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The Financial Situation.

Two statements of brokers' loans have been made public the present week and both speak eloquently as to the extent to which the gigantic speculation on the Stock Exchange is being conducted on borrowed money. It is more than ordinarily important that the figures regarding these brokers' loans should be watched and pondered, inasmuch as the New York Clearing House last Saturday carried out its purpose to discontinue the Saturday weekly returns showing the loans and the reserve position of the Clearing House banks and trust companies which it had been the practice to give out during the whole three-quarters of a century since the organization of the Clearing House. From this it follows that it is henceforth to be denied the public to know how far these Clearing House banks and trust companies, which constitute a distinct body of institutions all by themselves, are sharing in the prevailing tendency to loan virtually without limit on stock and bond collateral, whatever the consequences, and to see whether in pursuit of such policy their reserves have become, or are becoming, impaired and to what extent—such impairment having unfortunately developed very many times in the recent past and led to adverse criticism, to escape which in the future all the information relating thereto is now to be withheld. In the emasculated and very much abbreviated form of statement issued on Saturday last the Clearing House carried out to the full its determination to omit all the really essential facts bearing on the condition of the institutions. Absolutely no figures were given concerning the loans; nothing concerning the reserve kept with the legal depositories; nothing concerning the cash held in vault, and, of course, no computations were given

to show whether reserves were in excess of legal requirements or fell below them.

Of the two statements of brokers' loans which made their appearance the present week, the one that attracted most notice was that issued by the New York Stock Exchange itself. This was perfectly startling in the revelations it furnished of the extent of the further expansion which had occurred during March in this class of borrowing. The Stock Exchange figures are issued only monthly and, as has been so many times pointed out in these columns, they are invariably larger by several hundred million dollars than those given out by the Federal Reserve Board, presumably because the Stock Exchange compilation is all inclusive and embraces borrowing from every source, including (1) net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies by New York Stock Exchange members contracted for and carried in New York, and (2) net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies, or others in the City of New York, while the Federal Reserve figures relate entirely to the 47 reporting member banks in New York City even though these show loans made by the reporting banks not only for their own account, but also for account of out-of-town banks and for account of others.

This latest Stock Exchange statement showed that total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business March 31 1928, aggregated no less than \$4,640,174,172. Not only is this total of extraordinary and unexampled magnitude, leaving all previous figures far in the rear, but as compared with the total on Feb. 29, which was \$4,322,578,914, it shows an increase in the huge sum of \$317,595,258—all this in the single month of March. It may be recalled that on Nov. 30 last this Stock Exchange total for the first time passed the four billion mark, being reported then at \$4,091,836,302. On Dec. 31 there was a further increase to \$4,432,907,321. On Jan. 31 1928 there was a slight decrease from this previous peak figure, the total then having dropped to \$4,420,352,541. The return for Feb. 29 showed a more substantial decrease as a result of the liquidation then in progress on the New York Stock Exchange, the total then falling to \$4,322,578,914. Now at one bound there has come a jump to \$4,640,174,172, not only recovering the whole of the decrease recorded in January and February, but adding over \$207,000,000 to the previous peak figure reached on Dec. 31 last. At \$4,640,174,172 March 31 1928 comparison is with \$3,289,781,174 on March 31 1927, showing an expansion of over \$1,350,000,000 for the twelve months, and with \$3,000,096,167 on March 31 1926, giving an increase for the two years of over \$1,640,000,000. If we compare with the low figure of \$2,767,400,514 recorded

on May 28, 1926, the expansion is seen to amount to over \$1,872,000,000!

The Federal Reserve figures tell the same tale of ever growing expansion. Being of a later date than the Stock Exchange return, they bear witness to the fact that the expansion is still in progress. That, of course, is what would be expected, in view of the further rise in prices on the Stock Exchange and the steady growth in the volume of the dealings. For the reason indicated above, the Federal Reserve totals always run considerably smaller than the Stock Exchange totals. They have not yet reached the four billion mark, but are fast getting there and another week will doubtless see them beyond that figure. The Stock Exchange figures were for the close of business on Saturday last (March 31). Last week's Federal Reserve return was for the close of business on March 28. The present week's Federal Reserve statement brings the record down to the close of business on Wednesday night (April 4). In this single week from one Wednesday night to the other, the total of these loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) by the 47 reporting member banks in New York City rose from \$3,825,379,000 to \$3,979,308,000, being an addition of no less than \$153,929,000, or at the rate of considerably over \$600,000,000 a month! Call loans on the Stock Exchange have notably risen in recent weeks and so, for that matter, have time loans. In view of that fact, it is interesting to observe that during the past week the loans made by these reporting member banks for their own account increased from \$1,120,864,000 to \$1,264,718,000 and the loans made for account of out-of-town banks from \$1,426,739,000 to \$1,499,806,000, though the loans for account of others fell from \$1,277,776,000 to \$1,214,784,000. As compared with twelve months ago, there is very striking expansion in each of the leading categories, loans for own account now (April 4 1928) at \$1,264,718,000 comparing with \$968,794,000 on April 6 1927; loans for account of out-of-town banks at \$1,499,806,000 comparing with \$1,072,575,000, and loans for account of others at \$1,214,784,000 comparing with \$798,869,000. Thus banking institutions in all quarters are contributing their portion towards stimulating Stock Exchange speculation. The grand total of these brokers' loans for April 4 1928 at \$3,979,308,000 compares with only \$2,840,238,000 on April 6 1927, showing an expansion for the year of \$1,139,070,000.

It would appear, too, from the present week's statements for the Federal Reserve Banks themselves that recourse is now again being had to the facilities of the Reserve institutions in meeting the constantly growing demand for loans on stock and bond collateral. During the week under review the aggregate of the discounts for member banks by the 12 Reserve institutions increased from \$524,096,000 to \$601,476,000; holdings of acceptances were reduced somewhat, declining from \$346,103,000 to \$343,636,000, and holdings of United States Government securities also moved somewhat lower, the amount falling off from \$385,832,000 to \$383,232,000. Altogether, total holdings of bill and securities now (April 4) at \$1,329,334,000 compare with \$1,257,021,000 a week ago, showing an increase of \$72,313,000, of which it is worth noting \$51,835,000 occurred at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. When we look back a year we find that the total now at \$1,329,334,000, compares with only \$985,604,000 on

April 6, 1927, showing an expansion in the amount of Reserve credit employed in the sum of \$343,730,000—which tells the story of what is going on. During the past week member bank reserves with the 12 Reserve institutions increased from \$2,357,143,000 to \$2,400,808,000; deposits (made up mainly of these reserves) increased from \$2,404,215,000 to \$2,434,987,000, and Federal Reserve notes in circulation rose from \$1,567,052,000 to \$1,601,010,000, while gold holdings diminished from \$2,759,963,000 to \$2,743,529,000.

