	
*83 85 1/2	*83 85 1/2	*83 85 1/2	*83 85 1/2	*83 85 1/2	*83 85 1/2	2,400	Maytag Co.....	No par	23 1/2 Jan 15	35 1/2 Dec 16	19 Mar	24 1/2 Sept	
85 1/2 85 1/2	85 85	85 85	*83 1/2 85	*83 1/2 85	85 85	1,100	McCrorry Stores class A.....	No par	55 Mar 3	90 Dec 21	70 1/4 Oct	117 Feb	
*111 112	*110 1/2 111 1/2	*110 1/2 111 1/2	*110 1/2 111 1/2	*110 1/2 111 1/2	*110 1/2 111 1/2	1,300	Class B.....	No par	56 1/2 Mar 4	96 1/2 Dec 17	72 Mar	121 Jan	
27 1/2 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 28 1/2	26 28	*27 1/2 28	*27 1/2 28	3,300	Preferred.....	100	187 Mar 9	113 1			

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1927 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par, Otis Steel prior pref., etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range for Year 1927. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926	
Saturday, Jan. 14.	Monday, Jan. 16.	Tuesday, Jan. 17.	Wednesday, Jan. 18.	Thursday, Jan. 19.	Friday, Jan. 20.		Shares	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share			\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
32 32	32 32	34 38	37 38	37 38	37 38	39,100	30 Mar 21	34 3/8 Jan 13	27 Nov	39 1/4 Jan		
*98 100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	*100 1/2 100 1/2	*100 1/2 100 1/2	*100 1/2 100 1/2	3,400	99 Jan 10	101 1/2 Dec 9	11 Apr	103 1/2 Jan		
3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	*18 20	18 18	*19 22	*20 23	2,200	3 1/8 Dec 16	6 1/2 Feb 18	1 July	5 1/4 Dec		
*5 1/4 6	*5 1/4 6	*14 15	14 14	14 14	14 14	100	18 Oct 27	28 May 18	19 1/2 Apr	34 1/2 Sept		
13 13	13 1/4 13 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	13 1/4 13 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	1,100	7 Apr 27	14 Dec 27	8 1/2 Apr	17 1/2 Sept		
*15 1/4 16 1/4	*16 1/4 16 1/4	*16 1/4 16 1/4	*16 1/4 16 1/4	*16 1/4 16 1/4	*16 1/4 16 1/4	4,300	2 1/8 Sept 17	6 Jan 14	4 Nov	14 1/2 Jan		
10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	10 1/4 10 1/4	7,300	6 Oct 21	15 1/2 Nov 22	10 1/2 Oct	20 1/2 Feb		
54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	47,500	8 1/2 June 10	13 1/4 Nov 15	10 1/2 Dec	16 Feb		
76 1/4 77	73 1/2 74	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	1,000	11 1/2 Mar 9	17 1/4 Nov 15	11 Apr	14 1/2 Jan		
16 1/8 17	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	1,000	8 1/2 June 10	13 1/4 Nov 15	10 1/2 Dec	16 Feb		
27 1/8 29	26 1/2 28	27 1/2 28	27 1/2 28	27 1/2 28	27 1/2 28	177,900	45 Apr 19	58 Jan 17	53 1/2 Nov	57 1/2 Dec		
26 1/2 27	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	37,000	49 Jan 8	8 1/2 Sept 20	39 Oct	52 1/2 Nov		
50 50	*49 50	50 50	*49 50	*49 50	*49 50	39,500	15 1/2 Jan 25	40 June 7	12 Oct	19 1/2 Jan		
34 1/2 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	3,500	16 1/2 Aug 12	23 1/2 Sept 18	---	---		
*58 60 1/2	*58 1/2 60 1/2	*58 1/2 60 1/2	*58 1/2 60 1/2	*58 1/2 60 1/2	*58 1/2 60 1/2	1,000	43 Aug 8	50 1/2 Nov 19	---	---		
16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	9,300	24 Jan 11	36 Aug 5	26 1/2 Dec	34 Jan		
*21 1/2 22	*21 1/2 22	*21 1/2 22	*21 1/2 22	*21 1/2 22	*21 1/2 22	20,800	47 Jan 26	65 1/4 Dec 10	42 1/4 May	50 1/2 Sept		
*88 88	*86 1/2 87	*86 1/2 87	*86 1/2 87	*86 1/2 87	*86 1/2 87	300	15 1/2 Oct 13	19 1/2 June 9	---	---		
*129 130 1/2	*129 1/2 130 1/2	*129 1/2 130 1/2	*129 1/2 130 1/2	*129 1/2 130 1/2	*129 1/2 130 1/2	300	85 Oct 5	90 1/4 June 1	---	---		
109 110 1/4	108 1/2 109 1/2	108 1/2 109 1/2	108 1/2 109 1/2	108 1/2 109 1/2	108 1/2 109 1/2	300	19 July 25	29 1/8 Jan 13	27 Nov	39 1/4 Jan		
118 1/2 118 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	600	85 Nov 19	90 1/2 Sept 12	87 1/4 Nov	103 Jan		
9 9 7/8	8 7/8 9 1/4	9 9 3/8	8 7/8 9 1/4	8 7/8 9 1/4	8 7/8 9 1/4	600	78 Jan 3	142 1/2 Aug 3	44 1/2 Mar	85 1/2 Nov		
5 1/8 5 1/8	4 9/16 5 1/8	5 0 5 1/8	4 9/16 5 1/8	4 9/16 5 1/8	4 9/16 5 1/8	35,600	78 Jan 3	142 1/2 Aug 3	95 1/4 Apr	116 1/2 Sept		
67 68 1/4	66 1/2 67 3/8	66 1/2 67 3/8	66 1/2 67 3/8	66 1/2 67 3/8	66 1/2 67 3/8	16,100	92 1/2 Oct 4	117 1/2 Dec 16	103 Mar	118 1/2 Sept		
*119 1/2 123 1/2	*119 1/2 123 1/2	*119 1/2 123 1/2	*119 1/2 123 1/2	*119 1/2 123 1/2	*119 1/2 123 1/2	3,800	108 Apr 16	123 1/2 Dec 27	103 Mar	118 1/2 Sept		
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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 20.										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 20.									
Interest Period	Price Friday, Jan. 20.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range for Year 1927.		Interest Period	Price Friday, Jan. 20.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range for Year 1927.							
		Bid	Ask		Low	High			Low	High		Low	High						
Clearfield Bit Coal 1st 4s...1940	J	88	104 7/8	101 1/2	101 1/2	11	85 1/2	85 1/2	Kresge Found'n coll tr 6s...1936	J	105	105	105 1/2	No.	Low	High			
Colo F & I Co gen s f 5s...1943	F	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	11	96	102	Lackawanna Steel 1st 5s A...1950	M	103 3/4	103	103 3/4	20	102	105 7/8			
Col Indus 1st & coll 5s gu...1934	F	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	19	93 1/2	99 3/4	Lac Gas L of St L ref ext 6s...1934	A	102 1/4	102 1/4	103 1/4	15	100 1/4	103			
Columbia G & E deb 5s...1932	M	100 3/8	100 3/8	100 3/8	100 3/8	205	99 1/8	100	Coll & ref 5 1/2 series C...1954	F	105	104 3/4	105 1/4	53	103 3/8	106			
Columbus Gas 1st sold 5s...1937	J	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	9	96 3/8	98 1/2	Lehigh & Nav s f 4 1/2 A...1954	J	101	101	101	3	97 1/2	101 1/4			
Commercial Cable 1st 4s...2397	Q	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	9	97 3/8	98 1/2	Lehigh Valley Coal 1st 7 1/2...1933	J	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	101	102 3/4			
Commercial Credit s f 6s...1934	M	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	5	97	97 1/2	Registered	J	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	100 1/2	100 1/2			
Col tr s f 5 1/2 notes...1935	J	93	95	93 1/2	93 1/2	7	90 1/2	95	1st 40-yr gu int red to 4%...1933	J	97 1/8	95 1/2	101 3/8	1	95 1/2	97			
Computing-Tab-Rec s f 6s...1941	J	106	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	4	104 1/2	106 3/8	1st & ref s f 5s...1944	F	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	1	101	104			
Conn Ry & L 1st & ref g 4 1/2 1951	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	96 1/8	98 1/2	1st & ref 5s...1954	F	101 3/4	100 3/4	102 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2			
Stamped guar 4 1/2s...1951	J	100	102 1/2	100 3/8	100 3/8	1	94 3/4	100 1/4	1st & ref 5s...1964	F	99 1/2	101 1/8	101 1/8	1	99 1/2	101			
Consolidated Hydro-Elec Works of Upper Wurttemberg 7s...1956	J	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	97 7/8	27	95 1/4	101	1st & ref s f 5s...1974	F	101	101	101 1/2	1	99 1/2	101			
Cous Coal of Md 1st & ref 5s...1956	J	79 3/4	79 3/4	80	15	76	76	86 3/8	Lex Ave & F 1st gu g 5s...1993	M	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	16	120	124 1/2			
Consol Gas (N Y) deb 5 1/2s...1944	F	106 1/2	106 3/8	107	169	179	105 1/2	107 3/8	Liggett & Myers Tobacco 7s...1944	A	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	16	102 1/2	104 1/2			
Consol Gas (N Y) deb 5 1/2s...1944	F	85	85	87 1/4	79	75	80	87 1/4	Registered	A	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	23	104 1/2	104 1/2			
Consumers Gas of Chic go 5s...1936	M	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	6	100 3/4	102 1/2	Liquid Carbonic Corp 6s...1941	F	129	127 1/2	131 1/2	117	103 1/4	133 1/2			
Consumers Power 1st 6s...1937	M	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	73	102	102	105 1/4	Loew's Inc deb 6s with warr...1941	A	106 7/8	106 1/4	107	80	101	107 1/2			
Continental Corp 1st 6s...1946	J	100	100	100 1/8	100 1/8	38	97 1/2	99	Without stock pur warrants	A	101	101	100 3/4	94	96	101 1/2			
Copenhagen Telep ext 6s...1950	A	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/4	38	99 1/2	102 1/2	Lorillard (P) Co 7s...1951	F	114 1/2	113	115 1/8	15	115	120			
Corn Prod Refr 1st 25-yr s f 5s '34	M	102 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	47	99 3/4	104	Registered	F	97	96 7/8	97 1/2	56	95 1/2	100 1/2			
Corn Crock & Seal 1st s f 6s...1942	F	104 7/8	105	104 3/4	104 3/4	26	102 1/2	104 7/8	Deb 5 1/2s...1937	J	96 3/8	96 1/2	96 1/2	76	96 1/2	97 1/2			
Crown-Willamette Pap 6s...1951	J	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	47	99 1/2	104	Louisville Gas & Elec (Ky) 5s...1930	M	104 1/2	104 1/4	104 1/2	23	99 3/4	104 1/2			
Cuba Cane Sugar con 7s...1930	J	92	92	93	15	91 1/2	99 3/4	102	Louisville Ry 1st cons 6s...1930	J	96 1/2	98 7/8	97 1/4	23	94	99			
Conv deb stamped 8%...1930	J	96	96	95 1/2	96 1/4	70	95 1/2	102	Lower Austrian Hydro Elec Pow...1944	F	89 3/8	89	89 1/2	9	87 1/8	95 1/2			
Cuban Am Sugar 1st coll 8s...1931	M	108	108	107 1/2	108	21	107 1/2	108 3/4	McCrory Stores Corp deb 5 1/2s '41	J	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	28	97	101			
Cuban Dom Sug 1st 7 1/2s...1944	M	100 1/4	100 1/4	101	30	98 3/4	102	103 1/4	Manati Sugar 1st s f 7 1/2s...1942	A	107	106 1/8	107	23	102 1/2	109 1/2			
Cumb T & L 1st & gen 6s...1937	J	103 3/8	104	104	104 1/2	9	100 1/2	103 3/4	Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s...1910	A	70	69	70 1/4	60	67 1/4	73 1/2			
Cuyamant Fruit 1st s f 6s A...1940	A	101 1/4	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	6	98 1/4	102 1/4	Registered	J	61	61 1/4	60	Jan '28	58 1/2	65			
Denver Cons Tramw 1st 5s...1933	A	101 1/4	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	6	98 1/4	102 1/4	Manila Elec Ry & L s f 6s...1953	M	99	100 1/2	99 1/4	22	93 1/4	100			
Den Gas & E L 1st & ref s f 5s '51	M	101 1/2	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	6	98 1/4	102 1/4	A I Namm & Son 1st 6s...1943	J	104 1/2	105	105 1/8	22	104	106 1/2			
Stamped as to Pa tax...1932	M	101 1/2	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	6	98 1/4	102 1/4	Market St Ry 7s ser A April 1940	Q	99 1/4	99 1/4	100	31	99 1/4	101			
Dery Corp (D G) 1st s f 7s...1942	M	101 1/2	102 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	6	98 1/4	102 1/4	Met Ed 1st & ref g 6s ser B...1952	F	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	3	104	110			
Detrol Edison 1st coll tr 6s...1933	J	102 3/4	103	103 1/4	103 1/4	13	101 3/4	105 1/2	Met West Side El (Chlo) 4s...1938	F	81	82	81	Dec '27	76	81			
1st & ref 5s series A...July 1940	M	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	26	102 1/2	104 3/4	Mid-Cent Petrol 1st 6 1/2s...1940	M	105 1/4	105	105 1/2	26	103 1/2	105 1/2			
Gen & ref 5s series A...July 1940	A	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	1	102 1/2	105 7/8	Midvale Steel & C conv s f 5s 1936	M	101 3/8	101	101 3/4	79	97 1/4	102			
1st & ref 6s series B...July 1940	M	108 1/2	108 1/2	108	108 3/8	9	107 1/4	109	Milw El Ry & L 1st & ext 4 1/2s '31	J	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 3/4	Jan '28	98 1/2	101 1/8			
Gen & ref 5s ser B...1955	J	105 1/2	106 1/4	105 1/2	105 1/2	7	101 3/8	106 1/4	General & ref 6s...1951	J	105	105	105 1/4	36	99 1/4	105 1/2			
Series C...1962	F	106	106	106 1/4	106 1/4	Jan '28	92 1/2	97 1/4	1st & ref 5s B...1961	J	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	27	98	103 1/2			
Det United 1st cons g 4 1/2s...1932	J	96 3/4	97 1/2	97	14	92 1/2	97 1/4	101 1/2	Montana Power 1st 5s A...1943	J	105	104 3/4	105	116	101 1/2	105			
Dodge Bros deb 6s...1940	M	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 3/4	163	82 1/4	86	91 1/2	Deb 5s ser A...1962	J	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	68	100	100 1/2			
Dold (Jacob) Pack 1st 6s...1942	M	81 1/2	82	81 1/2	6	81	89 3/8	95	Montecatini Min & Agric...1937	J	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	207	98	102			
Dominion Iron & Steel 5s...1939	M	99	99	94 1/2	99	275	48	79 7/8	Without warrants	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	16	92	95 1/2			
Certificates of deposit	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	94 1/2	99 1/2	199	49 1/4	79 7/8	Without warrants	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	16	92	95 1/2			
Donner Steel 1st ref 7s...1942	J	94 1/2	95	94 1/2	24	94 1/4	98	102 1/2	Gen & ref s f 5s series A...1955	A	100 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	1	95 3/4	100 3/4			
Duke-Price Pow 1st 6s ser A '66	A	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	14	103 1/2	106 1/2	Series B...1955	A	100 3/4	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	95 3/4	100 3/4			
Duquesne Light 1st 4 1/2s A 1967	A	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	113	98 7/8	101 1/2	103 1/2	Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2s...1939	J	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	44	83	89 3/4			
East Cuba Sugar 15-yr s f 7 1/2s '37	M	104 7/8	104 7/8	104 7/8	32	102 3/4	104 7/8	101 1/2	Mortgage-Bond Co 4s ser 2...1966	A	82	83	82 1/2	Jan '28	83	83			
Edc III Bkn 1st con g 4s...1939	J	98 1/4	98	98	9	94 1/2	98	101 1/2	10-25-year 5s series 3...1932	J	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	Jan '28	96 1/4	99 3/4			
Ed Elec III 1st con g 5s...1955	J	115 1/2	114 3/8	114 3/8	Jan '28	106 1/8	111	120	Murray Body 1st 6 1/2s...1934	J	94 1/2	95 1/2	95	13	92	98 1/2			
Elec Pow Corp (Germany) 6 1/2s '45	M	97 1/2	98	96 3/4	97 3/4	58	94	99 1/2	Mutual Fuel Gas lt gu g 5s...1947	M	103 1/8	102 1/2	102 1/2	Oct '27	101 1/2	103			
Elk Horn Coal 1st & ref 6 1/2s 1931	J	93 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	1	96	100 1/4	101 1/2	Mut Uni Tel gtd 5s ext 4 1/2...1941	M	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	Dec '27	101 1/2	103			
Deb 7% notes (with warr'ts) '31	J	89 3/8	90	89 3/8	Jan '28	89 3/8	99 3/4	101 1/2	Nassau (E I) & Son-See Mfrs...1951	J	58 3/8	59 3/4	59 3/4	34	49	62 1/2			
Equip Gas Light 1st con 5s...1932	M	101	102	102	Dec '27	99 1/2	102	103 1/2	Nat Dairy Prod 6% notes...1940	M	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	75	100	104			
Federal Light & Tr 1st 5s...1942	M	98 3/4	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	12	95	99 1/2	Nat Enam & Stamp 1st 5s...1929	J	102	102	102 1/2	42	99 1/2	100 1/2			
1st len s f 6s stamped...1942	M	104 1/2	105	105	105 1/2	27	102	105 1/4	Nat Radiator deb 6 1/2s...1947	F	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 3/4	Jan '28	99 1/2	100 1/2			
30-year deb 6s stamped...1942	M	102 1/2	104 1/2	102	102 1/2	11	97	104 1/4	Nat Starch 20-year deb 5s...1930	J	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	Jan '28	103 1/2	105 1/2			
Federated Metals 17...1937	J	104 1/2	104 1/2	104	105 1/2	170	92 1/2	98 1/2	National Tube 1st s f 5s...1952	M	104 7/8	105 1/4	105	105	103 1/2	105 1/2			
Flat deb 7s (with warr...1946	J	104 1/4	104 1/4	104	105 1/2	170	92 1/2	98 1/2	Newark Consol Gas cons 6s...1948	J	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '28	102 1/2	108			
Without stock purchase warrants	M	94 1/4	94	94	138	91	112	120	New England Tel & Tel 5s A...1952	J	106 3/4	106 1/2</							

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 20., Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 20., Week's Range or Last Sale., Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1927. Includes entries like Port Arthur Can & Dk 6s A.1953, 1st M 6s series B.1953, etc.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 20.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 20., Week's Range or Last Sale., Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1927. Includes entries like Western Union coll tr cur 5s.1038, Fund & real est g 4 1/2s.1950, etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Large table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Range, etc. Includes sections for Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, and Sugar Stocks.

\* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ 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 to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday, Jan. 14.', 'Monday, Jan. 16.', etc.

Sales for the Week. Shares. \$ per share. \$ per share.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE. Table listing various stock companies and their share prices. Includes 'Railroads', 'Miscellaneous', and 'Mining' sections.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1927. On basis of 100-share lots. Table showing price ranges for 1927 and 1928. Includes sub-headers for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' for both years.

\* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. d Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights. f Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1927 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amoskeag 6s, Chic Jct Ry & U S Y 4s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1927 (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, Alliance Insurance, American Milling, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1927 (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Wholesale pref., Arundel Corp., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1927 (Low, High). Includes entries like Black & Decker pref., Boston Sand & Gravel, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1927 (Low, High). Includes entries like Acme Steel Co., Adams Royalty Co., etc.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1927.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Consumers Co common..5	8 3/4	7 1/2	8 3/4	10,935	5 1/4	8 3/4
Consolidated Film Ind Inc*	17 1/2	16	17 1/2	6,480		
Preferred	24	23 1/2	24 1/2	18,385		
Consumers Co common..5	8 3/4	7 1/2	8 3/4	10,935	5 1/4	8 3/4
Preferred	100	90 1/2	90 3/4	467	69 1/2	90
Crane Co common..25	47	46 1/2	47	246	46 1/2	47
Preferred	100	120	120	51	117	121
Crown W'mette Pap 1st pf*		99 1/2	99 1/2	20	90	99
Diamond Match com..100		137 1/2	137 1/2	30	116	148
Eddy Paper Corp (The) ..		32	32	40	20	40
El Household Util Corp..10		14 1/2	15	1,431	11	15 1/2
Elect Research Lab Inc..*		23 1/2	24 1/2	200	5 1/2	15
Empire G & E 7% pf..100	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	375	92 1/2	100 1/2
8% preferred	100	109	108 1/2	155	100 1/2	113 1/2
Evans & Co Inc class A..5	69	64 1/2	70 1/2	3,120	38 1/2	59
Class B	67 1/2	64 1/2	70 1/2	6,180	24 1/2	59
Fair Co (The) common..*	36	34	36 1/2	775	21 1/2	35 1/2
Preferred	100	108	109	110	105	110 1/2
Fitz Simons & Connell						
Dk & Dredge Co com..20		51 1/2	51 1/2	510	26 1/2	51 1/2
Foot Bros Gear & Mach..5	19	18 1/2	19	2,330	12	20
Galesburg Coulter Disc..*	47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	2,535	47 1/2	48 1/2
Godchaux Sug Inc class B..*		3	3	260	3	4
Gossard Co (H W) com..*		45	46 1/2	1,675	31 1/2	56
Great Lakes P & D..100	260	250	260	855	140	273 1/2
Greif Bros Crop'ge A com..*	42	41	42	3,655	35 1/2	46 1/2
Hammermill Paper Co..10		36	37	200	30	37
Hart, Schaf & Marx..100		134	137	700	100	135
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co common..25	68	66 1/2	68	300	59	70
Hupp Mot Car Corp com10		29	33 1/2	400	17 1/2	36 1/2
Illinois Brick Co..25	41 1/2	41 1/2	42	1,020	34	42
Inland Wire & Cable com10	29 1/2	26	32	3,900	26	32
Indep Pneu Tool v t c..*		48	48	60	37	48
Kalamazoo Stove com..*	84	72 1/2	84	9,185		
Kellogg Switch'd com..10	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	2,809	11 1/2	19 1/2
Preferred	100	96	96	55	92 1/2	98
Ky Hydro com pref..100	103	103	103	10	94 1/2	104
Kentucky Util Jr com pf..50	51 1/2	51 1/2	52	353	50 1/2	53
KeystoneSt & Wire com100	138 1/2	133	144	2,715	45 1/2	58 1/2
Preferred	100	100	100	35	88 1/2	100 1/2
Kraft Cheese Co com..25	65	65	65	100	41	63
Kup'helmer & Co (B) Inc..5	50	50	50	110	36	50
La Salle Ext Univ com..10	4	3 1/2	4	400	2	4
Libby, McNeill & Libby..10	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,495	8 1/2	11 1/2
McCord Radiator Mfg A..*	41	40 1/2	41 1/2	210	37	42
McQuay-Norris Mfg..*	24 1/2	23 1/2	25	1,025	16	25 1/2
Marvel Carburetor (Ind) 10	62 1/2	62	63	3,225	41	65
Meadow Mfg Co com..*	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	5,070	7 1/2	13 1/2
Preferred	100	44 1/2	45	220	45	46
6% preferred	97 1/2	96	97 1/2	1,115	90 1/2	95
Mer & Mrs Sec Co pr pf 25		18	18	25	15 1/2	15 1/2
Middle West Utilities..*	127 1/2	127 1/2	134 1/2	23,400	103	125
Preferred	100	119	123 1/2	3,165	110 1/2	125
6% preferred	97 1/2	96	97 1/2	1,115	90 1/2	95
Prior lien preferred..100	128	127 1/2	128 1/2	355	117 1/2	127
Midland Steel Prod com..*	100	105	105	325	38	42
Midland Util 6% pr lien100	95	95 1/2	95 1/2	258	91 1/2	96 1/2
7% prior lien..100	105	106	106	55	97 1/2	107 1/2
Preferred 6% A..100	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	100	90	92 1/2
Prof 7% "A" ..100	103 1/2	104	104	52	96 1/2	103 1/2
Minneapolis-Honeywell Reg..*	31 1/2	31 1/2	32	1,125	32	33 1/2
Preferred	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	175	99 1/2	101
Miss Vall Util pr lien pf..*	94	96	96	40	96	97 1/2
Monsanto Chem Works..*	42 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	3,555	37	39
Morgan Lithograph com..*	78	75	78 1/2	13,000	58	78
Mossler Leather Corp com..*	25	25	25	255	11	25
NatElec Power A part..*	228	27 1/2	28	1,540	22	28
7% preferred..100	105	105	105	12	93 1/2	104
National Leather com..10	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	9,075	2 1/2	4 1/2
National Standard com..*	38 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	1,000	30 1/2	40 1/2
North American Car com..*	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	60	22 1/2	34
North States Pow com..100	124 1/2	125	125	50	126 1/2	131 1/2
NorWest Util prin pref100	103	103 1/2	103 1/2	20	95 1/2	105
7% preferred..100	102	101	102	61	94 1/2	101
Novadell Process Co com..*	11 1/2	12	12	760	8	13 1/2
Preferred	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	620	21 1/2	29
Northwest Eng Co com..*	32 1/2	31	33 1/2	12,415		
Oklahoma Gas & Elec pref..100	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	75	104	109
Omnibus vot tr cts..*	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	11 1/2	17
Penn Gas & Elec "A" com..5	20	20	20 1/2	185	10	19
Pines Winterport A com..5	56 1/2	55	57	3,925	40	57 1/2
Pub Serv of Nor Ill com..100	159 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2	181	140 1/2	161 1/2
Common..100	159 1/2	160	160	62	132	161 1/2
6% preferred..100	111	111	111	50	101 1/2	113 1/2
Q-R-S Music Co com..*	38 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	100	32 1/2	43
Quaker Oats Co com..*	300	300	300	30	175	300
Preferred	114 1/2	113	114 1/2	194	107	113
Reo Motor Car Co..10	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	440	19 1/2	27 1/2
Ryan Car Co (The) com..25	92	16	16	50	8	16
St Louis Nat Stk Yds..100	92	92	92	50	79	87
Sangamo Electric Co..*	32 1/2	30 1/2	32 1/2	605	29	39 1/2
Sears, Roebuck & Co..*	85	82 1/2	84	10,625	52	89 1/2
Shafter Oil & Gas pref..100	82	84	84	40	84 1/2	89 1/2
So Cities Util class A com..*	32	32	32	50	25 1/2	33
So Colo Pr Elec A com..25	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	539	94 1/2	102 1/2
So W G & El Co 7% pf..100	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	539	94 1/2	102 1/2
Southwest Pr & Lt pref..25	90 1/2	91	91	337	87	91
Steel & Tubes Inc..25	58	58	61	600	49 1/2	52
Stewart-Warner Speedom..*	81	80	83 1/2	3,565	54 1/2	87 1/2
Studebaker Mall Ord com 5		9 1/2	9 1/2	65	5 1/2	10 1/2
Swift & Company..100	126 1/2	126 1/2	128	1,245	115 1/2	130
Swift International..15	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	26,975	18 1/2	27 1/2
Tenn Prod Corp com..*	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	60	8	17
Thompson (J R) com..25	60	60	60	50	40	65
United Carbide & Carbon..*	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	20	99	162 1/2
United Biscuits & Pow..*	63	63	63 1/2	250	39 1/2	67
Class "A" preferred..*	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	395	87	97 1/2
Class "B" preferred..*	55	55	55	10	50	57
Common class A new..*	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	100	12 1/2	17
U S Gypsum..20	85 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2	2,045	82	110 1/2
Preferred..100	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	11	115	123
Utilities Pow & Lt cl A..*	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	995	14 1/2	17
Vesta Battery Corp com10	15	15	15	24	24	37
Walgreen Co 6 1/2% pf..100	102 1/2	102	108	4,555		
Common stock pur warr*	7	5	8 1/2	17,620		
Wahl Co com..10	10	10	10 1/2	1,030	8 1/2	17 1/2
Ward (Montgomery) & Co10	120 1/2	117 1/2	123	9,300	67	123 1/2
Class A	125	125	126	415	112 1/2	123
Warner Gear "A" conv pf25	35	32 1/2	35	11,255	27 1/2	33
Williams Oil O Mat com..*	1	1	1	650	1	6 1/2
Wolff Mfg Corp com..*	1	1	1	3,200	1	6 1/2
Voting trust certificates*	3	3	3	300	1 1/2	6 1/2
Wolverine Portland Cem 10	6	6	6	100	5	7 1/2
Woodworth Inc..*	27	27	28	250	27	28 1/2
Preferred..*	33	33	35	265	35	35
Wrigley (Wm Jr) Co, com..*	271	70 1/2	72	900	61	73
Yates-Amer Mach part pf..*	15 1/2	15	15 1/2	960	14 1/2	29 1/2
Yellow Tr-Coach Mfg B 10	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	200	25 1/2	34
Yellow Cab Co Inc (Chicago) *	41 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	1,585	37 1/2	46 1/2

Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1927.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Chicago Rys 6s..1927	87	86 1/2	88	19,000	74 1/2	88
1st M 5s ctf of dep..1927		85	86	3,000	74 1/2	88
5s series A..1927	68	68	68	13,000	58 1/2	68
Purchase money 5s..1927		47	47	4,000	47	51 1/2
Commonwealth Edison 5s..1934		107 1/2	107 1/2	1,000	102 1/2	107 1/2
1st M 5s series B..1934		106 1/2	106 1/2	1,000	102 1/2	107 1/2
1st M 4 1/2s series C..1956		100 1/2	100 1/2	1,000	95 1/2	102
1st M 4 1/2s series D..1957		100 1/2	100 1/2	3,000	98 1/2	101 1/2
Foreman Trust & Savs—						
5 1/2s "A" ..1937		100 1/2	100 1/2	2,000	100	100 1/2
5 1/2s "B" ..1937		100 1/2	100 1/2	3,000	100	100 1/2
General Vending 6s..1937		98 1/2	98 1/2	6,000	95 1/2	98 1/2
Port Lakes Util 1st 5 1/2s '42		95 1/2	95 1/2	14,000	95 1/2	95 1/2
Hous G Co 6 1/2s 1931		108 1/2	108 1/2	8,000	96	110 1/2
Medinah Athletic 6s..1947		100	100	1,000		
Metr W Side El 1st 4s..1938		82	82	1,000	79	81 1/2
Extension gold 4s..1938	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	1,000	75	78 1/2
Pub Serv 1st ref 5 1/2s..1962		102 1/2	102 1/2	6,000	105 1/2	107 1/2
Swift & Co 1st sfg 5s..1944		109 1/2	109 1/2	14,000	101 1/2	102 1/2
United Pub Serv Co—						
15-year 6s "A" ..1942		98	98	5,000	9	

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1927 (Low, High). Includes entries like Pittsburgh Brewing, Amer Oil & Gas, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 1928 (Low, High). Includes entries like Baldwin common, New preferred, Buckeye Incubator, etc.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, 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 1928 (Low, High). Includes entries like Aetna Rubber, Amer Multigraph, Allen Industries, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 1928 (Low, High). Includes entries like Baldwin common, New preferred, Buckeye Incubator, etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, 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 1928 (Low, High). Includes entries like Bank— Boatmen's Bank, First National Bank, etc.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, 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 1928 (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Laundry Mach com, Amer Products pref, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1 1928, and similar columns for another set of stocks.

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 (Jan. 14) and ending the present Friday (Jan. 20). 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:

Main table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 20, Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1927, and Range for Year 1927. Contains a large list of stocks and their performance metrics.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range for Year 1927.		Month	Day	Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range for Year 1927.		Month	Day
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.					Low.	High.					
High Coal & Nav. . . . .50	117	114	119 1/2	9,500	105 1/2	July	121	Jan	Swift & Co. . . . .100	127	126 1/2	128	1,050	115 1/2	May	130	Sept
High Val Coal cts new . . .	35 1/2	35	36 1/2	4,300	35	Dec	46	Jan	Swift International. . . . .16	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	20,000	18 1/2	Mar	28 1/2	Oct
High Val Coal Sales. . . . .60	65	65	66	1,425	58	Dec	100	Mar	Syrac. Wash. Mach. B. com.*	19	19	19 1/2	300	1 1/2	July	22 1/2	Nov
Mur Co com. . . . .	19 1/2	19	19 1/2	1,100	12 1/2	Nov	15	Dec	(Leomar) Teitz Warrants. . . . .	311	311	313	11	90	Mar	320	May
Donald Fitzpatrick & Muellor Stores, com. . . . .	42	42	42	200	43	Aug	48	Aug	Tennessee Products com. . . . .	100	100	100	100	13 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	Dec
Obby McNeil & Libby. . . . .10	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,000	8 1/2	July	11 1/2	Sept	Timken-Detroit Axle. . . . .10	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	200	10 1/2	Nov	14	May
Obby Owens Sheet Glass 25	123	123 1/2	124 1/2	200	108 3/4	Nov	159 1/2	Jan	Preferred. . . . .	100	102 3/4	102 3/4	50	86	May	113 1/2	Oct
Osannin (I.) & Co Inc com.*	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	600	17 1/2	July	23 1/2	Dec	Tishman Realty & Const.*	33 1/2	33	33 1/2	5,300	3	Mar	4 1/2	Aug
Osannin Bowman & Co. . . . .	11	11	11 1/2	200	9 1/2	July	13 1/2	Apr	Tobacco Prod Exp Corp.*	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	3	Mar	4 1/2	Aug
Osannin Motor Car. com.*	45	44	45	1,000	39 1/2	Oct	62 1/2	May	Todd Shipyards Corp.*	50 1/2	50	50 1/2	400	45	Apr	5 1/2	Jan
Oryland Casualty. . . . .25	180	180	184	450	151	Oct	197 1/2	Dec	Trans-Lux Day Pic Screen Class B com. . . . .	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	700	3 1/2	July	8 1/2	Jan
Osney Harris Co com.*	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	100	29	Mar	43	Dec	Trico Products Corp com.*	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	6,900	27 1/2	Oct	32 1/2	Dec
Osway Corporation. . . . .	23 1/2	22	23 1/2	2,200	19	Sept	28 1/2	June	Trumbull Steel com. . . . .25	12	10 1/2	12	8,800	9	Oct	14 1/2	Aug
Osway Bottling Co of Am.*	15 1/2	15 1/2	16	2,900	8 1/2	July	17 1/2	Dec	Preferred. . . . .	95	90	95	300	74 1/2	Jan	100	Nov
Osway Drug Stores Corp.*	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	500	18	Sept	22	Dec	Trucon Steel com. . . . .10	35 1/2	33 1/2	36	2,000	24	Jan	34 1/2	Dec
Osway Call Corp. . . . .	53	56	56	1,900	48	June	64 1/2	Nov	Tubize Artificial Silk cl B.*	488	464	490	520	145	Jan	145	Dec
Osway Cord Rad Mfg v t c.*	19	20	20	300	16 1/2	May	21	Jan	Tung-Sol Lamp Wks com.*	11	11	11 1/2	100	8 1/2	Feb	13	May
Osway Keesport Tin Plate. . . . .	60	60	60 1/2	1,400	60 1/2	Dec	62 1/2	Dec	Class A. . . . .	21	21 1/2	21 1/2	500	17 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	Dec
Osway Lead Johnson & Co com.*	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	100	39 1/2	Jan	65 1/2	Dec	United Biscuit class A.*	63 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	2,400	38	Mar	68 1/2	Dec
Osway Louisville Shoe Co com.*	119	113 1/2	119	950	59	Feb	124 1/2	Sept	Class B. . . . .	20	19	21 1/2	7,000	7	Jan	24	Dec
Osway Pref without warr. . . . .100	112	113	113 1/2	160	108	Sept	114 1/2	Dec	United Elec Coal Cos v t c.*	30 1/2	30 1/2	33	2,100	23	Apr	37	Dec
Osway Oengel Company. . . . .100	55	56	56	470	27	July	64 1/2	Dec	United Elec & Pdy new w1	54 1/2	54 1/2	57 1/2	300	46 1/2	Nov	57	Oct
Osway Mercantile Stores Co. . . . .100	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	100	95 1/2	Aug	112	Dec	United Profit Sharing com.*	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	200	9 1/2	Apr	13 1/2	Apr
Osway Mercantile Linotype. . . . .	114	105	114	318	103	Dec	116 1/2	Oct	United S Dairy Mach com.*	25	23 1/2	25 1/2	300	51	Jan	77 1/2	Nov
Osway Messing Iron. . . . .	3	2 1/2	3 1/2	6,000	56	June	3	Dec	U S Dairy Prod cl A. . . . .	47 1/2	43 1/2	47 1/2	1,100	35	Dec	37	Sept
Osway Metropolitan Chain Stores. . . . .	54	54	54	1,200	30	Feb	58	Nov	Class B. . . . .	87 1/2	83	88	1,700	32	Mar	69 1/2	Nov
Osway Met 5 & 50c Stores, com A*	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	1 1/2	Jan	15	Sept	U S L Battery com. . . . .	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	600	8 1/2	June	10 1/2	Dec
Osway Common class "B". . . . .	5	4 1/2	5	400	5	July	24	Sept	U S Freight Co. . . . .10	77 1/2	77 1/2	80	4,600	51 1/2	Sept	86	Dec
Osway Preferred. . . . .100	47	48	48	200	30	Feb	63 1/2	Aug	U S Gypsum com. . . . .20	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	25	83 1/2	Nov	110 1/2	Sept
Osway Midland Steel Prod. . . . .100	100	106	106	700	39 1/2	Apr	125	Dec	U S Rubber Reclaiming. . . . .	300	16	16 1/2	300	6	Nov	15 1/2	Dec
Osway Midvale Company. . . . .42 1/2	39	42 1/2	42 1/2	1,000	23 1/2	Jan	42	Nov	Wait & Bond Inc class A.*	24 1/2	24 1/2	25	500	22 1/2	Nov	26 1/2	Dec
Osway Miller Rubber pref. . . . .100	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	50	86	Nov	105 1/2	Feb	Class B. . . . .	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	600	15 1/2	June	19 1/2	Dec
Osway Monsanto Chem Wks com.*	39	38 1/2	39	400	37 1/2	Nov	39	Dec	Warner Brothers Pictures.*	16 1/2	14	16 1/2	10,000	9 1/2	Dec	33 1/2	Jan
Osway Murphy (G) Co. . . . .64 1/2	63	64 1/2	64 1/2	700	37	June	73 1/2	Sept	Watson (Jno Warren) Co.*	17 1/2	16 1/2	19 1/2	8,000	18 1/2	Dec	25 1/2	Sept
Osway National Baking com.*	8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	600	7 1/2	June	10 1/2	May	Wesson Oil & D com v t c.*	70 1/2	70 1/2	72	2,100	50 1/2	Apr	77	Sept
Osway Preferred. . . . .100	90	90	90	25	77	Feb	93	Dec	Wheatworth Inc com.*	37	36 1/2	37	300	30 1/2	Dec	35 1/2	Dec
Osway National Food Products cl B.*	7 1/2	7	8 1/2	3,900	2	July	9	Apr	Woodworth, Inc com.*	27	27	27 1/2	1,700	26 1/2	Dec	28 1/2	Dec
Osway National Leather. . . . .10	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,600	2 1/2	Sept	4 1/2	Jan	Worth, Inc, conv cl A.*	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	1,400	22 1/2	Dec	22 1/2	Dec
Osway National Manufacture & Sts.*	128	130 1/2	130 1/2	150	115	Nov	155	May	Zellerbach Corp. . . . .	49 1/2	46	49 1/2	100	29 1/2	Feb	46	Dec
Osway National Sugar Refg. . . . .100	104	104	104	75	101 1/2	June	105	Dec	Yellow Taxi of N Y. . . . .	19 1/2	19	20	1,800	10	May	34 1/2	Jan
Osway National Tea pref. . . . .100	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	6	Nov	7 1/2	Nov	Rights—								
Osway National Theatre Supply com.*	72 1/2	63 1/2	72 1/2	1,250	36 1/2	Feb	71	Sept	Amer Rolling Mill. . . . .	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	42,700	2 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Dec
Osway National Glass Bottle Works Inc com.*	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	200	97 1/2	Mar	105 1/2	Sept	Atch Top & Santa Fe. . . . .	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	16,100	2 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Dec
Osway National Ice Cream Co. . . . .100	9 1/2	9	9 1/2	1,600	9 1/2	Apr	16	June	Borden Co. . . . .	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	29,400	5 1/2	Dec	5 1/2	Dec
Osway New Mex & Ariz Land. . . . .1	35	35 1/2	35 1/2	500	19 1/2	Jan	41 1/2	Apr	Commonwealth Edison. . . . .	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,900	7 1/2	Dec	7 1/2	Dec
Osway New Or Gt North RR. . . . .100	124	124 1/2	124 1/2	2,300	115	Nov	122	Aug	Dominion Bridge. . . . .	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	1 1/2	Sept	3 1/2	Mar
Osway New York Export Co prior com. . . . .100	35	35	35	100	27	Jan	41	Sept	Flat. . . . .	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	600	1 1/2	Sept	3 1/2	Mar
Osway N Y Merchandise Co. . . . .	31	30 1/2	31 1/2	1,200	21	Oct	35	Nov	Northern States Pow A. . . . .	7 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	31,600	6	Dec	7	Dec
Osway Nichols & Shepard Co.*	30	30	31 1/2	800	15 1/2	Nov	36 1/2	Dec	White Sewing Mach deb rts	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	3,300	4	May	20	Aug
Osway Niles Bement-Pond com.*	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	300	5	Mar	12	Mar	Public Utilities—								
Osway North Amer Cement. . . . .	32 1/2	31 1/2	33 1/2	7,100	22 1/2	Jan	110 1/2	Dec	Alabama Power \$7 pref.*	114	115 1/2	115 1/2	250	108 1/2	Jan	114 1/2	Dec
Osway North West Engine. . . . .	89	89	93 1/2	225	76	Jan	110 1/2	Dec	Amer Dist Teles, NJ, pf100	115	115	115	25	109	Aug	117	Dec
Osway Ohio Brass Co. . . . .	250	49 1/2	250	400	48	Nov	50	Nov	Amer Gas & Elec com.*	121 1/2	117 1/2	121 1/2	5,900	68 1/2	Jan	125	Nov
Osway Pacific Coast Biscuit pref.*	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	1,800	9 1/2	May	14 1/2	Nov	Preferred. . . . .	107 1/2	107 1/2	108	600	95 1/2	Feb	108 1/2	Dec
Osway Pacific Steel Biscuit. . . . .	94	93 1/2	94	600	69	Apr	112	Sept	Amer Lt & Trac com. . . . .100	170	174	174	550	164 1/2	Oct	126	Apr
Osway Pacific Tube com.*	39 1/2	39	40 1/2	1,700	27 1/2	Mar	40	Nov	Preferred. . . . .	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	50	112	Oct	126	Apr
Osway Pacific Valve & Pipe Co. . . . .	49 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	300	41	July	52	Nov	Amer Nat Gas com v t c.*	21	19 1/2	21	9,400	18 1/2	Nov	19 1/2	Dec
Osway Pacific Wire & Cable Co. . . . .	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	100	19	Apr	36	Nov	Amer Pow & Light pref.100	108 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	1,960	97 1/2	Jan	109 1/2	Dec
Osway Pacific Class B. . . . .	104 1/2	104	104 1/2	280	99	June	130 1/2	June	Amer Superpower Corp A*	39 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	3,000	27 1/2	Jan	43	Nov
Osway Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. . . . .50	96 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	225	74	Feb	105 1/2	Nov	Class B common. . . . .	40	38 1/2	50	5,300	28 1/2	Jan	43	Sept
Osway Peoples Drug Stores. . . . .	48 1/2	48	48 1/2	1,000	28 1/2	Apr	50	Dec	First preferred. . . . .	103	102 1/2	103 1/2	900	93 1/2	Jan	102	Dec
Osway Peoples Paper Mfg. . . . .100	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	98	Dec	106	Dec	Participating pref. . . . .25	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	600	26 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	June
Osway Peoples Perfumery. . . . .25	122	122 1/2	122 1/2	50	120	Dec	120 1/2	Dec	Arizona Power com. . . . .100	20 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	75	22	Jan	37 1/2	Apr
Osway Peoples Paper Mfg. . . . .100	125	125	126														

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Penn Ohio Secur Corp. ....	14	13 3/4	14	900	8 1/4	Feb 15	Sept	Hollinger Consol G M. ....	5	17 1/4	18 1/4	200	16 1/4	Sept	22 1/4	Feb	
Penn G & E Cl A pd stk. ....	---	20 1/4	20 1/4	200	19	Jan 23	Aug	Iron Cap Copper. ....	10	3	3	400	1 3/4	Feb	2 1/4	Dec	
Pa Power & Light 87 pf. ....	---	109 3/4	109 3/4	50	106	Jan 11	Dec	Mason Valley Mines. ....	5	1 3/4	1 3/4	300	65c	July	2 1/4	Dec	
Pa Water & Power. ....	---	68	71 1/4	300	45	Mar 7 1/2	Oct	Mining Corp of Canada. ....	5	5 1/4	4 3/4	8,400	3 1/4	Jan	4 1/4	Dec	
Phila Electric Co com. ....	25	57 1/4	57 1/4	400	46 3/4	Mar 5 3/4	Sept	New Cornelia Copper. ....	5	27 1/4	27 1/4	4,300	18 1/4	June	30 1/4	Dec	
Power Securities pref. ....	---	62 1/2	62 1/2	200	40	Sept 6 3/4	Dec	New Jersey Zinc. ....	100	18 1/4	18 5/8	250	17 1/4	Jan	19 3/4	Dec	
Puget Sound P & L com. ....	100	41	37 1/2	5,300	28	Apr 3 3/4	Oct	Newmont Mining Corp. ....	100	157 1/2	157 1/2	543,500	67 1/4	Jan	139 1/2	Dec	
6% preferred. ....	100	93	93	160	83 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Dec	N Y & Honduras Rosario M.	---	14	14	100	10 1/4	Dec	18	Dec	
7% preferred. ....	100	110	110 1/2	50	103 1/2	Jan 11 1/2	Dec	Nipissing Mines. ....	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	2,200	6 1/4	Aug	10 3/4	Dec	
Rochester G & E 6% pf. ....	100	105	105	50	103 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	Dec	Noranda Mines, Ltd. ....	---	21	21	1,200	19 1/4	Jan	28 1/4	Dec	
Sierra Pacific Elec com. ....	100	32 1/2	33	700	24 1/2	Aug 31 1/2	Oct	North Butte. ....	10	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,000	80c	June	3 1/4	Dec	
Preferred. ....	100	95	95	100	88	Feb 9	Dec	Ohio Copper. ....	1	1	91c	31,600	40c	Mar	1 1/2	Dec	
Sou Calif Edison, pref B. ....	25	26 1/2	27	900	25 1/2	Oct 26 1/2	Oct	Parmac Porcupine. ....	1	19c	20c	3,000	10c	June	46c	Dec	
Sou Cities Util pref. ....	100	75	75	75	70	Aug 9	Dec	Premier Gold Mining. ....	1	2 1/2	3 1/2	27,300	1 1/4	Jan	2 1/4	Dec	
South Colo Power Cl A. ....	25	25 1/4	25 1/4	100	24 1/2	Dec 27 1/2	Mar	Reed Warrior Mining. ....	1	19c	20c	6,000	12c	Aug	39c	Dec	
Southeast Pow & Lt com. ....	---	43 1/2	42 1/4	14,300	29 1/4	Mar 4	Nov	Reg Divid Annex M 10c	---	4c	4c	5,000	---	---	---	---	
Common voting tr. etc. ....	---	41 1/4	41 1/4	700	28	Jan 4 3/4	Nov	San Toy Mining. ....	1	4c	3c	4c	11,000	4c	Apr	8c	Dec
Participating pref. ....	---	87 1/2	87 1/2	200	67 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Dec	Shattuck Denn Mining. ....	---	9 1/4	6 3/4	9 1/4	9,000	2 1/4	Aug	14	Dec
Warrants to pur com stk *	---	13 1/4	13 1/4	500	8 1/4	Jan 14 1/2	Nov	Silver King Coalition. ....	5	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	7 1/2	June	12	Dec	
South West Bell Tel pf. ....	100	118 1/4	118 1/4	50	113 1/4	Jan 120	Dec	South Am Gold & Plat. ....	---	3	2 3/4	3	300	2 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Dec
Standard Pow & Lt com. ....	25	29 1/4	30 3/4	1,000	22	Jan 32	Nov	Standard Silver-Lead. ....	1	13c	16c	6,000	9c	Dec	27c	Dec	
Tampa Electric Co. ....	---	63	63	200	43	Mar 20	Sept	Tack-Hughes. ....	---	9 1/4	10 1/4	2,800	5 1/4	Jan	1 1/2	Dec	
Union Gas (Canada). ....	---	33 1/4	28 1/4	1,800	25	Sept 30	Dec	Tonopah Belmont Devel. ....	---	1 1/4	1 1/4	3,000	1	Sept	3 1/4	Dec	
United Gas Impt. ....	50	115 1/4	117 1/4	13,800	89	Feb 19	Sept	Tonopah Extension. ....	---	13c	17c	15,000	10c	Oct	55c	Dec	
United Lt & Pow com A. ....	---	14 1/4	13 1/4	33,400	12 1/4	Mar 15 1/2	Oct	Tonopah Mining. ....	---	3 1/4	4 3/4	8,200	1 1/4	Aug	3 1/4	Dec	
Preferred class A. ....	---	98 1/4	98 3/4	800	85	Jan 97 1/2	May	United Eastern Mining. ....	---	55c	53c	59c	7,500	35c	June	53c	Dec
Preferred class B. ....	---	55	55 1/2	300	50 1/4	Jan 57	July	United Verde Extension 50c	---	24 1/2	23 1/2	4,100	22 1/2	Jan	34 1/2	Dec	
Utilities Pow & Lt class B. ....	---	20 1/4	19	20 1/4	4,000	13 1/4	Jan 23 1/2	Oct	Unity Gold Mines. ....	---	50c	50c	100	20c	June	1 1/4	Dec
Utility Shares Corp. com. ....	---	12 1/2	11 1/2	1,800	9 1/4	Feb 14 1/2	Oct	Utah Apex. ....	---	4 1/4	4 1/4	100	4 1/4	June	7 1/4	Dec	
Washington (D.C.) Ry & Elcom. ....	100	46 1/4	46 1/4	10	180	Jan 470	Nov	Wenden Copper Mining. ....	---	1 1/4	95c	1 1/4	4,800	75c	July	3 1/4	Dec
West End Consol. ....	---	5c	5c	1,000	4c	5c	5c	5c	---	5c	5c	5,000	2c	Oct	7c	Dec	
West End Extension. ....	---	5c	5c	5,000	2c	5c	5c	5c	---	5c	5c	5,000	2c	Oct	7c	Dec	
Wright Hargreaves Mines *	---	5c	6	200	5c	6	200	5c	---	5c	6	200	5c	June	8 1/4	Dec	

Former Standard Oil

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.		High.	Low.		High.	Low.	High.			
Anglo-Amer Oil (vot sh). ....	21	19 1/4	18 1/4	21 1/4	4,700	17 1/4	July 21 1/4	Jan	Bonds—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not vsh cfs dep. ....	21	---	20 1/4	20 1/4	100	18 1/4	Mar 21 1/4	Feb	Abbotts Dairies 6s. ....	1942	101 1/2	101 1/2	85,000	100	Sept	101 1/4	Dec
Non-voting shares. ....	---	---	17 1/4	18 1/4	400	17 1/4	July 20 1/2	Jan	Atlantic Electric 7 1/2. ....	1952	95 3/4	95 3/4	30,000	92	June	96 1/4	Dec
Borne-Scrymser & Co. ....	---	---	55	55	50	50	Apr 6	Nov	Alabama Power 4 1/2. ....	1967	95	95	263,000	95	Dec	95 1/4	Dec
Buckeye Pipe Line. ....	50	58	58	58 3/4	600	45	Jan 60	Nov	Allt & ref 5s. ....	1956	102	102 1/2	11,000	98 1/4	Mar	102 1/4	Dec
Chesapeake Mfg consol. ....	25	145	133	149 1/4	2,400	76 1/2	Jan 126	Oct	Allied Pack Int M coltr 8s 39	---	47	48	21,000	30	Nov	76 1/4	Dec
Continental Oil v t c. ....	10	20 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/4	50,100	16 1/4	Oct 22 1/4	Jan	Debutene 6s. ....	1939	47	47	5,000	40	Nov	66	Dec
Cumberland Pipe Line. ....	100	94	94	94	100	90	Dec 95	Nov	Aluminum Co s f deb 5 1/2	1924	102 1/2	101 1/2	98,000	99	June	101 1/2	Dec
Galena-Lig Oil, com. ....	100	5 1/2	6	200	3 1/2	Dec 13 1/2	Feb	Amer Cyanamid 6s. ....	1942	95 1/4	94 1/2	34,000	94	Jan	95 1/2	Dec	
Preferred new. ....	100	30	32 1/4	100	23	Dec 5 1/2	June	Amer G & El 6s. ....	2014	108 1/2	109 1/2	113,000	101 1/4	Jan	109 1/2	Dec	
Humble Oil & Refining. ....	25	65 1/4	65 1/4	67 3/4	18,600	54	Mar 68 1/4	Dec	Amer Natural Gas 6 1/2	1942	99 3/4	99 1/2	110,000	98 1/2	Dec	100 1/4	Dec
Hilltop Pipe Line. ....	100	183 1/4	181	183 1/4	150	123 1/4	Jan 182	Nov	Amer Power & Light—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Imperial Oil (Canada). ....	---	60 1/4	60 1/4	64 1/4	12,500	37 1/4	Jan 68 1/4	Sept	6s. without warr. ....	2016	107 1/2	108 1/4	113,000	100	Mar	108 1/4	Dec
Indiana Pipe Line. ....	50	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	200	61 1/4	Jan 94 1/2	Nov	Amer Radiator deb 4 1/2	1947	100	99 1/2	34,000	94 1/4	June	99 1/4	Dec
National Transit. ....	25	21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/4	2,600	13 1/4	Jan 34	Nov	Amer Rolling Mill 6s. ....	1938	104 1/4	105	30,000	103	Jan	106	Dec
New York Transit. ....	100	40 1/4	40	40 3/4	400	44 1/4	Jan 44 1/2	Nov	Deb s f 6s. ....	1948	99 1/2	99 1/2	30,000	99 1/2	Aug	107	Dec
Northern Pipe Line. ....	100	99 1/4	96 1/4	99 3/4	900	71	Jan 100	Nov	Amer Seating 6s. ....	1936	103	103	20,000	100 1/4	Aug	107 1/4	Dec
Ohio Oil. ....	25	65	65	66 1/4	3,100	52	Apr 67 1/2	Nov	American Thread 6s. ....	1928	101 1/4	101 1/4	17,000	101	June	102 1/4	Dec
Penn-Mex Fuel. ....	25	37 1/4	37	39 1/4	5,400	12	Apr 39	Dec	Ameconda Cop Min 6s 1929	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	31,000	101 1/4	Oct	102 1/4	Dec
Prairie Oil & Gas. ....	25	49 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	8,300	48 1/4	Dec 55 1/4	Jan	Appalachian El Pr 5s 1956	100	99 1/2	100	83,000	95	Feb	99 1/4	Dec
Prairie Pipe Line. ....	100	185	184 1/4	186 3/4	850	132	Jan 190	Nov	Arkansas Pr & Lt 5s. ....	1956	99 1/4	99 1/4	80,000	93 1/4	May	99 1/4	Dec
Solar Refining. ....	100	175	176	176	50	132	Jan 193 1/2	Nov	Associated G & E 5 1/2	1947	101 1/2	103	388,000	100 1/4	Dec	103 1/4	Dec
Southern Pipe Line. ....	50	25 1/4	22	25 1/4	1,900	16	Feb 27 1/2	Feb	Assoc of SIm Hard 6 1/2	1933	103 1/2	103 1/2	149,000	102 1/4	Dec	105 1/4	Dec
South Penn Oil. ....	25	39	39	40 1/4	2,400	34 1/4	Apr 41 1/4	Jan	Atlantic Fruit 8s. ....	1949	87	88	19,000	83	Dec	97 1/4	Dec
So West Pa Pipe Lines. ....	100	81 1/4	79	81 1/4	500	55 1/4	Jan 83	Nov	Batavian Petr deb 4 1/2	1942	94	93 1/4	91,000	92	May	96 1/4	Dec
Standard Oil (Indiana). ....	25	78 1/4	77 1/2	80	30,200	64 1/4	May 81 1/4	Nov	Bates Valve Bag 6s. ....	1942	100	99	100,000	97 1/4	Dec	100	Dec
Standard Oil (Kansas). ....	25	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	2,400	14 1/4	Jan 9 1/4	Nov	Beacon Oil 6s. ....	1942	102 1/2	103	18,000	97	July	103 1/4	Dec
Standard Oil (Kentucky). ....	25	128 1/4	127 1/4	130 1/4	5,900	11 1/4	Jan 13 1/4	Nov	Beaverboard 8s. ....	1933	101 1/2	101 1/2	95 1/4	95 1/4	Mar	99 1/4	Dec
Standard Oil (Ohio) com. ....	25	77	75 1/4	78 1/4	900	73	Apr 87 1/4	Apr	Bell Tel of Canada 5s 1955	105 1/2	104 1/4	104 1/4	65,000	101	June	104 1/4	Dec
Swan-Finch Oil Corp. ....	25	144 1/4	143	148 1/4	14,500	95 1/4	Jan 149 1/4	Nov	1st M 6s ser B June 1 1/2	1957	105 1/2	105 1/2	13,000	101 1/4	June	107 1/4	Dec
Vacuum Oil. ....	25	144 1/4	143	148 1/4	14,500	95 1/4	Jan 149 1/4	Nov	Berlin City El 6 1/2	1929	99 1/2	99 1/2					

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		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.			
Gulf Oil of Pa 6s.....1937	102	101 3/4	102	35,000	99	June 102	Nov	102 1/2	104	63,000	103 1/2	Dec 105 1/2
Sinking fund deb 5s.1947	102	101 3/4	102 3/4	292,000	98 3/4	June 101 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	100	78,000	99	Dec 100 1/2
Gulf States Util 6s.....1956	99 3/4	99 1/4	99 3/4	24,000	94 1/4	June 99 3/4	Dec	99 3/4	94 1/4			
Hamburger Elec Co 7s.....1935	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	8,000	99	Dec 102	Aug	102 1/2	94 1/4	64,000	90	Nov 94 1/2
Hanover Credit Inst 6s.1931	94 1/2	95	95	16,000	93 1/2	Nov 98 1/4	Oct	98 1/4	93 1/2	46,000	89	Nov 94 1/2
Hood Rubber 5 1/2s Oct 15.36	95	96	96	20,000	92 1/4	May 96 1/2	Dec	96 1/2	95	5,000	88	Jan 103
Hygrade Food Prod 6s.1937	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	1,000	101	Apr 104	Feb	104	96 1/2	40,000	94 1/2	May 99
Indep Oil & Gas deb 6s.1939	98 3/4	98 3/4	99 1/4	146,000	93 1/2	Oct 99 1/2	May	100 1/2	96 1/2	21,000	99 1/2	May 102
Indian P's P & L 5s ser A '57	100 1/4	100 1/4	101	58,000	96 1/4	June 100 1/2	Dec	100 1/2	96 1/4	58,000	99	Jan 100 1/2
Internat Gt Nor 1st 5s.1956	102	101 3/4	102 1/2	149,000	101 1/2	Dec 102 1/2	Dec	102 1/2	100	67,000	95 1/2	June 100 1/2
Internat Match deb 6s.1947	99	98 3/4	99 1/4	105,000	93 1/2	Nov 99 1/2	Dec	99 1/2	98	32,000	98	Oct 100
Int Pow Secur 7s ser E.1957	97	96 1/2	97 1/4	99,000	92 1/4	July 97	Apr	97	95 1/2	44,000	97 1/2	Jan 119
Int Pow Secur 5s.1947	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	117,000	95	Aug 96	Oct	96	98	15,000	92	July 98
New	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	5,000					98 1/2	5,000	98	Dec 101
Interstate Power 5s.....1957	98	97	98	80,000	94 1/4	July 97 1/2	May	97 1/2	93 1/2	26,000	89	June 94 1/2
Debenture 6s.....1952	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	37,000	97	July 99 1/4	Oct	99 1/4	103	330,000	93	Jan 103 1/2
Invest Bond & Share Corp												
Deb 5s with warr. 1947	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	5,000	100	June 107	Dec	107	104 1/2	14,000	98	Dec 98 1/2
Invest Co of Amer 5s A. '47	97	96 3/4	97 1/4	70,000	97	Nov 99 1/4	Oct	99 1/4	93 1/2	6,000	90	Nov 99
Investors Equity Co 5s												
with warrants.....1947	106	104 1/2	106	37,000	100	June 105 1/2	Dec	105 1/2	98 3/4	268,000	98 1/2	Dec 100
Iowa-Nebraska L&P 5s '57	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	102,000	95 1/2	Oct 97 1/2	Dec	97 1/2	105	4,000	99	Sept 103
Isarco Hydr-El 7s.....1952	93 1/2	92 3/4	93 1/2	28,000	91	Nov 96 1/2	Sept	96 1/2	99	100	100	Oct 100 1/2
Jeddo-Highland Coal 6s '41	102	104	104 1/2	2,000	101	July 105	Dec	105				
Kemsey, Millbourn & Co												
Ltd s f deb 6s Sept 1 1942	168	168	170	14,000	109 1/2	Aug 171	Nov	171	95	125,000	88	Dec 99
Keystone Telep 5 1/2s.....1955	90	90	90	1,000	89	Dec 94	Apr	94	101 1/2	2,000	99 1/2	June 102
Koppers G & C 6s ser A.1947	100	99 3/4	100 3/4	129,000	95 1/4	Aug 99 1/2	Nov	99 1/2	102 1/2	8,000	97 1/2	June 100
Laclede Gas & L 5 1/2s.1935	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1,000	100	July 101 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	102	13,000	97 1/2	June 103 1/2
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s.....2026	106	105 3/4	106 1/4	35,000	95 1/4	Jan 107	Dec	107	102	8,000	97 1/2	June 103 1/2
Lehigh Valley RR 4s.....2003	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	86,000	92 3/4	Dec 92 1/2	Dec	92 1/2	102 1/2	4,000	97 1/2	June 103 1/2
Leonard Tietze Inc 7 1/2s '46	134 1/2	133	134 1/2	42,000	108	Mar 133 1/2	May	133 1/2	102 1/2	1,000	97 1/2	June 103 1/2
With stock purch warrants	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	27,000	99 1/4	Apr 103 1/2	Dec	103 1/2	103 1/2	9,000	97 1/2	June 103
Without warrants.....1942	96	95 1/2	96	47,000	96	Nov 97 1/2	Sept	97 1/2	103 1/2	32,000	97	June 104
Libby, McN & Libby 5s '42	97	95 1/2	97 1/4	188,000	91 1/2	June 96 1/4	Oct	96 1/4	103 1/2	6,000	97 1/2	June 104 1/2
Lombard Elec Co 7s.....1952	97	95 1/2	97 1/4	188,000	91 1/2	June 96 1/4	Oct	96 1/4	103 1/2	7,000	101 1/2	Jan 104
Lone Star Gas Corp 5s '42	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	105,000	95	July 101 1/2	Nov	101 1/2	93 1/4	178,000	91	Dec 94 1/2
Long Isla Ltg 6s.....1945	104 1/2	105	105	14,000	102 1/2	Jan 105 1/2	Oct	105 1/2	101 1/2	5,000	98 1/2	Sept 100 1/2
Manitoba Power 5 1/2s.1951	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	11,000	98	Jan 105 1/2	Nov	105 1/2	100 1/2	182,000	80 1/2	July 111 1/2
Mansfield MIn&Sm(Germ)												
Without warrants.....1947	97	97	97	4,000	92	Nov 101 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	99 1/2	26,000	93 1/2	Aug 102
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2s.....1946	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	50,000	103 1/2	Feb 105 1/2	Dec	105 1/2	96	6,000	91 1/2	Apr 99 1/2
Meridionale Elec Co (Italy)												
80-year s f 7s ser A.....1957	95 3/4	95	95 1/2	71,000	91	June 95 1/2	May	95 1/2	103 1/2	32,000	94	Dec 99 1/2
Midwest Gas 7s.....1936	99	98 1/2	99	45,000	95 1/2	Mar 100	Jan	100	93 1/2	507,000	92 1/2	Oct 93 1/2
Milwaukee G L 4 1/2s.1947	100	100	100 1/2	17,000	93	Oct 101 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	100 1/2	49,000	97 1/2	Jan 102 1/2
Mo Kan Texas 4 1/2s B.1978	100	99 3/4	100 1/2	178,000	99 1/2	Dec 101	Dec	101	99	15,000	95	Jan 102 1/2
Montgomery Ward 6s.1946	101 1/2	100 3/4	101 1/2	18,000	97 1/4	Mar 101 1/2	Nov	101 1/2	100	100,000	94 1/2	Feb 99 1/2
Montreal L H & P 6s A '51	103	102 1/2	103	15,000	98 1/2	Dec 102 1/2	Nov	102 1/2	94 1/2	32,000	92 1/2	Oct 93 1/2
Morris & Co 7 1/2s.....1930	98	98	98 1/2	39,000	89 1/2	Nov 104 1/2	Mar	104 1/2	100	9,000	100	Mar 102
Narragansett Co col 5s.1957	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	83,000	98 1/2	July 102 1/2	Dec	102 1/2	92 1/2	1,000	91	Nov 94 1/2
Nat Dist Prod 6 1/2s.....1935	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	6,000	98	May 103	Nov	103	99 1/2	103,000	95 1/2	Nov 102
Nat Pow & Lt 6s A.....2026	108 1/2	108	108 1/2	46,000	98 1/2	Feb 108	Dec	108	94 1/2	21,000	91 1/2	Oct 99 1/2
Nat Pub Serv 6 1/2s.....1955	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	41,000	97 1/2	June 104	Sept	104	94 1/2	32,000	94	Dec 99 1/2
Nebraska Power 6s.....2022	110 1/2	111	111	3,000	102 1/2	Jan 110	Dec	110	94 1/2	507,000	92 1/2	Oct 93 1/2
Nevada Cons 5s.....1941	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	4,000	92	June 102 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	100 1/2	49,000	97 1/2	Jan 102 1/2
New Eng G & El Assn 5s '47	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	95,000	98 1/2	Oct 100	Dec	100	99	15,000	95	Jan 102 1/2
New Oil Tex & Mex 4 1/2s '56	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	145,000	98 1/2	Dec 99 1/2	Dec	99 1/2	100	100,000	94 1/2	Feb 99 1/2
N Y N H & H RR 4 1/2s '67	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	667,000	92 1/2	Dec 93	Dec	93	91 1/2	47,000	90	Dec 95
N Y P & L Corp 1st 4 1/2s '67	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	330,000	95 1/2	Dec 96 1/2	Dec	96 1/2	92	20,000	90	Dec 96 1/2
Niagara Falls Power 6s '50	105	105 1/2	106	3,000	104 1/2	Apr 107	Jan	107	100	67,000	97 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
Nichols & Shepard Co 6s '37												
with stock purch warr'ts	118 1/2	118	120 1/2	43,000	98	Feb 124 1/2	Nov	124 1/2	97 1/2	9,000	97	Dec 97 1/2
North Ind Pub Serv 5s.1966	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	4,000	96 1/2	June 101	Dec	101	92 1/2	12,000	97 1/2	Dec 97 1/2
Nor States Power 6 1/2s.1933	126	124	126	14,000	110	Apr 131	Dec	131	100	100 1/2	97 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
6 1/2s of sold notes.....1933	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	23,000	102 1/2	Mar 104 1/2	Dec	104 1/2	87 1/2	7,000	85	Nov 90 1/2
Nor Ger Lloyd 6s.....1947	94	93 1/2	94 1/2	681,000	94	Nov 94 1/2	Nov	94 1/2	102 1/2	45,000	99 1/2	Oct 102 1/2
Norwegian Hydrol 5 1/2s '57	95	95	95	47,000	95	Nov 96	Dec	96	100	9,000	100	Mar 102
Ohio Power 5s ser B.....1956	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	6,000	97 1/2	Feb 102 1/2	Nov	102 1/2	92 1/2	1,000	91	Nov 94 1/2
4 1/2s series D.....1956	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	109,000	89 1/2	Feb 90 1/4	Dec	90 1/4	99 1/2	103,000	95 1/2	Nov 102
Ohio River Edison 6s.1951	101	101	101	2,000	97	Jan 101 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	94 1/2	21,000	91 1/2	Oct 99 1/2
Oswego Rivy Pw deb 6s '31	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	4,000	97	Jan 101 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	97 1/2	13,000	99 1/2	Jan 102
Ottawa G H & P 5 1/2s.....1957	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	5,000					101 1/2	64,000	97	Dec 97 1/2
Pae Gas & El 1st 4 1/2s.1957	98 1/2	98 1/2	99	139,000	96 1/2	Oct 99	Dec	99	103	3,000	102 1/2	Nov 105 1/2
Paramount Famous Lasky Corp s f 6s.....1947	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	296,000	99 1/2	Mar 100	Nov	100	97 1/2	58,000	95	June 99 1/2
Penn-Ohio Edison 6s.....1950	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	15,000	95 1/2	Apr 103 1/2	Dec	103 1/2	93 1/2	7,000	91 1/2	July 94 1/2
Without warrants.....1952	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	5,000	99	Jan 103 1/2	Dec	103 1/2	92 1/2	73,000	91 1/2	Dec 95 1/2
Penn Pr & Lt 5s B.....1952	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	7,000	99 1/2	Jan 104	Dec	104	92 1/2	6,000	91 1/2	Dec 95 1/2
1st & ref 5s ser D.....1953	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	7,000	99 1/2	Jan 104	Dec					

# Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of January. The table covers 7 roads and shows 2.71% increase from the same week last year.

Second Week of January.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$338,895	\$375,414	-----	\$36,519
Canadian National	4,423,012	4,024,915	\$398,097	-----
Canadian Pacific	3,429,000	3,275,000	154,000	-----
Minneapolis & St. Louis	249,745	256,028	-----	6,283
Mobile & Ohio	306,808	340,817	-----	34,009
St. Louis Southwestern	470,900	467,925	2,975	-----
Southern Ry System	3,343,737	3,489,532	-----	145,796
Total (7 roads)	\$12,562,097	\$12,229,631	\$555,072	\$222,597
Net increase (2.71%)			332,466	

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of January:

First Week of January.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (8 roads)	\$11,431,547	\$12,193,177	-----	\$761,630
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	86,772	87,417	-----	645
Georgia & Florida	23,600	29,000	-----	5,400
Mineral Range	4,274	4,963	-----	689
Texas & Pacific	695,940	632,029	63,911	-----
Nevada-California-Oregon	9,781	7,092	2,689	-----
Total (13 roads)	\$12,251,914	\$12,953,678	\$66,600	\$768,364
Net decrease (5.42%)				701,764

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
	\$	\$	\$	
1st week Sept (13 roads)	15,183,418	15,164,097	+19,322	0.13
2d week Sept (13 roads)	15,306,827	15,508,092	-201,265	1.21
3d week Sept (13 roads)	15,644,304	16,950,922	-1,306,617	7.71
4th week Sept (13 roads)	22,053,886	23,859,874	-1,805,988	7.57
1st week Oct (13 roads)	16,141,807	16,817,404	-675,597	4.01
2d week Oct (13 roads)	17,643,939	17,907,644	-263,705	1.48
3d week Oct (13 roads)	16,906,764	18,681,245	-1,774,481	9.50
4th week Oct (13 roads)	25,561,495	25,777,620	-216,125	0.84
1st week Nov (13 roads)	17,108,500	17,815,452	-706,952	3.97
2d week Nov (13 roads)	18,207,050	17,976,471	+230,578	1.29
3d week Nov (13 roads)	16,510,545	17,602,795	-1,092,250	6.21
4th week Nov (13 roads)	14,488,191	15,491,462	-1,003,270	6.51
1st week Dec (13 roads)	15,450,548	15,931,020	-480,473	3.02
2d week Dec (13 roads)	14,661,454	15,766,994	-1,105,540	7.01
3d week Dec (13 roads)	15,245,679	15,600,778	-355,099	2.28
4th week Dec (12 roads)	13,755,346	14,261,831	-506,484	3.55
1st week Jan. (13 roads)	12,251,914	12,953,678	-701,764	5.42
2d week Jan. (7 roads)	12,562,097	12,229,631	+332,465	2.71

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table:

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1926.	1925.	Increase or Decrease.	1926.	1925.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec.	525,411,572	522,467,600	+2,943,972	119,237,349	134,504,698	-15,267,349
Jan.	485,961,345	479,841,904	+6,119,441	99,428,246	102,281,496	-2,853,250
Feb.	467,808,478	459,084,911	+8,723,567	107,148,249	99,399,962	+7,748,287
Mar.	529,899,898	529,467,282	+432,616	135,691,649	134,024,291	+1,667,358
Apr.	497,212,491	498,677,065	-1,464,574	113,643,766	114,417,892	-774,126
May	517,543,015	416,454,998	+1,088,017	126,757,878	127,821,385	-1,063,507
June	516,023,039	539,797,813	-23,774,774	127,749,692	148,646,848	-20,897,156
July	508,413,874	556,710,935	-48,297,061	125,438,334	160,874,882	-35,436,548
Aug.	556,406,662	579,093,397	-22,686,735	164,013,942	179,711,414	-15,697,472
Sept.	564,043,987	590,102,143	-26,058,156	179,434,277	193,283,706	-13,799,429
Oct.	582,542,179	605,982,445	-23,440,266	180,919,648	194,283,539	-13,364,491
Nov.	502,994,051	561,153,956	-58,159,905	125,957,014	158,501,561	-32,544,547

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: 1926—Dec., 11.36% inc.; 1927—Jan., 2.79% dec.; Feb., 7.80% inc.; March, 1.21% inc.; April, 0.67% dec.; May, 0.83% dec.; June, 14.07% dec.; July, 22.03% dec.; Aug., 8.73% dec.; Sept., 7.14% dec.; Oct., 3.87% dec.; Nov., 20.53% dec.

In Dec. the length of road covered was 236,982 miles in 1926, against 237,373 miles in 1925. In 1927—Jan., 237,846 miles, against 236,805 miles in 1926; in Feb., 237,979 miles, against 236,870 miles in 1926; in March, 237,704 miles, against 236,948 miles in 1926; in April, 238,183 miles, against 237,187 miles in 1926; in May, 238,025 miles, against 237,275 miles in 1926; in June, 238,425 miles, against 237,243 miles in 1926; in July, 238,316 miles, against 237,711 miles in 1926; in Aug., 238,672 miles, against 237,824 miles in 1926; in Sept., 238,814 miles, against 237,854 miles in 1926; in Oct., 238,828 miles, against 238,041 miles in 1926; in Nov., 238,711 miles, against 238,142 miles in 1926.

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway—	Net from Railway—	Net after Taxes—
	1927.	1926.	1927.
	\$	\$	\$
International Rys of Central America—			
December	766,358	616,050	359,435
From Jan 1	7,267,638	7,040,030	2,796,230
			2,640,196

**Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.**—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
c National Power & Lt.	3,277,751	3,021,738	*1,373,015	*1,267,315
12 months ended Nov 30	36,818,153	33,238,136	*4,530,859	*13,278,507

\* After taxes. c Earnings of subsidiary companies only.

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit	Dec '27 4,065,390	*1,329,824	666,952	662,733
	'26 3,969,697	*1,146,252	646,706	499,546
6 mos ended Dec 31	'27 23,617,381	*7,101,029	3,977,723	3,123,306
	'26 23,329,938	*7,208,176	3,927,294	3,310,883
Cities Service Co	Dec '27 2,867,684	2,773,206	194,878	2,578,328
	'26 2,731,654	2,641,622	211,329	2,430,293
12 mos ended Dec 31	'27 33,061,062	31,952,951	2,540,120	29,412,831
	'26 25,438,362	24,462,662	2,658,390	21,804,272

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth Power Corp	Dec '27 4,974,687	2,492,721	-----	-----
	'26 4,639,661	2,250,021	-----	-----
12 mos end Dec 31	'27 53,172,976	24,741,003	e12,327,975	12,413,628
	'26 49,197,843	22,807,740	e12,129,582	10,678,158
Federal Light & Trac	Nov '27 621,774	250,737	89,454	161,283
	'26 599,397	286,941	70,732	216,209
11 mos end Nov 30	'27 6,318,070	2,375,065	338,703	1,536,362
	'26 5,977,103	2,326,316	755,234	1,571,082
Hudson & Manhattan	Dec '27 1,114,303	574,793	332,293	242,500
	'26 1,118,302	589,554	332,760	256,794
12 mos end Dec 31	'27 12,549,897	6,165,446	4,027,624	2,137,822
	'26 12,298,271	6,139,829	4,025,560	2,114,269
Jamaica Public Service Co	Nov '27 61,415	28,356	6,076	22,280
	'26 56,871	24,434	6,167	18,267
12 mos end Nov 30	'27 687,004	278,251	73,458	204,793
	'26 650,149	254,967	74,770	180,197
Carolina Power & Light Co	Nov '27 817,000	*72,770	158,219	320,581
	'26 767,946	*37,125	311,736	308,211
12 mos end Nov 30	'27 8,900,700	*4,697,627	1,531,666	3,166,961
	'26 8,086,081	*4,118,293	1,256,778	2,861,505

\* Includes other income. e Includes amortization of debt discount & expense.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS.

**Financial Reports.**—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 7. The next will appear in that of Feb. 4.

### General Public Service Corporation.

(Second Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

The second annual report, signed by C. W. Kellogg, President, covering the full year 1927, which includes a brief history of the company since its organization Dec. 17 1925, together with a comparative income account and balance sheet, also an analysis of assets, a list of investments and a table showing the progress of the company is given under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

The report shows a total market value of assets (in 40 companies, mostly public utilities) of \$13,541,000, corresponding to \$19.90 per share of common stock as compared with \$14.42 twelve months earlier. The total income for 1927 (including profit on sale of securities after deducting Federal taxes, but not including unsold stock dividends received during the year) was \$1,266,150 as compared with \$451,518 for the 10 months of 1926 during which the corporation was in active operation. The net income for common stock was \$2.08 per share in 1927 as against \$.06 in ten months of 1926. —V. 125, p. 2262.

### National Biscuit Company.

(30th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

Pres. Roy E. Tomlinson reports in substance: During the past year we have provided additional capacity at the following points, which was needed to meet the growth of the company's business:

Kennedy Bakery in Cambridge, Mass., had only reel ovens and an addition to this bakery has provided space for 2 modern traveling ovens.

At Buffalo, N. Y., an addition to the Cracker Bakery, shown by picture on the following page, doubles the capacity.

At Baltimore, Md., the company purchased adjoining property to complete the ownership of a city block and made alterations in buildings thereon which about double the capacity of this bakery.

At York, Pa., the Pretzel Bakery has been modernized by the addition of a new building.

An additional flour mill at Toledo, O., will increase milling capacity from 4,000 barrels to 5,500 barrels per day. New grain storage elevators have been completed which double the grain storage capacity.

At Evanston, Ill., a modern machine shop has been erected on the site of old shops which were obsolescent.

The company manufactures cartons and shipping containers and board therefor at its own mill on the Illinois River at Marseilles, Ill. It seemed advisable to provide additional manufacturing capacity at some point in the east, and for this purpose a piece of land extending about two-thirds of a mile along the New York Central tracks and the Hudson River at Beacon, N. Y., has been purchased and plans for building thereon are being prepared.

During the year the company purchased through its subsidiary, National Bread Co., a number of bread bakeries located in the following cities: Birmingham, Ala.; Burlington, Vt.; Charleston, S. C.; Elmira, N. Y.; Glens Falls, N. Y.; Houston, Tex.; Newburgh, N. Y.; Perth Amboy, N. J.; Rochester, N. Y.; San Antonio, Tex. and Wilmington, N. C.

The Frank E. Block Biscuit Bakery in Atlanta, Ga., was purchased and alterations are being made to increase the capacity from a 2 oven plant to a 7 oven plant. Additional land adjoining the bakery was acquired for future development.

At Toronto, Can., Telfer Bakery was purchased. This bakery has 3 ovens and there is vacant land adjoining the bakery for the erection of 3 additional ovens at some future time.

All this additional equipment strengthens the company materially and encourages the entire organization in its effort to render the highest type of service both to customers and to stockholders.

### INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Earnings for year	\$20,675,598	\$18,832,092	-----	-----
Depreciation	1,898,440	1,807,929	-----	-----
Federal taxes	2,500,000	2,350,000	-----	-----
Net profits	\$16,277,158	\$14,674,162	\$13,581,696	\$12,881,530
Preferred divs (7%)	1,736,315	1,736,315	1,736,315	1,736,315
Common dividends	12,790,750	11,255,860	8,186,080	8,186,080
Rate of common divs	(25%)	(22%)	(16%)	(16%)
Balance, surplus	\$1,750,093	\$1,681,987	\$3,659,301	\$2,959,135
Previous surplus	19,792,985	18,110,998	14,451,696	11,492,561
Profit & loss surplus	\$21,543,078	\$19,792,985	\$18,110,998	\$14,451,696
Earns. per sh. on 2,046,520 shs. com. stk. (par \$25)	\$7.11	\$6.32	\$5.79	\$5.45

### BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Plant, real est., machy, &c.	76,227,000	73,700,338	Preferred stock	24,804,500	24,804,500
U. S. Securities	1,465,590	14,334,570	Common stock	51,163,000	51,163,000
Municipal bonds	12,313,375	-----	Accts. payable	578,976	556,997
Cash	6,810,014	5,540,214	Com. dividend payable	3,069,780	2,558,150
Stocks & securs.	1,531,373	1,242,485	Int. and con-tingent reserve	6,000,000	5,000,000
Acct's receivable	3,275,558	3,455,082	Tax reserve	2,500,000	2,350,000
Raw mat'l's, sup-plies, &c.	6,396,424	7,002,943	Surplus	21,543,079	19,792,985
Loan to sub. cos.	1,100,000	950,000			
Total	109,659,335	106,225,633	Total	109,659,335	106,225,633

—V. 126, p. 261.

**Wilson & Co., Inc. (& Subs.), Chicago.**  
(Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 29 1927.)

President Thos. E. Wilson, Chicago, Jan. 16, wrote in brief:

The consolidated balance sheet shows as outstanding all shares of capital stock issuable under the plan of reorganization in exchange for securities of the old company although a few of the securities of the old company have not been exchanged, but the amounts involved are so small that they have practically no effect on the statement submitted.

Since the last report to stockholders the packing industry, including your company, has gone through a period of adverse conditions. During the first part of the year pork product prices were on a relatively high level and subsequently they steadily declined causing inventory losses which could not be overcome in the marketing of these products.

There was considerable improvement in the later months and operations were on a profitable basis during each of the last five months of the fiscal year. Pork product prices are now down to the lowest level in three years and further inventory losses are not anticipated.

The statement reflects the strong financial position of the company, the current assets being in excess of 7 1/2 times the current liabilities and the net working capital amounting to \$34,287,927, as compared to \$32,048,582 at the time of the reorganization.

Surplus shows an increase of \$2,317,717 since the reorganization. The investment in fixed properties is practically the same as at the beginning of the year. The plants and physical properties have been maintained in good operating condition; provision for depreciation has been made out of earnings on the same basis as during the previous fiscal period.

The outlook for next year is favorable. The prices of pork products are on a relatively low level and should stimulate demand. The South American situation which has affected results adversely for a long time has now been cleared. Results so far this year reflect profitable operations. We have every reason to feel that this will continue throughout the year.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR STATED PERIODS.**

	12 Mos. End. Oct. 29 '27.	8 Mos. End. Oct. 30 '26.
Sales (approximate)	\$285,000,000	\$195,000,000
Gross earnings	3,707,669	5,755,923
Depreciation	1,550,535	1,070,773
Interest, &c	x2,009,737	x1,515,392
Net profit	\$147,397	\$3,169,758
Preferred dividends declared		999,439
Rate		(3 1/2%)
Surplus	\$147,397	\$2,170,319
Previous surplus	2,170,320	
Surplus provided in organization	9,756,588	9,756,588
Total surplus	\$12,074,304	\$11,926,907
Earnings per sh. on 286,026 shs. pref. stk. (par \$100)	\$0.52	\$11.07
x Includes minority shareholders' proportion of earnings, \$140,380 in 1927 and \$98,714 in 1926. y Includes payment to be made on preferred stock to be issued under reorganization plan.		

**CONSOLIDATED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.**

Oct. 29 '27.		Oct. 30 '26.		Oct. 29 '27.		Oct. 30 '26.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Plant & equip't (less reserves)	49,776,602	49,685,346	Preferred stock	28,602,600	28,602,600	Class A stock	17,876,650
Investment and advances	5,815,023	5,456,374	Common stock	2,739,055	2,739,055	5-year 6% notes	2,500,000
Other invest'm't	194,802	328,285	1st M 6% bonds	21,611,000	22,031,000	Bds. of sub. cos.	2,808,000
Govern't claims		679,282	Other oblig's maturing aft. 1-yr.		1,343,521	Minority stk. int. not contrae. for	109,223
Deferred charges	427,678	461,660	Agree'm'ts for min. stock interest	1,181,200		Drafts payable	1,218,550
Cash	3,942,683	5,623,070	Acc'ts payable	3,438,375	4,179,536	Accrued interest	186,772
Accounts & notes receivable	12,751,272	13,225,005	Prof. divs. pay. Oblig. due with- in one year	308,628	363,253	Conting. reserve	1,000,000
Inventories	22,746,297	22,576,612	Surplus	12,074,304	11,926,907		
Total (ea. side)	95,654,357	98,035,632					
<b>Contingent Liabilities.—</b> (1) Claims for Federal taxes in dispute, (2) Self-liquidating drafts on customers of \$591,061 since paid.							
a Represented by 357,533 shares no par value. b Represented by 534,983 shares of no par value, including 100,000 shares provided pursuant to reorganization plan for issue as directors shall approve.							

**United Chemical & Organic Products Co.**

*Consolidated Balance Sheet.*

Oct. 29 '27.		Oct. 30 '26.		Oct. 29 '27.		Oct. 30 '26.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Plant & equip...	\$1,976,092	\$1,821,269	6% preferred stk.				
Cash	14,840	108,253	class A	b\$500,000	\$500,000	class B	b770,000
Accts. receivable	137,447	134,526	1st mtg. 6% bds.		15,000	Surplus	a1,674,223
Inventories	1,089,411	903,636	Accounts payable	167,314	1,586,579	Due to Wilson & Co., Inc.	143,432
Miscell. invest.	24,000	24,000	Due to Wilson & Co., Inc.				
Prepaid insur., &c	13,181	11,736	Total	\$3,254,970	\$3,011,072		
Due from Wilson & Co.		7,651					
Total	\$3,254,970	\$3,011,072					
a Company has outstanding 10,000 no par value common stock. b Dividends in arrears from June 30 1922.							

**Wilson-Western Sporting Goods Co.**

*Consolidated Balance Sheet.*

Oct. 29 '27.		Oct. 30 '26.		Oct. 29 '27.		Oct. 30 '26.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Plant & equip, less reserve	\$262,246	\$291,947	8% pref. stock	b\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Surplus	a941,251
Cash	462,165	346,154	Accounts payable	296,368	343,642	1st mtg. 6% bds.	20,000
Accounts & notes receivable	821,077	826,266	2d mtg. 6% bds.	4,000	8,500	Due to Wilson & Co., Inc.	1,980
Inventories	1,688,979	1,684,738	Total	\$3,263,599	\$3,189,641		
Miscell. invest.	13,910	13,160					
Prepaid insur., &c.	15,222	27,376					
Total	\$3,263,599	\$3,189,641					
a Company has outstanding 80,000 shares common stock, no par value b Dividends in arrears since Oct. 1 1925.—V. 125, p. 321b.							

**United Fruit Company.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President Victor M. Cutter in statement to shareholders says:

**Results.**—The net income for the fiscal year was \$19,621,341 after provision for insurance, taxes, and depreciation. Of this amount \$9,998,988 was declared in dividends and the balance, \$9,622,353, was added to surplus account. An extra dividend of \$3,749,215 was paid April 1 1927, out of the earnings of previous years.

**Capital Expenditures.**—Appropriations have been made this year in the sum of \$6,882,403 for capital expenditures during 1928. In addition there remain unexpended appropriations previously made in the sum of \$5,224,858 for work now in progress.

**Depreciation.**—Charges for depreciation in 1927 amounted to \$8,727,318.

**Insurance, &c.**—The company carries substantially all of its own insurance and has an insurance fund of \$10,000,000, invested in United States Government securities.

**Inventories of material, supplies, and merchandise for sale** are based on cost. These stocks are kept at a minimum consistent with the requirements of the business.

**Bananas.**—In spite of severe windstorms and floods, with consequent material damage to plantations, the company shipped during the year from

the tropics 49,845,147 stems (including fruit produced on company farms and purchased from private planters), an increase of 1,788,053 stems over 1926. The company has begun development work on the Pacific coast of Panama. Railroad construction and planting are under way. The company has made several purchases of land in Jamaica, and is increasing its produced fruit in that country. The company now has 166,746 acres cultivated in bananas and owns substantial reserves of virgin land in several countries.

**Sugar.**—The Cuban Government continued its restrictive production measures, as a result of which the company was allowed to produce only 968,397 bags of sugar. Of this amount, 364,766 bags of sugar were refined in the United States and the balance was sold in Europe and locally in Cuba. The Reverse Sugar Refinery melted 347,046,217 pounds (an average of 1,309,608 pounds per day) for 1927 as compared with 407,705,473 pounds for last year. Despite the continued unfavorable market conditions, the company has again met its operating expense, including the usual charge for depreciation.

**Cacao.**—The company produced 8,018,361 pounds of cacao as compared with 9,478,708 pounds in 1926. This decline in production was due to adverse crop conditions. The prices received showed a substantial improvement over last year.

**Steamships.**—The company added to its fleet 6 of the new steamships under construction which were referred to in the annual report for last year. Three of these ships have been placed in the European service and three in the American service. The company now has under construction three ships which are for the European service and which are to be delivered in 1928. During the year the company's ships made 1,284 round trip voyages and steamed 5,374,399 nautical miles.

**Freight & Passengers.**—The company has continued its policy of affording ample steamship transportation facilities between the countries in which it operates in order to further their agricultural and commercial development. This development has resulted in increased travel between the United States and Caribbean ports, increased exports of raw products from Central and South America, and increased imports of manufactured goods. In addition to transporting the company's fruits and other products, the fleet carried, during the year, 69,023 passengers, 922,247 tons of freight, and 227,511 bags of mail.

**Communications.**—During the past year a radio telegraph station was opened at Preston, Cuba, thus bringing the company's two Cuban sugar divisions into radio communication with other stations and with the executive offices. All of the company's vessels are now equipped with the latest type of tube transmitters, which greatly increase their working range. The practice of rendering free medical service by radio to ships at sea has been continued.

**General.**—The Dealers' Service Department of the Fruit Dispatch Co. has assisted customers in developing improved methods of ripening, handling displaying and selling Unifruit bananas, with gratifying results. National advertising has been continued in accordance with market requirements. The company has inaugurated a weekly steamship service from tropical ports to San Francisco in accordance with its policy of delivering the best quality of fruit by direct steamships to each market as its growth and requirements justify. The company also resumed direct weekly shipments through the port of Charleston, S. C., in order to serve properly this growing territory.

The importance of research work in our many different operations and the results already obtained have led to the installation of an adequate chemical and physical laboratory at Boston.

No. of Stockholders.—The company now has 25,549 stockholders.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 126, p. 265.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Trop. lands & eq.	100,062,534	98,538,407	Capital stock	x100,000,000	100,000,000	Drafts payable	1,729,768
Domestic & European prop.	7,724,729	7,947,783	Accts. payable	3,778,241	3,619,226	Divs. payable	2,499,936
Steamships	31,212,859	28,180,794	Deferred credits to operations	1,400,627	1,406,660	Employ. stk. pur plan	1,257,503
Ins. fund secur.	10,000,000	10,000,000	Insurance res.	10,000,000	10,000,000	Tax reserve	5,788,866
Govt. securities	1,682,611	5,660,412	Deferred liab.	797,948	2,821,326	Profit and loss	81,028,729
Employ. stk pur. fund	1,261,302		Total (ea. side)	208,281,618	203,821,287		
Other invest'm'ts	3,104,954	3,682,428					
Cash	29,386,815	25,013,247					
Notes and accts. receivable	3,966,651	4,536,018					
Sugar & fruit stk	5,532,974	3,024,373					
Mat'ls & suppl.	7,058,081	7,483,616					
Deferred assets	4,392,171	6,936,654					
Deferred charges	2,056,232	1,753,332					
Transit items	839,705	1,064,222					

x The stockholders on March 24 1926 approved a change in the capital stock from shares of \$100 par value to no par value shares and the issuance of 2 1/2 no par shares for each \$100 share. On Dec. 31 1927 there were outstanding 2,500,000 no par value shares.—V. 126, p. 265.

**GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS**

**STEAM RAILROADS.**

**Cost of Locomotive Coal Slightly Lower in November Than in October.**—Figures compiled by the National Coal Association from monthly reports made by class I railroads to the I.-S. C. Commission show the following average cost per net ton for coal used by those railroads in locomotives in transportation train service during the month of November: Eastern District, \$2.60 per net ton; Southern District, \$2.13; Western District, \$2.92; and United States, \$2.60. In comparison with similar averages for the month of October, the cost of this locomotive coal, which represents the invoice price paid at the mine plus any freight charges incurred, shows a decrease of 1c. per ton in the Eastern District; an increase of 2c. per ton in the Southern District; a decrease of 25c. per ton in the Western District; and a decrease of 8c. per ton for the entire country.

**Repair of Locomotives.**—Locomotives in need of repair on the class I railroads of this country on Jan. 1 totaled 8,257 or 13.6% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 891 locomotives, compared with the number in need of such repairs on Dec. 15, at which time there were 9,148 or 15.1%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Jan. 1 amounted to 4,406 or 7.3%, a decrease of 440, compared with Dec. 15, while 3,851 or 6.3% were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 451 compared with the number in need of such repairs on Dec. 15. Class I railroads on Jan. 1 had 7,490 serviceable locomotives in storage, compared with 6,754 on Dec. 15.

**Car Surplus.**—Class I railroads on Jan. 7 had 461,669 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. This was a decrease of 2,336 cars compared with Dec. 31, at which time there were 464,005 cars. Surplus coal cars on Jan. 1 totaled 177,166, a decrease of 6,472 cars within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 229,362, an increase of 5,115 for the same period. Reports also showed 24,534 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,354 under the number reported on Dec. 31, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 14,261, an increase of 332 for the same period.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 14.**—a Gross and net earnings of U. S. roads for the month of November, p. 167-171. b Loading of revenue freight at low ebb in closing week of year—p. 174. c Resolutions of Chicago & Northwestern Ry. on death of Marvin Hughitt, Chairman of the Finance Committee.—p. 199.

**Belgian National Railways Co.—American Shares Sold.**—A banking group headed by the National City Co., and including Brown Brothers & Co., L. F. Rothschild & Co., The Shawmut Corp. of Boston and Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, offered Jan. 17, at \$85.50 a share flat, 50,000 American shares participating preferred stock. This offering, which does not represent any new financing by the com-

pany, marks the first occasion upon which shares of a foreign railroad system have been marketed here on a basis conforming to the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. The issue has been oversubscribed.

The price includes fixed dividend accrued from Sept. 1 1927, and the right to full superdividend for the first fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1927. Based upon the fixed dividend of 6% per annum and an expected superdividend of 2.7% per annum the current yield at the above price would be 7.29%.

American shares will be issued by the National City Bank of New York as depositary under a deposit agreement dated as of Dec. 15 1927, in the proportion of one American share for 5 deposited shares of participating preferred stock of the Belgian National Railways Co. (Belgian issue) of the par value of 500 Belgian francs each (\$69.50 per American share).

The deposit agreement will, in substance, provide that dividends received by the depositary upon deposited shares shall be converted into dollars at rates then current, and the proceeds (less charges and expenses) will be paid by the depositary to registered holders of American shares; that American shares will be exchangeable at any time for the proportioned number of deposited shares (Belgian issue) (deliverable at the office of the agent of the depositary in Brussels, Belgium); that the voting rights attached to the American shares may be exercised by the holders thereof, and that after July 1 1928, any owner of the original shares (Belgian issue) or prior thereto, the National City Co.—or others with the approval of the National City Co.—may deposit them at the agency of the depositary and American shares be issued therefor, in the proportion above stated.

The National City Bank of New York, depositary and transfer agent. Banque Belge pour l'Étranger, Brussels, foreign agency of the depositary. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, registrar.

#### Capitalization.

Participating preferred stock, authorized and outstanding (Belgian francs 10,000,000,000, consisting of twenty million bearer shares of Belgian francs 500 each), equivalent to.....	\$278,000,000
(a) Held by the Amortization Bureau of the Belgian Government (Belgian francs 5,018,332,500), equivalent to.....	\$139,509,643.50
(b) Held by the Public (Belgian francs 4,981,667,500), equivalent to.....	138,490,356.50

Common stock (owned by Belgian Government, non-transferable, Belgian francs 1,000,000,000, consisting of ten million registered shares of Belgian francs 100 each), equivalent to..... 27,800,000

Listing.—Shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange "when issued."

The following is taken from a letter to the bankers, dated Jan. 11:

**History & Business.**—By the law of July 23 1926 (Moniteur belge, No. 205, July 24 1926), the company was established as of Aug. 1 1926. The Government gave the company a concession to operate all the railroad properties theretofore operated by the Government for a period of 75 years, from Sept. 1 1926, with the right of the Government to terminate the concession on or after Sept. 1 1947, upon the redemption by the Government of the company's participating preferred shares.

**Participating Preferred Shares** are bearer shares. In accordance with article 11 of the law of July 23 1926, the Belgian Government transferred all the 20,000,000 participating preferred shares to the Belgian Amortization Bureau (Fonds d'Amortissement de la Dette Publique), which has so far disposed in Belgium of 9,013,335 shares (Series C-J), mainly for the purpose of conversion and redemption of Belgian Government short-term debt, and also of 400,000 shares (series B) sold to a group of Amsterdam bankers under the leadership of the Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, and 550,000 shares (series A) sold to a group of Swiss bankers under the leadership of the Societe de Banque Suisse. The Amortization Bureau may from time to time dispose of any part of the 10,036,665 shares now held by it at terms approved by the Minister of Finance.

**Present Condition of the Property.**—The Belgian Railways System, the exploitation of which has been ceded to the Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Belges for 75 years, presents a particularly favorable picture due to the high development of its technical structure, the heavy traffic density and the general efficiency of its operations. Its capitalization is considerably below the intrinsic value of the properties, which actually represent a cost of more than Belgian francs 4,000,000,000. However, of this amount Belgian francs 3,000,000,000 represent investments under the old currency (parity of 19.36 U. S.), alone equivalent to approximately Belgian francs 21,000,000,000 as expressed in the new currency, as compared with the company's capitalization for the purpose of exploitation of Belgian francs 11,000,000,000. In the absence of any funded debt, the total issue of participating preferred shares represents Belgian francs 10,000,000,000 of this capitalization, the balance being represented by Belgian francs 1,000,000,000 common shares all owned by the Belgian Government. Belgian francs 20,000,000,000 represents a conservative estimate of the present value of all properties operated by the company.

The system in general includes: (a) 4,772 kilometers of lines in operation. (b) 4,642 locomotives, as compared with 4,370 in 1913. (c) 9,340 passenger coaches, as compared with 8,091 in 1913. (d) 124,107 freight cars, as compared with 90,361 before the war, together with an increase in tonnage capacity of 65%. (e) 1,300 stations and stopping-places.

The rolling stock and other equipment are in perfect condition and have been steadily improved in accordance with modern technical progress.

The present rates, if computed on a gold basis, are much below those obtaining in 1914, and consequently moderate increases in certain classifications of rates which may be contemplated, will further increase earnings. Statements made by Government officials at the time of the original issue of this stock indicated that the principle on which the rates of the Belgian National Railways are to be based shall be such as to permit the annual payment of a superdividend on the preferred stock ranging between 2% and 3%, provided that such rates shall not retard Belgium's general economic development. It is expected that a superdividend of about 2.7% will be paid out of the earnings for the first fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1927.

The favorable situation of the Belgian Railways is explained by the geographical situation of the country with its high density of population, its strongly developed industry and commercial relations, and by the fact that it is at the crossroads between the highly commercialized countries of the Continent, and the British Isles, and the gateway to a substantial overseas trade through the port of Antwerp.

**Participating Preferred Stock Provisions.**—According to article 9 of the law of July 23 1926, the fixed dividend, payable on Sept. 1 of each year, is a direct obligation on the part of the Belgian Government, without regard to, and not representing a charge upon, the earnings of the company. The regular dividend (in accordance with the Royal Decree of July 31 1926) has been fixed at the annual rate of 6% for all series so far disposed of by the Amortization Bureau and the first payment took place on Sept. 1 1927.

After deduction of charges, as provided in the by-laws, the participating preferred shares shall receive a superdividend payable pro rata to the holders of preferred stock after the end of each fiscal year, equivalent to one-half of the net profits of the company.

The participating preferred shares have two annual coupons attached, one for the 6% fixed dividend, payable annually on Sept. 1, and one for the superdividend, payable after the annual meeting.

On Sept. 1 1937, and annually thereafter, the Government must redeem the preferred shares by purchase in the open market or by drawings at par, at the rate of not less than 1-65th part of the number of shares issued.

Upon redemption, the holders of the participating preferred shares shall receive a profit-participating share (action de jouissance), which shall have the same rights as a participating preferred share except for the right to receive the annual fixed dividend, and redemption payable by the Government, as described above.

On and after Sept. 1 1947, and subject to one year's previous notice in accordance with article 16 of the by-laws, the Belgian Government has the right to terminate the concession on of the company, in which case the Belgian Government must redeem the unamortized participating preferred shares at par plus a premium intended to compensate for the loss of the right to further superdividends. This same premium shall be the redemption price of all profit-participating shares (actions de jouissance) outstanding at such time. The premium shall be calculated on the basis of the five highest superdividends paid on the participating preferred shares during the 10 years preceding the date of redemption. This average

superdividend rate shall be multiplied by the number of years between the date of redemption and the year 2001. The amount thus obtained shall be readjusted to the basis of the then present value at the rate of interest of 6% per annum. In no case shall the redemption premium be lower than Belgian francs 250 if the redemption is made during the first 10 years after 1947, and not lower than Belgian francs 225 if made between 1957 and 1967, with declining premiums thereafter to a minimum of Belgian francs 150 if redemption takes place during the last five years.

As regards the fixed dividend of 6%, the Government (in accordance with the Royal Decree of July 31 1926), guarantees the rate of exchange of the Belgian franc to the effect that whenever the average official sterling quotation on the Brussels Bourse during the first eight days of the fortnight preceding the due date of the coupon (Sept. 1), rises above the rate of Belgian francs 175 to the pound sterling, the fixed dividend of Belgian francs 30 will be proportionately increased, which same guarantee of exchange will apply to the payment of principal when participating preferred shares are redeemed.

The fixed dividend and the superdividend, as well as the premium payable upon retirement of these shares, or of the profit-participating shares (actions de jouissance) are exempt from all Belgian income taxes present and future.

**Distribution of Profits.**—Company's by-laws provide that after the end of each fiscal year (for the first time as of Dec. 31 1927), the company's balance sheet, operating account and profit and loss account shall be drawn up and published.

Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the by-laws provide that each year an amount sufficient to cover the normal requirements for depreciation and renewals shall be charged to the operating account.

Of the gross revenues at least 2½% annually shall be set aside to create a working reserve fund. This fund will be further strengthened by the return from its investments. After this reserve fund shall have reached 20% of the average gross earnings of the last preceding five fiscal years, no further charges to gross earnings shall be made for this account.

After the appropriations referred to above have been effected, the net profits shall be divided as follows: (a) 5% shall be allotted to the management and employees. (b) the balance shall be divided equally between the participating preferred shares and (or) profit-participating shares, on the one hand, and the common shares on the other hand.

**Management and Voting Rights.**—Company is managed by a board of directors composed of 21 members, who must be of Belgian nationality, and all of whom are appointed by the King with the exception of 3 members who are elected by the employees. In addition, there is a board of supervisors consisting of 6 members, 2 of whom are appointed by the Belgian Senate and 3 by the Chamber of Deputies.

While the common shares owned by the Government have one vote each, participating preferred shares are entitled to one vote for each 10 shares, as a result of which the Government through its ownership of all the common stock will always have the majority of the voting power.

[Signed Jules Jadot, 1st V.-Pres., and E. J. Foulon, Gen. Mgr.]—V. 125, p. 3637.

#### Birmingham & Southeastern Ry.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$702,060 on the owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 121, p. 2399.

#### Canton RR. (Md.)—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$536,750 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.

#### Central Pacific Ry.—Tenders.

The company will until Feb. 29 receive bids at its office, 165 Broadway, N. Y. City for the sale to it of 1st ref. mtg. bonds dated Aug. 1 1899 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,181.—V. 124, p. 368.

#### Chicago Heights Terminal Transfer RR.—Final Value.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$845,000 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 125, p. 510.

**Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Security Holders Notified of Acquisition by New Company.**—The reorganization managers, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Co. in a notice to holders of certificates of deposit for bonds and stock and receipts for claims issued under the plan of reorganization that the properties of the company have been acquired by Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific R. R. (Wis.).

Notice will be given by publication when the new securities are ready for delivery under the plan which it is expected, will be about the middle of February.

#### Notice of Call for Payment by Stockholders.

The plan of reorganization having been heretofore declared operative, holders of the above mentioned certificates of deposit for stock are required to make the payments stipulated by the plan, viz.:

- (1) In the case of certificates of deposit for preferred stock:
  - (a) to pay, on or before Feb. 16 1928, \$28.05 per share of preferred stock represented thereby (being the sum of \$28 per share mentioned in the plan plus accrued interest from Feb. 1 1928, upon the \$24 principal amount of 50-year 5% mortgage bonds issuable against such payment), or, at their option.
  - (b) to pay, on or before Feb. 16 1928, \$14.05 per share (being 50% of the sum so mentioned, plus such adjustment for accrued interest) and the remaining \$14 per share on or before June 1 1928, with int. on such deferred payment at the rate of 6% per annum from Feb. 16 1928, to the date of payment.
- (2) In the case of certificates of deposit for common stock:
  - (a) to pay, on or before Feb. 16 1928, \$32.06\* per share of common stock represented thereby (being the sum of \$32 per share mentioned in the plan plus accrued int. from Feb. 1 1928, upon the \$28 principal amount of 50-year 5% mortgage bonds issuable against such payment), or, at their option.
  - (b) to pay, on or before Feb. 16 1928, \$16.06\* per share (being 50% of the sum so mentioned, plus such adjustment for accrued interest) and the remaining \$16 per share on or before June 1 1928, with interest on such deferred payment at the rate of 6% per annum from Feb. 16 1928, to the date of payment.

\* For multiples of one share of common stock accrued interest on bonds is to be computed at the rate of \$.058 1-3 per share.

The 50-year 5% mortgage bonds, issuable under the plan in respect of such payments, will bear interest from Feb. 1 1928.

As provided in the plan the deferred payments due from stockholders stock of the railway company deposited, and also by all new securities, and other benefits to which the holders of such certificates of deposit would become entitled upon making their payments in full.

All payments must be accompanied by such certificates of deposit for notation of such payments thereon, and must be made at the office of the depositary or one of the sub-depositaries for the class of stock represented by such certificates of deposit. All payments must be made in current funds. Checks must be drawn to the order of the particular depositary or sub-depositary to which payment is made and must be certified, if required.

The reorganization managers believe that, because of the market value of the new bonds and shares, and because of the active market in the new securities, all stockholders who may desire to borrow funds to pay their own banks or other financial institutions, should be able to make the necessary arrangements at their own banks or other financial institutions. If, however, any small stockholder should be unable to make such arrangements themselves, they may communicate with the reorganization managers, stating their names and addresses, the amount of stock held, the date when such stock was purchased and the nature of the assistance desired. The reorganization managers will endeavor to assist any such stockholders to finance their participation in the plan.

Holders of certificates of deposit who shall fail to make prompt payment of the sums, or of any instalment thereof, on or before the respective dates fixed therefor, will cease to be entitled to any rights or benefits under the plan and will not be entitled to the return of their deposited stock or to a repayment of any cash theretofore paid in respect thereof, or to have any further interest or right in or in respect of the same or under the plan.

#### Notice to Holders of Undeposited Bonds, Stock and Claims:

By order entered Jan. 11 1928, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, has authorized and ap-

ved the termination of the right to deposit securities under the reorganiza- tion plan at any time on or after Feb. 15 1928, without prejudice, how- ever, to the right of the reorganization managers, as provided in the reor- ganization plan, from time to time, in general or in particular instances, upon such general and special terms and conditions as they may see fit, to consent to the deposit of securities under the reorganization plan or such termination of the right to deposit.

holders of bonds and stock of, and claims against, the railway company, which have not yet been deposited under the plan may still participate in a reorganization by depositing their bonds and stock, or assignments of their claims, with the respective depositories on or before Feb. 16 after which date the right to deposit may be terminated without notice.—V. 126, 245.

**Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Bonds Sold.**—J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, the National City Co. and Guaranty Co. of New York have sold at 100 and int. \$15,000,000 ref. & impt. mtge. 4% gold bonds, series "E."

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1977. Bearing int. from Jan. 1 1928, payable Jan. 1 and July 1 in New York City. Not redeemable prior to July 1 1947. Red. as a whole but not in part on July 1 1947 or on any int. date thereafter prior to maturity at the following prices and int.: From July 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1967 incl. at 105%, from July 1 1967 to Jan. 1 1972 incl. at 102%, and from July 1 1972 to Jan. 1 1977 incl. at par. Guaranty Trust Co., of New York, trustee. Denom. c\* \$1,000 and r\* \$1,000, \$500, \$100,000 and \$50,000.

Issuance.—Authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission. Data from Letter of Albert H. Harris, Chairman of Finance Comm. Property.—Company operates 2,227 miles of railway, of which 1,695 miles are owned and 532 miles are operated under lease or contract. In addition, it has 170 miles of trackage rights over other railroads. Company's line from Cleveland to St. Louis is the main line of the New York Central system between those cities. Other lines give access to large traffic centres in the Middle West, and comprise an important part of the New York Central System. The New York Central RR. owns over 84% of the company's 5% pref. stock and over 91% of its common stock. Earnings.—Company's gross operating revenues, income applicable to fixed charges, total fixed charges and net income during the past five years have been as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Gross Operating Revenues, Inc. Applicable to Fixed Charges, Total Fixed Charges, Net Income. Rows for years 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

The company's income applicable to fixed charges was more than twice fixed charges in each of the years covered by the above table, and averaged for the 5-year period 2.24 times such charges.

Security.—The ref. and impt. mtge. covers as a direct lien 1,695 miles of railroad owned, the company's interest in 328 miles of railroad operated under lease or contract, and 146 miles of trackage rights, the total comprising 2,169 miles of railroad. After giving effect to the issuance of these series E bonds, there will be outstanding in the hands of the public \$56,522,600 and 7,584,500 francs principal amount of bonds secured by this mtge.

Equity.—Company has outstanding \$9,998,500 5% pref. stock and \$47,287,000 common stock. Dividends are being paid on this mtge. at the rate of 3% per annum. The company's income for 1927 (Dec. est.) applied to dividends on its common stock was equivalent to over 17.60 per share.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 125, p. 3343.

**Delaware Valley Ry.—Bonds.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 31 authorized the company to issue \$5,000,000 6% 1st mtge. bonds, \$27,000 of the bonds, or the proceeds thereof, to be used to retire \$60,000 of outstanding 1st mtge. bonds, and \$18,000 to be sold at par and the proceeds used for corporate purposes.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant, which was incorp. in Penn. in 1897, has an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which \$99,000 has been issued. It has outstanding \$90,000 of its 5% bonds due Jan. 1 1932. The applicant's property has been operated at a loss for the past 15 years, and no interest has been paid on the bonds since 1924. The applicant represents that its former officers proposed to scrap its railroad but that its present officers, in co-operation with a reorganization committee, have undertaken, by refunding the outstanding bonds and by increasing its traffic and revenue through the establishment of new industries along its route, to save the road to the community. The applicant has acquired a second-hand locomotive at a cost of \$3,000. It proposes to expend \$15,000 in expanding its facilities at Bushkill, Pa., and in making needed repairs to its roadbed and track.

To readjust its financial structure and to provide the funds necessary to pay for the locomotive, rehabilitate the railroad, and expand its facilities, the applicant proposes to execute a new mortgage and issue thereunder \$45,000 of 6% bonds. Of the proposed issue, bonds to the amount of \$27,000 are to be used in retiring outstanding bonds, which are to be accepted at 100% of par in exchange for the new bonds at par. It appears that a majority in interest of the applicant's bondholders will accept the new bonds in exchange for their holdings on this basis, and that arrangements have been made to purchase the remainder of the outstanding bonds at 30% of par. Such of the \$27,000 of bonds as are not used in exchange for the outstanding bonds will be sold at par and the proceeds applied to the redemption at 30% of par of the outstanding bonds not surrendered for exchange.

Bonds of the new issue, to the amount of \$18,000, not required for retiring the outstanding bonds will be sold at par and the proceeds used for other purposes. The new bonds will be issued direct to subscribers, subscriptions for \$39,000 having already been received. The proposed bonds will be issued under and pursuant to, and will be secured by, a new 1st mtge. to be made by the applicant to Milton S. Kistler of East Stroudsburg, Pa., trustee. They will be issued in the denom. of \$500, as coupon bonds, registerable as to principal, will be dated as of the date of issue, will bear int. at the rate of 6% per annum from Jan. 1 1927, payable semi-annually on July 1 and Jan. 1, and will mature on Jan. 1 1947. They will be red. as a whole or in part, at the option of the applicant, on any interest-payment date, at par and int.—V. 124, p. 1062.

**East Carolina Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$483,490 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 108, p. 480.

**Georgia Florida & Alabama RR.—Registrar.**—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the 1st pref., 2d pref. and common stocks.—V. 126, p. 103.

**Hannibal Union Depot Co.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$178,000 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.

**Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$6,744,673 on the owned and used properties of the Kansas City Mexico & Orient Ry. of Texas, as of June 30 1919.—V. 125, p. 3055, 2384.

**Lehigh Valley RR.—Loomis Re-elected President—Loree Group Votes 508,000 Shares Against 514,000 in Hands of Present Management.**—The "Wall Street Journal" says in part: The annual meeting of the Lehigh Valley RR. resulted in an agreement between the forces backing Pres. Loomis and the retiring board and those of L. F. Loree, Pres. of the Delaware & Hudson Co., under which both sides cast their votes for candidates for the board chosen by the present management.

Whether the agreement included provision for later admission of representatives of the Loree faction to the directorate was not disclosed, but the proxies were carefully canvassed and totaled on each side, with frequent challenging of the validity of proxies on either side. It was disclosed that the Loomis faction voted approximately 514,466 shares and the Loree group about 508,542.

This result means the retention of office by Pres. E. E. Loomis, and at least temporary defeat of the efforts of L. F. Loree to assume control of the road.

E. E. Loomis, Pres. of Lehigh Valley RR. and the present board of directors were re-elected. Two new members were elected to the board to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Dr. Henry S. Drinker, President Emeritus of Lehigh University, and J. William Robbins, Assistant Secretary, who has been acting temporarily. For Dr. Drinker's place, Alan C. Dodson of Bethlehem, Pa., was selected. Effingham B. Morris Jr., of Philadelphia, was named for the other vacancy.

While the present management is securely established for another year, during which time the composition of the board cannot be affected by any revision of the count of share votes at Tuesday's meeting, control of the road apparently remains in a delicate balance. The Loomis party voted 514,466 shares and the Loree party 508,542. In addition, the block of 46,700 shares standing in the name of W. L. Hotchkiss Jr., & Co., at the time the books closed for the annual meeting, is obviously owned at the present time in the Loree interest. On the other hand, it is stated that not less than 52,000 shares and possibly more were completely disfranchised on technical grounds but would otherwise have been voted in Pres. Loomis's favor. Total shares outstanding are 1,212,000.

Each side has asserted that the two new directors are its adherents.—V. 125, p. 3638.

**Minneapolis & Rainy River Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,123,004 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1915.

**Naples Seaboard & Gulf Ry.—Control Acquired by Seaboard.**—See Seaboard Air Line Ry. below.—V. 124, p. 231.

**National Transcontinental Railway Branch Lines Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Dillon, Read & Co., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co., and White, Weld & Co., are offering at 98½ and int. \$3,396,000 1st mtge. 4½% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1925; due Oct. 1 1955. Authorized \$5,000,000. Initial issue \$3,500,000, less amount retired by sinking fund \$104,000, now outstanding \$3,396,000. Int. payable A. & O., without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% per annum, or for Canadian taxes, present or future. Prin. and int. payable in U. S. gold coin at the principal office of Dillon, Read & Co., New York, or, at the option of the holder, in lawful money of the Dominion of Canada at the main office of the Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e\*. Non-callable until April 1 1931, except for sinking fund; callable as a whole on April 1 1931, or any int. date thereafter, upon 30 days' notice, at 100 and int. American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York, American trustee. National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal, Canadian trustee.

The Dominion of Canada covenants, as lessee, to pay to the Canadian trustee under the mortgage rentals sufficient to meet total int. and sinking fund requirements. The mortgage provides for a sinking fund, sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, payable in equal semi-annual instalments commencing April 1 1927, to be applied to purchase of bonds at or below 100 and int., or to redemption by lot at that price.

Data from Letter of D. C. Grant, Vice-Pres. of the Company. Property.—The main line of company (incorp. in 1925 under the laws of the Province of Quebec as Royun Mines Railway), now completed and in operation, extends approximately 45 miles from a point on one of the main trunk lines of the Canadian National Rys., near Taschereau (O'Brien) to Royun, in the Province of Quebec. This line affords an outlet for a rich mining and timber district.

Lease to Canadian Government.—The Government of the Dominion of Canada has leased the above main line from the company for a period of 30 years from Oct. 1 1925, at a rental payable direct to the Canadian trustee under the mortgage securing the bonds, sufficient to meet the amounts required for int. and sinking fund payments in connection with all 1st mtge. 4½% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds of the company at any time outstanding. The line of the company is operated by the Canadian National Rys. on behalf of the Canadian Government.

Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of company and, in the opinion of counsel, are secured by trust mortgage dated as of Oct. 1 1925, and deed supplemental thereto, constituting a first charge on the main line of railway and its appurtenances, as described in the mortgage (subject to any sub-surface rights), and also by pledge with the Canadian trustee of the lease to the Canadian Government. Bonds in addition to those heretofore issued, up to the authorized amount, may be issued in principal amount not exceeding the cost, as defined in the mortgage, of additions and improvements to properties to be subject to the mortgage.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for sinking fund payments sufficient to retire by maturity all bonds issued. Sinking fund payments, commencing April 1 1927, are provided in equal semi-annual amounts, subject to ratable increase upon the issue of additional bonds under this mortgage, to be applied by the American trustee to the retirement of bonds by purchase at or below 100 and int., or to the extent not so obtainable, by redemption by lot at 100 and accrued interest.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used for construction purposes or to repay moneys borrowed by the company for such purposes.—V. 123, p. 1111.

**Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line RR.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,038,750 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 123, p. 1381.

**Railway Transfer Co. of the City of Minneapolis.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$3,000 on the owned and used properties, and \$923,625 on the used but not owned properties of the company, as of June 30 1917.

**St. Clair Terminal RR. (Pa.).—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,400,000 on the owned and used, \$736,000 on the used but not owned, and \$1,523 on the owned but not used property of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 121, p. 2872.

**St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Ry.—Assumption of Obligation and Liability.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 31 authorized the company to assume, as assignee, obligation and liability in respect of \$930,000 of New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Ry. equip.-trust certificates, series C.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant is a subsidiary of the N. O., T. & M., which owns all of its outstanding capital stock, except directors' shares, and all of its bonds. The applicant states that it has never sold its securities of any kind on the open market and therefore has established no public credit. It represents that it could not advantageously sell its securities to the public and therefore the N. O., T. & M. procured the equipment required by the applicant under the agreement and lease aforesaid, and that company now proposes to assign its interest thereunder in the equipment to the applicant.—V. 123, p. 2893

**Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Control of Naples Seaboard & Gulf Ry.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 29 authorized the acquisition by the Seaboard Air Line Ry. of control of the Naples, Seaboard & Gulf Ry. by purchase of capital stock.

Authority was also granted to the Naples company to issue \$1,179,000 of 1st mtge. 25-yr. 6% gold bonds, series "A"; the bonds to be sold to the Seaboard company at par and the proceeds used for capital purposes. Authority was also granted to the Seaboard company to issue \$1,184,000 of 1st & consol. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "A"; the bonds to be pledged and repledged, from time to time, as collateral security for short-term notes.

The report of the Commission says in part: The line of the Naples was constructed in pursuance of a contract dated May 1 1925, between the Seaboard and John S. Jones, of Columbus, O., now deceased. It appears that Jones owned or controlled a large body of land at and north of Naples, in Collier County, Fla., and, in order to induce the Seaboard to extend its system southward, through Fort Myers, Fla., to Naples

was willing to aid in the construction of the southernmost portion of such extension. To this end, Jones agreed with the Seaboard to organize a new corporation, with an authorized capital stock of \$200,000, for the purpose of constructing a line of railroad from terminals in Naples northward to a connection, at or near the south bank of the Estero River, with a line which the Seaboard agreed to construct to that point. In the matter of finance, Jones further agreed to subscribe \$105,000 of the stock of the new company and to advance funds necessary for the acquisition of right-of-way lands not otherwise provided and for construction costs.

The stock subscription was payable as follows: \$5,000 in cash, and \$100,000 by the conveyance to the new company of land necessary and suitable for rights of way, and for sites of structures, in and about Naples, and land required in developing a deepwater terminal at or near that town, with the proviso, however, that in case the latter is not subjected to water-terminal purposes within five years from the date of the contract, then the title to that land is to revert to the grantor. The value of the lands was to be fixed by Jones, after conference with the Seaboard. Providing necessary public authorization could be obtained therefor, first-mortgage 10-year 5% gold bonds of the new company were to be issued to Jones, and accepted by him at par, in payment of cash advanced for construction purposes.

Inclusion of the new company's properties in the Seaboard system was contemplated in covenants of the contracting parties for operation of the Naples-Estero River line by the Seaboard under lease and for the purchase by the Seaboard from Jones of all stock and bonds of the new company for a stipulated consideration of \$5,000 plus an amount equal to the aggregate par value of the bonds so purchased.

In conformity with the contract of May 1, 1925, the Naples was duly incorporated in Florida. On Nov. 13 1925, we issued certificates authorizing the Seaboard-All Florida Ry., a subsidiary of the Seaboard, to construct, among others, lines of railroad from a point near Fort Ogden, Fla., to Fort Myers, and from the latter point to the south bank of the Estero River, and authorizing the Naples to construct the connecting line contemplated by the contract, but, in the report accompanying those certificates, we have noticed that the authorizations therein contained were not to be construed as approving the plan of financing the project of the Naples or as authorizing, or committing us to authorize, the issue of any securities by the Naples. Upon subsequent representations of the applicants, we have since authorized the Naples to issue \$5,000 of capital stock, and have authorized the Seaboard to acquire control of the railroad properties of the Naples under lease.

Construction of the line of the Naples was completed in Jan. 1927. Jones having died, it is proposed that first 6s drawn down in reimbursement of expenditures for original construction costs be sold directly to the Seaboard and the proceeds used to pay indebtedness of the Naples for cash advanced for construction purposes; and that the Seaboard also purchase the \$5,000 of stock now outstanding and included among the assets of the Jones estate.

The proposed first 6s are to be secured by an indenture to be made by the Naples to the Continental Trust Co. of Baltimore, Md. and William J. Casey, as trustees, under date of April 1 1927. They are to be dated April 1 1927, to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually and to mature April 1 1952. Interest accruing on bonds of the Naples is included among rentals payable by the Seaboard under the lease of the properties.

The Naples owns 20.65 miles of main-line track, and 3.62 miles of passing tracks, sidings, and yard tracks, a total of 24.27 miles.

The cost to the Seaboard of acquiring the \$5,000 of stock and \$1,179,000 of first 6s of the Naples will be \$1,184,000. Upon receipt of these securities, the Seaboard proposes to pledge them with the corporate trustee under its 1st & consol. mtge. and to draw down consolidated 6s in an aggregate principal amount equal to the expenditures made in acquiring the securities so pledged. The consolidated 6s are to be used by the Seaboard as collateral security for short-term notes. These bonds are to be dated Sept. 1 1915, to bear int. at the rate of 6% per annum, and to mature Sept. 1 1945.—V. 126, p. 248, 105.

**Southern Pacific RR. Co.—Tenders.**—The company, 165 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Feb. 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st ref. mtge. gold bonds, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$12,349.—V. 125, p. 2504.

**Southern Ry.—Likely to Lose Mobile & Ohio—System's Valuable Subsidiary May Be Separated from Main Line by Court Action—Shares Advance 60 Points—Adams & Peck Make Public Negotiations in Current Number of House Organ.**

The "unscrambling" of an old railroad merger is forecast in the recent spectacular rise of 45 points in one of the most sedate and conservative of guaranteed stocks. Mobile & Ohio 4% trust certificates guaranteed by the Southern Ry., after selling for 25 years on an investment basis, have advanced from 90 to 150 in the last few weeks. For several months there has been persistent but quiet buying of the trust certificates by a banker whose principal is unknown. About 10% to 15% of the issue was purchased at the investment market level of 85 to 95. Rumors of this buying caused a quick advance to 115 early in January, but the market declined again to 98. During the present week, however, strong buying has advanced the price to a high of 150. This information is contained in this week's issue of "Sidelights on Railroad Mergers," published by Adams & Peck. The publication says in part:

"No actual information is forthcoming from official sources. The hope of large profits in this issue must come from the possibility of the exchange of the trust certificates for old Mobile & Ohio stock which is quoted at 275 bid and has earned over 30% for several years. In 1902 the Southern Ry. obtained control of the Mobile & Ohio by giving to the majority of the old stockholders these 4% guaranteed trust certificates in exchange for their Mobile & Ohio stock. Contrary to the usual custom in transactions of this character, no lease was drawn. The contract on the face of each certificate provides for the Mobile & Ohio stock to be held by a trustee for the purpose of the trust certificates, and binds the Southern Ry. to pay 4% indefinitely or, on default in dividend payments, to surrender the stock.

"It is now believed that the Southern Ry. wishes to get physical possession of the Mobile & Ohio stock which is held by the Guaranty Trust Co. as trustee. There is also reason to believe that the State of Alabama, disgruntled by a long fight with the Southern Ry. to build up the port of Mobile, is preparing an action seeking to separate the Mobile & Ohio from the Southern.

"Another possible explanation of the rise in the trust certificates is that some of the holders have coveted the high earning power of the Mobile & Ohio, and, believing that there is a flaw in the contract, will commence a suit to break the trust agreement. If this should be the case it would not be the first time the Southern Ry. has been approached by the stockholders of a leased line whose earnings have greatly increased.

"The Southern Ry. acquired the lease of the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line Ry. through the Richmond & Danville Ry. in 1894 on a 5% guaranteed dividend. Some years later the guaranteed dividend was raised to 7%. About 1912 earnings of the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line had reached approximately 100% annually. About this time the Southern Ry. desired to increase the bond issue from \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for double-tracking. A committee of the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line stockholders handled the negotiations which resulted in increasing the guaranteed dividend to 9% and giving the Southern Ry. an option on the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line stock at \$250 per share. Some of the members of the old Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line committee are reported to be now large holders of Mobile & Ohio trust certificates."

**Preferred Dividend Decision Upheld by Virginia Supreme Court.**—

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has handed down a decision upholding Judge Crump's findings that the preferred stock of Southern Ry. is not entitled to any excess earnings above the 5% rate prescribed under the charter.

Arthur Lyman and other preferred stockholders applied for an injunction restraining the company from paying more than 5% dividend on the common stock until claims of the preferred stock for any excess earnings above that amount have been discharged. Judge Beverly T. Crump in Law and Equity Court at Richmond, Va. denied the petition of plaintiffs. It is understood that decision of the Supreme Court disposes of the case and no further appeal is possible.—V. 125, p. 3195.

**Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry.—RR. Loan.**—A call for tenders for an issue of \$6,000,000 bonds, guaranteed by the Province of Ontario, which built and operates the road, was received New York Jan. 18 by bond dealers. Bids will be opened on Jan. 24. The issue will consist of 4s, maturing serially from 1939 to 1968.

The road, which is managed by a commission appointed by the Government, is operated as an independent system. So far it has received total of \$30,207,935 through financing guaranteed by the Province. Proceeds of the new issue will be used for extensions.—V. 113, p. 1773.

**Tonopah & Goldfield RR.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,812,150 on the owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1918.—125, p. 2932.

**Union Transportation Co. (N. J.).—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$46,422 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.

**Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry.—Abandonment of Portion of Branch Line.**—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 31 issued a certificate authorizing the Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry. to abandon, and the Pennsylvania RR. to lease, to abandon operation of, that portion of the Wolf Creek branch extending from Carmona to Redmond, in Mercer and Butler Counties, Pa. The remainder of the application, seeking authority to abandon that portion of the Wolf Creek branch between the spur leading to mine No. 5 and Carmona, in Lawrence and Mercer Counties, Pa., was denied.—V. 125, p. 170

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

**American Power & Light Co.—Pref. Stock to Be Offered in Exchange for Washington Water Power Co. Common Stock.**—See Washington Water Power Co. below.—V. 125, p. 2932.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Expenditure.**—The long distance department of this company expects to spend \$38,000,000 on construction in 1928, or \$2,000,000 more than the record amount spent in 1927, according to T. G. Miller, general manager. The 1928 expenditures will include \$4,300,000 for aerial wire and new pole lines, \$19,791,000 for long-distance cables, supplementary conductors, pole lines, lodges, coils, buildings and equipment, \$9,619,000 for switchboards and other telephone and telegraph equipment, and \$4,345,000 for line work, including pole replacements, line changes, &c.

It is expected that 1,370 miles of cable containing 680,000 miles of wire will be installed by the long lines department in 1928. Nearly all this cable will be owned jointly by the long lines department and subsidiaries of the American Telephone and Telegraph. The long lines department will also acquire an interest in 390 miles of long cables to be installed in 1928 by subsidiaries.

It is planned in 1928 to complete a second cable between New York and Chicago, extend the New York-Washington-Richmond cable to Greensboro, N. C., and complete a cable between Chicago and Davenport, Iowa. Aerial wire construction will include new circuits from St. Louis via Dallas and El Paso, on the Southern route, to Los Angeles, and from Chicago, via the central route, to San Francisco. On the Northern route, additional circuit will be completed from Chicago via Minneapolis and Helena, Mont., to Seattle.

**New Director.**—Edward E. Loomis, President of the Lehigh Valley RR., has been elected a director.—V. 126, p. 105.

**American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Growth.**—Pres. H. Hobart Porter says: "The company had a record year in many respects. Approximately 32,000 new water works consumers were added as a result of the acquisition of new properties in various parts of the country. This is in addition to the regular growth of the water works properties, which amounted to nearly 15,000 consumers. This is an indication of the continued expansion of the country as there is no better index of building activity and growth than the natural increase in water works consumers."

*Income Account for November and 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.*

	1927	1926	1927	1926
Gross	\$4,176,951	\$3,999,209	\$48,706,743	\$45,013,322
Balance after oper. exp., maintenance and tax.	2,012,696	2,011,030	23,045,481	21,744,700
Net income available for divs. after all charges, incl. res. for renewals replace. & deplet.	453,661	564,388	5,023,231	4,303,090

The net income of \$5,023,231 in 1927 available for dividends, after all charges including reserves for renewals, replacements and depletion, after allowing for first preferred dividends, is equivalent to \$2.92 a share on the 1,361,411 shares of common stock outstanding as of Nov. 30 1927. For the preceding 12 months, net income after similar charges would have been \$2.56 per share on the number of shares of common stock which would have been then outstanding on the basis of the present capitalization.

Net power output of the electric subsidiaries of the company to consumers for the month of November was 138,634,345 kilowatt hours, comparing with 135,721,509 kilowatt hours for the month of November 1926, a gain of 2.9%. For the first 11 months of 1927, net power output totaled 1,507,278,844 kilowatt hours against 1,348,312,158 kilowatt hours, a gain of 12.7%. In addition to power sold to consumers, temporary power supplied to interconnected utilities for the month of November totaled 991,616 kilowatt hours, comparing with 7,361,000 kilowatt hours for the same month of the preceding year. For the 11 months of 1927 temporary sales of power to interconnected utilities totaled 76,908,045 kilowatt hours against 17,110,000 kilowatt hours for the corresponding period of 1926.—V. 126, p. 105.

**Arizona Edison Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., are offering at \$99 per share and div. to yield 6.56%, 15,000 shares \$6.50 cum. pref. stock (no par value).

Preferred as to both assets and dividends over the common stock. Divs. payable Q.-I. Red. all or part, on any div. date, upon 30 days' notice at \$105 and divs. per share. Upon any dissolution or liquidation of the company, the holders of this pref. stock shall be entitled to receive \$100 and divs. per share, plus a premium of \$5 per share if such liquidation be voluntary, before any distribution may be made to the holders of the common stock. The holders of the pref. stock shall be entitled to vote share and share alike with the holders of the common stock if at any time divs. shall be in arrears and unpaid on the pref. stock for 8 consecutive quarterly periods and until all such divs. in arrears shall have been paid. Company agrees to refund certain Penna., Conn. and Calif. taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland tax not to exceed 4 1/2 mills, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%, to resident holders upon timely and proper application. Transfer agent, Seaboard National Bank, New York City. Free from present normal Federal income tax.

**Issuance.**—Authorized by Arizona Corporation Commission. **Data from Letter of E. C. Deal, President of the Company.** Company. Now owns or will presently acquire, properties supplying electric light and power, artificial gas, ice and (or) water service for domestic and industrial purposes to various cities and communities located in the State of Arizona. The territory served by the properties has a population estimated to be in excess of 65,000. Over 66% of net earnings are from electric properties, 16% from water properties, and 8% from gas properties. The earnings of the properties are reported as follows:

	1926	1927
Gross revenues	\$1,362,526	\$1,435,987
Operating exp., maint. & depreciation as provided in the mtge. securing 1st mtge. bonds, and taxes other than Federal income tax	863,200	895,427
Balance	\$499,326	\$540,560
Annual int. requirements on \$3,661,200 1st mtge. bonds	202,672	
Balance		\$337,888
Annual div. requirements on pref. stock (this issue)		97,500

Further data regarding property, capitalization, &c., are given in V. 126, p. 249.

**Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—New Control.**—See Cities Service Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 124, p. 2425.

**Associated Electric Co.—Holders of Conv. Gold Bonds, 1/2% Series, Due 1946, Receive Offer of Exchange.**—See Associated Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 125, p. 3640.

**Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Further Offer Of Exchange Made to Holders of Conv. Gold Bonds, 5 1/2% Series, Due 1946, of Associated Electric Co.**—M. C. O'Keefe, Sec'y. of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., says:

In view of the approaching call of a large block of these bonds it has been suggested that many of the holders may desire to retain their investment in the funded obligations of the Associated Gas & Electric System on a basis which will give them substantially the present rate of return. Accordingly, holders of these Associated Electric Co. bonds, up to a total of 15,000,000, may exchange them for new gold debenture bonds, consol. ref. % series due 1968, of Associated Gas & Electric Co., upon the following basis: New bonds of Associated Gas & Electric Co., at the rate of \$1,100 for each \$1,000 Associated Electric Co. bond for the first 5,000,000 deposited or exchanged. After \$5,000,000 Associated Electric Co. bonds have been deposited, the company reserves the right to modify the terms for the exchange of additional bonds.

Holders desiring to avail themselves of this exchange privilege should forward their bonds to their investment dealer for deposit with the Chase National Bank of the City of New York. If the holder prefers, bonds may be forwarded for deposit direct to the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, New York City.

Holders who have already deposited their bonds with the Chase National Bank for exchange for \$6 div. series pref. stock may accept the above offer in lieu of pref. stock, by notifying this bank of their election to do so. Such bonds will be considered as deposited under this offer at the time of receipt of such notice.

April 1 1928 int. coupons should be detached from Associated Electric Co. bonds forwarded for exchange prior to that date and collected through the usual channels. Pending preparation and delivery of definitive new bonds depositors will receive interim receipts or certificates of Associated Gas & Electric Co., calling for delivery of definitive bonds not later than Oct. 1 1928. Interest will be paid on the deposited bonds at the rate of 5 1/2% per annum from April 1 1928 to Oct. 1 1928, after which date int. will begin to accrue on the new bonds.

The new bonds will be available in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500. The company will purchase or sell fractional amounts at par to enable delivery in these denominations.

This offer will expire 30 days from Jan. 16 unless extended by the Associated Gas & Electric Co.

Holders who prefer to exchange their bonds for \$6 div. series pref. stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co., at the rate of 11 shares of such pref. stock for each \$1,000 bond, pursuant to the recently advertised offer of Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., Inc., may continue to do so by depositing their bonds with the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, specifying that the bonds are to be exchanged under that offer for \$6 div. series pref. stock. (See also V. 126, p. 249.)

**New Debenture Bonds Offered in Exchange for Bonds of Affiliated Companies.**

The holders of 5% bonds of (a) Erie Lighting Co., due 1967, (b) Penn Public Service Corp., due 1954, (c) Indiana Gas Utilities Co., due 1946, (d) Citizens Light, Heat & Power Co. of Pa., due 1934, (e) Depew & Lancaster Light, Power & Conduit Co., due 1954, are offered in exchange therefor new gold debenture bonds, consolidated refunding 5% series due 1968, of Associated Gas & Electric Co. upon any one of the following bases as the holder may elect:

**Option 1.**—New bonds at the rate of \$1,075 for each \$1,000 bond, or  
**Option 2.**—\$1,000 in new bonds for each \$1,000 bond and, in addition thereto, class "A" stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co., at the rate of 1 1/2 shares for each \$1,000 bond or

**Option 3.**—\$1,000 in new bonds for each \$1,000 bond and, in addition thereto, \$6 dividend series preferred stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. at the rate of 1/4 share for each \$1,000 bond.

For the benefit of holders who may desire a greater return than the foregoing options provide, the following option is also offered:

**Option 4.**—10 shares of \$6 dividend series preferred stock for each \$1,000 bond.

The holders of (a) Manila Electric RR. & Lighting Co. 5% bonds, due 1953, (b) Union Gas & Electric Co. 5s, due 1935, (c) Plattsburg Gas & Electric Co. 5s, due 1939, (d) Dubois Electric & Traction Co. 5s, due 1932, (e) Jefferson Electric Co. 5s, due 1933, (f) Portsmouth (Ohio) Gas Co. 6s, due 1929, (g) Warren Light & Power Co. 5s, due 1931, (h) Manila Suburban Ry. Co. 5s, due 1946, (i) Manila Electric Co. 5s, due 1946, (j) Chasm Power Co. 5s, due serially, (k) Gray's Electric & Gas Co. 5s, due 1933, (l) Ridgefield Electric Co. 6s, due 1932, and (m) Wyanmskill Hydro-Electric Co. 6s, due 1933, are offered in exchange therefor new gold debenture bonds, consolidated refunding 5% series due 1968, of Associated Gas & Electric Co. upon any one of the following bases as the holder may elect:

**Option 1.**—New bonds at the rate of \$1,060 for each \$1,000 bond, or

**Option 2.**—\$1,000 in new bonds for each \$1,000 bond and, in addition thereto, class "A" stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. at the rate of 1 1-5 shares for each \$1,000 bond, or

**Option 3.**—\$1,000 in new bonds for each \$1,000 bond and, in addition thereto, \$6 dividend series preferred stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. at the rate of 6-10 share for each \$1,000 bond.

For the benefit of holders who may desire a greater return than the foregoing options provide, the following option is also offered:

**Option 4.**—10 shares of \$6 dividend series preferred stock for each \$1,000 bond.

**Dividends on Pref. Stock Payable in Cash or Stock.**

The directors have declared the following quarterly dividends payable March 1 to holders of record Jan. 31.

**\$6 Dividend Series Pref. Stock.**—\$1.50 per share in cash or 3.40-100ths of a share of class "A" stock for each share of pref. stock held.

**\$6.50 Dividend Series Pref. Stock.**—\$1.62 1/2 per share in cash or 3.69-100ths of a share of class "A" stock for each share of pref. stock held.

The stock dividend is equivalent to approximately \$6.46 per share per annum for the \$6 dividend series and \$7.01 per share per annum for the \$6.50 dividend series pref. stock. (Compare V. 125, p. 2144.)

For further data regarding new gold debenture bonds, see V. 126, p. 249.

**Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.**

12 Months End. Nov. 30—	1926.	1927.
Operating revenues (incl. maintenance and taxes, except Federal income tax, but excl. depreciation)	\$559,937	\$1,176,340
Operating expenses	319,300	702,789
Net operating revenue	\$240,636	\$473,550
Sub. int. chgs. & minor. stkh. int. in net income	76,059	164,676
Net avail. for Fed. tax, deprec. and holding co.	\$164,577	\$308,875
Int. on bonds of A. P. U. Co., Inc.		71,987
Int. on notes of A. P. U. Co., Inc.		44,585
Preferred dividends of A. P. U. Co., Inc.		11,391
Dividends on class A stock of A. P. U. Co., Inc.		43,964
Balance available for class B stock		\$136,948

—V. 125, p. 2806.

**Birmingham (Ala.) Water Works Co.—Acquires Plant.**

This company, a subsidiary of the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., has purchased the municipal water works system serving North Birmingham, part of the City of Birmingham, Ala., with a population exceeding 15,000 and having approximately 3,000 water consumers.

The transaction was the result of a recent municipal election when the people of Birmingham voted to sell their municipal water works system in order that it might be transferred to private ownership and management.—V. 125, p. 3345.

**Boston Elevated Ry.—Tenders.**

Treasurer Henry L. Wilson, 31 St. James Ave., Boston, Mass., will until Jan. 25 receive bids for the sale to the company of 2d pref. stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$60,338.—V. 125, p. 2386, 1706.

**Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Rights.**

The holders of ordinary shares of record Jan. 31 will be given the right to subscribe on or before March 31 for additional ordinary stock at par (\$100) on the basis of one new share for each 5 shares held, payment to be made in installments (less adjustment on final installment as mentioned below) as follows: \$20 per share with the subscription on or before March 31, \$20 per share on June 1, \$20 per share on Aug. 1, \$20 per share on Oct. 1, and \$18 per share on Dec. 1 1928. The additional shares when fully paid will rank for dividend as from Dec. 1928. Installments may be paid in advance but no discount will be allowed on such advance payments. Interest at 6% per annum will be charged on installments in arrear. Default in payment of any installment renders the subscription and payment made thereon liable to forfeiture. Installments must be paid in Canada to National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto or Montreal; in London, England, to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, 2 Lombard St., E. C. 3, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 20 King William St., E. C. 4, or to Bank of Scotland, 30 Bishopsgate, E. C. 2. See also V. 126, p. 106.

**Brooklyn Manhattan Transit Corp.—Earnings.**

Period—	—Month of December—	—6 Mos. End. Dec. 31—
	1927.	1926.
Total operating revenues	\$4,065,389	\$3,969,697
Total operating expenses	2,538,179	2,619,345
Taxes on oper. properties	273,200	276,827
Operating income	\$1,254,010	\$1,073,526
Net non-oper. income	75,815	72,726
Gross income	\$1,329,825	\$1,146,251
Income deductions	666,951	646,706
Net income	\$662,873	\$499,545

—V. 125, p. 2930.

**Central New York Gas & Electric Co.—Tenders.**

The Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee, Broad and Chestnut Sts. Philadelphia, Pa., will until Jan. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg 5% sinking fund gold bonds, dated March 15 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$12,757 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 125, p. 354.

**Central States Power & Light Corp.—New Control.**

See Central States Utilities Corp. below.—V. 125, p. 3479.

**Central States Utilities Corp.—Bonds Offered.**

Offering of an issue of \$3,000,000 10-year 6% secured gold bonds was made yesterday by a syndicate headed by Chase Securities Corp., and including Pynchon & Co., West & Co., Peabody, Huntington & Co., Federal Securities Corp., Continental National Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co. The bonds are priced at 98 and int. to yield about 6.25%.

Dated Jan. 1 1928, due Jan. 1 1938. Prin. and int. payable at Chase National Bank New York, trustee. Interest also payable at Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. Interest payable semi-annually, Jan. 1 and July 1. Denom. \$1,000\*, \$500 and \$100. Red. as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date on 30 days' notice, at 105 prior to Jan. 1 1930, at 104 on said date and thereafter prior to Jan. 1 1932, at 103 on said date and thereafter prior to Jan. 1 1936, and at 101 on said date and thereafter prior to maturity, plus int. in each case. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills, Maryland 4 1/2 mills and Calif. 5 mills taxes and Mass. 6% income tax on interest, refundable.

**Data from Letter of H. L. Clarke, President of the Corporation.**

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
10-yr. 6% secured gold bonds, due 1938 (this issue)	x	\$3,000,000
\$7 dividend preferred stock (no par value)	40,000 shs.	20,500 shs.
2d preferred stock (\$7 dividend) (no par value)	4,000 shs.	4,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	30,000 shs.	30,000 shs.

x Issuance of additional bonds restricted by provisions of indenture.

The subsidiaries will have outstanding with the public \$8,500,000 1st mtg. and 1st lien gold bonds, 5 1/2% series due 1953, and 30,000 shares of \$7 dividend preferred stock of Central States Power & Light Corp. and \$600,000 1st mtg. 10-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds of Central States Pipe Line Corp.

**Corporation.**—Delaware corporation. Will own all of the outstanding common stock of Central States Power & Light Corp. which will furnish electric light and power and other public utility services (directly, or through subsidiaries which will be controlled through ownership of more than 99% of all outstanding stocks) to 187 communities in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas and in New Brunswick, Canada. The total population of the territory served by the system is approximately 315,000 and the customers total over 48,000. The combined annual electric output is about 26,000,000 k.w.h. About 54% of the gross earnings of the system is derived from the sale of electricity, 33% from the sale of gas and 13% from other services. The combined electric properties include 9 steam electric generating stations, 11 hydro-electric generating stations and 1,397 miles of transmission lines.

The corporation will also own all of the outstanding common stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of Central States Pipe Line Corp., owning a new pipe line, compressor station and gasoline extracting plant at Wetumka, Okla., placed in operation in Nov. 1927.

**Earnings.**—The following statement of consolidated earnings for the year ended Aug. 31 1927, of the properties which will be owned by the subsidiary companies (except Central States Pipe Line Corp., operating only since Nov. 1927), has been prepared by F. W. Lafrentz & Co., certified public accountants, based upon audits of Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants and Thullin & Co., public accountants:

Gross earnings	\$2,699,540
Oper. expenses, maintenance & taxes (other than Federal)	1,516,058
Net earn. (before int., res. for renewals & replacements, &c.)	\$1,183,482
Annual requirements for int. and divs. on bonds and pref. stock of Central States Power & Light Corp. presently to be outst'dg	677,500
Balance	\$505,982
Annual int. require. of \$3,000,000 10-yr. 6% secured gold bonds due 1938 (this issue)	180,000
Balance of consolidated net earnings (before reserves, &c.), as shown above, was equal to 2.8 times annual interest requirements.	

It is estimated that the operation of the properties of Central States Pipe Line Corp. should, for the year 1928, produce a substantial amount of net income available to the Central States Utilities Corp.

**Security.**—Secured by the pledge with the trustee of all of the outstanding common stocks of Central States Power & Light Corp. and stock of Central States Pipe Line Corp. The trust indenture will provide that the trustee shall not release any of the pledged shares of common stock of Central States Power & Light Corp. (except for reorganization purposes as provided in the trust indenture) unless provision shall be made for the payment or redemption of all of the outstanding bonds of this series on or before the next interest payment date.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used in the acquisition of the capital stocks of subsidiary companies, to provide them with funds for the retirement of underlying bonds and preferred stocks, and for other corporate purposes.

**Management.**—Corporation will have the benefit of the management of Utilities Power & Light Corp., through that corporation's controlling interest in its common stock.

**Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis.—Tenders.—**

The Bankers Trust Co., primary trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Feb. 9 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtg. s. f. gold bonds, dated July 1 1912, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$39,940, at a price not exceeding 108 and int.—V. 125, p. 513.

**Cities Service Co.—To Acquire Control of Arkansas Natural Gas Co. and Gas Properties of Southwestern Gas & Elec. Co.**

An agreement has been made whereby, subject to the vote of the stockholders of the companies involved, the Cities Service Co. will acquire control of the Arkansas Natural Gas Co., formerly operated by Benedum & Trees of Pittsburgh, and the gas properties of the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co., formerly owned by the Insull interests, according to an announcement on Jan. 17, by Henry L. Doherty & Co. These properties, which cover a wide area from Shreveport, La., on the south to Little Rock, Ark., on the north, with branches extending to Pine Bluff, Hot Springs and Texarkana, Ark., serving approximately 74,000 customers, have about 1,000 miles of transporting and distributing pipelines, 6 gas compressor stations of 16,000 h. p. and three gasoline extraction plants with a yearly capacity of more than 5,000,000 gallons. Gas sales in 1927 amounted to 23 billion cubic feet. Communities served include Shreveport, Texarkana, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Hope, Arkadelphia, Atlanta, Little Rock, Longview, Magnolia, Malvern and a number of other cities and towns in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

It is planned to consolidate these acquisitions with other companies operating in this territory already owned by Cities Service, including Natural Gas & Fuel Corp., Industrial Gas Co., and a block of natural gas acreage located in northwestern Arkansas.

The new properties will further diversify geographically the extensive natural gas system of the Cities Service organization, which in addition to its widespread activities in the electric light and power, manufactured gas and petroleum fields, has long been one of the most important factors in the natural gas industry. The organization already operates natural gas systems in Canada, northwestern New York, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, sells annually more than 64 billion cubic feet, or about 1-16th of all the natural gas distributed in the United States. The organization has over 1,700 gas wells and about 8,000 miles of gas pipe lines, supplying gas to more than 300,000 customers.

**Regular Dividends Declared.—**

Cities Service Co. has declared the regular monthly dividends of 1/2 of 1% in cash and 1/4 of 1% in stock on the common stock and 50c. a share on the preferred and preference BB stock and 5c. a share on the preference B stock, all payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 14. Like amounts are payable Feb. 1 next.

Period End. Dec. 31—	1927—Month—	1926. 1927—12 Mos.—	1926.
Gross earnings	\$2,867,685	\$2,731,655	\$33,061,062
Expenses	94,479	90,032	1,108,111
Int. & disc. on debens.	194,877	211,329	2,540,120
Net to stk. & reserves.	\$2,578,329	\$2,430,293	\$29,412,832
Divs. on pref. stock	567,632	554,975	6,807,906
Net to com. stk. & res.	\$2,010,696	\$1,875,318	\$22,604,926
No. of times pref. divs.			4.32
Percent on average amt. com. stock outstanding			27.34%
			20.03%

The net earnings of \$31,952,952 were the largest in the history of the company. The net earnings for 1927 exceeded by 30% the previous record earnings of \$24,462,662 in 1926. Net earnings of the company for the past five years were as follows:

1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Net earns.	\$16,093,616	\$16,773,744	\$18,989,071	\$24,462,662

The net earnings for 1927 were equal to more than 12 times interest and discount on its debentures as compared with 9.2 times for 1926.—V. 125, p. 3641.

**Cities Service Gas Pipeline Co.—Bonds Offered.—**

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Hallgarten & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Spencer Trask & Co.; Cassatt & Co.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; Paine, Webber & Co.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc.; Federal Securities Corp., and Henry L. Doherty & Co., are offering at 100 and int. \$12-000,000, 1st mtg. pipeline 6% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; mature Jan. 1 1943. Int. (J. & J.) payable at office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago, and at the agency of the company in New York City, without deduction for any Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \* \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 and interchangeable with fully registered bonds of \$1,000 and multiples. Red. all or part at any time upon 60 days' notice, at 105 to and incl. Jan. 1 1931; thereafter the premium decreasing 1% of the principal amount for each 3 year period elapsed after Jan. 1 1928, but during the last year at the principal amount; plus int. in each case. Company will agree to reimburse resident holders of these bonds upon proper request within 60 days' after payment, for the Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills per annum on the taxable value; the Calif. personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills per annum on the taxable value; the Maryland securities tax not in excess of 4 1/2 mills per annum on the taxable value; the Virginia personal property tax not in excess of 5 1/2 mills per annum on the taxable value; and for the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% thereof per annum.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Henry L. Doherty, Jan. 10.**

**Company.**—A subsidiary of Cities Service Co. Owns a gas pipeline, together with gathering system, compressor stations and other facilities, for the transportation of natural gas from the Texas Panhandle to a connection with the inter-State pipeline system of Cities Service Gas Co. at Wichita, Kan. This pipeline, recently placed in operation, extends from Pampa, Tex., and affords direct transportation from one of the largest known natural gas areas to Cities Service Gas Co.'s system which supplies gas to extensive industrial and domestic markets in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The new pipeline commands a large additional supply of relatively cheap gas and, in the judgment of the management, will substantially increase the earnings of the system.

The property of the company includes approximately 250 miles of new 20-inch pipeline with a daily rated gas transportation capacity of 70,000,000 cu. ft., three modern compressor stations with a total installed capacity of 13,000 h. p., a gathering system, approximately 330 miles of telephone lines and other facilities and equipment necessary for the successful operation thereof. The company, in addition, will own the gas rights in more than 100,000 acres in the Texas Panhandle.

The properties of the company will be leased to Cities Service Gas Co. until the retirement of these bonds, with provision for the payment of net amounts sufficient to meet semi-annual interest and purchase fund requirements upon these bonds. Cities Service Gas Co. owns one of the largest natural gas pipeline systems in the United States, consisting of over 2,500 miles of pipeline and 13 compressor stations. An average of 116,000,000 cu. ft. of gas is handled daily from present sources of supply, and is sold to local companies serving over 200,000 customers in more than 135 cities and communities, including Kansas City and Joplin, Mo.; Bartlesville, Okla.; and Kansas City, Leavenworth, Atchison, Hutchinson, Ottawa, Topeka and Wichita, Kan. The new pipeline is expected to increase the average amount of gas handled daily by Cities Service Gas Co. to over 140,000,000 cu. ft. Through the lease of the properties of this company the available gas supply of Cities Service Gas Co., now obtained principally by purchase from other producers in approximately 30 producing areas in the mid-continent fields, will be substantially augmented at a cost which will facilitate profitable expansion of its business.

**Capitalization to Be Authorized and Outstanding.**

1st mtg. pipeline 6% gold bonds (this issue)	\$12,000,000
Capital stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for the cost of constructing the new pipeline, compressor stations, telephone system and other facilities required for the transportation of gas from the Texas Panhandle to Wichita, Kansas, and in the acquisition of the gas rights previously mentioned.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct first mortgage lien on the pipeline, compressor stations, gas rights and all other fixed property of the company. As additional security, the lease will be pledged under the mortgage.

Cities Service Gas Co. will further agree to purchase on Jan. 1 19 the properties of the company for a sum not less than the principal amount of all the bonds then outstanding.

The mortgage will contain special provisions, designed to facilitate the conduct of the business, for the disposition of leasehold properties for consideration, if any, as the company may determine. Pipeline rights way and natural gas rights may be subject to farm mortgages.

**Purchase Fund.**—Company will covenant in the mortgage to provide \$500,000 annually, in semi-annual installments commencing Jan. 1 1928, each installment to be applied during the ensuing 60 days, from time to time, by and in the discretion of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., to the purchase of bonds so far as obtainable at or below par and accrued interest. If bonds purchased in this manner shall be cancelled.

**Lease.**—The properties of the company will be leased to Cities Service Gas Co. until the retirement of these bonds, with provision for the payment of net amounts sufficient to meet semi-annual interest and purchase fund requirements upon these bonds.

**Consolidated Earnings of Cities Service Gas Co. Years Ended Nov. 30.**

Gross Revenues.		Gross aEarnings.	
1922	\$7,037,019	1926	\$10,260,479
1923	7,750,013	1927 (Oct. 31)	10,788,009
1924	7,866,486	1928 (est.)	14,000,000
1925	9,694,007		7,000,000

a Available for interest, reserves for depreciation, depletion and Federal income tax.

The maximum annual interest requirements on this issue of 1st mtg. pipeline 6% gold bonds will amount to \$720,000 and, as part of the total charge under the lease will constitute an operating expense of Cities Service Gas Co. Cities Service Gas Co. has outstanding \$24,843,750 1st mtg. pipeline 5 1/2% gold bonds due May 1 1942, the annual interest requirement thereon being \$1,366,406.

**Control.**—All the common stock of the company (except director qualifying shares) is owned by Cities Service Co.—V. 126, p. 250.

**Clarion Water Co.—To Redeem Bonds—Offer.—**

The company has elected to redeem and pay off on Sept. 1 1928, all of 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds, due March 1 1929, at par and int. Payment will be made at the Colonial Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa. See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 126, p. 249.—V. 125, p. 1578.

**Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—Offer.**

The directors of this company (recently acquired by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. from the Byllesby interests), have called for redemption March 1 1928 at 105 and int., the entire \$1,800,000 outstanding 1st mtg. 6% bonds, maturing March 1 1952, being the Coast Valley's Co.'s entire funded debt.

President Hockenbeamer of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. states that this is the first step toward the dissolution of the Coast Valleys Co. and the merger of its properties with those of the Pacific company. He states that approximately nine-tenths of the \$8,489,800 outstanding 7% pref. stock of the Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co., Western States Gas & Electric Co. of California and Western States Gas & Electric Co. of Delaware have been exchanged on a dollar for dollar basis for 6% pref. stock of the Pacific company, pursuant to an offer made by the latter on Dec. 1 1927 (V. 125, p. 3643). This offer, equivalent to 108 per share on the basis of recent sale of Pacific company's 6% pref. stock, expired on Dec. 31 1927. However, in response to a request from the stockholders, an extension of time has been granted for the accommodation of foreign and eastern holders and for the comparatively few Western holders who have not yet made the exchange. Redemption of the outstanding bonds of the two Western States companies, the payment in liquidation of \$100 per share for any of the unexchanged pref. stocks and the merger of their properties with those of the Pacific company is expected to follow.—V. 126, p. 106.

**Commonwealth Power Corp.—Electric Sales.—**

The corporation reports electric sales of 1,568,698,893 k.w.h. by its subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927, as compared with 1,429,534,734 k.w.h. in 1926, an increase of 9.73%. For the month of Dec. 1927 electric sales were 137,882,192 k.w.h., compared with 123,986,807 k.w.h. in Dec. 1926, an increase of 11.21%.

**Earnings 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 (Incl. Subs.).**

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$53,172,977	\$49,197,543	\$44,174,864	\$39,314,800
Oper. exps., incl. taxes & maint.	28,431,373	26,389,803	24,922,566	21,947,498
x Fixed charges	12,327,975	12,129,582	11,112,749	9,844,981
Dividend preferred stock	2,478,212	2,203,044	2,189,558	2,070,600
Prov. for replacements & depreciation	3,422,263	3,386,275	3,112,903	2,974,421
Balance	\$6,513,153	\$5,088,840	\$2,837,089	\$2,477,299

x Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiary companies not owned by corporation.

Earnings for 1927 applicable to dividends and retirement reserve amounted to \$12,413,628, an amount equal to \$24.83 per share on the 500,000 shares of preferred stock and \$6.64 on the 1,495,503 shares common stock outstanding Dec. 31 1927.

After provision for retirement reserve, earnings were equivalent to \$17.98 per share on the preferred and \$4.36 per share on the common as compared with \$14.58 and \$3.40 per share, respectively, for the same period last year based on the number of shares outstanding Dec. 31 1926 with practically no benefit being reflected from the \$7,500,000 received in the treasury of the corporation in Dec. 1927, from sale of common stock.—V. 125, p. 3641.

**Community Power & Light Co.—60c. Common Div.—**

The company has declared a cash dividend of 60 cents a share on the common stock, payable on Jan. 28 to stockholders of record Jan. 14. A final cash dividend of 75 cents a share was paid on this issue on Aug. 1 last. The company also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 share on the 1st pref. stock, payable on Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21 and the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on the partic. pref. stock payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 18.—V. 125, p. 1051.

**Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—\$10,000,000 5% Pref. Stock Offered.—**

Spencer Trask & Co., New York; Chase & Co., Boston; Minsch Monell & Co., Inc., New York, and Joseph W. Gross & Co., Philadelphia, are offering \$10,000,000 5% cumulative pref. stock, series A, at 100 and div. This is part of an issue of \$13,500,000, of which \$3,500,000 is reserved by the company for local subscription in the near future. The proceeds of the \$13,500,000 pref. stock will be used to provide funds in part, for the retirement of \$5,000,000 series A 8%, \$2,000,000 series B 7% and \$4,000,000 series C 6 1/2% cumulative pref. stock, which issues will be redeemed on April 2 1928 and to reimburse the treasury of the company, in part, for the cost of additions and extensions to gas and electric plants transmission lines and distribution systems and other capital expenditures. A saving to the company of \$125,000 per annum in pref. stock dividends will be effected by this financing. Pref. stock series A 8%, series B 7% and series C 6 1/2% will be accepted in payment on a 4% discount basis when the interim receipts are ready for delivery.

Dividends payable quarterly beginning July 2 1928. Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice at \$1.10 per share and divs. At no time shall the number of shares of pref. stock issued and outstanding exceed one-fourth the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding and not held or owned by the company. Pref. stock may be issued in different series, the fixed preferential dividends upon which shall in no case exceed 8% per annum. This 5% pref. stock will be designated series A. The now existing series A 8% pref. stock will be redeemed on April 2 1928. Pref. stock outstanding, subscribed or now authorized for subscription (including present issue of \$13,500,000 5% cumulative pref. stock, series A, of which \$3,500,000 is reserved by the company for local subscription in the near future, but not including three series to be redeemed on April 2 1928), \$20,500,000.

Transfer agents, New York Trust Co., New York, and Continental Trust Co., Baltimore, registrars, Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Baltimore.

Listing.—The outstanding pref. stock is listed on the Baltimore Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the present issue.

**Data from Letter of Herbert A. Wagner, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Does the entire gas, electric light and power business in Baltimore, including the supply of all power used by the street railways. Its operations also extend into the suburbs and surrounding counties, now serving a population of about 900,000.

Company has generating stations aggregating over 295,000 h.p. capacity. The construction of the second 48,000 h.p. unit of the new Gould St. steam generating station, which station will have an ultimate capacity of 192,000 h.p., is now nearing completion. Company is also furnished, under an advantageous long-term contract, with power from one of the largest low head water power plants in the country. Its gas plant has a capacity of 67,000,000 cubic feet daily. Company also has a contract under which it purchases from the Bethlehem Steel Co. by-product coke oven gas for a substantial part of its output.

**Rates.**—The gas and electric rates charged by the company average lower than those in any other large city on the Atlantic seaboard.

**Franchises.**—Company's franchises are unlimited as to time and no other company can enter the territories served without the consent of the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

**Earnings for Calendar Years.**

	Gross Income.	Operating Expenses and Taxes.	Net Earnings.	x Fixed Charges.	Surp. Avail. for Divid's. Deprec., &c.
1922	\$20,376,084	\$11,451,727	\$8,924,357	\$3,219,351	\$5,705,006
1923	22,221,699	12,588,592	9,633,107	3,088,722	6,544,385
1924	a21,711,928	13,064,002	8,647,926	3,074,365	5,573,561
1925	23,092,209	13,117,510	9,974,699	3,036,391	6,938,308
1926	a25,089,219	15,034,474	10,054,745	2,929,772	7,124,973
1927b	a25,004,529	15,128,057	9,876,472	3,070,133	6,806,339

x Excls. of amortization. a Rates decreased. b December estimated. The annual dividend requirements of entire \$20,500,000 pref. stock to be outstanding upon completion of present financing and issuance of all stock now subscribed or authorized to be offered amounts to \$1,075,000.

The surplus available for dividends, depreciation, &c., as above, for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1927 averaged more than 6 times the annual dividend requirements of the entire \$20,500,000 pref. stock to be outstanding upon completion of present financing and issuance of all stock now subscribed or authorized to be offered. In the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927 (one month estimated) this surplus was 6 1-3 times such annual pref. dividend requirements.

**Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).**

5% cum. pref. stock, series A (this issue)	\$13,500,000
6% cum. pref. stock, series D (outstanding, subscribed or now authorized for subscription)	3,000,000
5 1/2% cum. pref. stock, series E (outstanding, subscribed or now authorized for subscription)	4,000,000
Common stock, paying a3 dividends (955,700 no par shares issued or subscribed)	26,598,843
Consol. Gas El. Lt. & Pr. Co. gen. mtge. 4 1/2% 1935	13,845,000
Consol. G. E. L. & P. Co. of Balt. 1st ref. mtge. s. f. bonds: Series A, 6%, due Feb. 1 1949	10,531,000
Series B, 5 1/2%, due Sept. 1 1952	4,999,000
Series C, 5%, due June 1 1965	15,964,000
Consol. Gas Co. of Balt. City gen. mtge. 5s, 1939	3,400,000
Consol. Gas Co. of Balt. City gen. mtge. 4 1/2% 1954	6,100,000
United Electric Light & Power Co. 1st consol. mtge. 4 1/2% 1929	4,428,000
y Roland Park Elec. & Water Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1937	232,900
x Of which \$3,500,000 is reserved by the company for local subscription in the near future. v Guaranteed by the Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—V. 125, p. 3346.	

**Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—Debentures Sold.**

Otis & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Guaranty Co. of New York; Bonbright & Co., Inc.; Field, Glone & Co., and J. G. White & Co., Inc., have sold at 95 1/2 and int., to yield about 5.30%, \$36,000,000 gold debentures, 5% series A.

Dated Feb. 1 1928; due Feb. 1 1958. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Cleveland (Ohio) Trust Co., trustee, or at National Bank of Commerce in New York. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 100 up to and incl. Feb. 1 1933, thereafter at 102 1/2 up to and incl. Feb. 1 1938, and thereafter at 1/2 of 1% less during each succeeding five-year period or fraction thereof prior to maturity, plus int. in each case. Denom. e\* \$1,000 and \$500, and r \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Int. paid without deduction for annual Federal income tax up to 2% deductible at the source. Upon timely application the corporation will refund the following taxes in respect to the debentures: Personal property taxes imposed by Penna., Conn. or Calif. to the extent of not more than 4 mills per annum on each dollar of assessed value; personal property taxes imposed by Ky. to the extent of not more than 5 mills per annum on each dollar of assessed value, and the Mass. income tax to the extent of not more than 6% per annum on interest.

**Data from Letter of Richard Schaddele, President of Corporation.**

**Corporation.**—Organized in Delaware in 1912. Is primarily engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the development and distribution of electric power from modern central stations, controlling a group of electric light and power companies serving over 300 communities in Ohio, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Texas and Manitoba, Canada, with a total population in excess of 1,240,000.

**Subsidiaries.** controlled through practically 100% common stock ownership, are as follows:

*Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.
Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co.	Canada Gas & Electric Corp.
*Panhandle Power & Light Co.	Lincoln Traction Co.
* Kansas City Power & Light Co. and Panhandle Power & Light Co. are controlled through Kansas City Power Securities Corp., a holding company subsidiary of the corporation.	

The properties of the subsidiaries include: (a) 12 principal power stations with an aggregate installed generating capacity of 383,000 k.w.; (b) 7 gas plants with annual sales of over 609,019,600 cu. ft.; (c) 13,659 miles of distribution and transmission lines; (d) 227 miles of gas mains; (e) 2 heating plants, serving Kansas City and Lincoln; (f) 194 miles of street railway tracks, 325 cars and 17 buses, serving Columbus and Lincoln.

The Northeast generating station at Kansas City and the recently completed Pieway generating station at Columbus are among the most modern and efficient generating plants in the country. The Kansas City plant, with a present installed generating capacity of 130,250 k.w., is so designed that it may be enlarged for an ultimate capacity of 240,000 k.w., while the Columbus plant, with an initial capacity of 60,000 k.w., is designed for an ultimate capacity of 150,000 k.w.

**Purpose.**—The proceeds of this issue of debentures will be used to retire 110,000 shares Kansas City Power & Light Co. \$7 1st preferred stock, series A, no par value, and the following securities of Continental Gas & Electric Corp. now outstanding: \$974,200 coll. trust 7% gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1 1954; \$11,700,000 secured 6 1/2% gold bonds, series A, due Oct. 1 1964, and \$6,640,000 6-8% partic. preferred stock.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated earnings statement of the corporation and its subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 is as follows:

	1926.	1927.
Gross earnings of subsidiary companies	\$26,268,759	\$29,498,580
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	14,331,875	16,432,547
Credits to retirement reserves (depreciation)	2,619,906	2,736,023
Net earnings of subsidiary companies	\$9,316,978	\$10,330,010
Ann. int. and div. charges on subsidiaries' bonds and pref. stocks to be outstanding upon completion of this financing and proportion of net earnings attributable to common stock not owned by company		a4,093,826
Gross income available to Continental Gas & Electric Corp	\$6,236,184	
Ann. int. on \$36,000,000 gold debts. 5% series A, (this issue)	1,800,000	

Balance available for amortization and dividends \$4,436,184  
a The use of the proceeds of certain subsidiary companies securities during this 12 months' period is not yet fully reflected in the corporation's earnings.

As shown above, gross income available to Continental Gas & Electric Corp. for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1927, after depreciation, amounted to \$6,236,184, equivalent to 3.46 times the annual interest charges on this issue of debentures, which will constitute the entire funded indebtedness of the corporation. Such income before depreciation amounted to 4.98 times such interest requirements.

Net earnings of subsidiary companies totalling \$10,330,010 for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1927 were equivalent after depreciation to 1.75 times and before depreciation to 2.22 times interest on this issue of debentures and all prior charges combined.

**Consolidated Capitalization Outstanding (Corporation and Subsidiaries) Upon Completion of this Financing.**

(a) Continental Gas & Electric Corp.: Gold debentures, 5% series A (this issue)	\$36,000,000
7% prior preference stock (par \$100)	18,857,900
Common stock (178,712 shares no par value), stated value	7,151,887
(b) Subsidiary Companies—	
Funded debt	\$62,536,100
Preferred stock	16,124,883
Common stock	196,800

Total assets of the corporation and its subsidiaries, as shown by the consolidated balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1927, adjusted to give effect to this financing, are in excess of \$165,000,000.

**Control.**—Over 98% of the corporation's outstanding common stock is owned by United Light & Rys. Co., all of whose common stock is owned by United Light & Power Co.

**Provisions of Issue.**—These debentures will be the direct obligations of corporation and will be issued under an agreement with the trustee, which will provide, among other things:

(1) Corporation will not pledge or otherwise encumber any of its securities or other property now owned or hereafter acquired—but it may acquire property subject to existing liens and may renew such liens—unless debentures at such time outstanding are secured on a parity with obligations then created and to be protected by such lien or encumbrance.

(2) Corporation will not issue debentures in addition to the \$36,000,000 to be initially issued or create other funded debt (defined as indebtedness maturing later than one year from the date thereof) unless for any 12 months period within the 15 months next preceding the consolidated net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries before depreciation (as defined in the agreement) shall be at least 1 1/4 times prior requirements and interest charges as defined in the agreement, including interest charges on account of additional funded debt proposed to be issued. Such additional debentures may be of the same or different series, varying between series in respect to dates, denominations, maturities (provided that no maturity shall be earlier than Aug. 1 1958), interest rates, &c., as may be determined by the board of directors at the time of the issue thereof.—V. 125, p. 3641.

**Electric Railway Lines.—Receiverships Reduced in 1927.**

The "Electric Railway Journal" Jan. 14 reports in substance:

Greater stability of the industry than for a number of years is indicated from a study of the receivership record for 1927. For the first time since 1923 not one company of major importance was thrown into the courts. Only two companies with more than 100 miles of track were included in the list of new receiverships. These were the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana Ry. and the Des Moines City Ry. Contrasted with this, the United Rys. of St. Louis, with more than 450 miles of track, was able to have its affairs straightened out and be discharged from the custody of the courts.

Mileage of electric railways in receivership on Jan. 1 1928, showed a decrease of almost 13% under Jan. 1 1927. Seventeen companies, comprising 1,099 miles of track, emerged from receivership during the year. Thirteen companies, involving 624 miles of track, were placed in the receiver's hands, which is almost 50% reduction from last year. Fifty-one companies, with 3,750 miles of track, are now in receivership, compared with 55 companies, with 4,307 miles of track, on Jan. 1 1927, or a reduction of 4 companies and 557 miles of track.

**Electric Railway Receiverships in 1927.**

	Miles of Track.
Murphysboro (Ill.) & Southern Illinois Elec. RR	11.00
Chicago South Bend & Northern Indiana Ry	125.00
Evansville (Ind.) & Ohio Valley Ry	70.00
Des Moines City Ry	103.24
Union Traction Co., Coffeyville, Kan.	85.00
Grandview RR., St. Louis, Mo.	15.00
Hannibal (Mo.) Ry. & Electric Co.	6.50
Elghth & Ninth Avenues Ry., New York	37.27
Empire State RR., Syracuse, N. Y.	70.00
Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth RR.	54.00
Lawton (Okla.) Ry. & Light Co.	6.31
Pennsylvania & Maryland Street Ry., Meyersdale, Pa.	7.00
Schuylkill Ry., Girardville, Pa.	34.00
Total for 1927 (13 companies)	624.32

**Receiverships Terminated and Foreclosure Sales During 1927.**

(1) Receivers Discharged With or Without Foreclosure Sales or Following Abandonment.

	Miles of Track.
Denver & Interurban RR	45.63
Hartford & Springfield Street Ry., Warehouse Point, Conn.	48.00
Murphysboro & Southern Illinois Electric RR., Murphysboro, Ill.	11.00
Rockford, Beloit & Janesville Ry., Rockford, Ill.	(a)
Rockford City Traction Co., Rockford, Ill.	36.17
Rockford & Interurban Ry., Rockford, Ill.	76.00
Kansas City, Kaw Valley & Western Ry., Bonner Springs, Kan.	42.31
Boston & Worcester Street Ry., Framingham, Mass.	83.00
Mesaba Ry., Virginia, Minn.	38.00
Grandview RR., St. Louis, Mo.	15.00
Missouri Electric RR., St. Louis, Mo.	20.97
United Rys. Co., St. Louis, Mo.	436.32
Portsmouth, Dover & York Street Ry., Portsmouth, N. H.	12.00
Long Island Electric Ry., Jackson Heights, N. Y.	24.97
Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth RR., Cincinnati, Ohio.	54.00
Sharon & New Castle Street Ry., Youngstown, Ohio.	17.00
Oklahoma Ry., Oklahoma City, Okla.	138.45
Total of receiverships terminated (17 companies)	1,098.82

(2) Sold at Foreclosure Sale But Receiver Not Yet Discharged.

Washington-Virginia Ry., Washington, D. C.	40.00
Chicago & Interurban Traction Co., Chicago, Ill.	50.00
Kansas City, Lawrence & Topeka Electric Ry., Kansas City, Mo.	12.00
Morris County Traction Co., Morristown, N. J.	68.98
Second Avenue RR., New York, N. Y.	23.96
Total of foreclosure sales without discharge of receivers (5 cos.)	194.94

(3) Foreclosures Without Receiverships in 1927.

Auburn & Syracuse Electric RR., Auburn, N. Y.	29.04
Port Arthur Traction Co., Port Arthur, Tex.	7.00
Batavia Traction Co., Batavia, N. Y.	2.50
Willamette Valley Southern RR., Oregon City, Ore.	35.97
Total foreclosures without receiverships (4 companies) included with Rockford & Interurban Ry. figures.	74.51

**Record of Electric Railway Receiverships.**

No. of cos.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Mi. track	2,018	3,781	1,065	986	695	334	1,022	1,260	1,228	624

**Record of Electric Railway Foreclosure Sales.**

No. of cos.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Mi. track	524	2,675	259	778	324	927	869	569	1,291	941

—V. 124, p. 234.

**Erie Traction Co.—Offer Made to Bondholders.**—See Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 126, p. 249.—V. 125, p. 1579.

**Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.**

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—		
	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$6,962,554	\$6,547,496
Oper. admin., exp. & taxes	4,286,235	3,988,401
Net earnings	\$2,676,319	\$2,559,095
Interest & discount	910,088	826,444
Preferred dividends:		
Cent. Arkansas Ry. & Lt.	104,764	101,761
Springfield Ry. & Lt.	64,956	64,529
Balance	\$1,596,511	\$1,566,361

—V. 125, p. 3480.

**Fontana Power Co.—Merger.**—See Fontana Union Water Co. below.—V. 104, p. 1267.

**Fontana (Calif.) Union Water Co.—Bonds Offered.**—First Securities Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, William R. Staats Co., California Co., and Drake, Riley & Thomas, San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,400,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds (closed issue).

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due serially Jan. 1 1929 to 1953, incl. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, trustee or at Bankers Trust Co., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 40 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1/2% for each unexpired year, or fraction thereof, of the respective maturities, but not exceeding in any case a premium of 5%. Exempt from the California personal property tax.

**Data from Letter of A. B. Miller, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Is a mutual water company and was organized in California in April 1912. Stock of the company is sold only to landowners in the territory served in the ratio of one share of stock for each acre. It has recently acquired all of the property of Fontana Water Co. It owns all the capital stock except directors' qualifying shares of Fontana Power Co. Company supplies, without competition, water for agricultural purposes to approximately 15,000 acres of highly developed lands, principally citrus and deciduous groves, surrounding the town of Fontana, Calif. The Fontana agricultural region has been in the process of development for about 30 years. Based on the County Assessor's figures, the valuation of the lands served, exclusive of personal property, is in excess of \$7,000,000.

**Income.**—Company, being a mutual water company, is not operated for profit. The company's charges at the present time are based on a combination of flat rates and assessments, equivalent in all to \$14.25 per share annually for 2 acres of water. This rate compares very favorably with the rate of other mutual water companies in the vicinity and does not average much over one-half the cost of water for most of the citrus area of Southern California. Company is entitled to receive the net income of Fontana Power Co. which, for the 10 years ended Oct. 31 1927, has averaged about \$14,335 annually.

**Purpose.**—To redeem \$105,000 bonds of Fontana Water Co., \$737,000 bonds of Fontana Union Water Co., being all of said issues outstanding, to liquidate indebtedness and for other corporate purposes.—V. 125, p. 2526.

**General Public Service Corp.—New Directors.**

The following directors have been elected, increasing the board membership from 11 to 17: Gordan H. Balch, C. E. Groesbeck (Executive Vice-Pres. of Electric Bond & Share Co.), Edwin Grub (Vice-Pres. and Gen. Manager of the North American Co.), Philip G. Mumford (Pres. of Commercial Solvents Corp.), Sigourney B. Olney (Member of the law firm of Cullen & Dykman) and Thomas W. Streeter (Chairman of the board of Simms Petroleum Co.)—V. 125, p. 2262.

**Greenwich (Conn.) Water Co.—Bonds Offered.**—E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Putnam & Storer, Inc., are offering at 101 1/8 and int. to yield over 4.40%; \$1,225,000, 1st mtge. 30-year 4 1/2% gold bonds, series "A."

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1957. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 105, up to and incl. July 1 1952, and thereafter at 1% less for each succeeding year, together with int. to red. date in each case. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Travelers Bank & Trust Co., Hartford, Conn., trustee, with out deduction for any normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%. Denom. c\*\$1,000 and r\$1,000, or authorized multiples thereof. Exempt from Connecticut personal property tax. legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in Connecticut.

**Data from Letter of Eben F. Putnam, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Supplies water without competition in the township of Greenwich, Conn., including Sound Beach, Coscob, Riverside, Borough of Greenwich, Glenville and East Port Chester. It also sells at wholesale to the Port Chester Water Works all the water used by the latter company, which serves Port Chester and Rye, N. Y. The total number of consumers served by these two companies is over 10,300. The aggregate population served directly or indirectly is about 60,000 in a territory which is experiencing a very rapid growth. The property of the company includes over 91 miles of pipe line, a large steel stand pipe, a mechanical filtration plant, having a normal capacity of about 4,000,000 gallons per day, and a system of reservoirs having a combined storage capacity of 1,084,000,000 gallons. The company is completing a rapid sand filtration plant of the latest type of construction with coagulation, sedimentation and aeration basins, which will add an additional capacity of over 6,000,000 gallons per day.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of the Present Financing.)**

1st mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds (this issue)	\$1,225,000
Capital stock	1,650,000
<b>Security.</b> —Secured by a direct first mortgage on real estate, rights, powers, privileges and franchises which the company now or hereafter owns and all structures and buildings, work pumps, machinery, pipes, mains, conduits and other apparatus and appliances, excluding shares of certain subsidiary companies. Reproduction cost of the property according to an appraisal by Stone & Webster, Inc., dated Dec. 1925, with allowances for subsequent additions, is over \$5,000,000. Under the terms of the mortgage, the company may issue additional bonds but not in excess of \$2,000,000, including this issue, providing the net earnings for 12 consecutive months out of 15 months immediately preceding the issuance of additional bonds shall have been twice the interest on the bonds outstanding and those to be issued. Under the terms of the company's charter, bonds cannot be issued in excess of 75% of the par value of outstanding capital stock. Bonds in excess of \$2,000,000 may be issued only under the conservative restrictions of the mortgage regarding additions to property and earnings.	

**Earnings for the 12 Month Periods Ended—**

	Dec. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '27.
Gross earnings	\$336,292	\$381,451
Operating expenses and local taxes	59,801	72,853
Net earnings	\$276,491	\$308,598
Annual interest on 1st mortgage bonds (this issue)		55,125
Net earnings for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1927, were over 5 1/2 times interest charges on this issue.		

**Dividend Record.**—Company has paid dividends at the rate of not less than 6% per annum continuously on its common stock outstanding since 1906.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used for the retirement of the entire outstanding indebtedness of the company, and for new construction.

**Ownership.**—The entire outstanding capital stock of the company, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by the Greenwich Water & Gas Co.

**Franchises.**—The franchises of the company are perpetual and exclusive and were granted by special acts of the legislature of the State of Connecticut.—V. 123, p. 82.

**Hopkinsville Water Co.—To Retire Bonds—Exchange Offer.**

The company has elected to redeem and pay off on April 1 1928, all of its 1st mtge. gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1931, at par and int. Payment will be made at the Louisville Trust Co., trustee, Louisville, Ky. All of the outstanding 1st consol. mtge. bonds, due Jan. 1 1937, have been called for payment July 1 at 102 1/2 and int. at the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co., trustee, Louisville, Ky.

The attention of holders of these bonds who desire to continue their investment in the Associated Gas & Electric System is called to the privilege, extended by Associated Gas & Electric Co. (V. 126, p. 249), of depositing their bonds with the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City, and receiving in exchange therefor gold debenture bonds, consolidated ref. 5% series due 1968, of Associated Gas & Electric Co. and/or other securities upon any one of several bases mentioned.

**International Light & Power Co.—Control in U. S.**

The majority of the preference and ordinary shares, totalling about 72% having been acquired by American interests, it has been decided to remove the offices from London to New York. As on and from Jan. 1, the company's address will be at 120 Broadway, N. Y. City (care of Simpson, Thatcher & Bartlett) where all communications should be sent. (London Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence).—V. 118, p. 1275.

**Italian Superpower Corp.—Organized in Delaware.**—Interest Prominent in Banking and Public Utility Circles in this Country and Italy to Serve on Board—Company to Have \$33,000,000 Assets.

The above company was incorp. in Delaware Jan. 19 last. Corporation (having assets of \$33,000,000) was organized for the purpose of acquiring substantial, but in no case controlling interests in virtually all of the principal electric light and power companies in Italy. Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Field, Gloré & Co., according to reports are sponsoring the organization of the new company.

The board of directors will be composed of Americans prominently identified with the electric light and power industries in the United States and important Italian bankers and executives connected with the electric light and power companies operating in Italy. The executives and directors of the American company (Italian Superpower Corp.) will also be represented on the board of directors of the various Italian power and light companies in which the American organization will own an interest.

The improvement in economic conditions in Italy and the recent stabilization of its currency, which has placed Italian industries on a sounder basis than has existed in several years, it is understood, is chiefly responsible for the organization of the Italian Superpower Corp. In view of the progress made in Italy, the belief prevails that the nation is now on the threshold of an era of electrical development, which is expected to be proportionately as large as the development of the power and light industries in the United States over the last 7 years. Italy, it is pointed out, has about half the population of the United States. The average production per capita of electricity in Italy for 1926 was only 188 k. w. h. compared with 627 k. w. h. in the United States. With Italy giving more attention to the development of its hydro-electric properties, chiefly for the purpose of gradually eliminating the necessity of that nation to import coal from other countries, it is expected that Italy's per capita consumption of electricity will show a phenomenal gain over the next few years.

**Personnel of Board of Directors Announced.**

L. K. Thorne, Chairman and Pres. of the corporation, and also Pres. of Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Chairman of the American Superpower Corp., announced Jan. 19, the purpose of the newly organized Italian company, which is expected to raise \$33,000,000 of new capital in the American investment markets in the near future.

The board of directors will be made up of the following: L. K. Thorne, Pres. of Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Chairman of the board, American Superpower Corp.; S. Z. Mitchell, Chairman of the board and Pres. Electric Bond & Share Co.; Gerard Swope, Pres., General Electric Co.; C. H. Minor, Pres., International General Electric Co.; E. P. Currier, Field, Gloré & Co.; Director, Staten Island Edison Co.; Marshall Field (of Field, Gloré & Co., Director, Columbia Gas & Electric Co. and American Light & Traction Co.); P. G. Gossler, Pres., Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.; J. W. Matland, Bonbright & Co., Inc.; B. C. Cobb, Pres., Consumers Power Co., Pres., Tennessee Electric Power Co.; C. E. Calder, Pres., American & Foreign Power Corp.; Giuseppe Toeplitz, Managing Director, Banca Commerciale Italiana, Pres., National Society for Development of Electrical Undertakings; Silvio Crespi, Senator, Chairman, Banca Commerciale Italiana, Pres. Adamello Electric Co.; Ettore Conti, Senator, V. Chairman of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, Pres. of the Terni Co.; Guido Donegani, Pres. of the Montecatini Co. for the Mining and Farming Industry; Siro Fusi, Pres., Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co. of New York; Achille Gazzia, Pres. Adriatic Electric Co.; Rinaldo Panzarasa, Pres. Piedmont Electric Co. and the Italian Gas Co.; Pasquale Simonelli, Pres. Italian Savings Bank of New York; Michelangelo Faconi, Gen. Mgr. Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan, and Guido Semenza, Pres. Electrotechnical Commission, London.

According to present plans, the Italian Superpower Corp. will be represented on the board of directors of the companies in which it will have investments. The corporation will thus bring to the entire electric power and light industry of Italy the benefit of the advice and experience of both Italian and American members of its Board of Directors, two groups prominently identified with and conspicuously successful in the operation, finance and development of the electric power and light industry in Italy and in the United States respectively.

**Kansas City Power & Light Co.—110,000 Shares No Par Value, \$7 Preferred Stock to Be Called for Redemption.**—See Continental Gas & Electric Corp. above.—V. 125, p. 3481.

**Kentucky Public Service Co.—Bonds Called—Exch. Offer**

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1941, have been called for payment Aug. 1 1928, at 102 1/2 and int. at the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., successor trustee, 325 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa.

The holders of these bonds who desire to continue their investment in the Associated Gas & Electric System have the privilege, extended by Associated Gas & Electric Co. of depositing their bonds with the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City, and receiving in exchange therefor gold debenture bonds, consolidated refunding 5% series due 1968, of Associated Gas & Electric Company and/or other securities upon any one of several attractive bases. Details of this offer appeared in last week's "Chronicle" (See Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 126, p. 249).—V. 125, p. 2935.

**Middlesex Water Co., Elizabeth, N. J.—Bonds Offered.**

—J. S. Rippel & Co., and Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J., are offering \$1,000,000 1st & ref. 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, at 103 and int., to yield about 5.30%.

Dated April 1 1927; due April 1 1957. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Union County Trust Co., Elizabeth, N. J., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. all or part by lot on any int. date, after 4 weeks' notice, at 105% on or before March 31 1944; thereafter at a premium reduced by 1/2% of 1% for each additional year until March 31 1953; thereafter at par. **Issuance.**—Approved by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey.

**Data from Letter of Frank Bergen, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in New Jersey in 1887 and in 1907 consolidated with the Consumers Aqueduct Co. Company supplies water for public and domestic use in the Boroughs of Metuchen, South Plainfield and Carteret and the Townships of Woodbridge, Raritan and Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, and in the Township of Clark in the County of Union. This territory has a population of 46,700. Company owns 113 miles of mains and has 3 sources of water supply with a daily capacity of 10,750,000 gallons. An average of 8,250,000 gallons per day has been distributed for the first 10 months of 1927.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

	Total Revenue	xNet Earnings	Interest Charges	Times Int. Earned
1922	\$265,822	\$92,920	\$41,832	2.22
1923	281,137	99,939	48,158	2.07
1924	282,762	72,208	54,420	1.33
y1925	351,798	120,330	58,569	2.05
1926	579,581	287,533	62,880	4.57

x After depreciation but before interest charges and Federal income taxes.  
y Based on rates prescribed by the Utility Board and subsequently held confiscatory by U. S. District Court.

Average net earnings for the past five year were 2.45 times interest requirements. The net earnings for 1926 were 3.08 times the interest on total bonds outstanding, including this issue.

**Valuation.**—In a decision by the U. S. District Court for the district of New Jersey the company's property was held to be worth "not less than \$2,500,000" on Dec. 31 1923, not including the value of its sources of water supply, and since that date \$556,000 has been expended for extending and improving the company's property. Nicholas S. Hill, Jr., consulting engineer, N. Y. City, has estimated that the cost of reproduction new of the company's physical property in place Aug. 31 1926, would have been \$3,021,390, not including the value of the company's sources of water supply.

**Mortgage.**—Mortgage securing this issue constitutes a direct lien upon all the company's property and franchises now or hereafter owned, subject only to the prior lien of \$200,000 Consumers Aqueduct Co. 1st 5s due July 1 1937, and \$700,000 Middlesex Water Co. consolidated 5s due Feb. 1 1950, both of which issues are closed. The trustee now holds \$193,000 Consumers Aqueduct Co. bonds and \$634,000 Middlesex Water Co. consolidated mortgage bonds as additional security for this issue, which were acquired by exchange for a like par value of 1st & ref. series A bonds under the terms of the indenture. The trustee now holds \$73,000 series A bonds which have been set aside to retire the outstanding \$73,000 prior lien bonds. In addition to bonds now outstanding, including this issue, bonds of series A may be issued to the extent of \$300,000 to acquire lands, water rights and sources of water supply and to pay for extensions, improvements and equipment of all water-works and plants now owned or to be hereafter acquired or constructed by the company. No bonds of series A, or of any other series, may be issued in excess of \$300,000 except to the extent of 80% of the cost or fair value (whichever be less) of the property to be acquired by the same or proceeds thereof, nor unless the net earnings of the company for 12 consecutive calendar months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding shall have been at least 1 1/2 times the fixed charges of the company, plus interest for 12 months on the bonds proposed to be issued.

**Purpose.**—To reimburse company for capital expenditures already made and to provide for further additions and improvements and for other corporate purposes.

Balance Sheet Oct. 1 1927 (Giving Effect to Present Financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant equipment	\$2,146,754	Capital stock	\$590,000
Material supplies	43,649	Funded debt	1,700,000
Cash	427,381	Other acc'ts payable, regular	16,785
Accounts receivable	38,449	Accrued liabilities	103,147
Other current assets	98,924	Accrued amortized capital	221,886
Special deposits	200	Surplus	228,146
Unamortized debt discount	90,228		
Regulatory comm. expenses	14,378	Total (each side)	\$2,859,964

—V. 120, p. 2816  
**Montana-Dakota Power Co.—Pref. Stock Increased.**—The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized preferred stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000, par \$100.—V. 125, p. 2263.

**National Public Service Corp.—Tenders.**—The New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 30-year 6 1/2% sinking fund coll. trust gold bonds, series "A," due Feb. 1 1955, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$96,371, at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 124, p. 3630, 3496.

**New York Telephone Co.—Buys Telephone Instruments.**—President J. S. McCulloh, regarding the purchase of telephone instruments by this company, said:

In the early days of the telephone business it seemed essential that telephone instruments be owned and maintained by a central organization. This condition no longer obtains. Therefore, effective at the end of 1927 the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. offered to sell and the New York Telephone Co. bought the telephone instruments in use on its lines but heretofore owned and maintained by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. At the same time a reduction from 4% to 2% of gross operating revenues was made in the charge for research, engineering, financial and other services furnished the New York Telephone Co. by the American company. While the purchase of the telephone instruments and their maintenance by this company will increase this company's investment and expense, it will be more than offset by the 50% reduction in the charge for services rendered to the New York company by the American company.

**Spends \$59,142,000 for Construction During 1927.**—President McCulloh, in telling of the company's progress during the past year, said in substance:

Nearly \$60,000,000 was spent by the New York company in the State of New York and part of Connecticut for the provision of plant and equipment to enlarge its system and to care for the steadily growing demand for service. Most of this new plant is provided to take care of the increasing telephone needs of growing business in 1928 and the years following.

A total of 143,860 telephones were added to the company's system which now serves over 2,300,000 telephones, of which 1,600,000 are in New York City. Manhattan now has 860,362 telephones, a gain of 36,247, the Bronx 173,632, an increase of 14,706, Brooklyn and Queens 53,917, an increase of 46,319, Suburban Long Island 85,474, a gain of 10,514, Westchester and Rockland Counties, 128,016, an increase of 12,241, while the Upstate area now serves 500,468 telephones, a gain of 22,539.

In the entire country estimated figures show that there were 18,500,000 telephones in the United States at the end of 1927, a net gain during the year of more than 750,000 telephones.

The volume of calls handled throughout the territory of the New York company increased during the year from approximately 10,139,000 daily to about 10,655,000 daily, a gain of over 500,000 calls per day. In the entire United States it is estimated that 72,500,000 conversations were made daily over the telephone, an increase of approximately 2,500,000 conversations over the daily average of 1926. This means that on a per capita basis, every person in the United States made an average of 205 calls during the year 1927.

To take care of this immense increase in the telephone business, more than 600 telephone workers were added to the New York Telephone Co. system, bringing the personnel of this company up to 53,100 at the end of 1927. The number of telephone workers required in the nationwide telephone system showed an increase of 6,000 during 1927, a total personnel of the telephone business of the country amounting at the end of the year to more than 375,000. This figure does not include persons employed in the manufacture of telephone apparatus, this group alone numbering approximately 60,000.

In the territory served by the New York Telephone Co., the large sums of money invested in new plant shows a consistent development in the various areas served. Of the \$59,142,000 total gross expenditures for construction made last year, about \$33,184,000 went for necessary expansion of the system in New York City, divided among the five boroughs as follows: Manhattan, \$17,082,000, Bronx, \$4,127,000, Brooklyn, \$7,308,000, Queens, \$3,959,000, Staten Island, \$708,000. In the Bronx-Westchester area, the investment totalled about \$10,660,000, in the Long Island area, \$16,004,000, Upstate New York, \$15,396,000.

The New York company's building operations during the year resulted in the completion of 21 new telephone structures or additions to existing buildings, which provided over 300,000 square feet of additional floor area. Of these buildings six are in the Bronx-Westchester area, seven in the Long Island area, including Brooklyn and Queens, and eight in the Upstate area.

Because of its necessarily large building construction program during recent years, the New York Telephone Co. has become one of the leading realty owners and renters in the country. The company now owns 166 buildings and leases 254 others, with a combined floor space of 8,000,000 square feet.

Some idea of the immensity of the task of keeping up with America's growing business is indicated in the huge amount invested in telephone plant and equipment which, at the end of 1927, approximated \$3,500,000,000, of which \$3,100,000,000 was invested in plant and equipment of the Bell System.

During 1927 the telephone companies in the United States invested \$250,000,000 in additions to their general plant. The New York Telephone Co. alone since Jan. 1 1920 has invested nearly \$560,000,000 in additions to its plant, almost one-sixth of the entire amount invested in telephone plant and equipment in the United States at the present time.

Expanding as rapidly as it does, the telephone industry is continually faced with the necessity of raising new capital in substantial amounts. This problem is being solved by attracting to investment in telephone stocks and bonds the savings of hundreds of thousands of investors all over the country.

At the present time, the Bell System has about 700,000 security holders of whom over 420,000 own stock of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company.

This is an increase during the past year of over 20,000. More than 73,000 of the stockholders are employees of the Bell System and over 190,000 Bell Telephone workers are now purchasing additional stock in the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. through small monthly salary deductions. The average holdings per stockholder amount to only approximately 26 shares, and control of the company is not held by any financial or family group.

Approximately 5,000,000 miles of telephone wire were placed in service during the year, giving this country more than 63,000,000 miles of telephone wire at the end of 1927.—V. 126, p. 107.

**New York Water Service Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. an additional issue of \$1,000,000, 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds, series A. Dated Nov. 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1951 (see description in V. 123, p. 3183.)

**Cumulative Preferred Stock Offered.**—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., are offering at \$99 per share and div. to yield 6.06%, \$1,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock. (See original offering and description in V. 124, p. 236.)

Data from Letter of C. T. Chenery, Pres. of the Corporation.

**Business.**—The properties to comprise the New York Water Service Corp. system supply various communities in New York State with water for domestic and industrial purposes. The total population of the territory is estimated to be over 575,000. The localities served include the Flatbush and Woodhaven sections of N. Y. City, Huntington and Glen Cove, L. I., Haverstraw, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Clyde, Norwich, part of the city of Rochester and adjacent suburban districts, and numerous communities suburban to Syracuse. White Plains and North White Plains are served at wholesale.

Capitalization	Authorized	Outstanding
1st mtg. 5s, series A (incl. this issue)	x	\$9,684,000
Rochester & Lake Ontario Water Co. 1st mtg. 5s, 1933 (non-callable)	Closed	y1,915,000
6% cumulative pref. stock (par \$100)	\$6,000,000	3,850,000
Common stock (par \$100)	3,000,000	2,245,000

x Issuance limited by the indenture restrictions. y \$585,000 additional principal amount will be pledged under the first mortgage indenture of New York Water Service Corp., dated Nov. 1 1926.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct first mortgage on physical properties of the Corporation and its subsidiaries comprising the system, appraised at over \$15,680,000 and, in addition, by a direct mortgage, subject to prior lien obligation of \$1,915,000 on properties appraised at over \$3,923,000.

The value of all of the properties, appraised by engineers on the basis of reproduction cost new, less depreciation, including additions and betterments to Nov. 30 1927, is in excess of \$19,600,000. The land owned in New York City alone has been appraised by Charles F. Noyes & Co., Inc., at over \$2,800,000.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated earnings of the properties are reported as follows:

Years Ended—	Dec. 31 '26.	xNov. 30 '27.
Gross revenues	\$2,059,052	\$2,166,543
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes other than Federal	1,029,092	998,216
Balance	\$1,029,960	\$1,168,327
Annual interest requirements on entire funded debt outstanding in hands of public, incl. this issue		579,950

Balance	\$486,361
Annual div. requirements on 38,500 shs. of 6% cum. pref. stock (incl. this issue)	231,000
x Figures for certain of the properties are for earlier twelve months' periods.	

The above statement does not reflect any earnings that will accrue to the corporation from the expenditure of over \$1,300,000 in additions, improvements and betterments made to the Syracuse and Rochester properties.

**Management.**—The New York Water Service Corp. system is operated by Federal Water Service Corp., which controls and operates one of the largest groups of water works systems in the United States.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used towards the acquisition of certain properties and partially for extensive additions and betterments made to the Syracuse and Rochester properties.—V. 125, p. 3061.

**Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.—Off List.**—The preferred stock of this company has been stricken from the list of the New York Stock Exchange. See also V. 126, p. 253.

**Northern Texas Electric Co.—To Issue \$1,500,000 of Notes—To Pay Dividends on Non-cumul. Pref. Stock in Interest Bearing Scrip.**—

The directors have prepared a plan for financing \$2,000,000 to retire the present bank debt of \$1,000,000, provide for payment of \$500,000 of 5-year 7% coupon notes maturing March 1 1928 and furnish \$500,000 additional required cash. At a special stockholders' meeting held on Dec. 28 1927, this plan of financing was approved.

Secretary Henry T. Graham, in a recent letter to the stockholders, said in part:

Negotiations have disclosed the fact that it is, at the present time, difficult to raise money for street and interurban railway companies without paying a high rate of interest.

The credit of public utilities generally has been restored to the pre-war status, except railway companies. While earnings of other utilities have continually increased, those of railway companies have been retarded by development of the private automobile, delayed regulation of jitneys, slow progress in unification of buses with rail lines, inadequate adjustment of fares and inability to secure relief from paving provisions in franchises which have required unproductive capital expenditures. Overcoming these difficulties has necessitated a thorough public understanding which has taken a long time, but the major difficulties have been solved and in others satisfactory progress is being made. Notwithstanding this progress, electric railway credit has not yet been re-established to a point that enables financing at reasonable rates and with a well rounded capital structure of bonds and stocks. Therefore, until the anticipated improvement in earnings is realized, these companies must continue to finance with debt and under conditions which makes a policy of conservation of cash resources imperative.

These conditions and the credit situation apply in a general way to the Northern Texas Electric Co.; consequently, the directors have reached the conclusion that the company should issue 3-year notes for a portion of the cash requirements and carry the balance as bank debt, the bank debt to be reduced by cash withheld through payment temporarily of preferred stock dividends in interest-bearing scrip.

The directors are of the opinion that the payment of dividends on the pref. stock (which is non-cumulative) in interest-bearing scrip, as proposed, protects the interests of the preferred stockholders as far as it is possible to do so, and paves the way for the establishment of a higher credit necessary for the future welfare of the company.

The scrip will bear 6% int., payable when earned, and prin. will be payable at any time at the option of the company and, in case of liquidation, shall rank junior to all other debt and must be redeemed before any dividends are paid on the common stock.

The outlook for the company is more encouraging than it has been for several years. The progress which has been made by jitney elimination,

complete unification of rail with bus service, increase of fares in Fort Worth and thorough public understanding gives a sound basis upon which to build permanently.

A substantial part of the new capital has been used to purchase new cars, modernize old equipment and purchase buses necessary for the subsidiary companies to furnish the entire rail and bus service in the city and interurban territory and to provide a joint interurban and bus terminal in Fort Worth.

With additional and modern facilities, the subsidiary companies are now in a position to provide service which should become increasingly attractive and result in continued improvement of earnings.

[Of the new \$2,000,000 of 3-year secured 6% gold notes, dated Jan. 3 1928 and due Jan. 1 1931, \$1,500,000 notes will be issued and will be secured by \$2,000,000 of collat. trust gold bonds.] See also V. 126, p. 107.

**Oklahoma Power Holding Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.—Bond Offered.**—Whitaker & Co., St. Louis and Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago are offering at 100 and int., \$1,250,000, 1st (closed) mtge. 5 1/4% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 3 1928; due Jan. 1 1943. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c\*. Red. at any time on 30 days' notice at 103 1/2 through Jan. 1 1933; at 102 1/2 through Jan. 1 1938; and at 101 1/2 thereafter. Principal and int. payable at Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis, trustee. Principal and int. also payable at First National Bank, Chicago. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

**Data from Letter of H. R. Hudson, President of the Company.**

**Capitalization**—5 1/4% 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund gold bonds (this issue) --- \$1,250,000  
Common stock (no par value) --- 10,000 shs.

**Company**—Organized in Delaware in Dec. 1927, to acquire the electric power plant heretofore owned and operated by the Oklahoma Railway Co. of Oklahoma City. The property consists of a modern electric generating plant located at Oklahoma City. The power plant site contains about 17 acres of land and the company has a perpetual easement granting the right to use the water in Belle Isle Lake. The plant has a present installed capacity of 13,750 k.w. and is completely equipped.

The property is leased under a contract to the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. for a period of 22 years, for a basic annual rental of \$225,000, plus taxes and full maintenance. The Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. also assumes the contract between this company and the Oklahoma Railway covering all the latter's power requirements.

**Security**—Bonds will constitute a first mortgage on all the property of the company, subject to the contract to furnish the Oklahoma Railway its power requirements. This contract has been assumed by the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. The bonds will further be secured by a deposit with the trustee of the lease contract and a contract between this company and the Oklahoma Railway. A physical examination of the property by the Engineering Department of the Community Power & Light Co. shows a present depreciated value of \$1,714,751.

**Income**—The basic annual rental from the Oklahoma Gas & Electric contract is equivalent to over 3.4 times the interest requirements and 1.8 times the interest and sinking fund requirements of this issue, and is, in the opinion of counsel, a charge against operating expenses of that company.

**Sinking Fund**—Mortgage provides that a semi-annual payment of \$62,500 be deposited with the trustee, beginning July 1 1928, and, after providing for the current interest due on outstanding bonds, the remainder is to constitute a sinking fund which is to be used for the purchase of bonds if available at or less than the call price, or for the redemption of bonds. Bonds so purchased or redeemed are to be canceled. It is estimated that this will retire the entire issue by maturity.

**Purpose**—Proceeds will be paid to the Oklahoma Railway as part of the purchase price of the property.

**Control**—The entire issue of common stock of the company is controlled by the Oklahoma Railway.

**Oklahoma Ry. of Oklahoma City.—Power Property Transferred to New Company.**

See Oklahoma Power Holding Co. above.—V. 125, p. 649.

**Ottawa & Hull Power Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.**

Period—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '27	14 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '26	12 Mos. End. Aug. 31 '25	13 Mos. End. Aug. 31 '24
Gross revenue	\$398,793	\$446,540	\$367,610	\$372,141
Expenses and taxes	97,068	97,713	79,492	69,741
Bond interest	150,000	175,000	150,000	162,500
Net profit	\$151,725	\$173,827	\$138,118	\$139,900
Preferred dividends	105,000	122,500	105,000	105,000
Surplus	\$46,725	\$51,327	\$33,118	\$34,900
Previous surplus	133,279	193,199	278,305	243,405
Total surplus	\$180,004	\$244,526	\$311,423	\$278,305
Inc. tax (previous year)	3,607	2,460	1,739	-----
Depreciation reserve	127,291	108,788	116,485	-----
Profit and loss surplus	\$49,105	\$133,279	\$193,199	\$278,305
Earns. per sh. on 25,000 shs. com. (no par)	\$1.46	\$2.05	\$1.32	\$1.40
x Subject to income tax and depreciation for 1926-'27.				
<b>Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.</b>				
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
<b>Assets</b>				
Properties	\$4,440,759	\$4,434,845	Preferred stock	\$1,500,000
Subsidiary cos.	334,204	270,000	Common stock	125,000
Adv. to subsids.	196,100	100,000	Bonds	2,500,000
Cash	36,052	3,181	Accounts payable	57,194
Call loans	-----	55,750	Accrued interest	37,500
Acc'ts receivable	33,465	78,067	Accrued charges	8,182
Deferred charges	10,745	9,241	Dividends payable	17,500
			Deprec'n reserve	756,844
			Surplus	149,105
Total (ea. side)	\$5,051,327	\$4,951,083		233,279
x Subject to income tax for period and depreciation for 1926-'27.				150,000
shares, no par value.—V. 124, p. 1821.				

**Ottawa River Power Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.**

Period Ended Oct. 31—	12 Mos. 1927.	10 Mos. 1926.
Gross revenue	\$356,126	\$274,953
Expenses and taxes	131,406	97,694
Interest	169,333	136,560
Reserve for depreciation	40,000	39,000
Balance, surplus	\$15,386	\$1,699
Previous surplus	-----	-----
Profit & loss surplus	\$17,086	\$1,699
Earns. per sh. on 30,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par)	\$0.51	\$0.06
<b>Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.</b>		
	1927.	1926.
<b>Assets</b>		
Properties	\$5,079,134	\$4,934,739
Cash	46,359	27,372
Accts. receivable	34,912	39,055
Supplies	5,292	4,277
Prepaid charges	3,583	2,755
Tot. (each side)	\$5,169,282	\$5,008,200
x 30,000 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 1821.		

**Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Extends Offer.**

See Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 125, p. 3643.

**Penn Public Service Corp.—Bonds Called—Offer.**

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 50-yr. 5% gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1962 of the Penn Public Service Co., have been called for payment Aug. 1 next at 103 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York City. See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 126, p. 249—V. 126, p. 107.

**Pennsylvania State Water Corp.—Acquisition.**

Reeves J. Mewson, Vice-President of the Community Water Service Co., announced recently the acquisition of the water works plant at Meyerstown,

Pa., by the Pennsylvania State Water Corp., a subsidiary of the Community company. With the addition of this plant the Pennsylvania corporation is composed of 22 companies grouped into 14 operating units, and furnishing water to 47 communities in Pennsylvania.—V. 125, p. 3349.

**Peoples Gas, Light & Coke Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

Period Ended Dec. 31—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—12 Mos.	1926.
Gross operating revenues	\$10,177,771	\$10,184,195	\$39,658,954	\$38,888,960
Net inc. (after charges, for taxes, int., and providing for retire's)	1,532,970	1,089,732	5,678,363	5,240,524
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	509,637	462,738	509,637	462,738
Earnings per share	\$2.99	\$2.34	\$11.14	\$11.32
—V. 125, p. 3643.				

**Philadelphia Gas Works Co.—Organized to Operate New Lease in Philadelphia.**

See United Gas Improvement Co. below.

**Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—1928 Construction Budget \$37,000,000.**

Budgets for 1928 of the operating companies of the corporation representing a total of approximately \$37,000,000 have been approved. This expenditure is required for new construction, extensions and betterments in the business of furnishing gas, electric and transportation services in New Jersey.

Of this sum more than \$22,000,000 will be used by the electric department of Public Service Electric & Gas Co. for inter-connection, transmission and distribution purposes, for substations and for extension of lines and improvement of service to consumers.

The gas department will spend close to \$4,500,000 in the manufacturing and distribution branches of the business covering extensions and replacements of mains, holder reinforcements and various other items bearing on the servicing of gas.

Approximately \$7,000,000 has been apportioned for transportation purposes for new equipment, replacements and general improvement of service.

In addition to the sums enumerated, there are miscellaneous items providing for a variety of requirements necessary to the operation of the several companies.

**Large Engineering and Construction Concern Organized.**—See United Gas & Construction, Inc., under "Industrials" below.—V. 126, p. 253.

**Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—To Redeem Bonds.**

All of the outstanding 5 1/2% bonds, series due 1959, have been called for redemption April 1 1928, at 105 and int. and all of the outstanding 5 1/2% bonds, series due 1964 on Feb. 1 next at 105 and int. Said bonds may be presented for payment at the Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J., or at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., New York City.—V. 125, p. 3482.

**Public Service Production Co.—Consolidation.**

See United Engineers & Constructors, Inc., under "Industrials" below.—V. 124, p. 1220.

**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—To Issue Stock.**

The company has filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations a notice of the issuance of 20,000 shares of no par preferred stock. The shares are to be paid for as follows: 5,000 shares at not less than \$91 a share, 5,000 shares at not less than \$92 a share, 5,000 shares at not less than \$93 a share, and 5,000 shares at not less than \$94 a share.—V. 125, p. 2937.

**Rochester (N. Y.) Telephone Corp.—Bonds Offered.**

Guardian Detroit Co., Inc., and Harper & Turner, are offering at 98 1/2 and int. to yield about 4.60%, \$5,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series "C."

Dated Jan. 1 1928, due Jan. 1 1953. Int. payable J. & J. in Rochester, N. Y., or N. Y. City, without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. on any int. date subsequent to Jan. 1 1933, at 100 and int., on 60 days' notice. Union Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., trustee.

**Data from Letter of Fred C. Goodwin, Chairman of the Board.**

**Company**—Provides telephone service to a territory including all of the County of Monroe, the entire County of Livingston and parts of the Counties of Genesee, Ontario, Steuben and Wyoming (N. Y. State). This territory has an area of approximately 2,300 square miles and a present population of over 500,000. Within this territory the corporation furnishes both local and long distance telephone service without competition. Within its territory the corporation furnishes telephone service from 41 of its own central offices, 6 of which are within the City of Rochester. There are also 7 central offices within the territory operated by connecting companies. Through its connection with the New York Telephone Co. and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., its subscribers are able to reach every telephone connected with the entire Bell System. The main franchise, which is to furnish telephone service to the City of Rochester, is perpetual and unlimited.

**Security**—An absolute 1st lien upon all the physical plant and properties of the corporation, subject only to the closed mortgage of the old Rochester Tel. Co., under which bonds in the amount of \$803,200 are outstanding.

**Purpose**—Proceeds will be used for the following purposes: To redeem and pay on April 1 1928, all of the outstanding issue of \$3,500,000 6% series A bonds of the corporation and to reimburse the treasury of the corporation for moneys expended for additions to, extensions, betterments and improvements of the telephone plant and system of the corporation and other proper corporate purposes.

**Earnings for Calendar Years.**

	Gross Revenues		Net Earns.		Ratio of Earnings to Int. Charges
		Deprec.	Charges.	Income.	Int. Charges
1923	\$3,274,280	\$410,032	\$207,738	\$202,294	1.97
1924	3,454,196	562,090	275,127	286,963	2.04
1925	3,850,217	664,137	313,280	350,857	2.12
1926	4,236,218	862,130	317,455	544,675	2.71
1927 (11 mos.)	4,114,287	774,055	297,092	476,963	2.61

Adequate charges against earnings have been made and are being currently made, to amply provide for depreciation and obsolescence, and, in addition, liberal charges for maintenance are included in operating expenses. Since Aug. 1 1921, the corporation has built up a depreciation reserve which, at Nov. 30 1927, amounted to over \$2,000,000. For the 12 months' period ended Dec. 31 1927, the amount set aside for depreciation amounted to more than \$700,000.

**Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of This Financing.**

Series C bonds, 4 1/2%, maturing Jan. 1 1953	\$5,000,000
Series B bonds, 5%, maturing April 1 1946	794,300
Rochester Telephone Co. bonds, maturing Oct. 1 1933	803,200
Cumulative 1st pref. stock	2,010,000
2nd pref. stock	4,814,000
Common stock	100,000
Control.—All of the 2nd pref. stock and one-third of the common stock is owned by the New York Telephone Co.	

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1927 (After Present Financing)**

Assets	Liabilities
Fixed assets	\$14,539,171
Cost of property of Rochester Telephone Realty Corp.	389,172
Investments	43,343
Working assets	1,544,726
Deferred debit items	612,797
Total (each side)	\$17,129,209
—V. 126, p. 253.	

**St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp.—New President.**

M. D. Curran has been elected President succeeding W. G. Maguire. Mr. Curran for several years past has been Vice-President and General

nager of the corporation, and prior to that was associated with the papers Co. Mr. Masquiro remains as a director but will devote his activities to other interests.—V. 125, p. 1581.

**St. Louis Public Service Co.—Registrar.**

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 73,193 shares preferred stock, Series "A," and 344,145 shares of common stock.—V. 5, p. 253.

**St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd.—Proposed Merger.**

See Shawinigan Water & Power Co. below.—V. 125, p. 1462.

**Saguenay Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Aldred & Co. d Minach, Monell & Co., Inc. are offering at 98½ and 100, yielding over 5.60%, \$1,360,000, 1st mtge. & coll. 1st 5½% sinking fund gold bonds. series A, due 1953.**

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1953. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable Canadian gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness either Montreal at the National Trust Co., Ltd., trustee, or in New York City at the Bankers Trust Co., Denom. \$1,000<sup>cs</sup>. Callable on 30 days' notice all or part for sinking fund, on the first day of any month, at 104 1/2 int. on or before Jan. 1 1934, the premium thereafter decreasing 1% per cent each successive 5-year period up to and including Jan. 1 1949, and thereafter callable at the principal amount.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. (this issue) \$15,000,000 \$1,360,000 Preferred stock (\$100 par) 800,000 700,000 Common stock (\$100 par) 1,700,000 750,000

Company is controlled by the Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., through ownership of a majority of the issued shares.

Company.—Has acquired the plants and distributing systems of a number of companies selling power in the Province of Quebec, Can., for lighting, heating and industrial purposes. It serves the districts to the south and west of Lake St. John and portions of the Saguenay Valley, including the City of Chicoutimi and many growing communities; such as Port Fred, St. Felicien and Arvida. The total customers served exceed 5,000.

Company has a contract with the Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., effective from the maturity of this issue of bonds, whereby it purchases from the latter company on favorable terms such amounts of power as it requires, up to an aggregate of 10,000 h.p. (hydro-electric). In addition, the generating facilities of the company consist of a 3,500 h. p. hydro-electric plant at Chicoutimi and 600 h. p. of hydro-electric power generated by three other plants.

The transmission system owned by the company consists of 10 miles of 100,000 volt lines, 14 miles of 6,600 volt lines and 82 miles of 2,200 volt lines. Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on the company's lands, rights in lands, water powers, dams, power houses, transmission lines, distribution systems and franchises now owned, and by a sinking charge on all other present and future assets of the company.

Additional bonds may be issued in a principal amount not exceeding 5% of the cost of the company of any additional fixed property and (or) bonds, shares of stock or other securities of other corporations on which the bonds will be a direct first lien, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds issued upon the basis of such bonds, shares of stock or other securities of other corporations, shall at no time exceed 50% of the principal amount of all bonds then outstanding under the trust deed, including additional bonds proposed to be issued.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the properties now owned and subject to the lien of this mortgage, available for interest and depreciation, amounted \$120,000 in the year 1927, or over 1½ times the interest requirement on these bonds. It is conservatively estimated that corresponding net earnings for the company for the year 1928 will be in excess of \$140,000.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants that Feb. 1 1933, and annually thereafter, it will pay to the trustee an amount sufficient to redeem \$34,000 principal amount of the series "A" bonds at not to exceed the call prices, which means provision is made to retire 50% of the entire series "A" due by maturity.

**Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—Proposed Merger.**

The St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd., a subsidiary, will become merged into the parent company on a basis of two shares of Shawinigan for one share of St. Maurice stock, with the alternative of \$175 per share in cash for each share of St. Maurice stock. The directors of both companies have approved the deal and a special general meeting of St. Maurice shareholders is being called for an early date for the purpose of considering the proposal.—V. 125, p. 1972.

**Southern Counties Gas Co.—7% Pref. Stock Called.**

The company has called for redemption April 1 at 107½ and divs., the outstanding \$2,500,000 7% pref. stock. Holders will be given an opportunity to subscribe for a similar amount of 6% pref. stock at 100. There authorized but unissued \$10,000,000 of the latter issue.—V. 124, p. 1221.

**Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Sale of Gas Properties to Cities Service Co.**

See latter above.—V. 125, p. 3199.

**Spring Brook Water Co.—Offer to Bondholders.**

See Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 126, p. 249.—V. 125, p. 1839.

**Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Customer Ownership**

Planes Total Nearly \$32,000,000 In 1927.—The "Byllesly Monthly" for January 1928 will say:

Customer ownership sales of preferred shares of the subsidiary and affiliated public utilities of Standard Gas & Electric Co. again established a new high record in 1927, when par value sales totaled \$31,975,600, an increase of 27.58% over the previous high record of \$25,061,600 in 1906. There were 42,267 separate transactions, the average par value per sale being \$756.

The total of \$31,975,600 par value of stocks sold in 1927 represents 1.4 sales, less only cancellations. Of this amount, repurchases totaled 2.24%, leaving a total of net sales from treasury of \$28,236,900. Net treasury sales increased 40.39% over 1926. Of the total of 319,756 shares sold, only 22,252 shares, or 6.9%, were sold on the monthly investment partial payment plan, compared with 7.9% of the total sales for 1926.

The following tabulation shows the sale of preferred shares in 1927 by the companies:

Table with 3 columns: Company Name, Sales, Shares. Includes California Oregon Power Co., Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co., Louisville Gas & Electric Co., Mountain States Power Co., Northern States Power Co., Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., Southern Colorado Power Co., Wisconsin Public Service Corp.

Totals \$100 par value 42,267 319,756

It is estimated that approximately 22,000 new shareholders were added to the subsidiary and affiliated utilities of Standard Gas & Electric Co. through the operation of the customer ownership plan of equity financing in 1927. Through the merger of Western States Gas & Electric Co. and Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co. with Pacific Gas & Electric Co., a total of 9,200 customer shareholders of these companies must be deducted from the total for all companies in the Standard system. Therefore, a net gain of 12,800 shareholders may be added to the total of 100,000 estimated at the close of 1926, showing a total of nearly 113,000 customer shareholders at the close of 1927. These figures include in addition to the companies listed in the tabulation above) San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co., which has sold no preferred shares under the customer ownership plan for several years. At present, only Northern States Power Co., the California Oregon Power Co. and Wisconsin Public Service Corp. are offering their shares to the public under the customer ownership plan, this activity having been temporarily discontinued by the other companies listed.

In addition to the customer shareholders of the operated companies, the Standard Gas & Electric Co. has approximately 41,500 holders of its prior reference, preferred and common stocks, the Standard Power & Light Corp. approximately 5,000 preferred shareholders, and the Philadelphia Co. and subsidiaries approximately 15,000 shareholders. A conservative estimate, therefore shows a total of nearly 175,000 shareholders in the

Standard system, which with an estimated 100,000 bond and note holders in these companies, reveals a total of approximately 275,000 investors in the system and its properties.

Since the adoption of the customer ownership policy in 1915, a total of 1,450,859 shares has been sold by subsidiary and affiliated utilities of the Standard Gas & Electric Co.

In Dec. 1927, there were 3,071 separate transactions, totaling \$2,252,500 par value.—V. 125, p. 3482.

**Standard Public Service Corp.—Notes Offered.—Packer, Cooke & Co., Chicago are offering at 99 and int. to yield over 6% \$210,000 one-year 5% secured gold notes.**

Dated Dec. 15 1927; due Dec. 15 1928. Both prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Chicago Trust Co., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Company pays normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Corporation.—Has been organized in Delaware to own and operate public utility properties or the capital stock of corporations operating such properties. The system at present being acquired furnishes telephone service without competition in 6 counties in Ohio, covering an area of about 500 square miles. The principal exchanges are Jackson, Willston, Oakhill, Hamden and Coalton with a total population of about 20,000. The properties have been in continuous successful operation for 27 years and embrace more than 1,700 miles of lines, which interconnect with the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. system at Ironton, Athens, McArthur, Gallipolis and Columbus. They are also connected with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. system at Cincinnati. Properties consist of 5 modern telephone exchanges and approximately 2,000 stations.

Security & Valuation.—Notes will be secured by a deposit of all the common stocks (excepting officers' and directors' qualifying shares) of the Jackson County Telephone Co. Based on a recent appraisal made by Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., engineers, the properties have a reproduction value of \$450,000 and a depreciated sound value of \$325,000.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the companies now owned for the 12 months ending Aug. 31 1927, after eliminating certain non-recurring charges are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Gross income \$69,921 Operating expenses, including maintenance & local taxes 45,695

Net available for interest, depreciation, Federal taxes, &c. \$24,226 Annual interest charges 10,500

Net earnings are over 2.25 times the annual interest requirements on this issue.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. 1-year 5% secured gold notes \$210,000 \$210,000 7% cumulative preferred stock (no par value) 10,000 shs. 650 shs. Common stock 30,000 shs. 16,235 shs.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the acquisition of properties and for other corporate purposes.

**Tampa (Fla.) Electric Co.—Stock Dividend.**

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 1-50 of a share of common stock in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 15. A stock distribution of like amount was made on Aug. 15 last.

The company on Feb. 15 1927 paid a quarterly stock dividend of 1-100 of a common share on the common stock (see V. 124, p. 508).—V. 125, p. 2938.

**Toledo Edison Co.—Asks Authority to Sell Bonds.**

The company has applied to the Ohio P. U. Commission for authority to issue \$16,500,000 30-year 4½% 1st mtge. bonds at not less than 88, the proceeds to be used to retire \$13,500,000 7½% 1st mtge. gold bonds which are callable at 107½.—V. 125, p. 3643, 1839.

**Tokyo Electric Light Co., Ltd. (Tokyo Dento Kabushiki Kaisha), Japan.—Amalgamation Agreement Ratified.**

Cable advices were received from Japan on Jan. 16 by the Guaranty Co. of New York stating that the stockholders of the Tokyo Electric Light Co. and the Tokyo Electric Power Co. had ratified a proposal submitted to them for the amalgamation of the two companies. Under the terms of the amalgamation agreement, stockholders of the Tokyo Electric Power Co. are to receive stock in the Tokyo Electric Light Co. at the rate of nine shares for each ten now held, and the consolidation is to become effective as of April 1 1928.

This amalgamation automatically terminates the competition which has existed between the two companies. This has existed in certain areas, particularly in the industrial district in and between Tokyo and Yokohama.

The Guaranty Co. has for some time been the banker in this country for the Tokyo Electric Light Co., having headed in 1925 a syndicate which offered in this market \$24,000,000 3-year 6% notes of the company.

The consolidated company will have a paid-in capital of more than \$200,000,000, a funded debt of about \$100,000,000 and gross annual earnings of about \$55,000,000. The total generating capacity, including two power plants to be completed shortly, is in excess of 550,000 k.w., and is supplemented by power purchase contracts calling for an additional 250,000 k.w.

The new company will operate at wholesale and retail within a territory comprising some 10,000 square miles and having a population of approximately 10,000,000 people, or nearly one-sixth of the entire population of Japan proper.

The area served by the company includes Tokyo, the capital of the Empire, numerous manufacturing districts situated on the shores of Tokyo Bay, the Port of Yokohama and the surrounding densely populated and fertile valleys and extends across the mainland and southwesterly along the eastern coast to the vicinity of Nagoya.—V. 126, p. 108.

**United Gas Improvement Co.—Philadelphia Lease**

Operative.—The new lease of the city-owned gas works became effective early this month. The property will be operated by the Philadelphia Gas Works Co., a subsidiary. The arrangement has been approved by the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission and the City Council of Philadelphia, as provided in the lease between the United Gas Improvement Co. and the city.

As provided in the lease a new schedule of rates to large users of gas has been put into effect. The rates have been approved by the Gas Commission. Arthur W. Thompson, President of the United Gas Improvement Co., announces the following rates: First 50,000 cubic feet per month at \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet net; next 50,000 cubic feet per month at 90 cents per 1,000 cubic feet net; next 400,000 cubic feet per month at 80 cents per 1,000 cubic feet net; next 500,000 cubic feet per month at 75 cents per 1,000 cubic feet net; next 1,000,000 cubic feet per month at 70 cents per 1,000 cubic feet net; over 2,000,000 cubic feet per month at 65 cents per 1,000 cubic feet net. An additional charge of 3%, if not paid within 10 days of presentation of bill. Presentation of quarterly bills will be discontinued and in the future a bill will be rendered monthly to each customer three days after the meter statement has been taken.

"The Philadelphia Gas Works Co. was formed for convenience of operation, said Mr. Thompson. "It is, in effect, the same organization which has served Philadelphia for the last 30 years. The number of customers during that period has nearly quadrupled and the annual gas consumption has increased six times. The new lease, which was passed by unanimous vote of the City Council of Philadelphia may be terminated either by the city or the company at 10-year intervals. The gas rate to domestic customers will be based upon the cost of service. At present it is \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet as under the former lease.

"A gas commission of three members has general supervision over the operation of the gas works. Members of the commission are: Samuel Rea, chairman; Murtha P. Quinn and Paul Thompson.

"Of the revenues from operation of the gas works the city will receive \$4,200,000 a year. Also, yearly betterments to the plant and distribution system amounting to not over \$2,000,000 a year will be paid for out of receipts from gas.

"The company is to receive for operating the business \$800,000 a year, and may receive up to \$1,100,000, based upon sales of gas and economies effected.

"The gas is to have a heating value of 530 British Thermal Units per cubic foot, the same standard which has been found advantageous by the gas customers of Philadelphia."

Officers of the Philadelphia Gas Works Co. are: Paul Thompson, President; W. H. Gartley and W. H. Marshall, Vice-Presidents; Edmund

Thayer, Secretary; L. A. Sommar, Assistant Secretary; W. H. Marshall, Treasurer; F. S. Whitaker, Assistant Treasurer.

**Large Engineering and Construction Company Formed.**—See United Engineers & Constructors, Inc., under "Industrials" below.—V. 125, p. 3643.

**United Light & Rys. Co. (Del.)—Definitive Debentures.**—Otis & Co. announce that definitive gold debentures, 5½% series of 1927, due Aug. 1 1952, are ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, trustee, and at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. See offering in V. 125, p. 1582.

**United Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Hambleton & Co., Thompson, Ross & Co. and Hale, Waters & Co. are offering at 98 and int., yielding over 6.20%, an additional issue of \$2,400,000 15-year collateral trust 6% gold bonds, series A. Dated April 1 1927; due April 1 1942. (See original offering and description in V. 124, p. 2750.)

**Data from Letter of Ernst Jacobson, President of the Company.**—Owns all of the capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) of United Public Utilities Co., Southern United Ice Co. and Southern United Gas Co. and control of Kentucky Power Co., Inc. These subsidiaries furnish public utility service (either directly or through operating companies at least 95% of whose outstanding common stocks are owned) to a group of 48 communities in the territory lying between Dayton, O., and Winchester, Ind., to a group of 46 communities in North and South Dakota; to 42 cities and towns in the northern and eastern section of Kentucky along the Ohio River; and to Fort Smith and Van Buren, Ark.; and, upon acquisition by one of the subsidiaries of additional ice properties now under contract, will furnish ice service in 21 communities located principally in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Electric light and power is supplied to 22,429 customers and gas to 11,370 consumers. The total combined population of the territory supplied with electric light and power and gas service alone is estimated to be in excess of 200,000.

The properties of the operating companies include electric power stations having a combined generating capacity of 18,971 h.p.; ice plants (including those to be acquired) having daily ice making capacity of 2,662 tons; gas plants of 165,000 cubic feet daily capacity, supplemented by natural gas; 85 wells producing natural gas; leases covering 9,000 acres of proven gas lands; 160 miles of gas transmission lines and 929 miles of electric transmission lines.

**Security.**—Specifically secured by deposit and pledge with the trustee under the indenture of all of the common capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares and a minority interest of approximately 25% in the case of Kentucky Power Co., Inc.) of the above-named subsidiaries presently outstanding. Additional bonds of any series may be issued under restrictions as set forth in the indenture.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated earnings of the company and its subsidiaries, including properties presently to be acquired (after elimination of reported non-recurring net expenses of \$87,533), for the year ended Nov. 30 1927 (except that earnings for the year ended Oct. 31 1927 have been included for certain of the properties to be acquired), were as follows:

Gross earnings	\$5,411,955
Oper. exp., incl. maint. and taxes (other than Federal income), but before depletion and depreciation	3,129,052

Net earnings \$2,282,903  
Annual int. and pref. div. requirements on all securities of subsidiaries presently to be outstanding in the hands of the public 981,434

Balance \$1,301,469  
Annual int. requirement on 15-year collateral trust 6% gold bonds, series A (including this issue) 307,200

The balance of net earnings, as shown above, was over 4.2 times the annual interest requirement on the 15-year collateral trust 6% gold bonds, now outstanding (including this issue).

**Purpose.**—These \$2,400,000 bonds will be issued in connection with the acquisition by the company of additional subsidiary securities as provided in the indenture.

**Listing.**—These bonds are listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.—V. 125, p. 3483.

**Utilities Power & Light Corp.—New Sub-Company.**—See Central States Utilities Corp. above.—V. 126, p. 108.

**Warren Street Ry.—Bonds Called—Offer Made.**—

All of the outstanding mtge. 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1931, have been called for payment April 1 next at par and int. at the Warren National Bank, Warren, Pa.  
See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 126, p. 249.—V. 125, p. 2529.

**Washington Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.**—A. C. Allyn & Co. and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at par and int. an additional issue of \$1,250,000 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1953. Interest payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*), \$500 and \$100. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice to and incl. Jan. 1 1933 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1938 at 104 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1943 at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1948 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1952 at 101 and int., and thereafter at par and int. Principal payable at Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Company agrees to refund, upon timely and proper application, the Penn. 4-mill tax, Mass. 6% income tax and Calif. personal property tax not in excess of 4 mills per dollar of the taxable value, to holders resident in those States.

**Listed.**—These bonds are listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

**Data from Letter of Thos. A. O'Hara, Vice-Pres. of the Company.**—**Security.**—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on all the fixed property owned by the company and will be followed by \$500,000 1-year 5% gold notes, \$800,000 7% cumulative pref. stock and 60,000 shares of common stock (no par value).

**Earnings.**—For the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1927 the earnings of the properties of the company, including those recently acquired, after certain adjustments giving effect to present operating conditions, were as follows:

Gross earnings (including other income)	\$1,064,111
Operating expenses	743,191

Net earns. available for int., deprec. and Federal taxes \$320,920  
Annual int. requirements on 1st mtge. gold bonds (incl. this issue) \$165,000

**Company.**—Incorp. Oct. 25 1926 in Delaware. Company acquired the gas properties of the North Pacific Public Service Co. at Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Chehalis and Centralia, all in the State of Washington, as of Nov. 1 1926, and the electric and water properties of the Longview Public Service Co. at Longview, Wash., as of Jan. 31 1927. It has also acquired the gas manufacturing plants located at Tacoma and Everett, Wash., as of Jan. 16 1928.

Company furnishes electric light and power directly at retail without competition in the City of Longview, Wash., and territory adjacent thereto, and manufactured gas in Tacoma, Everett, Olympia, Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Centralia, Chehalis and 3 other communities in Washington. Manufactured gas is also furnished at wholesale to Snohomish and Monroe, and water is supplied at retail in Longview. The total population served is estimated to exceed 230,000 and the aggregate number of gas, electric and water customers is in excess of 23,200.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of This Financing).**

First mortgage gold bonds series of 1947	\$1,750,000
First mtge. gold bonds series of 1953 (this issue)	1,250,000
5% gold notes	500,000
7% cumulative preferred stock	800,000
Common stock (no par value)	60,000 shs.

—V. 124, p. 2283.

**Washington Water Power Co.—Exchange Offer Made to Common Stockholders.**—

Harold T. White, Chairman of the finance committee announces that the common stock holders of this company, subject to the necessary corporate action and arrangement of legal matters, will be offered a opportunity to exchange their stock for American Power & Light Co. 5% cumul. pref. stock in the ratio of 2 2-10 shares of American Power & Light preferred stock for each share of Washington Water Power common stock. The offer is conditioned on acceptance by a sufficient percentage of the Washington Water Power common stock holders. It is expected that the terms of the exchange will be made public shortly.

The Washington Water Power Co. organized in 1889 in Washington and operates 8 hydro-electric power plants located in Washington and Idaho along the Spokane River and at Lake Chelan. The company supplies electric light and power in and around Spokane, in eastern Washington and part of northern Idaho, serving a territory of about 20,000 sq. miles. Large users of its power include the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Ry., Pacific Power & Light Co., a subsidiary of the American Power & Light Co., and the silver-lead mines in the Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho. Power is also interchanged with the Montana Power Co., and Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

The earnings of the company have shown continuous growth and in 1927 gross revenues amounted to nearly \$6,500,000. After liberal deductions for replacement reserves and payment of \$3 per share on the common stock outstanding, \$329,156 was carried to surplus. The company has outstanding \$13,000,000 long term debt, \$5,000,000 of 6½% pref. stock, and \$25,418,000 common stock.

The American Power & Light Co. is one of the largest holding companies in the United States, controlling electric power and gas properties operating in 11 States. The operations of this company are supervised by the Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 125, p. 2672.

**Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc.—Earnings.**—

	12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	x1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross revenues	-----	134,246,561	136,406,026	129,151,617	115,235,566
Maintenance b	-----	20,837,891	20,843,095	19,731,321	19,121,377
Other oper. expenses	-----	94,764,491	97,931,737	90,897,521	80,460,188

Net earnings \$18,644,179  
Deduct—Int. on bd. deb. 3,584,331  
Approp. for cable dev. 2,426,145

Net income \$15,059,848  
Incl. divs. & int. b Repairs & reserve for deprec. c Incl. rent of lease lines and taxes. x Month of Dec. 1927 estimated.—V. 125, p. 2267.

**Westphalia United Electric Power Corp., Germany.**—To Offer \$20,000,000 6% Bonds Monday Next.—Speyer & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., will offer for public subscription Monday at 92¼ and int., yielding about 6.60% \$20,000,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Jan. 1 1953. For further announcement in connection with the forthcoming issue see under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 125, p. 3064.

**Weymouth Light & Power Co.—To Issue Stock.**—

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issue by the company at \$30 per share, as determined by the directors, of 3.33 shares of additional capital stock, par \$25. The proceeds are to be applied solely to the payment and cancellation of \$83,444 of obligations of the company represented by its promissory notes outstanding on Dec. 31 1925 and the remainder to be applied to the payment of obligations incurred or to be incurred for extensions, additions and enlargements to the plant and property subsequent to Dec. 31 1925, which are properly capitalizable. All unsubscribed for shares are ordered by the Commission to be offered for sale at public auction.—V. 124, p. 2283.

**Youngstown & Suburban Ry.—New Control.**—

Control of this company, which owns a 20-mile electric interurban line extending from Youngstown, O., to Leetonia, O., has passed to Samuel Insull & Son, Chicago, utility interests. The road has been in the hands of the bondholders for many years.—V. 116, p. 2390.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

**Refined Sugar Prices.**—No price changes were announced during the week. **Shoe Workers at Haverhill, Mass., Strike Against Wage Cut.**—About 5,000 workers in 37 factories vote to strike against new wage agreement calling for wage cuts of from 10% to 35%. Action was taken without sanction of Shoe Workers' Protective Union which, jointly with the Haverhill Shoe Manufacturers Association, supports a board of arbitration with a neutral chairman. "Sun" and "Wall St. Journal" Jan. 19.

It was later reported that about 1,500 of Haverhill's 9,000 striking shoe workers returned after their wage demands had been granted. Thirteen independent factories reached an agreement with the Shoe Workers' Union under which 1927 wages will be paid. The other 7,500 workers remained on strike. "Wall Street Journal" Jan. 20, p. 11.

**Proposed Textile Wage Cut.**—The Cotton Manufacturers' Association of Fall River, Mass., and the Textile Council after conferences propose 10% wage cut affecting about 25,000 operatives, effective Jan. 30. Union meetings will be held next week to vote on the proposition. "New York Times" Jan. 20, p. 36.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 14.**—(a) Bank clearings in 1927 and the course of trade and speculation, p. 155-166. (b) Hope of Cuban sugar industry lies in Sugar Export Co.—Sugar Commission diversification prohibited under tenant farmers' contracts, p. 175. (c) Mexican sugar agreement, p. 175. (d) Organization of Sugar Institute, Inc. under law of New York—E. D. Babst, President, p. 176. (e) Cuban sugar reduction, p. 177. (f) President Simmons of N. Y. Stock Exchange on development during year broadening position of Exchange as International market. Record volume of business on exchange in 1927, p. 192. (g) Raymond J. Schweizer suspended from N. Y. Stock Exchange for period of six months, p. 192. (h) Annual review of New York Curb Market—Record trading in securities—Increase in price of seats—Admission of foreign stocks, p. 192. (i) New York Curb Market suspends Charles Lechner from membership for one year, p. 193. (j) Members of nominating committee of New York Stock Exchange, p. 193. (k) S. P. Arnot elected President of Chicago Board of Trade, p. 193.

**Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Plan Operative.**—

President Alexander Smith announces that the plan for the acquisition by the company of the common stock of the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd., Fort William Paper Co., Ltd., Manitoba Paper Co., Ltd., Ste. Anne Paper Co., Ltd., and Murray Bay Paper Co., Ltd., dated Oct. 24 1927, has been declared effective. It was further announced that 97% of the aggregate shares of these companies has been deposited under the plan. L. R. Wilson will continue as managing director of the enlarged company, and no change in the personnel of the different organizations is contemplated. See V. 125, p. 3064, 2389.

**Adams Express Co.—New Member of Board.**—

William T. Hoops has been elected a member of the board of managers of the Adams Express Co. Mr. Hoops is President of the L. O. L. Co., the owner of the patents and containers for less than carload lots of freight now in use on the lines of the New York Central and Lehigh Valley RR companies. The United States Freight Co. has a contract for the use of the L. O. L. containers and negotiations for a service on the lines of the Pennsylvania RR. are in progress.—V. 125, p. 2939, 3483.

**Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., Hartford, Conn.—Stock Dividend—Rights.**—

The directors have voted to distribute to stockholders of record Jan. 2 the 4,000 shares of Aetna Life Insurance Co. stock now owned on the basis of one Life Insurance share for each five Casualty shares held. In addition the directors voted to increase the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 by offering stockholders of record Jan. 21, the rights to subscribe for one new share for each two existing shares at \$100 a share. Subscriptions are payable in full on or before April 15. The distribution of the stock of the Aetna Life Insurance Co. and the subscription to the new stock of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. will

be handled by the Hartford National Bank & Trust Co., 36 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Terms of Exchange of Securities to McClaren Rubber Co. Stockholders—Earnings.—

See that company below. The earnings appearing in last week's "Chronicle," page 254 are those of the Ajax company and not the Mc Claren company as shown.—V. 126, p. 254.