The stock market the present week has not been so furiously active as was the case last week. Last week there were occasions when the market fairly boiled with excitement and activity. There has been no repetition of this the present week, though a close approach to it came on Thursday when renewed buoyancy developed under the leadership of the railroad shares. The calmer and more subdued character of the dealings attracted the more attention as the heavy 1st of April interest and dividend disbursements might have been expected to lead to considerable investment buying of securities, though investment purchases even when large are hardly a circumstance alongside the overwhelming volume of speculative operations in these days of hectic trading. Very likely, however, the Easter holidays (the Stock Exchange was closed yesterday, Good Friday, and will be closed also to-day), and the Jewish Pass-over played their part in diminishing somewhat the volume of business, which nevertheless remained of large proportions, though not equalling the extraordinary and unprecedented dimensions of the previous week. Perhaps the most potent influence of all was a feeling on the part of the big financial interests, who are behind the bull speculation, that the market was developing a runaway character and in these circumstances it was the part of wisdom to apply the brakes for a short while.

The market appears to have been left largely to itself on Saturday last, and realizing sales led to considerable declines in many of the market leaders, particularly those which had been very prominent in the rise. The same situation prevailed on Monday, an advance in the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange to 5½% aiding in keeping the market unsettled for the time being, and encouraging realizing sales as well as bear operations. This, however, does not mean that there was any general collapse. The market leaders were under pressure and moved lower, some of them quite extensively so. At the same time, however, operations for higher prices were carried on in a good many separate stocks and did not fail of success. On Tuesday, the market rallied all around and substantial recovery ensued in the shares previously weak, while vigorous advances occurred in a number of stocks which had been freshly taken in hand for the purpose of bullish manipulations. The independent motor stocks became a prominent feature and the copper stocks were made to do duty in the same way, while what appeared to be a real investment demand gave strength to the railroad group. A drop in the call money rate aided in reviving the speculative spirit.

On Wednesday the market encountered a new setback in the huge increase in brokers' loans during the month of March shown in the Stock Exchange statement issued after the close of business on Tuesday afternoon. The extent of the increase was entirely

unexpected and took the whole community by surprise, and traders brought extensive pressure to bear against stocks like General Motors, Radio Corporation of America, General Electric, Montgomery Ward & Co., and Sears-Roebuck & Co. The rubber stocks were weak, owing to the announcement made by Stanley Baldwin, the British Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, that the Stevenson restriction plan limiting exports of crude rubber from Malaya and Ceylon would be definitely abandoned the coming Nov. 1. Even at this time, however, many specialties were rushed upward with great rapidity. The aeroplane stocks deserve particular mention in this respect, Wright Aeronautic spurting up from 127 to 142, though closing at 132, while Curtiss Aeroplane had shot up the day before from 69½ to 92. Among other stocks in which similar performances were staged may be mentioned American Republic Corp., Ludlum Steel, Houston Oil and Johns-Manville, this latter jumping from 118 to 130¾.

On Thursday with the big volume of brokers' loans still a feature, and with a renewed advance in the call loan rate to 5½%, the market might have been expected to show renewed weakness. Instead of that, actual buoyancy developed, resulting in general advances. General Motors stock once more came to the front and led in a vigorous forward movement, while many of the railroad stocks were again taken hold of and vigorously bid up. The copper stocks were also again advanced with great rapidity, while the local traction shares were likewise made the subject of pronounced bullish demonstrations on the suggestion that the outcome of the litigation against them in the Federal courts must inevitably be favorable. All these movements were to one end, and evidently a determined effort was made to give the market the appearance of having closed strong, in view of the three-day holiday ahead, for the effect this would have upon the general public which is now such a strong factor in the speculation. No one who watches the market closely from day to day, without having any interest in it, can fail to gain the impression that strong financial interests are behind it and are guiding its course and that their policy is never to let any liquidation or any setback go too far, or go so far as to create demoralization or to disturb the confidence of the outside public. When the market gets to the point where there is danger of anything of the kind, these interests step in and revive waning confidence by resuming bullish demonstrations in some new group of favorites especially selected for the purpose.

The net result of these varying movements is that the net changes for the week are rather irregular, involving numerous losses as well as many gains. General Motors closed at 193¾ on Thursday, as against 192 on Friday of last week; Radio Corporation of America closed at 183¼, against 195; General Electric closed at 156, against 159; Montgomery Ward & Co. closed at 143¾ against 151½, while Sears-Roebuck & Co. closed at 101⅝ against 104½. In the copper group, Greene-Cananea closed at 132½ against 130⅞, Kennecott Copper at 85¼ against 86⅝, Calumet & Arizona at 102⅞ against 106½, and Anaconda Copper at 66½ against 62⅞. The rubber stocks, of course, show severe declines, and U. S. Rubber pref. closed at 85⅞ against 96⅞ on Friday of last week, while the common closed at 46⅞ against 52¾. Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed at

54⅞ against 58½, and B. F. Goodrich at 82⅞ against 86.

U. S. Steel common, as was the case last week and in several previous weeks, did not respond very readily to bullish endeavors; it closed Thursday at 147⅞ against 148½ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel closed at 59 against 58¾, and Republic Iron & Steel at 60½ against 60⅞. In the case of the motor stocks, Packard Motors closed Thursday at 70⅞ against 69½ last Friday; Hudson Motors at 93¾ against 94¼, Hupp Motors at 53⅞ against 54¾, Studebaker at 67⅞ against 65¾, and Chrysler at 69⅞ against 71.

The railroad stocks have nearly all scored substantial advances during the week, New York Central closed at 178 against 176 last Friday, Pennsylvania R. R. stock closed at 69¾ against 68⅞, Atchison closed at 193 against 190⅞, the directors of this company the present week put the stock on a regular 10% per annum dividend basis, as against the previous 7% with 3% extra; Union Pacific closed at 197¼ against 198½, Canadian Pacific at 213¼ against 213¾, Chesapeake & Ohio at 197 against 193, Del. & Hudson at 184 against 175¼, Texas & Pacific at 139½ against 131, and St. Louis-San Francisco at 120 against 120½. Wabash has been one of the strong features of the week and closed Thursday at 81½ against 71⅞ last Friday; it developed that the Del. & Hudson had bought a large amount of Wabash stock out of the proceeds of the sale of \$35,000,000 bonds received as consideration for the sale of the coal lands and there was talk of some advantage to be realized by the road from a re-grouping of the great east and west trunk lines. The volume of business on the Stock Exchange each day was large, though not of the exceptional proportions attained last week. Saturday's sales reached 2,430,920 shares, a new high record for a Saturday half-holiday. On Monday the full day's dealings were 3,412,750 shares; on Tuesday 2,936,160 shares; on Wednesday 3,154,740 shares, and on Friday 3,757,690 shares.

Complete abandonment of the Stevenson rationing scheme whereby the British Government attempted to control the price of crude rubber was announced in the House of Commons, Wednesday, by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin. All restrictions on the exportation of rubber from Malaya and Ceylon are to be removed Nov. 1, according to the announcement, which was followed by a severe drop both in London rubber shares and in the price of the commodity. The step was taken, a London dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Times" said, as the result of the receipt of a report of a Committee of Civil Research deputed to inquire into the matter. This committee was appointed last February and the removal of the restrictions was deemed probable from that time onward. "In many quarters here," the "Times" dispatch said, "abolition of the restriction is welcomed. It is pointed out that it utterly failed to maintain the price of the commodity at 1 shilling, 9 pence, which was the figure aimed at, and encouraged unrestricted Dutch rubber production so that the proportion of the world's supply contributed by the Dutch plantations doubled in the last six years." Beginning November 1, the British producers will be allowed to export at full capacity on the same basis as foreign producers and this, it was thought, will enable them to recover the

supremacy in the industry which was lost to the Dutch producers as a result, it is claimed, of the restrictive scheme.

All British interests, however, did not share the views of the Prime Minister. Major General Sir Robert Hutchinson, the Liberal whip, declared that the removal of the restrictions meant disaster to the industry and the ruination of thousands of people connected with it. In Washington satisfaction was expressed at the action of the British Government, Dr. Julius Klein, head of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, declaring that the general atmosphere of world trade will be benefited thereby. "All of these schemes for controlling output and prices of essential raw materials by an unnatural welding of governmental and commercial interests are a heritage of the great war," said Dr. Klein, "and the closing up of the rubber control will mean a step toward clearing international trade of these essential handicaps."

A lively dispute between the French Government Film Control Committee and representatives of the American moving picture industry over the terms on which American films are to be admitted into France occasioned much interest the past week. The dispute, which has been going on for some months, was occasioned by the desire of French producers to limit the showing of American films to four for each French film that was purchased by Americans for showing in this country. This desire was incorporated in a ruling of the Film Commission which has been pending while the conversations continued. As American films are now shown in France in much heavier proportion than the four-to-one scale, enforcement of the ruling was understood to imply either heavy expenditures for French films which are not always suitable for the American market or else curtailment of the very extensive film business which Americans conduct in France. As neither horn of this dilemma appeared particularly desirable, the large American companies were said to have decided to boycott the French market unless the regulations were modified sufficiently to permit normal trade. Such a boycott, it was pointed out, would cost the American producers a considerable sum, but it would prove much more serious for the owners of French cinemas. The latter, it was declared, might find it necessary to close their theatres on a wholesale scale for lack of films to show.

The enforcement of the so-called four-to-one quota was deferred by the Film Commission in Paris on March 27. This was occasioned partly by the expected arrival in the French capital of Will H. Hays, American film executive. On Mr. Hays's arrival on March 30, he entered immediately into conversations with M. Jean Sapene, the leading figure in the French moving picture industry. At a meeting of the Film Committee Wednesday, it was decided, however, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris, to adhere to the four-to-one plan. But an additional provision was adopted whereby 200 American films are to be admitted immediately, irrespective of the quota. One of the chief influences in this decision, a copyrighted dispatch to the New York "Times" said, was pressure from the theatre owners because of the threatened shortage of films and therefore the likelihood of forced closings. The representatives of the American industry apparently found this proviso unacceptable. They were

reputed to have gathered in Paris Thursday and to have decided to reject the French compromise as an ameliorative measure which would leave the basic situation unchanged at the end of three or four months. The distribution of American films by the larger companies will be entirely withheld, it was said, until a solution of the controversy is arrived at. It was understood that diplomatic representations to this end may be made by Ambassador Herrick.

Negotiations between the Governments of France and the United States looking toward the conclusion of a treaty in which war would be proscribed as an instrument of national policy were carried a step further on March 30, when the French reply to Secretary of State Kellogg's note of Feb. 27 was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Claudel. The text of the note was made public last Saturday in both capitals by pre-arrangement. This latest French rejoinder in the protracted exchange which began last December was understood to have been drafted by the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, only after the most mature deliberation and careful consultation at Geneva early in March with the Foreign Ministers of Great Britain and Germany. The negotiations were begun by Secretary Kellogg on Dec. 28 last, on the basis of M. Briand's suggestion of last June that a "Pact of Perpetual Friendship" be concluded between the two great Republics. Mr. Kellogg suggested that the scope of the projected convention be widened so as to include the Governments of Great Britain, Italy, Germany and Japan as signatories. To this M. Briand agreed "in principle," but stated that such a "multilateral" pact should renounce only wars of aggression, owing to French commitments under the Covenant of the League of Nations. Mr. Kellogg, in his note of Feb. 27 to M. Briand, objected to such limitation of the proposed accord as "very greatly weakening and virtually destroying the positive value of the declaration as a guaranty of peace."

M. Briand, in his answer of March 30 restated the French position in terms which Paris opinion apparently regarded as final, although in Washington it was suggested that additional clarification would be required. Expressing gratification at Mr. Kellogg's "new and cordial affirmation of the common inspiration which animates our two Governments," the French Foreign Minister declared that he was "equally anxious to co-operate in an international movement toward the effective establishment of peace in the world." In order to facilitate the matter, the French Government, M. Briand said, proposed to "adopt as practicable a point of view as possible." The French desire to limit the proposed multilateral accord to wars of aggression only was explained as "intended to obviate insofar as the American plan was concerned, the serious difficulties which would assuredly be encountered in practice." M. Briand reiterated and elaborated his belief in the possibility of an unconditional bilateral pact between France and the United States, the more so since his proposal of last June "was drafted in such a way as to limit strictly the mutual undertakings which it contained to those relations in law resulting from intercourse between the two signatory States alone."