Alaska Packers Association.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, both payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 31. Extra dividends of \$2 per share were paid annually from Feb. 1917 to Feb. 1927, incl., excepting in Feb. 1926. In addition the company paid a special cash dividend of \$20 in Feb. 1918, one of \$25 (in Liberty bonds) in Feb. 1919 and one of \$20 (in Liberty bonds) in Feb. 1920.

Comparative Income Account Years Ending Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Profit cannery opera's, Ins. fund & misc. income, Total net profit, Earnings per sh. on 57,508 shs. cap. stk. (par \$100), etc.

Alliance Realty Co., New York.—Annual Report.—

Years End, Dec. 31—1927, 1926, 1925. Net income from real estate operations and sales, Interest on mortgages, etc.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net profit, Inc. from other invest. (incl. int.), Total income, General corporate exps. & taxes, Net earnings, Previous surplus, Dividends in stock, Dividends in cash, Profit and loss surplus, etc.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (N. Y. C. real est., Other N. Y. City real estate inv., Bonds and mtges., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accrued interest payable, Sundry accounts payable, etc.).

American Beet Sugar Co.—Production.—

The production of the company's six mills (in bags of 100 lbs.) follows:

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Okland, Calif., Rocky Ford, Colo., Grand Forks, Minn., Mason City, Iowa, Chaska, Minn., Grand Island, Neb., etc.

American British & Continental Corp.—Listed.—

There have been listed on the Boston Stock Exchange allotment certificates representing 100,000 shares of the 1st pref. and 100,000 shares of common stock. These allotment certificates were 50% paid as listed. The Exchange is now advised that such certificates representing 42,248 shares of 1st preferred and the same number of common shares have been full-paid and the respective shares of 1st preferred and common stocks issued to the holders. In addition, allotment certificates representing 10,116 shares of 1st preferred and common stock have been full paid, but the shares not distributed.

The number of allotment certificates, 50% paid, therefore, on the Exchange list is reduced to 47,636. There is placed on the list 1st preferred shares, each share without par value to the number of 42,248.

Transfer agents for the 1st preferred shares: Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, N. Y. Registrars: Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Chase National Bank, New York, N. Y.—V. 125, p. 2812.

American Metal Co., Ltd.—Exchange Offer to Preferred Stockholders—Rights.—

The directors have voted to issue 100,000 shares of 6% cum. non-callable convertible pref. stock (par \$100) and have called a special meeting of the stockholders for March 8, the same day as the annual meeting, to vote on the proposed issue. The new pref. stock will be convertible up to Dec. 1 1939, into common stock as follows: Up to Dec. 1 1931, at the rate of 1-2-3 shares of common for each share of new pref.; up to Dec. 1 1935, 1-1/2 shares of common, and up to Dec. 1 1939, 1-1-3 shares of common for each share of new pref. stock.

Of the new issue, 55,000 shares are to be offered in exchange for the 50,000 shares of 7% pref. stock outstanding, which is callable on 75 days' notice on any int. date at 110 and int. The new stock will be exchanged in the ratio of 1-1-10 shares for one of the old preferred.

The remaining 45,000 shares will be offered to stockholders, both pref. and common, of record Feb. 18, for cash subscription at par and div. from March 1 1928, to the extent of 7% of the total present holdings. The 45,000 shares have been underwritten at the same price and terms, without commission or compensation, by a group of stockholders and directors actively interested in the company.

The purpose of the new issue is to offer holders of the present preferred an opportunity to exchange their shares for new preferred before the present preferred stock is called for retirement, and also to provide additional capital for expansion.—V. 125, p. 2531.

American Rayon Products Corp.—New Officers, &c.—

H. Doggweiler has been elected Vice-President in charge of production and L. W. Tompkins, Vice-President in charge of sales. Earle G. Childs, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 3212.

American Rediscount Corp.—Directors.—

At the annual meeting of common voting stockholders the following directors were elected: Clarence Y. Palitz, L. H. Hendricks, E. R. Gerken, James Duane Livingston, L. Brooks Leavitt, H. R. Johnston and S. Sargeant Volck.—V. 125, p. 1975.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Rights—Listed.—

The common stockholders of record Jan. 10 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 1 for 163,485 4/5 additional shares of common stock (par \$25) at \$75 per share on the basis of one new share for each 6 3/8 shares held.

The company has called for redemption all of its outstanding 15-year sinking fund 6% gold notes, dated Jan. 1 1923, and all of its outstanding 7% cum. pref. stock, the notes at 104 1/2 and int., the stock at 110 and divs. Such notes and stock, at their respective call prices with accrued lat. or divs., will be accepted in lieu of cash in payment for subscriptions, accrued int. and divs. to be figured as of the dates of such subscription payments. Stock so tendered must be endorsed in blank by the owner.

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$25,000,000 5% sinking fund gold debentures, due 1948. See offering in V. 126, p. 255.

American Surety Co.—Annual Report.—

Results for Period Ended Dec. 31 1927.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926. Rows include Income from premiums, Expenses, Surplus, Overdue premiums, Securities sold and appreciation of securities unsold, Total surplus, Dividends, Profit and loss surplus.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Real estate, U. S. bonds, Other bonds, Stocks, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Sur. & undiv. prof., Res. unearn. prem., etc.).

At the annual meeting John Anderson (of Chas. Pfizer & Co.), a member of the board, was elected to the executive committee of the board. Three new Vice-Presidents, all of whom have been in the employ of the company more than 24 years, were elected. The new Vice-Presidents are George L. Naught, B. J. McGinn, and A. E. Cotterell.—V. 125, p. 3484.

American Wholesale Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—1927, 1926, 1925, 1924.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Gross sales, Net earnings, Federal taxes (est.), Net earnings, Pref. dividends (7%), Balance surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Deprec. on mach., Federal taxes previous years (adjusted), Disc. on pref. stock retir., Profit and loss, Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par), Earnings per sh. on com.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Real est., pl'ts, & ca, Inventories, Notes & accts. rec., Investments, Cash, Cash dep. for div., Sundry loans, Inv. in affil. co., Empl. sub. stock., Depr. charges.) and Liabilities (Pref. 7% cum. stk., Com. stk. (no par), Accounts payable, Deposit accounts, Other curr. liab., Federal taxes (est.), Divs. payable, Purch. mon. mtges., Surplus).

Total \$17,301,984 \$16,592,944 Total \$17,301,984 \$16,592,944

a After deducting \$1,027,862 for depreciation. b Pref. stock authorized, \$9,000,000, less unissued, \$500,000; retired, \$2,560,500. c Common stock (no par) authorized, 150,000 shares; unissued, 53,321 shares; outstanding, 96,679 shares.—V. 125, p. 522.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—To Expand.—

The directors have approved a plan to increase the facilities of the company's plant at East St. Louis by an expenditure of \$700,000. Most of the operations at the Hillsboro plant will be transferred there when the improvements have been made, but the zinc oxide plant at Hillsboro will be kept in reserve in the event of a breakdown at the Columbus (O.) plant. The sulphuric acid storage facilities at East St. Louis will be increased from 1,500 tons to 4,500 tons. No new financing is proposed.—V. 125, p. 2532.

Armstrong Cork Co. (Pittsburgh.)—To Recapitalize.—

The stockholders will vote March 19 on approving, (a) the reduction of the capital stock from \$40,000,000 to \$30,000,000 by the retirement of all of the authorized preferred stock, aggregating \$10,000,000, including the purchase and retirement or redemption and retirement of all of the outstanding shares of preferred stock, aggregating \$4,000,000; (b) the conversion of all of the outstanding common stock consisting of 240,864 shares of the par value of \$100 each into 963,456 shares without par value, and the conversion of all of the authorized but unissued common stock, consisting of 53,136 shares par \$100 each, into 591,360 shares without par value; (c) the issue and disposal of the shares of capital stock of the company without par value for such consideration as may be fixed, from time to time, by the stockholders or by the board of directors and, with respect to not exceeding 40,000 of said shares to authorize the directors, in their discretion from time to time, (1) to select and designate the persons, whether stockholders of the company or not, to whom such shares shall be sold and to determine the number of shares to be sold to each, and (2) to fix the selling price thereof.—V. 125, p. 3484.

Atlanta (Ga.) Laundries, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—

Offering was made yesterday of a new issue of \$1,500,000 1st lien 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds (with stock purchase warrants) by Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La.; Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn.; Citizens & Southern Co.; Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta and Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc., New York. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1928, due Jan. 1 1943 and are priced at 100 and int. to yield 6 1/2%.

Each first lien bond will bear a detachable warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase common stock of the company at \$10 per share in the ratio of 15 shares to each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds up to and including Dec. 31 1930. The purchasing price increases \$2 biennially thereafter and to incl. Dec. 31 1942 the purchase price shall be \$20 per share.

Atlanta Laundries, Inc. was organized for the purpose of acquiring the business, real estate, buildings, machinery, equipment and trade routes of 10 of the leading independent laundries operating in the City of Atlanta. The consolidation will place the business of these companies under one management which will control about 90% of the laundry business in the city and about 75% of the dry cleaning business. These laundries serve about 60,000 customers weekly and average annual volume of business for the past two years was in excess of \$2,730,000.

Earnings.—For the two years and 11 months ended Nov. 30 1927 net earnings available for bond interest charges, depreciation and Federal taxes after giving effect to adjustment in executive salaries were \$1,159,025, or an annual average of \$397,380, the latter being equal to over four times maximum annual interest charges on the issue now offered.

**Auburn (Ind.) Automobile Co.—Orders.—**

The Limousine Body Co., a subsidiary, has orders for 4,000 bodies to be delivered the first half of 1928, it is stated. This compares with production of 2,500 the first half of 1927.—V. 125, p. 3645.

**Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc.—To Dispose of Unprofitable Units—Season's Pack Unsatisfactory.—**

The corporation proposes to continue to follow in 1928 its program of disposing of unprofitable branches and subsidiaries. The three packing subsidiaries of the company are the Wilson Fisheries Co., the salmon packing unit, the Seacoast Packing Co., the tuna and sardine packing unit and the Fame Canning Co., the vegetable unit. It was admitted by the company that some of the plants, of which there are 13, controlled by the 3 subsidiaries, had been unprofitable, and that steps shortly will be taken to dispose of them. Other plants, particularly the vegetable canning plants, which have shown profit, will be retained. The company has succeeded in disposing of its grocery branches in about 7 cities, leaving only one main plant located in Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Thomas F. McCarthy, Executive Vice-President, stated:**

The canning operations of Austin, Nichols & Co. for the past season were unsatisfactory. The Wilson Fisheries Co., the salmon unit, packed only 85,000 cases of salmon and the total pack in southeastern Alaska was only 985,000 cases against 3,042,008 cases in 1926.

The Seacoast Packing Corp., located in East San Pedro, Calif., the tuna and sardine unit, packed but 7,500 cases of white meat and 26,500 cases of all other varieties of tuna. This shortage was general; the entire pack amounted to but 70,000 cases white meat tuna and the final figures for other varieties are not available. We are now in the middle of the sardine packing season and indications are that the run and pack will be normal.

Due to the large carry-over of canned vegetables from 1926, the Fame Canning Co. had curtailed its acreage in expectancy of a normal yield. Crops in the company's section were poor and the company packed only 235,169 cases of peas and 76,753 cases of corn. The total pack of peas in the country was 13,000,000 cases against 17,700,000 in 1926, while the total pack of corn was 10,000,000 cases against 20,000,000 in 1926. The company will undoubtedly show an operating loss when the final inventories are taken.

The grocery end of the business is showing satisfactory progress. We have completed the liquidation of the New Haven branch with two sub-branches and our grocery business is now conducted from the Brooklyn plant.—V. 125, p. 249.

**Baltimore Steam Packet Co.—Co-Agent.—**

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with the Continental Trust Co., Baltimore, Md., for the payment of Baltimore Steam Packet Co. 5% note coupons. (See offering in V. 125, p. 1328.)—V. 125, p. 3202.

**Bankers Investment Trust of America.—Stocks Offered.—**

—The company with offices at 37 Wall St., New York, is offering \$2,000,000 debenture shares at par (\$10 per share) and div. and 200,000 common shares (no par value) at \$12 per share.

Exempt from normal Federal income tax and multiple state inheritance taxes. Equitable Trust Co. of New York, transfer agent; Bank of America, N. Y. City, registrar. Depositories, Equitable Trust Co. of New York, and First National Bank, Johnstown, Pa.

*Authorized Capitalization.*

Debenture shares, 6% cum. (par \$10).....5,000,000 shs.  
Common shares (no par value).....5,000,000 shs.

Bankers Investment Trust of America is an investment trust created to provide 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.

The trust procures its capital from the sale of its own shares. These funds are invested by experienced trustees in seasoned and readily marketable dividend-paying securities subject to definite restriction. Through the accumulation and reinvestment of reserves, the stability and income are increased.

The capital structure and plan of operation of the Bankers Investment Trust of America was designed to give the greatest security to its shareholders consistent with flexibility of operations. The debenture shares provide a high degree of safety as before debenture shares may be issued, there must be an original minimum capital protection of 200% of the amount of debenture shares outstanding. The common shares are attractive because they provide an opportunity to participate in the future growth and enhancement in value of the equities of the trust.

**Standards of Investment and Diversification.**—The declaration of trust of the Bankers Investment Trust of America and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder provide, that "none of its funds may be invested in the bonds or stocks of any new or unproven enterprise," that the trust "may not engage in promotion or business management of any nature." They further provide that, "of the total fund of the trust invested, and available for investment, not more than 5% shall be invested at any one time in securities originating in any one country, excepting the United States and Canada, and not more than 25% of the total shall be invested at any one time in securities originating in Canada. Not more than 15% of the total funds may be invested at any time in any one distinct class of business or industry. Not more than 3% of the total funds may be invested in the securities of any one company." This latter provision is particularly important from the standpoint of safety, for it will be noted that every \$1,000 must be invested in at least 33 different securities. In actual practice it will probably number 100 or more. No argument is needed to demonstrate the many advantages of such a distribution as compared with \$1,000 invested in any one issue, regardless of its merit.

**Earnings.**—The assets of the trust consist of bonds, dividend-paying pref. and common stocks and time or call loans. Thus a certain constant income is assured at all times which should be sufficient to cover the dividend requirements of the debenture shares and a good return on the common shares. The factor of prime importance to the holders of the common shares, however, arises out of the opportunity for increase in value of the securities purchased and held. It must be remembered that the trust does not attempt to trade in the market nor endeavor only to catch the "short swings." It operates on the "long pull" method only. The experience of years has demonstrated conclusively that a wide range of carefully selected securities bought after big breaks in the market and held for the major advances that follow will yield handsome profits. It is these profits that will accrue to the common shares of this trust and ultimately greatly enhance their value.

**Debenture Share Protection.**—The articles of trust further provide: That, "the par value of the number of debenture shares outstanding at any time must not exceed the book value of the common shares then outstanding."

That, "when all cum. divs. herein provided upon the debenture shares shall have been paid the trustees shall set aside on the books of the trust an amount equal to 25% of the remaining net earnings, until an amount has accumulated sufficient to cover 3 years annual divs. on the debenture shares outstanding."

That, "in the event of any liquidation, dissolution, voluntary or involuntary winding up of this trust, before any amounts shall be paid to, or any assets distributed among the holders of common shares, the holders of debenture shares shall be entitled to receive either in cash or in property or both, in the discretion of the trustees, an amount equivalent in value to the par value of each debenture share plus an amount equal to any div. arrearages, plus 6%. After such payment in full to the holders of debenture shares, the holders of common shares shall be entitled to receive the remaining assets of the trust in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively."

That, "no amendment or alteration of this declaration of trust shall authorize the issuance of any pref. or debenture shares of any class having preference over the debenture shares herein authorized, or in any way affect the rights of the holders of debenture shares herein authorized, unless consented to by the holders of at least two-thirds of the debenture shares outstanding and consented to by the holders of at least two-thirds of the com. shares then outstanding, said consent to be in writing and filed by trustees."

**Trustees.**—Lemon L. Smith (Pres.), Joel Rathbone, James A. Pollock Jr. (Hayden, Stone & Co.), N. Y. City; David Barry, Johnstown, Pa.; Walter D. Varner (Sec.).

**Advisory Board.**—Arnold L. Davis, Waldo Newcomer, Herbert W. Goodall, L. C. Blades, Edward W. Davis, Merrill G. Baker, Frederic Rasmussen, Robert M. Field, Horace C. Kaufmann.—V. 125, p. 3484.

**Bing & Bing, Inc. (& Sub. & Affil. Cos.)—Earnings.—**

Period End.—	Quarter Ended			12 Mos End
	Dec. 31.	Sept. 30.	June 30.	
Earns. from management				
construction, &c. ....	\$514,441	\$276,644	\$431,188	\$1,665,800
Other inc., int. & disc. ....	199,731	350,206	204,238	946,030
Gross earnings .....	\$714,172	\$626,850	\$635,426	\$2,611,830
Expenses .....	128,632	106,589	96,499	426,939
Res. for depr. & amort. ....	284,336	199,861	199,861	883,919

Net inc. avail. for bond int. & Fed. taxes ... \$301,204 \$320,400 \$339,066 \$1,300,972  
x Partly estimated.—V. 125, p. 2269.

**Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co.—To Increase Quarterly Dividend from 4% to 5%.—**

At a meeting of the executive committee held on Jan. 18, it was voted to recommend to the board of directors at its meeting to be held on Jan. 23, the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 5%, instead of 4%, payable Feb. 15, to holders of record Feb. 8.—V. 125, p. 1843.

**Borden Co.—To Acquire Merrell-Soule Co.—**

The company in a letter to the stockholders states that contracts have been signed whereby it will acquire the assets and business of the Merrell-Soule Co. (V. 125, p. 2946) and its subsidiaries, including the Canadian Milk Products Co., Ltd., and Merrell-Soule Co. of England. Merrell-Soule Co. is engaged in the sale and manufacture of dried whole milk under the trade mark of "Klim" as well as "Parlac" and other brands and dried skimmed milk under "Merrell-Soule," "Breadlac" and other trade marks. The company is the largest single producer of dried whole milk, of which the Borden Co. produces none. Merrell-Soule has also produced and sold since 1885 "None Such Mince Meat" and has recently developed and placed on sale dried lemon and dried orange juice.

The Merrell-Soule Co., Inc., New York, was incorporated in Delaware on Jan. 18 1928 with an authorized stated capitalization of \$1,000,000.—V. 126, p. 255.

**Brunner Turbine & Equipment Co. (Erste Bruenner Maschinen-Fabriks Gesellschaft), Brunn Czechoslovakia.—Bondholders Get Extension.—**

Holders of the 7½% closed 1st mtge. 30-year sinking fund gold bonds and holders of certificates of deposits thereto have been devised by the deposit committee (William Barclay Parsons, Chairman) of an extension to and including Feb. 15 1928 of the date for acceptance of the company's offer as submitted to the bondholders by the deposit committee in its proposal dated Dec. 15 1927. Jan. 16 was the time limit previously set.

The deposit committee is advised that, including deposits in London and those received up to the close of business Jan. 16, holders of over \$2,860,000 of bonds (out of a total of approximately \$2,970,000 necessary for consummation of the offer) have already accepted the terms proposed. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is designated as depository.—V. 126, p. 256.

**Bucyrus-Erie Co.—Initial Dividends.—**

The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 25c. per share on the common stock (par \$10), 1¼% on the 7% preferred and 62¼% on the convertible preference stock, all payable April 2 to holders of record March 10.—V. 126, p. 3646, 3485.

**Burroughs Adding Machine Co.—Special Dividend of \$1.—**

The directors on Jan. 18 declared a special div. of \$1 per share on the outstanding 800,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Jan. 31. On June 10 last, the company paid a special cash div. of like amount, while on March 1 1927, it paid a 33 1-3% stock dividend.—V. 125, p. 1535.

**(A. M.) Byers Co.—Annual Report—Tenders.—**

(Including operations of Orient Coal & Coke Co. since Feb. 1 1925.)

Years Ending	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales (net) .....	\$11,415,945	\$11,843,061	\$10,909,412
Cost of sales .....	8,131,986	8,309,275	8,090,037
Gross manufacturing profit .....	\$3,283,958	\$3,533,786	\$2,819,375
Other income .....	104,612	137,597	104,422
Total income .....	\$3,388,570	\$3,671,383	\$2,923,797
Administrative general & selling exp. ....	850,894	809,506	790,091
Experimental, special charges, &c. ....	178,350	93,416	72,317
Prov. for depreciation, &c. ....	654,456	660,124	590,768
Prov. for conting. & idle time .....	68,034	143,550	—
Interest disc. & expense of bonds .....	47,826	279,831	265,608
Federal income taxes .....	175,766	228,285	164,762
Special charges .....	36,006	—	—
Net profit .....	\$1,377,237	\$1,465,673	\$1,040,251
Preferred dividends .....	425,526	308,971	317,820
Div. on com. ....	—	—	236,572
Surplus .....	\$951,711	\$1,156,702	\$485,859
Previous surplus .....	2,814,355	1,816,351	1,330,491
Total surplus .....	\$3,766,066	\$2,973,053	\$1,816,350
Prem. and unamort. disc. and expense of bonds retired .....	391,019	—	—
Profit and loss charges .....	—	158,698	—
Profit & loss surplus .....	\$3,375,045	\$2,814,355	\$1,816,350
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par) .....	199,340	150,000	150,000
Earns. per sh. on common .....	\$4.77	\$7.71	\$4.82
x Old common stock retired in 1925.			

*Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.*

	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
<b>Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment .....	x8,260,737	8,526,933	7,108,800	4,423,300
Good-will .....	1	1	4,222,680	750,000
Invest. in sub. ....	500,000	—	—	—
Pref. stock purch. for employees .....	135,020	75,992	2,673,884	2,673,884
Adv. pay. on ore contracts .....	2,590,161	3,208,214	—	3,628,000
Accts. & notes rec. ....	25,131	94,081	251,401	286,670
Investments .....	1,096,864	1,220,022	153,068	197,854
Cash on time dep. ....	2,193,194	789,514	—	—
Cash in banks, &c. ....	283,641	651,047	—	—
Deferred charges .....	124,093	293,581	—	—
<b>Liabilities</b>				
7% preferred stock .....	—	—	6,108,800	4,423,300
Common stock .....	—	—	4,222,680	750,000
Cap. sur., incl. sur. arising from appraisal of prop. ....	—	—	2,673,884	2,673,884
1st Mt. 6s, 1945 .....	—	—	—	3,628,000
Accounts payable .....	—	—	251,401	286,670
Accrued payroll .....	—	—	153,068	197,854
Accr. gen. tax & expenses .....	—	—	78,414	63,802
Accr. current Fed'l taxes .....	—	—	198,319	250,058
Accr. bond interest .....	—	—	—	54,422
Pref. div. payable .....	—	—	106,994	77,408
Res. for relling, renewals, &c. ....	—	—	136,407	105,320
Res. for conting. ....	—	—	603,919	534,314
Surplus .....	—	—	3,375,044	2,814,354

Total (ea. side) 17,908,842 15,859,386  
x After deducting \$1,138,352 reserve for depreciation and depletion.  
y Represented by 199,340 shares of no par value.

For the purpose of using the separate sinking fund set aside by the board of directors and consisting of 10% of the net earnings of this company for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1927, Treas. Frank G. Love has been directed by the board to advertise for offers for the sale of 7% stock to the company, and tenders for the sale of such stock to the company have therefore been invited. Such tenders must be received at the office of the company on or before noon, Feb. 1 1928.—V. 125, p. 2813, 785.

**Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—No Dividend for 1927.—**

The company has omitted its dividend for 1927, as earnings were not sufficient to warrant payment. On Dec. 24 1926 the company paid a dividend of 50 cents a share.

The company mined almost as much zinc-lead-silver ore in 1927 as in 1926, the output for last year consisting of 133,944 tons of zinc ore, from which were produced 586,743 ounces of silver, 10,374,347 lbs. of lead and



**Credit Alliance Corp.—Elected Officials for New Year.**

At the annual meeting of stockholders held last week, Clarence Y. Palitz, James Duane Livingston, Esmond P. O'Brien, L. Brooks Leavitt, and F. H. Marcus were elected directors for the ensuing year. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following were elected officers of the corporation for the coming year: Clarence Y. Palitz, President and Treasurer; James Duane Livingston, Vice-President; and Esmond P. O'Brien, Secretary and Vice-President. Appointments made were: James Duane Livingston, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; Esmond P. O'Brien, Assistant Treasurer; Warren R. Forster, Assistant Treasurer; F. E. Marcus, Assistant Secretary, and W. R. Forster, Comptroller.—V. 126, p. 110.

**Crecent Insulated Wire & Cable Co., Inc.—Bonds.**

Twenty-five (\$25,000) 1st & closed mtge. 15-year 6 1/4% sinking fund gold bonds have been called for redemption Feb. 1 at 105 and int. at the Dollar Savings & Trust Co., trustee, 526 Federal St., Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 119, p. 3014.

**Cresson Consol. Gold Mining & Milling Co.—Earnings.**

The net profit for the fourth quarter of the year 1927, after deduction of all expenses, treatment and transportation charges, is as follows:

	Net Tons	Average Gr. Val.	Net Returns.
October	7,949	\$11.05	\$107,740
November	2,901	12.32	108,923
December (est.)	8,800	12.04	29,000

As of Dec. 31 1927, the company has cash in bank of \$764,856. Compare V. 125, p. 2270.

**Curtiss Aeroplane Export Corp.—Transfer Agent.**

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent and the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. as registrar for the common and preferred stock of the above corporation. See also V. 126, p. 257.

**Cushman's Sons, Inc.—Extra Dividend on Common Stock Payable in \$8 Cumulative Dividend Preferred Stock.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$3 per share on the common stock, payable in \$8 cumul. pref. stock, and the regular quarterly cash dividends of \$1 per share on the common, 1 1/4% on the 7% preferred and \$2 per share on the \$8 cumul. pref. stock, all payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. In Jan. 1927, the company also declared a dividend of \$3 per share in \$8 cumul. div. pref. stock, on the common stock, payable one-half on March 1 and one-half on Sept. 1 1927. (See V. 125 p. 513.—V. 125, p. 2270.)

**(Alfred) Decker & Cohn, Inc.—Annual Report.**

Years End. Oct. 31—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Profit after exp. & depr.	\$437,779	\$536,493	\$592,802	\$417,107
Provision for Fed. tax	60,000	70,000	107,525	60,000
Net income	\$377,779	\$466,493	\$485,277	\$357,107
Preferred dividends	56,028	70,542	103,808	136,797
Common dividends	(\$2)200,000	(\$2)200,000	(\$1)100,000	(50c.)50,000
Balance surplus	\$121,753	\$195,951	\$281,469	\$170,310
Previous surplus	\$1,469,174	\$1,204,396	\$911,993	\$704,939
Disc. on pref. stk. purch.	Dr.24,582	Dr.12,531	Cr.10,934	Cr.36,744
Adjustments		xCr.81,359		
Profit and loss surplus	\$1,566,345	\$1,469,174	\$1,204,396	\$911,993
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. com (no par)	\$3.22	\$3.96	\$3.81	\$2.20
x Adjustments in book values of investments, properties, &c., less prior year's Federal taxes.				

**Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.**

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment	\$304,770	\$260,026	Common stock	\$1,554,270	\$1,554,270
Good-will, &c.	1	1	Preferred stock	619,500	849,000
Invest'ts & adv.	298,388	250,541	Bills payable	1,023,035	708,128
Inventories	1,678,931	1,564,037	Accounts payable	212,677	208,584
Accts. & bills rec.	2,450,160	2,376,227	Payrolls	58,291	47,125
Cash	184,518	300,893	Fed. & gen. taxes & accrued int.	92,112	106,819
Cash val. of ins.	77,704	54,883	Profit and loss	1,566,345	1,469,174
Deferred charges	131,760	127,473			
Total	\$5,126,232	\$4,943,081	Total	\$5,126,232	\$4,943,081

a After deducting \$782,379 reserve for depreciation and including \$35,324 for land and building not used for business purposes. b Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 513.

**Deere & Co. of Moline, Ill.—Initial Common Dividend.**

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the outstanding \$17,904,400 common stock, par \$100, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock. The common dividend is payable April 1 to holders of record March 15 and the pref. dividend on March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. The last of the dividend accumulations, on the senior issue was paid on Dec. 1 last. See V. 125, p. 2393.

**Detroit City Service Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Hoagland, Allum & Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and West & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$1,300,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds series A. Dated July 1 1927, due July 1 1937. See original offering and description in V. 125, p. 102.

**Data from Letter of President Geo. H. Kittredge, Jan. 17.**

**Company.**—A Michigan corporation. Is engaged in the manufacture and distribution, both wholesale and retail, of artificial ice in Detroit, Mich. It is now acquiring the business of the National Ice Co., with 3 modern plants in Detroit and one in Toledo, Ohio, and the Detroit Consumers' Co., with one plant in Detroit. The business through its predecessors was established over 25 years ago and at the present time supplies a large percentage of the ice used in Detroit. Diversification of the company's business is being provided through the development of a substantial fuel business which will constitute a material addition to the company's activities during the winter months.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First mortgage gold bonds (this issue)	a	\$4,300,000
6 1/2% gold notes (V. 125, p. 1586)	1,250,000	1,250,000
Cumulative preferred stock	2,500,000	2,150,000
Common stock	200,000 shs.	200,000 shs.

a Issue of additional bonds restricted by provisions of the mortgage.  
**Security.**—Secured by first mortgage on all of the fixed assets of the company subject only to \$400,000 purchase money lien against one parcel of property. Appraisal by independent experts shows a net value of such assets and directly covered by this mortgage (including those properties to be acquired) in excess of \$7,500,000. The value of real estate alone, after deducting the \$400,000 purchase money lien, consisting of 19 valuable plots in the City of Detroit, one in the City of Hamtramck, a separate municipality but entirely within the corporate limits of the City of Detroit, and one in the city of Toledo, O., has been appraised at over \$4,500,000, or in excess of this entire bond issue. The balance sheet of the company will show total net assets of over \$8,500,000.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated income of the properties now owned by Detroit City Service Co. (but not including National Ice Co. and Detroit Consumers' Co. now being acquired) for the years ended Dec. 31 was as follows:

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales	\$2,672,772	\$2,935,445	\$2,448,069	\$2,623,447
Net profit before deprec., int. and Federal taxes	710,475	766,312	627,976	621,295
Depreciation at mtge. rate	103,547	113,691	93,561	100,326
Balance	606,927	652,621	534,415	520,968

Net earnings applicable to bond interest, depreciation, &c., for the period July 1 1927 (upon this date the Detroit City Service Co. commenced business) to Oct. 31 1927, as reported by the company, and including such net earnings of National Ice Co. and Detroit Consumers' Co. now being acquired were \$478,125. As this 4 months' period represents the most favorable months, these figures are in excess of the average based on an annual earning capacity. Maximum annual interest requirements of this entire bond issue total \$279,500.

**Purpose.**—This additional \$1,300,000 bonds are to be issued in connection with the acquisition of the properties and business of the National Ice Co., the Detroit Consumers Co., other real estate and additions and improvements.—V. 125, p. 1586.

**Detroit-Michigan Stove Co.—Preferred Stock Called.**

The company has called for redemption on Mar. 1 next, at 102 and divs. 10% of its outstanding \$3,000,000 7% pref. stock. Payment will be made at the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, Mich. This company is a consolidation of the Michigan Stove Co. and the Detroit Stove Works (V. 121, p. 2881).

**Detroit (Mich.) Stove Works.—Consolidation.**

See Detroit-Michigan Stove Co. above.—V. 121, p. 2881.

**Dome Mines, Ltd.—Preliminary Earnings.**

Period—	Quar. Ended Dec. 31—	12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—
No. of tons milled	1927. 136,600	1926. 142,200
Total recovery	\$1,101,493	\$978,372
Oper. & gen. costs	556,901	629,415
Federal taxes	Cr. 830	22,686
Operating profits	\$545,422	\$326,272
Other income	47,940	102,065
x Total income	\$593,362	\$428,337
x Before allowing for depreciation and depletion	\$1,960,584	\$1,742,760

—V. 126, p. 257.

**Donnacona Paper Co., Ltd.—Debentures Offered.**

Royal Securities Corp., New York, are offering at 99 1/2 and int., to yield about 6.05% \$4,000,000 6% 20-year gold debentures, Series "A."

Dated Feb. 1 1928; maturing Feb. 1 1948. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in Canadian gold coin or its equivalent, at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Ottawa, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina, Vancouver or Victoria; or at the option of the holder, in United States gold coin or its equivalent, at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, or in sterling at the Bank of Montreal, London, Eng., at the rate of \$4.86 2-3 to £1. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500c\*. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice, at a premium of 5% up to and incl. Feb. 1 1929, thereafter at a premium of 5% less 1/4 of 1% each year up to and incl. Feb. 1 1947, and thereafter until maturity without premium; in each case with accrued int. Trustee: Montreal Trust Co., Montreal.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, due 1948	\$12,000,000	\$7,000,000
20-year gold debentures, due 1948	6,000,000	\$4,000,000
Common shares (no par value)	200,000 shs.	150,000 shs

a of Series "A," 5 1/2%, b of Series "A," 6%.  
**Stock Purchase Warrant.**—Each \$1,000 debenture of Series "A" will carry a non-detachable right entitling the holder to purchase two shares of no par value common stock at \$40 per share up to and incl. Feb. 1 1930 at \$45 per share up to and incl. Feb. 1 1932, and at \$50 per share up to and incl. Feb. 1 1934. Should termination of rights be brought about through redemption of Series "A" debentures or otherwise, this stock purchase right may be exercised within the period provided in the indenture.

**Data from Letter of Robert P. Kernan, Vice Pres. of the Company.**

**Company.**—Is being incorp. under the laws of the Province of Quebec, to acquire as a going concern the assets and undertaking of the company of the same name, which for 14 years has been successfully engaged in the manufacture of newspaper paper at Donnacona, Que. Properties which will be owned or controlled include a complete newspaper print mill of 230 tons daily capacity, with necessary groundwood and sulphite plant, situated at the junction of the Jacques Cartier and St. Lawrence rivers, about 30 miles west of the City of Quebec; freehold and leasehold timber areas in the Province of Quebec—principally on the watershed of the Jacques Cartier River—estimated to contain approximately 5,400,000 cords of pulpwood; developed water powers of 11,000 h.p. installed capacity, of which 6,200 h.p. is hydro-electric and 4,800 h.p. is hydraulic; undeveloped water powers having an estimated capacity of 35,000 h.p. and the townsite of Donnacona, comprising hotel and school house, houses for employees, etc., situated on the Montreal-Quebec main highway.

**Value of Assets.**—The value of mill properties and water powers, developed and undeveloped, freehold and leasehold timber lands and other fixed assets owned or controlled by the company is estimated to be approximately \$14,000,000.

Net current assets of the company and of its subsidiaries as at Nov. 30 1927, after deduction of current liabilities and after giving effect to this transaction, as certified by Sharp, Milne & Co., chartered accountants, amounted to \$1,624,273.

The consolidated value of fixed and net current assets combined, adjusted as at Nov. 30 1927, therefore amounted to \$15,624,273, which after deducting \$7,000,000 of 5 1/2% 1st mtge. bonds, to be outstanding, leaves a total value of assets of \$8,624,273—equivalent to \$2.156 per \$1,000 debenture.

**Earnings.**—Based on the annual earnings of the predecessor company and its subsidiaries, after deducting operating and maintenance expenses and local taxes, and available for interest, depreciation, etc., for the three years ended Dec. 31 1926, the average annual net earnings available for bond and debenture interest amounted to \$1,087,461, equivalent after deducting interest on 1st mtge. bonds now to be outstanding, to more than 2.92 times the annual interest requirement of \$240,000 of this issue of debentures.

Net earnings on the same basis for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1927 are certified as \$930,582.

**Ownership.**—Through a substantial cash investment the controlling interest in the company's common shares will be owned by Price Brothers & Co., Ltd., of Quebec, and associates.

**Directors.**—Will include John H. Price, Pres.; J. L. Apedalle, Vice-Pres.; W. G. Mitchell, R. H. Nisbet and A. C. Price, W. C. Pitfield, Victor E. Mitchell, K.C.O., D.C.L. and Robert P. Kernan, Vice-Pres.

**6% 1st Mtge. Bonds and Gold Debentures Called.**

All of the outstanding 6% gold debentures (series B, C, D and E), dated March 1 1927, have been called for payment March 19 at 102 and int., at the First Bank & Trust Co., Utica, N. Y.

All of the outstanding 25-year 6% 1st mtge. gold bonds, dated June 1 1915, have been called for payment April 17 at 105 and int. at the Bank of Montreal in Montreal, Canada, or at the First National Bank of Utica, Utica, N. Y., or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York City.—V. 126, p. 111.

**Eastern Coke Co.—Bonds Called.**

The company has called for redemption Feb. 1 \$244,000 1st mtge. 5% 14-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1931, at 102 1/2 and int. at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 121, p. 205.

**Eureka Vacuum Cleaner.—New Director.**

Robert S. Potter has been elected a director succeeding V. W. Young.—V. 126, p. 111.

**Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co., St. Louis.—Ann. Report.**

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Gross sales			\$53,444,230	\$45,441,757
Less returns		Not Available.	2,327,550	2,164,147
Net sales	\$51,861,722	\$55,900,674	\$51,116,680	\$43,277,610
Profits for year	1,695,160	1,776,322	1,651,521	1,002,371
First pref. divs. (7%)	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Second pref. divs. (6%)	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Common dividends	(8%)720,000	(8)720,000	(7)582,407	(6)444,343
Balance surplus	\$780,160	\$861,322	\$874,114	\$363,028
Profit and loss surplus	4,922,602	4,142,442	3,281,120	2,212,006
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (par \$25)	360,000	360,000	360,000	296,229
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$4.17	\$4.39	\$4.05	\$2.7

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Factory lands and bldgs., machin'y and equipment.....	969,967	961,755	
Investments.....	1,015,657	706,284	
Inventories.....	13,249,951	10,798,128	
Accts. & notes rec. a.11	235,695	12,726,309	
Adv. to salesmen and employees.....	b138,502	103,455	
Cash.....	1,159,191	1,356,765	
Total.....	27,768,963	26,652,697	

a Accounts and notes receivable, \$11,552,650, less reserve for doubtful debts, \$316,954. b Partially secured.—V. 124, p. 513.

Fageol Motors Co. (Calif.)—To Issue Notes.

The directors will submit a proposal to the stockholders at the annual meeting on Feb. 14 for authority to issue \$600,000 8-year sinking fund gold notes, to increase the working capital in order to pay off bank indebtedness and discount current indebtedness.—V. 125, p. 1330.

Federal Securities Corp.—Personnel.

At the annual meeting of stockholders held Jan. 17, the following were elected directors: Gennaro Ascione; Joseph M. Cohn; Anthony DiPaola; Commendatore Francesco M. Ferrari; J. Vincent Labate; Michael F. Longo; Louis Tavormina; Edward I. Wechsler; Hon. Francis X. Mancuso; Francis A. Sasso; Alexander Meyer; Vito Calcagno; Salvatore Soraci; Bernard Barron; Julius Sakolsky; Henry Sakolsky; Charles Woods; Max Rosen; Charles Rockmore; Harry Selkowitz; and Ferdinand Cuniberti. At the organization meeting of the board of directors, Comm. Ferrari was elected Chairman; Mr. Barron, Vice-Chairman, and the following officers were named for the ensuing year: Julius Sakolsky, President; Mr. Labate, Vice-President; Mr. Longo, Secretary, and Mr. Cuniberti, Treasurer.—V. 125, p. 3354.

Finance Co. of America (Balt.)—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Furniture & fixtures.....	\$14,360	Common stock.....	x\$500,000
Cash.....	540,387	Preferred stock.....	y220,000
Open accounts receivable.....	1,919,907	Coll. trust notes payable.....	2,220,000
Secured and unsecured notes receivable.....	1,356,119	Accounts payable.....	2,582
Investments.....	223,263	Notes receivable, disc.....	25,000
Prepaid interest.....	44,013	Sundry accts., rec., Cr.....	57,184
Total (each side).....	\$4,098,045	Res. for taxes, unearned discount, &c.....	70,944
x Represented by 100,000 shs. no par value.		Reserve due customers.....	554,984
y Represented by 8,800 shares, par \$25.—V. 125, p. 2272.		Reserve for accrued divs.....	18,850
		Reserve for accrued exp.....	455
		Surplus.....	428,044
		par value. y Represented by 8,800 shares, par \$25.—V. 125, p. 2272.	

General American Investors Co., Inc.—Annual Report

Results for 11 Mos. End. Dec. 31 1927.

Profit realized on sale of secur., \$1,290,362; int. on bonds, \$123,899; dividends on stocks, \$307,478; other income, \$19,261; total income.....	\$1,741,000
Int. paid & accrued on debts., \$322,917; other int. paid, \$31,946; amort. of disc. on deb., \$8,250; other expenses, \$14,833; Prov. for taxes, \$200,000.....	\$577,945
Net profit.....	\$1,163,055
Premium on sale of stk., \$293,750; less organ. exp. written off, \$31,881.....	261,869
Total surplus.....	\$1,424,924
Preferred dividends paid and accrued.....	77,500
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$1,347,424
Earns per share on 200,000 shares common stock (no par).....	\$5.43

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1927.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Securities owned at cost:		6% preferred stock.....	\$1,500,000
Bonds.....	\$1,073,139	Common stock.....	c10,000
Preferred stocks.....	a1,619,152	25-yr. 5% debentures.....	7,500,000
Common stocks.....	b7,444,250	Interest accrued on debts.....	156,250
Syndicate participations.....	244,766	Securities purchased.....	108,060
Cash & call loans.....	182,580	Reserve for taxes.....	200,000
Divs. rec'd. & int. acc'd.....	56,099	Reserve for dividends.....	15,000
Deferred charges.....	216,750	Surplus.....	1,347,424
Total.....	\$10,836,735	Total.....	\$10,836,735

a Of which \$663,472 industrials and \$955,680 railroads. b Of which \$3,663,623 industrials, \$2,081,522 railroads, \$796,513 public utilities, \$580,923 oils and \$312,670 bank stocks. c Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.

Note.—The aggregate market value as of Dec. 31 1927 of securities owned exceeds the above book value (after reserves for taxes at present rates on the unrealized profits) by \$710,594.—V. 126, p. 258.

General Electric Co.—Organization Changes.

H. F. T. Erben, Assistant Vice-President, retired on Jan. 1 1928, after more than 40 years of service with that company. At the time of his retirement he was also Vice-Chairman of the General Electric manufacturing committee.

B. L. Delack has been appointed manager of the Schenectady plant and E. A. Wagner as manager of the Pittsfield, Mass., plant, effective Jan. 1 1928.

Sales organization changes include the appointment of C. N. Gregory as manager of the New Haven, Conn., office, succeeding Frederic Cutts, and R. B. Ransom has been appointed resident agent in charge of the Hartford office, succeeding Mr. Gregory.—V. 126, p. 258.

General Stockyards Corp.—Formed to Invest in Stockyards Securities—Public Offering of Preferred Stock Expected Soon as First Step in Financing.

General Stockyards Corp. has been incorporated in Delaware. The new corporation, it is announced, will hold the securities of stockyards and other companies. Plans for an early offering of the corporation's \$6 convertible preferred stock by a syndicate headed by Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., and Bosworth, Chanute, Loughbridge & Co. of Denver is expected. [The new company will be capitalized for 2,750,000 shares of no par value preferred stock and 64,000 shares of common stock.] Upon completion of the financing, the corporation will own substantial amounts, but less than a majority in each case of the capital stocks of the following stockyards companies: St. Paul Union Stock Yards Co., Sioux City Stock Yards Co., Fort Worth Stock Yards Co., St. Louis National Stock Yards, Union Stock Yards of Toronto, Ltd. and Bourbon Stock Yards Co. of Louisville.

The greater part of the Corporation's initial investment is in securities of the St. Paul, Ft. Worth, Sioux City and St. Louis companies, which are among the principal live stock markets in America. While the various stockyards companies have securities outstanding with the public, for the most part the stock issues have been closely held and this affords a possibility for investors to secure a broader interest in this industry. These companies have an excellent record as regards stability and growth of earnings, and have unbroken dividend records covering many years.

Stockyards companies neither buy nor sell live stock, but derive their income from services rendered on a cash basis. They provide an open market where live stock can be bought, and sold under government supervision. The bulk of the meat products of the United States are being received, packed and shipped through the leading live stock markets and the increasing consumption of meat products provides a steady source of revenue for the stockyards companies inasmuch as they operate on a service basis.

[According to press reports the new company is being organized to acquire the securities of stockyards and related interests now held by Armour & Co. (Ill.) in conformity with the consent decree of Feb. 27 1920.]

General Vending Corp.—Expansion, Etc.—

The corporation announces that the Hoff Vending Corp., one of its subsidiaries, has consummated a contract with the Metropolitan Chain Stores for the installation of its Wrigley gum venders and its Life Saver venders. This chain covers 90 stores throughout the country. The company estimates that approximately \$225,000 annually in gross revenues will be derived from the operation of the machines installed.

3,500,000,000 Pennies Pass Through Vending Machines.

Despite the high cost of living the humble copper penny is still holding its own as a medium of exchange, according to the corporation, which declared in a statement issued this week that 3,500,000,000 of the 4,721,287,900 pennies estimated by the Treasury Department to be in circulation at the present time had passed through their machines during 1927. The company operates machines all over the country dispensing chewing gum, candy, and other small articles at a penny a package.

"During the last two decades," said an official, "prices of practically everything the consumer buys have risen so high that 5 years ago it began to look as if the penny was doomed to the discard. It appeared that there was nothing left that a penny could buy. The penny vending machines opened up a new field for the coin and it is safe to say that pennies circulate more widely and freely to-day than ever before."—V. 126, p. 258.

Georgia-Kincaid Mills, Griffin, Ga.—Notes Offered.

Fourth National Co., Courts & Co., Robinson-Humphrey Co. and Bell, Speas & Co., Atlanta, Ga., are offering at 100 and int. \$700,000 serial 5% gold notes.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due \$50,000 semi-annually Sept. 1 1928-March 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and int. payable M. & S. at Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, trustee, without deductions of normal Federal income taxes up to 2%. Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice at 100½ and int. on any coupon date. If red. in part not less than \$50,000 can be retired and then only in the reverse order of their maturities.

Data from Letter of John H. Cheatham, President and Treasurer.

Company.—Located at Griffin, Ga., with 74,056 ring spindles, 3,000 twister spindles and 2,895 looms, was formed in 1924 in Georgia as a consolidation of Georgia Cotton Mills and Kincaid Mfg. Co., both companies having operated a number of years prior to consolidation. Company manufactures high-grade terry and huck towels, crashes, damasks, corduroys, tickings, red diamond diaper cloths and flannels, which are sold by Woodward Baldwin & Co. of New York, selling agents.

Purpose.—Notes are being issued for the purpose of retiring a like amount of 7% preferred stock.

Earnings.—Company for 4 years ended Aug. 31 1927 reports an average annual net income, before depreciation and Federal taxes, of \$669,821, which is 19.1 times maximum annual interest requirements and 4.8 times maximum interest charges and annual retirement payments. In no one of these years have such net earnings been less than 12.8 times maximum interest charges.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

Serial 5% gold notes (this issue).....	\$700,000
7% preferred stock.....	600,000
Common stock.....	12,000 shs.

Balance Sheet August 31 1927.

(After giving effect to (a) issue of \$700,000 5% notes; (b) application of proceeds therefrom to (1) retirement of \$400,000 class "B" pref. stock; (2) retirement of \$300,000 of class "A" pref. stock; (c) payment of a 100% stock dividend on common stock.)

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash.....	\$27,959	5% notes, due Sept. 1 1928.....	\$50,000
Due on demand.....	651,150	Accounts payable.....	270,821
Inventories.....	1,075,896	Accr. local taxes & pref. divs.....	42,500
Common and preferred stock.....		Federal income tax.....	120,125
Lowell Bleacher, South.....	620,000	Serial 5% gold notes.....	650,000
Notes rec., officers & employees.....	14,290	Class "A" preferred stock.....	600,000
Permanent assets.....	1,667,262	Common stock.....	1,200,000
Deferred charges.....	16,450	Profit and loss, surplus.....	1,139,561
Total.....	\$4,073,008	Total.....	\$4,073,008

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O.—Law Suit

Explained—Action Based on Preferred Financing.

Kent P. Johnson, who owns 50 shares of the old pref. stock as well as common stock of the company, makes the following statement with regard to his injunction suit against the company brought in Cuyahoga County Court:

"The action is based on the unauthorized issue of new no par pref. stock and the attempt of the management to force the exchange thereof on a basis of 1¼ shares for one share of old preferred, which carries an accumulated dividend of 25%. It is this feature of the recent refinancing done by Goodyear in July that is attacked, and not the issuance of the \$60,000,000 5% mortgage bonds.

"The plaintiff and cross petitioners contend that the rights of the pref. stockholders are being impaired and the value of the stock depreciated in order that the common stockholders may come earlier in the participation of the earnings of the company; that the present list of common stockholders is comprised largely of financiers who received approximately 25% of the common stock as a bonus back in 1921.

"The petition states that the management has sought to force an exchange of this new no par pref. stock on a basis of 1¼ shares for one share of old pref. stock and its accumulated dividends of 25%, and contends that the payment of accrued dividends in this manner is a payment of dividends from capital and not earnings and is illegal.

"The prayer of the petition also asks for an accounting against the directors for any moneys paid out on this new pref. stock feature of the plan."

[The plaintiff recently agreed to waive hearing on the plea of a temporary injunction and the case was postponed until February, when a permanent restraining order will be argued. Counsel for Goodyear have pointed out that stockholders approved the pref. stock exchange in the refinancing plan; and that no part of the proceeding was illegal. Over 96% of the pref. stockholders deposited their stock for exchange.]—V. 125, p. 3649.

Gulf Oil Corp.—Tenders.

The Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., trustee, will until Jan. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 20-year 5% sinking fund debenture gold bonds dated Feb. 1 1927 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,500,000 at prices not exceeding par and interest.—V. 125, p. 2817.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Preliminary Earnings.

Period End. Dec. 31—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.	1927—12 Mos.	1926.
Net operating income.....	\$454,484	\$332,814	\$1,460,357	\$1,244,760
Taxes, depreciation, &c.....	219,490	97,963	703,955	444,968
Net income.....	\$234,994	\$234,851	\$756,402	\$799,792
Earn. per share on com.....	\$1.59	\$1.59	\$4.93	\$5.28

—V. 125, p. 2272.

Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a monthly dividend of 12¼c. per share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 23. Previously the company paid monthly dividends of 25 cents per share.—V. 124, p. 1076.

(W. F.) Hall Printing Co.—Annual Report.

Results for Year Ended Jan. 31 1927.

Gross profit from oper., before depreciation.....	\$1,761,241
General, adm'n., selling & shipping expense.....	451,554
Depreciation.....	359,472
Net profit from operations.....	\$950,214
Miscellaneous earnings (net).....	319,318
Gross earnings.....	\$1,269,532
Interest charges & bond discount.....	219,902
Federal income tax.....	132,843
Net income.....	\$916,788
Earns. per shs. on 200,000 shs. cap. stock (par \$10).....	\$4.58

Balance Sheet Jan. 31 1927.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant equipment.....	\$6,407,489	Capital stock.....	x\$2,000,000
Cash.....	493,340	1st mtge. 6 1/2% s. f. gold bonds	3,000,000
Bonds of other corps.....	5,482	Accounts pay. & acrr. exp.....	767,725
Custom. account rec., less res.	975,499	Capital surplus.....	1,302,418
Sundry accts. rec.....	49,525	Earned surplus.....	2,523,210
Inventories.....	347,496		
Prepaid expenses.....	8,730		
Notes & accts. of employes.....	10,871		
Invest. in other corps.....	1,099,500		
Sinking fund.....	111,280		
Deferred charges.....	84,139	Total (each side).....	\$9,593,352
x Represented by 200,000 shs. par \$10.			
Contingent liabilities—Notes receivable discounted, \$597,393.—V. 125, p. 2273.			

Hamilton Woolen Co., Boston.—May Liquidate.—

At the annual meeting to be held Feb. 1 the stockholders will be asked: 1. To determine whether they are in favor of continued business operations or of liquidation. 2. To act upon matter of authorizing the reduction of the capital stock by \$1,500,000 said reduction to be effected by changing the par value of the present shares from \$100 to \$50 or by such other amount and in such other manner as shall be determined. 3. To act upon the matter of changing the authorized shares with par value of \$50 into equal or greater number of shares without par value. In a statement to the stockholders Directors Arthur E. Mason and Bernard F. Merriam recommend "immediate stoppage of all production and an early liquidation of the assets." Mr. Mason was succeeded as Treasurer of the company in Oct. 1927, by Richard Lennihan. The statement by Messrs. Mason and Merriam to the board of directors says in part: "Our product has been popular priced worsted dress goods. The demand has fallen abruptly. Now women are not wearing worsted dresses. To change the mill over to permit of the making other lines of goods will take time and cost a great deal of money. It will be necessary to buy our way into the market at a time when there is no profit for those now in it."

It further stated that current production is coming through at a loss and that working capital is insufficient to permit profitable operation. It is suggested that the stockholders desiring to continue operations might purchase the stock of the shareholders wishing to retire at the liquidation price named, viz., \$26.79 a share.

The majority of the directors, including Thomas P. Beal, Charles S. Pierce John E. Thayer, Jr., John C. F. Wheelock and Robert Amory, have issued a letter to the stockholders stating, "We are of the opinion that the company should continue in business and that its properties should not be liquidated at the present time."

In a report to the directors Treasurer Lennihan expresses the opinion that the company has ample credit with which to continue in business and that if the plant is rearranged and some properties scrapped, the stockholders may expect the company to operate at a profit within a reasonable time. He also urges that fixed assets be revalued at once in accordance with actual present values and prospective earning power and that the capitalization be proportionately re-adjusted.

Net losses for the past two years have aggregated approximately \$800,000 of which at least \$250,000 was due to inventory losses, leaving \$550,000 operating losses. The deficit for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1927, approximated \$300,000. Mr. Lennihan says that economies in management and operating costs equivalent to losses of the past two years will be effected this year. He estimates the value of assets in liquidation at \$692,500,—equivalent to approximately \$26.79 per share on the 25,850 shares outstanding. The stock is currently \$22 bid. The value of the assets as a going concern is estimated at \$1,762,500. He declares that valuation in liquidation does not recognize land and buildings, as "there is no market for this type of property to-day at any reasonable figure." Treasurer Lennihan further states that to prevent the recurrence of inventory losses, drastic measures have been taken during the past few months to reduce inventory to a point at which there was a reasonable demand. He points out that inventories which stood at \$1,986,074 on Nov. 30 1926, were reduced to \$1,340,069 by Sept. 3 1927 and cut to \$748,828 by Nov. 30 1927. Payables are down to \$970,000 from \$2,192,154 on Sept. 3 1927.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1927.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Plant acct.....	\$3,630,798	\$3,622,044	\$3,517,830	\$3,450,325
Inventories.....	748,828	1,986,074	1,791,801	2,622,299
Cash & accts. rec.....	1,210,318	1,255,989	1,630,611	1,199,515
Adv. to Mutual Ins. Cos.....	37,731			
Prep. taxes, ins. &c.....	16,547	90,317	88,958	92,776
Total.....	\$5,644,222	\$6,954,424	\$7,029,200	\$7,364,915
Liabilities—				
Capital stock.....	x\$2,585,000	\$2,585,000	\$2,585,000	\$2,585,000
Notes & accts. payable.....	970,000	2,129,658	1,821,650	2,118,369
Int. & susp. account.....	31,946			
Res. for depreciation.....	1,266,096	1,002,486	882,486	759,766
Dividends payable.....				38,775
Reserve for taxes.....				7,000
Surplus reserve.....		143,610	143,610	
Profit & loss.....	791,180	1,093,670	1,596,454	1,856,005
Total.....	x\$5,644,222	\$6,954,424	\$7,029,200	\$7,364,915

As of Nov. 30 1927 there was also a contingent liability to the United States Government of approximately \$32,500 and accrued interest for additional taxes for 1923, and a possible contingent liability in matter of adjustments on goods manufactured, amount of which is indeterminate.—V. 124, p. 655.

Hanover Fire Insurance Co., N. Y.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record Jan. 9 are given the right, until the close of business on Feb. 29 1928, to subscribe at par (\$50) for \$500,000 new stock, in the ratio of one share of new stock for every 4 shares of old stock. No fractional shares of new stock will be issued.—V. 126, p. 259.

Haytian Corp. of America.—Sub. Co. Sales.—

Local sales of the Haytian American Sugar Co., a subsidiary, were \$101,878, for Dec. 1927, as compared with \$77,507, and \$53,207 for Dec. 1926 and 1925, respectively.—V. 125, p. 3205.

Hershey Chocolate Corp. (Del.).—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the prior preferred stock and an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the convertible preference stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. See offerings in V. 125, p. 2395.

Houston Pipe Line Co.—Approximate Natural Gas Sales (In thousands cu. ft.).

Quarters Ended—		Calendar Years—	
March '27.	June '27.	1927.	1926.
6,771,326	7,310,122	7,329,986	8,000,000
—V. 122, p. 358.			29,611,434
			16,829,835

Howes Bros. Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net Earnings.....	\$260,160	\$203,814	\$192,334	\$139,518
Preferred dividends paid.....	120,311	120,311	120,311	120,311
Common dividends paid.....	69,000	57,500		
Balance.....	\$70,849	\$26,003	\$72,023	\$19,207
Profit and loss surplus.....	1,498,219	1,427,369	1,401,366	1,329,344
Earned per sh. on com.....	\$12.16	\$7.26	\$6.26	\$1.67

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.		
Cash.....	\$449,284	\$514,816	Preferred stock.....	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000
Accts. receivable.....	1,563,990	1,674,580	Common stock.....	1,150,000	1,150,000
Merchandise.....	3,397,240	x3,964,427	Accounts payable.....	128,900	313,939
Investments.....	343,005	343,005	Notes payable.....	585,000	1,725,000
			For'n acceptances.....	541,400	30,520
			Surplus.....	1,498,219	1,427,369
Tot. (each side).....	\$5,753,519	\$6,496,828			
x Includes cash advanced on hides and leather.—V. 124, p. 653.					

Illinois Pacific Glass Corp.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share on the common stocks in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share, all payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20.—V. 123, p. 2270.

Independent Brewing Co.—Tenders.—

The Colonial Trust Co., trustee, 317 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., will until Jan. 27, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 50-year 6% gold coupon bonds, dated Feb. 9 1905, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$30,612.—V. 121, p. 2759.

International Germanic Co., Ltd.—New Director, &c.

George W. Carpenter, of Jesup & Lamont, 26 Broadway, has been elected a director. Paul F. Freytag, formerly of Dunn, Fisher & Co., Ltd., London, has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 125, p. 2537.

International Germanic Trust Co.—Merger.—

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on Jan. 25 for the purpose of voting upon the ratification and confirmation of a written agreement agreed upon by a majority of the directors of this trust company and by a majority of the directors of the Terminal Trust Co. providing for the merger of the latter into the International Germanic Trust Co. pursuant to the Banking Law of the State of New York.

The stockholders of the Terminal Trust Co., New York City, will hold a meeting on the same date. The stockholders of the International Co. will also vote Jan. 25 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 30,000 shares to 40,000 shares.—V. 125, p. 2397.

International Paper Co.—Stock Offering to Employees.—

Under the preferred stock offering of 1927, 3,211 employees of this company and its wholly owned subsidiaries have subscribed for \$1,083,000 par value of the 7% preferred stock of the International company. This compares with 2,668 subscribers to \$844,900 par value under the 1926 offering, and 2,001 subscribers to \$718,900 par value under the 1925 offering. The preferred stock was offered to employees at \$90 per share under the 1925 offering; at \$94 per share under the 1926 offering; and at par (\$100) per share under the 1927 offering, the present one.

Yearly bonuses in addition to the regular dividends on the stock are payable under each offering to the employees who hold their stock. These bonuses begin at \$1 per share at the end of the first year and increase at the rate of \$1 per share each year thereafter until the final bonus, \$5 per share, is paid at the end of the fifth year. The number of shares to which an employee may subscribe is based on his pay.—V. 126, p. 259.

International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Operations.—Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co., New York, in their weekly summary, give the following:

C. O. Stillman, president of the Imperial Oil, Ltd., in a survey of Canadian oil operations and activities of the Imperial Oil and International Petroleum companies, states that development work of the latter has been methodically pushed ahead in Colombia on the De Mares concession. Four separate structures are being exploited on the 1,319,444 acres which comprise the company's holdings and at the end of 1926 there had been drilled 141 wells, 92.2% of which were successful. Only 5 dry holes and 7 wells which encountered drilling difficulties were listed as abandoned since the commencement of operations in 1920. The first 9 months of 1927 have added 61 successful completions and during that period only 1 well was abandoned and that because of drilling trouble. Of the completed producers, 2 were on San Luis, 13 on the La Cira and 46 on the Infantas structure. Of these wells, 24 had an initial production of over 1,000 barrels a day each, the largest being No. 173 on the La Cira structure, which came in with 5,000 barrels. Colombian production up to Oct. 31 1927 was 11,734,323 barrels and the total for the year should approximate 14,000,000 barrels, which compares with 6,443,540 barrels in 1926. International Petroleum's holdings in Peru comprise the La Bruja Parinas estate, consisting of some 400,000 acres, and a number of concessions nearby approximating 850,000 acres. Work on the latter is still in the exploratory stage and 7 wells are now being drilled while 4 have been abandoned as unsuccessful. Production up to Dec. 15 1927 was 7,408,059 barrels, of which 6,020,482 barrels were high cold test. The production for the year will approximate 8,000,000 barrels. Two gasoline plants will probably add in excess of 17,000,000 gallons to the year's output in Peru. The situation prevailing in the market for crude led to a curtailment of production both in Peru and Colombia but there was no diminution in the field activity in either country and development of the properties went steadily ahead. Over-production in the major oil producing countries being a contributing cause, but the Colombian situation is also governed by the company's refinery at Barranca and the capacity of the pipe line. A steady increase is noted in the production of casing-head gasoline, which will be in the neighborhood of 8,000,000 gallons for this year.—V. 125, p. 3070.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Coal Output.—

Period end. Dec. 31—	1927—Month—1926.	12 Mos.—1926.
Co. prod. (in tons).....	348,888	589,822
	7,397,980	6,568,931
	—V. 125, p. 3356, 2818.	

Isle Royal Copper Co.—Dividend of 50 Cents.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding \$3,750,000 capital stock, par \$25, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28. A like amount was paid on Feb. 19 and on Oct. 15 1927, making a total of \$1 per share for the year, the same as for 1926 and 1925.—V. 125, p. 1589.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1927—4 Weeks—1926.	1927—52 Weeks—1926.
Sales.....	\$1,206,953	\$1,188,795
	\$14,469,651	\$14,514,237
	—V. 125, p. 3490, 2945.	

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—New President, &c.—

T. M. Girdler has been elected President, succeeding Charles A. Fisher. It is not likely a Chairman of the board of directors, to succeed the late B. F. Jones Jr., will be named before the annual meeting.

W. J. Creighton and W. O. Robinson have been elected directors and Mr. Creighton was also made a Vice-President. William D. Evans and William L. Jones Jr. were added to the executive committee. W. H. Dupka was made Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.

T. M. Girdler became Vice-President in charge of operations and a director in Jan. 1926. Last year he was a member of the executive committee. W. C. Robinson is President of the National Metal Molding Co. and a director of the Mellon National Bank & Trust Co. W. J. Creighton was formerly Comptroller, having been with the company since 1900.—V. 126, p. 260.

Julius Kayser & Co.—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Gross income from operations.....	\$1,617,329	\$1,309,617
Interest and discount earned.....	148,715	107,471
Total income.....	\$1,766,044	\$1,417,088
Interest.....	246,420	155,555
Reserve for taxes.....	186,743	132,836
Depreciation.....	198,315	165,344
Net income.....	\$1,134,566	\$963,353
Preferred dividends.....	264,460	264,460
Empl. preferred stock, interest & dividends.....	18,334	
Common dividends.....	396,664	173,374
Balance surplus.....	\$719,568	\$525,519
Shares common stock outstanding (no par).....	198,332	115,700
Earns per share.....	\$5.63	\$6.04
	—V. 125, p. 906.	

Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Ltd.—Est. Branch in Antwerp.

President Robert R. Appleby, who has just returned from an extended trip to European countries, reports having established a branch house office in Europe with headquarters in Antwerp, to take care of business in excess of \$10,000,000 annually which has recently been secured by the corporation. Mr. Appleby states that he is entirely satisfied with the results being achieved in the expansion program determined on by the directors at the time of the last public financing. He pointed out, however, that the com-

any's policy would continue to be one of conservatism and considered it extremely unlikely that the directors would vote any dividends on the common stock until such time as the results of the corporation's expansion had been fully demonstrated.—V. 125, p. 1333.

**(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**

Years End. Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$18,073,309	\$18,441,556	\$18,031,460	\$17,068,905
Cost of sales & oper. exp.	16,853,977	17,441,700	16,463,479	15,583,245
Int. & misc. chgs. (net)	290,862	344,825	322,766	255,940
Deduct Federal & State Income tax, estimated.	126,000	78,000	110,000	152,172
Net profit	\$802,470	\$577,031	\$1,135,215	\$1,077,547
Prof. dividends, (8%)	431,114	434,179	433,128	(11)591,639
Common dividend	—	(\$4)240,000	(\$3)179,985	—
Balance, surplus	\$371,356	def\$97,148	\$522,102	\$485,908
Earnings per sh. on 60,000 shs. com (no par)	\$6.19	\$2.38	\$11.70	\$8.10

Commenting on operations during the year, E. H. Krom, President said: "Sales during the year 1927 amounted to \$18,073,309. Operating expenses and cost of sales, as shown on the consolidated profit and loss statement were \$16,823,976, a reduction of roughly two-thirds of a million dollars over the previous year for approximately the same volume of sales."

The tentative balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1927, shows current assets of \$6,930,944, of which \$651,340 is cash and \$6,154,667 inventories. Current liabilities were \$1,860,909, which included \$900,000 notes payable and \$666,637 accounts payable. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 3.72 to 1, as compared to 3.60 to 1 at the end of the previous year.

Surplus as of Dec. 31 1927 was \$876,848 as compared to \$505,492 for the previous year, an increase of \$371,356, or approximately 73%.

Reports from various trade reporting organizations for some months have indicated that the shoe and leather business has definitely turned the corner and is on the up-grade. In line with this trend current earnings of company show a substantial improvement in earnings over last year.

The regular dividend of \$2 per share was declared on preferred stock, payable March 1 to holders of record on Feb. 17.—V. 126, p. 260.

**Knox Hat Co.—Class "A" Div. Payable in Stock.—**

The directors have declared a dividend of \$5 per share in prior preference stock on the class "A" participating stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 14, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, payable April 2 to holders of record March 15. See also V. 125, p. 2538.

**Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—New No Par Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Cash Dividend Basis—5% Stock Dividend Also Declared.—**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the new no par common stock, thus placing the issue on a \$1 annual basis. In addition, a 5% stock dividend was declared. The cash dividend is payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 10, and the stock dividend is payable April 2 to holders of record March 10. Prior to the split up of the common stock on the basis of two new no par shares for each old \$10 par share held, the company paid quarterly cash dividends of 50c. per share, and, in addition, on June 1 and Sept. 1 1927 paid stock dividends of 5% each.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed registrar, and the Bankers Trust Co. as transfer agent in New York for the common stock (see offering in V. 125, p. 3491).—V. 126, p. 114.

**Lancia Motors of America, Inc. (N. Y.).—Organized to Handle Well-Known Italian Line.—**

Representing the first bid by a foreign automobile manufacturer to capture a share of the American market with a car especially designed to meet American requirements, this company, it was announced on Jan. 13, has been organized to assemble from imported parts, and distribute here passenger cars of this well-known Italian line.

The American company, incorporated in New York State with a capitalization of \$3,000,000, has purchased a plant at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where production will start July 1. The schedule calls for the turning out of 250 cars a month at the outset and this output will be stepped up as the demand warrants. The plant, occupying a plot of 14 acres, has a floor space of 129,000 square feet and provides facilities for the production of 25,000 cars a year.

Vincenzo Lancia, of Lancia & Co., Turin, Italy, is Chairman of the American company. Anthony Flocker is President.

The directors of the company, in addition to Messrs. Lancia and Flocker, are Anthony H. C. Fokker (President of the Atlantic Aircraft Corp.), Eng. Ugo V. D'Annunzio, (President Isotta Motors, New York), James Taylor, Jr., (President Upressit Co., New York), William G. Newton, (President of the Newton Diecasting Co., Brooklyn), James Martin, (President of Martin & Co., New York), and Victor Raceca, (Vice-president of Lancia Motors of America, Inc.), and Michael F. Longo, (Secretary and Treasurer.).

**Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Annual Report.—**

The annual report of the year 1927 is given in full in the advertising pages of to-day's issue. The year 1927 has been the most successful in the history of the company. The sales of guaranteed mortgages, including extensions, amounted to \$115,299,863, and the net gain in outstanding guaranteed mortgages amounted to \$46,060,965. Since the company was organized it has guaranteed \$1,033,079,119 of mortgages, of which \$695,017,817 have been paid in full, leaving now outstanding \$338,061,302.

**Results for Calendar Years.**

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$4,073,885	\$3,758,331	\$3,282,708	\$2,574,195
Expenses	1,523,702	1,488,116	1,279,120	1,072,987
Net profits	\$2,550,183	\$2,270,215	\$2,003,588	\$1,501,208

At a meeting of the executive committee, mortgages aggregating \$13,205,005, were accepted, distributed as follows: Manhattan, \$2,394,300; Bronx, \$4,211,900; Brooklyn, \$3,399,100; Queens, \$2,351,205 and Westchester, \$848,500.

The company announces that stockholders have paid in \$1,000,000, increasing paid-in capital to \$11,000,000, making capital and surplus \$18,000,000. Rights were offered stockholders to subscribe at par for one share of new stock for each 10 shares held. (See V. 125, p. 2538, 1848).

Richard M. Hurd was reelected president of the company for the 25th time, while John W. Ahern, Guy Cary, Edward DeWitt, Geo. A. Hurd and Henry L. Stimson were reelected directors for a term of 4 years.—V. 125, p. 3356.

**Liggett Building, Inc., N. Y. City.—Definitive Bonds.—**

The Chase National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive 1st leasehold mtge. 5½% sinking fund gold bonds due Aug. 1 1952 in exchange for and upon surrender of the outstanding temporary bonds. See offering in V. 125, p. 658, 791.

**Lion Oil & Refining Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—**

Sept. 30 '27.		Dec. 31 '26.		Sept. 30 '27.		Dec. 31 '26.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Prop., plant, tank cars, &c.	9,420,789	9,144,215	Notes & acct's pay.	292,472	374,755		
Cash	240,673	255,182	Dividends payable	—	150,000		
Acct's receivable	359,508	418,367	Res. & accruals of taxes, &c.	188,283	367,002		
Inventories	1,031,191	1,007,027	Tank car installmt trust notes	—	—		
Prepaid expenses	39,292	38,221	1st mtge. 7% bds.	525,000	525,000		
			Purch. mon. oblige.	—	212,500		
			Res'v for deprec.	—	—		
			& depletion	3,487,914	3,378,141		
			Deferred liabilities	26,585	—		
			Cap. stk. & surp.	6,571,199	5,842,094		
<b>Total (each side)</b>	<b>11,091,453</b>	<b>10,862,992</b>					

x Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 924.

**Loew's Buffalo Theatres, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Net income after taxes	loss\$11,675	\$64,594
Previous surplus	65,178	137,740
Total surplus	\$53,504	\$202,334
Preferred dividends	—	130,600
Balance	\$53,504	\$71,734

**Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Land, bldgs. & eq.	\$1,599,960	\$1,638,032	Preferred stock	\$1,136,000
Cash	4,510	13,740	Com. stk. (par \$10)	1,500,000
Accts. receivable	490	—	Notes payable	120,000
U. S. Treas. dep. claim	—	9,005	Accounts payable	8,224
Deferred charges	20,139	24,223	Divs. payable	5,573
Good-will & book rights	1,500,000	1,500,000	Accr. int. & taxes	367,100
Organ. finan. & prelim. exp.	158,300	163,300	Mtge. on real est.	372,100
			Surplus	146,504
			Tot. (each side)	\$3,283,400
				\$3,348,30

**McClaren Rubber Co., Charlotte, N. C.—Terms of Merger, &c.—**

Recent letters to the stockholders of this company stated in substance: After extended and careful investigations and negotiations, your officers and directors, H. L. McClaren (Pres.), R. A. Peavey (Treas.), C. C. Coddington (Vice-Pres.) and Lee A. Folger, who are also the owners of a total of 6,713 shares of common and 2,935 shares of preferred stock of the McClaren Rubber Co., negotiated an agreement, subject to the approval of our directors, with a special committee of the Ajax Rubber Co., Inc., under which the latter company is to acquire from our stockholders the total present outstanding capital stock of the McClaren company, consisting of 12,000 shares of common and 5,000 shares of preferred.

For the \$500,000 of issued and outstanding preferred stock, the Ajax company is to issue its 5-year 8% notes in that amount, said notes to be callable at any time after 2 years from date of issue at \$115 and to have warrants attached authorizing the holders at any time during the life of the notes to purchase one share of common stock of the Ajax company, at \$10 per share for each \$10 of notes, and said notes shall provide that in the event that the warrants are detached therefrom and exercised by the holders notes, the Ajax company is to have the right and privilege to take up the notes at the face amount thereof and accrued interest to date of such redemption.

The committee of the Ajax company agrees, subject to the approval of its board of directors, to deliver to the common stockholders of the McClaren company 10 shares of the common capital stock of no par value of the Ajax company for each share of common stock of the McClaren company. The common stock of the Ajax company as shown by their financial statement as at Oct. 31 1927, had a book value, exclusive of goodwill, of \$13.58 per share while the common stock of the McClaren company at that same date had a book value, also exclusive of goodwill, of \$49.51.

(The income account for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1927, etc., published in last week's "Chronicle" under the Ajax Rubber Co., Inc., (see V. 126, p. 254) is that of the Ajax company and not of the McClaren Rubber Co. as stated. The earnings of the latter company follow.)

	Year End. Dec. 31—	1924.	1925.	1926.	10 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '27.
Gr. sales (less returns & allow)	\$2,278,359	\$3,134,901	\$3,302,435	\$3,129,490	
Cost of sales (incl. sell. & adm. exp.)	2,225,587	2,865,924	3,294,422	2,808,644	
Int. on borrowed money	32,404	28,730	31,867	15,749	
Provision for depreciation	43,950	49,035	45,030	49,752	
Federal income tax	—	—	18,829	25,000	
Balance	Def \$23,583	Sur \$191,210	Def \$87,714	Sur \$27,344	

**McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Dec. 31—	1927—3 Mos.	1926.—9 Mos.	1925.—9 Mos.	1926.
Gross recovery	\$1,033,678	\$936,755	\$2,909,096	\$2,837,311
Oper. expenses & taxes	570,447	534,837	1,615,882	1,583,920
x Net profit	\$463,231	\$401,918	\$1,293,214	\$1,253,390

x Before depreciation.—V. 125, p. 2275.

**McMyler-Interstate Co.—Bondholders' Committee.—**

Default having occurred in the payment of the interest and sinking fund installment which became due Dec. 1 1927 on the 1st mtge. 20-year 7½% sinking fund gold bonds, due June 1 1943, and such default having continued for 30 days, the following, owning or representing a substantial amount of the bonds, have consented to act as a committee to protect the interests of the bondholders. The Chairman of the committee and the depository it is announced, have no financial interest in the company or its securities. In the judgment of the committee it is important that prompt concerted action be taken by the bondholders for their own protection and bondholders are therefore requested to immediately deposit their bonds with the Bank of America, depository, 44 Wall St., N. Y. City. All bonds must be accompanied by the coupons maturing Dec. 1 1927, and subsequently.

**Committee.**—Edward C. Delafield, Chairman (Pres. Bank of America), New York; Roger L. Rice (V.-Pres. R. V. Mitchell & Co.), Cleveland; J. Ingald White (V.-Pres. J. G. White & Co.), New York, and Samuel W. White (Pres. National Republic Co.), Chicago, with Howard B. Smith, Sec., 44 Wall St., N. Y. City, and Satterlee & Canfield, New York, and Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, Counsel.—V. 119, p. 2187.

**Manhattan Towers (Twenty-One Sixty-Six Broadway Corp.), New York.—Bonds Offered.—**

Commonwealth Bond Corp., New York, recently offered \$1,650,000 1st fee mtge. 6% sinking fund gold loan at 98 to yield approximately 6.15%.

Dated March 1 1928; due March 1 1948. Prin. and int. (M.-S.) payable at American Trust Co., New York. Red. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice up to Sept. 1 1929 at 101 and int. thereafter at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100. c\* Normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% refunded. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, the Maryland 4½ mills securities tax, the District of Columbia 5 mills tax, the Virginia 5½ mills tax, the Mass. 6% income tax and the New York State income tax will be refunded.

**History of Project.**—For many years the Manhattan Congregational Church of New York City has owned and occupied the land covered by this project. In order that the church might have more suitable quarters and a permanent home, a lease has been executed with the Twenty-One Sixty-Six Broadway Corp. for a period of 42 years. Under the terms of this lease the corporation agrees to erect a 23-story hotel with church space provided in the rear of the building with separate entrance that will not conflict with the operation of the hotel. In consideration of this and a certain ground rent, the Twenty-One Sixty-Six Broadway Corp. is given the right to mortgage the fee of the land owned by the church. In consequence from its inception this issue of bond certificates has as basic security (in addition to the building to be erected) land owned by the church which at present is valued by Geo. R. Read & Co., independent expert appraisers, at \$600,000.

**Land and Building.**—These bond certificates are secured by a direct closed first fee mortgage, on approximately 10,170 sq. ft. of land fronting on Broadway and 76th St., New York City, and also on the modern fireproof building to be erected thereon. The plot of ground has been conservatively appraised by Geo. R. Read & Co. at \$600,000. The building will be 23 stories in height and of the highest class of fireproof steel and brick construction. The building will contain three stores fronting on Broadway, 594 rooms, 445 bathrooms not including hall baths, and two six-room roof apartments.

**Earnings.**—In other locations in New York City, the type of hotel giving prompt service and well equipped room accommodations at minimum charges per week has met with immediate success. There is a demand for this type of building and accommodation in this particular location. The estimated earnings and operation have been checked and investigated by experts for the underwriters and the following figures are believed to be most conservative.

**Income.**—Stores, \$15,000; rooms, \$658,005; apartments—(roof houses), \$12,000—\$685,095.  
**Expense.**—Operation (including depreciation, repairs, taxes, &c.) \$219,365; vacancies, \$137,077; ground rent, \$25,000—\$381,442. Net income, \$303,653.

The maximum annual interest charge on this issue is \$99,000. The estimated net income is therefore over three times the maximum annual interest charge.

**Valuation and Appraisal.**—Geo. R. Read & Co., have made the following appraisal: Land, \$600,000; building, \$1,900,000; total, \$2,500,000. The amount of this loan represents only 66% of the appraisal. The appraisal does not include any valuation placed upon the furnishings and equipment of the building.

**Martin-Parry Corp.—Earnings.**

Quarter Ended Nov. 30—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$725,610	\$1,207,549	\$1,308,366
Cost of sales	775,643	1,116,035	1,230,549
Net operating profit	loss\$50,033	\$91,514	\$77,817
Other income	57,275	71,945	72,905
Total income	\$7,242	\$163,459	\$150,722
Federal taxes and miscell. charges	x50,646	23,939	31,725
Net profit for quarter	loss\$43,404	\$139,520	\$118,997
Earnings per share on 125,000 shares common (no par)	Nil	\$1.12	\$0.95
x Includes \$39,320 refrigerator development expense written off.—V. 125, p. 3492.			