Turning next to the expressed desire of Mr. Kellogg to conclude a multilateral pact on the basis of

an unconditional pledge, M. Briand said that the French Government would hesitate to discuss longer the question of its adherence to a plan "which the American Government originated and for which it is responsible." France, it was added, is wholly disposed, for the purpose of finding a common basis for initial negotiations, to suggest the co-operation of the Governments of Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Japan. But the proviso was again insisted upon that French obligations, both as a member of the League of Nations and as a party to the Treaties of Locarno or of treaties guaranteeing neutrality, must not in any way be lost sight of. Satisfaction was expressed at the suggestion of the United States that the participation of all Governments in the world be invited. This conception, the note pointed out, "accords with the reservation actually necessary for obtaining a real instrument for the establishment of peace by means of a formal engagement among all the powers among whom political controversies may arise." Moreover, it was declared to be imperatively necessary that if one of the signatory States should fail to keep its word, "the other signatories should be released from their engagement." The "right of legitimate defense" was also specifically insisted upon in accordance with conversations which, the note indicated, took place in Washington March 1, between Mr. Kellogg and Ambassador Claudel.

These three fundamental points were again restated in the note in the order, first, that wars of legitimate defense are not to be barred in the proposed convention; second, in case of violation of the compact by one of the signatories, all the other signatories are immediately to regain their full liberty of action as regards that nation; third, that the treaty is to be universal in principle and not confined to the six great powers heretofore specifically named as possible participants. "It is in this form," the note declared, "that the negotiation of a plan for a multilateral compact such as conceived by the American Government could be pursued with the greatest chances of success." And, finally, the most sincere and most complete collaboration of the French Government was offered "with any solemn and formal undertaking tending to ensure, strengthen or extend the effective solidarity of the nations in the cause of peace."

Secretary Kellogg, in making public the text of the note, limited himself to the opinion that it brought the Governments closer together. He was understood to hold the belief, however, a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, that the French reservations in regard to previous obligations, such as the agreement under the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Locarno treaties, would offer serious difficulties in the conclusion of such a sweeping treaty as the Secretary had in mind. It was pointed out that this reservation, though extremely general in language, seemed to restate the French position that war would be resorted to, under the proposed convention, only when it had to be resorted to, whereas Mr. Kellogg's original suggestion was for a drastic renunciation of all resort to war. Some discussion was caused at the State Department, this dispatch added, by the question as to the precise difference between permitting "wars of legitimate defense," which M. Briand insisted could not be proscribed, and the barring of "wars of aggression" only, to which Mr. Kellogg took serious

objection. Mr. Kellogg was said to have "explained just what the great difference was" between these two declarations, but unfortunately the explanation was not made public. The French note was looked upon, nevertheless, as creating a more hopeful atmosphere for the future of the proposed Kellogg treaty.

In Paris it was made clear semi-officially, according to a copyrighted dispatch of April 1 to the New York "Times," that M. Briand's latest note is intended as a final studied answer to Mr. Kellogg's proposal for a multilateral pact. A further exchange of notes was said to be looked for, but it was asserted that M. Briand's stated qualifications "will not be altered by any subsequent correspondence." Moreover, it was again made plain that M. Briand spoke not only for France, but in concert with all the other powers which would take first rank among the signatories. France, it was indicated, has made a serious effort to understand and translate into understandable terms the nebulous ideas which have hitherto been exchanged across the Atlantic, and any reply from Washington must, in French opinion, contain something tangible in the way of a text for the proposed plan. In a similar dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," it was stated, furthermore, that a very considerable body of French opinion regards the negotiations as nothing more than a kind of "international rhetoric" intended to influence the coming elections. Men trained in international politics were said to be asking "how can anyone hope to obtain the signatures of all powers to such a wholesale renunciation of war? Even if nine-tenths of them finally agreed, it would take years to obtain ratification by the different governments concerned. In that time the treaties would die a natural death." The intimations in the Paris press that the negotiations were motivated by the coming elections were emphatically denied by Mr. Kellogg Monday. The Secretary of State on the same day began private discussions with the French Ambassador, M. Paul Claudel, regarding the projected treaty.

In a speech at Carcassone last Sunday, Premier Poincare of France made what was declared to be the most important political pronouncement of the year when he stated that his Government is ready to discuss the "bankers' plan" for the settlement of reparations and interallied debts. The announcement was made by Premier Poincare, who is also the French Finance Minister, in the course of a political speech in which he defended the record of his Government and appealed for the re-election later in the month of those deputies who gave support to the Coalition regime. The terms in which the announcement was made were reported in a Paris dispatch of April 2 to the Associated Press as follows: "It is possible that soon, in connection with the payment of the Dawes plan annuity, there will be occasion to consider when there should be placed on the market the railroad and industrial bonds contemplated by this plan. . . . It would be premature to hazard on this subject predictions that events might belie. All that it is proper to say is that with proper regard for our security and our rights to reparations we will willingly accept when the time comes an arrangement which, by marketing of the bonds, will permit our recent Allies, Germany, and us to settle our debts more rapidly. In any case, no nation appreciates more than ours the economic soli-

ilarity that binds closely all the peoples of the world. Far from thinking of isolating ourselves, we are firmly resolved to work more and more for universal rapprochement of minds which will prepare and some day assure the rapprochement of hearts."

The inferences drawn from this speech, that Premier Poincare is seriously considering the possibility of making the German railroad and industrial Dawes bonds salable, were confirmed in Paris official circles Monday, but it was said at the same time that no definite plan has been agreed upon. Paris opinion, however, in the absence of any official indication of the substance of the plan, was said to have fallen back for some intimation of the project upon the "bankers' plan" published in the New York "Times" of March 24. According to this plan, German reparations, instead of remaining at the theoretical total of 132,000,000,000 gold marks, would be set at 32,000,000,000 gold marks, for which German bonds would be issued. One-half of the sum, or 16,000,000,000 gold marks, would be made up of German railroad and industrial bonds, while the other 16,000,000,000 marks would be taken care of by the German budget. "Under the proposed plan," a Paris dispatch of March 23 to the New York "Times" said, "the receipts from the sale of the railroad and industrial bonds would be used largely to liquidate the Allied debts to America, while the other 16,000,000,000 marks, most of which would be paid in kind as in the past, would go to France and Belgium to recompense them for the cost of reconstruction of war damage." In a further dispatch to the "Times," dated April 1, it was stated that American bankers are the prime movers in the plan.

The most intense interest was displayed in M. Poincare's speech early this week, not only in Berlin and London, but also in Washington. The original plan, according to a Washington dispatch of April 2 to the New York "Herald Tribune," was drafted by Bernard M. Baruch, of New York, late last year and was amplified in Treasury discussions with S. Parker Gilbert, Jr., the American administrator of the Dawes plan. "Considerable progress" was declared to have been made, although "the Treasury Department still declines to discuss the situation, fearing that public discussion of the gigantic financing plan may hamper the negotiations." In Berlin, the French Premier's speech was received with much satisfaction, although official circles maintained an attitude of cautious reserve. The German press generally acclaimed the speech, "particularly," a dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, "because the French Premier has at last made a Sunday speech without dragging in the question of war guilt." Wilhelmstrasse, according to a dispatch of April 2 to the New York "Times," is actively preparing to encourage M. Poincare's move for a definitive settlement of post-war obligations among the nations concerned on both sides of the Atlantic. The London reaction was declared to be one of passive agreement with the statement of the French statesman. British officials, however, were inclined to regard the American attitude as the final determinant of the matter. Much comment was said to have been caused in Paris by the presence there of S. Parker Gilbert, Jr., which, a dispatch of April 4 to the New York "Times" indicated, "has lent significance to the situation."

A severe setback in negotiations between the Catholic church and the Italian State for settlement of the Roman question was envisaged late last week in a series of sharp pronouncements by the Pope and by Premier Mussolini, obviously aimed at each other. The Roman question has existed since 1870, when the unification of Italy caused the loss of the temporal power by the Catholic Pontiff. Unremitting efforts by the successive popes to secure a restoration of this power were of no avail, but it was thought recently that unofficial discussions which were known to be in progress might point the way to a solution of the question. Pope Pius, however, in an address before the executive committee of the Roman Diocesan Union on March 26 commented in severe terms on a faction of the Church which "put on the same footing and attributed the same right to the despoiled Holy See and the State responsible for this spoliation." The Roman Pontiff also disparaged what he termed the State "monopoly in the education of youth."

Premier Mussolini replied promptly on March 28 in his customary direct and vigorous style. It is quite impossible, the Premier said, for the State to give up this "monopoly," as the Fascist regime considered the preparation of its citizens one of its fundamental duties. Il Duce hinted, a Rome dispatch of March 28 to the New York "Times" said, that the Fascist State, far from yielding the right, might make its operation more complete by forbidding any organization of youth beyond those founded and controlled by the Fascist party. "Whenever the State fails to fulfill this task or admits any discussion thereof, it places in jeopardy purely and simply its right to exist," Signor Mussolini said. This pronouncement was followed March 30 by the promulgation of a Fascist decree summarily suppressing all Catholic and other non-Fascist institutions for the training of the youth of Italy. The breach between the two opponents was thus seen to widen, and, according to a Rome dispatch of March 30 to the New York "Times," it was regarded as irreparable at least for the present. But there are many, this report added, "who point out that relations between Church and State have passed through worse crises in the past. This is true, and there would be nothing surprising in seeing Church and State gradually drawing closer together again after a time, when the present difficulties have blown over."

An earthquake of short duration, but of great intensity, occurred at Smyrna in Asia Minor early last Saturday, causing the deaths of forty-eight persons and extensive property damage. The earth slippage apparently centered in the immediate vicinity of Smyrna, long famed as the "Capital of Disaster" because of the series of quakes, fires and pestilences that have visited the city. Many of the houses built in the city since 1922, when a fire practically destroyed the community, were said to have collapsed in the present shock. Thirty-eight persons, all Turks, were reported killed in the debris of the falling buildings. Unofficial assurances that all foreigners were safe were received in Constantinople on the following day. A total of 1,970 buildings were reported to have been demolished, the damage being estimated at \$2,000,000. The shock was declared to have been heaviest at the neighboring village of Tourboli, which was half destroyed. Ten deaths were reported in Tourboli and in other villages surround-

ing Smyrna. In Smyrna itself two bank buildings tumbled into ruins, according to reports from Constantinople. Terrifying phenomena accompanied the shocks, these reports said.

An agreement for the settlement of the Nanking incident of March, 1927, when one American was killed, several injured and the American Consulate looted, was arrived at March 30 between the United States Government and the Nanking Nationalist Government of China. The settlement was regarded as of the greatest importance, since it probably marks a turning point in the relations of the Nationalist Government with the Western Powers. It was considered that a measure of recognition for the Nationalist regime was implied in the negotiations and it was held that the way would be opened thereby for the re-establishment of the Nanking Consulate and the return of American missionaries and business men. Efforts to effect a settlement of the incident, which occurred during the northward sweep of the Canton Nationalist armies one year ago, were frequent throughout the past year, both British and American officials insisting that the Nationalist Government come to terms. These efforts had hitherto failed because of the truculent attitude of the Nationalists. The latter, in return for settlement of the incident, demanded an apology for the shelling of Socony hill in Nanking by the American and British naval forces. They hoped also to obtain de jure recognition and the commitment of the Western powers to the principle of treaty revision.

The actual settlement, arranged in an exchange of notes between John V. A. MacMurray, American Minister to Peking, and Huang Fu, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Nationalist Government, conceded none of these points. In its first note the Nationalist Government apologized for the occurrence and promised reparation for the damage done as well as punishment of the offenders. Assurances for the continuous and effective protection of the lives and property of Americans in China were also given. A Sino-American joint commission to verify the actual injuries and damages sustained by American nationals and to assess the amount of compensation due was proposed. Minister MacMurray in his reply expressed confidence in the spirit of sincerity in which the settlement was made and accepted it on behalf of the United States Government. In his second note General Huang Fu referred to the firing into Nanking by American war vessels to aid in rescuing imperiled Americans and expressed the hope that the American Government would apologize for this action. In reply, Minister MacMurray made it clear that the action of the American warships was necessitated by the requirements of the situation. No alternative for the action was considered possible by the American Government, "however deeply it deploras that circumstances beyond its control should have necessitated the adoption of such measures." The third letter expressed the wish of the Nanking Government for early revision of existing treaties and with this aim Minister MacMurray voiced sympathy while at the same time he stated that such revision can only occur from time to time as a Chinese Administration is developed which can assure the actual fulfillment of Chinese obligations.

The news of the settlement was variously received in different parts of China. Most Americans in

Shanghai, according to a dispatch of April 1 to the New York "Herald Tribune," were pleased at the settlement, although one fairly numerous faction remained averse to concessions of any kind to the Chinese. Peking regarded the arrangement as a personal triumph for Minister MacMurray. In the British colony of Hongkong regret was general. Conditions throughout China, meanwhile, remain virtually unchanged from the chaotic state reached last Autumn. The greater part of Shantung Province lies waste as the aftermath of a devastating famine. In the great central valley of the Yangtze, several Governments are carefully watching each other with the utmost distrust. Further south Communists and Nationalists are engaged in murderous strife. The regime of the Tuchuns, or Provincial Governors, who are responsible to no central authority and who "squeeze" the impoverished people by ever greater exactions, continues without any apparent likelihood of an early change.