**Merrell-Soule Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Sale.**—See Borden Co. above.—V. 125, p. 2946.

**Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.—Annual Report.**  
 [Including subsidiary corporations—100% owned.]  
 Years Ended Aug. 31—

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross profits	Not available.	\$7,950,660	\$5,995,368
Operating expenses	available.	5,091,582	4,132,222
Operating profit	\$17,300,259	\$2,859,078	\$1,863,147
Miscellaneous income	624,151	573,696	256,031
Total income	\$17,924,410	\$3,432,775	\$2,119,177
Amort. of negative & positive cost	14,211,546		
Studio depreciation	338,579		
Federal taxes	427,683	377,545	112,032
Net income	\$2,946,600	\$3,055,230	\$2,007,145
Divs. paid & declared on pref. stock	339,103	346,168	347,984
Balance, surplus	\$2,607,497	\$2,709,061	\$1,659,161
Profit and loss, surplus	\$8,823,954	\$6,219,437	\$3,557,395
Shs. pref. stock outstanding (par \$27)	176,617	180,358	184,098
Earns. per share on preferred	\$16.68	\$16.94	\$10.90

**Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31.**

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., eq't, and leaseholds	x3,660,421	3,553,580	Preferred stock	4,768,669	4,869,676		
Cash	546,811	577,082	Common stock	x3,100,000	3,100,000		
Acc'ts receivable	888,981	609,591	Mortgage by subsidiary corp'n.	481,312	392,000		
Notes receivable	60,864	84,415	Adv. by Loew's Inc.	14,724,000	12,695,000		
Due from affiliated corp'ns (less than 100% owned)	761,128	172,810	Adv. from affil. cos.	39,853	154,451		
Inventories	22,857,856	17,831,871	Accounts payable	2,507,239	1,459,219		
Adv. to producers	213,621	898,378	Notes payable	100,000	75,000		
Inv. in affil. corp'ns	2,808,068	2,824,309	Fed'l income taxes	427,684	431,559		
Loans	x2,000,000	2,000,000	Dividend payable	83,446	85,214		
Deposits on leases and contracts	193,852	174,779	Deferred credits	328,723	351,188		
Misc. investments	173,730	130,637	Surplus	8,823,954	6,216,457		
Prepaid & def. chgs	1,214,648	972,313					
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,384,881</b>	<b>29,829,765</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,384,881</b>	<b>29,829,765</b>		

x After deducting \$2,305,101 reserve for depreciation. y Loan to U. F. A. Germany (secured by mortgage). z Represented by 620,000 shares all owned by Loew's Inc.—V. 125, p. 255.

**Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of N. Y.—Stock Placed on a Quarterly Dividend Basis.**  
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share (or 4%), payable Jan. 16 to holders of record Jan. 5. Previously \$2 per share was paid semi-annually.—V. 124, p. 3507, 3382.

**Michigan Stove Co.—Consolidation—Stock Called.**  
 See Detroit-Michigan Stove Co. above.—V. 121, p. 2886.

**Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.—Bonds Called.**  
 The company has called for redemption on March 1 \$143,000 1st mtge. 15-year 6½% sinking fund gold bonds at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the National Bank of Commerce, 31 Nassau St., N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 2308.

**Monsanto Chemical Works.—Permanent Bonds Ready.**  
 A G. Becker & Co. announce that permanent first (closed) mtge. 5½% bonds due Nov. 1 1942 are now ready and exchangeable for their interim certificates. (For offering see V. 125, p. 2678.)—V. 125, p. 3651.

**Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Extra Dividend.**  
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, also the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the class "A" stock. The common dividends are payable Feb. 13 to holders of record Feb. 2, and the class "A" dividend Apr. 1 to holders of record March 20.—V. 126, p. 115.

**Mortgage Security Corp. of America, Norfolk, Va.—Bonds Offered.**—E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering at prices to yield from 5½% to 5.65% according to maturity \$1,000,000 1st lien 5½% gold bonds series A. N. Y.

Dated Jan. 2 1928; due \$200,000 Jan. 1 1931, \$100,000 Jan. 1 1933, \$400,000 Jan. 1 1938, and \$300,000 Jan. 1 1943; int. payable (J&J) in New York and Baltimore. Prin. payable in New York. Callable at any time at 100 and int., plus ¼ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof of unexpired term. American Trust Co., New York, trustee. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%, which the company or trustee may be required or permitted to pay at the source, and to reimburse bondholders residing in Pa., Conn., Calif., Md., Mass. or the District of Columbia, as provided in the trust indenture, for taxes levied by said States or District on the bonds or income derived therefrom, properly paid by such holders, not exceeding the mill taxes on personal property or income taxes in effect therein Jan. 2 1928.

**Corporation.—Founded 1915.** Is one of the largest companies of its kind in the United States, specializes in purchasing first mortgages or their equivalent on owner-occupied real estate owned in fee, and income producing properties. No loans are made on real estate devoted to one purpose use (other than residential) such as factories, clubs, theatres and farm properties, or upon unimproved property or incomplete structures. Loans have been made in over 200 cities located in 30 States, thereby giving both numerical and wide geographical diversification to the security. The average loan at present is less than \$7,000. Over 8,000 loans have been made, of which only a fraction of 1% have been foreclosed, and these foreclosures have never resulted in a loss to the company or any investor.

**Security.**—Secured by deposit with the trustee of guaranteed or undemitted first mortgages upon improved real estate or their equivalent, and (or)

United States Government bonds or Treasury certificates, and (or) cash the total value being equal to not less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount of all bonds of this series outstanding.—V. 125, p. 2678.

**Mullins Manufacturing Co.—Preliminary Earnings.**

Year End. Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Net profit after charges & Fed. taxes	\$ 588.00	\$260.44
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	5.12	1.84

—V. 125, p. 3492.

**Munsingwear, Inc.—Annual Report.**

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
a Net sales	\$17,433,659	\$17,962,601	\$15,775,600	\$13,384,923
b Cost of merchandise produced and sold	15,774,583	16,243,894	14,563,696	12,595,431
Net operating profit	\$1,659,076	\$1,718,707	\$1,211,904	\$789,491
c Miscellaneous earnings	109,120	262,554	134,632	73,798
Gross earnings	\$1,768,196	\$1,981,262	\$1,346,536	\$863,287
Interest charges	120,814	202,413	248,026	285,913
Prov. for Federal taxes	238,994	248,937	159,500	90,000
Div. pref. stock (subs.)	217,500	202,906	90,107	87,203
Net applicable to holders of Mun., Inc.	\$1,190,888	\$1,327,005	\$848,903	\$400,172
Capital & sur. prev. yr.	14,482,673	13,784,060	13,512,940	13,706,217
Decrease in int. of minority stockholders of Wayne Knitting Mills	Cr.1,469	Cr.1,579	Cr.118	Cr.177
Total capital & surp. paid by Munsingwear, Inc. (\$3)	\$15,675,030	\$15,112,644	\$14,361,961	\$14,106,566
Div. of Thiem Bros. Co. pref. stock	690,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Prov. for Fed. of Thiem Bros. Co. pref. stock	12,000	24,000		
Federal taxes prior years	Dr.6,906	Dr.5,972	Cr.22,098	Cr.6,374
Deprec. adjust.	34,258			
Cap. & surp. Nov. 30	\$15,021,866	\$14,482,673	\$13,784,060	\$13,512,940
Earns. per sh. on 200,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$5.95	\$6.64	\$4.24	\$2.00

a Of Subsidiary corporations, incl. both underwear and hosiery, after deducting returns, discounts and allowances. b Incl. maintenance and depreciation of physical properties, advertising and distribution expenses and general and administrative expenses. c Discounts on purchases, rentals, interest earned and other income (net).

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 (Including Subsidiary Cos.).**

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	x5,736,054	6,090,810	Capital stock and surplus	y15,021,866	14,482,673		
Good-will, trade marks, pat's, &c.	3,165,474	3,165,474	Min. stockholders' interest in subs.				
Cash	931,814	440,189	Muns. Corp. pref.	1,940,000	2,000,000		
Comm. paper	100,000		Thieme Bros. pf.	300,000	300,000		
Customers' accts. & notes receiv.	2,757,716	3,380,990	Wayne 6% pref.	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Inventories	6,157,741	8,145,712	Min. com. stock		3,586		
Mutual ins. dep. & sales adv.	107,372		Notes payable	300,000	2,951,500		
Prepaid expenses	90,853	118,675	Accts. payable, accrued exp., &c.		321,958		450,976
Investments	18,306	14,181	Pref. stock retirement reserve		36,000		24,000
Unamort. exp. pf. stk.	93,488	105,641	Res. for Fed. taxes	238,994	248,937		
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,158,818</b>	<b>21,461,672</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,158,818</b>	<b>21,461,672</b>		

x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, less provision for depreciation. y Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 125, p. 106.

**National Ice Co., Detroit.—Merger.**  
 See Detroit City Service Co. above.—V. 122, p. 760.

**National Recording Pump Co., Dayton, O.—Extra Divs.**  
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the convertible no par shares and a dividend of 25c. per share on the managers' shares, all payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21.  
 Supplementing the dividends for the current quarter, the directors have declared in advance an extra dividend of 25c. on the convertible shares and a regular dividend of 25c. on the managers' shares, both payable May 1 to holders of record April 21. It also declared in advance three regular quarterly dividends of 75c. per share on the convertible stock, payable respectively May 1, Aug. 1, and Nov. 1, to holders of record 10 days prior to those dates.—V. 125, p. 1470.

**Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Annual Statement.**

Nov. 30—Years—	Production (Yards)	Sales (Yards)	Receipts from Sales.
1926-27	32,328,371	30,766,299	\$10,583,100
1925-26	23,644,475	24,678,119	9,072,673
1924-25	22,373,893	22,650,216	9,056,448
1923-24	22,115,941	21,690,499	8,725,337
1922-23	21,705,784	22,474,026	9,112,872
1921-22	21,461,236	22,566,142	8,282,612
1920-21	20,535,237	20,718,771	7,091,476
1919-20	18,252,527	18,379,083	9,360,384
1918-19	15,955,473	17,315,933	6,503,226
1917-18	19,453,269	19,363,376	7,057,470
1916-17	19,327,464	19,285,524	4,835,015

**Results for Years End. Nov. 30—**

	1927.	1926.
Net after depreciation	\$1,823,541	\$815,453
Inventory adjustment		391,646
Federal taxes	225,000	
Net profits	\$1,598,542	\$423,807
Dividends 12%	720,000	720,000

**Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.**

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real est. & constr.	8,818,617	8,408,870	Capital stock	6,000,000	6,000,000		
Cash	610,909	345,915	Deprec'n account	2,365,215	1,997,451		
Acc'ts receivable	1,803,850	1,695,191	Res. for Fed. tax.	225,000			
Cotton in bale	1,347,025	1,021,696	Notes payable	200,000	250,000		
Stock in process & mfg. goods	1,331,461	747,448	Acc'ts payable	199,711	113,610		
Miscell. supplies	150,896	122,434	Profit and loss	5,002,061	4,123,519		
Prepd. expenses	129,228	143,025	<b>Tot. (each side)</b>	<b>13,991,987</b>	<b>12,484,578</b>		

—V. 124, p. 516.

**New Amsterdam Casualty Co.—Larger Dividend.**  
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 70 cents per share on the \$10 par value capital stock, placing it on an annual basis of \$2.80, against \$2.70 previously. The dividend is payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 19.—V. 125, p. 2679.

**Newmont Mining Corp.—Preliminary Earnings.**

Year End. Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Net after charges & Federal taxes	\$14,650,000	\$4,113,671
Shs. corp. stk. outstand. (par \$10)	452,950	452,760
Earns. per sh. on	\$32.34	\$9.08

—V. 125, p. 3492.

**New Process Cork Co., Inc.—Notes Called.**  
 The company has called for redemption on Feb. 1 all outstanding 5-year 6½% sinking fund gold notes, dated July 1 1925, due July 1 1930, at 101¾ and int., at the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City. Holders may present notes at any time prior to Feb. 1 at the trust company and receive in payment therefor 101½ and int. to date of presentation.—V. 125, p. 3492.

**Northeastern Surety Co.—To Increase Capitalization.**  
 A recommendation to increase the capital and surplus of the company from the present figure of \$682,500 to \$1,500,000 will be presented by the

Executive committee for action by the directors on Jan. 23. Of the total, \$1,000,000 will represent the capital stock and \$500,000 will represent surplus.  
This increase is proposed in order to meet the requirements of new contracts written or in process of being closed. See also V. 125, p. 3358.

**North American Investment Corp. (Calif.)—Earnings.**

Years End. Dec. 31—		1927.	1926.
Gross earnings		\$ 231,989	\$101,139
Expenses		15,907	7,951
Taxes		16,772	6,773
Bond interest		19,731	—
Amortizations of discount on stk & bonds		5,196	1,939
Net profit		\$174,382	\$84,475
Preferred dividends		73,821	35,953
Surplus		\$100,562	\$48,522
Previous surplus		48,522	—
Addition applicable to prior year		1,275	—
Total surplus		\$150,359	\$48,522
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (par \$100)		8,849	5,922
Earnings per shr. on com.		\$11.36	\$8.19

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—		1927.	1926.	Liabilities—		1927.	1926.
Investments at cost	\$3,028,911	\$1,226,001		Common stock		\$884,900	\$582,200
Cash & acc'ts rec.	186,640	124,468		Preferred stock		1,622,400	790,800
Acc'd. int.	10,576	3,480		Coll. trust bonds		750,000	—
Disc. on cap. stk.	167,970	95,048		Acc'ts payable		939	—
Ins. mort. bond	—	—		Accrd. int. payable		12,652	—
Disc. & exp.	66,175	—		Vouchers payable		—	1
Deferred debits	681	407		Divs. payable		24,336	11,862
				Res. for Fed. tax.		15,367	6,018
				Surplus & reserve		150,359	48,522
Total (each side)	\$3,460,954	\$1,449,404					

—V. 125, p. 2275.

**Northwest Engineering Co.—Debentures Sold.**—Folds, Buck & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., and Central Trust Co. of Illinois have sold at 100 and int., \$2,500,000, 10-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1938. Principal payable at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee; int. (J. & J.) payable at Central Trust Co. of Illinois (Chicago) or Chase National Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date, on 30 days' notice, on or before Jan. 1 1929, at 105 and int. this premium decreasing 1/2 of 1% each July 1 thereafter. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Penn. 4 mills tax and Mass. income tax not exceeding 1% refundable.

**Data from Letter of H. G. Barkhausen, Chairman, Board of Directors.**  
**Company.**—Company and its wholly owned Wisconsin subsidiary, Northwest Engineering Corp., manufacture gasoline, electric and Diesel powered shovels, cranes and other labor-saving, excavating and material handling equipment of the crawler or caterpillar type.

**Security.**—These debentures are a direct obligation of the company, constituting its only funded debt. Among other things the company covenants that so long as any of these debentures are outstanding, no mortgage or similar lien shall be placed upon any of the property of the company or any subsidiary and no funded debt other than the debentures shall be created (except purchase money mortgages or obligations not exceeding 75% of the cost or fair value, whichever is lesser, of new property); no dividends shall be declared which will reduce consolidated current assets below twice current liabilities or consolidated net current assets below 2,000,000.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings after all charges except provision for income taxes, as certified to by independent auditors, have been as follows:

Calendar Years.	Net Earnings.	Times Int. Charges.
1927	\$1,896,878	12.64
1926	693,208	11.28
1925	1,603,996	10.69
1924	615,211	4.10
1923	255,356	1.70

**Sinking Fund.**—The trust agreement will provide for semi-annual payments to the trustee of \$150,000 (first payment to be made Jan. 1 1930) to be applied, first, to the payment of debenture interest and the balance to be used to purchase or redeem debentures. If debentures are available at par, the sinking fund so provided will retire at least \$1,500,000 of the issue prior to maturity.

**Purpose.**—These debentures are being issued in connection with the plan or recapitalization approved by the stockholders and do not involve any new financing.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1927.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$561,010	Accounts payable	\$68,593
Notes & acc'ts rec., less reserve	2,200,533	Notes payable	300,000
Accrued interest receivable	54,966	Accr. payr., taxes, comm., &c.	220,442
Inventories	1,311,646	Dividend payable	5,000
Investments—at cost	31,280	Reserve for Federal taxes	240,000
Fixed assets	1,594,794	6% debentures	2,500,000
Deferred charges	72,652	Capital & surplus	2,502,848
Patents, good-will, &c.	1		
Total	\$5,826,883	Total	\$5,826,883

a Including capital surplus arising from appraisal of fixed assets. Compare also V. 126, p. 261.

**O'Farrell & Stockton Realty Co., San Francisco.**—Bonds Offered.—Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Anglo-California Trust Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco, recently offered \$1,100,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, at 98 1/2 and int., to yield 5.62%.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Nov. 1 1947. Prin. and int. (M. & N.), payable at Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, without deduction or normal Federal income taxes, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. Nov. 1 1932; thereafter at 103 and int. up to and incl. Nov. 1 1937, thereafter at 101 and int. Exempt from Calif. personal property tax.

**Property.**—Company owns in fee the real property and improvements thereon situated at the northeast corner of Stockton and O'Farrell Streets, San Francisco, extending 137 feet 6 inches on the northerly side of O'Farrell St. and 137 feet 6 inches on the easterly side of Stockton St. The real property is improved with a 6-story building, occupied by the City of Paris Dry Goods Co.

**Lease.**—The property will be leased for a period of 25 years to B. F. Schlesinger & Sons, Inc., at such annual rental as will be sufficient to pay annual int. and sinking fund charges on these bonds, together with all taxes, insurance and all operating expenses of the company.

The lessee, City of Paris Dry Goods Co., San Francisco; B. F. Schlesinger & Sons, Inc., Oakland; Olds, Wortman & King, Portland, and Rhodes Brothers, Inc., Tacoma, Wash., and has a net worth of about \$6,000,000. Its statement for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31 1927 shows a net income of \$498,772. The interest and sinking fund charges on this issue, the maximum annual amount being \$86,750, will be part of the operating expense of B. F. Schlesinger & Sons, Inc.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture will provide for an annual sinking fund beginning the first day of Nov. 1930, and payable May and Nov. 1 of each year hereafter, which will retire in excess of 47% of this issue prior to maturity.

**Additional Bonds.**—Authorized \$2,250,000 additional bonds may be issued solely for the purpose of constructing a new building upon the parcel of land securing this issue, provided, however, such additional bonds shall not exceed 65% of the value of such new building, the value to be determined by deducting from the certified estimated cost of the new building the then appraised value of the present building and building improvements.

**Old Dominion Co.—New Treasurer.**—A. T. Thomson has been elected Treasurer and Assistant Clerk succeeding John MacNair.—V. 125, p. 1591.

**Otis Elevator Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.**—The directors have declared an extra cash dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding \$21,609,250 common stock, par \$50 payable Feb. 29 to holders of record Feb. 15. In Feb. 1927, the company paid a 25% stock dividend on this issue. Regular quarterly dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum are now being paid on the common stock.—V. 125, p. 2157.

**Owens Bottle Co.—To Retire Preferred Stock.**—All of the outstanding preferred stock has been called for payment July 1 1928, at 115 and divs. Said stock may be presented for payment at the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, O., or at the National Park Bank, 214 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 3652.

**Pacific Fruit & Produce Co.—Notes Offered.**—Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., San Francisco, recently offered at prices ranging from 98 1/2 and int. to 101 and int., according to maturity, \$350,000 6% serial gold notes.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due serially 1928-1937. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at National Bank of Commerce, Seattle, Wash., trustee. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium of 2 1/2% if called on or before Dec. 1 1928; thereafter a premium of 1/4 of 1% per annum for each year, or part thereof, of the unexpired term, except that the premium shall in no case be less than 1/2 of 1%. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax up to but not in excess of 2%.

**Business.**—Established by George Youell in 1898 as a retail business with a capital of \$650. Present company was incorp. in 1909 with a capital of \$100,000. Present capital of \$2,075,000 with the exception of \$375,000 added only during the past 8 months, represents accumulated profits on the original capital.

Company are wholesale dealers and car lot shippers of fruit and vegetables. Their distribution is through branch houses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California, and carload buyers in Eastern markets. They use their own advertised brands and labels in marketing and have a well established business with a large clientele of regular customers. Purchases are made only for the current requirements of the company's established trade. It buys nothing for storage or future markets.

The growth in company's business is indicated by the consistent increase in volume as shown by the sales for the past five years:

1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
\$8,432,920	\$9,847,443	\$11,069,428	\$11,844,036	\$16,000,000

a December estimated.

**Earnings.**—Up to 1919 all earnings were left in the business, and since 1919 the stockholders and employees have received in dividends and bonuses \$991,749. During the 29 years of the company's existence it has never failed to show a profit. Earnings applicable to interest charges, after deduction, for the 5-year period ending Dec. 31 1926 amounted to \$1,567,713, or over 6 times maximum interest requirements of this issue, and for the 9 months ending Sept. 30 1927 \$524,712, or on the basis of 13 times the maximum interest requirements on these notes.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used for the purpose of retiring present outstanding indebtedness of the company.—V. 120, p. 3200.

**Pacific Investing Corp.—Debentures Offered.**—Blyth, Witter & Co. are offering at 96 1/2 and int. to yield over 5.25%, \$5,000,000 20-year 5% gold debentures, series A. Each \$1,000 debenture will carry a warrant, non-detachable until Jan. 1 1929, entitling the holder at any time prior to Jan. 1 1933, to receive without cost 3 shares of common stock.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1948. Int. payable J. & J. at Chase National Bank, New York, Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; prin. and int. payable at Merchants National Bank & Savings Bank of Los Angeles. Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 during first 5 years to and incl. Jan. 1 1933; at 101 after Jan. 1 1933, to and incl. Jan. 1 1938; and at par thereafter. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Merchants National Bank & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, trustee and common stock transfer agent. First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, common stock registrar. Corporation has agreed to pay int. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% and to refund the Penn. 4 mill tax and Mass. inc. tax not in excess of 6% of such int. per ann.

**Capitalization.**

20-year 5% gold deb., ser. A (this issue)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st pref. stock 6% cum. div. (par \$100)	\$8,000,000	\$5,000,000
2nd pref. \$6 cum. div. stock	30,000 shs.	3,500,000
Common stock (no par value)	250,000 shs.	30,000 shs.
		102,250 shs.

x The debenture agreement provides for additional issue of debentures under conservative restrictions.

**Data from Letter of Henry S. McKee, Pres. of the Company.**

**Company.**—Was organized in April 1927, in Delaware. Business is confined to the investment and reinvestment of its resources in domestic and foreign securities. Cash, marketable securities and call loans constitute the corporation's investment fund. The certificate of incorporation provides that no more than 5% of the corporation's assets may be placed in any one security, firm or corporation.

**Assets & Earnings.**—The market value of investments, together with cash and short term loans, as of Dec. 19 1927, was in excess of \$5,000,000. The net earnings as certified to by Haskins and Sells, before provision for Federal income tax for the first 6 months of operation, were equivalent to a return of 12.37% per annum on the average invested capital. Although the average invested capital during the period was less than \$3,000,000, earnings were more than 1.6 times the int. charges on these debentures. Upon the completion of this financing over \$11,000,000 will be invested by the corporation, which is over 220% of the outstanding debentures.

**Equity for Debentures.**—The equity for these debentures, as indicated by the current market value of junior securities, is approximately \$7,000,000. The current market on the common stock is about \$12.50 per share.

**Listing.**—Listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.—V. 125, p. 1850.

**Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Obituary.** Secretary Oscar D. Bennett died Jan. 15.—V. 125, p. 3493.

**Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Defers Class A Pref. Dividend.**—The directors have voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share due Feb. 1 on the class A pref. stock, no par value. Quarterly dividends at this rate were paid on this issue on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1927.—V. 125, p. 2399.

**Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages.—Earnings.**

Year Ended Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross receipts	\$831,895	\$821,057	\$779,470	\$674,390
State & Federal taxes	120,000	120,000	106,000	84,000
Salaries, stationery, furniture, &c., advertising & general expenses	205,930	191,444	177,271	150,064
Net earnings	\$505,965	\$509,613	\$496,199	\$440,326
Dividends paid (12%)	\$360,000	(11)330,000	(10)300,000	(10)299,437
Undivided earnings	\$145,965	\$179,613	\$196,198	\$140,889

—V. 125, p. 3359.

**Pipe Line Statistics.—Total Oil Deliveries (in Barrels).**—O. H. Pförzheimer & Co., New York, specialists in Standard Oil securities, give the following statistics taken from the "Oil City Derrick":

Period End. Dec. 31—1927—Month—1926—12 Mos.—1926.

National Transit Co.	902,647	723,597	9,307,031	9,055,098
South West Penn. P. L.	1,073,637	916,071	13,000,860	10,305,778
Eureka Pipe Line Co.	789,847	733,098	10,155,147	9,014,226
Buckeye Pipe Line Co.	2,419,332	2,250,475	31,387,287	28,660,332
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	2,334,800	2,188,414	27,017,009	25,305,353
Cumberland P. Line Co.	205,859	234,762	3,092,858	3,287,822
Southern Pipe Line Co.	155,900	99,536	3,304,267	1,755,172
New York Transit Co.	141,303	149,023	2,760,978	6,179,517
Northern Pipe Line Co.	489,698	416,410	5,619,522	9,037,565
x Illinois Pipe Line Co.	863,630	1,007,046	11,448,116	12,136,590
y Prairie Pipe Line Co.	5,344,811	4,331,958	64,525,902	50,688,577

x Illinois fields only. y Exclusive of shipments over the Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. of Texas.

C. H. Pforzheimer & Co. further state: "With the publication of the December figures comparisons can be made for the full year of 1927 with 1926 and preceding years. The figures show that the majority of these companies handled a larger volume of business and in one case, Prairie Pipe Line Co.'s deliveries of 64,525,902 barrels were the greatest in its history. This is exclusive of oil transported over the company's subsidiary, the Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. of Texas, which delivers oil to the Gulf Coast, which would increase the company's volume of business considerably. The Buckeye Pipe Line Co.'s gatherings from wells were approximately 4% greater in 1927 and receipts increased 18%, while deliveries were almost 9% greater during the year. Deliveries for 1927 were the largest handled since 1922. The South West Penn. Pipe Lines reported a slightly higher business in the gathering of oil from wells, while deliveries which were approximately 20% higher in 1927 were the largest handled since 1920. The Southern Pipe Line Co.'s deliveries increased 88% over deliveries of the preceding year. The Indiana Pipe Line Co.'s receipts increased 7% and deliveries were 6% greater during the year. Deliveries for 1927 were the highest recorded since 1922. The Eureka Pipe Line Co. reported an increase of 10% in deliveries. The National Transit Co.'s gatherings from wells were slightly under 1926, but deliveries showed an increase of over 8%. The Illinois Pipe Line Co., which only reports on its business in the Illinois district, reported 8% less runs and 5% less deliveries. In addition this company transports oil in the Rocky Mountain States and in western Texas, where it has been one of the most active factors in transporting oil in Pecos County. The New York Transit Co.'s runs from wells were about 10% higher than 1926, but deliveries fell off from 6,179,517 barrels to 2,760,978, or 55%. The Northern Pipe Line Co.'s deliveries fell off 38%. The Cumberland Pipe Line Co.'s runs from wells were approximately 8% smaller than in the previous year."—V. 125, p. 2276.

**Piggy Wiggy Corp.—Estimated Sales.**—Sales for the year 1927 totaled approximately \$184,000,000, an increase of \$24,779,596 over 1926. At the close of Dec. 1927, there were 2,660 stores in operation, a gain of 402 over Dec. 31 1926. Fifty new stores are in operation in Canada and others will be opened shortly, it is stated. A store has been opened in Honolulu and will be followed by two others. The factory at Jackson, Tenn., where Piggy Wiggy fixtures are manufactured, has been enlarged and new machinery installed to increase production. In addition to this considerable business has developed manufacturing furniture for railroad stations.—V. 126, p. 117.

**Pittsburgh Steel Products Co.—Bonds Called.**—Two hundred eighty-four (284) of the 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Feb. 2 1925, have been called for payment Feb. 1 next at 102½ and int. at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 124, p. 383.

**Pond Creek Pocahontas Co.—Coal Output.**—Calendar Years—  

	1927.	1926.
Production (no. of tons)	825,951	739,68
In Dec. 1927 the company mined 37,015 tons of coal.		

—V. 125, p. 2276, 1722.

**Pressed Steel Car Co.—Exchange Offer Made to Holders of 10-Year 5% Conv. Gold Bonds.**—

Holdings of 10-year 5% convertible gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1933, may exchange them for 15-year 5% conv. gold debentures and no par value common stock at the rate of \$1,000 of debentures and three shares of common stock for each \$1,000 of bonds so exchanged. President F. N. Hoffstot, in a letter to holders of the bonds, calls attention to the fact that the right of exchange will expire on March 17 1928. The total principal amount of debentures which may be issued is limited to \$9,750,000. Mr. Hoffstot's letter states: "The debentures are to be redeemable as a whole at any time or in part on any interest date on 60 days' published notice at 105 and accrued interest and are to be convertible at the option of the holders at any time up to or at maturity, or, in the event of call for redemption, at any time up to or at the redemption date, into no par value common stock of the company at the rate of 25 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 of debentures with adjustment of accrued interest and dividends, and with appropriate provisions for the protection of said right of conversion in the event of the subsequent issue of additional common stock as a stock dividend or of any further change in the common stock capitalization of the company."

The outstanding 10-year 5% bonds are redeemable at 100 and accrued interest.—V. 126, p. 117.

**Price Brothers & Co., Ltd.—Acq. Control of Donnacona.**—See Donnacona Paper Co., Ltd., above.—V. 125, p. 1722.

**Public Industrials Corp.—Establishes Security Department—Company Will Engage in Retail Distribution of Securities.**—

This corporation, organized in 1925 to own and manage various industrial corporations, announces the opening of an office at 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, through which retail distribution of its securities will be effected. The corporation numbers among its properties the Frink Co., Inc., and the Sterling Bronze Co., recently merged into The Frink Corp.; the Crescent Dry Cleaning Co., Inc., the O. K. Dyers & Cleaners Corp., the Naptha Cleaned Carpet Cleaning Co., Inc., constituting the United Crescent Dry Cleaning Corp., and the Bart Reflector Co., Inc., of Newark. All of these companies are located in New York City with the exception of the latter.—V. 125, p. 2948.

**Pure Oil Co.—Definitive Notes Ready.**—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive 10-year 5½% sinking fund gold notes, due Aug. 1 1937, in exchange for outstanding temporary notes. (See offering in V. 125, p. 661.)—V. 125, p. 3653.

**Realty Associates Securities Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—Manufacturers Trust Co., Redmond & Co. and Financial & Industrial Securities Corp., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$5,000,000 guaranteed 12-year 6% gold bonds, series of 1927. Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal interest and sinking fund by endorsement by Realty Associates. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1939. Full details given in V. 126, p. 262.

**Reid Ice Cream Corp.—Stocks Off List.**—The New York Stock Exchange has stricken from its list the preferred and common stock of this corporation which was recently acquired by the Borden Co. (see latter in V. 125, p. 3645, 2533).—V. 125, p. 3653.

**Reliance Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet.**—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '27.	Dec. 30 '26.
Land, bldgs., eq.	\$705,457	Preferred stock	\$2,200,000
Good-will	50,000	Common stock	2,300,000
Cash	1,074,497	Ac'ts payable	477,256
Receivables	2,308,215	Notes payable	200,000
Inventories	2,557,237	Divs. payable	39,375
Cash val. of life ins	72,268	Accruals	35,846
Prepaid expenses	31,293	Reserves	234,000
Misc. notes receiv.	250,827	Surplus	1,713,212
Investments	240,520		1,223,643
Deferred charges	10,000		
		Tot. (each side)	\$7,300,314

A comparative income account was published in last week's Chronicle in V. 126, p. 262.

**Remington Rand Inc.—Consolidation of Exec. Offices.**—The corporation announced on Jan. 16 that the consolidation of the executive offices of the following companies is now complete: The Remington Typewriter Co., the Dalton Adding Machine Co., the Powers Accounting Machine Co., the Rand Co., the Kardex Co., the Line-a-Time Co., the Kalamazoo Loose Leaf Co., the Safe Cabinet Co. and the Baker Vawter Co. The headquarters of all the companies, which were non-competing before the merger, will now be in New York City.—V. 125, p. 2824.

**Rigney & Co. (Candy), Brooklyn.—New Financing.**—Brooklyn Commerce Co. has purchased for later public offering a new issue of 25,000 shares of \$1 cumulative participating pref. stock (par \$10)

of the company, one of the leading domestic manufacturers of rock candy. The company, founded in 1893, and incorp. in New York in 1901, also manufactures rock candy syrup, lozenges, filled and hard candies, maple syrup and other maple products. The main plant in Brooklyn comprises 6 buildings with 94,532 square feet of floor space, with a replacement value of \$601,441, and after depreciation a total sound value of \$504,388.

**(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.—Annual Report.**—

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
*Net profit	\$29,080,664	\$26,249,403	\$25,221,579	\$23,777,717
Undiv. prof. prev. yr	50,203,796	39,154,393	29,732,814	16,955,098
Sundry credits	8,744,739			
Total surplus	\$88,029,199	\$65,403,796	\$54,954,393	\$40,732,815
Deduct—Pref. divs.	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Common dividends (26)	26,000,000	15,200,000	13,000,000	12,960,000
Prem. on red. of pref. stk	20,000,000		4,000,000	
Stock div. Class B. (25)	20,000,000			
Goodwill reduct., &c.	1,332,426			
Total undiv. profits	\$40,696,774	\$50,203,796	\$39,154,393	\$29,732,815
Shs. com. & com. B				
outstand. (par\$25)	4,000,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000
Earns. per share	\$7.27	\$8.20	\$7.44	\$6.99

\* Net profits after deducting all charges and expenses of management and after making provision for interest, taxes (incl. Fed. and State income taxes), depreciation, advertising, &c.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, bldgs., machinery, &c.	13,558,604	20,154,470	Common stock	10,000,000
Cash	10,799,225	16,930,893	New class B common stock	90,000,000
U. S. Treas. cfts.	5,000,000		Accounts payable	5,085,855
Accts. receivable	11,730,662	12,440,720	Accrued interest, taxes, &c.	6,749,835
Leaf tob. supplies			Reserve for depreciation and contingencies	9,927,102
mfd. prod., &c.	108,773,089	99,154,109	Contingent res	1,909,060
Inv. in non-competitive cos.	952,048	952,073	Undiv. prof. (after deduct. of div. payable Jan. 1)	40,696,774
Other accts. and notes rec'ble	3,098,562	1,403,846		50,203,797
Good-will, pat., &c.	1	1,318,691		
Prepd. int., ins., &c.	529,333	388,223		
Total	154,441,524	152,741,028	Total	154,441,524
x After depreciation.		y Before depreciation.		

(Dwight P.) Robinson & Co., Inc.—Consolidation.—See United Engineers & Constructors, Inc., below.—V. 119, p. 2539.

**Royal Baking Powder Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.**—The company has omitted the extra dividend of 2% on the common stock usually declared at this time. In a statement to the stockholders, the management said that while operating income in 1927 exceeded that of 1926 it was deemed wise to conserve cash for possible future expansion. Extra dividends of 2% each were paid on the common stock on Dec. 19 1915 to 1926, incl.—V. 125, p. 1851.

**Russek's Fifth Ave. Bldg. (Fifth Ave. Realty Corp.), New York.—Bonds Offered.**—An issue of \$1,500,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6% sinking fund gold loan (closed mtge.) is being offered at 100 and int. by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1944. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at New York Trust Co., N. Y. City, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e\*. Red. all or part, on any int. date, upon 30 days' notice, to and incl. Jan. 1 1933, at 103 and int.; thereafter, to and incl. Jan. 1 1938, at 102 and int.; thereafter, to and incl. July 1 1943, at 101 and int.; and thereafter at par. Int. payable without deduction for that portion of any normal Fed. income tax not exceeding 2%. Refund of certain Calif., Conn., District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mass., Mich., Minn., New Hampshire, Penna., and Virginia taxes to resident holders upon proper and timely application, as provided in the mortgage.

**Data from Letter of B. K. Marcus, Pres. of the Corporation.**—Building.—Russek's Fifth Ave. Building is located on the southwest corner of 5th St. and 5th Ave. in the heart of the retail shopping area of New York City. The property consists of two contiguous buildings occupying an irregular plot having a frontage of about 95 feet on Fifth Ave. and 166 feet on West 36th St., or about 16,000 square feet of ground area. Russek's Fifth Ave. Building consists of 8 stories and 2 basements, the exterior being finished with the finest quality limestone, granite and ornamental bronze. The adjoining building has 8 floors and basement, the exterior being finished in limestone. The super-structures are of steel and fireproof construction.

Russek's Fifth Avenue, Inc., the principal tenant, is considered as having one of the most completely equipped retail stores in New York City. It has occupied its present quarters since 1924 and subsequently has expended approximately \$350,000 in permanent improvements to the building and over \$400,000 in fixtures and equipment. Wise Shoes, Inc., who will occupy this adjoining building, contemplate an expenditure of approximately \$100,000 in improvements.

**Earnings.**—The Fifth Avenue Realty Corp. has leased the entire property, for a period extending beyond the maturity of this loan, to tenants who have contracted to pay in addition to their annual rental all operating expenses and taxes.

Russek's Fifth Avenue, Inc., has leased the Russek's Fifth Ave. Building until May 1 1944, at an annual rental of \$250,000, plus all operating expenses and taxes. Wise Shoes, Inc., has leased the adjoining building from May 1 1928, to May 1 1944, at an annual rental of \$100,000 plus all operating expenses and taxes (now leased by A. Jaekel & Co. until May 1 1928, at an annual rental of \$75,000 per year plus all operating expenses and taxes.) Messrs. Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, N. Y. City, report earnings as follows:

Calendar Years	1926.	1927.	*1928.	*1929.
Earnings	\$311,666	\$325,000	\$341,666	\$350,000
Ground rent & misc. exp.	105,684	109,958	110,450	110,450

	1926.	1927.	*1928.	*1929.
Balance avail. for int., Fed. inc. tax, amort. of leaseholds, &c.	\$205,982	\$215,041	\$231,216	\$239,550
Max. ann. int. charges (this issue)			90,000	90,000

\* Estimated, based on existing leases. Security.—This loan will be secured by a 1st closed mtge. on the leasehold estate, extending about 95 feet on Fifth Ave. and 166 feet on 36th St., comprising about 16,000 sq. feet, together with the buildings thereon, having a value, as appraised by Charles F. Noyes Co., Inc., on Jan. 12 1928, of \$2,560,080, making this issue less than a 60% loan. The ground leases, aggregating a total annual rental of \$108,450, extend beyond the maturity of this loan (further renewal privileges are provided). This loan will be additionally secured by deposit with the trustee of the Russek's Fifth Avenue, Inc. lease and the Wise Shoes, Inc. lease. Title insurance for the full amount of this loan and adequate fire, liability and rent or rental value insurance will be carried, payable to the trustee.

**Sinking Fund.**—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund payable semi-annually to the trustee, beginning Jan. 1 1930, and continuing throughout the life of this issue. The operation of this sinking fund, through purchase in the open market or by redemption, is calculated to retire the entire issue on or before maturity.

**Russell Mfg. Co., Middletown, Conn.—Resumes Div.**—The directors have declared a dividend of 1½% on the common stock. This is the first dividend since 1924.—V. 119, p. 705.

**Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd.—Dividend Increased.**—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 31. The directors also declared a dividend of 4% on the common stock for the year 1927, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 31. This is an increase of 1% over the rate paid for the year 1927.—V. 124, p. 3366.

**St. Louis Car Co.—Initial Common Dividend.**—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record

an. 31 and also the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21.—V. 121, p. 2888.

**Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Common Dividends.**—The directors have declared four quarterly dividends of 87 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, for the current year, payable March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15, respectively. Similar quarterly cash distributions were made on the common stock during 1927. In the previous year dividends at the rate of 8% per annum in common stock were paid.—V. 125, p. 1723.

**Security Bond & Mortgage Co. (Fla.).—Stocks Offered.**—The company, with offices at Jacksonville, Fla., and Douglas Sales Corp., New York, recently offered 30,000 shares class "A" common stock (par \$20) and 15,000 shares class "B" common stock (no par value) in units of 2 shares of class "A" and 1 share of class "B" at \$52.50 per unit. Due to a typographical error the offering price was given as \$25.50 in our issue of Jan. 14, p. 263.

**Seeman Brothers, Inc.—Earnings.**—The results of operations for the first 6 months of the current fiscal year, covering the period from July 1 to Dec. 31 1927, indicate that net profits, after all taxes and depreciation, were \$2.82 per share on the 125,000 shares of no par value common stock outstanding. This compares with \$1.91 per share during the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, an increase of 47%. Sales are being well maintained and the outlook for the remainder of the year is favorable.—V. 125, p. 1204.

**Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—New Directors, &c.**—W. E. Moody, Vice-President of the company, has been elected a Director. B. L. Majewski, General Sales Manager, has been elected vice president and director.—V. 125, p. 2826, 2858.

**Silica Gel Corp.—Listing.**—The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,700,000 5-year 6 1/2% gold notes. See offering in V. 125, p. 2160.

**Simmons Co.—Estimated Earnings, &c., for 1927.**—President Z. G. Simmons, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance: Without having final figures, gross business for the 13 months ended Dec. 31 1927 will have amounted to approximately \$35,500,000. This is against a sale for the 12 months of 1927 of \$32,141,000. Net profits for the year 1927 will have reached approximately \$4,200,000 to \$4,500,000 after all charges. We will have spent during the year \$ 0,000 more for advertising than in the previous year. We will have maintained our properties up to a high state of efficiency, and to do so will have spent \$800,000 in maintenance. We will have invested approximately \$ 0,000 in new equipment and facilities. We will have written off to depreciation reserve between \$1,250,000 and \$1,300,000. We will have amortized our original Beautyrest campaign to the extent of \$100,000; our patents \$100,000, our employees' liability fund \$ 0,000 and set aside \$250,000 for bad debts reserve. We will have paid State, county and municipal taxes to the extent of \$350,000 and approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000 Government taxes, both United States and Dominion. All of these various sums will have been deducted, including the amount we spent on advertising in 1926 in addition to the \$500,000 increase this year, with the exception of \$750,000 spent for new equipment—all before arriving at our net profits which I estimate will be between \$4,250,000 and \$4,500,000. The directors have appropriated \$500,000 more for the advertising fund for 1928 over 1927. Sales of Beautyrest mattresses amounted, in units, to approximately 45,000 for the first 6 months and 133,000 for the last 7 months, or, for the 13 months, almost 180,000.—V. 125, p. 3496.

**(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Annual Report.**

Period	12 Mos. End.		Calendar Years.	
	Oct. 31 '27.	Oct. 31 '26.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$23,961,319	\$19,713,230	\$20,810,182	\$20,065,981
Cost of sales	15,161,813	12,763,041	13,412,659	13,153,904
Admin. & selling exps.	6,655,557	5,181,331	5,424,163	5,353,678
Depreciation	542,504	481,824	609,648	553,563
Royalties	74,488	61,640	70,176	61,955
Net operating profit	\$1,526,957	\$1,225,395	\$1,293,535	\$942,881
Other income	264,583	192,078	229,724	516,495
Total income	\$1,791,540	\$1,417,473	\$1,523,259	\$1,459,376
Interest paid	224,239	209,236	172,702	228,105
U. S. and foreign taxes	234,000	162,900	188,600	149,589
Net income	\$1,333,301	\$1,045,337	\$1,161,957	\$1,081,682
7% 1st pref. dividends	287,703	221,128	300,852	309,243
8% 2d pref. dividends	79,990	59,970	80,000	80,000
Common dividends	296,945	386,029	477,750	412,956
Prov. for red. 1st pref.	150,000	125,000	150,000	150,000
Surplus	\$518,662	\$253,211	\$153,356	\$129,484
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (par \$100)	59,822	59,822	59,822	53,833
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$16.14	\$12.77	\$13.01	\$12.86

**Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.**

Assets—	1927.		1926.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., &c.	4,199,889	4,234,217	4,083,700	4,156,300
Leaseholds, bldgs., & impts.	1,219,251	1,179,789	1,000,000	1,000,000
Patent rights	6,330	7,430	5,982,200	5,982,200
Cash	956,630	930,521	1,800,000	1,800,000
Acc't receivable	3,318,485	3,048,175	544,184	615,680
Notes rec., cust' res.	207,897	158,173	637,224	508,084
Notes & acc'ts rec., employees	47,973	42,662	331,618	316,746
Inventories	8,686,603	8,465,423	234,695	212,055
Debd charges, &c.	258,786	245,954	19,027	10,476
Investments	624,999	577,319	383,449	331,678
Treasury stock	43,300	53,189	Surplus	3,514,762
Cash in sink. fund.	75,714	727	red. of 1st pref.	1,115,000
Total	19,645,858	18,943,557	Total	19,645,858

x Add reserve for depreciation of \$3,284,993. y Leaseholds, building and improvements thereon, after depreciation and amortization, \$1,344,251 less mortgage (payable \$25,000 annually), \$125,000.—V. 125, p. 2682.

**Standard Investing Corp.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—Brown Brothers & Co. and Stone Webster and Blodgett, Inc., are offering at \$100 per share and div., 40,000 shares, pref. stock, \$5.50 div. series (with common stock purchase warrants attached).

Cumulative dividends \$5.50 per share per annum, payable Q.—F. Divs. cumulative from Feb. 15 1928. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice at any time prior to Jan. 1 1933 at \$110 per share, plus divs., and at \$105 per share plus divs. on and after Jan. 1 1933. Transfer agent, New York Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Bank of New York & Trust Co., New York. **Common Stock Purchase Warrants.**—Each certificate of preferred stock, \$5.50 dividend series, will bear a warrant (non-detachable unless such preferred stock is redeemed) entitling the holder to purchase one share of common stock without par value for each share of such preferred stock represented by said certificate, at the price of \$30 per share of common stock on or prior to Dec. 31 1930, or at the price of \$35 per share thereafter and on or prior to Dec. 31 1933, or at the price of \$40 per share thereafter and on or prior to Dec. 31 1937. **Organization.**—Incorp. on Jan. 31 1927 in Maryland, with powers which include the purchase and sale of government, municipal, corporate and other securities, both domestic and foreign.

**Earnings.**—Earnings for the first 10 months of operation, ended Dec. 31 1927, were as follows: Income from interest (received and accrued) and from dividends—\$299,881 Net profit from the sale of securities—260,510

Total	\$560,391
Oper. exp., \$10,993, Int. paid and accr., \$204,687, res. for taxes, \$56,647, Amort. of deb. disc. & of organ. exp., \$17,601	289,928

**Net income.**—\$270,463 **Capitalization.**—The capitalization of the corporation will be as follows after amendment of its charter and upon completion of the present financing:

10-year 5% gold debentures due Mar. 1 1937	\$4,500,000
Pref. stk. (no par value, issuable in series), auth. 100,000 shs, outstanding:	
\$6 div. series, cumul., conv. into com. stk. in the ratio of 4 shs. of com. for 1 sh. of pref. stk., \$6 div. series	15,000 shs.
\$5.50 dividend series, cumulative, this issue	40,000 shs.
Com. stk. (no par value), auth. 185,000 shs., reserved for conv. of pref. stk., \$6 div. series, 60,000 shs., res. against the exercise of the purchase warrants attaching to the present issue of pref. stk., \$5.50 div. series, 40,000 shs., outstanding	85,000 shs.

Of the 85,000 shs. of com. stk. outstanding, 45,000 shs. have been deposited against exercise of warrants attaching to the debentures. **Note.**—The 15,000 shares of pref. stk., \$6 div. series will represent a reclassification of the 15,000 shs of conv. pref. stk. of the corporation at present outstanding.

**Assets.**—According to the financial condition, Dec. 31 1927, domestic and foreign securities (including advances) represent a total cost of \$6,372,498. The market value of these securities (including advances aggregating about \$450,000 carried at principal amount thereof) was \$6,591,834 indicating a total appreciation of \$219,336 over the cost price.

**Purpose.**—It is the policy of the corporation to increase its capital funds from time to time, and to invest these funds, for the most part, in general market securities. The present issue is in line with this policy. **Directors.**—The board of directors consists of the following: James Brown (of Brown Brothers & Co.), John Foster Dulles (of Sullivan & Cromwell), Henry R. Hayes (Vice-Pres., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.), and Ray Morris (of Brown Brothers & Co.), George Murnane (of Lee, Higginson & Co.)—V. 125, p. 2541.

**Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)—Forms a New Unit.**—As a part of its re-organization, by which various departments are being segregated into separate operating units, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has formed Stanco, Inc., with a capital of \$10,000,000, to pack and market various petroleum specialties and by-products, such as Nujol, Flit, Mistol, Isopropyl Alcohol among other items. F. H. Bedford, Jr., a director of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, the holding company, will head Stanco Inc. as President, C. L. Bowman and J. A. Van Wynen have been elected Vice-Presidents. The directors include F. W. Abrams, E. F. Johnson, A. A. Lacazette, C. C. Ramsdell, E. E. A. Stone and J. C. Wolke. Mr. Bedford will continue to be affiliated with the various other units of the organization. The new company's activities will extend to all markets where its products have been established in the past. All of the capital stock of the new company will be owned by the parent company. See also V. 125, p. 264.

**Stern Brothers.—Securities Offered.**—Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, recently offered in units of \$1,000 bond and 16 shares (v. t. c.) common stock at \$1,288 (plus int.) per unit, \$6,000,000 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Delivery will be made in the form of allotment certificates of Manufacturers Trust Co., depository, exchangeable after Dec. 1 1928 (or earlier at the option of the depository) for definitive bonds of the respective denom. and the appropriate number of Stern Brothers common shares (v. t. c.). Dated Dec. 1 1927, due Dec. 1 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500\*. Red. all or part upon 30 days' notice, on or before June 1 1938, at a premium of 5% and int., thereafter at a premium of 5% less 1/2 of 1% per annum or fraction thereof. Int. payable without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Certain Calif., Conn., Dist. of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mass., Mich., Penn. and Virginia taxes refundable upon timely and proper application, as provided in the indenture. **Sinking Fund.**—A semi-annual sinking fund, beginning Sept. 1 1932, is calculated to retire 75% of this issue by maturity.

**Data from Letter of Samuel Mundheim, Pres. of Stern Brothers.** **Business.**—Stern Brothers, founded in 1867, is one of the oldest and best known department stores in the United States. It has exceptionally favorable leases, expiring in 1939, on a modern fireproof building, having a floor area of over 625,000 square feet, fronting 238 feet on 42nd St., west of 5th Ave., and extending through to 43rd St. and to 6th Ave., N. Y. City. **Purpose.**—In order to profit by opportunities for increased business, the company is issuing these bonds, its purpose being to reduce its fixed charges from \$720,000 to \$360,000 (until Sept. 1 1932, when the bond sinking fund begins to operate) by acquiring its class A shares and eliminating the divs. thereon, thereby making available additional funds wherewith to complete the extension and improvement of facilities now under way and to keep pace with the development of its neighborhood.

**Security.**—Bonds will be a direct obligation of the company and will constitute its sole funded debt. Company covenants that, while any of these bonds are outstanding: (1) no debts may be incurred ranking equal or prior to these bonds, except those arising in the ordinary course of business and maturing within one year (except as to mortgages or liens existing on property hereafter acquired or purchased money mortgages or liens thereon), (2) no dividends may be paid on the common stock except out of income earned subsequent to Jan. 31 1928, and then only if net current assets are not thereby reduced below \$4,500,000, nor the ratio of current assets to current liabilities below two to one, all as more fully described in the indenture securing the bonds.

**Assets.**—Balance sheet as of Jan. 31 1927, after giving effect to this financing, shows net assets of \$12,806,158, equivalent to over \$2,100 per \$1,000 bond. The leasehold alone has recently been appraised by Joseph M. May, Inc., at a value substantially in excess of \$7,499,600, the value at which leasehold and goodwill are carried in the balance sheet.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings after all charges except Federal taxes for the 7 years ended Jan. 31 1927, averaged \$1,202,422, or over 3.3 times the int. requirement of these bonds, and at a rate of over \$1.90 a share of common stock to be outstanding upon completion of this program. Operations this year have been handicapped by construction contiguous to the store and by internal changes and improvements. Earnings in 1927 will consequently be under the average, but should exceed twice the bond int. requirement. A substantial increase in volume and profits over those heretofore attained is expected with the completion of internal improvements and with the conversion of neighboring subway and building construction into sources of new business.—V. 125, p. 3497

**Steuenville-Weirton Bridge Co. (Stanton Bridge).—Bonds Offered.**—The Colonial Trust Co., K. W. Todd & Co. and Glover & MacGregor, Pittsburgh, are offering at 99 and int., \$600,000 1st mtge. 30-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1927; due Dec. 1 1957. Int. payable J. & D. at Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee, without deduction of any normal Federal income tax up to 2% which 2% will be paid by the company. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Penna. personal property tax not to exceed 4 mills refunded.

**Data from Letter of S. L. Tone, Pres. of the Company.** **Incorp.** in West Virginia for the purpose of constructing, owning and operating a highway toll bridge across the Ohio River from the City of Steuenville, O., to Weirton, W. Va. The construction of the bridge was authorized by a special Act of Congress, and the construction and operation have been further authorized and approved under franchises granted by the City of Steuenville, O., and the County Court of Brooke County, W. Va. The plans for the bridge were approved by the Secretary of War. The bridge is of the steel suspension type, having a center span of 688 feet, 6 inches, and a clearance above low water of 90 feet, in accordance with the regulations of the U. S. War Department. The bridge structure will have a total length of 1,676 feet, having a 22-foot roadway with solid concrete floor and a 5-foot sidewalk.



It has recently absorbed the Woodbury Glass Co., Winchester, Ind., which it has operated since 1923. The consolidated company is one of the largest manufacturers of glass bottles in the Middle West.

Company is licensed to operate the efficient Hartford-Empire automatic feeders and Lynch automatic machines for the manufacture of glass bottles, and through its subsidiary, Monongah Glass Co., it shares in valuable rights to use certain Hartford-Empire machines in the production of glass tumblers. It is thus in a position to produce a complete line of glass food containers at low manufacturing cost. Bottles are manufactured only on definite contract orders from customers thus eliminating the risk of carrying an inventory of unsold finished products.

The plant at Terre Haute covers 20 1/2 acres of land and has a producing capacity of over 70,000,000 bottles a year. The plant at Winchester covers 20 acres of land and has a producing capacity of over 90,000,000 bottles a year. Both of these plants are equipped with modern machinery, have adequate warehouses, and direct railroad receiving and shipping facilities. They are centrally located both as to sources of raw materials and markets for finished products.

Monongah Glass Co., all of whose common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, was acquired by Turner Glass Co. in Jan. 1927, manufactures a wide variety of tumblers, jars, bottles and other glassware. Its total capacity is over 85,000,000 bottles or 125,000,000 tumblers a year. Its operation under the same management as Turner Glass Co. will make possible substantial savings in freight, and large economies in purchasing, and in overhead expenses, materially increasing the earnings of both companies.

**Earnings.**—Average net earnings after depreciation for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1927 (last 4 weeks of 1927 estimated) were \$259,548 a year, or over 5 times annual interest requirements of \$51,000 on these bonds. Net earnings after depreciation for 1927 (last 4 weeks estimated) were \$318,308 or over 6 times such interest requirements. These figures do not include the operations of the Monongah Glass Co.

**Sinking Fund.**—Company will make a fixed cash payment, to the trustee at the end of each 4 weeks period beginning Dec. 1 1927 to cover interest charges and to provide a sinking fund calculated to retire over 70% of these bonds by maturity.

**Restrictions.**—An additional \$350,000 of 1st mtge. bonds may be issued only to the extent of 50% of actual cash expenditures for net additions and improvements to fixed assets, and only if net earnings after depreciation for each of the two preceding years have been equal to at least 3 1/2 times total interest requirements.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures and for improvements and extensions which have been made to the company's plants, to increase net working capital, and for other corporate purposes.

**Union Guarantee & Mortgage Co.—Registrar.**

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 10,000 shares common stock, par \$100.—V. 125, p. 3497.

**Union Natural Gas Co. of Canada.—Authorizes Full Year's Dividends and an Extra of 5 Cents per Share for Quarter**

The directors on Jan. 17 declared an extra dividend of 5 cents per share in addition to a regular dividend of 35 cents per share per quarter for the year 1928. It is expected that the extra dividend will be continued throughout the year.

In order to complete the extensive construction program of the company in Windsor and elsewhere, it was decided to give the stockholders as of April 2 1928, rights to subscribe on or before May 1 for one share of new stock at \$20 each for each 10 shares of stock held.

**Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha, Ltd.—Annual Rep.**

[Incl. South Omaha Terminal Ry.]				
	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross revenues	\$3,264,744	\$3,456,233	\$3,626,584	\$3,972,604
Gross expenses	2,478,042	2,568,735	2,690,472	2,956,109
Net earnings	\$786,702	\$887,498	\$936,112	\$1,016,494
Dividends	\$618,699	(8)599,704	(8)599,704	(8)599,704
Balance, surplus	\$168,003	\$287,795	\$336,408	\$416,790
Shs. cap. stk. outstand. (par \$100)	112,466	74,963	74,963	74,963
Earnings per shr.	\$7.00	\$11.84	\$12.49	\$13.56
x Being 6% on 74,963 shares and 1 1/2% on 112,466 shares after the 50% stock dividend.				

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Real estate & plant	16,791,253	17,567,284	Capital stock	11,246,600	7,496,300		
Acc'ts receivable	2,1472	25,148	Bonded debt	700,000	700,000		
Inventories	151,069	145,703	Deprec'n reserve	1,255,318	2,228,367		
Investments	340,137	333,588	Ac'ts payable	7,603	8,855		
Deferred charges	39,687	37,619	Reserve for taxes	167,641	163,334		
Cash	165,627	60,146	Surplus	4,134,985	7,572,631		
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,512,147</b>	<b>18,169,487</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,512,147</b>	<b>18,169,487</b>		

—V. 125, p. 1990.

**United Autographic Register Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**

An issue of \$750,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds was recently offered at 100 and int. by Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1938. Int. payable J. & J., at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee, without deduction for normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. on any int. date, on 60 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium of 1/2% for each full year and (or) remaining fraction, by which the regular maturity is thus anticipated, with a minimum premium of 1%. Authorized \$15,000; to be presently issued and outstanding \$750,000. Escrow bonds which may vary as to int. rate and redemption provisions issuable for acquisitions under conservative restrictions. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c.

**Date from Letter of Walter R. Barker, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Illinois in 1894. Company has shown a profit in each of the 35 years of its operation, and has built its present properties entirely through reinvestment of surplus earnings. Its business, under the trade name "Carco Business Systems" is the formulating of cost and labor saving business systems, the installation of the necessary equipment, and the printing of contracts, factory orders, and other similar business forms. Company has grown steadily, until now it is one of the leaders in its field, having on its books over 50,000 active accounts, which are constantly using and re-ordering its forms. Its business is nation-wide and includes many of the leading institutions of the country.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to provide approximately 60% of the purchase price of the assets and business of the Mani-Fold Co. of Cleveland.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture provides for the deposit on or before each Jan. and July 1, with the first payment on July 1 1928, of an amortization fund of \$47,500, to be used by the trustee, first for the payment of the semi-annual int., and then for the purchase of bonds at or below the current redemption price, or, if not obtainable, then to the redemption by lot on the next int. date. The principal retirement, through the sinking fund, if the bonds are obtainable at par, will be \$50,700 for year ending Jan. 1 1929, steadily increasing to \$83,000 for 1937, and resulting in the retirement of approximately 0% of the present issue by maturity.

**Earnings.**—The condensed income account of the company and of the properties being acquired through this financing has been as follows:

	1925.	1926.	1927 (9 mo)
Net sales	\$2,482,262	\$2,932,459	\$2,179,221
ffz., sell., gen. & adm. expense	2,131,490	2,548,748	1,911,444
depreciation	77,303	85,535	71,057
Ret avail. for int. & Fed. taxes	273,468	298,175	196,719
Net available for int. on these bonds and Federal taxes for this period			
ave averaged \$279,404, equivalent to 6.2 times int. requirements on these bonds. They are stated without any allowance for economies in operation made possible through unified operation and management. For the 5 years 1922 to 1926, inclusive, net earnings of the United Autographic Register Co. were approximately 4 times the maximum int. requirement on bonds.			

**United Biscuit Co. of America.—Initial Dividends.**

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 26,

and an initial quarterly dividend of 40 cents a share on the common stock payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 18. (See also offering of stock in V. 125, p. 2827.—V. 125, p. 3654.

**United Engineers & Constructors, Inc.—Organized.**

The formation of this company, combining the U. G. I. Contracting Co. of Philadelphia, the Public Service Production Co. of Newark, N. J., the Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., of New York and the Day & Zimmermann Engineering & Construction Co. of Philadelphia, has been announced.

The company, with a background of over 45 years of successful work, will operate in any part of the world under broad powers permitting participation in every form of engineering and construction activity.

The principal office of the new company will be at the northwest corner of Broad and Arch Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., with branch offices in New York, Newark, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Houston, Montreal, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires.

The directors are: Dwight P. Robinson (Pres. of the new company), Arthur W. Thompson (Pres. of the United Gas Improvement Co.), Thomas N. McCarter (Pres. of the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey), Samuel T. Bodine (Chairman of the United Gas Improvement Co.), Paul Thompson (a Vice-President of the latter company, and President of the Philadelphia Gas Works Co.), and John E. Zimmermann (Pres. of Day & Zimmermann, Inc.).

The new company is launched with contracts in hand amounting to more than \$100,000,000.

**An official announcement further says:**

Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., New York, was organized in the fall of 1918 to conduct an engineering and construction business. One of the first contracts of this company was for the design and construction of the Colfax power station for the Duquesne Light Co., Pittsburgh, planned for an ultimate capacity of 360,000 k. w. In 1920, Dwight P. Robinson & Co. absorbed Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., established in 1884, and nationally known as railroad and industrial builders.

Dwight P. Robinson & Co. has been a leader in the construction of large office buildings, hotels and apartment houses in New York, Chicago, Boston, Buffalo and other cities. Activities, in addition to building work, include the design and construction of steam power stations, hydro-electric developments, substations, transmission systems, railroad shops, freight terminals, electrification of railroads, locomotive and passenger terminals, coaling stations, sugar refineries, smelters, lead plants, fertilizer plants, lumber mills, tanneries, shops, steel mills, foundries, textile mills, chemical plants, pipe lines and pumping stations, filtration and disposal plants, harbor and dock works. The company has performed a large volume of work abroad. The principal contracts consist of irrigation projects for the Brazilian Government in northeastern Brazil, the construction of the Embassy of the United States at Rio de Janeiro and of the exhibits buildings during the Brazilian-Centennial Exposition, and the erection of an office building for the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light & Power Co., now in progress. In addition, important work is now being undertaken in Argentina. During the past week a staff of Dwight P. Robinson & Co. engineers sailed for Seville, Spain, to execute a second contract for the United States Government for the construction of a consulate building and two exhibition buildings for the Iberian American Exposition.

The U. G. I. Contracting Co.'s operations date back to 1882, when the United Gas Improvement Co. was incorporated to engage in engineering and construction. After the U. G. I. had branched out into the operation and management of utility properties, it continued the contracting business as a construction department. For years the principal work was building and installing low carbureted water gas plants, patents for which were held by U. G. I. The operations expanded, taking in the building of coal gas and electric power plants and manufacturing and applying road binders. The U. G. I. Contracting Co. was incorporated in Apr. 1919. It has built and equipped gas and electric plants, office buildings, factories, bridges, piers, tunnels and roads. It has built more than 1,000 carbureted water gas plants. Recently it acquired the rights to build the Gorman "Stettiner" coal gas ovens in America. Among the steam power plants built by The U. G. I. Contracting Co. are the 50,000 k.v.a. Barbados Island station, near Norristown, Pa., the 75,000 k.v.a. Devon (Conn.) station, the 37,500 k.v.a. Big Sioux (Sioux City, Ia.) station and the 33,333 k.v.a. station of the Comal Power Co., New Braunfels, Tex. It also built the Stevenson dam and power plant on the Housatonic River in Connecticut and four dams and locks on the Ohio River for the United States Government, which form part of the Government's program to make the river navigable at all times. It has under construction extensive hydro-electric developments in Connecticut and Vermont.

The Public Service Production Co., a subsidiary of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, was incorporated Jan. 27 1922. It built the \$33,000,000 Kearny Electric Station, the Harrison Gas Works of Public Service, as well as a large number of substations, garages and other buildings, and has erected considerable mileage of high tension lines and has done other work of importance for these organizations. It has also built roads in New Jersey, North Carolina and other States, including the so-called "covered cut," the approach to the Holland vehicular tunnel, has erected several important mills and factories and office buildings, including the 18-story Federal Trust Co. building, Newark, and has performed many engineering and construction services for public utility, industrial concerns and steam railroads.

Day & Zimmermann Engineering & Construction Co. was organized by Day & Zimmermann, Inc., to handle their engineering and construction activities. This firm has a background of over 25 years of experience in the layout, design and construction of industrial plants, power plants, transmission lines and a wide variety of general structures such as hotels, office buildings, warehouses, and port terminal developments. The 220,000 volt transmission lines from Conowingo to the Philadelphia territory are now under construction by this organization. It has been responsible for the design and construction of hydro-electric and steam electric power plants such as the 60,000 k.w. (Saxton) station for Penn Central Light & Power Co. During the war Day & Zimmermann did work for the United States Army, the Navy, the Shipping Board and the Alien Property Custodian. Included among the projects done for Government agencies was the United States Army Supply Base at Philadelphia, comprising the largest piers and warehouses in the port of Philadelphia.

For many years Day & Zimmermann have been engaged in the layout and construction of large industrial enterprises such as new plants for the International Harvester Co., American Type Founders Co., Erie Forge & Steel Co., and many others. Institutional work has included such construction as the new dining hall and extension to buildings at Girard College, Philadelphia.

Recently, Day & Zimmermann have entered actively the field of hotel and hospital construction and have been responsible for the construction of leading hotels in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Florida.

The work of Day & Zimmermann Engineering & Construction Co. is entirely separate from the investigation, report and management work which is done by Day & Zimmermann, Inc.

With the work now under way, including the construction of large dams for the Government on the Ohio River, extensive hydro-electric developments on the Housatonic River in Connecticut, important work in South America and in Spain, and large office and apartment buildings in New York and other cities, United Engineers & Constructors starts business with an unusual program.

**United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.—Divs.**

The directors on Jan. 19 declared four quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% on the outstanding \$12,000,000 common stock, par \$100, and four quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the outstanding \$12,000,000 7% non-cumulative, pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15 to holders of record March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, respectively. Similar dividends were declared on these stocks for the years 1926 and 1927 payable in quarterly installments. The only other dividends ever paid on the common stock were: 1% in 1905, 4% in 1906, and 4% in 1907.

**Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.**

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profit after charges and taxes	\$3,373,976	\$5,049,367	\$5,501,265	\$6,020,920
a Preliminary figures for 1927.—V. 124, p. 1658.				

**United States Radiator Corp.—Stock Increase.**

The corporation has filed a notice with the Secretary of State at Albany, N. Y., of an increase in its no par common stock from 200,000 to 400,000 shares. The stockholders approved the increase last week.—V. 124, p. 1526.

**United Paperboard Co., Inc.—Semi-Annual Report—**

6 Months Ended—	Nov. 26 '27.	Nov. 27 '26.	Nov. 28 '25.	Nov. 29 '24.
Gross earnings (incl. oth. inc.)	\$507,604	\$308,752	\$525,949	\$358,863
Taxes and insurance	40,000	69,399	55,115	52,204
Administration expenses	59,658	71,084	63,695	65,515
Net earnings	x\$407,946	\$168,269	\$407,139	\$241,149
Earns. per sh. on 120,000 shs. com. (par \$100)	\$3.07	\$1.07	\$3.06	\$1.68

x No deduction has been made for depreciation, which will be deducted at end of fiscal year.

**Comparative Condensed Balance Sheet.**

	Nov. 26 '27.	Nov. 27 '26.		Nov. 26 '27.	Nov. 27 '26.
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	<b>Liabilities—</b>	\$	\$
Plant & equipm't.	12,854,007	12,810,277	Preferred stock	1,317,200	1,317,300
Sundry securities	—	71,329	Common stock	12,000,000	12,000,000
Personal property	12,108	—	Acc'ts payable	453,226	340,617
Stocks & bonds	119,651	—	Notes payable	60,000	—
Cash	311,637	241,333	Prof. dividends	39,486	—
Acc'ts receivable	701,039	517,655	Reserve for acer'd taxes, &c.	—	—
Notes receivable	6,180	45,701	Surplus	226,287	157,397
Mdse. & suppl's.	1,337,848	1,122,888		1,263,221	1,014,295
Deferred charges	6,666	6,125			
Suspended assets	11,284	14,320	Tot. (each side)	15,359,420	14,829,610

—V. 125, p. 1319.

**Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—To Increase Stock.**  
The stockholders will vote Feb. 15 on increasing the authorized common stock from 400,000 shares (no par value) to 3,000,000 shares (no par value). The affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the pref. and common stocks is necessary.

Pres. Louis B. Ladoux says: "In connection with the rapid growth of the business of the company, the management has for the past few years pursued a policy of diversification with the idea of offsetting the seasonal fluctuations in the building and allied trades. In line with this policy, the business of the company has recently been extended to include, through its subsidiaries, the manufacture of railroad brake shoes, the operation of by-product ovens and the manufacture of artificial stone for ornamental purposes. Plans for further expansion are being considered which, if consummated, would greatly strengthen the company. The directors accordingly feel that it is now time to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock so that additional shares may be available for issue from time to time to permit the company to take advantage of desirable opportunities for further growth and expansion as the occasion arises."—V. 125, p. 3076.

**(The) Upson Co., Lockport, N. Y.—Preferred Stock Offered.**—Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. and O'Brian, Potter & Stafford, Buffalo are offering at 102 per share to yield 6.90% \$300,000 7% cumulative pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Redeemable all or part at 105 and div. up to July 1 1930, and at 110 and div. thereafter. Sinking fund beginning July 1 1928 to retire each year 3% of stock outstanding, such sum in no event to be less than \$15,000 per annum. Dividends payable Q.-J. Exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

Data from Letter of C. A. Upson, Pres. of the Company.

**Capitalization—** Authorized Outstanding:  
7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)-----\$2,000,000 \$700,000  
Common stock class "A" (par \$25)-----1,875,000 252,900  
Common stock class "B" (par \$25)-----1,875,000 1,245,625  
**Company.**—Established in Lockport, N. Y. in 1912, to manufacture wall board, which is used extensively for walls and ceilings, replacing lath and plaster, and which also replaces thin lumber, veneer and light steel for various industrial purposes. Company has grown steadily from a modest start, and at the present time occupies 22 substantial buildings covering over four acres. "Upson Processed Wallboard" has established an enviable reputation as a quality product, and is now handled by more than 8,000 dealers throughout the United States, and almost every country in the world.

**Earnings and Dividends.**—Average earnings for the past four years have been almost seven times dividend requirements on 7,000 shares of preferred stock, presently to be outstanding, and for the past 10 years average earnings have been at most five times such requirements. Earnings up to Oct. 10 1927 have been at the rate of over six times requirements. Company has made a profit in every year since its product was placed on the market.

Since 1915 an average of 7 1/4% has been paid on common stock, besides stock dividends of 210% in 1915 and 25% in 1925.

**Balance Sheet.**—As shown by balance sheet as of Oct. 10 1927, giving effect to the sale of 3,000 shares of preferred stock (this issue), the net tangible assets applicable to the 7,000 shares of preferred stock to be outstanding amount to \$366 per share. The cash item is greater than the par value of preferred stock to be outstanding and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities is better than 17 to 1.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to build an additional building and purchase equipment of still further improve the present output of the company, and to add certain new products with promising sales prospects.—V. 125, p. 1853.

**Versailles Apartments\* (Versailles Building Co.), St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.**—An issue of \$650,000, 1st mtge. sinking fund 6 1/2% bonds is being offered at 101 and int., to yield 6.37% by American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc.

Dated Dec. 1 1927, maturing Dec. 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Int. payable (J. & D.) at Chicago office and presentable at any other office of American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc. Callable at 101 and Int. upon 30 days notice. Corporate trustee, American Trust & Safe Deposit Co., Chicago. Individual trustee, John J. Yowell. Normal Federal Income tax up to 2% on the annual interest, and all State taxes assessed on the principal or on income from the bonds not exceeding in the aggregate 6 mills per annum on each dollar of the principal of the bonds (except transfer, succession or inheritance tax or any tax in excess of 6 mills per dollar or part of any such tax) is refundable upon proper application.

**Security.**—These bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on a corner plot of land owned in fee and a 10-story fireproof apartment building being erected thereon. The land fronts 175 ft. on Skinner Boulevard and 150 ft. on Rosebury Ave., St. Louis, Mo. The building will be of the very finest concrete fireproof construction. The exterior will be of pressed brick with terra cotta trim. The exterior street elevation will have a terra cotta base with terra cotta to the fourth floor window sills.

**Purpose.**—To provide funds towards the acquisition and completion of the property.

**Sinking Fund.**—The trust deed provides that the owner shall make monthly payments to the corporate trustee for the establishment of a sinking fund, these payments being sufficient to retire \$228,000 of bonds before Dec. 1 1937, the date of maturity.

**Estimated Earnings.**—After deducting for operating expenses, and allowing 10% for vacancies, the total net annual income from the apartments and the garage is estimated at \$91,192. Largest yearly interest charge on this first mortgage bonds issue \$42,250. The net annual income is thus over twice the greatest yearly interest charge and is considerably in excess of the amount necessary to meet all annual interest and principal payments on this bond issue.

**Walgreen Co.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1927.**  
[After giving effect to sale of \$4,500,000 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock.]

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash	\$800,795	Accounts payable	\$763,036
Trade accts., adv. on mdse. &c.	363,295	Empl. investment certificates	71,650
Notes, contr., stock subscr. &c.	85,827	Accr. salaries &c expenses	228,682
Merchandise	3,402,761	Prov. for Fed. taxes	236,706
Deferred charges	83,298	6 1/2% cumul. preferred stock	4,500,000
Treas. com. stock	47,965	Common stock	a3,897,094
Inv. in other companies	210,186		
Fixed assets	4,703,041	Total (each side)	\$9,697,169
Goodwill, store leases, org'n. &c.	1		

a Authorized, 1,000,000 shares of no par value (90,000 shares reserved for purchase warrants issued with preferred stock). Capital and surplus against which 760,000 shares are issued.

See offering in V. 126, p. 265.

**(J. R.) Whipple Corp.—Voting Trust Agreement Formed.**  
A voting trust for the common shares of the Corporation has been formed as part of a plan to borrow \$1,000,000. The trustees are now calling for the deposit of stock. The deposit of a majority of the common stock required before funds can be advanced to the corporation. The Atlantic National Bank will receive the stock and issue therefor common stock trust certificates.

The voting trustees comprise: L. Sherman Adams, George B. Baker, J. W. Farley and Philip Young, all being directors of the corporation, and George A. Carpenter, Albert M. Lyon and Wilfred H. Smart.—V. 125, p. 3655, 3076.

**Willoughby Tower Building (Willoughby Tower Building Corp.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—Peabody Houghteling & Co., Chicago are offering \$2,200,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6% serial gold bonds at par and int.

Dated Jan. 2 1928; due in annual series 1931-1943. Denom. of \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 100 during the first 3 years, and a premium of 1% less during each succeeding 3-year period. Prin. and int. payable at Peabody, Houghteling & Co. Chicago, or at Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Company has agreed to refund certain State taxes as defined in the indenture. Interest payable without deduction of normal Federal income tax, not in excess of 2% Total bonds under this mortgage will be \$2,400,000 of which \$200,000, par value, in average maturities, will be subordinated in lien to the remainder of the issue and have already been sold or underwritten.

**Security.**—Secured by a closed 1st mtge. upon the modern 35-story basement and sub-basement steel fireproof store and office building to be located at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Madison Street Chicago, together with the leasehold estate in the ground under this building, which has a frontage of 80 feet on Michigan Avenue and 109 feet 3 inches, to a 15-foot alley, on Madison St.

**Valuation.**—Following is the average of two independent representative valuations made by leading Chicago real estate valuers, thorough familiar with central downtown property, based on the cost of the completed building and the value of the leasehold estate with the building in operation: building and equipment, \$3,401,501; leasehold estate, \$729,513 total, \$4,131,014. On this conservative basis the amount of these subordinated bonds is approximately 53% of the value of the security.

The leasehold estate extends for a period of 98 years from May 1 1928. The annual ground rental is \$125,000 during the first 5 years; \$150,000 for the next 5 years; \$160,000 for the next 5 years; and \$175,000 for the balance of the term.

**Earnings.**—The following estimates of gross earnings and expenses have been prepared:  
Gross earnings-----\$746,53  
Expenses, incl. average ground rental, maint., operation, taxes, amortiz. on building, ins. & management-----406,91

Net income, available for bond interest, and Federal profits tax \$339,62  
On this basis, therefore, annual net income will be over 2.57 times maximum annual interest charges on unsubordinated bonds.

**Zenith Furnace Co., Duluth, Minn.—Bonds Offered.**—Union Trust Co., Cleveland, are offering \$2,500,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 5 1/2% bonds, series A at 100 and int.

Dated Nov. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1948. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income taxes not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red. on any int. date at 104 and int. until and incl. Jan. 1 1929. Thereafter the redemption price shall decrease 1/4% each year until the redemption price becomes 102, which will be the redemption price thereafter.

**Sinking Fund,** payable Nov. 15 each year, in cash or bonds of this series equal to 3% of the greatest amount of series "A" bonds at any time there before outstanding, provides for the purchase of bonds at not exceeding the redemption price, or for the redemption of bonds.

**Data from Letter of Wm. B. Castle, President of the Company.**  
**Company.**—Located in Duluth, Minn., was incorp. by the present management in 1902, taking over a business which had begun operations 1 year prior to that time. Company has been engaged since its inception in the manufacture and sale of foundry, malleable and Bessemer pig iron. Company also handles a large annual tonnage of coal from its own dock which is one of the largest at the head of the Great Lakes. Coke and its by-products, tar and ammonia, from the company's by-product coke oven are produced for local and general distribution.

Company has furnished gas to the city of Duluth under exclusive contract, and through the Superior Water, Light & Power Co. to the city of Superior since 1903 the present contracts running until 1935 and 1932 respectively. The two cities served have an estimated population of 150,000 people. Ores for the company's blast furnace and coal for its coke oven and for commercial purposes are furnished by Pickands, Mather & Co. of Cleveland. Pickands, Brown & Co. of Chicago are exclusive sales agent for the company's pig iron.

**Construction Program.**—Company has recently undertaken a construction program which involves practically a rebuilding of the entire plant, except the blast furnace, and an increase in plant account from the present figure of less than \$2,000,000, to a total investment, upon completion, of more than \$5,000,000. This construction should be completed, according to present estimates, not later than Jan. 1 1929.

**Control.**—Approximately 40% of the capital stock of the company is owned by Pickands, Mather & Co., Cleveland, Pickands, Brown & Co. of Chicago, and associates; approximately 25% is owned by individuals associated with Marshall Walls Co. of Duluth, or their families.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct first mortgage on all the fixed assets of the company now or hereafter owned, comprising property and plant, together with funds deposited with the trustee for construction of new property. The financial program of the company contemplates, aside from the issuance of these series "A" bonds, the repayment to the company of \$950,000 of current advances to affiliated companies to be applied to new construction.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the company for 5 years and 5 months ended Sept. 30 1927, after depreciation and available for bond interest and Federal taxes, have been as follows:  
Year ended Apr. 30 1923---\$298,019 8 mos. end. Dec. 31 1925---\$387,44  
Year ended Apr. 30 1924---334,317 Year end. Dec. 31 1926---489,78  
Year ended Apr. 30 1925---232,203 9 mos. end. Sept. 30 1927---174,12

The annual average thus available for interest and Federal taxes is shown to have been \$353,325. As a result of a building program now being undertaken, it is estimated that the net earnings, computed on the same basis will amount to \$695,000 per annum.—V. 115, p. 448.

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—George C. Van Tuyl, Jr., formerly Superintendent of Banks of New York State, was elected president of the Bankers Loan & Investment Co. at the annual meeting of the stockholders this week. He fills the vacancy caused by the death of Clarence W. Clark, who had held the office for over 30 years. The Bankers Loan & Investment Co. is one of the long seasoned organizations operating under the savings and loan laws of New York. Winchester S. Clark, son of the late president of the company was elected Vice-President, and Albert B. Voorhees, Secretary and Treasurer. Directors elected were: George A. Craig, of the Middletown National Bank, Middletown, Conn.; David L. Gerould, President of the Citizen National Bank of Warren, Pa.; William A. Granville of the U. S. National Life & Casualty Co.; Frank B. Lasher of New York, Sidney B. Sillock, trust officer of the New York Trust Co.; Irving S. Watkins, President of the John B. Watkins Co., and John C. Ten Eyck, New York lawyer.

—Jesse Spier, for the past 22 years prominent in the insurance field, has announced the formation of his own firm, Jesse Spier & Co., to transact general business in insurance, bank and title company stocks, with office at 67 Wall Street, New York. Mr. Spier was associated from 1905 to 1911 with Despard & Co. He severed his relationship with that firm to organize the Importers & Exporters Insurance Co., of which he was Vice-President and still is a director, and also the Washington Marine Insurance Co. later merged with the United States Merchants & Shippers Insurance Co. The trading department is under the management of Arthur Vare.