The Bank of Italy on Monday reduced its discount rate from 6½% to 6%. On March 5 it may be recalled the rate was marked down from 7% to 6½%. Otherwise there have been no changes this week in discount rates by any of the central banks of Europe. Rates continue at 7% in Germany; 6% in Austria; 5½% in Norway; 5% in Denmark and Madrid; 4½% in London, Belgium and Holland, and 3½% in France, Switzerland and Sweden. In London open market discounts are 4% for both short and long bills, against 4 1-16% for both on Friday of last week. Money on call in London was quoted at 3¾% on Thursday; yesterday was a holiday being Good Friday. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3¼% and in Switzerland also at 3¼%.

A loss in gold of £885,769 was reported by the Bank of England, in its statement for the week ended April 4. As notes in circulation increased £1,196,000, the loss in the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department amounted to £2,082,000. The ratio of reserve to liabilities dropped from 37.96% last week to 35.16% now. Important changes occurred in both the deposit items, public deposits gaining £12,363,000 while "other" deposits diminished £9,364,000. Loans on Government securities increased £3,966,000 and loans on other securities £474,000. The Bank's gold holdings now total £157,244,685 as against £151,300,457 last year and £146,655,218 in 1926. Notes in circulation now aggregate £136,605,000 against £137,859,345 and £141,891,810 in 1927 and 1926 respectively. The Banks official discount rate remains at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England returns for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928. April 4.	1927. April 6.	1926. April 7.	1925. April 8.	1924. April 9.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation b.....	136,605,000	137,859,345	141,891,810	122,484,845	125,742,395
Public deposits.....	25,998,000	21,035,604	13,175,540	13,126,357	12,975,966
Other deposits.....	88,883,000	103,249,167	106,971,945	109,505,434	108,908,860
Gov't securities.....	34,791,000	30,981,935	45,140,328	39,878,218	41,517,736
Other securities.....	57,351,000	77,765,873	68,205,349	74,495,908	75,931,740
Reserve notes & coin	40,390,000	33,191,112	24,513,408	25,973,131	22,123,461
Coin and bullion a.....	157,244,685	151,300,457	146,655,218	128,707,976	128,115,856
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities.....	35.16%	26.70%	20.40%	21½%	18½%
Bank rate.....	4½%	5%	5%	5%	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 April 4, showed an increase in note circulation of no less than 1,712,780,000 francs, raising the total of circulation to 60,243,689,880 francs, which is the highest figure ever recorded by the Bank. For the corresponding week last year, circulation was 53,350,830,415 francs and in 1926, 52,851,086,535 francs. Gold holdings were reported unchanged. Silver decreased 2,000 francs, general deposits 434,620,000 francs and divers assets 754,449,000 francs. Bills discounted rose 264,840,000 francs, trade advances 15,297,000 francs, treasury deposits 16,888,000 francs and advances to the State 1,050,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for 3 years past.

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week. Franks.	Status as of		
		April 4 1928. Franks.	April 6 1927. Franks.	April 7 1926. Franks.
In France.....	Unchanged	3,679,527,568	3,683,507,443	3,684,014,640
Abroad—available.....	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Abroad—non-avail.....	Unchanged	1,401,549,429		
Total.....	Unchanged	5,543,848,475	5,547,828,350	5,548,335,547
Silver.....	Dec. 2,000	342,936,578	342,254,877	332,175,079
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 264,840,000	2,609,873,356	2,239,233,855	3,343,990,431
Trade advances.....	Inc. 15,297,000	1,726,105,122	1,894,886,929	2,537,921,220
Note circulation.....	Inc. 1,712,780,000	60,243,689,880	53,350,830,415	52,851,086,535
Treasury deposits.....	Inc. 16,888,000	21,614,687	36,204,026	3,601,001
General deposits.....	Dec. 434,620,000	7,952,077,087	3,885,884,061	2,822,381,760
Advances to State.....	Inc. 1,050,000,000	24,200,000,000	8,150,000,000	36,250,000,000
Divers assets.....	Dec. 754,449,000	25,246,838,687	12,067,181,322	3,585,551,138

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the last week of March showed an increase in note circulation of 750,059,000 marks raising the total of that item to 4,513,155,000 marks as against 3,588,706,000 marks last year and 3,159,643,000 marks the year before. Other daily maturing obligations rose 37,442,000 marks and other liabilities 13,556,000 marks. On the asset side reserve in foreign currency decreased 37,902,000 marks, silver and other coin 17,172,000 marks, notes on other German banks 19,068,000 marks and investments 111,000 marks. Deposits abroad remained unchanged. Gold and bullion rose 21,812,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 724,432,000 marks, advances 53,525,000 marks and other assets 75,543,000 marks. Below we give a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for three years past.

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week. Reichsmarks.	Mar. 31 1928. Reichsmarks.			Mar. 31 1927. Reichsmarks.			Mar. 31 1926 Reichsmark.		
		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmark.	Reichsmark.	Reichsmark.	Reichsmark.	Reichsmark.	Reichsmark.
Gold and bullion.....	Inc. 21,812,000	1,930,756,000	1,851,669,000	1,491,089,000						
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	85,626,000	101,388,000	262,620,000						
Res'v in for'n curr.....	Dec. 37,902,000	188,866,000	203,002,000	481,164,000						
Bills of exch. & checks Inc.	724,432,000	2,652,042,000	1,962,733,000	1,215,877,000						
Silver and other coin.....	Dec. 17,172,000	59,947,000	131,768,000	90,160,000						
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Dec. 19,068,000	6,886,000	6,266,000	8,641,000						
Advances.....	Inc. 53,525,000	84,866,000	81,064,000	77,532,000						
Investments.....	Dec. 111,000	94,047,000	92,912,000	244,452,000						
Other assets.....	Inc. 75,543,000	623,781,000	425,507,000	922,920,000						
Liabilities—										
Notes in circulation.....	Inc. 750,059,000	4,513,155,000	3,588,706,000	3,159,643,000						
Oth. dally matur. oblig. Inc.	37,442,000	532,637,000	616,429,000	625,400,000						
Other liabilities.....	Inc. 13,556,000	188,381,000	183,605,000	386,919,000						

The New York money market in the past week has been the center of active interest for the entire financial community, a definite trend toward higher rates being viewed as of peculiar significance for the present securities markets. Rates for call money, always the most sensitive barometer of money conditions, maintained their advance of the previous week and touched an ever higher figure on several of the trading days. Demand loans were quoted at 5% to 5½% Monday, the higher figure being recorded for the first time since Jan. 4. On Tuesday and Wednesday the rate remained firm at 5%, while on Thursday, when arrangements were made which carried transactions over until Monday, the 5½% figure was again reached. Calling of loans by the banks was substantial on each of the four trading days, being reported at \$30,000,000 Monday, \$15,000,000 Tuesday, \$25,000,000 Wednesday, and

\$30,000,000 Thursday. One factor which contributed toward firmness was understood to be the return to Chicago early in the week of some \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 which had been sent to the New York market in order to avoid the Illinois State tax on bank deposits which is levied as of March 31. This was counterbalanced, however, by the return of funds from the month end settlements, which were among the heaviest on record. Time money also reflected the increased firmness some maturities reaching higher figures than have prevailed for months past. Two reports of brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral were made available in the past week, and both reflected as noted further above the serious condition that has been caused by the unrestrained activity in the securities markets throughout the month of March. Gold shipments also continued unabated, the movement from New York for the week ending Wednesday being reported by the Federal Reserve Bank at \$16,078,000. Imports were negligible.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, the renewal rate for call loans on Monday was 5% but the general rate rose to 5½% as the day progressed. On Tuesday and Wednesday the renewal rate was continued at 5% and all other loans were at the same figure. On Thursday with the renewal rate still 5% the general rate again rose to 5½%. Friday being Good Friday, the Stock Exchange was closed and no loaning was done. Rates for time loans have again been advanced all around, and the quotation for all maturities from 30 days to six months is 4¾@4⅞%. For commercial paper consisting of four to six months' names of choice character no transactions are now reported at less than 4¼%, while a trifling business has even been done at 4½%. For names less well known the quotation now is 4½@4¾%. For New England mill paper the quotation is 4½%.

In the market for banks and bankers acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances was advanced on Monday to 4½% and was continued unchanged at that figure the rest of the week. The posted rates of the Acceptance Council for prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks remain at 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 30 days, 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for bills running 60 days, 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 90 days and also for 120 days and 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market rates are likewise unchanged as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.								
Prime eligible bills.....	180 Days		150 Days		12 Days		Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	4	3¾	4	3¾	3¾	3¾		
Prime eligible bills.....	90 Days		60 Days		30 Days			
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.		
	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾		
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.								
Eligible member banks.....								4 bid
Eligible non-member banks.....								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 Apr. 6.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	4	Feb. 8 1928	3½
New York.....	4	Feb. 3 1928	3½
Philadelphia.....	4	Feb. 16 1928	3½
Cleveland.....	4	Mar. 1 1928	3½
Richmond.....	4	Jan. 27 1928	3½
Atlanta.....	4	Feb. 11 1928	3½
Chicago.....	4	Jan. 25 1928	3½
St. Louis.....	4	Feb. 21 1928	3½
Minneapolis.....	4	Feb. 7 1928	3½
Kansas City.....	4	Feb. 10 1928	3½
Dallas.....	4	Feb. 8 1928	3½
San Francisco.....	4	Feb. 4 1928	3½

Sterling exchange has been exceptionally firm this week, although the market on the whole has been dull, as is characteristic of Easter week. While demand for exchange has been of a more or less routine character, the transactions from this side have been too meagre to cause the exceptional firmness shown, and, as during many weeks past, the higher quotations must be ascribed to the dearth of sterling existing in most centers and to a relatively large short interest in sterling in most markets. In Wednesday's market sterling again touched the high previously reached on March 23rd, when cable transfers sold at 4.88 5-16, and on Thursday some transfers were made at 4.88 5-16. The range this week has been from 4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4.87 31-32 for bankers sight, compared with a range last week of 4.87 11-16 to 4.87 15-16. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 4.88 11-32, as compared with 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago. The quotations on Friday with the Stock Exchange and all the commercial exchanges closed were practically nominal. In nearly all countries business ceased on Thursday night for the Easter holidays and will not be resumed until next Tuesday. In almost all countries Good Friday is a holiday, and Easter Saturday and Easter Monday in many. In addition Thursday was celebrated as a holiday in Argentine, Brazil, Colombia, Norway, and Denmark, and in smaller countries. In anticipation of these universal seasonal preparations, the market became as slack as before the Christmas holidays.

It might be thought that the firm money rates on this side would retard the upward movement of sterling, but apparently the unit ignored money rates, a fact which gives color to the views of those bankers who say that the feature of exchange is the plentifulness and weakness of dollar exchange in comparison with an almost universal shortness in holdings of sterling. Again, the pound finds support at this time of the year as a seasonal matter. Ordinarily payments to London from New York on commercial accounts are larger than payments to New York from London. Last year sterling eased off from the beginning of the year to early in February and then moved upward until May. Some London advices still state that the Stock Exchange houses there look for a reduction in the Bank of England rate within the next few weeks. However, other advices from London say that the men of the money market there do not agree with the views of the stockbrokers and point out that conditions on this side of the water are unfavorable to an early reduction in the Bank rate. They point particularly to the increase in loans here for both commercial and Stock Exchange speculative account. The latter loans increased during March more than \$317,000,000 and this, the London money men say, is unfavorable to any immediate change in the London rate. Money was firm in London throughout the week, a factor favoring the firmer rate for exchange. The light transactions of the week reveal some transfers of funds from New York for investment in London-quoted securities. An official announcement of the Government's plans for currency amalgamation is expected this month. It is generally believed that the Chancellor's budget statement of April 24th will announce the actual plan or give some indication of its nature.