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GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—1927.

Wilmington, Delaware, January 16 1928.

To the Stockholders of

General Public Service Corporation:

In view of the rapid extension of the "investment trust" idea in this country in recent years and the present public interest in such enterprises, it is felt desirable to restate at this time the history and purpose of your Corporation. The term "investment trust" has been used in a general way to describe the various types of organizations designed to make co-operative investments, but although General Public Service Corporation falls in this broad classification it is not, strictly speaking, an investment trust but an investment company. The distinction lies in the fact that you, as a stockholder of General Public Service Corporation, own a proportionate interest in the assets of the Corporation rather than in a group of securities held by a trustee.

Your Corporation was formed December 17 1925 as a company seeking safety, stability and profit through diversified investment in securities of successful, progressive and well-managed companies. Under a reorganization plan, your Corporation acquired all the assets of Public Service Investment Company, a corporation of similar nature and object which had been in successful operation since 1909, and, in addition, raised \$2,500,000 of new money through the sale of its common stock for cash.

All net earnings of the Corporation after payment of current operating expenses and taxes accrue direct to the Corporation without participation in profits by managers, officers or directors; and there are outstanding no options for purchase of stock and no profit-sharing contracts.

The Corporation began active operation upon taking over the assets of its predecessor company on March 9 1926, so that this report for 1927 covers the first full calendar year of active operation. The results of the year's operations are set forth in the earnings statement, balance sheets and analyses which follow.

COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT.

	1927.	Period from Mar. 9 1926 to Dec. 31 '26.
Income from Stocks	\$356,232.37	\$289,234.19
Income from Bonds, Notes and Cash	151,119.78	93,561.28
Profit on Sale of Securities after Deducting Federal Taxes	675,797.68	668,722.26
Total	\$1,266,149.83	\$1,051,517.73
Expenses	59,612.61	61,016.20
Taxes	7,401.21	50.56
Balance	\$1,199,136.01	\$390,450.97
Dividends, Preferred Stock \$6	147,744.00	147,174.00
Dividends, Convertible Preferred Stock \$7	218,750.00	218,715.00
Balance	\$832,642.01	\$24,561.97

	48 shares	None
American Gas and Electric Company	48 shares	None
Columbus Electric and Power Company	254 1/4 shares	None
Tampa Electric Company	704 shares	None
The North American Company	433 shares	None

a Includes profits from stock dividends received only in cases where stock dividends were sold.  
 b As of January 1 1927 the Corporation changed its accounting method from a cash to an accrual basis. The 1926 figures reflect Taxes actually paid but to be strictly comparable with 1927 figures (which are on an accrual basis) \$9,277.50 should be deducted from this item.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS.

Assets—	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.	Increase.
Investments:	\$	\$	\$
Stocks	10,478,924.30	7,688,729.05	2,790,195.25
Bonds and Notes	298,440.00	372,940.00	*74,500.00
Cash Items:			
U. S. Bonds and Notes	1,000,000.00	1,474,214.38	*474,214.38
Demand Notes		900,000.00	*900,000.00
Bonds (Maturing Jan. 1 '27 a)		125,989.90	*125,989.90
Cash (including Call Money)	158,068.46	494,801.76	*336,733.30
Interest and Accounts Receivable	26,475.56		26,475.56
Unadjusted Debits:			
Redemption Fund for Public Service Investment Co. Stock	2,619.50	12,990.75	*10,371.25
Miscellaneous	3.00	272.84	*269.84
Total	11,964,530.82	11,069,938.68	894,592.14

Liabilities—			
Accounts Payable	6,841.07		6,841.07
Accounts Not Yet Due:			
Subscription on Stock Included in Investments		75,000.00	*75,000.00
Tax Liability	125,826.28		125,826.28
Dividends Declared	91,623.50	91,472.25	151.25
Unadjusted Credits:			
Reserve for Unacquired Public Service Investment Co. Stock	2,619.50	12,990.75	*10,371.25
Miscellaneous	611.40	611.88	*.48
Book Value of Assets for 24,624 Shares Preferred, 31,250 Shares Convertible Preferred and 399,624 Shares Common Stock (all without par value), including Earned Surplus of \$1,541,700.50 (1926—\$704,926.48)		11,737,009.07	10,889,863.80
Total		11,964,530.82	11,069,938.68

\* Decrease.

a These bonds were paid on maturity.

Note.—Outstanding shares of stock December 31 1926 were as follows:

- 24,529 shares Preferred.
- 31,245 shares Convertible Preferred.
- 399,509 shares Common.

ANALYSIS OF ASSETS DECEMBER 31 1927.

Present investments of your Corporation are made up of securities of steam railroads, operating and holding utilities, industrials and miscellaneous. The division of these investments is shown in the following table, which segregates them into the various classes and gives the cost, relation in percentage to total cost, and relation in percentage to total yield, using present rates of dividends or interest.

	Cost.	Percentage of Total Cost.	Annual Cash Income.	Percentage of Total Income.
Common Stocks:				
Steam Railroads	\$2,373,001	19.88%	\$124,000	24.48%
Utilities (Holding)	2,492,285	20.88%	84,663	16.72%
Utilities (Operating)	3,475,792	29.12%	178,336	35.21%
Industrials	797,174	6.68%	31,000	6.12%
Miscellaneous	526,437	4.41%	13,500	2.67%
Preferred Stocks:	\$9,664,689	80.97%	\$431,499	85.20%
Utilities (Holding)	257,105	2.15%	20,328	4.01%
Bonds and Notes:				
Utilities (Operating)	298,440	2.50%	19,635	3.88%
Non-Income Investments:				
Utilities (Common Stocks)	557,130	4.67%		
Total Investments	\$10,777,364			
Cash Items:				
U. S. Treasury Notes	1,000,000			
Cash	158,069			
Total	\$11,935,433	100.00%	*\$506,462	100.00%

\*In addition the following companies pay regular stock dividends. On the basis of present holdings of securities of these companies, the number of shares shown will be received:

Company—	No. of Shares.
American Gas and Electric Company	139
Columbus Electric and Power Company	527
Electric Investors Inc.	300
Tampa Electric Company	626
The North American Company	1,083

From the foregoing table, it will be seen that the largest investment is in common stock of utilities, amounting to \$6,525,207 (including non-income utilities), equivalent to 60.5% of the total investment in securities, and contributing 51.9% of the total cash income.

As of December 31 1927 your Corporation had investments in 40 companies. The largest investment in any one company amounted to 7.08% of the total assets based on market values. The following table shows the holdings segregated in regard to dividend records, &c.

	Market Value.	Percentage of Total Investments.	Percentage of Total Assets.
Common stocks with unbroken dividend record of 15 years or longer	\$6,736,659	53.55%	49.03%
Other common stocks paying dividends	4,557,621	36.23%	33.17%
Preferred stocks paying dividends	313,269	2.49%	2.28%
Bonds and Notes	300,450	2.39%	2.19%
Non-dividend securities (common stocks)	672,955	5.34%	4.90%
Total Investments	\$12,580,954	100.00%	
Cash and U. S. Treasury Notes	1,158,069		8.43%
Total Assets	\$13,739,023		100.00%

Following is a complete list of all the companies in which your Corporation has investments. It owns common stocks of all these companies, the total market value of which represents approximately 95% of the total market value of all your Corporation's investments. The remaining 5% is represented by bonds, notes and preferred stock of the companies whose names are marked with an asterisk. These securities represent progressive and well-managed companies doing business throughout the country, thus giving diversity and stability to your investment as well as enhanced earning power accruing from the growth and development of the business they represent.

#### INVESTMENT LIST.

American Gas and Electric Company  
 Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (The)  
 Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company  
 Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company (The)  
 Cape Breton Electric Company, Limited  
 Chicago & North Western Railway Company  
 Columbia Gas & Electric Corporation  
 \*Columbus Electric and Power Company  
 Commonwealth Edison Company  
 Commonwealth Power Corporation  
 Consolidated Gas Company of New York  
 Detroit Edison Company (The)  
 Duke Power Company  
 Electric Investors, Inc.  
 Electric Power & Light Corporation  
 \*Engineers Public Service Company  
 General Electric Company  
 Great Northern Railway Company  
 International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation  
 \*Jacksonville Traction Company  
 Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company (The)  
 Middle West Utilities Company  
 New York Central Railroad Company (The)  
 North American Company (The)  
 Northern Texas Electric Company  
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
 Pennsylvania Railroad Company (The)  
 Postum Company, Incorporated  
 Public Service Company of Northern Illinois  
 Southeastern Power & Light Company  
 Southern California Edison Company  
 Southern Pacific Company  
 Southern Railway Company  
 Standard Gas and Electric Company  
 Standard Oil Company (New Jersey)  
 Tampa Electric Company  
 Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation  
 Union Pacific Railroad Company  
 United Gas Improvement Company (The)  
 Washington Water Power Company (The)

\* Indicates companies in which bonds, notes or preferred stock, as well as common stock, are owned.

The progress made by your Corporation during the year is indicated by the following comparative statement:

	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.
Book Value (cost) of Assets*	\$11,737,009.00	\$10,889,864.00
Market Value of Assets*	13,540,599.00	11,337,687.00
Excess of Market Value over Book Value	1,803,590.00	447,823.00
Earned Surplus	1,541,700.50	704,926.48
Asset Value per share of Preferred Stock*	549.89	462.22
Asset Value per share of Convertible Preferred Stock*	354.50	284.36
Book Value per share of Common Stock*	15.39	13.30
Asset Value per share of Common Stock*	19.90	14.42

\* Values shown represent net assets, after deduction of current liabilities and asset values are based on market prices at end of period. In determining asset values for Convertible Preferred stock an allowance of \$100 per share has been made for the Preferred stock and in obtaining the asset values for Common stock, \$100 per share for each class of Preferred stock has been allowed.

The firm of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, Accountants and Auditors, was engaged early in the year to make the initial audit of the accounts and records of your Corporation covering the period December 17 1925 (the date of Incorporation) to March 31 1927. We quote from their report the following:

"Our examination included a verification of the assets and liabilities at March 31 1927, and a detailed audit of the transactions of the company from the date of its incorporation to March 31 1927. We verified that all interest receivable from bonds, notes and money loaned on call and the profits from sales of securities had been properly accounted for. The dividend revenue was checked in detail. The dividend dates were compared with purchase dates of the securities, and it was found that all dividends receivable had been correctly recorded on the books. We are pleased to report we found the books and records of the General Public Service Corporation to have been kept in creditable condition and that a high standard of accounting practice has been maintained."

Similar audits will be made annually.

In order to keep you and the public fully advised in regard to the position of your Corporation, the policy of issuing quarterly condensed financial statements was inaugurated June 30 1927. These reports are sent out to preferred stockholders with dividend checks and to common stockholders or others desiring same. If you are not receiving these reports, a card or letter to Stone & Webster, Inc., Transfer Agent, 49 Federal Street, Boston, Mass., which handles the mailing of these reports, will bring them to you regularly as they are issued.

The wide interest in General Public Service Corporation is indicated by the fact that it now has 2,927 stockholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. W. KELLOGG,  
 President.

#### DIRECTORS.

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—Edwin H. Barker, of Clark Williams & Co., 160 Broadway, N. Y. and member of the Committee on Public Service Securities of the Investment Bankers Association of America has published a survey showing the jurisdiction and powers of the Public Utility regulatory bodies in the various states. The information contained in the survey was compiled from the official statutes. The survey answers all questions which may arise among investors, bankers and dealers in securities regarding the jurisdiction of the respective utility commissions over electric light and power companies, gas, street, and interurban railways, motor bus lines, water companies and telephone and telegraph companies; also their authority as to valuation for rate makings, rates, capitalization, services and the issue of certificates of necessity, and their jurisdiction over financial reports.

—Leonard Keesing, head of the foreign department of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. will retire from connection with that firm on Feb. 1 1928. As a result of his wide experience he has gained the reputation of being an expert of international finance. In 1925, when John Maynard Keynes wrote his book against the restoration of the gold standard by Great Britain, Mr. Keesing wrote a pamphlet in defense of that standard which attracted considerable attention here and in Europe. Mr. Keesing who started his banking career as a secretary with the Amsterdamsche Bank, when a young man, joined Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in 1915, and lately represented that firm with single power of attorney.

—The old established investment house of Estabrook & Co. is augmenting its general sales department by the appointment to its New York staff of Charles Hazelwood, who formerly represented them in their Hartford office, and Gerald Whitman of their Providence office. A. E. Taub has been appointed sales manager. R. Pidgeon, a Boston partner of the firm will supervise the growing business of the wholesale department in the New York territory. R. C. M. Page will be in charge of the new business department.

—Mark C. Steinberg & Company of St. Louis have made application to the New York Stock Exchange to transfer the membership now standing in the name of Mark C. Steinberg to Charles Hill Patton. Mr. Patton, who has been manager of the New York stock department of the firm for the past 8 years, will remove to New York City and will represent Mark C. Steinberg & Company on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

—Newburger, Henderson & Loeb, Philadelphia and New York, have again prepared for distribution their interesting annual "Forecasts of the Stock and Bond Markets for 1928." This is a digest of forecasts by well known authorities of security prices and general business for the coming year, and discusses the factors that may be expected to exert the greatest influences.

—Holt, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, N. Y., announce the appointment in their trading department of Francis L. Maher, Jr., formerly with Peter McDermott & Co., Thomas Hoyt, formerly with Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York, Charles E. Lobdell, Jr., formerly with the Federal Land Bank and F. P. Sauer, formerly of Sauer & Golden, Fla.

—James J. Holihan, formerly with William R. Compton Company has joined the retail department of Vought & Company, Inc., 120 Broadway, N. Y.

—Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore, Md., have prepared an analysis of the collateral trust notes of The Finance Company of America (Baltimore).

—Wellington & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, have issued their semi-monthly investment list, including foreign government and municipal, railroad, public utility, and industrial bonds, and public utility and industrial preferred stocks.

—Swift, Lanxill & Henke, members Chicago Stock Exchange, 137 South La Salle St., Chicago, have published a chart showing a 7-year comparative analysis of the "Downtown" Chicago banks, copies of which will be furnished upon request.

—Marks & Graham, members New York Stock Exchange, 32 Broadway, N. Y., have issued a circular analyzing the Barnsdall Corporation, Westinghouse Air Brake Company, and Erie Railroad preferred and common stocks.

—Whitehouse & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 111 Broadway, N. Y., have published a comparison of "Five Tire and Rubber Companies" on basis of current earnings and price.

—The Guaranty Co. of New York announces the appointments of Robert B. Menapace as Manager of the Foreign Division, and of James H. Wickersham as Assistant Manager of the Luyin; Department.

—H. Duncan Wood, member of the New York Stock Exchange, has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Johnson & Wood, 111 Broadway, N. Y.

—Albert Emanuel has been admitted to Fred'k E. Ziegler & Co., 52 Broadway, N. Y., as a special partner, and Francis Murphy has become associated with them as manager of their Unlisted Department.

—Public Industrial Corporation announces the opening of an office at 120 Broadway, N. Y., through which the retail distribution of its securities will be effected.

—W. Wallace Lyon of W. Wallace Lyon & Co., 51 E. 42nd St., N. Y., has been elected a director of the Guardian Fire Assurance Corporation of New York.

—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., N. Y., announce that Justin Colla and R. H. Kinlock have become associated with them in their Investment Department.

—Harold E. Anderson has joined the sales organization of Boening & Co., 1606 Walnut St., Philadelphia, and will represent them in the Atlantic City district.

—The American Exchange Irving Trust Co., has been appointed registrar for common, preferred and management shares of the Northern Capital Corporation.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed transfer agent for the preferred and common stock of the Standard Public Service Corporation.

—Merrill, Lynch & Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y., are distributing to investors a booklet on Chain Store Securities containing particulars of 77 companies.

—de Saint Phalle & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall St., N. Y., announce the admission as a general partner of Andre de Saint Phalle.

—A circular describing the J. O. Penney Company common stock has been issued by Nehemiah Friedman & Co., 74 Trinity Place, New York City.

—Hardy & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 50 Broad St., N. Y., have prepared a special letter on United States Rubber.

—Samuel Ungerleider & Co., 50 Broadway, N. Y., have prepared an outlook for the oil industry in 1928.

—Curtis & Sanger have issued a special letter on United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore.

# 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, Jan. 20, 1928.

**COFFEE** on the spot was in rather better demand early in the week and prices were firm. Roasters seemed more inclined to buy lest worse befall. Prices were up  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. as a hint. Santos 4s, 22 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s, 15c. and Victoria 7-8s, 14c. Fair to good Cucuta was 22 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Porto Cabello, washed 25 to 27c.; Colombian, Oceana, 21 to 22c.; Bucaramanga, Natural, 24 to 25c.; washed 27 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Hondu, Tolima and Giradot, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Medellin, 29 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 30c.; Manizales, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. On the 18th inst. cost and freight offers were lower. For prompt shipment they included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 23.45c.; 3s at 22 $\frac{1}{8}$  to 23.20c.; 3-4s at 22.60c.; 3-5s at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 21.20 to 21.55c.; 5s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 21.15c.; 5-6s at 20 $\frac{1}{8}$  to 20.65; 6s at 19.05 to 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 6-7s at 18.35 to 18.50c.; 7s at 18.10 to 18.30c.; 7-8s at 17.65c.; part Bourbon 2s at 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 22c.; 3-5s at 21 to 21.65c.; 4-5s at 20.90 to 21.35c.; 5s at 20.85 to 20.90c.; 5 6s at 20.80c.; 6-7s at 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; peaberry 3s at 22.30c.; 4s at 21.20 to 21.25c.; 5-6s at 20.35c.; Rio 7s at 14.80c.; 7-8s at 14.40c.; 8s at 13.40c.; Victoria 7-8s at 13.65c.; 8s at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

In contract "A" on the 17th inst. much of the trading was in switching of September into December at 8 points and March into December at 60 points difference. The shorts were more cautious. A few lots of Santos September sold at 19.10c. On the 18th inst. December contract "D" sold at 18.50 to 18.55c. a net decline of 25 points. Traders were rather slow in utilizing contract "D" but when they become more familiar with it, it is believed the market will broaden from this opportunity for heading. Some are inclined to take advantage of bulges and sell gradually. The talk of making it uncomfortable for shorts, when there is said to be a very small short interest in the market seems to some a bit delphic. They say there is a big long account.

There are those who sum up the situation in this way. "At the end of December, according to reports of the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute, the stock of Santos coffee in interior warehouses and at the railroads amounted to 13,120,000 bags and it was expected that the balance of the crop would be in by the end of this month. These figures certainly are large and it is suggested might well account for the doubts whether the market can be sustained. But two big crops, it is recalled, rarely, if ever, occur in succession. It is too early yet to forecast the size of the 1928-29 crop but the estimates range from 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 bags. Some estimates of the present crop are as high as 20,000,000 bags but that figure is called fantastic. It exceeds the preliminary estimates but from the best sources of information, it would not appear to run much if anything over 17,000,000 bags. Therefore, at the end of the next crop year, there should be no unwieldy carryover."

To some it looks as though the present Santos crop will turn out between 16,000,000 and 17,000,000 bags and that of Rio 5,500,000 bags. Trustworthy crop estimates of the 1928-29 Brazilian crop will soon be received. Previous reports were purely tentative. No information, it is added, has appeared to warrant the belief that the crop is other than normal, or about equal to consumption. This is supposed to be a state of things inimical to an advance. Keeping of stocks by consumers equal to normal requirements is advised in order to avoid a pinch like that which occurred a few months ago. Stocks, at present, including the "floats" and sales for future shipment indicate, it is claimed, that the dealers are fairly well supplied. Some assert that a source of weakness is that the actual Santos port stock is now reported to contain a large quantity of undesirable hard coffee. Sales of such coffee depressed New York very noticeably in the early part of last year. Should such coffees be offered here in volume (basis No. 7 hard drinking contract) lower prices even if only for the moment would be it is declared inevitable.

Futures on the 19th inst. were irregular. Brazilian cables were disappointing. Hamburg declined slightly. Europe seemed to be selling. The total transactions here were 34,000 bags. Under contract "D" only a very small business was done. July and December early fell 15 points net. Early prices for the Santos futures on "D" contract were 12 to 15 points lower. An exchange of December "A" and December "D" was effected at 530 points. March and May "A" were exchanged at 22 points and March and July "A" at 33 points. A rally came later in contract "A" and prices ended 2 to 6 points net higher with sales on this contract estimated at 25,000 bags. Contract "D" market closed quiet and irregular being 30 points lower to 25 points

higher. To-day futures closed 4 to 6 points higher with sales of 20,000 bags. The cables were about steady and shorts were covering. The trade demand was not large. But there is an evident disinclination to take the aggressive on the short side. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 point on March and a decline of 7 to 8 points in May and July.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	15	May	13.50@	Sept	13.25@
March	13.69@	July	13.38@	Dec	13.18@

Santos Coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	19.75@	Sept	18.81@
March	20.50@	July	19.18@

**SUGAR.**—Prompt raws were quiet at one time at 2 11-16c. Prompt Cuban raws were quiet early in the week at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. but refiners were not in the market. On the 16th inst. London cables reported a sale of 96 test at 12s. According to some private advices in London there is uncertainty if not indifference as to whether the crop in Cuba will be restricted to 4,000,000 tons or not. A Havana wire house was selling May here on the 16th inst. and found a ready market. The absorbing power seemed greater. Leading Cuban interests were on the buying side especially of March. Havana cabled on the 17th inst. that 80 mills were grinding out of an expected total of 176. Havana cabled on the 18th inst. that President Machado was in conference with the Sugar Defense Committee; 129 centrals were grinding, leaving about 45 still to start, and they will all be working it is believed within the next few days.

Old crop receipts at the ports were 2,914 tons last week; exports, 43,723 tons, including 28,808 to Atlantic ports, 4,455 to New Orleans, 6,028 to Savannah, 1,077 to Galveston, 3,111 to Europe and 244 to Canada; stock at the ports was 135,003 tons. One report shows stocks in Cuba on Jan. 14 of 151,927 tons. According to these figures a year ago the stocks were 51,173 tons of old crop and 85,476 tons of new at ports and 172,000 tons at mills, making a total in Cuba at that time of 309,000 tons or 157,000 tons more than on Jan. 14 this year. From the foregoing it infers that total stocks in Cuba on Feb. 1 this year will be fully 400,000 tons less than on that date a year ago.

The withdrawal demand for refined was good early in the week but new business was small. There has been no change in refiners' price of 5,800. A San Francisco wire said that Great Western Sugar Co. reports close of its Baynard Mica-tare and Mitchell factories all in Nebraska for 1927 campaign. These are first of company's plants to conclude their run for that season. Each plant sliced about 140,000 tons of beets. Berlin cabled that the German beet sugar producers will hold a conference in that city on Jan. 19 to consider questions relating to their 1928-29 campaign. The cable added that there is no prospect that the Tarafa proposals respecting crops will be adopted. According to some reports from Havana the Cuban authorities will decree a 4,000,000 ton crop but abandon the proposed distribution plan. Some called the tone nervous, pending action in Cuba in regard to restriction, but added that the market was well liquidated. Many expect official announcement about Cuban restrictions within a day or two.

As some see it there does not seem to be anything to warrant a decline. They argue that underlying conditions point to an ultimate advance. Invisible supplies practically throughout the world continue very low. Any effort to replenish them it is affirmed would readily absorb much of the present visible supplies and materially strengthen statistical position. Some uncertainty has been expressed as to the distribution of the 400,000 tons which it is contemplated Cuba will hold in reserve. Yet exports of only 400,000 tons so far are contemplated to countries other than the United States. Foreign buyers it is urged could readily absorb this reserve. The Cuban Defense Committee will be in a strong enough position in any case, it is further declared, to carry this sugar until either this market or other world markets are in position readily to take them.

Willett & Gray said: "A rather startling change has occurred in connection with Cuban statistics which is partly accounted for by a correction of Cuban stocks and readjustment in the amount of exports. We are inclined to the opinion that the adjustment in stocks has been influenced by the Cuban Export Committee who have been desirous of ascertaining the correct amount of old crop (1926-27) sugar now in Cuba. Last week, the stock in Cuba as of Jan. 7 was given as 184,810 tons more than last year. Owing to the fact that grinding commenced Jan. 1 for the previous crop, this excess in stock has been completely wiped out and on Jan. 14 1928, the figures stand: Stock in all parts of the Island Jan. 14, 152,821 tons, compared with 258,165 tons last year or a decrease of approximately 106,000 tons. With a stock of only 152,821 tons in Cuba as of Jan. 14 1928, of

which 18,000 balance is for the account of Tate & Lyle of Liverpool, on their old contract, it would seem there is only about 150,000 tons of old crop sugar still to be disposed of, which figure is very much less than previously indicated." Later of prompt Cuban 2 cargoes sold at 2 11-16c. e. & f. but in the main trade was dull awaiting news from Cuba. Private cables said that Senator Tarafa had informed correspondents of New York houses that the crop will be restricted to 4,000,000 tons to be distributed as follows: 1,500,000 for Cuban home consumption, 3,050,000 tons for export to the United States and 600,000 for export to Europe, leaving a reserve of 200,000 tons, the disposal of which is left to the judgment of the Defense Committee. Futures advanced on the 19th inst. 2 to 3 points net with sales of 27,000 tons. The rise was due to the report that the crop had at last been definitely restricted to 4,000,000 tons. To-day prices declined 2 to 4 points on realizing. Cuban interests in fact were said to have sold heavily. Trade and Cuban interests bought and on the whole the market acted very well. It is said that all the countries represented at the Berlin conference have agreed as to the allocation of the exportable surplus. The Conference has decided to limit exports to 1,200,000 tons, it is said. Prompt raws were quoted at 2 11-16c. or a decline for the week of 1-16c. Futures show a net loss since last Friday of 4 to 7 points. Prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	2 11-16	May	2.74@	Dec	2.94@
Jan	2.63@	nom	July	2.82@	
March	2.66@	2.67	Sept	2.89@	

LARD on the spot was firm; Prime Western 12.65c.; Refined Continent 13 1/8c.; South America 14c.; Brazil 15c. Spot to-day was quiet but firm at 12.65c. for prime western. Futures advanced late in the week 2 to 7 pounds with New York buying July. Packers bought near months. The rise was slowed down by profit taking. But hogs were strong. Covering was extensive enough to have an effect. Deliveries on the 19th inst. were 100,000 lbs. Liverpool on that date was unchanged to 3d. higher. To-day futures advanced 7 to 12 points net. Hogs were up 10 cents to \$8.50. The firmness in grain helped lard. The cash trade looked more promising. Packers sold less and the rank and file bought more. Western hog receipts were 141,000 it is true against 99,000 a year ago. It seemed to make no difference. Final prices show little change for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	11.90	11.87	11.85	11.87	11.92	12.05
March delivery	12.02	11.97	11.97	12.00	12.02	12.10
May delivery	12.20	12.17	12.15	12.15	12.22	12.30
July delivery	12.37	12.35	12.35	12.37	12.42	12.50

PORK was quiet and steady; Mess \$33; family \$38 to \$42; fat back pork \$32 to \$35. Ribs Chicago, Cash 11.12c. basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady with the stock small. Mess \$23 to \$24; packet \$25 to \$27; family \$32 to \$34; extra India mess \$40 to \$42; No. 1 canned corned beef \$3.40; No. 2 \$6; 6 lbs. South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues \$55 to \$60. Cut meats quiet and steady; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 17 to 17 1/2c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 17 1/4 to 18 3/4c.; clear, dry salted, boxed 18 to 20 lbs. 14c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 14 1/2c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring 40 to 50c. Cheese 28 3/4 to 29 1/2c. Eggs, medium to extras 40 to 53c.

OILS.—Linseed was firmer at one time. Demand was better but no large sales were reported. Crushers quoted 9.7 to 9.9c. for raw oil in carlots, cooerage basis, but there were intimations that 9.6c. would be accepted on a firm bid. Jobbers are showing a keener interest and a better demand is looked for from paint makers in the early part of February. Later 9.8 to 9.10c. was quoted for carlots. Linoleum makers were inquiring more freely. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 8 3/8c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 8 3/4 to 8 7/8c. Corn, crude tanks plant low acid, 9 3/8c. Chinawood, N. Y. drums spot, 16 1/2 to 17c.; Pacific Coast tanks spot, 14 to 14 1/4c. Soya bean, coast tanks, 9 3/4c. Lard, prime, 15 3/4c.; extra strained winter N. Y., 13 3/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Turpentine, 59 to 64c. Rosin, \$9.65 to \$12.35. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 24,400 bbls. Crude S. E., 8 3/8 to 8 1/2c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.00@	March	10.01@10.02	June	10.40@10.50
Jan	10.10@10.30	April	10.25@	July	10.53@10.54
Feb	10.00@10.30	May	10.29@10.30	Aug	10.62@10.63

PETROLEUM.—A good jobbing demand was reported for gasoline. Consumption exceeds expectations and a high record is looked for next spring and summer. Locally U. S. Motor was 8 to 8 1/4c.; California 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c. in bulk. A better export demand was noticeable, no bulk movements of importance was reported from the Gulf. Kerosene was unsettled. Prices were steady at 6 1/2c. for 41-43 prime white and 7c. for 43-45 water white in tank cars at refineries. In tank cars delivered to nearby trade 1c. above these prices was wanted. There was a fair export demand but no large sales were reported. In the Gulf 6c. was quoted for 41-43 water white and 7c. for 44 water white, in bulk cargoes. Bunker oil at one time was steadier. At the refineries \$1.35 was quoted and \$1.40 f.a.s. New York harbor. A heavy contract movement is going on. Diesel oil was steady at \$2.10 at the refineries. Gas oils were quiet.

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases cargo lots U. S. Motor spec. deod., 23.65c.; bulk refinery, 8 to 8 1/4c.; kerosene, cargo lots S. W. cases, 16.90c.; bulk, 41-43, 6 1/2c.;

W. W. 150 deg. cases, 17.90c.; bulk, 43-45, 6 3/4c.; bunker oil, dock, \$1.40; f.o.b. refinery, \$1.35; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl. \$2.10. New Orleans prices: Gasoline, U. S. Motor bulk, 7 to 7 1/4c.; 64-66 grav. 375 e. p., 8 3/8 to 8 1/2c.; kerosene, prime white, 6c.; water white, 7c.; bunker oil, cargoes, 90c. Service station owners' and jobbers' price guide: U. S. Motor bulk refineries, 8 to 8 1/4c.; tank cars delivered to nearby trade, 9 to 9 1/4c.; California 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.; naphtha, V. M. P. deod. steel bbls., 18c.; kerosene, water white, 43-45 grav., bulk refinery, 7c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 8c.; water white 41-43 grav. bulk refinery, 6 1/2c.; 41-43 delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 7 1/2c.; tank wagon to store, 15c. Fuel oils: Furnace oil, bulk refinery, 38-42 grav., 6c.; tank wagon, 10c.

Pennsylvania	\$2.80	Buckeye	\$2.35	Eureka	\$2.60
Corning	1.55	Bradford	2.80	Illinois	1.60
Cabell	1.50	Lima	1.71	Wyoming, 37 deg.	1.30
Wortham, 40 deg.	1.36	Indiana	1.48	Plymouth	1.35
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	\$1.36	Big Muddy			1.25
32-32.9	1.20	Lance Creek			1.33
52 and above	1.60	Grass Creek			1.33
Louisiana and Arkansas—		Bellevue			1.25
32-32.9	1.20	West Texas all deg.			0.60
35-35.9	1.26	Somerset light			2.35
Spindletop, 35 deg. and up	1.37				

RUBBER declined on the 16th inst. 30 to 50 points with sales of 740 long tons partly owing to a decline in London, where there was an unexpectedly large increase in the stock last week of 1,164 tons making it 65,524 tons against 52,484 on the same date last year. In the same week last year there was an increase of 1,728 tons. New York ended on that day with January, 39.90c.; March, 40.30 to 40.40c.; May, 40.90c.; June, 41.10 to 41.30c.; July, 41.20c.; September, 41.40 to 41.50c.; spot, 40c. Outside prices were as follows: Ribbed smoked spot and January, 40 1/8 to 40 3/8c.; February, 40 3/8 to 40 5/8c.; spot first latex crepe, 40 1/4 to 40 3/8c.; clean thin, brown crepe, 37 1/4 to 37 1/2c.; specky brown, crepe, 36 3/4 to 37c.; rolled brown, crepe, 33 to 33 1/4c. No. 2 amber, 38 to 38 1/4c.; No. 3 amber, 37 1/4 to 37 1/2c.; No. 4 amber, 36 3/4 to 37c. Paras, up-river fine spot, 31 3/4 to 32c.; coarse, 26 1/2 to 26 3/4c. London on the 16th inst. was dull and 1/8 to 1/4d. lower; spot and January, 19 3/8d. to 19 1/2d.; February, 19 3/8 to 19 1/2d.; March, 19 1/2 to 19 5/8d.; April-June, 19 7/8 to 20d. Singapore was unchanged on the 16th inst. with January, 19 1/4d.; April-June, 20 1/8d. and July-Sept., 20 3/8d.

On the 17th inst. prices fell 20 points further with sales of 967 tons. Outside trade remained dull and prices showed a downward drift. London fell 3/8d. but later recovered 1/8 to 1/4d. of the early decline. New York on the 17th inst. closed as follows: January 39.70 to 39.90c.; February 39.70 to 40c.; March 40.10 to 40.20c.; May 40.80c.; July 41.10 to 41.20c.; Sept. 41.30c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets spot and January 39 3/4 to 40c.; February and Feb-March 40 to 40 1/4c.; April-May-June 40 3/4 to 41c. Spot, first latex crepe 40 to 40 1/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 37 1/4 to 37 1/2c.; specky brown crepe 36 3/4 to 37c.; rolled brown crepe 33 1/4 to 33 1/2c.; No. 2 amber 38 to 38 1/4c.; No. 3 amber 37 1/2 to 37 3/4c.; No. 4 amber 37 to 37 1/4c.; Paras, Up-river fine spot 31 1/2 to 31 3/4c.; coarse 26 1/4 to 26 1/2c. London on the 17th inst. closed with spot and January 19 1/8d. to 19 1/4d.; February 19 1/4d. Singapore on the same day was quiet and broke 1/4d. to 3/8d.; January 19d.; April-June 19 7/8d.; July-Sept. 20 1/4d.

On the 18th inst. New York advanced 10 to 30 points with London closing firm and sales here up to 1,455 long tons. That is, the demand increased. New York ended on the 18th with January 40c.; March 40.40 to 40.50c.; May 41 to 41.10c.; July 41.40c. Outside prices of smoked sheets spot and January 39 3/4 to 40c.; February 39 7/8 to 40 1/8c.; Spot first latex crepe, 39 3/4 to 40c.; clean thin brown crepe, 36 3/4 to 37 1/8c.; specky brown crepe, 36 3/8 to 36 5/8c.; Paras, Up-river fine spot, 31 1/2 to 31 3/4c.; coarse 26 1/4 to 26 1/2c. London closed firm with spot and January 1/8d. higher; February 19 1/4d.; March 19 3/8d.; Singapore off 1/8 to 1/4d.; January 18 7/8d.; April-June 19 3/8d. A Washington despatch says there is increasing opposition to the reduced assessments in Malaya under the rubber restriction scheme. The general feeling in Singapore, according to a report received by the rubber division of the Bureau of Commerce, appears to be that it is questionable whether the producing industry can afford to continue to try to maintain a 21d. pivotal price by reducing Malayan production in the face of local dissatisfaction. It will yet retard consumption. The Netherlands, East Indies, tropical America and Africa will continue to reap a rich harvest and the American reclaiming industry should likewise profit.

A London wireless to the New York "Times" Jan. 16 said: "Amalgamation of British rubber producers and absorption of foreign owned rubber estates, designed to lead eventually to the establishment of a selling system, was foreshadowed at a general meeting of the Anglo-Java Rubber and Produce Co. here to-day, which was called to approve the most recent and largest of the proposed fusions. The plan, which seems to have been approved, calls for the acquirement of 25,000 acres of foreign-owned rubber estates in the Malayan States of Johore at the price of £9,300,000. Failing to attain their object by means of the Stevenson rubber restriction scheme, which was defeated partly through the refusal

of Dutch and other foreign producers to co-operate and partly through the tactics of American rubber consumers, the British rubber growers have now decided to try commercial combination. Reports from Malaya show that considerable opposition is being offered there to the new rules for the assessment of the standard production of estates which were recently decided upon as a means of tightening up the Stevenson plan. These rules are objected to on two grounds; first, because they penalize the more efficient producers, and second because this penalizing of efficiency will only bring about a rise in price from which the non-restriction producers will derive the biggest gains. Voluntary instead of compulsory restriction is now being urged."

To-day prices were rather irregular but on the nearer months 10 points lower while some of the later were unchanged. London was at one time  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower. It closed generally unchanged with spot and Jan. 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ d; March 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and April-June 19 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 19 $\frac{7}{8}$ d. The outside market was quiet. Final prices on futures show a decline for the week of 30 to 70 points.

HIDES met with a fair demand as regards River Plate frigorifico with sales recently of 41,000 Argentine steers at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 31 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. and 4,000 Uruguyan Swift Montevideo steers at 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. City packer have been sparingly offered and firm here as well as in Chicago and South America. Country hides were in better demand and firm. Common dry hides were firm but rather quiet. Cucuta 38c.; Maracaibo 35c.; Central American and Savanillas 34c.; packer hides, spready native steers 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; native steers 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; butt brands 25c.; Colorados 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; bulls, native 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; New York City calskins 7-9s, \$3.10; 5-7s, \$2.60; 9-12s, \$4.25.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain tonnage was in fair demand and 20c. was paid to Copenhagen. Later rates were rather weaker. River Plate cables fell 6d.

CHARTERS included grain Gulf to Copenhagen spot, 20c., wheat Vancouver to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 30s. 6d. Feb.-March, grain San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent, March 1-April 10, 24s., San Lorenzo to United Kingdom, 23s. 6d., Bordeaux-Hamburg, 23s., Antwerp or Rotterdam, 22s. 6d. Feb. 10-March 10, San Lorenzo to United Kingdom-Continent May 12-June 12, 24s., option Mediterranean, 2s. 6d. extra basic. Time, Hampton Roads prompt trip across, \$1.35, North Hatteras prompt West Indies, round, 85c.; delivery North Hatteras, Jan.-Feb., 3 to 4 months, \$1.20, spot West Indies, round 90c. Tankers: Clean oil, to United Kingdom-Continent, six consecutive trips, option 6 more from North Atlantic, 18s. 9d., from U. S. Gulf, 15s. 9d., Feb.-March, to United Kingdom-Continent from U. S. Gulf, 16s., from Curacao, 14s. 6d., March-April, clean from Constanza to one port United Kingdom-Continent, 17s., Feb.-March, grain, Atlantic range to Greece, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., early February. Grain, 39,000 qrs., St. John to Mediterranean, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Jan. 22-30, lumber, Coos Bay and Puget Sound to two ports, Japan, January, \$9.30, Columbia River, British Columbia range to two ports, Japan, January, \$28.50 lump sum. Time delivery prompt New York, West Indies, round, \$1.50. Nitrate from Chile ports, option Galveston, Wilmington, range \$1.50 early February, 10%. Time charter delivery, Gulf, January trip across, \$1.35.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand and is reported steady. Shipments from warehouses to factories are said to be large on old orders. More business is ahead for January and February, the orders for which have not yet been filled. The new Pennsylvania crop is said to be rather small and of good quality and prices for it at the farm are higher than a year ago, while the demand is good. 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.; Pennsylvania broadleaf filler, 10c.; broadleaf binder, 20 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Porto Rico, 60 to 80c.; Connecticut No. 1, second 1925 crop, 65c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65c.; dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 40c.; light wrappers, \$1.25.

COAL.—Locomotive coal has been declining. The feeling in the coal trade generally has latterly improved. The gain in soft coal output it is true is large, but after all it is only up to about 9,750,000 tons. They say that is necessary to meet normal requirements for domestic and industrial up to Feb. 1. Smokeless slack sells better at some advance; the market is getting back to a normal basis. With colder weather latterly prevailing, coal business is expected to improve.

COPPER early in the week was 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. but later most producers were quoting 14.05c. Demand was light, both for domestic and foreign account. The export price was 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. c. i. f. Europe. In London on the 18th inst. spot standard fell 5s. to £61 7s. 6d.; futures off 6s. 3d. to £61 3s. 9d.; sales 100 tons spot and 500 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s. for spot and £67 for futures. Later some sales were at 14c. Otherwise the quotation was 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. Electrolytic in London on the 19th inst. was £66 10s. spot.

TIN after being lower early in the week advanced on the 18th inst. to 54 $\frac{3}{8}$  to 54 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for all positions. There was more disposition to buy on the part of tin dealers. About the only unfavorable factor in the market at the present time is said to be the increase of production in the Far East, and this it is argued should amply be taken by American consumers. Cannery expect bigger packs in 1928 because holdover goods from 1925 and 1926 have been sold and the 1927 crop was relatively small. In London on the 18th inst. spot standard declined 17s. 6d. to £246 2s. 6d.; futures off 15s. to £245 10s.; sales 150 tons spot and 600 futures; Spot Straits fell 15s. to £246 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London was off £3 15s. to £247 10s.; sales 225 tons. Later Straits tin was quoted at 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. London Straits on the 19th inst. £249; standard spot £248 17s. 6d. both showing a rise of £2 15s.

ZINC was rather quiet, but of late has been steady. East St. Louis, 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. Europe is said to be consuming more

zinc. And the reported increase in operations in the steel industry should help this metal. Spot in London was up 1s. 3d. to £26; futures off 1s. 3d. to £26; sales 75 tons spot and 875 futures. Later prime western slab sold at 5.60c. East St. Louis. That is down to the low of 1927. Spot in London on the 19th inst. was £26 2s. 6d.

LEAD was in fair demand and steady at 6.30c. East St. Louis, and 6.50c. New York. Most of the demand is for Jan.-Feb. delivery. Spot in London on the 18th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £21 15s.; futures unchanged at £22 5s.; sales 100 tons spot and 1,250 futures. Later East St. Louis was quoted at 6.25 to 6.30c. London spot on the 19th inst. £21 15s.

STEEL has been in rather better demand and production it is said has increased within a week 3%. It now averages 74% against 60% at the holidays. The big corporation is at 78%, an increase of 1% in a week. The demand is mostly from railroad, automobile and building interests. Finished steel is more readily taken. The tone is more cheerful even if business shows little real activity. But it is rather better than some had expected. Railroad orders for cars, freight and passenger, for rails, for material for bridges and ferries, &c. increased. Foreign pipe sold at equal to \$26. Birmingham or \$2 under the American price. Tin plate is being bought ahead even for March and April shipment on a larger scale. At Pittsburgh auto steel prices are sharply lower however; 4c. for automobile sheets it seems is not always paid. The largest buying by automobile people is expected in March and April. Prophets keep on tponing the really better day. The price of 1.80c. for bars, shapes and plates is said to be maintained. When old orders at that price have been cleaned up some look for an advance to 1.85c but of course this is merely a hope or prediction. In short the tone is more optimistic without any great activity anywhere. The increasing output is suggestive. Birmingham also reports a large production than in December even allowing for the fact that some plants there have not yet resumed work.

PIG IRON.—There is a steady increase in production; 12 furnaces have blown in this month. Shipments are large. Iron lags behind steel in point of actual sales, but the feeling is more hopeful. The increasing output shows it. It is said that Chicago has 250,000 tons to ship in the first quarter. New business, however, has fallen off at the West. Shipments rather than sales occupy the trade there. In New England business is dull. Here it is also small. In other words the situation shows little or no actual improvement in the matter of trade. Nominal quotations show Eastern Pennsylvania at \$18.50 to \$19.; Buffalo at \$16.50 to \$17.; Virginia at \$20. to \$21.; Birmingham at \$16.; Chicago at \$18 to \$18.50; Valley at \$17.50 to \$18.; Cleveland delivered, \$17.50 to \$18.; Basic Valley \$17 to \$17.50; Eastern Pennsylvania \$19.50 to \$20.; Malleable Eastern Pennsylvania \$19.50 to \$20; Buffalo \$17 to \$17.50; charcoal \$24. At Birmingham sales have increased and the tone is more cheerful at \$16. for No. 2 foundry with furnace companies seemingly disinclined to sell freely at that price far into the first half of the year.

WOOL was in moderate demand and steady with London and Australian auctions higher. In Melbourne on the 17th inst. selection good; demand excellent. Compared with prices at the close of December they averaged par to 5% higher. At Napier on the 17th inst. 29,300 bales of New Zealand wools were offered and all but 300 bales sold. Selection of merinos poor; crossbreds well represented. Demand good. Compared with the prices at Wellington on Jan. 12, Merinos were unchanged but crossbreds were about 5% higher. Closing prices on the 17th inst. were: Average merinos 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; crossbreds 56-58s, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; 50-56s, 20d. to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48-50s, 19d. to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 46-48s, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 44-46s, 16d. to 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; 40-44s, 14d. to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 36-40s, 13d. to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. At Perth on Jan. 17 higher prices and a sharp demand were the features. Offerings of 25,000 bales were practically all sold. Attendance was unusually large. American buyers took super-quality lots more freely. Compared with the last Perth sale of Dec. 8, super greasy merinos advanced 5%; good merinos, 5 to 10%; ordinary and skirtings were par to 5%; and merino lambs and all crossbreds, 5 to 10% higher.

Boston wired a government report on Jan. 18th: "The volume of trading in wool continues moderate, but there is considerable dickering on available offerings. Prices are very firm and inquiries are quite frequent, domestic  $\frac{1}{2}$  blood being among the strongest lines. Private cables from foreign markets report prices at the London opening yesterday higher than the closing of the last series, the advance reflecting what has taken place in primary markets during the intervening period. Reports from Australia indicate more activity by Americans."

In London on Jan. 17 the first series of auctions of the present year opened to run for 12 selling days. Offerings for the entire sale, 108,500 bales. Offerings at the opening sale, 8,489 bales. Attendance, large. Demand good. Continental buyers paid par to 5% higher for merinos than the December prices; crossbreds were 5 to 10% higher and super medium, greasy, occasionally, up 15%; Capes par to 5% higher.

New Zealand greasy crossbred super 50s brought 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 50s, 22 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 48s, 21 to 22d., 46s, 18 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Sydney, 2,296 bales, greasy merinos, 18 to 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., scoured merinos, 41 to 44 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., Queensland, 2,536 bales,

greasy merino, 18 to 27½d., scoured merinos, 44½ to 49d., Victorian, 1,037 bales, greasy merinos, 20 to 26d., scoured, 38½ to 17d., Adelaide, 76 bales, greasy merinos, 16½ to 24d., Westralia, 996 bales, greasy merinos, 19 to 28d., scoured merinos, 40 to 41½d., greasy crossbreds, 22 to 27d., New Zealand, 1,368 bales, greasy crossbreds, 13 to 24d., Cape, 201 bales, greasy merinos, 20 to 21½d., scoured, 37 to 45d., Victorian greasy comeback, 24½ to 33d., New Zealand slipe, 17 to 30½d., halfbred lambs.

In London on Jan. 18 offerings, 8,907 bales; prices firm; demand good, especially from the Continent. Speculators' lots were often withdrawn at high limits:

New Zealand greasy crossbred 50s brought 24 to 25d., 48-50s, 21½ to 23½d., 48s, 18 to 20½d. Details: Sydney, 3,391 bales, greasy merinos, 17½ to 36d., greasy crossbreds, 24½ to 27d., Queensland, 1,807 bales greasy merinos, 16 to 30d., scoured merinos, 40 to 48d., Victorian, 1,155 bales, greasy merinos, 16½ to 30d., scoured merinos, 34½ to 46d., Adelaide, 138 bales, greasy merinos, 22 to 24d., Westralia, 653 bales, greasy merinos, 19½ to 36d., New Zealand, 1,120 bales, greasy merinos, 17 to 24d., scoured merinos, 27 to 45d., greasy crossbreds, 18, to 25d, scoured crossbreds, 24½ to 39d.

At Melbourne on Jan. 18 offerings, 7,800 bales of the best selection on sale this season including high class Western Victorian comebacks and crossbreds. Demand good with prices rising 5% above those at Adelaide on Jan. 11. The next sale at Melbourne is for Feb. 3 when 30,000 bales will be offered. At the sale on March 9 the offerings will be 25,000 bales.

In London on the 19th inst. offerings 10,300 bales. British and Continental buyers took most of it at the opening prices. Speculative lots were frequently withdrawn at firm limits.

New Zealand greasy crossbred 50s brought 21 to 24½d., 46-48s, 18½ to 20½d., 44-46s, 15 to 18d. Details: Sydney 4,047 bales, greasy merinos 21½ to 23d., scoured merinos 42½ to 44½d., Queensland 1,650 bales, greasy merinos 17 to 26½d., scoured 32 to 48½d., Victorian 438 bales, greasy merinos 25½ to 31½d., scoured 31 to 47d., Adelaide 171 bales, scoured merinos 39 to 44d., Westralia 1,314 bales, greasy merinos 18 to 27½d., New Zealand 2,059 bales, greasy crossbreds 15 to 24½d., Cape 641 bales, greasy merinos 17½ to 23d., New Zealand slipe 17 to 26½d.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Jan. 20 1928.

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 122,215 bales, against 117,331 bales last week and 110,324 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1927, 6,412,812 bales, against 9,364,562 bales for the same period of 1926-27, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 2,951,750 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	7,837	4,025	12,971	5,390	3,375	6,577	40,175
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	1,952	1,952
Houston	3,503	6,679	4,900	5,187	5,390	5,554	31,213
New Orleans	3,790	4,323	7,699	5,639	2,264	2,740	26,455
Mobile	830	179	496	927	320	645	3,397
Savannah	2,181	1,624	2,151	1,216	909	1,091	9,172
Charleston	626	378	667	1,520	129	115	3,435
Wilmington	181	49	136	687	98	483	1,634
Norfolk	551	477	778	357	438	747	3,348
New York	—	50	50	—	—	—	100
Boston	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	1,330	1,330
Totals this week	19,499	17,788	29,848	20,923	12,923	21,234	122,215

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 Jan. 20.	1927-28.		1926-27.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1926.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	40,175	1,671,778	102,908	2,495,427	490,014	690,733
Texas City	1,952	77,297	2,751	107,679	41,611	35,937
Houston	31,213	2,194,083	87,450	3,085,160	915,640	986,738
Port Arthur, &c.	—	178,570	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	26,455	1,057,643	60,619	1,692,140	522,075	641,786
Gulfpport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	3,397	214,044	4,365	296,118	17,122	53,719
Pensacola	—	10,790	577	12,365	—	—
Jacksonville	—	8	14	617	592	710
Savannah	9,172	484,236	19,998	796,301	39,357	101,035
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	3,435	209,714	5,945	395,837	32,986	84,668
Georgetown	—	200	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	1,634	83,093	1,755	86,273	21,632	17,993
Norfolk	3,348	182,746	5,441	309,842	89,044	123,550
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	279	—	—
New York	100	4,848	76	22,255	194,738	149,840
Boston	4	3,998	2,499	15,843	4,549	1,815
Baltimore	1,330	39,609	1,530	45,225	1,577	1,549
Philadelphia	—	155	326	3,201	9,087	7,092
Totals	122,215	6,412,812	296,254	9,364,562	2,380,024	2,897,365

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Galveston	40,175	102,908	64,859	64,121	51,785	37,293
Houston*	31,213	87,450	39,713	63,723	6,784	9,027
New Orleans	26,455	60,619	53,641	41,714	30,158	30,605
Mobile	3,397	4,365	2,882	2,876	2,799	1,781
Savannah	9,172	19,998	13,449	7,736	8,774	5,765
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	375
Charleston	3,435	5,945	10,230	5,952	1,517	6,110
Wilmington	1,634	1,755	1,240	2,111	946	943
Norfolk	3,348	5,441	8,107	8,077	5,928	7,597
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	3,386	7,773	9,039	5,292	1,660	1,983
Total this wk.	122,215	296,254	203,160	201,602	110,351	101,479
Since Aug. 1—	6,412,812	9,364,562	7,116,079	6,838,436	5,220,219	4,374,928

\* 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 183,103 bales, of which 60,912 were to Great Britain, 26,601 to France, 29,224 to Germany, 22,292 to Italy, 23,440 to Japan and China and 20,634 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 329,884 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been

4,305,924 bales, against 6,239,045 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Jan. 20 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	12,420	10,907	2,851	9,571	—	6,316	11,186	53,251
Houston	22,010	4,406	12,055	3,024	—	9,974	6,189	57,658
New Orleans	6,491	10,978	—	6,447	—	5,050	1,975	30,941
Mobile	1,876	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,876
Savannah	13,936	—	9,325	—	—	2,000	34	25,295
Charleston	1,975	—	2,503	—	—	—	—	4,478
Wilmington	—	—	—	3,250	—	—	—	3,250
Norfolk	200	—	260	—	—	—	100	560
New York	2,004	310	2,230	—	—	—	1,150	5,694
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	—	100	—	100
Total	60,912	26,601	29,224	22,292	—	23,440	20,634	183,103
Total 1927	85,438	28,255	107,596	30,877	—	53,045	24,673	329,884
Total 1926	75,394	29,428	28,795	21,926	6,650	45,270	21,553	229,016

From Aug. 1 1927 to Jan. 20 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	150,178	261,692	287,453	120,994	11,400	212,071	198,820	1,242,608
Houston	163,310	231,359	278,970	100,397	50,000	206,954	110,990	1,141,980
Texas City	8,867	1,245	5,084	—	—	—	—	15,196
Corp. Christi	32,011	35,892	59,939	5,000	3,100	23,972	18,098	178,012
New Orleans	109,605	62,429	151,134	68,827	36,626	169,751	71,037	669,409
Mobile	31,983	1,739	86,807	1,700	—	18,550	4,000	144,779
Pensacola	1,160	—	8,999	—	—	—	1,100	11,259
Savannah	94,540	5,030	293,758	5,851	—	38,705	20,269	458,153
Charleston	29,479	1,783	124,425	5,065	—	5,300	18,560	184,612
Wilmington	—	—	17,300	42,067	—	—	300	59,667
Norfolk	27,270	600	60,230	1,250	—	1,900	2,981	94,231
Lake Charles	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	200
New York	8,089	6,303	23,715	1,954	—	1,484	18,372	59,917
Boston	642	15	493	—	—	—	—	1,635
Baltimore	—	1,007	—	1,030	—	—	—	2,034
Philadelphia	275	—	45	—	—	—	—	324
Los Angeles	4,710	4,930	21,037	491	—	5,750	160	37,988
San Fran.	150	—	255	—	—	1,850	183	2,438
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	975	—	975
Total	662,269	614,024	1,419,844	354,626	101,126	687,262	466,773	4,305,924
Total 1926-27	1,626,602	695,676	1,782,951	481,139	117,973	904,977	629,727	6,239,045
Total 1925-26	1,536,019	609,601	1,242,428	382,696	103,773	677,698	531,820	5,084,035

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 December the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 42,458 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 38,417 bales. For the five months ended Dec. 31 1927, there were 109,274 bales exported as against 121,169 bales for the corresponding five 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:

Jan. 20 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		Total.
Galveston	12,600	9,500	8,000	25,800	5,000	60,900	429,114
New Orleans	4,566	3,479	22,820	11,849	857	43,571	478,504
Savannah	—	—	—	—	200	200	39,157
Charleston	—	—	—	—	20	20	32,966
Mobile	200	—	—	5,000	—	5,200	11,922
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	89,044
Other ports*	2,000	1,500	2,000	4,500	—	10,000	1,179,426
Total 1928.	19,366	14,479	32,820	47,149	6,077	119,891	2,260,133
Total 1927.	25,434	13,066	14,755	63,784	11,612	128,651	2,768,714
Total 1926.	19,960	12,618	18,080	51,624	5,988	108,270	1,471,611

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a fair scale at rising prices. From the 17th to the 19th inclusive there was an upturn of about 45 points mainly because the position had been oversold. Everybody had been bearish. Everybody had been looking for lower prices. Some had been predicting a decline of 2 cents or more. In the meantime, however, the drought in western Texas continues. Temperatures for the most part were mild, or in other words conducive to a safe hibernation of the weevil. There was a demand for October. The Continent, New Orleans and other interests bought it. Offerings were not large. In fact, contracts became rather scarce. Doubt is cast on the recent reports that the acreage in Texas would be considerably increased. Some advices asserted that on the contrary there would be comparatively little change. There was an expectation of bullish week-end figures as to takings, supply, &c. Moreover, some began to be apprehensive of a more or less bullish ginning report which will appear on the 23rd inst. They feared that the figures might hint at an overestimate by the Government on Dec. 8. Last year the estimate on that date was about 650,000 bales too high. Stories of mill curtailment ceased to affect the market. It was held that the curtailing movement had probably culminated. In any case, it would in the end help the mills. It would cut down their stocks of goods and improve the chances of better prices and a larger sale. Spot markets advanced to some extent. The basis in not a few sections of the South was said to be firm, whatever might be the case in South Carolina. Some fear that the weevil infestation next Spring will be heavy. Even if the acreage is increased say 10 to 12% a cold wet Spring could largely nullify its effects. It did last year. For a time spot activity in Liverpool continued. Sales were 10,000 to 12,000 bales a day.

Outside buying of cotton futures here increased somewhat on Thursday. Liverpool was a buyer, as well as the Continent. Wall Street bought coincident with a notice-

able rise in stocks and a drop in the call money rate to 3½%. The speculation here was not large. Too many people are skeptical as to the possibility of anything more than a trading market for the present, or perhaps for some time to come. But it was somewhat larger than it was recently and the tone not only here but at the South and in New England became somewhat more cheerful as the week advanced. A rather better inquiry was reported for cloths and yarns here, though it is true that the bids for yarns were in some cases too low. Spot houses bought March and May, if they sold distant months apparently in transferring hedges. It is pointed out that the sales of spot cotton at the South are largely of hedge cotton which means, of course, that the hedges will have to be covered. That will mean at least some increase in buying power. And some who judge the market somewhat from the standpoint of the chart were impressed by the fact that for three consecutive days October had advanced and held most of the rise. That suggested the idea that perhaps there was something more to the advance than a passing rally at the expense of the short interest.

On the other hand the speculation was at no time active. Most of the time Liverpool, Wall Street and the South have been sellers. Liverpool has latterly shown less activity on the spot. For two days past the sales there have been 7,000 to 8,000 bales. The trade has been buying here only on declines. There is some fear of a strike in Manchester early in February. The mill workers there seem disposed to contest sharply a decrease in wages amounting to 12½% and an increase in working time for the week of 4¼ hours. Spot business in this country still runs very plainly behind that of a year ago. Some reports said the basis was easier at times. The belief is very general that the acreage will be increased for the reason that the South got a much better price for its last crop than it expected. Moreover, in seasons where heavy infestation of the weevil is reported the farmer usually increases his acreage in the hope by this means of making a reasonably good crop. Exports still lag far behind last year's. Trade reports from Manchester of late have been less favorable. Business in both yarns and cloth has been smaller. Some of the textile reports from France, Italy, Japan and Germany have indicated that conditions were not satisfactory. Worth Street has been quiet. As for the ginning report on Monday, which some expect to be bullish, others think it will be inconclusive and in the end have no effect. They think the last crop is practically a dead issue. The main question now is the size of the next crop. The sales of fertilizer are admittedly large. There is said to be a good "season" in the ground except in parts of west Texas and west Oklahoma. There is plenty of time for any defects in those States to be made up by future rainfall. The recent cold wave is believed to have cut down the pest to some extent. It is argued that there is no likelihood of any deficiency in the supply of cotton, either at home or abroad. Everywhere throughout the world there is at the present time a noticeable dullness in spot cotton and cotton goods. Added to that is the tendency to curtail among the mills in this country and also to cut wages. In New York there is very general doubt as to whether a sustained advance in cotton prices is possible at this stage of the season. Rather it is believed that for some time to come there will be quiet markets and not improbably a gradual sagging of prices unless something unforeseen arises to prevent it.

To-day prices declined about 10 points owing to a weakened technical position and indifferent cables. Moreover, spot markets were still quiet and somewhat easier. Spinners takings were smaller than had been expected. The wages of some 30,000 operatives at Fall River have been reduced 10%. The question is whether there will be any trouble over it. Business at Manchester was stated to be small for this time of the year. Yarns here were reported ½ to 1c. lower. Competition among the yarn mills is sharp. Liverpool, Wall Street, New Orleans and the South generally were sellers. One report put the spinners' takings for the week at only 275,000 bales, another at 286,900. Moreover, one estimate of the ginning up to Jan. 16 was 12,500,000 bales although some other estimates were 12,350,000 to 12,400,000. The highest above mentioned was something of a surprise. The speculation was sluggish. The skepticism as to the likelihood of a permanent advance at this time was still very plain. On the other hand there was no marked decline. That was equally plain. So was the fact that there was no real pressure to sell. Alabama reported the highest basis of the season. There was steady buying of October. It is wanted at around 18 cents, on the ground that it is cheap considering the fact that nobody knows anything about the size of the next crop. No matter what the acreage may be it does not follow that the yield will be large. A late cold Spring and bad weather later could cut it down. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 20 points, October acting the best. Spot cotton closed at 19.25c. for middling, a decline for the week of 20 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Jan. 19 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 Jan. 26:

Middling fair.....	.93 on	*Middling yellow tinged.....	1.20 off
Strick good middling.....	.68 on	*Strict low middling yellow tinged.....	1.72 off
Good middling.....	.44 on	*Low middling yellow tinged.....	2.51 off
Strict middling.....	.30 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.70 off
Middling.....	Basis	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.22 off
Strict low middling.....	.35 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	1.30 off
Low middling.....	.31 off	Good middling yellow stained.....	.93 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.51 off	*Strict middling yellow stained.....	1.68 off
*Good ordinary.....	2.28 off	Good middling gray.....	.48 off
Good middling spotted.....	.23 on	*Strict middling gray.....	.76 off
Strict middling spotted.....	even	Middling gray.....	1.11 off
Middling spotted.....	.41 off	*Good middling blue stained.....	1.58 off
*Strict low middling spotted.....	.90 off	*Strict middling blue stained.....	2.22 off
*Low middling spotted.....	1.60 off	*Middling blue stained.....	3.05 off
Strict good middling yellow tinged.....	.04 off		
Good middling yellow tinged.....	.38 off		
Strict middling yellow tinged.....	.65 off		

\* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 14 to Jan. 20—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	19.35	19.15	19.10	19.25	19.30	19.25

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan. 20 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1928.....	19.25c.	1920.....	39.55c.	1912.....	9.50c.	1904.....	14.50c.
1927.....	13.60c.	1919.....	28.05c.	1911.....	14.90c.	1903.....	8.95c.
1926.....	21.05c.	1918.....	32.30c.	1910.....	14.15c.	1902.....	8.31c.
1925.....	24.00c.	1917.....	16.90c.	1909.....	9.85c.	1901.....	10.00c.
1924.....	33.35c.	1916.....	12.20c.	1908.....	12.25c.	1900.....	7.88c.
1923.....	28.40c.	1915.....	8.60c.	1907.....	10.30c.	1899.....	6.12c.
1922.....	18.05c.	1914.....	13.00c.	1906.....	12.25c.	1898.....	5.88c.
1921.....	17.35c.	1913.....	12.90c.	1905.....	7.25c.	1897.....	7.31c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday.....	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady.....	2,067	---	2,067
Monday.....	Quiet, 20 pts. dec.	Barely steady.....	300	---	300
Tuesday.....	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Very steady.....	1,100	---	1,100
Wednesday.....	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Firm.....	800	900	900
Thursday.....	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Barely steady.....	---	---	---
Friday.....	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Easy.....	500	---	500
Total week.....			4,767	900	5,667
Since Aug. 1.....			198,914	635,800	834,714

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 14.	Monday, Jan. 16.	Tuesday, Jan. 17.	Wednesday, Jan. 18.	Thursday, Jan. 19.	Friday, Jan. 20.
January—						
Range.....	18.87-18.88	18.67-19.01	18.41-18.67	18.50-18.75	18.71-18.81	18.70-18.76
Closing.....	18.83	18.63	18.60-18.61	18.73-18.75	18.81	18.72
February—						
Range.....	18.85	18.65	18.60	18.72	18.81	18.75-18.75
Closing.....	18.85	18.65	18.60	18.72	18.81	18.72
March—						
Range.....	18.80-18.91	18.66-19.03	18.4-18.69	18.50-18.74	18.68-18.85	18.69-18.79
Closing.....	18.86-18.88	18.66-18.67	18.60-18.61	18.70-18.74	18.82-18.84	18.73-18.74
April—						
Range.....	18.91	18.71	18.65	18.74	1.887	18.78
Closing.....	18.91	18.71	18.65	18.74	1.887	18.78
May—						
Range.....	18.91-19.02	18.75-19.15	18.49-18.75	18.55-18.80	18.76-18.94	18.81-18.91
Closing.....	18.96-18.97	18.76-18.78	18.69-18.70	18.78-18.80	18.91-18.93	18.84-18.85
June—						
Range.....	18.84	18.65	18.60	18.68	18.84	18.78
Closing.....	18.84	18.65	18.60	18.68	18.84	18.78
July—						
Range.....	18.69-18.78	18.54-18.92	18.30-18.58	18.38-18.60	18.57-18.79	18.66-18.75
Closing.....	18.72	18.54-18.55	18.50-18.51	18.59-18.60	18.76-18.78	18.72
August—						
Range.....	18.51	18.33	18.32	18.41	18.58	18.53
Closing.....	18.51	18.33	18.32	18.41	18.58	18.53
September—						
Range.....	18.31	18.13	18.15	18.24	18.41	18.35
Closing.....	18.31	18.13	18.15	18.24	18.41	18.35
October—						
Range.....	18.08-18.18	17.93-18.30	17.81-18.00	17.88-18.08	18.06-18.26	18.14-18.25
Closing.....	18.11-18.12	17.93-17.96	17.98-18.00	18.07-18.08	18.24-18.25	18.17-18.18
November—						
Range.....	18.07	18.01	18.01	17.88-17.88	18.22	18.15
Closing.....	18.07	18.01	18.01	18.05	18.22	18.15
December—						
Range.....	18.03-18.09	17.88-18.24	17.76-17.94	17.86-17.98	18.04-18.18	18.07-18.15
Closing.....	18.03-18.04	17.88-17.90	17.92	17.97-17.98	18.15	18.13-18.14

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 20 1928 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Jan. 1928.....	18.41 Jan. 17	19.01 Jan. 16
Feb. 1928.....	18.75 Jan. 20	18.75 Jan. 20
Mar. 1928.....	18.40 Jan. 17	19.03 Jan. 16
Apr. 1928.....	18.35 Jan. 17	19.15 Jan. 16
May 1928.....	18.49 Jan. 17	19.15 Jan. 16
June 1928.....	18.30 Jan. 17	18.92 Jan. 16
July 1928.....	18.30 Jan. 17	18.92 Jan. 16
Aug. 1928.....	18.38 Dec. 13	19.27 Dec. 13
Sept. 1928.....	18.38 Dec. 13	19.27 Dec. 13
Oct. 1928.....	17.81 Jan. 17	18.30 Jan. 16
Nov. 1928.....	17.88 Jan. 18	17.88 Jan. 18
Dec. 1928.....	17.76 Jan. 17	18.24 Jan. 16

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.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales.	811,000	1,254,000	902,000
Stock at London.....		75,000	165,000	85,000
Stock at Manchester.....		75,000	165,000	85,000
Total Great Britain.....		886,000	1,419,000	987,000
Stock at Hamburg.....		602,000	577,000	314,000
Stock at Bremen.....		333,000	270,000	231,000
Stock at Havre.....		9,000	9,000	4,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....		117,000	92,000	88,000
Stock at Barcelona.....		73,000	82,000	42,000
Stock at Genoa.....		---	---	---
Stock at Ghent.....		---	---	---
Stock at Antwerp.....		---	---	---
Total Continental stocks.....		1,134,000	1,030,000	679,000
Total European markets.....		2,020,000	2,449,000	1,666,000

	1927	1926	1925	1924
India cotton afloat for Europe...	114,000	72,000	134,000	96,000
American cotton afloat for Europe...	454,000	828,000	454,000	716,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe...	71,000	80,000	114,000	85,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt...	431,000	433,000	301,000	263,000
Stock in Bombay, India...	651,000	485,000	674,000	462,000
Stock in U. S. ports...	2,380,024	2,897,365	1,579,881	1,508,086
Stock in U. S. interior towns...	1,217,543	1,487,981	1,979,161	1,383,626
U. S. exports to-day...	1,352	1,700	1,700	7,600
<b>Total visible supply</b> .....	<b>7,338,567</b>	<b>8,733,698</b>	<b>6,903,742</b>	<b>5,988,312</b>
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
<b>American—</b>				
Liverpool stock.....bales.	541,000	887,000	610,000	678,000
Manchester stock.....	54,000	141,000	63,000	52,000
Continental stock.....	1,074,000	944,000	643,000	497,000
American afloat for Europe.....	454,000	828,000	454,000	716,000
U. S. port stocks.....	2,380,024	2,897,365	1,579,881	1,508,086
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,217,543	1,487,981	1,979,161	1,383,626
U. S. exports to-day.....	1,352	1,700	1,700	7,600
<b>Total American</b> .....	<b>5,720,567</b>	<b>7,246,698</b>	<b>5,330,742</b>	<b>4,842,312</b>
<b>East Indian, Brazil, &amp;c.—</b>				
Liverpool stock.....	270,000	357,000	292,000	177,000
London stock.....	21,000	24,000	22,000	22,000
Manchester stock.....	60,000	36,000	36,000	39,000
Continental stock.....	14,000	72,000	134,000	95,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	71,000	80,000	114,000	85,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	431,000	433,000	301,000	263,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	431,000	433,000	301,000	263,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	651,000	485,000	674,000	462,000
<b>Total East India, &amp;c.</b> .....	<b>1,618,000</b>	<b>1,487,000</b>	<b>1,573,000</b>	<b>1,146,000</b>
<b>Total American</b> .....	<b>5,720,567</b>	<b>7,246,698</b>	<b>5,330,742</b>	<b>4,842,312</b>
<b>Total visible supply</b> .....	<b>7,338,567</b>	<b>8,733,698</b>	<b>6,903,742</b>	<b>5,988,312</b>
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	10.62d.	7.30d.	10.76d.	12.87d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	19.25c.	13.60c.	20.85c.	23.45c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	18.85d.	15.60d.	20.05d.	32.75d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	12.25d.	11.25d.	23.00d.	20.75d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	9.50d.	6.60d.	9.45d.	11.85d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	10.20d.	7.05d.	9.85d.	12.40d.

*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 169,000 bales. The above figures for 1928 show a decrease from last week of 13,408 bales, a loss of 1,395,131 from 1927, an increase of 434,825 bales over 1926, and a gain of 1,350,255 bales over 1925.

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 Jan. 20 1928.				Movement to Jan. 21 1927.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 20.	Receipts.		Shipments Week.	Stocks Jan. 21.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	159	77,932	3,442	16,859	1,461	80,241	1,983	15,135
Eufaula	100	18,145	300	10,346	50	23,402	205	12,163
Montgomery	317	68,776	2,278	31,675	1,051	111,366	2,023	31,557
Selma	28	54,906	455	25,738	738	83,397	2,431	36,993
Ark., Blytheville	2,715	71,137	2,852	21,673	---	---	---	---
Forest City	270	34,204	1,005	14,442	---	---	---	---
Helena	1,555	45,625	1,511	21,179	1,645	81,350	3,038	40,642
Hope	596	43,115	333	6,301	---	---	---	---
Jonesboro	250	28,882	780	5,031	---	---	---	---
Little Rock	1,830	94,904	3,554	25,535	3,135	184,921	6,177	70,069
Newport	1,000	45,700	2,000	6,481	---	---	---	---
Pine Bluff	1,824	111,645	3,253	40,399	4,038	159,401	6,761	69,019
Walnut Ridge	718	31,480	537	8,491	---	---	---	---
Ga., Albany	---	4,945	---	2,203	39	8,630	33	4,025
Athens	387	47,691	958	21,280	2,760	37,341	450	17,368
Atlanta	2,552	94,748	2,658	34,553	3,766	211,799	4,953	88,833
Augusta	1,440	219,642	7,076	97,928	7,247	281,554	6,836	109,076
Columbus	800	48,767	1,100	4,035	745	40,122	863	4,811
Macon	344	48,863	478	7,102	1,447	82,532	1,253	15,408
Rome	443	31,516	350	18,194	1,205	45,464	1,100	28,354
La., Shreveport	534	90,841	1,691	45,901	2,367	149,607	3,853	61,986
Miss., Clarksdale	738	145,449	4,242	69,888	4,769	151,173	5,864	86,115
Columbus	82	32,302	470	8,900	862	39,276	993	10,817
Greenwood	559	151,787	2,771	83,555	2,905	158,526	2,557	91,977
Meridian	194	36,500	562	8,998	289	48,613	1,072	15,886
Natchez	26	32,673	119	20,524	742	35,376	1,078	13,289
Vicksburg	94	16,489	25	7,878	689	30,330	1,074	19,451
Yazoo City	160	27,033	462	16,517	3,506	38,524	1,004	25,642
Mo., St. Louis	8,990	229,704	8,746	2,596	15,901	369,168	16,050	8,132
N.C., Greensboro	389	20,574	2,002	19,337	1,405	26,389	862	11,220
Raleigh	122	11,142	641	4,724	140	17,317	201	11,220
Okla., Altus x	---	---	---	---	7,878	154,788	9,665	24,910
Chickasha x	---	---	---	---	5,962	137,607	6,299	19,628
Okla. City x	---	---	---	---	6,406	133,187	8,593	31,711
15 towns*	12,853	674,894	17,395	91,058	---	---	---	---
S. C., Greenville	4,008	225,443	4,188	79,784	9,235	220,921	7,058	84,777
Greenwood x	---	---	---	---	565	7,446	216	3,172
Tenn., Memphis	31,803	1,043,865	42,674	258,699	61,994	1,420,992	67,163	321,145
Nashville x	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Texas, Abilene	793	45,855	790	1,333	1,421	70,712	1,254	2,967
Austin	130	24,029	81	2,863	538	32,105	398	4,166
Brenham	239	23,495	191	11,690	590	24,022	719	7,335
Dallas	1,546	75,610	1,404	26,296	4,955	152,204	3,505	57,824
Del Rio	---	---	---	---	3,771	100,992	4,348	17,475
Paris	1,035	68,640	1,349	6,679	2,183	52,678	2,416	1,978
Robstown	2	29,692	75	1,465	---	---	---	---
San Antonio	100	32,689	100	4,630	502	57,408	661	3,317
Texarkana	445	53,673	1,514	11,335	---	---	---	---
Waco	2,064	80,475	1,260	13,448	---	---	---	---
<b>Total, 57 towns</b>	<b>84,234.4</b>	<b>3,995,277.127</b>	<b>127,748.121</b>	<b>1,754,316.921</b>	<b>169,241.5</b>	<b>5,066,497.185</b>	<b>185,194.148</b>	<b>981.981</b>

\* Discontinued. \* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Shipped—	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	8,746	228,161	16,500	374,482
Via Mounds, &c.	5,820	174,084	7,600	215,880
Via Rock Island	1,480	9,242	958	12,405
Via Louisville	956	20,639	1,015	33,673
Via Virginia points	5,765	137,429	4,694	152,822
Via other routes, &c.	12,148	178,099	14,350	321,347
<b>Total gross overland</b>	<b>34,915</b>	<b>747,654</b>	<b>44,667</b>	<b>1,110,609</b>
<b>Deduct Shipments—</b>				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,434	50,086	3,896	78,417
Between interior towns	498	11,651	611	13,725
Inland, &c., from South	14,493	379,460	26,235	472,934
<b>Total to be deducted</b>	<b>16,425</b>	<b>441,197</b>	<b>30,742</b>	<b>565,076</b>
<b>Leaving total net overland*</b>	<b>18,490</b>	<b>306,457</b>	<b>13,925</b>	<b>545,533</b>

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 18,490 bales, against 13,925 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 239,076 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1927-1928		1926-27	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 20	122,215	6,412,812	296,254	9,364,562
Net overland to Jan. 20	18,490	306,457	13,925	545,533
Southern consumption to Jan. 20	90,000	2,771,000	115,000	2,486,000
<b>Total marketed</b>	<b>230,705</b>	<b>9,490,269</b>	<b>425,179</b>	<b>12,396,095</b>
Interior stocks in excess	*44,145	8,444,691	*21,852	956,646
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Jan. 1	---	329,928	---	603,864
<b>Total in sight during week</b>	<b>186,560</b>	<b>10,664,888</b>	<b>403,327</b>	<b>13,956,605</b>
<b>Total in sight</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>860,575</b>	<b>26,712</b>	<b>1,188,016</b>

\* Decrease. Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1926—Jan. 23	296,164	---	12,486,216
1925—Jan. 21	264,315	---	11,447,043
1924—Jan. 25	184,692	1923	8,999,515

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Jan. 20.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	19.05	18.85	18.80	18.90	19.00	18.90
New Orleans	19.03	18.72	18.60	18.73	18.88	18.88
Mobile	18.90	18.70	18.65	18.75	18.85	18.80
Savannah	19.12	18.91	18.86	18.90	Holiday	18.93
Norfolk	19.13	18.94	18.75	19.00	Holiday	19.06
Baltimore	19.35	19.35	19.15	19.15	19.25	19.25
Augusta	19.19	18.94	18.88	18.94	19.06	19.00
Memphis	18.50	18.30	18.25	18.30	18.45	18.35
Houston	19.00	18.80	18.75	18.85	18.90	18.75
Little Rock	18.45	18.17	18.10	18.20	18.32	18.32
Dallas	18.20	18.00	17.95	18.05	18.15	18.05
Fort Worth	---	18.00	17.95	18.05	18.15	18.05

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 14.	Monday, Jan. 16.	Tuesday, Jan. 17.	Wednesday, Jan. 18.	Thursday, Jan. 19.	Friday, Jan. 20.
January	18.66	18.36	18.16	18.36-18.38	18.52	18.50
February	---	---	---	---	---	---
March	18.74-18.75	18.45-18.47	18.35-18.37	18.48-18.50	18.63-18.69	18.64-18.65
April	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	18.71-18.72	18.42-				

ceipts 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.
Oct. 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	488,440	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	1,415,085	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	233,688	451,084	330,550	1,342,508	1,528,553	1,902,018	246,196	489,478	396,043
16	199,962	400,731	351,485	1,331,182	1,552,303	1,924,002	188,636	424,479	373,469
23	180,499	339,577	224,398	1,308,770	1,561,460	2,000,037	158,087	345,938	299,671
31	159,069	323,796	213,200	1,328,743	1,562,861	2,034,905	179,042	325,197	247,971
Jan. 1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.
6	110,324	238,809	151,454	1,295,532	1,529,304	2,023,364	77,113	205,252	160,900
13	117,331	264,749	178,734	1,261,688	1,509,833	1,999,693	83,487	284,220	155,091
20	122,215	296,254	160,111	1,217,543	1,487,981	1,979,161	78,070	274,402	182,628

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 7,246,473 bales: in 1926-27 were 8,035,442 bales, and in 1925-26 were 8,864,798 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 122,215 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 78,070 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 44,145 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 274,402 bales and for 1926 they were 182,628 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1927-28.		1926-27.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 13	7,351,975	4,961,754	8,654,415	3,646,413
Visible supply Aug. 1	186,560	10,664,888	403,327	13,956,605
American in sight Jan. 20	155,000	1,265,000	185,000	1,097,000
Bombay receipts to Jan. 19	38,000	276,500	21,000	175,000
Other India ships to Jan. 19	21,000	800,860	36,000	1,056,400
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 18	12,000	375,000	14,000	446,000
Other supply to Jan. 18				
Total supply	7,764,535	18,434,002	9,313,742	20,377,418
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 20	7,338,567	7,338,567	8,733,698	8,733,698
Total takings to Jan. 20	425,968	11,095,435	580,044	11,643,720
Of which American	286,968	8,334,075	390,044	8,948,320
Of which other	139,000	2,761,360	190,000	2,695,400

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,771,000 bales in 1927-28 and 2,486,000 bales in 1926-27—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 8,324,435 bales in 1927-28 and 9,157,720 bales in 1926-27, of which 5,563,075 bales and 6,462,320 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

January 19. Receipts at—	1927-28.		1926-27.		1925-26.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	155,000	1,265,000	185,000	1,097,000	135,000	1,305,000

Exports from	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1927-28	34,000	47,000	81,000	21,000	208,000	407,000	636,000	
1926-27	1,000	10,000	78,000	2,000	131,000	455,000	588,000	
1925-26	6,000	21,000	79,000	20,000	223,000	542,000	785,000	
Other India—								
1927-28	10,000	28,000	38,000	43,500	233,000	—	276,500	
1926-27	6,000	15,000	21,000	17,000	158,000	—	175,000	
1925-26	2,000	—	2,000	42,000	212,000	—	254,000	
Total all—								
1927-28	10,000	62,000	47,000	119,000	64,500	441,000	407,000	
1926-27	7,000	25,000	78,000	110,000	19,000	289,000	455,000	
1925-26	6,000	23,000	79,000	108,000	62,000	435,000	542,000	

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 30,000 bales. Exports from all Indian ports record an increase of 9,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 149,500 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for India is good. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1927.				1926.			
	32s Cop Twtst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to F'nest.	Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds	d.	32s Cop Twtst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to F'nest.	Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds	d.
Oct. 21	16¼ @ 18½	13 @ 13 6	11.09	13 @ 14½	12 @ 12 3	6.70		
28	16¼ @ 18½	13 @ 13 6	11.06	12¼ @ 14½	12 @ 12 3	6.85		
Nov. 4	16¼ @ 18½	13 @ 13 6	11.75	12¼ @ 14½	12 @ 12 2	6.80		
11	16¼ @ 18½	13 @ 13 6	11.04	12¼ @ 14½	12 @ 12 2	6.85		
18	15½ @ 17¼	13 @ 13 3	10.91	12¼ @ 14½	12 @ 12 2	7.03		
25	15½ @ 17¼	13 @ 13 3	11.14	12¼ @ 14½	12 @ 12 2	6.92		
Dec. 2	15½ @ 17¼	13 @ 13 4	10.90	12 @ 13½	12 @ 12 2	6.42		
9	15½ @ 16¾	13 @ 13 4	10.68	11¼ @ 13	11 6 @ 12 0	6.46		
16	15½ @ 16¾	13 @ 13 4	10.68	11¼ @ 13	11 6 @ 12 1	6.62		
23	15½ @ 16¾	13 @ 13 7	10.88	11¼ @ 13	11 7 @ 12 1	6.81		
30	15½ @ 17	13 4 @ 14 1	11.60	11¼ @ 12¾	11 6 @ 12 0	6.89		
Jan. 1928.								
6	15½ @ 17	13 5 @ 14 1	10.92	11½ @ 12¾	11 6 @ 12 0	6.98		
13	15½ @ 16¾	13 5 @ 14 1	10.90	11½ @ 13	11 7 @ 12 1	7.16		
20	15½ @ 16¾	13 7 @ 14 1	10.68	11¼ @ 13	12 0 @ 12 2	7.30		

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Alexandria, Egypt, January 18.	1927-28.		1926-27.		1925-26.	
Receipts (cantars)—						
This week	105,000		180,000		130,000	
Since Aug. 1	4,255,156		5,272,287		5,450,338	
Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	70,959	8,250	116,968	7,500	115,661	110,034
To Manchester, &c.	73,286	9,000	94,418	8,750	110,034	186,011
To Continent and India	7,000	207,063	5,500	182,307	6,250	88,469
To America	—	71,255	700	61,527	12,750	—
Total exports	7,000	422,563	23,450	455,220	35,250	500,175

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 18 were 105,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 7,000 bales.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Jan. 12—Ascania, 920; Jan. 13—Oxonian, 934	1,854
To Glasgow—Jan. 13—Anacortes, 150	150
To Corunna—Jan. 13—Cristobal Colon, 650	650
To Rotterdam—Jan. 13—Boschdijk, 100; Jan. 19—Western Ally, 100	200
To Bremen—Jan. 13—Republic, 161; Jan. 17—President Roosevelt, 1,710; Jan. 18—Berlin, 359	2,230
To Barcelona—Jan. 13—Antonio Lopez, 300	300
To Havre—Jan. 17—Liberty, 310	310
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 12—Lucille de Larrinaga, 3,461; Jan. 16—Nubian, 7,958; Kilusea, 19; Cripple Creek, 9,382	20,820
To Manchester—Jan. 12—Lucille de Larrinaga, 967; Jan. 16—Nubian, 98; Cripple Creek, 125	1,190
To Genoa—Jan. 12—Marina Otero, 3,024	3,024
To Bremen—Jan. 14—Cliffwood, 3,054; Jan. 16—Driebergen, 7,501; Jan. 18—Ena de Larrinaga, 1,500	12,055
To Barcelona—Jan. 14—Mar Caribe, 3,100	3,100
To Havre—Jan. 16—Kilusea, 1,890; Jan. 14—Brush, 2,516	4,406
To Abo—Jan. 16—Tampa, 100	100
To Aalborg—Jan. 16—Tampa, 250	250
To Antwerp—Jan. 14—Brush, 50	50
To Copenhagen—Jan. 16—Tampa, 152	152
To Ghent—Jan. 14—Brush, 750	750
To Gotenburg—Jan. 16—Tampa, 41	41
To Rotterdam—Jan. 14—Brush, 1,746	1,746
To Japan—Jan. 18—Chr. Knudsen, 4,549	4,549
To China—Jan. 18—Chr. Knudsen, 5,425	5,425
GALVESTON—To Havre—Jan. 11—Cody, 2,994; Jan. 14—Kilusea, 7,413	10,407
To Dunkirk—Jan. 11—Cody, 500	500
To Rotterdam—Jan. 11—Cody, 795; Jan. 14—Cliffwood, 1,240	2,035
To Antwerp—Jan. 11—Cody, 100	100
To Ghent—Jan. 11—Cody, 250	250
To Gotenburg—Jan. 14—Tampa, 837	837
To Copenhagen—Jan. 14—Tampa, 563	563
To Bremen—Jan. 14—Endicott, 1,506; Jan. 14—Cliffwood, 1,345	2,851
To Barcelona—Jan. 14—Mar Caribe, 7,401	7,401
To Japan—Jan. 11—Argun Maru, 2,300; Jan. 13—Hawaii Maru, 3,791	6,091
To China—Jan. 11—Argun Maru, 225	225
To Liverpool—Jan. 14—Kilusea, 2,842; Jan. 16—West Ekonk, 8,510	11,352
To Manchester—Jan. 16—West Ekonk, 1,068	1,068
To Genoa—Jan. 14—Marina Otero, 8,571	8,571
To Naples—Jan. 14—Marina Otero, 1,000	1,000
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—Jan. 11—Waalhaven, 4,563; Jan. 14—Grete, 2,692; Jan. 16—Wildwood, 1,164	8,419
To Hamburg—Jan. 11—Waalhaven, 253; Jan. 14—Grete, 360; Jan. 16—Wildwood, 293	906
To Liverpool—Jan. 14—Woodfield, 5,768; Jan. 16—Schickshimny, 4,022	9,790
To Manchester—Jan. 14—Woodfield, 2,471; Jan. 16—Schickshimny, 1,675	4,146
To Ghent—Jan. 16—Wildwood, 34	34
To Japan—Jan. 17—Toba Maru, 2,000	2,000
NEW ORLEANS—To Vera Cruz—Jan. 12—Sinaloa, 500; Marazan, 400	900
To Liverpool—Jan. 14—Matador, 4,868	4,868
To Manchester—Jan. 14—Matador, 1,623	1,623
To Havre—Jan. 14—De La Salle, 5,850; Jan. 17—Coldbrook, 4,728	10,578
To Dunkirk—Jan. 14—Sonora, 400	400
To Japan—Jan. 14—Leeds City, 5,050	5,050
To Ghent—Jan. 17—Coldbrook, 1,075	1,075
To Genoa—Jan. 17—Monviso, 6,443	6,443
To Naples—Jan. 17—Monviso, 4	4
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 13—Woodfield, 344	344
To Manchester—Jan. 13—Woodfield, 1,631	1,631
To Bremen—Jan. 17—Grete, 560	560
To Hamburg—Jan. 17—Grete, 1,943	1,943
WILMINGTON—To Venice—Jan. 17—Carla, 3,250	3,250
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Jan. 14—Cold Harbor, 200	200
To Antwerp—Jan. 14—Cold Harbor, 100	100
To Bremen—Jan. 18—Gottingen, 260	260
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Jan. 13—Afoundria, 1,573	1,573
To Manchester—Jan. 13—Afoundria, 303	303
SAN PEDRO—To Japan—Jan. 16—President Jackson, 100	100

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 30.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 20.
Sales of the week	13,000	61,000	66,000	51,000
Of which American	14,000	44,000	45,000	32,000
Actual exports	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded	32,000	58,000	64,000	63,000
Total stocks	870,000	863,000	842,000	811,000
Of which American	585,000	576,000	562,000	541,000
Total imports	51,000	52,000	56,000	33,000
Of which American	42,000	34,000	38,000	19,000
Amount afloat	157,000	132,000	135,000	177,000
Of which American	89,000	78,000	71,000	118,000

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.
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Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 14. to Jan. 20.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12¼	12½	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00	12¼	4:00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.								
January	d.	d.	d.	d.								
February	10.15	10.27	10.18	10.06	10.04	10.03	9.96	10.00	9.97	10.02	10.02	10.02
March	10.13	10.25	10.16	10.04	10.01	10.00	9.93	9.98	9.96	10.01	10.01	10.01
April	10.12	10.24	10.16	10.03	10.00	10.00	9.94	9.98	9.96	10.01	10.01	10.01
May	10.08	10.19	10.12	9.98	9.95	9.96	9.90	9.94	9.93	9.98	9.98	9.98
June	10.07	10.18	10.11	9.97	9.94	9.95	9.89	9.93	9.92	9.97	9.97	9.97
July	10.00	10.12	10.02	9.89	9.86	9.88	9.82	9.86	9.85	9.90	9.90	9.90
August	9.97	10.09	10.01	9.88	9.84	9.86	9.81	9.85	9.84	9.89	9.89	9.89
September	9.83	9.94	9.87	9.74	9.70	9.72	9.68	9.73	9.72	9.77	9.77	9.77
October	9.71	9.81	9.74	9.61	9.57	9.61	9.57	9.63	9.62	9.67	9.68	9.68
November	9.59	9.69	9.63	9.49	9.46	9.50	9.47	9.53	9.52	9.58	9.59	9.59
December	9.54	9.63	9.57	9.43	9.40	9.44	9.41	9.47	9.47	9.53	9.54	9.54
January	9.53	9.63	9.57	9.43	9.40	9.44	9.41	9.47	9.47	9.53	9.54	9.54
January	9.51	9.61	9.55	9.41	9.38	9.42	9.40	9.46	9.45	9.51	9.52	9.52

**BREADSTUFFS**

Friday Night, Jan. 20 1928.

Flour has continued quiet; no striking incidents have enlivened the trade. One week is pretty much the same as another. And so it goes month after month. Prices are steady enough. American mills have bought Canadian wheat in Winter storage at Buffalo and the grade was said for a time to be low. That was denied. It had caused surprise, for the mills were supposed to be after high-grade wheat. The point is that they have to pay big premiums for desirable grades, a fact that tends to keep flour quotations steady despite the humdrum nature of the daily trade. Export business has also been quiet. Not for some time, it is said, has there been any activity in the buying for the Continent or South America.

Later Winnipeg rumors said that considerable had been sold there for export for later delivery. Exporters had held aloof so long that they were perhaps forced to buy.

Wheat at the opening of the week was inclined to sag, but on the 16th inst. became firmer and ended unchanged on May and March. The response to the rise in corn was very plain, although no marked net changes took place. Liverpool closed 5/8d. lower and Argentina was 1/4c. off at mid-day. World shipments were about 15,500,000 bushels with an increase of over 3,500,000 in "on passage" stocks. The latter are still about 6,000,000 less than at the same time last year. The visible supply decreased 1,917,000 bushels, but is still over 22,000,000 bushels in excess of last year. Supplies of Canadian wheat are close to 40,000,000 more than last year. Export demand was slow; little was sold. Milling wheat commanded very high premiums but lower grades were dull. The Argentine Government has issued a crop report stating that the yields of wheat are generally good. The Winter wheat belt was bare of snow throughout the week and weather was uniformly mild. East of the Mississippi River fields were muddy during most of the week and much wheat brown from recent freezes with probably permanent damage in some sections. The Kansas report stressed dry weather in the western part of that State and added that there were reports of a little better export business with the United Kingdom and the Continent. Buenos Aires cabled that the Argentina crop was deteriorating from lack of rain. This report is rather at variance with those from other sources but Argentina is a big country.

On the 18th prices fluctuated within narrow limits. They closed 1/4 to 1/2c. lower. The market was featureless. Liverpool was unchanged. Argentine freights were lower and larger shipments from the Southern Hemisphere are expected. Export demand at the seaboard was light, with sales in all positions estimated at 250,000 to 300,000 bushels. Beneficial rains fell in the Southwest. Dry weather continues in western Kansas, however. Very choice grades of milling wheat command high premiums, but ordinary grades are not wanted. On the 19th inst. early prices were up 1 to 1 1/2c. with a surprise in Liverpool and shorts covering freely. Liverpool advanced 1/4 to 5/8d. But the rise encountered heavy selling. The reaction in corn told against wheat, and the export sales were only moderate. Argentine shipments for the week were estimated at 5,880,000 bushels, or nearly 2,000,000 larger than those of last week. They seem to show that the Argentine movement is well under way. Some European reports stated that there was a better milling demand and seaboard as well as Southwestern advices reported foreign bids at close to a working basis.

To-day prices advanced 3/4 to 1 1/2c. in the various markets. Outside speculation increased. The closing prices were very near the highest. Export sales were 500,000 bushels. That offset rather weak cables. A cold wave was reported in the Winter wheat belt, where there is scanty snow covering. That started the buying. It was the main factor of the day. The Argentine crop was estimated at 239,000,000 bushels or 4,000,000 less than the previous estimate. That also had some influence. It is 15,000,000 bushels under the crop of last year. World shipments this week may be a little over 20,000,000 bushels. Bradstreet puts the North American exports this week at 10,869,000 bushels against 9,015,000 for the same week last year. Continental markets were steady.

Liverpool ended 1/8 to 3/8d. lower and Argentine 1/2c. lower. Interior receipts were moderate. All the cash markets were firm. Minneapolis sold 150,000 bushels to Eastern mills. There are complaints of alternate freezing and thawing in parts of the Winter wheat belt. Some thought that longs in corn were selling out and buying wheat. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 1/2c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
151 1/4	151 1/4	151 1/4	154 3/4	154 3/4	156	156

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

March delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
129	128 3/4	129 1/2	129 1/4	129 3/4	131 1/2	131 1/2
May delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
130 1/2	130 1/2	130 3/4	130 1/4	130 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2
July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
126 1/2	126 1/2	126 3/4	126 1/2	126 1/2	128	128

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

May delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
136 1/2	136	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
July delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
136	135 3/4	135 3/4	135 3/4	136 1/2	137	137
October delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
128	128	128 3/4	128 3/4	128 3/4	129 3/4	129 3/4

Indian corn advanced early in the week 3/4 to 1 1/4c. owing to bad weather and unexpectedly small receipts in the Southwest. Also there was some export business. Bids at the Gulf were higher and very close to a working basis direct with Kansas City. The United States visible supply decreased last week 103,000 bushels. This looks strange at this time of the year. It reveals the draught on supplies due to the recent persistent supplies. Unsettled weather further delayed the crop movement from Chicago's nearby territory and offerings to arrive were very small. Some corn was booked, however, to the West and Southwest to go to Chicago. The receipts in those sections were larger, but the demand was good. As to the visible supply, the total is 28,534,000 bushels against 37,065,000 a year ago.

Minneapolis wired: "Corn handler here says that country offerings have dried up and last night with our bids 3 to 4c. over what they were a week or 10 days ago, he bought one car. The farmer who needs ready money has marketed his corn, and what remains is in the hands of those that can wait for an expected advance. Farmers going into the fields last week after the thaw found a lot of the corn that they had left was in bad condition. The country is bullish on corn and oats and are marketing only just what they have to."

On the 17th inst. prices advanced 5/8 to 1 1/2c. The export demand was larger and the sales reached 400,000 bushels. Bids at the Southwest are said to have been advanced. Rain is needed in Argentina. The Kansas State report was favorable, stating that with ideal weather, shelling and threshing of corn had made excellent progress but car lot receipts at Chicago and the Southwest were rather small. Shippers, feeders and the industries were all buying. Industries found it difficult to get what they wanted in Chicago and had to buy in part elsewhere. Cash demand was sharp. The basis compared with the futures in the Southwest was 1/2 to 1c. higher. Offerings from near Chicago were very small and there were no signs of any increase in consignments. Argentine old crop futures had advanced recently quite sharply. On the 18th inst. prices ended generally 3/4c. lower. Selling by commission houses was rather heavy. There was also considerable long selling on reports of a larger movement. Offerings to arrive in the Southwest were rather liberal.

On the 19th inst. prices were at first 1c. higher on bad weather in the Central West, but ran into heavy selling on a forecast of cold weather and larger country offerings. The early rise was lost and the ending was 1/2c. lower. Export sales were 200,000 bushels in all positions and the basis at the Gulf was higher, being 5 1/2c. over May, the highest premium up to that time this season. Argentine old crop futures have of late advanced very sharply on a good foreign demand. It would be nothing strange to see this sort of buying extend to the United States. Exporters were buyers of futures in the Southwest and a little buying was also said to have been done by the Continent. Buenos Aires and Liverpool were firm. Argentine shipments were moderate, being estimated at 3,937,000 bushels which would be some 1,500,000 bushels less than those of the same week in 1927. Kansas City was understood to have bid to the country the highest prices on the crop without booking any liberal quantities. Export demand continued and Chicago advices were that sales on the 19th inst. were finally placed at 200,000 bushels in all positions mainly on the of the crop. American corn in Liverpool is now quoted at basis of 5 1/2c. over Chicago May at the Gulf, the best basis a substantial discount under Argentine. To-day prices ended 5/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher after active trading. At first prices were generally lower. That was due to good weather and general selling. Later the upturn in wheat braced corn. Export sales were something like 100,000 bushels. It is said that late yesterday Gulf corn sold to exporters at 6 cents over May, a new high. The cables were steady. But later on profit-taking set in. This with other selling caused a set-back. It was partly due to Chicago estimates of 500,000 bushels bought to arrive there. Most of it was No. 4 yellow at 6 to 7 cents under May with some No. 3 yellow at 5 cents under May mostly from Illinois points. Cash prices were lower. March delivery weakened perceptibly. The forecast was for clear and warmer weather. Bradstreet's American corn clearances for the week were 302,000 bushels against 91,000 in the same week last

year. It was called a two-sided market in corn, but the price was held by the firmness of other grain. Buenos Aires fell 1/2c. Liverpool was unchanged. Final prices show a decline for the week under better weather and profit taking of 1/4 to 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 107 3/4	Mon. 108 3/4	Tues. 109 1/4	Wed. 108 1/2	Thurs. 109 1/2	Fri. 109 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

March delivery	Sat. 88 3/4	Mon. 90	Tues. 91	Wed. 90 1/4	Thurs. 89 3/4	Fri. 89 1/4
May delivery	91 3/4	92 1/4	93 1/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	92
July delivery	93 1/4	93 3/4	94 1/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4

Oats advanced 3/4c. early in the week with the receipts small, cash premiums strong, Chicago stocks falling owing to good shipments to the East and South, and the United States visible supply down 1,092,000 bushels last week against an increase in the same week last year of 940,000 bushels. The total now is only 20,580,000 bushels against 45,967,000 a year ago. On the 17th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 3/8c. and reacted a little with only moderate trading. Contract stocks were less than 1,000,000 bushels at Chicago. Receipts were still small and there were no indications of a coming increase. On the 18th inst. prices were down 1/8 to 5/8c. in sympathy with the decline in other grain. There was scattered liquidation. Yet there was a good cash demand and premiums were well maintained. Receipts were light. On the 19th inst. prices declined owing to the drop in corn. But cash oats for all that were firm at high premiums. The net decline that day was only 1/8 to 1/4c. Today prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. higher. Commission houses bought and shorts covered. Country offerings were small. Cash markets were firm. And the strength of wheat also helped. Final prices show no change on July for the week, but are 3/4 to 7/8c. higher on March and May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 66	Mon. 66 1/2	Tues. 66 3/4	Wed. 66 1/2	Thurs. 66 1/2	Fri. 66 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

March delivery	Sat. 54 1/4	Mon. 55	Tues. 55 1/4	Wed. 55 1/2	Thurs. 54 3/4	Fri. 55 1/4
May delivery	55 1/4	56 1/4	56 3/4	56	56	56 1/4
July delivery	52 1/4	52 3/4	52 3/4	52 1/4	52 1/4	52 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May delivery	Sat. 64 1/4	Mon. 64 1/2	Tues. 64 3/4	Wed. 64 1/4	Thurs. 64 1/4	Fri. 64 1/4
July delivery	62 3/4	62 3/4	63	62 3/4	63	63 3/4
October delivery	56 1/4	56 3/4	56 1/2	56 3/4	56 1/2	57 1/4

Rye declined 1/4 to 1/2c. on the 16th inst. with no export business or next to none, and the United States visible supply increased 412,000 bushels against an increase a year ago of 111,000 bushels. The total, however, is still only 3,400,000 bushels against no less than 12,865,000 in 1927. On the 18th inst. prices declined 3/8 to 1/2c. with other grain lower. No export sales were reported. On the 19th inst. rye was helped by the rise in wheat as well as by reports of export business and it ended 1/4 to 1c. higher. To-day prices closed 1 to 7/8c. higher with other grain up. Commission houses and elevator interests were buying, supposedly in part for foreign account. Offerings were smaller. Some export business was reported from the Atlantic and Pacific. Cash was firm. The surplus in this country, it is said, is only about 11,000,000 bushels. That encouraged the bulls. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1/8 to 2/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

March delivery	Sat. 108 3/4	Mon. 108 1/4	Tues. 108 3/4	Wed. 108 3/4	Thurs. 109 1/4	Fri. 111
May delivery	109	108 1/2	109	108 3/4	109 3/4	110 3/4
July delivery	104	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 1/2	104 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, f.o.b. 1.56	No. 2 white 66 1/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b. 1.47	No. 3 white 64
Corn, New York—	Rye, New York—
No. 2 yellow 1.09 1/4	No. 2 f.o.b. 1.23 3/4
No. 3 yellow 1.05 3/4	Barley, New York—
	Malting as to quality 1.05 1/4

FLOUR.

Spring patents \$6.85 @ \$7.25	Rye flour, patents \$6.40 @ \$6.70
Cleats, first spring 6.50 @ 6.75	Semolina No. 2, pound 4 1/4
Soft winter straights 6.25 @ 6.60	Oats goods 3.35 @ 3.40
Hard winter straights 6.60 @ 7.00	Corn flour 2.35 @ 2.40
Hard winter patents 7.00 @ 7.50	Barley goods—
Hard winter clears 5.50 @ 6.25	Coarse 3.40
Fancy Minn. patents 8.35 @ 9.20	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 6.50 @ 7.00
City mills 8.50 @ 9.20	

For other tables usually given here, see page 375.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 14, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	250,000	1,168,000	9,000	130,000	289,000	113,000
Portland, Me.	7,000	56,000			70,000	
Philadelphia	49,000	146,000	48,000	48,000		2,000
Baltimore	22,000	220,000	40,000	38,000	297,000	56,000
Norfolk	1,000					
New Orleans*	48,000	102,000	42,000	18,000		
Galveston		24,000	62,000			
Montreal	13,000	169,000	1,000	61,000	20,000	
St. John, N. B.	41,000	1,181,000			84,000	105,000
Boston	24,000	107,000		16,000	2,000	
Total week '28	455,000	3,183,000	202,000	311,000	762,000	276,000
Since Jan. '27	923,000	5,910,000	479,000	498,000	1,372,000	494,000
Week 1927	333,000	4,606,000	182,000	436,000	1,148,000	252,000
Since Jan. '27	807,000	11,594,000	464,000	737,000	2,365,000	572,000

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 14 1928, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,242,559		108,969	10,025	75,575	127,881
Portland, Me.	56,000		7,000			70,000
Boston	40,000		12,000		55,000	85,000
Philadelphia	48,000		1,800			
Baltimore	617,000		7,000			360,000
Norfolk			1,000			
New Orleans	502,000	12,000	20,000	15,000		26,000
Galveston		17,000	8,000			34,000
St. John, N. B.	1,191,000		41,000			105,000
Haltfax	52,000		2,000			56,000
Houston			10,000			
Total week 1928	3,748,559	29,000	217,969	25,025	325,575	822,881
Same week 1927	5,491,406	111,000	253,897	126,515	207,153	892,550

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 Jan. 14 1928.	Since July 1 1927.	Week Jan. 14 1928.	Since July 1 1927.	Week Jan. 14 1928.	Since July 1 1927.
United Kingdom	59,432	2,292,259	1,568,955	52,795,386		406,895
Continent	122,810	3,556,544	2,162,604	112,301,451	17,000	659,844
So. & Cent. Amer.	12,000	249,555	17,000	182,000		183,000
West Indies	6,000	268,000		22,000	12,000	423,000
Other countries	17,727	412,750		351,003		
Total 1928	217,969	6,779,108	3,748,559	165,651,840	29,000	1,672,739
Total 1927	253,897	7,471,903	5,491,406	185,281,229	111,000	2,527,530

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 14, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	1,072,000	13,000	264,000	257,000	201,000
Boston	1,000		7,000	1,000	36,000
Philadelphia	748,000	93,000	104,000	53,000	6,000
Baltimore	1,234,000	103,000	33,000	85,000	150,000
New Orleans	931,000	367,000	101,000		
Galveston	651,000	486,000		20,000	54,000
Fort Worth	2,332,000	272,000	269,000	10,000	33,000
Buffalo	4,789,000	833,000	1,813,000	234,000	313,000
" afloat	7,514,000		539,000		278,000
Toledo	2,359,000	108,000	182,000	4,000	8,000
" afloat	981,000				
Detroit	286,000	14,000	80,000	8,000	32,000
Chicago	4,771,000	10,043,000	4,247,000	723,000	70,000
Milwaukee	30,000	1,733,000	1,696,000	32,000	120,000
Duluth	14,624,000	1,000	379,000	1,391,000	128,000
" afloat	323,000				
Minneapolis	18,648,000	1,910,000	7,433,000	313,000	373,000
St. Louis	310,000	324,000	413,000		11,000
St. Paul	1,514,000	622,000	645,000	12,000	121,000
Kansas City	11,975,000	5,726,000	336,000	110,000	201,000
Wichita	3,503,000	458,000	37,000		
St. Joseph, Mo.	620,000	1,195,000	1,000		
Peoria	3,000	79,000	460,000		
Indianapolis	809,000	334,000	239,000		
Omaha	1,908,000	3,820,000	1,302,000	128,000	67,000
On Canal and River	176,000				20,000
Total Jan. 14 1928	82,102,000	28,534,000	20,580,000	3,406,000	2,221,000
Total Jan. 7 1928	84,019,000	28,673,000	21,672,000	3,194,000	2,493,000
Total Jan. 15 1927	59,584,000	37,065,000	45,967,000	12,885,000	4,340,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 15,000 bushels; Boston, 50,000; Baltimore, 56,000; Buffalo, 378,000; total, 499,000 bushels, against 195,000 bushels in 1927. Barley, New York, 412,000 bushels; Boston, 171,000; Baltimore, 209,000; Buffalo, 596,000; Canal, 195,000; on Lakes, 395,000; total, 1,978,000 bushels, against 2,437,000 bushels in 1927. Wheat, New York, 3,415,000; Baltimore, 805,000; Philadelphia, 2,605,000; Baltimore, 2,376,000; Buffalo 8,802,000; Buffalo afloat, 9,915,000; Duluth, 299,000; Erie, 2,031,000; on Lakes 1,813,000; Canal, 209,000; total, 32,370,000 bushels, against 20,479,000 bushels in 1927.

Canadian—	Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.
Montreal	4,100,000	877,000	251,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	39,246,000	2,074,000	1,758,000
" afloat	5,922,000		
Other Canadian	11,772,000	392,000	826,000
Total Jan. 14 1928	61,040,000	3,343,000	2,835,000
Total Jan. 7 1928	56,092,000	3,499,000	2,219,000
Total Jan. 15 1927	51,449,000	8,644,000	2,745,000

Summary—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
American	82,102,000	28,534,000	20,580,000	3,406,000	2,221,000
Canadian	61,040,000		3,343,000	2,835,000	3,662,000
Total Jan. 14 1928	143,142,000	28,534,000	23,923,000	6,241,000	5,883,000
Total Jan. 7 1928	140,111,000	28,673,000	25,171,000	5,413,000	6,438,000
Total Jan. 15 1927	111,033,000	37,065,000	54,611,000	15,610,000	10,635,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 13, and since July 1 1927 and 1926, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1927-28.		1926-27	1927-28.		1926-27
	Week Jan. 13.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Jan. 13.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	9,546,000	287,804,000	295,664,000	340,000	3,585,000	1,929,000
Black Sea		9,000,000	32,020,000	187,000	12,645,000	15,939,000
Argentina	3,965,000	45,120,000	15,849,000	3,926,000	193,406,000	134,204,000
Australia	1,152,000	26,136,000	19,792,000			
India		8,240,000	4,392,000			
Oth. countr's	800,000	19,672,000	13,785,000	416,000	14,157,000	1,358,000
Total	15,463,000	395,972,000	381,502,000	4,869,000	223,793,000	153,430,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JAN. 17—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Jan. 17, follows

Temperatures were mostly above normal in all sections during the first few days of the week, except that portions of Florida and the Southwest were somewhat cool for the season, under the influence of two areas of high pressure. Precipitation was largely of a local character and was confined

13-14th, except for some subnormal readings reported from parts of southern Florida and the Pacific Northwest. Precipitation became somewhat more general in the Northwest, extending eastward into Wyoming and southward into California, while in the Northeast rain or snow was reported from New England westward to the Great Lakes.

There was a reaction to colder over the northern Great Plains and adjacent sections on the 15th, under the influence of an area of high pressure which overspread the Northern States. Elsewhere mild weather continued with precipitation reported from rather widespread areas of the West and Northeast. At the close of the week, temperatures were subnormal over the Northeast and generally west of the Rocky Mountains, but elsewhere there was continued mild weather for the season. Precipitation was again local in character, except that widespread snows occurred over the eastern Great Basin and adjoining sections.

Chart I shows that the week was abnormally warm over nearly the entire country. The weekly mean temperatures were slightly subnormal in southern Florida and moderately below normal in Nevada and the central Pacific coast districts. Except in parts of the extreme South, they were unusually high for the season from the Rocky Mountains eastward where the averages were generally from 12 degrees to more than 20 degrees above normal. This chart shows also that freezing during the week did not extend farther south than the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and to northern Missouri and southern Kansas in the trans-Mississippi States. Zero readings were confined to the extreme northern portions of the country; the lowest reported for the week was 16 degrees below zero at Devils Lake, N. Dak., on the 15th.

Chart II and the table on page 3 show that very little rain occurred, except for moderate amounts in the extreme Northeast, western upper Lake region, and over the Pacific Northwest. Throughout the South and the interior valley sections most stations reported an entire absence of precipitation, except for very inappreciable falls. The amount of sunshine was relatively great for the season.

The unusually warm, dry, and sunny weather in the Southern States was beneficial in reviving hardy truck crops that were damaged by the recent freeze, and they show renewed growth in many places. Much truck was killed outright, however, and considerable activity in replanting was reported, while material improvement was noted in extreme southern Texas, where shipments of truck and citrus continued unusually heavy. Some winter cereal crops, particularly winter oats, suffered severely from the cold, with considerable complaint of losses. The weather was unusually favorable for outside operations throughout the South, and much preparation for Spring planting was accomplished, though the soil was too dry and hard for plowing in western and northwestern Texas.

In the interior valleys and Northern States pleasant and sunny weather was also the rule, but muddy fields in the Ohio Valley and some eastern sections prevented field work in the trans-Mississippi States good progress was reported. The snow cover disappeared rapidly in Northern States, and the principal grain areas were bare of snow. Except in the Great Basin of the West where cold and snow were unfavorable, the general warmth was beneficial for stock interests over the great western grazing districts, with ranging resumed over much of the northern Great Plains.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—The winter Wheat Belt was bare of snow throughout the week, but the weather was uniformly mild, and reports do not indicate widespread or extensive heaving conditions. East of the Mississippi River fields were muddy during most of the week, and much wheat shows brown from recent freezes, with probably permanent damage in some sections. West of the Mississippi little change in conditions as affecting the wheat crop was reported in eastern Kansas and Missouri, and there were some signs of growth due to the warm weather. Precipitation is needed in parts of Iowa and quite generally in Nebraska, while the severe drought in western Kansas, eastern Colorado, northwestern Oklahoma, and parts of western Texas continued unrelieved. In the far Northwestern States conditions remained generally favorable, although the snow cover disappeared from much of the wheat belt in eastern Washington. In the Southern States reports indicate rather heavy damage to oats from earlier freezes.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Temperatures abnormally high, with no rain favorable for farm work and winter grains, some plowing done. Favorable for winter truck in southeast. Winter grains fair to good, damaged from cold earlier in month, but probably not serious.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Fair and very mild, with high percentage of sunshine, fine for outdoor activities. Considerable plowing in east portion, with planting and preparation for planting early hardy truck under way.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Dry, with abundant sunshine and abnormally warm generally, favorable for winter cereals and truck, which are improving since recent freezes. Some spring truck planting on coast.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Warm, dry weather, with abundant sunshine, prevailed during entire week, with high temperatures for season toward close. Favorable for outdoor work and plowing for spring crops making rapid progress. Winter oats severely damaged by previous freeze and condition poor, little signs of renewed growth.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Dry, sunny, and warmer than usual, except in south, favorable for farm work and recovery of strawberries and truck damaged by recent cold. Some lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, and other truck being shipped. Replanting beans and cucumbers active. Bulk of potatoes seeded, melon planting made progress. Oats backward. Citrus trees in north and much of central belt will be defoliated, wood damage chiefly to tender growth and young trees locally. Rain badly needed in all divisions.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Widely scattered, light rains on one day, temperatures decidedly above normal daily. Some farm work accomplished in south. Recent severe cold killed or badly damaged oats, though vetch and drill-sown oats apparently surviving in some sections. Estimated about half of cabbage crop in coast region a total loss, replanting progressing. Scarcely any truck growing. Extensive defoliation of satsuma orange trees indicated, some trees apparently killed.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: No damaging cold, generally fair, except light precipitation on three days. Mostly fair progress in seasonable farm work, truck, and pastures.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Mild weather, with little rain, very favorable for winter crops and farm work. Soil in good condition and considerable plowing accomplished. Field work on cane plantations is up-to-date. Oats killed back by freeze coming up again. Hardy winter truck improved, some early truck plantings made.

**Texas.**—Houston: Very warm and without precipitation of consequence, favorable for preparation of soil for spring crops, except in portions of west and north west where too hard to plow. Some wheat and oats improving, but portion of crop so badly damaged by recent freeze that it is being plowed under. Pastures poor to fair and beginning to green near coast. Livestock condition mostly fair, stock water scarce in portions of west. Truck improved in extreme south where shipments of truck and citrus continued unusually large.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Decidedly warm and mostly clear, little or no rain. Favorable for farm work and good progress in plowing for spring planting. Winter grains, wheat, barley, and rye improved and generally in fair condition, except poor in northwestern counties where severe drought continues, scattered fly and green bug infestation. Pastures mostly short, livestock in good condition.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Unseasonably warm weather throughout week, very light precipitation and abundant sunshine. Thawing kept fields muddy, but some plowing done. Early vegetables being planted in extreme south. Meadows, pastures, and livestock in good condition.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Wheat and oats slowly recovering from injury by preceding cold and many fields continue brown. Rye and barley coming fairly well during more favorable conditions of past week. Much clover killed or severely damaged, livestock in good condition.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Abnormally warm, with precipitation light, soil well drained and settling. Wheat appears brown, late wheat and pastures show considerable injury from freezes. Grass and grains beginning growth. Favorable for handling tobacco.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 20 1928.

Due to the presence in town of many wholesalers who arrived to attend their convention and to visit various

agencies, a fair amount of activity has prevailed in the textiles markets during the week. However, while making a closer study of the markets, buyers are still reluctant about entering into new commitments for Fall delivery. The price question continues to be the most potent factor, but the resistance that is now so clearly defined among many buyers, and is causing them to delay their normal purchases for Fall and Spring, is viewed by merchants here as a needless uncertainty. Curtailment of production has become a reality, and producers are determined not to glut their markets. Instead of assuming the risk of costly accumulations, they are reducing their output to accord with demand. Consequently, it is pointed out, that if retail and wholesale buyers fail to properly provide for their requirements by pursuing a dilatory purchasing policy, and thus assuming all the risks of higher prices in the event of a sudden consumer demand, it is a foregone conclusion that the injury will fall on them more fully than it has in the past. Prices in a number of directions are not only very low, but many of them are predicated upon more liberal supplies of goods than are likely to be found in existence during the next few months. Many of the prices are either so close to cost, or under cost, that selling agents are not inclined to hesitate about assuring their customers that they are not taking undue risks in providing for the moderate needs at current levels. In regard to cotton goods, the decline in prices of the raw material has encouraged many buyers to hold off in the hope of a lower basis for the manufactured product, but such declines as have occurred in cotton, while they have, no doubt, created uncertainty as to values in the minds of buyers, do not appear to have materially weakened the price views of sellers. Evidently, goods are not going to be manufactured to sell at a loss. Hence, the curtailment of output, in order to adjust production on a parity with demand.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—After starting out quiet, domestic cottons became a little more active during latter part of the week. Orders for wash fabrics showed a tendency to increase, while there has been a moderate demand for gray goods. The increasing vogue for color in the home, which has manifested itself in a number of forms lately, is said to be responsible for the improvement in demand for cotton sheetings of fast colors. Jobbers have been placing orders for these goods quite freely for shipment as soon as ready. The pastel hues have been strongly stressed in the favored colors, which include shell pink, blue, Nile green, maize, and orchid. Low-end ginghams are not doing as well as last year, but according to reports, there is a better promise of export trade, if very low prices can be named. There has been more trading in percales and prints. There is considerable talk of price concessions being made, but the larger factors declare that they are making no changes and are not in a position to do so under present costs. The new prices named on narrow flannels are claimed by mill agents to be decidedly low, but new business is developing. The keenest competition is on the narrow bleached flannels in the medium and low constructions. Prices on narrow flannels are from 1c. to 1¼c. a yard above those of last year, but are 1c. below the parity of prices made on wide flannels when the season opened last month. Wholesalers appear ready to place full orders for any cotton blankets on which price protection is assured. However, they are making moderate purchases of some other lines, and continue to give preference to the lines that have been accustomed to carrying. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 64s construction are quoted at 6½c., and 27-inch 64 x 60s at 5¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72s construction are quoted at 8¾c., and 39-inch 80 x 80s at 10¾c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—There are indications that the Spring and Summer garment business is improving. According to reports, retailers are not well supplied with new garments, and where they are in need of fine qualities, they are finding it difficult to place business, except in a firm way, if they want assurance that manufacturers will make deliveries. During the week there has been quite a good demand for broadcloths in light weights, printed flannels and some of the other soft finished materials for coatings. There is also an increasing interest in new offerings of overcoating fabrics for the Fall of 1928. While it is too early to ascertain whether plain or fancy coatings will predominate in buyers' assortments, according to indications, black-and-white effects and various tan shades are favored in fancy effects, while navy blue will likely stand out in dressy goods.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—As stocks in manufacturers', distributors', and retailers' hands are not burdensome, there have been moderate purchases in the linen market for quick shipment. Sentiment in regard to the future is optimistic, and it is expected that household and dress goods will receive the most attention. Burlaps have developed strength, this being particularly true in regard to light weights, although heavies, which are comparatively scarce, have likewise ruled firm. Sales have been on a larger scale. Light weights are quoted at 7.75c, and heavies at 10.00c.

# State and City Department

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of December, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 131 of the "Chronicle" of Jan. 7. Since then several belated December returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$112,068,468. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in December was 371 and the number of separate issues 536.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
132	Abington, Ill.	5	1928-1947	\$40,000	106.13	4.27
3378	Adams S. D. No. 98, Colo.	4 1/2	1929-1943	15,000		
3378	Alabama (State of)	4 1/2	1937-1976	2,000,000	103.20	4.05
277	Alamosa Co. S. D. No. 3, Colo.	4 1/2	1942-1967	\$200,000	98.50	4.36
3512	Allen Co., Ohio (2 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1931	7,155	100.20	5.97
3228	Allen Twp. S. D., Pa.	5	1932-1942	9,000	104.13	
3671	Alpha, Ill.	5	1931	6,000	100	5.00
3378	Anamosa, Ia.	5	1928-1936	11,688	100.21	4.96
132	Arlington, Tex.	5		40,000		
3512	Arroyo Colo. Irr. Dist., Tex.	5 1/2		500,000	100.07	
132	Ashland Co., Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1937	72,500	100.53	4.16
3671	Attala Co. R. D. No. 1, Miss.	5		180,000	101.84	
3228	Attala Co. R. D. No. 3, Miss.	5		70,000	102.14	
3671	Austin, Tex.	4 1/2		100,000	100	4.25
133	Bay Village S. D., Ohio (3 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1940	115,500	101.40	
133	Beaver City, Neb.	5		6,000		
3512	Beckham Co., Okla.	4 1/2		760,000	101.57	
3512	Bedford, Ohio (2 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1943	14,868	100.36	4.44
3379	Beech Creek Twp., Ind.	5	1928-1938	10,500	105.04	4.09
3671	Bellville, Tex.	5	1929-1969	55,000	101.009	4.95
3512	Belleville S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1957	417,000	102.06	4.27
133	Bellevue, Mich.	4 1/2	1928-1948	65,000	102.16	4.21
3671	Benson, Minn.	4 1/2	1947	135,000	100	4.50
3512	Benton Co., Ind.	6	1928-1937	500	103.60	5.24
3379	Bergen Co., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1944	2,241,000	102.13	3.97
3512	Bessemer, Ala.	6	1929-1938	134,000	104.61	5.02
3671	Berterson, Md.	5	1927-1951	25,000		
3228	Bexar County, Tex.	4 1/2	1931-1967	192,000		
133	Beverly Heights, Tex.	6	1928-1967	150,000		
3228	Binghamton, N. Y. (4 issues)	4	1928-1937	170,000	100.51	3.87
3228	Bloomfield Twp. S. D. 5, Mich.	4 1/2	1928-1947	74,000	102	4.26
278	Blue Mountain, Miss.	4 1/2	1928-1947	9,000	101.94	
3512	Bonner Springs, Kan.	4 1/2	1928-1937	17,500		
3379	Boone Co., Ind.	6	1928-1937	8,162	105.83	4.78
3229	Bound Brook, N. J.	5	1928-1935	14,000	100.80	4.80
3379	Brattleboro, Vt (2 issues)	4	1928-1947	200,000	100.78	3.98
3512	Brazoria Co., Texas	5		110,000		
3229	Breckenridge, Tex.	5	1938-1967	100,000	100	5.00
3379	Brevard Co., Fla.	5		80,000		
3512	Briarley, N. Y.	5	1928-1942	1,233,000		
3512	Bristol, Fla.	4 1/2	1932-1957	160,800	100	4.50
3229	Brownwood, Tex (2 issues)	5		\$129,000		
3379	Buckhamon, W. Va.	5		37,000	100	
3671	Burton Twp. S. D. No. 5, Mich.	4 1/2	1930-1954	62,000	100.80	4.445
3512	Busbee San. Sewer Dist., N. C.	6	1932-1957	55,000		
133	Caldwell Co., N. C.	6	1930-1956	27,000		
3379	California (State of)	4	1937-1940	1,000,000	101.08	3.88
133	Cambria County, Pa.	4 1/2	1928-1950	400,000	103.81	3.82
133	Cambria Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1957	15,000	105.66	4.92
3379	Camden Co., N. J.	4	1929-1949	916,000	100.55	3.98
3513	Cameron Co., Tex.	5	1933-1957	1,000,000	100.20	4.82
3379	Cass Magisterial Dist., W. Va.	5	1936-1949	\$66,000		
3671	Castaic S. D., Calif.	5	1928-1948	18,000	101.33	4.84
3513	Chambers Co., Tex.	5	1957	100,000	100.20	4.99
3374	Chapman Spl., Neb.	5	1928-1937	10,000	100	5.00
3671	Cheltenham Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1937-1957	580,000	104.73	3.905
3671	Cherryville, N. C.	6	1931-1942	12,000	104.35	5.40
3513	Chicago San. Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1928-1947	9,000,000	101.88	4.16
3379	Chinville, Ky.	6	1937	41,000		
3512	Clark Twp. S. D., N. J.	5	1928-1964	99,000	106.50	4.44
3379	Claremont, Calif.	5		65,000	101.76	
3379	Clatsop Co. S. D. Ore.	6	1929-1932	12,000	101.15	5.65
3379	Claymont Spec. Spl. Del.	4 1/2	1929-1953	100,000	102.48	4.21
3229	Clement Twp., N. J.	5 1/2		197,000		
3229	Cleveland, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1945	1,500,000	100.01	3.89
3229	Cleveland, Ohio (2 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1943	650,000	100.01	3.89
3671	Cleveland City S. D., O.	4 1/2	1928-1947	2,000,000	102.30	3.94
3379	Cocoa, Fla.	5		50,000	100	
278	Columbia, Miss.	5	1929-1938	\$50,000	101.16	4.86
3229	Columbiana Co., Ohio (3 issues)	5	1928-1937	230,000	103.80	4.20
3229	Columbus, Ohio	4 1/2	1930-1939	333,000	103.18	3.96
3229	Columbus City S. D., Ohio	4	1928-1952	1,150,000	100.16	3.99
3379	Commerce, Ga.	5	1929-1958	31,000	100.45	4.05
3513	Cook Co. S. D., Ill.	4 1/2	1937-1947	160,000		
3380	Carroll Co., Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1953	110,000	103.64	3.97
3672	Corning S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1928-1949	77,000	109.23	4.35
3513	Corpus Christi, Tex.	6		2,000,000		
3513	Cortlandt S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	4.10	1929-1950	66,000	100.11	4.08
3230	Coshocton, Ohio (4 issues)	5	1929-1938	14,141	102.31	
3230	Crane County, Tex.	5		30,000		
3513	Cranston, R. I.	4	1928-1967	200,000	99.74	4.01
3380	Crystal Spgs., S. D. Miss.	5		225,000	101.56	
3230	Cumberland Co., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1946	83,000	103.14	4.10
3230	Cumberland Co., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1946	68,000	103.22	4.12
3380	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio (3 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1937	319,451	100.76	4.08
3380	Daniels Co. Spl. No. 2, Mont.	6	1932	5,200	100	6.00
3090	Dayton, Ohio	6	1929-1953	75,000	102.69	
3380	De Funak Springs, Fla.	6	1929-1937	5,000	100	6.00
3513	De Kalb Co., Ind.	6	1928-1932	14,801	100	6.00
3380	De Leon Springs-Glenwood B. D., Fla.	6	1932-1940	30,000	100	6.00
3380	Delhi, La.	5 1/2	1954	65,000	100.77	5.19
3672	Denver, Colo.	5 1/2		267,500	102.58	
134	Deschutes Co. S. D. No. 1, Ore.	5		85,000	100.17	
3672	Dickinson, N. Dak.	5	1937	5,000	100	5.00
3230	Dunn County, Wis.	5		153,000		
3230	Dunsmuir, Cal.	7	1929-1943	56,791		
3672	Durant, Iowa (2 issues)	4 1/2	1930-1943	\$12,000		
3380	Durham, N. C. (3 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1968	1,500,000	100.10	4.235
3514	East Bay Mun. Util. Dist., Calif.	4	1935-1974	3,000,000	110.16	3.40
3672	East Grand Rapids, Mich	4 1/2	1928-1936	141,918	100.95	
3672	East Rutherford, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1939	129,000	101.21	4.27
3230	Eau Gallie, Fla.	6	1928-1937	99,000		
134	Ebenezer S. D., Miss.	5		10,000		

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3230	Ector County, Tex.	5 1/2	1957	100,000	105.48	5.14
3380	Edgefield Co. N. C.	4 1/2	1929-1944	150,000	100.37	
3672	Elba Com. S. D., Ida.	5	1947	6,000	100	5.00
3514	Emmetsburg, Iowa	4 1/2	1929-1946	\$19,700	100	4.25
3514	Escambia Co. S. D., Fla.	6	1928-1943	48,000	100	6.00
3380	Fayette Co., Pa.	4 1/2	1952	1,000,000	105.97	3.85
3514	Fayetteville, Tenn.	5		50,000	105.42	
279	Fayetteville, Tenn.	4 1/2		50,000	100.61	
3230	Federalburg, Md.	4 1/2	1932-1946	30,000	100.53	4.44
3672	Fentress County, Tenn.	5	1947-1967	\$100,000	104.25	4.67
3380	Floyd County, Ind.	4 1/2	1931-1950	6,000	103.94	4.10
3514	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	6	1930-1949	\$80,000	100	6.00
3672	Fort Myers, Fla.	5 1/2	1930-1943	\$236,000	102.10	
279	Franklin Lakes, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1947	28,000	100.66	4.64
3514	Fremon, Ohio	5	1929-1933	15,000	101.39	4.54
3672	Frostproof, Fla.	6	1930-1939	30,000	91	7.55
3672	Fulton County, Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	17,000	103.36	3.925
3514	Furnas Co. Spl. No. 103, Neb.	4 1/2		71,000	101.87	4.27
3672	Galveston Co. Com. S. D., Texas (2 issues)	5	1938	7,000		
3514	Gardner, Mass.	3 1/2	1928-1947	100,000	101.44	3.64
3230	Geary Road Dist., W. Va.	6	1956	174,500		
3381	Gilbousburg S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1928-1950	175,000	100.28	4.21
3514	Gilboa, Ohio	6	1929-1938	5,000	104	5.21
279	Girard, Ohio	5	1929-1932	8,555	101.44	4.47
3230	Glenwood City, Wisc.	4 1/2	1928-1940	10,000		
3381	Gonzales, Texas	5		120,000		
134	Gotebo, Okla. (3 issues)	6	1931-1952	33,000	100.50	4.95
3381	Greater Greensboro Sch. Dist., N. C.	4 1/2	1931-1958	1,000,000	102.61	4.29
134	Greensboro, Pa.	4 1/2	1933-1950	18,000	101.04	4.15
3381	Greenville Graded S. D., N. C.	4 1/2	1931-1953	100,000	103.30	4.45
277	Grundy Co., Tenn.	5 1/2	1937-1957	200,000	100	5.50
3381	Guilford Co., N. C. (3 is.)	4 1/2	1928-1958	1,565,000	100.20	4.23
134	Gulfpport, Miss.	5		18,000	100.61	
3381	Halfway, Mich. (4 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1938	1,180,000	100.005	
3381	Hancock, Mich.	5	1928-1935	\$750,000	105.40	
3230	Harriman, N. Y.	5	1928-1937	17,000	103.10	4.47
3672	Harrison Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1942-1957	125,000	104.20	3.94
134	Hastings, Minn.	5		21,000	100.54	
280	Helena, Ark.	5 1/2	1929-1948	150,000	100	4.72
3514	Helena, Ark.	5		18,000	98	
3514	Hilhsipire, Pa.	4 1/2		30,000	104.30	</

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3383.	Mississippi Co. D. D. No. 16, Ark.	5 1/2	1932-1947	100,000	100.00	---	3385.	Taunton, Mass. (2 issues)	4	1928-1957	150,000	102.85	3.89
3516.	Modale, Iowa	5 1/2	1947	3,500	100	5.25	3385.	Teaneck Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1930-1968	723,000	100.50	4.45
3673.	Monroe, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1933	16,000	100.49	4.35	3385.	Throckmorton Co., Tex.	4 1/2	---	650,000	100	4.75
3383.	Monroe, Mich. (3 issues)	5 1/2	---	103,900	102.31	---	3385.	Tipton, Okla.	---	---	10,000	100.14	3.96
3516.	Montana (State of) (2 issues)	4 1/2	---	5,400	---	---	3385.	Toledo, Ohio (2 issues)	4	1929-1948	110,000	100.14	3.96
3383.	Mount Pleasant, N. Y. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1957	88,000	104.70	4.03	3674.	Tonawanda, N. Y. (9 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1957	2,148,500	100.29	4.22
3383.	Mount Vernon, N. Y.	4	1947	175,000	102.09	3.84	3235.	Topeka, Kan.	4 1/2	1930-1937	100,000	101.21	4.04
3232.	Muhlberg Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1938-1947	100,000	102.80	4.04	3519.	Topeka S. D., Kan.	4 1/2	1929-1945	170,000	103.67	4.04
3516.	Nash Co., N. C.	4 1/2	1930-1943	60,000	101.15	4.35	3519.	Trilby S. D., Fla.	6	---	50,000	100	6.00
3516.	Nash Co., N. C.	4 1/2	1928-1932	40,000	100.31	4.40	3675.	Troup Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	---	12,000	100.50	---
3232.	Newark, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1966	1,575,000	104.78	3.89	3235.	Tuscarawas S. D., Ohio	---	---	96,000	100	---
3232.	Newark, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1966	1,431,000	104.83	3.89	3385.	Union Magisterial Dist., W. Va.	5	1933-1949	r52,000	---	---
3232.	Newark, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1966	1,266,000	104.65	3.87	3385.	Upper Darby Twp., Pa.	4 1/2	---	150,000	103.80	---
3232.	Newark, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1942	1,172,000	102.43	3.88	3675.	Urbana, Illinois	4 1/2	---	17,000	100	---
3232.	Newark, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1960	1,055,000	104.32	3.86	3385.	Vandalia S. D., Ill.	4 1/2	1931-1940	75,000	100	---
3516.	New Rochelle, N. Y. (5 issues)	4	1930-1967	1,985,000	101.20	3.88	3519.	Vicksburg, Miss.	4 1/2	1929-1953	325,000	100.80	4.42
3232.	New Smyrna, Fla.	---	---	35,000	100	---	3675.	Vienna S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1948	72,000	100	4.50
136.	New Smyrna, Fla.	6	1933-1947	100,000	100	6.00	3385.	Walnut Cove, N. C.	6	1930-1944	15,000	104.42	5.44
282.	Newton Co., Ga.	5	1936-1937	10,000	107.80	4.03	3519.	Washakie Co. S. D. No. 6, Wyo.	4 1/2	1930-1940	35,000	100.80	4.32
282.	Niagara Co., N. Y.	---	1928	41,000	100	---	138.	Washington Co., Ind. (3 issues)	4 1/2	---	52,000	---	---
3383.	North Carolina (State of)	4	1934-1948	5,000,000	100	4.00	3385.	Washington Co., N. C.	4 1/2	1929-1943	40,000	100.35	4.70
3516.	North Hempstead S. D., N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1947	25,000	103.13	4.12	3519.	Washington Co. S. D.	---	---	---	---	---
3673.	North Tonawanda, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1939	25,000	101.39	4.23	3675.	Watertown, Mass.	4	1929-1933	8,500	103.78	5.20
3233.	Norwood, Ohio (2 issues)	5	1928-1937	60,000	---	---	3675.	Waterville, Me.	4	1929-1946	35,000	101.13	3.60
3516.	Norwood S. D., N. J.	5	1928-1948	21,000	102.80	4.65	3519.	Watsonville, Calif.	5	1928-1937	54,000	101.03	3.94
3516.	Oak Grove S. D. 130, Del.	5	1928-1952	44,444	---	---	3385.	Washtenaw Co., Mich. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1932	40,000	103.36	4.28
3673.	Oakland Co., Mich.	5 1/2	1929-1938	50,000	100.20	5.47	3385.	Wayne Co., Mich. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1932	66,500	100.68	4.22
136.	Oakwood, Ohio	4 1/2	1930-1959	125,000	100.25	4.25	3519.	Webster, Mass. (2 issues)	3 1/2	1929-1942	65,750	100.60	4.65
3673.	Oakwood VII S. D., Ohio	5	1930-1953	324,000	102.07	4.30	3235.	West Homestead S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1931-1956	600,000	100.92	3.62
3674.	Ocean County, N. J.	5	1928-1937	177,000	103.60	4.23	3386.	Westfield, N. Y.	5	1928-1934	30,000	102.95	4.01
3674.	Ocean County, N. J.	5	1928-1946	63,000	105.27	4.34	3519.	West Elizabeth, Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1949	13,000	104.50	3.78
3674.	Oil City, Pa.	4 1/2	1929-1957	110,000	104.75	3.86	3235.	West Lawn, Pa.	4 1/2	1937-1957	25,000	105.33	4.02
3233.	Okechee Bee Co., Fla. (2 issues)	6	1932-1939	120,000	95	6.65	3386.	Westmoreland Co., Pa.	4	1937-1947	400,000	103.45	3.98
3233.	Oconota, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1937	60,222	100.93	4.03	3519.	West Newton S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1929-1948	400,000	101.79	3.84
3233.	Oostanaula Con. S. D., Ga.	5 1/2	1930-1944	8,000	100	5.50	138.	West New York, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1948	40,000	101.80	4.01
3233.	Opelika, Ala.	6	1937	52,000	100.17	5.98	138.	West New York, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1966	710,000	103.17	4.27
3383.	Orange Co., Fla.	5	1949-1951	1,305,000	101.26	4.92	138.	West New York, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1933	24,000	100.26	4.41
3233.	Orangeburg Co., S. C.	4 1/2	1928-1943	282,000	101.85	4.43	3520.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	6	1930-1952	1,448,000	---	---
3517.	Orangetown S. D. No. 4, N. Y.	4	1929-1953	650,000	100.20	3.97	3520.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	6	1930-1952	1,448,000	---	---
3383.	Oregon City, Ore. (2 issues)	6	1937	25,357	105.70	5.25	3235.	West Reading, Pa.	4	1932-1947	14,000	100.43	4.42
3233.	Orleans Parish S. D., La.	4 1/2	1936-1967	2,000,000	103.46	4.27	138.	West Salem, Ohio	5	1928-1933	d50,000	102.15	3.47
3233.	Ossining, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1932	25,000	101.21	4.05	3235.	West Seneca S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	4.20	1929-1948	3,000	101.50	4.53
3574.	Overpeck Twp. S. D., N. J.	4.12	1930-1948	353,000	102.61	4.22	3235.	Wetzel Co. R. D., W. Va. (3 issues)	---	---	815,000	100	---
3517.	Palmsville Rur. S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1952	225,000	100.56	4.16	3520.	Wheeler Co., Tex.	4 1/2	---	100,000	---	---
3383.	Palm Beach Co., Fla.	6	1951-1952	20,000	112.65	4.17	3386.	Wichita, Kan.	4 1/2	1929-1955	124,000	105.11	4.98
3383.	Palo Alto Un. H. S. D., Calif.	5	1951-1952	150,000	102	---	3520.	Wildwood Creek S. D., N. J.	5 1/2	---	---	---	---
3383.	Pampa Ind. S. D., Tex.	5 1/2	1931-1934	3,500	101.51	4.18	3520.	Wilkesburg S. D., Pa. (2 issues)	4	1937-1957	490,000	102.33	3.87
136.	Pelucia Drainage Dist., Miss.	---	---	15,000	---	---	3520.	Willowick, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1953	45,000	100.78	4.42
3674.	Pendleton, Ore.	4 1/2	1930-1959	r170,000	102.37	4.30	138.	Winter Park, Fla.	5 1/2	---	136,000	---	---
3674.	Perry, N. Y.	4 1/2	1931-1938	23,000	101.27	4.27	3520.	Wood County, Ohio (5 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1933	198,000	---	---
3674.	Perrysburg, Ohio	5	---	3,800	100.81	---	3675.	Worcester, Mass. (2 iss.)	3 1/2	1928-1937	835,000	100.32	---
3233.	Pinellas Co. R. & B. Dist., Fla. (3 issues)	6	1930-1947	135,000	100	6.00	3675.	Worcester, Mass. (3 iss.)	4	1928-1947	105,000	100.32	---
3674.	Pleasant Ridge, Mich.	6	1929-1932	17,600	100	6.00	138.	Worland, Wyo.	5	---	r15,000	---	---
3517.	Polk City, Fla. (2 issues)	6	---	125,000	---	---	3386.	Yalobusha Co., Miss.	5	---	66,000	100.53	---
3517.	Polk City, Fla. (2 issues)	6	---	95,000	---	---	3236.	Yalobusha Co. Supervisor's Dist. 2, Miss.	5 1/2	1928-1952	122,500	105.89	4.90
3674.	Polk County S. D. No. 62, Ore.	6	1931-1933	3,000	100	6.00	3386.	Yell & Pope Bridge Dist., Ark.	4 1/2	1930-1952	319,000	---	---
3674.	Pompano, Fla.	6	1956	150,000	90	6.78	3675.	Zephyr Hills, Fla.	6	1928-1937	60,000	---	---
3674.	Pontiac, Mich.	4 1/2	---	45,700	100.04	---	Total bond sales for December (371 municipalities, covering 536 separate issues) \$112,068,468						
3517.	Pontiac, Mich. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1928-1930	12,500	100	4.25	d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later years. k Not including \$42,188,500 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds.						
137.	Portage County, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1938	75,559	---	---	The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.						
3517.	Portchester, N. Y. (13 issues)	4	1929-1935	410,000	100.02	3.98	3512.	Alachua Co. Road and Bridge Dist. No. 8, Fla.	---	---	100,000	---	---
3674.	Portland, Ore.	6	---	263,144	---	---	3383.	Palm Beach Co., Fla.	6	---	500,000	100	6.00
3518.	Portland, Me.	4	1928-1949	110,000	101.80	3.77	3519.	Trilby S. D., Fla.	6	---	50,000	100	6.00
3518.	Portsmouth, Ohio	4 1/2	1930-1954	234,000	100.63	4.16	We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:						
3384.	Princeton Com. S. D., N. Y.	5	1929-1941	6,500	102.12	4.62	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3518.	Providence, R.I. (2 issues)	4	1938-1968	2,000,000	102.35	3.85	3671.	Bainesville, Ohio (Oct.)	6	1928-1936	\$11,000	105.24	---
3518.	Prowers Co. S. D. No. 34, Colo.	4 1/2	1928-1937	r10,000	100	4.25	3379.	Bay Village, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1938	78,720	---	---
137.	Pulaski County, Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	4,700	103.36	3.93	3512.	Bloomfield, Ind. (July)	4 1/2	1929-1938	10,000	102.92	3.92
3384.	Raritan Twp., N. J.	5	1928-1932	15,000	101.18	4.57	3513.	Darva Drain. Dist., Fla. (Oct.)	6	1937	80,000	100	6.00
137.	Robeson County, N. C.	4.40	---	243,500	100.01	4.39	3381.	Delaware Co., Ind. (Oct.)	6	1929-1933	4,800	100.45	---
137.	Rocky River, Ohio (3 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1938	228,200	100.81	---	3381.	Gratiot Co. Ass't Dist. No. 33, Mich.	6	1929-1933	35,000	101.67	5.46
3518.	Rome S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	3.95	1933-1952	197,500	100	3.95	3673.	Howard Co., Ind. (Oct.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	7,500	102.02	4.12
3518.	Roseburg, Ore.	5	1928-1937	37,000	102.11	4.55	3673.	Huntington, Ind. (2 issues)	5	1928-1947	33,000	100.24	4.90
137.	Royal Oak Twp., Mich. (2 issues)	---	---	137,500	---	---	3382.	Irving, Kan. (Oct.)	4 1/2	1928-1947	25,000	---	---
3234.	Rusk County, Tex.	---	---	160,000	---	---	3382.	Kenton, Ohio	5 1/2	1931	7,527	---	---
137.	Rushville, Neb.	6	1947	16,000	---	---	3382.	Lakeland, Fla. (2 issues)	6	1928-1937	56,500	---	---
3518.	Rutherford, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1933	71,000	100.51	4.32							

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3675	Bridgeburg, Ont.	5 1/2	1942	42,250	101.54	5.35
3236	British Columbia (Prov.)	4	1957	1,000,000	92.69	4.42
3236	Chatham, Ont.	---	---	35,000	102.07	4.82
3520	Dulton, Ont.	5	1928-1957	57,000	99.43	4.88
3236	Edmonton, Alta. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1942-1957	410,770	99.51	---
3386	Hallifax, N. S. (8 issues)	4 1/2	1963	320,000	99.91	5.01
3675	Waltou Co., N. S.	5	1928-1932	17,500	101.17	4.89
3236	Kentville, N. S.	5	1942	3,000	100.29	4.94
3236	Mimico, Ont.	5	1928-1957	85,000	99.56	5.06
3236	New Toronto, Ont. (2 issues)	5	1928-1942	67,550	96.31	4.40
3236	Ontario (Prov. of)	4	1928-1947	2,000,000	104.24	4.59
3520	Peterborough, Ont.	5	1928-1957	295,000	---	---
3236	Point Grey, B. C.	6	1937-1942	23,384	85.797	96.31
3386	Prince Rupert, B. C. (2 issues)	5	1928-1937	85,797	100.17	---
3236	Quebec (City of) (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1947	605,000	100.58	---
3236	Riverside, Ont. (2 issues)	4	---	182,824	99.27	---
138	St. Jean, Que. (40 inst)	5	---	150,000	103.80	5.04
3236	Sandwich, Ont. (3 issues)	5 1/2	1928-1957	275,813	104.23	4.82
3676	Stayner, Ont.	5 1/2	8-yr aver.	18,750	100.27	---
3520	Thorold, Ont.	5	1928-1937	70,862	99.27	4.28
3236	Toronto, Ont.	4	1930	5,500,000	100.65	4.70
3676	Windsor, Ont. (4 issues)	5	1928-1947	771,112	---	---

Total amount of debentures sold during December 12, 21, 612.

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Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3383	Philippine Islands (Govt. of)	4 1/2	1957	r\$1,405,000	107.81	4.06
3383	Philippine Islands (Govt. of)	4 1/2	1937-1957 dr	111,000	107.81	4.06
3234	Porto Rico (Govt. of)	4 1/2	1959-1963	500,000	109.26	3.99
3384	Porto Rico (Govt. of)	4 1/2	1932-1941	200,000	103.58	4.02

NEWS ITEMS

**Denmark (Kingdom of).—\$2,000,000 Danish Consolidated Municipal Loan Sold.**—Brown Bros. & Co., the New York Trust Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co. offered and quickly disposed of on Jan. 20 a \$2,000,000 5% external Danish consolidated municipal loan at 96.25, a basis of about 5.27%. To be dated Feb. 1 1928. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500. To mature Feb. 1 1953. Principal and interest payable in New York at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., fiscal agents for the loan, in United States gold coin or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future taxes of the Kingdom of Denmark or of any political subdivision thereof or taxing authority therein. Redeemable as a whole or in part on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 100 and accrued interest. According to the official offering circular, these bonds constitute the joint and several obligation of 16 Danish municipalities including a substantial number of the chief municipalities in Denmark. The loan contract provides that if any of these 16 municipalities shall create any debt specifically secured by lien or charge upon any of its assets or revenues these bonds shall share such lien or charge equally and ratably with such other debt. The total population of the 16 municipalities is in excess of 200,000.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Connecticut (State of).—Additions to Savings Bank Legal List.**—The Bank Commissioner on Jan. 14 announced that the following securities have been added to the list of legal investments for savings banks:

Greenwich Water Company.  
First mtg., series A, 4 1/2% gold bonds, due July 1 1957.

Virginia Railway Co.  
Equipment trust, series C, semi-annually to 1930.  
Equipment trust, series D, serially to 1938.  
Equipment trust, series E, serially to 1940.

**Kentucky (State of).—Legislature Convenes.**—The State Legislature convened in regular bi-ennial session on Jan. 3.

**Mississippi (State of).—Legislature in Session.**—On Jan. 3 the Legislature met in regular bi-ennial session.

**New York City, N. Y.—Renewal of Budget Fight Threatened—Mayor Signs Bill to Reopen Budget for \$13,000,000 Subway Bond Item.**—It became known on Jan. 19 that Mayor Walker on Jan. 13 had signed a bill providing for reopening the 1928 budget for inclusion of the \$13,000,000 subway bond item, over which a controversy raged for some weeks. The Court of Appeals now has under consideration an appeal brought by the City of New York for reversal of a decision by the Appellate Division of the order granted by Justice Wasservogel, prohibiting the inclusion of the appropriation in the 1928 budget. The bill signed by the Mayor provides that the Board of Estimate may include the item in the budget regardless of the outcome of the court action. The Citizens' Union, it is expected, will combat any attempt to carry out the provisions of the bill. We quote the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 20:

Mayor Walker's special bill empowering the Board of Estimate to reopen the 1928 budget and restore \$13,000,000 for short term subway bonds eliminated by Supreme Court order became law last Friday, it was learned last night.

If the Board of Estimate attempts to exercise the drastic and unprecedented powers conferred on it by this new law the Citizens' Union, it can be stated authoritatively, will bring legal proceedings against the Mayor and the Board of Estimate to defeat any such move.

Such litigation, it is said, would result in tying up the tax levy of 1928 pending determination of the issue, and holding up of the tax levy would compel the Comptroller to borrow money to pay employees of the city, as well as to meet other municipal obligations.

Action by Estimate Board Predicted.

Opponents of the short-term subway bonds unhesitatingly declared that the signing of the bill meant that members of the Board of Estimate—excepting, of course, Comptroller Berry—were prepared to reopen the budget and restore the \$13,000,000 item which is now an issue before the Court of Appeals.

It was a matter of speculation last night whether the Board, despite the Comptroller, who has sided with the Citizens' Union in its protest against the short-term bonds, will act before the Court of Appeals hands down its decision next month, or will wait in the hope of a reversal of the writ of mandamus issued by Supreme Court Justice Wasservogel and unanimously upheld by the Appellate Division.

Walker's Intentions Undisclosed.

Mayor Walker could not be reached and those of his official family who were available professed ignorance of his intentions.

**New York State—Governor Presents Budget of \$229,269,065.**—The first executive budget drawn up under the constitutional amendment adopted last fall, was presented to the Legislature by Governor Smith on Jan. 16. The amount of the proposed budget is \$229,269,065.73, an increase of \$13,564,360 over the total of this years appropriations. The governor estimates that there will be a surplus on June 30 1928 of \$36,860,540.11, and that the receipts for the ensuing fiscal year will be \$208,188,167.34, making a total of \$245,048,707.45 available to meet the proposed expenditure of \$229,269,065.73, a surplus of \$15,779,641.72. Included in the estimate of receipts is an item of \$25,000,000 based on a one mill levy on real estate.

The governor recommends the reduction of this levy to two-thirds of a mill which would mean a cut of \$8,333,333.33 in the estimated receipts, and a reduction in the estimated surplus of corresponding amount, to \$7,446,308.39. The governor also presented a statement showing the condition of the state debt as it will be July 1 1928:

On Jan. 1 1927, the state owed to its bondholders	\$343,350,000.00
During the calendar year of 1927 we paid back to bondholders	\$3,742,000.00
In addition, the state will pay its bondholders during the period from Jan. 1 1928, to June 30 1928	2,300,000.00
	6,042,000.00

Leaving a gross debt on July 1 1928, of \$337,317,000.00  
Any bonds issued between Jan. 1 and July 1 of this year will have to be added to this total.

To meet the above indebtedness the state will have in its sinking fund on July 1 1928 \$99,413,516.25

Although the governor's proposed budget is the first of its kind, it is not, according to the Herald-Tribune, "strictly speaking, the first executive budget under the constitutional amendment setting up such a budget system." The Herald Tribune adds: "Being authorized by statute to fill the interim until next year, when the first constitutional budget will be required of the Governor, it is not binding on the Legislature, whose leaders indicated to-night that they reserved the right to make any changes they deemed advisable."

**New York State.—Proposed Savings Bank Investment Legislation Causes Stir.**—Prospect of amendment to New York's law regulating the investments of savings banks, has caused considerable interest among the officials of various municipalities, particularly in Texas. Officials of Texas cities have formed a committee which has gone to Albany with the hope of solving the problem to the satisfaction of the Texas cities. The New York "Herald-Tribune" of Jan. 18 gave the following Fort Worth despatch of Jan. 17:

Texas cities have \$150,000,000 worth of municipal bonds at stake if the pending Campbell statute is passed by the New York Legislature, and a group of executives, lawyers and bankers will leave to-morrow for Albany to fight the proposed law.

Under it only cities with a fixed bond limit would be eligible to sell securities in the New York market. Furthermore, the use of personal tax valuation as a basis for bond limits is barred. The four largest cities in the State—Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio—will be represented on the delegation.

Bond attorneys and city officials of Texas estimate that the Campbell statute would bar \$15,000,000 worth of Texas bonds from New York markets annually. At present Fort Worth alone has almost \$1,000,000 ready to sell. Preliminary plans for opposing the statute in Albany were discussed at a conference in Houston yesterday. Attorneys were then employed. Among the latter was John Boyle, of San Antonio, a Moody political leader in the last State campaign and recognized as one of the Al Smith captains in Texas.

The Dallas "News" of Jan. 13 had the following to say about the situation as it related to Texas municipalities:

A strong delegation of Texans, headed by Mr. Thomasson, may be sent to New York to protest at Albany against the passage of the pending legislation.

Only municipal bonds issued by cities where the bond limit is automatically adjusted in a ratio to the taxable value of the city would be eligible for purchase by New York savings banks local bond men were informed. In Dallas and in hundreds of other Texas towns and cities the bond limit is fixed and unalterable except by charter amendment under the State home rule law.

"Efforts in New York State to pass this bill," explained Finance Commissioner Davis, "are said to have resulted from several instances where cities with fixed bond limits have had sudden deflations of property value. None of these instances have happened in Texas."

In the event the New York Legislature should pass the bill, it would control the purchases of a large number of financial institutions of the Nation's principal bond market. Fear that other Eastern States would follow the lead of New York was also expressed.

"There is a strong possibility that the New York Legislature may pass this bill," continued Commissioner Davis, "in which event our only recourse would be to have the Texas Legislature alter our situation by remedial legislation."

Water Commissioner S. E. Moss pointed out that it would probably take a State-wide amendment to the Constitution to permit Dallas and other cities to change their bond limit to a flexible one adjusted to the variations in assessable property value.

This matter was discussed briefly by the city commissioners with members of the committee of fifteen, meeting at the City Hall during the afternoon. J. A. Pondrom, President of the City National Bank, gave as his opinion that such a New York State law would not be of irreparable loss to Texas cities having bonds to sell.

"My belief is that such a bill could not affect the intrinsic value of our bonds," he said. "With the present plethora of money in this country, I believe the bond market out of New York could and would absorb all Texas bonds without materially reducing the market price."

All agreed, however, that the matter was extremely serious and Dallas will join with other Texas towns in protecting their interests in every way possible, Mayor Burr announced.

The "Herald-Tribune" of Jan. 18 also carried the following regarding the matter:

Municipal bond and savings bank circles were not a little mystified yesterday by dispatches from Houston stating that a delegation of officials from five of the largest Texas municipalities were setting out for New York to make a formal protest "against the passage of the Mastick bill" on the grounds that that measure was prejudicial to the interests of their municipalities.

At the moment there is no such thing as a "Mastick bill." A measure supplanting the ill-fated Mastick bill of last year, looking toward a revision of the State's legal list for bonds, is now in course of preparation by a special committee appointed for that purpose a year ago. That committee, however, is not expected to make its formal report to the Legislature before

February and until then no legislation can be definitely introduced. The committee is headed by Nelson W. Cheney, Assemblyman, and the ranking member from the upper house is Senator William W. Campbell.

The special legislative committee held hearings here in November and listened to the recommendations of spokesmen for savings banks, trust companies, law firms handling estates in trust, investment bankers and municipalities desirous of assuring themselves a place on the legal list. Houston was among those represented at the hearings at that time.

At the second of these committee sessions, which took place in the rooms of the Bar Association here, the legislative committee of the Savings Bank Association laid before the lawmakers recommendations for a revised legal list law, and the presumption is that references in Texas advices concerning the "Mastick bill" have to do with these recommendations, since worked into form suitable for enactment into law. It is difficult to see how there could be any "fight" under the circumstance at this time, and it seems probable that the reported mission of the Texas officials is directed rather toward a discussion of the proposed recommendations in the light of their possible effect on municipalities of their State.

The modernization of the municipal list called for in the recommendations of the savings bank committee stands to benefit Texas, along with other states, in at least two directions, first, by the reduction in the legal minimum as to population, and second, by its increase in the debt limit from 7 to 10%. In one respect only may it be said to affect the present exemptions of Texas municipal obligations. This is in its insistence on the principal of unlimited ad valorem taxation. It happens that Texas is one of three states in the Union whose constitutions provide for limited taxation, the other two being Alabama and Ohio. The Texas law establishes an automatic limit of 2½% on ad valorem levies.

Under the proposed revision of the Mastick bill Texas "legal" cities would fall into three categories: first, a special group of the largest cities—those with population of 150,000 or more or assessed valuation in excess of \$200,000,000, second, those with populations ranging above 45,000, but not falling in the largest group, and third, those which would be brought into the list by the lowering of the minimum population requirement, namely, those with population between 30,000 and 45,000. The first of these groups would be admitted without provision as to debt limit, no upper level being stipulated under the proposed change in the legal list, but it would have to come in on the basis of unlimited taxation. Cities admitted under the proposed reduction in minimum population requirements would likewise have to enter on this basis. The third group—those which already are on the list as having populations over 45,000 and as being under the debt limit, would be given seven years, or under 1935, to adopt the principle of unlimited taxation.

The savings bank committee is naturally thoroughly familiar with the constitutional provisions of the States of Texas, Alabama and Ohio in respect to limiting taxation, but it has set up as one of the cardinal principles of its proposed code that of unlimited taxation. It is the belief in municipal circles here that the bankers would welcome conferences with the Texas delegation and that they would exert every effort to adapt their program to the needs of that State. Evidence of this would appear to be already apparent in the postponing for seven years of the application of the principle to those Texas cities already holding a place on the New York list.

**Santiago (City of) Chile.**—\$4,000,000 7% Gold Bonds Marketed.—A syndicate composed of Hallgarten & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Grace National Bank, and E. H. Rollins & Sons all of New York City, offered and quickly sold on Jan. 20, \$4,000,000 7% external sinking fund gold funds of the City of Santiago, at 100.25 and accrued interest. Dated Jan. 2 1928. Due Jan. 2 1949. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as to principal only. Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., fiscal agents. Prin. and int. (J&J2) payable at the principal office of either of the fiscal agents in New York City, in United States gold coin free of all present or future Chilean taxes except in the case of citizens or residents in Chile. A cumulative sinking fund has been established and according to the official offering circular is payable semi-annually and applicable to the purchase of bonds up to principal amount and accrued interest, or if not so obtainable then to the redemption of bonds by lot on 30 days' published notice at principal amount and accrued interest. In addition to being redeemable for the sinking fund, the bonds are redeemable at the option of the city as a whole or in part on any interest date on 60 days' published notice at principal amount and accrued interest plus a premium of 4% if redeemed before Jan. 2 1939; of 3% if redeemed on or after said date and before Jan. 2 1944; and of 2% if redeemed on or after said date and before maturity. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**South Carolina (State of).**—Legislature Convened.—The regular annual session of the State Legislature began on Jan. 10.

**Vermont (State of), P. O. Montpelier.**—Bond Sale.—J. P. Morgan & Co. of N. Y. City, have purchased privately an issue of \$5,000,000 3¾% coupon rehabilitation gold bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$250,000, Dec. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the office of the State Treasurer, or at the holder's option, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. N. Y. City, or at the office of the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, Boston. Legality approved by Stickney, Sargent & Skeels of Ludlow, Vermont. These bonds are part of the \$3,500,000 authorized by the Legislature on Nov. 30—V. 125, p. 3088.

**Bonds Offered for Investment—J. P. Morgan & Co. to accept no fee or Commission.**—On Monday J. P. Morgan & Co. offered the bonds for investment at 100 and accrued interest. The bonds are a legal investment in the opinion of counsel, for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and other States. It appears that J. P. Morgan & Co. are giving their services gratuitously, in disposing of the bonds. In noting this, the New York "Herald Tribune" had the following to say in its issue of Jan. 17:

The appearance of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. in an offering of municipal bonds is a rare event, but, aside from this, there was a feature in connection with the offering yesterday of \$5,000,000 State of Vermont obligations by that house which otherwise distinguished it from the general run of such offerings.

The bonds, which were authorized to finance the reparation of Vermont property damaged by the recent floods, were offered by the bankers at the price paid for them, namely, par. No concession was granted dealers and no commission exacted for the services of the Morgan firm.

The obligations bear a 3¾% coupon, and are part of an issue of \$8,500,000 authorized by the State of Vermont.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh) Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the County Comptroller, until 10 a. m. Feb. 7, for the purchase of the following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$3,457,000:  
\$3,057,000 bridge bonds.  
400,000 road bonds.  
The bonds are in denoms. of \$1,000.

**ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Altoona) Pa.—\$500,000 SCHOOL BONDS OFFERED.**—Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia, who were awarded on Jan. 2, the \$500,000 4% coupon school bonds at 101.237, basis of about 3.90%—V. 126, p. 132—are now offering the bonds at prices and interest to yield 3.80% for all maturities. The bonds it is stated are a legal investment for trust funds and savings banks in Pennsylvania. Legality to be proved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

### Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$69,500,000
Total outstanding bonded debt (including this issue)	2,570,000
Less cash in sinking fund	221,909
Net outstanding debt	2,348,091
Authorized but unissued debt	1,500,000
Population (estimated), 63,000.	

**AMBLER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frank C. Weber, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. Jan. 31, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$16,000, on Feb. 1, in each of the years, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948 1953 and 1958. A certified check payable to the order of the School District, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

**AMERICAN VALLEY JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marin and Sonoma Counties, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids were received until Jan. 18 by the County Clerk for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of 5% school bonds.

**ANTHONY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Las Cruces) Dona Ana County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$80,000 issue of school bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on June 28—V. 124, p. 3255 and V. 125, p. 129—has recently been awarded to Gray, Emery, Vasconcellos & Co. of Denver as 5s at a price of 103.56, a basis of about 4.20% (opt.) and a basis of about 4.675% if permitted to run. Denom. \$4,000. Dated July 1 1927. Due in 15 years and optional after 5 years.

**ARROYO COLORADO NAVIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$500,000 5½% navigation bonds sold—V. 125, p. 3512—to the State Board of Education for a \$375 premium, equal to 100.075 are dated Oct. 1 1927 and they are due serially from 1930 to 1966 without option of prior payment. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1.

**ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Of the two issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$56,700 offered on Dec. 30—V. 125, p. 3228—the \$6,700 city's portion improvement bonds were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,700, 1929; \$2,000, 1930, and \$1,000, 1931 to 1933 incl. The \$49,000 special assessment improvement bonds offered at the same time was withdrawn at the time of sale.

**AURORA, Beaufort County, N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 issue of 6% electric power line bonds offered for sale on Nov. 21—V. 125, p. 2701—has since been awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1929 to 1934 and \$2,000 from 1935 to 1941 inclusive.

**BAYONNE, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of coupon or registered improvement bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 125, p. 133—was awarded to Pulley & Co. and C. W. McNear & Co. both of New York City, as 4½s, taking \$284,000 bonds (\$289,000 offered) paying \$289,108.44, equal to 101.79, a basis of about 4.03%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1947 incl.; and \$14,000, 1948. The successful bidders are now offering the bonds for investment priced to yield 3.95% for all maturities. The bonds it is stated are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

**BEAVER CITY, Furnas County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—An \$8,477.88 issue of 5% intersection paving bonds has been purchased by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha. Denoms. \$1,000 and one for \$477.88. Dated Nov. 1 1927 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1934; \$1,477.85 in 1935, and \$2,000 in 1936 and 1937. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

**BEAVER CITY, Furnas County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—A \$25,300 issue of 4¾% sewer bonds has recently been purchased by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha. Denoms. \$1,000 and one for \$300. Dated Dec. 1 1927, and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$200, 1929, \$1,000 from 1930 to 1940, and \$2,000 from 1941 to 1947 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the county treasurer's office.

**BELLFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until Jan. 30 for the purchase of a \$92,000 issue of 5% school bonds.

**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bentonville), Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$110,000 school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 125, p. 3379—has since been purchased by the First National Bank of Fort Smith as 5% bonds, at par.

**BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 18—V. 126, p. 278—was awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, on a 3.25% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1. The loan is dated Jan. 1 1928 and matures on Nov. 7 1928.

**BEXLEY EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The State Teachers Retirement System was recently awarded an issue of \$75,000 school bonds at a premium of \$600, equal to 100.80. These bonds were authorized by the electors at a special election held in November.

**BIG STONE COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ortonville), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The State of Minnesota has purchased at par a \$50,000 issue of high school building bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1932 and 1933, \$3,000, 1934 to 1937, and \$4,000, 1938 to 1946, all inclusive.

**BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND CALL.**—We are informed by City Clerk Eunice S. Hewes that the following bonds will be redeemed by order of the City Commission: City Public Improvement Bonds Nos. 35 to 40 both incl. of Series 83-D, 29 to 36 both incl. of Series 90-D, 33 to 41 both incl. of Series 92-D, 19 to 23 both incl. of Series 93-D, 29 to 36 both incl. of Series 102-D, 18 to 22 both incl. of Series 103-D, 19 to 30 incl. of Series 110-D, 16 to 22 both incl. of Series 114-D, 9 to 11 both incl. of Series 117-D, 11 to 18 both incl. of Series 119-D, 9 to 14 both incl. of Series 123-D, 11 and 12 of Series 131-D, at the February 1928, interest period by paying off the same at the Hanover National Bank in New York City, N. Y., and by paying as a bonus to the holders thereof a sum equal to one-half of the annual interest thereon for one year.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN, Tippah County, Miss.—INT. RATE—BASIS.**—The \$9,000 issue of street improvement bonds sold on Dec. 20—V. 126, p. 278—to Mrs. J. W. Godwin of Blue Mountain for a premium of \$285, equal to 103.166, bears interest at 5½%. Coupon bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Basis of about 4.95%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$600 from Apr. 1 1928 to 1942 incl.

**BOERNE, Kendall County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by C. E. Nickels, City Secretary, until 7.30 p. m. on Jan.

31, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5% water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1945; \$2,000, 1946 to 1957; \$3,000, 1958 to 1962, and \$4,000, 1963 to 1967, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City or at the State Treasurer's office in Austin. City will furnish bonds and if necessary, the legal approval of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Only \$10,000 of issue will be delivered at date of sale, remainder in from 30 to 90 days. A certified check for 5% of the bonds, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

**BONNE TERRE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bonne Terre) Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 25, by J. J. Bowman, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due \$5,000 from Feb. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Peoples Bank of Bonne Terre. Benjamin H. Charles, St. Louis attorney, will furnish approving opinion. A \$250 certified check must accompany the bid.

**BOSSIER PARISH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Benton), La.—BOND SALE.**—The \$80,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 125, p. 3379—has been awarded to Bumpus & Co. of Detroit and John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, jointly, as 4 3/4% bonds for a premium of \$1,037, equal to 101.283, a basis of about 4.60%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due from 1929 to 1948 incl.

**BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—Two issues of bonds have been purchased by James H. Causey & Co. of Denver as 4% bonds at a price of 101.047. The issues aggregate \$81,000 as follows: \$50,000 water works bonds and \$31,000 bridge bonds.

**BOWLING GREEN, Warren County, Ky.—BOND SALE.**—The \$309,000 issue of 5% water works bonds offered for sale on Jan. 18—V. 125, p. 3671—was awarded to J. J. B. Hilliard & Son of Louisville for a premium of \$17,489, equal to 105.659, a basis of about 4.59%. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., \$4,000, 1934 to 1937 incl., \$5,000, 1938 to 1940 incl., \$6,000, 1941 to 1943 incl., \$7,000, 1944 to 1946 incl., \$8,000, 1947 and 1948, \$9,000, 1949 and 1950, \$10,000, 1951 and 1952, \$11,000, 1953, \$12,000, 1954 and 1955, \$13,000, 1956, \$14,000, 1957, \$15,000, 1958, \$16,000, 1959, \$17,000, 1960, \$18,000, 1961, \$19,000, 1962, and \$20,000, 1963. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the American National Bank of Bowling Green.

**BRADY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Slippery Rock), Butler County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$5,000 4 3/4% coupon township bonds was awarded on Nov. 15, to a local investor at par. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1927 and mature \$1,000 on Nov. 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, Slippery Rock.

**BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—\$760,000 4% BONDS MARKETED.**—The successful syndicate headed by H. L. Allen & Co. and including Gibson, Lefe & Co. and George L. Austin & Co. for the \$760,000 4% coupon or registered bonds consisting of three issues maturing serially from 1929 to 1968 incl., which were sold in—V. 126, p. 278—at 101.36, a basis of about 3.86%, are now offering the bonds at prices to yield from 3.50% to 3.80% according to maturity. The bonds it is stated are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

**BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Beaver), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh, were awarded on Dec. 19, an issue of \$20,000 township bonds. (No other details available.)

**BRIDGEVILLE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 4 3/4% coupon bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 126, p. 278—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$2,385 equal to 104.77 a basis of about 3.98%. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Due Dec. 15 1957.

The following is a list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder	Premium
Union Trust Co.	\$2,385.00
Prescott, Lyon & Co.	2,380.00
S. M. Bockel & Co.	2,358.50
Mellon National Bank	2,357.57
J. H. Holmes & Co.	2,300.00
M. M. Freeman & Co.	2,019.85
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	1,930.50
Bridgeville Trust Co.	1,950.00

**BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Fall River), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Jan. 24, for the purchase of a \$200,000 temporary loan on a discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 1 1928.

**BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Masury), Trumbull County, Ohio.—PURCHASER—DESCRIPTION.**—The purchaser of the \$140,000 additional school bonds sold in—V. 126, p. 278—was the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 3/4% and were sold for a premium of \$1,498, equal to 101.07, a basis of about 4.57%. Due semi-annually from 1929 to 1943, incl.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY (P. O. Independence), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon primary road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 133—was awarded to the Farmers Loan & Trust Co. of Waterloo for a premium of \$1,015, equal to 101.015, a basis of about 4.03%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943 incl. Optional after 5 years. The following is a complete list of the other bidders:

Bidder	Premium
Com. Nat'l. Co., Waterloo, Ia.	\$930
Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis	725
Geo. M. Bechtel Co., Davenport	1,010
White-Phillips Co., Davenport	850
Northern Trust Co., Chicago	650
Iowa National Bank, Des Moines	825
Commercial State Bank, Independence, Iowa	677

**BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Poplar Bluff), Mo.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4 3/4% court house and jail bonds offered for sale on Jan. 17—V. 125, p. 3512—have been awarded to the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis for a premium of \$3,842.50, equal to 101.45. The two issues aggregate \$265,000 as follows: \$250,000 courthouse and \$15,000 jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 15 1928 and due serially from Feb. 15 1929 to 1948 incl.

**CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Shreveport), La.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 11—V. 125, p. 3513—has been awarded to the City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Shreveport for a \$667 premium, equal to 102.22, a basis of about 4.64%. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1932, \$2,500, 1923 to 1935 and \$3,000, 1937 to 1940 all incl.

**CALIFORNIA (State of, P. O. Sacramento)—BOND OFFERING.**—A \$4,000,000 issue of 4% registered veterans' welfare bonds will be offered for sale at public auction at 2 p. m. on Feb. 9, by Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$150,000, 1932, \$161,000, in 1933, \$162,000 in 1934, \$163,000 in 1935, \$164,000 in 1936, \$165,000 in 1937, \$171,000 in 1938, \$207,000 in 1939, \$208,000 in 1940, \$209,000, in 1941, \$260,000 in 1942 and 1943, \$270,000 in 1944, \$280,000, in 1945, \$290,000 in 1946, \$310,000 in 1947, \$314,000 in 1948 and \$255,000 in 1949. Bids for the entire issue or any part thereof may be submitted. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the California fiscal agency in N. Y. City or at the office of the State Treasurer. (This corrects the report of the sale on Feb. 1, as given in V. 125, p. 2966.)

**CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Henry F. Lehan, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. Jan. 24, for the purchase of a \$500,000 temporary loan on a discount basis. Dated Jan. 25 1928. Denoms. as requested. Due Oct. 24 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, or at the Chase National Bank, New York City. The National Shawmut Bank, will also certify as to the genuineness of the notes, the legality of which will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

**CAMPBELL, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Andrew H. Hamrock, City Auditor, until 12 m. (central standard time) Feb. 1, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% special assessment bonds aggregating \$56,335.80:

- \$15,171.79 Picadilla St. bond. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,517.18, 1929 to 1937 incl.; and \$1,517.17, 1938.
- 14,742.52 Princess St. bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,742.25, 1929 to 1937 inclusive; and \$1,474.27, 1938.
- 14,350.43 Oxford St. bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,435.04, 1929 to 1937 incl. and \$1,435.07, 1938.
- 12,071.06 Regent St. bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,207.10, 1929 to 1937, incl.; and \$1,207.16, 1938.

Dated Nov. 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the City Auditor, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

**CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Saratoga), Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 issue of school building bonds offered for sale on Jan. 14—V. 125, p. 3513—has been awarded to the American National Co. of Cheyenne as 4 1/2%. Dated Jan. 14 1928, due on Jan. 14 1933 and optional after Jan. 14 1933. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at Kountze Bros. office in New York City.

**CATTARAUGUS COUNTY (P. O. Salamanca), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by R. L. Farnham, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Jan. 27 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$225,000, rate of interest not to exceed 6%:

- \$150,000 series F highway bonds. Due \$25,000, Feb. 15 1937 to 1942 incl.
- 75,000 series G county home bonds. Due \$5,000, Feb. 15 1929 to 1943 inclusive.

Dated Feb. 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1-10 of 1%, bids for bonds bearing 4 1/4% interest may also be submitted. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$4,500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City. The bonds will be sold at public auction.

**CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crooked Creek R. F. D. No. 1), Tioga County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital Fund of Wellsboro, was awarded on Oct. 1, an issue of \$15,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds at 102 a basis of about 4.67%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1942 inclusive.

**CHERRY VALLEY, Otsego County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Henry S. Coats, Village Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$7,700 5% pumper bonds. The electors authorized the issuance of these bonds by a favorable majority at an election held on Dec. 23.

**CHERRYVILLE, Gaston County, N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 issue of 6% coupon or registered sewer bonds offered for sale on Dec. 27—V. 125, p. 3379—has been awarded to Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati for a premium of \$522, equal to 104.35, a basis of about 5.35%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1931 to 1942 incl. The following is a complete list of the other bids:

Bidder	Price Bid
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.	\$12,326
Prudden & Co.	12,484
The Well, Roth & Irving Co.	12,516
W. L. Slayton & Co.	12,443
Durfee, Niles & Co., for 5 3/4%	12,026

**CHINOOK, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND SALE.**—A \$30,000 issue of 5 1/4% refunding bonds has been purchased at par by Benwell & Co. of Colorado Springs.

**COLLEGE CORNER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Preble Co., Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$23,000 5% school building bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 134—were awarded to Taylor, Wilson & Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$1,271.90, equal to 105.53, a basis of about 4.40%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due \$500, April and Oct. 1 1928 to 1950, incl. The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Bidder	Premium
A. E. Aub & Co.	\$1,271
Seasongood & Mayer	1,271
Well, Roth & Irving Co.	1,242
W. K. Terry & Co.	955
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	1,267
Otis & Co.	1,012
W. L. Slayton & Co.	1,184
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.	535
The Herrick Co.	951

**COLORADO, STATE OF (P. O. Denver)—BOND CALL.**—The State Treasurer will have the funds in hand to red. the following bonds on Mar. 1: National Defense Bonds of 1917. Nos. 1415 to 1434, both incl. and Nos. 1719 to 1744, both incl. Int. on these bonds will cease on that date.

**COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$369,700 4 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 19—V. 125, p. 3672—were awarded to the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a premium of \$12,024, equal to 103.03, a basis of about 3.97%. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due March 1, as follows: \$40,000, 1934 to 1938 inclusive; and \$40,700 1939.

The following bids were also submitted for the issue:

Bidder	Premium
Howe, Snow & Co., Inc., New York City	\$11,992.24
Eldredge & Co., New York City	11,659.02
The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., New York City	11,186.94
Lehman Brothers, New York City	
Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., New York City	11,147.27
Otis & Co., Columbus, Ohio	10,753.00
Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.	10,667.00
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago, Ill.	
Bankers Trust Company, New York City	10,548.25
Old Colony Corp., New York City	10,544.30
Grau & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	
Guaranty Company of New York, Cleveland, Ohio	10,349.90
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio	10,316.00
Prudden & Co., Toledo, Ohio	10,315.00
First National Co. of Detroit, Detroit, Mich.	
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York City	
National City Company, New York City	10,231.00
Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, Ohio	
Dewey, Bacon & Co., New York City	10,155.52
Detroit Trust Company, Detroit, Mich.	9,007.00

**COLUMBUS, Lowndes County, Miss.—MATURITY BASIS.**—The \$36,500 issue of right of way purchase and depot site bonds sold on Jan. 3—V. 126, p. 134—to the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans as 4 3/4% at a price of 101 is due and payable on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1929 to 1933; \$1,500, 1934 to 1950 and \$2,000, 1951 to 1953, all incl., giving a basis of 4.66%.

**COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Henry A. Zender, Superintendent of Public Service, until 2 p. m. Feb. 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$3,000,000 4% series W, criminal court and jail bonds. Dated June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$150,000, June 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the President Board of Commissioners, for \$10,000 is required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. These are the bonds mentioned in—V. 126, p. 278.

**COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 148 (P. O. Dolton), Ill.—BOND SALE.**—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago, was recently awarded an issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931; and \$3,000, 1932 to 1947, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Legality approved by Holland M. Cassidy of Chicago.

**COQUILLE, Coos County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—A \$52,431.08 issue of 6% improvement bonds has recently been purchased by Geo. H. Burr Conrad & Broom of Portland at a price of 104.18.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. English), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by W. O. Beals, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Feb. 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$11,528: \$7,528 George W. Morris et al highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$376.40. Due \$376.40, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl. 4,000 Perry Roe et al highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$200. Due \$200, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl. Dated Feb. 15 1928.

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Louis Simon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. Jan. 28, for the purchase of six issues of 4 1/4% coupon special assessment bonds aggregating \$100,158. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denoms. of \$1,000, \$500 and odd amounts. Due serially from Oct. 1 1929 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

**DARE COUNTY (P. O. Manteo), Va.—BOND SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of road bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

**DE FUNIAK SPRINGS, Walter County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Feb. 1, by J. F. Howell, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$23,000 issue of 6% semi-annual paying bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$11,000 in 1955 and \$12,000 in 1965. Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will furnish legal approving opinion. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered, payable to the town, must accompany the bid.

**DE KALK, Kemper County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—A \$40,000 issue of water works bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

**DELHI COUNTY (P. O. Ingham), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Road Commissioners, until Jan. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$33,400 assessment district No. 23 improvement bonds.

**DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bend), Ore.—INT. RATE—MATURITY.**—The \$85,000 issue of school notes that was purchased—V. 126, p. 134—by A. D. Wakeman & Co. of Portland at a price of 100.177, bears 5 1/4% interest and is due and payable on Jan. 3 1929, giving a basis of about 5.33%.

**DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES IN 1927.**—We have been informed of the following additional sales on Dec. 22, of the city's bonds and certificates to the city sinking fund.

Amount.	Purpose.	Dated.	Price.	Int. Rate.	Due.
\$200,000	P. I. R. certificates	Oct. 1 1927	\$201,259	4 1/4%	Oct. 1 1930
170,000	P. I. R. certificates	Oct. 1 1926	172,865	5%	Oct. 1 1929
50,000	Library bonds	May 1 1927	50,815	4 1/4%	May 1 '28-'42
5,000	P. I. R. certificates	Oct. 1 1927	5,000	4 1/4%	Oct. 1 1931

**DU PAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (P. O. Glen Ellyn), Ill.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 279—were awarded to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$357, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 4.07%. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$3,000, 1936 and 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$5,000, 1939, and \$4,000, 1940.

**EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I.—BOND SALE.**—The \$150,000 4% coupon or registered sewer construction bonds offered in—V. 126, p. 279—were awarded to the National City Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodgett Inc., both of New York City, at 99.527, a basis of about 4.03%. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due Feb. 1 1958.

The following bids were also submitted for the issue:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Frederick S. Peck	97.164
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	99.037
Estabrook & Co.	99.42
George B. Gibbons & Co.	98.647
Industrial Trust Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co.	98.300
The Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp.	99.112
Harris, Forbes & Co.	98.05

**EAST TAYLOR TOWNSHIP, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, were recently awarded an issue of \$12,000 5% road impt. bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1930 to 1941 incl. Prin. & int. (J&D) payable at the United States Savings & Trust Co., East Conemaugh. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. The bonds are now being offered for investment, priced to yield 3.95%.

**EDMOND, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—A \$27,000 issue of sewer bonds has recently been disposed of to an unknown purchaser.

**EL CAMINO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Proberta), Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$120,000 issue of 6% coupon construction bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 125, p. 2843 and 3230—was awarded on Dec. 21 to the Morris-Noble Co. of San Francisco at a price of 90, a basis of about 9.97%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due \$6,000 from 1927 to 1956 incl. No option of prior payment.

**ELIZABETHTOWN (P. O. Elizabethtown), N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$8,000 coupon or registered bridge bonds offered on Jan. 17—V. 126, p. 134—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, as 5 1/4%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due \$2,000, on March 1 from 1929 to 1932 incl. (Price paid unknown.)

**ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$22,000 4 1/4% township road improvement bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 125, p. 3514—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$1,291, equal to 105.86, a basis of about 3.875%. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Due \$500, May 15 and Nov. 15 1929 to 1950 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	Premium.
Salem Bank & Trust Co., Goshen, Ind.	\$999.50
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis, Ind.	918.00
Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, Ind.	1,059.00
J. F. Wild Investment Co., Indianapolis, Ind.	1,136.74
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind.	1,287.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust	1,177.70
Inland Investment Co.	1,113.00
City National Bank, Goshen, Ind.	1,209.29

**EMAUS, Lehigh County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Oscar T. Obst, Borough Secretary, until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Feb. 6 for the purchase of an issue of \$79,000 4 1/4% water works bonds. Due serially from 1928 to 1946 incl. A certified check payable to Robert J. S. Butz, Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

**ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—LOAN AWARD.**—The following note issues aggregating \$250,000 offered on Jan. 17—V. 126, p. 279—were awarded as follows:

\$200,000 tax notes to the Salem Trust Co. of Salem on a 3.22% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1.23. Due Nov. 15 1928.  
50,000 tuberculosis hospital notes to the Atlantic National Bank of Boston on a 3.25% discount basis. Due April 10 1928.  
Dated Jan. 10 1928.

**EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of coupon special assessment bonds aggregating \$666,131.22 offered on Jan. 16—V. 125, p. 3672—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, as 4 1/4%, at a premium of \$112 equal to 100.016, a basis of about 4.72%:  
\$454,600.00 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$460. Due \$45,460, Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

95,477.50 Noble Sewer Dist. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$477.50. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,477.50, 1929; and \$10,000, in even years and \$9,000, in odd years, from 1930 to 1938 incl.  
82,831.22 Central Sewer Dist. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$831.22. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$9,831.22, 1929; \$9,000, 1930; and \$8,000, 1931 to 1938 inclusive.  
33,222.50 Curb connection bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$300 and one bond for \$5,222.50. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,522.50, 1929; and \$3,300, 1930 to 1938 inclusive.

The following is a complete list of other bidders:

Bidder—	Amt. Bid For.	Rate.	Premium.
*W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	\$666,131.22	4 1/4%	\$112.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland	666,131.22	5%	350.00
Blanchet, Bowman & Wood, Toledo	666,131.22	5%	102.00
Weil, Roth & Irving, Cincinnati	82,831.22	5 1/4%	86.00
	95,477.50	5 1/4%	101.00
	33,222.50	5 1/4%	35.00
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo	454,600.00	5 1/4%	500.00
	666,131.22	5 1/4%	477.00
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo (No. 1)	82,831.22	5 1/4%	415.00
	95,477.50	5 1/4%	477.00
	33,222.50	5 1/4%	167.00
	454,600.00	5 1/4%	2,277.00
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo (No. 2)	82,831.22	5 1/4%	1,735.00
	95,477.50	5 1/4%	1,250.00
	33,222.50	5 1/4%	426.00
	454,600.00	5 1/2%	6,430.00

\* Successful bidder.

**EUFAULA, Barbour County, Ala.—INTEREST RATE—BASIS.**—The \$30,000 issue of funding bonds sold on Jan. 3—V. 126, p. 279—to Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham at a price of 101.333, bears interest at 5 1/4%, giving a basis of about 5.38%. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1931 to 1956 incl., and \$2,000 in 1957 and 1958.

**EVANSTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education until 8 p. m. Jan. 21 (to-day) for the purchase of \$200,000 4% school bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$10,000 July 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable at Chicago or Evanston. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for \$2,000, is required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley, of Chicago.

**EVANSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Vanderburg County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by M. S. Spears, Business Manager, Board of Education, until 11 a. m. Feb. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$350,000 4% coupon school bonds. Dated Feb. 16 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$35,000, Feb. 16 1939 to 1948, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the National City Bank, Evansville. A certificate check for 1% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis. These are bonds mentioned in V. 126, p. 279.

**EVERETT, Middlesex CO., Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer, until 12 m. Jan. 24, for the purchase of a \$400,000 temporary loan on a discount basis. Due as follows: \$150,000, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 1928, and \$100,000 Nov. 21 1928.

**FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Somerville) Tenn.—BOND ELECTION DEFERRED.**—The bond election scheduled for Feb. 4, has been postponed until Mar. 31.

The county has accepted the offer of the state highway department to cooperate in the building of the 63 miles of county roads to be built by this bond issue in case the bonds carry.

This, with the Lee Highway and Bristol Highway already built, and the state's north and south road across the county from Mason on the Tipton County line to the Mississippi line on the south, will give Fayette County approximately 200 miles of hard roads.

**FITCHBURG, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The First National Bank of Boston, was awarded during January, a \$500,000 temporary loan on a 3.297% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 7 1928. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	Discount Basis.
Shawmut Corp. of Boston	3.31%
F. S. Moseley & Co. (Plus \$5.25 premium)	3.34%
Old Colony Corp. (Plus \$3.75 premium)	3.34%
Merchants National Bank (Boston)	3.34%

**FOREST CITY, Rutherford County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 31, by J. E. Caldwell, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 5 1/4% semi-annual city hall bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1954. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

**FORT COBB, Caddo County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$55,000 issue of semi-annual water works and sewer bonds offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 126, p. 134—was awarded to the American-First Trust Co. of Oklahoma City as 5 1/4% bonds at par. Due in 25 years.

**FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the special election held on Jan. 10—V. 125, p. 3380—the voters authorized the issuance of the following bonds: Streets, thoroughfares and storm sewers, \$1,500,000; sanitary sewer and sewage disposal, \$1,100,000; waterworks, \$200,000; bridge at Lake Worth, \$350,000. The rest of the trs issues making up the total of \$6,950,000 were defeated.

The tabulation on the different bond issues was as follows: Streets and sewers, 3,822 for and 2,546 against; sanitary sewers, 4,209 for; and waterworks, 3,880 for and 2,481 against; municipal building, 2,392 for and 3,990 against; lake bridge, 3,584 for and 2,788 against; revolving fund, 3,051 for and 3,282 against; municipal auditorium, 3,393 for and 4,038 against; park lands, 2,107 for and 4,228 against; library, 1,807 for and 4,354 against.

**FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Crow Heart) Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—The \$4,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Dec. 27—V. 125, p. 3230—has been awarded to the State of Wyoming at par. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 5 1927. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

**FULTON, Oswego County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Langdon C. Foster, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 3 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered street improvement bonds aggregating \$118,000, rate of interest not to exceed 6%:

\$99,000 series A bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1929; and \$10,000 1930 to 1938 incl. A certified check of \$2,000 is required.  
19,000 series B bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929; and \$2,000, 1930 to 1938 incl. A certified check of \$500 is required.

Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, one rate to apply to the entire issue. Prin. and int. payable at the United States Mge. & Trust Co., N. Y., the said Trust Co. will also supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness in all details. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

Financial Statement.

Assessed val. of real est. & special franchises for year 1927	\$14,921,175.00
Total bonded indebtedness, exclusive of these issues	1,310,541.27
Less Water Bonds issued since 1910	260,250.00
Net bonded debt	1,050,291.27
All other indebtedness, not incl. temporary certificates to be retired with proceeds of these issues	109,996.41

**GADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—The \$34,000 issue of 6% public improvement bonds offered at public auction on Jan. 15—V. 126, p. 134—was awarded to Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham at a price of 104.73, a basis of about 5.10%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1929 to 1934 and \$4,000 from 1935 to 1938, all incl.

The other bids and bidders for the issue were as follows:

N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati	102.78
Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati	103.13
Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati	104.68
Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham	104.73

**GEDDES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Syracuse) Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. of New York and the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse, jointly, were awarded on August 31, an issue of \$33,000 coupon or registered school bonds as 4.40s, at par. Dated May 1 1927. Due \$1,650, May 1 1931 to 1950 incl.

**GERING, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND CALL.**—The following issues of bonds have been called as of Jan. 1 1928. They are payable at the offices of the Omaha Trust Co.:  
 \$11,000 5% sewer bonds dated Nov. 1 1916, due Nov. 1 1936.  
 4,000 5% sewer bonds dated Jan 1 1917, due Jan. 1 1937.  
 7,500 6% water extension bonds dated Jan. 1 1917, due Jan. 1 1937.  
 12,500 6% funding bonds dated Mar. 1 1921, due Mar. 1 1941.  
 5,000 5% light bonds dated Jan. 1 1926, due Jan. 1 1946.

**GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—A \$600,000 issue of highway bonds will be offered for sale at public auction by J. F. Parker, County Judge, at 1 p. m. on Feb. 7. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1928. This block is a part of an issue of \$1,000,000 which has been authorized and is due as follows: \$25,000 from Jan. 1 1929 to 1938 and \$37,500 from 1939 to 1958, all incl. Any part or all of the issue may be bid for. Prin. and int. (V. & V.) payable in the Chemical National Bank of New York City. Terms and int. rate are to be fixed at day of sale, make bids accordingly. A \$15,000 certified check, payable to the County Judge, is required.

**GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Henry Rollison, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Feb. 3, for the purchase of an issue of \$40,000 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1948, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office.

**GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Greeneville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$122,000 4 1/2% road bonds has recently been purchased by the Greene County Bank and the First National Bank, both of Greeneville on their joint bid of 100.55, a basis of about 4.46%. Due in 20 years.

**GREENEVILLE, Greene County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 11, by N. A. Hawkins, Town Recorder, for the purchase of an issue of 110,000 water bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1 1958. Public auction may be resorted to for sale. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank. A certified check for 5% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

**GREENEVILLE, Greene County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$110,000 4 1/2% water works bonds has been recently purchased by the First National Bank of Greeneville for a \$110 premium, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.74%. Due in 30 years.

**GUYMON, Texas County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 9, by Ernest Klooz, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5 1/4% coupon or registered sewage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due \$10,000 on Feb. 1 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948 and 1953. Prin. and annual int. (Feb. 1) payable at the Oklahoma fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

**HALE CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hale Center), Tex.—INT. RATE—PRICE.**—The \$50,000 issue of school bonds recently purchased—V. 126, p. 280—by the Thomas Investment Co. and Geo. L. Simpson & Co. bears int. at 5% and was awarded on their joint bid of par.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Garner) Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon primary road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 17—V. 126, p. 280—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport for a premium of \$1,035, equal to 101.035, a basis of about 4.04%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943 incl. Optional after 5 years. The following is a complete list of the other bidders:

Bidder	Premium
First Nat. Co., Mason City, Iowa	\$1,034.00
White Phillips Co. of Davenport, Ia	955.00
Northern Trust Co. of Chicago	985.00
Iowa Nat. Bank, Des Moines, Iowa	975.00
Missouri Valley Trust, St. Louis	825.00
Hill-Joiner Co., Chicago	901.00

**HARLEM, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by R. J. Gwaltney, Town Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Feb. 18, for the purchase of a \$22,800 issue of coupon refunding bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Mature in not exceeding 20 years. Serial or amortization bonds, with amortization plan first choice. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Town Treasurer or at the National City Bank in New York. A \$500 certified check, payable to the town, must accompany the bid.

**HARRIS-ELMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elmore), Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Donald G. Waters, Clerk Board of Education, until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$56,461 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000, one bond for \$461. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,461, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$3,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$2,000, 1940; \$3,000, 1941; \$2,000, 1942; \$3,000, 1943; \$2,000, 1944; and \$3,000, 1945 to 1950 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Clerk Board of Education. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

**HARRISON (P. O. Harrison), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Benjamin A. Taylor, Town Supervisor, until 10:30 a. m. Jan. 28, for the purchase of the following obligations aggregating \$241,000, rate of interest not to exceed 4 1/2%:

- \$70,000 sewer extension certificates of indebtedness, payable to bearer, with coupons, interest payable at maturity. Denom. \$1,000 or multiple thereof. Due Nov. 1 1928.
  - 85,000 coupon or registered highway bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$6,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; and \$8,000, 1934 to 1941, incl.
  - 47,000 series A sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1967, incl.; and \$8,000, 1968.
  - 20,000 series I, sewer bonds. Due \$1,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1957, incl.
  - 10,000 fire apparatus bonds. Due \$2,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1933, incl.
- Dated Feb. 1 1928. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%, one rate to apply to the entire offering. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Harrison. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town for \$5,000, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

**HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer, until 11 a. m. Jan. 21, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan, maturing on Oct. 8 1928.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Waynesville), N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$58,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered funding bonds offered for sale on Dec. 21—V. 125, p. 3231—has been awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1929 and 1930, \$4,000, 1931 to 1936, and \$5,000 from 1937 to 1942, all inclusive.

**HENDERSON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Athens), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$300,000 issue of 5% road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 134—was awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due in from 1 to 30 years.

**HICKMAN COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Ky.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$100,000 road bonds has been jointly purchased by the First National Bank of Paducah and the First National Bank of Clinton.

**HICKORY, Catawba County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Feb. 7 by H. L. Yoder, City Clerk,

for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of coupon water works and sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1940 and \$2,000 from 1941 to 1960 incl. Prin. and int. payable in New York. A certified check for 2% of bonds is required.

**HIGH POINT, Guilford County, N. C.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—The \$1,500,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered street improvement bonds sold on Jan. 10—V. 126, p. 280—to Harris Forbes & Co. of New York and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem at a price of 100.038, a basis of 4.49% is now being offered at prices to yield from 4 to 4.30% according to maturities. These bonds are Federal income tax exempt. The assessed valuation of taxable property, according to the last official statement was \$44,072,914, with the actual value of such property officially estimated at \$100,000,000. The total bonded debt, including the above financing, amounts to \$8,259,704, leaving a net debt after deducting water bonds and sinking funds of \$6,021,518. A special U. S. census in 1923 showed a population of 22,279 and the population at present is estimated at 30,000.

**HILLSBORO, Traill County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—A \$5,000 issue of 5% armory repair bonds has been purchased in lots by three local banks as follows: \$2,000 by the Hillsboro National Bank, \$1,500 by the Peoples State Bank of Hillsboro, and \$1,500 by the First National Bank of Hillsboro.

**HORTENSE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hortense) Brantley County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 issue of 6% coupon school house bonds offered for sale on Jan. 12—V. 128, p. 135—was awarded to J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta for a premium of \$912.50, equal to 104.56, a basis of about 5.55%. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$1,000 from 1932 to 1951 incl. No option. Int. payable on Jan and Dec. 1.

**HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until Feb. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$540,000 court house bonds. The bonds are dated Feb. 15 1928 are in denoms. of \$500 and mature serially in from one to 20 years.

**HUMPHREYS COUNTY (P. O. Belzoni), Miss.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$98,000 issue of refunding bonds offered and sold on Jan. 2—V. 126, p. 135—to the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Belzoni at a price of 103.18 plus expenses is further described as follows: Dated Feb. 1 1928. Dur \$9,800 from 1929 to 1938 incl.

**HUNTINGTON PARK, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—Some time in February there will be a special election for the purpose of having the voters pass upon the proposition of issuing \$245,000 in bonds for school construction purposes. The city schools, which includes the grammar and the intermediate schools, now have an enrollment of more than 4,500 pupils, the district including the territory of this city, South Gate and Walnut Park. One of the new buildings will be erected in West Maywood, a new annexation to this city, provided the bond issue is favorable to the voters at the coming election.

**IDAHO, STATE OF (P. O. Boise).—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE IN 1927.**—On April 1 1927 the State awarded a \$353,000 issue of 4 1/2% State institutions improvement bonds to the State Department of Investments at par. Dated April 1 1927. Due in from 2 to 20 years.

**JACKSON, Teton County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—A \$30,000 issue of 6% water bonds has been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver. Price not given.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Lyman A. Vincent, County Clerk, until 2:30 p. m., Jan. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 5% road bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, from 1929 to 1933 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered is required. All bids to cover the expense of printing and furnishing the necessary bonds.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Pascagoula) Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 6, by Fred Taylor, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of 5% road protection bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approving opinion. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the Board of Supervisors, is required. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1928 to 1932; \$12,000, 1933 to 1942, and \$15,000, 1943 to 1952, all inclusive.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Altus), Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$600,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 16—V. 125, p. 681—has since been purchased by the First National Bank of Altus.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Fayette), Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 3—V. 125, p. 3514—has been awarded to Vandersall & Co. of Toledo as 4 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$2,121, equal to 102.121.

**JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Smithfield), N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$65,000 issue of highway bonds offered for sale on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 135—was awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati as 4 1/2% bonds, for a \$6,500 premium, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.24%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, from 1929 to 1953 and \$3,000, 1954 to 1958 incl.

**JONESBORO, Jackson Parish, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 6% coupon bonds offered for sale on Jan. 10—V. 125, p. 3092—were awarded to the Jackson Parish Bank of Jonesville at par as follows: \$30,000 5% public improvement bonds. Due from 1928 to 1947 incl. \$10,000 6% public improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1928 to 1937 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927.

**KEATCHIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mansfield) De Soto Parish La.—BOND SALE.**—The \$59,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 11—V. 125, p. 3515—has been awarded to the City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Shreveport as 4 1/2% bonds for an \$800 premium, equal to 101.344, a basis of about 4.66%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1928 to 1945; \$1,500, 1946 to 1956; \$2,000, 1957 to 1962; \$2,500, 1963 to 1966, all incl.; and \$3,000, in 1967.

**KINGSFORD, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 6% bonds offered for sale on Jan. 17—V. 125, p. 3673—has been awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$3,508.97, equal to 106.60, a basis of about 5.20%. The issues aggregate \$53,160 as follows:

- \$31,890 improvement bonds. Denoms. \$100 and \$800. Due on Jan. 10 as follows: \$3,700 in 1929 and 1931; \$3,600, 1932 to 1936 and \$2,790 in 1937.
- 2,270 city improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and are for \$270. Due on Jan. 10 1948.

Dated Jan. 10 1928.  
The following is a complete list of the other bidders:

Bidder	Price Bid.
Caldwell & Company	\$56,575.11
Commerce Union Company	56,509.65
Weil, Roth & Irving	56,504.55
Seasongood & Mayer	56,324.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	55,589.90
Little, Wooten & Company	55,046.00
I. B. Tigrett & Company	54,646.00

**KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Feb. 13 by Lem L. Gahagen, Police Judge, for the purchase of a \$94,996.97 issue of street improvement bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Dated Feb. 1 1928; due on Feb. 1 1938 and optional after 1929. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the State's fiscal agency in N. Y. City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

**KOSSUTH COUNTY (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 18—V. 126

p. 280—has been awarded to the First National Co. of Mason City as 4% bonds for a premium of \$1, equal to 100,001, a basis of about 3.995%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 on May 1, from 1934 to 1943, incl. All the rest of the bids were for 4¼s, as follows:

Bidder	Premium
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co.	\$1,140
White-Phillips Co.	1,060
Iowa National Bank	1,145
Northern Trust Co.	1,110
First National Co.	1,030

**LAFAYETTE, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—A \$45,000 issue of water extension bonds has been purchased by Gray, Emery, Vasconcelles & Co. of Denver.

**LA GRANGE COUNTY (P. O. La Grange) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Harry Haglund, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Jan. 31, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$35,600:

- \$13,000 Weldon Haskins et al Greenfield Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$650. Due \$650, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.
  - 12,600 Byron Bovee et al Milford Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$630. Due \$630, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.
  - 10,000 Samuel Devenbaugh et al Bloomfield Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.
- Dated Dec. 15 1927.

**LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. J. Spaulding, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) Jan. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$3,007.80 5% coupon water supply system bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$150 one bond for \$157.80. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$157.80, 1929; and \$150, 1930 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$250 is required.

**LAMPASAS, Lampasas County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids were received by H. V. Campbell, Mayor, until 11 a. m. on Jan. 20, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$80,000. Int. rate not to exceed 5½%. The issues are:

- \$72,000 sewer bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1942; \$2,000, 1943 to 1958, and \$3,000, 1959 to 1967, all incl.
- 8,000 water works improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1937 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 16 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City at the Hanover National Bank. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago will furnish legal approving opinion. A \$2,000 certified check payable to the mayor, must accompany the bid.

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Erie), Erie County, Pa.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$70,000 4¼% coupon school bonds awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia in—V. 126, p. 280—was a premium of \$4,227.30, equal to 106.03, a basis of about 4.03%. Dated Dec. 26 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1933, and \$15,000, in 1938, 1943, 1948 and 1953.

**LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Boston, was awarded on Jan. 17, a \$60,000 temporary loan on a 3.325% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 1 1928. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Discount Basis
First National Bank, Boston	3.34%
Old Colony Corp.	3.37%

**LEXINGTON, Davidson County, N. C.—MATURITY—BASIS.**—The two issues of 4¼% bonds aggregating \$335,000, sold on Jan. 3—V. 126, p. 135—mature as follows:

- \$225,000 water works and light bonds awarded to the Provident Savings Bank of Cincinnati and Prudden & Co. of Toledo on their joint bid of 101.653. Due \$5,000, 1931 to 1941; \$7,000, 1942 to 1951 and \$10,000, 1952 to 1961, all inclusive.
  - 110,000 school bonds to the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis at a price of 101.113. Due \$5,000 annually from 1931 to 1952.
- These maturity dates give a basis of about 4.64%.

**LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gandy), Neb.—BOND SALE.**—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has recently purchased a \$20,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1934 to 1941 and \$2,000 from 1942 to 1947, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at County Treasurer's office.

**LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 30 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1924 and due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$22,000, 1928; \$28,000, 1929 to 1934 and \$27,000 from 1935 to 1964, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York at the office of Kountze Bros. or at the county treasury. A 3% certified check, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany the bid.

Los Angeles City School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1900. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1927 is \$1,901,980,830, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$35,822,015. Los Angeles City School District includes an area of approximately 666.23 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 1,350,000.

**MANCHESTER, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by C. H. Waddill, Town Treasurer, care of the Manchester Trust Co., South Manchester, until 4 p. m. Jan. 24, for the purchase of an issue of \$232,000 4% coupon high school and municipal building property bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1929 to 1937 incl., and \$25,000, 1938. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank Boston. The First National Bank, will also supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement Dec. 28 1927.

Grand list, last perfected Oct. 1 1926	\$53,776,090
Refunding bonds	60,000
Improvement bonds	450,000
Main street bonds	50,000
Total debt of the town	\$560,000
Population 1920—18,370.	

**McALESTER, Pittsburg County, Okla.—MATURITY.**—The two issues of grade and junior high school bonds sold on Jan. 6—V. 126, p. 281—to Stern Bros. of Kansas City at par are due as follows:

- \$63,000 4¼% bonds. Due \$4,500 from 1932 to 1941 and from 1948 to 1951.
- 27,000 4¼% bonds. Due \$4,500 from 1942 to 1947 incl.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—The \$1,000,000 issue of 4¼% coupon highway bonds sold on Jan. 4—V. 126, p. 281—to a syndicate composed of the Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Seagoon & Mayer, the First National Co. of Detroit, Inc., M. F. Schlater & Co., Inc., and Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., is now being offered to the public by the syndicate priced to yield 4.90% on all maturities.

The bonds are direct general obligations of Marion County and are payable from an unlimited ad valorem tax levied against all the taxable property therein. They were authorized at a general election and have been validated by the Circuit Court of Marion County.

The 1927 assessed valuation of taxable property in the county was reported at \$12,592,262, and net debt at \$4,508,863.

**MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 9, by H. G. Shealy, Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction, for the pur-

chase of three issues of 5½% coupon school bonds aggregating \$93,000 as follows:

- \$45,000 Reddick Special Tax School District No. 6 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1935 and \$3,000, 1936 to 1946, all incl.
- 30,000 Bellview Special Tax School District No. 3 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1935, \$2,000, 1936 to 1942 and \$3,000, 1943 to 1945, all incl.
- 18,000 Oklawaha Special Tax School District No. 31 bonds. Dated June 1 1927 and due \$1,000 from June 1 1930 to 1947, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at any county depository in Marion County; Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to above board, is required.

**MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte) N. C.—NOTE SALE.**—The \$375,000 issue of bond anticipation notes offered for sale on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 281—was awarded to the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte at 3.80%. Denom. \$10,000 unless otherwise specified. Dated Jan. 20, 1928 and due on Apr. 9 1928.

The following other bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Price Bid.
Independence Trust Co.	3.85%
American Trust Co.	3.98%
Union National Bank	4.00%
First National Bank	4.10%
Detroit Trust Co.	4.15%

**MEMPHIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Memphis), Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on Jan. 31, by G. W. Garner, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of 4¼% coupon revenue notes. Denom. \$10,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Oct. 1 1928. Bonds are deliverable in Memphis, New York or to a point equal to distance of New York. Point of delivery must be specified by bidder. Payment to be made either in Memphis or in New York as desired. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chemical National Bank in New York City or at the Union & Planters Bank & Trust Co. in Memphis. The Memphis City will certify on the notes. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approving opinion. Par is the lowest acceptable bid with stipulations as to bids below par. A \$5,000 certified check, payable to the Board of Education, must accompany the bid.

**MIAMI, Roberts County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$40,000 issue of 5% sewer bonds has recently been awarded to the Jordan Construction Co. at par. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$500 from 1929 to 1938; \$1,000, 1939 to 1958 and \$1,500, 1959 to 1968 all incl. (This report corrects the one given in V. 126, p. 281.)

**MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—INT. RATE—MATURITY.**—The \$143,900 semi-annual refunding bonds sold on Jan. 9—V. 126, p. 281—to the Merchants National Bank of Mobile at 101.76 bear interest at 4½% and they are due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$7,500 from 1931 to 1948 and \$8,000 in 1949, giving a basis of about 4.33%.

**MOBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mobridge) S. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of coupon grade school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 10—V. 125, p. 3516—was awarded to the First Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis at 4½% bonds for a premium of \$575, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 4.38%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due from 1933 to 1948. No option of prior payment. Int. payable on Dec. and June 1. (This report verifies and amplifies report given in V. 126, p. 281.)

**MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The three issues of 5½% special assessment bonds aggregating \$99,900 awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, at 102.31 in—V. 125, p. 3383—are described as follows: Dated Nov. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000, one bond for \$900. Due serially from Nov. 1 1928 to 1932 incl. Interest payable May and November 1.

**MONTGOMERY, Montgomery County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—A \$600,000 issue of 4¼% coupon water works refunding bonds will be offered at public auction at 11 a. m. on Jan. 31, by W. L. Jackson, City Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$22,000, from 1932 to 1952 and \$23,000, 1953 to 1958, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in Boston at the Old Colony Trust Co. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 5% of the bonds, payable to the City Clerk, must accompany the bid.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville) Md.—BOND OFFERING.**—Berry E. Clark, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. February 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$400,000 4½% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1929 and 1930; \$6,000, 1931 and 1932; \$10,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$15,000, 1936 and 1937; \$25,000, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$30,000, 1941 and 1942; \$35,000, 1943 to 1945 incl.; and \$40,000, 1946 and 1947. Principal and interest payable at the Montgomery County National Bank of Rockville. A certified check payable to the order of County Commissioners, for \$500 is required. These are the bonds mentioned in—V. 126, p. 281.

**MOORE COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 issue of school funding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 17—V. 126, p. 136—has been awarded to Wilson, Taylor & Co. of Cincinnati as 4¼% bonds, for a \$60 premium, equal to 100.24, a basis of about 4.47%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1932 and \$2,000 from 1933 to 1943, all incl.

**MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The following is a statement showing the financial condition of the Town of Morristown, published in connection with the proposed sale on Jan. 27 of \$608,000 bonds, a description of which appeared in—V. 126, p. 281.

Financial Statement.		
I. Indebtedness.		
Gross debt—Bonds	\$1,257,500.00	
Floating debt (incl. temporary bonds)	672,806.72	\$1,930,306.72
Deductions—Water debt	\$1,141,132.65	
Sinking funds, other than for water bonds	147,911.99	1,289,044.64
Net debt		\$641,262.08
Bonds to be issued: Water bonds	\$608,000.00	
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds	608,000.00	None
Net debt, including bonds to be issued		\$641,262.08
The amt. of sald debt. pay. out of spec. assessm'ts is est. at		None
Therefore the net debt payable from gen. taxation is only		\$641,262.08
II. Assessed Valuations.		
Real property including improvements 1928	\$16,324,710	
Personal property 1928	1,628,450	
Real and personal property, 1925	14,301,402	
Real and personal property, 1926	15,147,323	
Real and personal property, 1927	18,240,600	
III. Population.		
Census of 1920, 12,548.	Estimated, 1927, 18,000.	
IV. Tax Rate.		
Fiscal year, 1927, \$15.60 per thousand.		

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Kiowa County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by H. T. Wanzer, Town Clerk, until 7.30 p. m. on Jan. 25, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$45,000 as follows:

- \$37,500 sewer bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000 from 1931 to 1948 and \$1,500 in 1949.
- 7,500 water bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1931 to 1937 and \$500 in 1938.

Dated Jan. 20 1928. Denom. \$500.

**MOUNT VERNON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mount Vernon), Linn County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,000 issue of school funding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 13—V. 125, p. 3673—

has been awarded to George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4% bonds for a \$65 premium, plus legal and printing expenses, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 3.97%. Due from 1930 to 1936.

**NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A \$200,000 temporary loan was awarded to Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston, on a 3.34% discount basis. The Old Colony Corp. of Boston, was the next highest bidder offering to discount the loan on a 3.435% discount basis.

**NEBRASKA, State of (P. O. Lincoln).—WARRANT CALL.**—The State Treasury has issued a call for all registered warrants issued prior to July 1 1927. During 1927 there were 56,189 warrants registered, totaling \$8,499,000. Of this number, 34,184 have been called and the total now outstanding represents \$4,192,000. According to the State Treasurer the entire amount will be called and retired by July 1 1928, with proceeds of the special levy, the greater part of which will be collected in May.

**NEW MADISON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals addressed to the Clerk Board of Education will be received until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 26 for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 5 1/2% school improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$4,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$3,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1943 to 1947 incl. Principal and interest payable at the Farmers State Bank, New Madison. A certified check, payable to the order of the Clerk Board of Education for \$3,000, is required.

**NEW SCOTLAND AND BETHLEHEM COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Faura Bush), Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 126, p. 281—were awarded to the New York State Bank of Albany. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1928 and mature serially.

**NEWTON, Sussex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Harry D. Masters, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 1, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon water bonds not to exceed \$75,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$75,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1962, incl., and \$1,000, 1963 to 1967, incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Sussex & Merchants National Bank, Newton. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town Treasurer for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

**NORTH COLLEGE HILL (P. O. Mount Healthy), Hamilton Co., Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,354.48 5 1/2% coupon street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 23—V. 125, p. 3383—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$1,612, equal to 105.31, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated Nov. 11, 1927. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1937 incl., and \$3,354.48, 1938.

**NORTH COLLINS, Erie County, N. Y.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$5,000 village bonds awarded to the Community National Bank of Buffalo (V. 126, p. 282) was a premium of \$5.00, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.72%. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 3/4% and mature \$1,000 in from 1 to 5 years.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$155,000 coupon or registered water works bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 282—were awarded to Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York City as 4s at 107.73, a basis of about 3.91%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1933 to 1946 incl., and \$15,000, 1947.

**NORTH PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Plainfield), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Margaret Dodge, District Clerk, until 8 p. m. Feb. 6, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$100,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$100,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1938 incl.; \$7,000, 1939 to 1947 incl.; \$8,000, 1948 to 1953 incl.; \$9,000, 1954 to 1956 incl.; and \$4,000, 1957 and 1958. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Plainfield Trust Co. Plainfield. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City.

**NORTH TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 30, by Thomas A. Quinn, Village Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 coupon village bonds rate of int. not to exceed 5%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, Jan. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, North Tarrytown. A certified check of 2% of the bonds offered is required.

**NORTH VERSAILLES TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilmerding), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$188,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Jan. 9 (V. 125, p. 3383) were awarded to S. M. Vockel & Co. of Pittsburgh at 106.17, a basis of about 4.13%. The bonds mature in 1956 and were authorized at an election held on Nov. 8 (V. 125, p. 3233).

**NORWALK, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.**—The sale of \$450,000 4% school bonds scheduled to have taken place on Jan. 16—V. 125, p. 3673—was postponed, as the city attorneys have questioned the legality of the proceedings in connection with the notice of election.

**OAK HILL, Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk until 12 m. Feb. 3 for the purchase of an issue of \$4,917.63 6% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$500, one bond for \$417.63. Due serially from May 1 1928 to 1936 incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

**OKFUSKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Okemah), Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Jan. 21 by T. Elliott, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$9,000 issue of school bonds. Bids will be received at the First State Bank in Castle.

**OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on Feb. 6, by John Hopkins, Superintendent of the Department of Accounts and Finance, for the purchase of two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$600,000 as follows: \$500,000 sewer bonds and \$100,000 park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1 1948. Prin. and int. (M&S) payable at the office of the County Treasurer in Omaha. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approving opinion. The actual award will be made on Feb. 7. A \$12,000 certified check, payable to the city, must accompany the bid.

**ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orlando), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—A \$2,000,000 block of 5% road bonds is being offered for public subscription by Eldredge & Co. of New York at prices to yield 4.70% on all maturities. This block consists of the \$1,305,000 issue of 5% road bonds awarded to them on Dec. 12—V. 125, p. 3383—and another similar issue. The bonds mature annually from July 1 1945 to 1961, are totally Federal income tax exempt, are direct county obligations and they are payable from unlimited ad valorem property taxes.

**ORLANDO, Logan County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 issue of 5 3/4% coupon high line construction bonds offered for sale on Jan. 11—V. 126, p. 136—has been awarded to the Farmers Bank of Orlando for a premium of \$50, equal to 100.415, a basis of about 5.68%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated Jan. 11 1928. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1942 incl. Int. payable on J. & J. 1.

**OSNABROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Osnabrock), Cavalier County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—A \$10,000 issue of 5% school gymnasium bonds has recently been purchased by the First National Bank of Osnabrock for a \$40 premium, equal to 100.40, a basis of about 4.97%. Due in 1948.

**OSSINING, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Lewis H. Acher, Village Clerk will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$24,000 4 1/2% street paving bonds. Dated Feb. 1, 1928. Due \$2,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Ossining. A certified check for \$500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

**OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$63,000 Carroll Township highway improvement bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 125, p. 3674—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo as 4 1/2s at a premium of \$227, equal to 100.36, a basis of about 4.17%. Dated Jan. 16 1928. Due as follows: \$4,000, March 16, and \$3,000, Sept. 16, from 1929 to 1937 incl.

**PENNINGTON, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$22,000 offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 136—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York City, as 4 1/2s at a premium of \$130, equal to 100.59 a basis of about 4.42%; \$12,000 water bonds. Due \$500 Jan. 1 1929 to 1952 incl. 10,000 street improvement bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929; and \$500, 1930 to 1947 incl. Dated Jan. 1 1928.

**PERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Perry), Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$47,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 10—V. 125, p. 3383—as awarded to the Exchange National Bank of Perry for a \$50 premium, equal to 100.01.

**PONDERA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Brady), Mont.—MATURITY.**—The \$25,000 school bonds sold on Aug. 27—V. 126, p. 282—to the First National Bank of Conrad as 5 1/4s are due in 20 years and optional after five years.

**PORT MATILDA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Center County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Bellefonte, and the Community Bank of Port Matilda, jointly, were awarded an Aug. 15, an issue of \$13,800 5% school bonds at 100.125, a basis of about 4.92%. The bonds mature July 15 1942 option 1 July 15 1929.

**POTTER, Cheyenne County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$24,000 refunding bonds recently purchased—V. 126, p. 283—were awarded to the United States Bond Co. of Denver at par. The bonds bear 4 3/4% interest and they are due on Oct. 1 1947, optional after Oct. 1 1937.

**PROSPECT, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$6,000 fire apparatus bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% has been awarded to the First National Bank of Remsen. This issue was approved by the equalized electors at an election held on March 15.

**PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Cookeville), Tenn.—MATURITY.—BASIS.**—The \$84,000 issue of 4 1/2% State highway county's portion bonds, recently awarded—V. 126, p. 283—to Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson and Caldwell & Co. of Nashville on their joint bid of 100.11 is due and payable in 20 years, giving a basis of about 4.49%.

**QUAY COUNTY (P. O. Tucumcari), N. Mex.—BOND CALL.**—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$27,400 are still outstanding: \$12,400 6% bonds, dated July 1, 1903, optional 1923, due 1933, called for Jan. 1 1928 at the United States National Bank. Bonds have not been presented for payment. 15,000 6% bonds, dated Jan. 2 1908, due Jan. 2 1928 at the United States National Bank have not been presented for payment.

**RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES UNION JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside) Calif.—LIST OF BIDDERS.**—The following is a complete list of the bidders who submitted bids for the \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual school bonds sold on Jan. 9—V. 126, p. 283—to Schwabacher & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$2,375, equal to 109.62, a basis of about 4.29%:

Names of other bidders—	Premium.
William R. Staats & Co.	\$1,911.00
Pierce, Fair & Co.	1,850.00
Bank of Italy	1,958.00
Alvin H. Frank & Co.	2,037.00
Elmer J. Kennedy Co.	1,388.00

**RIPLEY (P. O. Ripley), Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Charles L. Rickenbrode, Town Supervisor, until 1 p. m. Jan. 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered highway bonds. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1928, are in denoms. of \$1,000 and mature \$5,000, Feb. 1 1930 to 1936 incl.

**ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BIDS.**—The following bids were also submitted for the \$3,385,000 notes dated Jan. 10 1928 and maturing in from one to eight months from date which were awarded to the National Bank of Rochester, on a 3.34% discount basis—V. 126, p. 283:

Bidder—	Notes Bid for.	Discount Basis.
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$27)	\$3,385,000	3.39%
S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$6)	3,385,000	3.44%
Barr Bros.	3,385,000	3.62%
Robert Winthrop & Co.	500,000 (tax rev.)	3.75%

**RUSHVILLE, Sheridan County, Neb.—PRICE PAID.**—The \$16,000 issue of 5% well bonds purchased recently by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha—V. 126, p. 137—was awarded to them at par plus the expenses of legality and printing. Due and payable in 20 years.

**RUSK COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Tex.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.**—The sale of the \$160,000 court house bonds to the Thomas Investment Co. of Dallas as reported in V. 125, p. 3234 has not been consummated as the proposal to issue the above bonds was defeated at the election.

**SABINE PARISH (P. O. Many), La.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 11—V. 126, p. 137—has been awarded to the City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Shreveport. (Price not given.)

**SAINT AUGUSTINE, Saint Johns County, Fla.—BIDDERS.**—The following is a list of the other bidders who submitted bids on Jan. 11—V. 126, p. 283—for the purchase of the \$199,000 issue of 5 1/4% negotiable coupon, first series open notes, awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo at a basis of about 5.20%.

Names of other bidders—	Price bid.
Commercial Bank, 6%	\$201,368.10
Bond & Goodwin, Inc., 5 1/4%	199,241.74
Florida National Bank, 5 1/4%	199,097.00

**SAINT PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of 4% sewer bonds has been awarded at par to the city sinking fund. Due from Jan 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

**SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—A \$46,497.04 issue of 6% semi-annual improvement bonds has recently been awarded to the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Portland at a price of 107.07, a basis of about 4.55%. Due from 1929 to 1938 incl.

**SAN ANTONIO, Bexar County, Tex.—NOTE SALE.**—A \$500,000 issue of 5% serial airport notes has recently been purchased by the J. E. Jarratt Co. of San Antonio. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1933 incl.

**SCHUYLER COUNTY (P. O. Watkins Glen), N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 4% coupon or registered highway impt. bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 125, p. 283—were awarded to Sato, Wolcott & Steale of Rochester, at 101.236, a basis of about 3.92%. Dated Dec. 15 1927. Due \$5,000, Dec. 15 1937 to 1951 incl.

**SCOTTSBLUFF, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$40,700 4 1/2% street and alley improvement bonds has recently been purchased by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928, due on Jan. 1 1938 and optional after Jan. 1 1933.

**SHELBY, Oesana County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$7,000 5% coupon water works bonds was recently awarded to a local investor by the name of A. B. Boerss, at par. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1927, and mature serially. The above supersedes the report given in V. 123, p. 137.

**SILVERTON, Biscayne County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 23, by the City Commissioner for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 6% water improvement bonds. Due 199,097.00

from 1933 to 1967 incl. No option of prior payment. (These bonds were voted on Jan. 10—V. 126, p. 137—by a count of 131 to 5.)

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The City Treasurer, awarded on Jan. 20 to the Old Colony Corporation of Boston, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.27% discount basis plus a premium of \$1.75. The loan matures on Oct. 18 1928.

SONORA, Sutton County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of sewer bonds offered for sale on Jan. 6—V. 125, p. 3519—was awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as 5 1/4% bonds, for a \$455 premium, equal to 101.01, a basis of about 5.42%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1938 and \$2,000, 1939 to 1966 incl.

SOUTHAMPTON, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Benjamin G. Halsey, Town Supervisor, until 1:30 p. m. Feb. 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5% bridge construction bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, Mar. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, Southampton. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required. Official notice of the offering of this issue for sale will be found on the last page of this issue.

SOUTH HUNTINGTON WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Huntington) Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Richard W. Hawkins, Town Supervisor, until 2 p. m. Jan. 27, for the purchase of the following bond issues, coupon or registered in form, aggregating \$155,000, rate of interest not to exceed 5%.

\$125,000 enlargement No. 1 bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1933; and \$8,000, 1934 to 1948 incl. 30,000 enlargement No. 2 bonds. Due \$2,000, Jan. 1 1933 to 1947 incl. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% one rate to apply to the entire issue. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Huntington Station Bank, Huntington Station. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$3,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

SPRINGFIELD, Robertson County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Two issues of 5% coupon bonds will be offered for sale at public auction on Feb. 15, at 10 a. m. by the City Clerk. The issues aggregate \$225,000 as follows: \$125,000 sewer bonds. Due on March 1 1958. A \$2,250 certified check must be enclosed. 100,000 street bonds. Due \$4,000 from March 1 1929 to 1953. A \$2,000 certified check must be enclosed.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1928. Purchaser must pay the legal and printing expenses.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—LOAN AWARD.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 283—was awarded to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston on a 3.38% discount basis plus a premium of \$3. The loan is in denoms. of \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 and matures on Oct. 15 1928.

LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Leroy I. Holly, City Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Jan. 23, for the purchase of a \$200,000 temporary loan on a discount basis. Dated Jan. 18 1928. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due Oct. 3 1928. The Old Colony Corp. will supervise the preparation of the notes and will certify as to their genuineness. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$200,000 temporary loan was offered for sale on Jan. 17, the following bids were submitted both of which were rejected: The loan matures in 8 1/2 months.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Discount Basis. Old Colony Corp. 3.445%, First Stamford National Bank (Plus \$7.00) 3.54%

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds have recently been awarded as follows: \$86,000 4 1/4% harbor bonds to the American National Co. of Nashville, for a premium of \$1,718.42, equal to 101.998, a basis of about 4.23%. Due from 1932 to 1942. The second issue was: \$20,000 5% municipal improvement bonds to Heller, Bruce & Co. for a premium of \$1,151, equal to 105.755, a basis of about 4.05%. Due in 1935. The other bids and bidders were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Harbor Bonds, Mun. Imp. Bonds. E. H. Rollins & Sons \$1,539 \$1,139.00, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker 1,512 1,088.00, Dean, Witter & Co. 1,489 1,089.00, Stockton Savings & Loan Bank, Anglo & London, Paris 1,473 1,070.00, E. R. Gundelfinger, Inc. 1,348 1,128.00, Weeden & Co. 1,280 1,086.00, R. H. Moulton & Co. 1,228 1,083.00, Bank of Italy 1,217 1,029.88, United Bank & Trust 882 911.00, Schwabacher & Co. 827 989.00

STONE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo were recently awarded an issue of \$42,000 4 1/4% school bonds at a premium of \$538, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 4.60%. The bonds mature \$1,000 from 1928 to 1949 incl.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BIDDERS.—The following is a list of the other bidders who submitted bids on Jan. 9—V. 126, p. 283—for the \$700,000 issue of 4% coupon, water bonds of 1928 awarded to a syndicate headed by Eldredge & Co. of New York at \$96.75, a basis of about 4.25%: Bond, Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Tacoma, Drumheller, Ehrlichman & White, Tacoma, R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., New York, A. B. Leach & Co., Seattle, Townsend, Jackson & Co., Inc., Tacoma, Murphey-Favre & Co., Seattle, C. W. McNear & Co., Seattle, Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Seattle.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following is a complete list of the issues of bonds registered by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, during the week ending Jan. 14:

Table with 5 columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Due, P. C. \$40,000 Arlington Street improvement Serially 5 1/2%, 83,000 City of Marshall Refunding Serially 4 3/4%, 75,000 City of Boerne Water works Serially 5%, 30,000 City of Brady City H. & F. station Serially 5 1/2%, 75,000 City of Brady Street improvement Serially 5 1/2%, 75,000 City of Brady Water works Serially 5 1/2%, 12,000 Robertson County Road and bridge Serially 5%, 5,000 Trinity County Special roadway 10 years 5 1/2%, 110,000 Brazoria County Road District No. 3 Serially 5 1/2%, 28,000 Bowie County Levy District No. 2 1-10 years 6%, 10,000 Cottle County Road 1 year 5%

TOLEDO, Lincoln County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Several issues of 6% improvement bonds aggregating \$18,528.32 have been awarded at par to the Lincoln County Bank of Toledo. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Due in 10 years and optional after 1 year.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,700 coupon road bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 125, p. 3675) were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$111.02, a basis of about 4.18%. Due as follows: \$2,700, April, and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1928, \$2,000 Apr. and Oct. 1 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$3,000 Apr. and Oct. 1 1937.

VANDERBURG COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$149,800 5% improvement bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 125, p. 3519—were awarded to Fletcher Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$14,444, equal to 109.64, a basis of about 3.87%. Due \$7,490, May 15 1929 to 1948 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Premium. Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis \$10,713, Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis 9,220, City Securities Corp., Indianapolis 12,758, Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis 9,187, National City Bank, Evansville Ind. 8,400

VERDEN, Grady County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds, aggregating \$57,500 have been awarded to the First National Bank

of Verden, for a \$100 premium, equal to 100.173. The issues are: \$29,000 water works and \$28,500 sewer bonds.

VERO BEACH, Indian River County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Feb. 9, by H. G. Redstone, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$53,500 issue of refunding bonds.

VINELAND, Cumberland County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals addressed to R. E. Beakley, Borough Clerk, will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 24, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues given below aggregating \$70,000: \$54,000 electric light bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 and 1930; and \$4,000, 1931 to 1942 incl. 16,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000, Feb. 1 1930 to 1945 incl.

Dated Feb. 1 1928. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

WALTON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Walton) Boone County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Dec. 23—V. 125, p. 3519—was awarded to the Walton Equitable Bank of Walton, at a price of 101.25, a basis of about 4.87%. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$500 from 1928 to 1942 and \$300 from 1943 to 1957.

WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Hunter Ellington, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 12 noon on Jan. 21, for the purchase of the following issues of 90 day notes; aggregating \$290,000:

Table with 2 columns: Amount, Description. \$90,000 against the general road fund, 80,000 against the general road fund, 60,000 against the general county fund, 60,000 against the general road fund.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Waltham Trust Co. was awarded on Jan. 19 a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.31% discount basis. Dated Jan. 20 1928. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$150,000 Apr. and July 20 1928. The Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston will supervise the preparation of the notes. Legality approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

WALWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Walworth) Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—R. F. DeVoe & Co. of New York City, were awarded on June 20, an issue of \$8,000 school bonds. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 5% and were awarded at 100.579. Maturity 1 to 16-year serial.

WARWICK, Kent County, R. I.—MATURITY.—The \$15,000 4% coupon water bonds awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Providence, at par, at private sale in V. 126, p. 284, mature \$5,000 from 1929 to 1931, incl. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1928, and are in denoms. of \$1,000.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Calais), Maine.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$445,000 refunding bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4% was recently awarded to the Federal Trust Co. of Portland, and the Merrill Trust Co. of Bangor, jointly, according to the Chairman Board of County Commissioners. (Price paid and description not given.)

WESAW TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. New Troy), Berrien County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. English, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$75,000 school bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 5%. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due serially from 1929 to 1958 inclusive.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gilcrest), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—The United States National Co. of Denver has purchased, prior to an election to be held in February, a \$17,500 issue of 4% school building bonds at a price of 99.25, a basis of about 4.07%. Due in 20 years, optional in 10 years.

WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Auditor, until 2 p. m. Feb. 14, for the purchase of \$19,058.68 6% coupon drain bonds, described as follows: \$15,938.16 Lancaster Township bonds. Dated Dec. 24 1927. Due serially Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl. 3,120.52 Rock Creek Township bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1927. Due serially Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of temporary bonds aggregating \$130,000 will be taken up by the contractors at par as payment for work now being done: \$100,000 Rock Spring Terrace Improvement bonds. \$30,000 Nutman Place Improvement bonds.

WHITAKER, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 4 1/4% coupon borough bonds was awarded on September 3, to S. M. Vockel & Co. of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$120.42, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 4.10%. Dated April 1 1927. Due April 1 1957.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—A \$98,721.20 issue of 4 1/4% drainage bonds has recently been purchased by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City for a premium of \$861.30, equal to 100.87, a basis of about 4.08%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due from 1928 to 1937 incl. This corrects the report of the \$100,000 sale as reported in V. 126, p. 138.

We have also learned of the following sales consummated during 1927 in addition to those which have already been reported in these pages:

Table with 5 columns: Amount & Purpose, Purchaser, Awarded, When due, Dated. \$7,211.60 4 1/4% paving 4th N. Bk. of Wichita Feb. 21 1-10 yrs. Feb. 1, 10,500.00 park. 4th N. Bk. of Wichita Feb. 21 1-10 yrs. Feb. 1, 14,175.00 4 1/4% bridge 1st N. Bk. of Wichita June 27 1-20 yrs. June 1, 48,630.75 4 1/4% bridge Br-Middlekeuf Co. June 27 1-20 yrs. June 1, 98,021.00 4 1/4% park. 1st N. Bk. of Wichita June 27 1-10 yrs. June 1, 239,454.55 4 1/4% pv. & sewer. 4th N. Bk. of Wichita Sept. 12 1-10 yrs. Sept. 1, 115,694.57 4 1/4% pv. & sewer. State School Fund, Dec. 12 1-10 yrs. Dec. 12

WILBARGER COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$375,000 issue of court house bonds which was voted on Dec. 29—V. 126, p. 284—has been purchased by Garrett & Co. of Dallas as 4 1/4% for a premium of \$4,410, equal to 101.176. Due serially in 40 years. The next highest bid offered \$1,132 less than this bid.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Arvilla Miller, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) Feb. 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$162,950.55 4 3/4% special assessment improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$16,950.55, 1929, and \$16,000, 1930 to 1938 incl. Principal and interest payable at the Willoughby Trust Co., Willoughby. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, were awarded on Jan. 9, an issue of \$162,950.55 special assessment street improvement bonds at a premium of \$1,677, equal to 101.029. The bonds mature serially from 1929 to 1938 incl. and bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4%.

WINGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monroe), Union County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 2, by J. D. Simpson, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of coupon or registered school bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$2,000, from 1931 to 1939 and \$3,000, from 1940 to 1958, all incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable in New York in gold. Int. rate to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. No bids for less than par. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the above County Board, is required.

WINN PARISH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Winnfield), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 17, by D. E. Sikes, Secretary of the School Board, for the

purchase of a \$65,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1943, incl. B. A. Campbell of New Orleans and B. H. Charles of St. Louis will furnish the legal approving opinion. A \$2,000 certified check, payable to the President of the School Board, must accompany the bid.

**WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A \$200,000 temporary loan was awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston on a 3.30% discount basis plus a premium of \$5.25. The loan matures in 9½ months.

**WORLAND, Washakie County, Wyo.—PRICE PAID.—MATURITY.**—The \$15,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds purchased by the Farmers State Bank of Worland recently—V. 126, p. 138—was awarded to them at par. Due \$500 from 1929 to 1958, optional after 1943.

**YADKIN COUNTY (P. O. Yadkinville) N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 issue of 5% jail bonds offered for sale on Jan. 16—V. 125, p. 3675—was awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport for a premium of \$1,071.30, equal to 104.255, a basis of about 4.52%. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due \$1,000 from Jan. 1 1929 to 1953 incl.

The following is a complete list of the bids:

Assel Goetz & Moerlin	\$2,507.00
N. S. Hill & Co.	2,570.00
*The White Phillips Co.	2,607.30
W. L. Slayton & Co.	2,5798.00
A. T. Bell & Co.	2,5522.00
Seasongood & Mayer	25,878.00
C. W. Menear & Co.	25,763.88
The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	25,746.25
Well Roth & Irving Co.	25,853.00
Taylor Wilson Co.	25,777.77
Pruden & Co.	25,778.80
Thompson, Kent & Groce	25,638.00
Drake Jones Co.	25,791.00

**YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$63,000 were recently awarded to the sinking Fund at par according to the Deputy Director of Finance: \$26,500 fire department equipment bonds. \$20,000 park purchase bonds. 16,500 municipal airport hangar bonds.

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$1,950,000 offered on Jan. 18—V. 126, p. 138—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Equitable Trust Co., Eldredge & Co. and Barr Bros. & Co., all of New York City, at 100.796, a basis of about 3.90%: \$750,000 series A, school bonds. Due \$25,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1958 incl. 600,000 public building bonds. Due \$30,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. 300,000 refunding bonds. Due \$15,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive. 280,000 local improvement bonds. Due \$10,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive. 100,000 local improvement bonds. Due \$5,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Dated Feb. 1 1928.

**SYNDICATE OFFERS BONDS.**—The successful syndicate is now offering the bonds for investment at prices, according to maturity, to yield from 3.50 to 3.85%. The bonds it is stated are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the State of New York and interest is exempt from all Federal and New York State income taxes. Joseph F. Loehr, City Comptroller, has submitted to us the following complete list of other bidders:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Chase Securities Corp., A. B. Leach & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., Stephens & Co., and Batchelder, Wack & Co., jointly	100.789
National City, Harris, Forbes & Co., and Bankers Trust Co., jointly	100.739
Estabrook & Co., and Bancitaly Corp., jointly	100.721
Kean, Taylor & Co., Lehman Bros., Ames, Emerich & Co., Guardian Detroit Co., and R. M. Schmidt Co., jointly	100.719
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	100.63
Roosevelt & Son, Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Renick, Hodges & Co., Arthur Sinclair, and Wallace & Co., jointly	100.5999
Rutter & Co.	100.463
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, First National Bank of New York, Redmond & Co., and Phelps, Penn & Co., jointly	100.25
Pulley & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Stone, Webster & Blodget, Inc., and First National Co. of Detroit, jointly	100.208

**YPSILANTI, Washtenaw County, Mich.—PUBLIC UTILITY PLANT OFFERED.**—Sealed bids will be received by H. C. Holmes, City Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Feb. 6 for the purchase of the Ypsilanti gas plant and distribution system. A certified check of \$25,000 is required.

**YUMA COUNTY (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$100,000 Gila River bridge, county's portion bonds has been purchased at par by the county.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**CORONATION, Alta.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$5,000 6% 10-installment bonds was recently awarded to W. Ross Alger Corp. at 102.51, a basis of about 5.49%.

**GRAND MERE, Que.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of 5% school bonds amounting to \$36,000 offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 284—was awarded to the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto at 100.52.

**HULL, Que.—BOND SALE.**—The issue of \$156,000 5% 20-year bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 126, p. 138—were awarded to H. C. Monk & Co. of Ottawa, at 102.76. Dated May 1 1927. Coupon bonds may be registered. The bonds mature serially from May 1 1938 to 1947 incl. The purpose of the loan is to provide funds for local improvements and water works construction.

**MacGILLIVRAY TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, were awarded on Jan. 7, an issue of \$30,873.08 5¼% ten installment bonds, at 103.35.

**NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of), P. O. Fredericton.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$1,800,000 maturing Dec. 1 1947 and consisting of \$1,500,000 road impt. bonds and \$300,000 permanent bridge bonds awarded on Nov. 24—V. 125, p. 2974—to a syndicate composed of A. E. Ames & Co., the First National Bank, the Bank of Montreal and Redmond & Co., at 100.569 a basis of about 4.38%, are now being offered by the above-mentioned group priced to yield 4.30%. The bonds it is stated are a legal investment for saving banks and trust funds in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont & Maine, and are a direct charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

**ONTARIO (Province of), P. O. Toronto.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by George W. Lee, Chairman of Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, until 12 m. Jan. 24 care of the Provincial Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$6,000,000 4% coupon Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$107,000, 1939; \$111,000, 1940; \$116,000, 1941; \$120,000, 1942; \$125,000, 1943; \$130,000, 1944; \$136,000, 1945; \$141,000, 1946; \$146,000, 1947; \$152,000, 1948; \$158,000, 1949; \$165,000, 1950; \$171,000, 1951; \$178,000, 1952; \$185,000, 1953; \$193,000, 1954; \$200,000, 1955; \$208,000, 1956; \$217,000, 1957; \$225,000, 1958; \$234,000, 1959; \$244,000, 1960; \$254,000, 1961; \$264,000, 1962; \$274,000, 1963; \$285,000, 1964; \$297,000, 1965; \$309,000, 1966; \$321,000, 1967; and \$334,000, 1968. The bonds are registerable as to principal only, in Toronto or New York. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at holder's option, in gold coin of lawful money of Canada at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Montreal, or at any branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, in Ontario, or in gold coin of the United States of America of the present weight standard of weight and fineness at the Agents of the Commission in the City of New York. These debentures it is stated are fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Provinces of Ontario. Delivery and full payment for debentures with accrued interest to date of payment to be made in Canadian funds in the City of Toronto, Feb. 8. All bids to be for the total amount of debentures offered. A certified check payable to the order of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, for \$60,000 must accompany each bid.

**WALKERVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, was awarded on Jan. 11, an issue of \$169,240 5% improvement bonds at 101.26.

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**5% Bridge Bonds**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Town Board of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York, at the office of the said Town Board in the Village of Southampton, New York, on the 1st day of February, 1928, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the purchase of any or all of an issue of bonds of said Town of Southampton, New York, in the amount of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) issued pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at the biennial town meeting, held in said Town at the time of the general election on the 8th day of November, 1927, for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing a bridge known as Jessup's Bridge at Westhampton Beach in said Town; the bonds will be dated March 1st, 1928, and will bear interest at the rate of Five per centum (5%) per annum payable semi-annually on the first of March and September until retired.

The issue will consist of one hundred (100) bonds of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each numbered consecutively from one (1) to one hundred (100), which will mature as follows:—Nos. one (1) to ten (10) inclusive, aggregating Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on the first day of March, 1929; Ten (10) in numerical order aggregating Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on the first day of March in each and every year thereafter until all of said bonds shall be fully paid.

Said bonds and interest will be payable at the First National Bank of Southampton, N. Y.

All bids must be in writing, sealed and the number of bonds bidder will purchase, stated, and must be accompanied by a certified check for Five per centum (5%) of the amount of the bid. No bonds will be sold for less than par. Interest will be charged purchaser from March 1st, 1928, to date of delivery.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and upon such rejection to thereupon sell said bonds to the highest bidder at public auction. Any bidder to whom any of said bonds may be awarded upon an auction should the same be had, will be required to immediately deposit Five per centum (5%) of the amount of the bid in cash or certified check with the Supervisor of the Town.

Any sums deposited with any accepted bid will be credited with interest at the rate of two per centum (2%) from the date of sale to the date of the delivery of the bonds.

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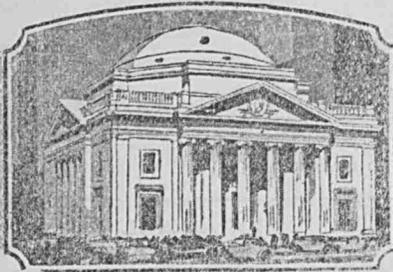
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