This week the Bank of England shows a loss in gold holdings of £885,769. On Saturday last the Bank set aside for account of South Africa £1,000,000

in sovereigns. On Thursday of this week the Bank released £500,000 which had been set aside for account of South Africa. On Tuesday the Bank sold £108,000 in gold bars to an unstated buyer. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Mar. 29-Apr. 4, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$253,000, chiefly from Latin America. The exports totaled \$16,078,000, of which \$11,983,000 were shipped to France, \$3,000,000 to Italy, \$750,000 to Argentina, and \$210,000 to Venezuela. There was no Canadian movement of gold either to or from the United States. Besides the gold officially accounted for by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the \$5,210,000 which was sent here from Soviet Russia on Feb. 21 was sent back to Europe on Thursday on the steamship Dresden, consigned to the Garantie und Kreditbank Fuer den Osten of Berlin, this organization having been the actual shipper of the gold to New York. A joint statement by the Berlin bank and Simpson, Thatcher & Bartlett of New York, counsel for the State bank of the Soviet Republic, was issued to the press explaining the circumstances attending the shipment. This will be found on a subsequent page. Canadian exchange was firm throughout the week, commanding a premium ranging from 3-32 to 7-64 of 1%.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling was firm on Saturday last. Bankers sight was 4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.87 13-16; cable transfers, 4.88 5-32@4.88 3-16. On Monday the firmness was more noticeable. The range was 4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.87 $\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers sight and 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was in demand. The range was 4.87 13-16@4.87 15-16 for bankers sight and 4.88 3-16@4.88 9-32 for cable transfers. On Wednesday the market was steady and firm. Bankers sight was 4.87 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.8795 and cable transfers 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.88 5-16. On Thursday firmness was decided in a dull market. Bankers sight was 4.87 13-16@4.87 31-32 and cable transfers, 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.88 11-32. On Friday the range was 4.87 27-32@4.87 29-32 for bankers sight and 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.88 5-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.87 15-16 for demand and 4.88 5-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87 13-16, 60-day bills at 4.84 3-16, 90-day bills at 4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.84 3-16 and 7-day grain bills at 4.87 $\frac{1}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87 13-16.

The Continental exchanges have been firm though extremely dull for the reasons stated above in the report of sterling exchange. Interest attaches principally to French exchange because of the mystery surrounding the plans of the Bank of France with regard to its increasing gold holdings. As stated above, \$11,983,000 gold was shipped from New York to France on Wednesday. This makes \$48,000,000 of earmarked gold withdrawn from this market by the Bank of France in the past several weeks, and a total of \$140,000,000 earmarked gold withdrawn from New York and London recently. Press dispatches from Paris state that the French press has intimated that France will start a huge consolidation loan soon after the general elections, marking one of the greatest steps of French financial rehabilitation. "Echo de Paris" has said that M. Moret, Director for the Movement of Funds, conferred with representatives of important financial institutions regarding advice on such a loan. "Le Journal" is quoted to the effect

that "this loan probably will be one of the last steps of rehabilitation, including definite stabilization of French money."

There are no new developments in the program for stabilizing the franc. It is generally believed that the stabilization will take place in May or June. Belgian exchange fluctuates within very narrow limits. That currency has remained steady during the entire year since the stabilization measures were made effective. This is taken as proof that the gold redemption experiment is an entire success. Belgium's trade balance is continuously favorable. German marks still play the most prominent part of all the Continental exchanges so far as the New York market is concerned. The Reichsbank statement as of March 31 shows an increase in gold coin and bullion of 21,812,000 marks. Berlin expects to draw more gold from the United States and from Russia. As stated above in the account of sterling exchange, the \$5,210,000 Russian gold which came to New York on Feb. 21 was shipped to Germany on Wednesday to the Garantie und Kreditbank fuer den Osten of Berlin. Although the Reichsbank statement shows an increase of only 21,812,000 marks in gold holdings, advices from Berlin state that recent purchases of gold by the Reichsbank in New York total approximately 100,000,000 marks. Money continues firm in Germany, but conditions are considerably easier than they were some weeks ago.

Some slight rise has occurred in Rumanian lei and in Greek drachmas. Neither exchange is dealt in largely in the New York market and transactions affecting the rate originated chiefly in Europe. The firmness was doubtless due to a return of confidence, as announcement of stabilization plans is momentarily expected with respect to these two currencies. It is well known that the French Government is interested in promoting stabilization in Rumania and Jugoslavia. President Coolidge has signed the bill ratifying the Jugoslavia debt fund agreement. Jugoslavian exchange is an extremely minor one in New York. Italian lire continue firm and it is expected that the unit will be more active following the Easter holidays. On Monday the Bank of Italy reduced its discount rate from $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 6% . The Italian rate has been at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ since March 5. Polish exchange is steady, stabilized around 11.20. The Parliamentary Budget Committee of Poland has been informed that revenue for the past fiscal year was 250,600,000 zlotys (approximately \$28,192,500) above expenditures. The surplus last year was 150,000,000 zlotys (\$16,875,000).

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.02 on Friday of this week, against 124.02 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at $3.93\frac{1}{2}$, against $3.93\frac{7}{16}$ a week ago; cable transfers at $3.93\frac{3}{4}$, against $3.93\frac{11}{16}$, and commercial sight bills at $3.93\frac{1}{4}$, against $3.93\frac{1}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.96 for checks and at 13.97 for cable transfers, as against $13.95\frac{1}{2}$ and $13.96\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.91 for checks and 23.92 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.91 and 23.92 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at $5.28\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $5.28\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, as against $5.28\frac{1}{8}$ and $5.28\frac{3}{8}$ last week. Austrian schillings have not 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 0.63 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 0.62 $\frac{1}{8}$; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at

2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at $1.32\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at $1.32\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 1.32 and $1.32\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago.

In the exchanges on the countries neutral during the war the feature this week has been the advance in the Scandinavians. Norwegian exchange was in considerable demand in the early part of the week. London press dispatches state that negotiations are under way for the reconstruction of the Andersens Og Bergens Kreditbank and of the Centralbanken. The Norwegian Government is anxious to obtain the participation of foreign banking interests in the reorganization of these banks. In addition to Hambros Bank, the name of Barclays Bank is also mentioned as being interested in the negotiations. If an agreement is reached, a banking group—presumably with the co-operation of American banks—would take over a block of the shares of the reconstructed banks, and would also grant them a credit. The shares would be placed privately, there being no question of any public issue. It is believed that the British banks are prepared to conclude the transaction only on the condition that Norway should return to a gold basis. Danish kroner were firm, but as the Scandinavian countries were on holiday the greater part of the week, the fluctuations in rates gave no proof of real market conditions. Denmark, which less than three years ago retired a bond issue bearing an 8% coupon in the American market, has this week arranged a new $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ loan of \$55,000,000 through a syndicate of bankers headed by the Guaranty Co. Details of this issue will be found on another page. The rate for Holland guilders fluctuated within narrow limits during the week, though the guilder touched a new high of 40.31 for cable transfers in Wednesday's market. but the rate reacted on Thursday.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.27, against $40.25\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.29, against $40.27\frac{1}{2}$ and commercial sight bills at 40.23, against 40.21. Swiss francs closed at $19.26\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.27 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.26 and $19.26\frac{3}{4}$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.82 and cable transfers at 26.83, against 26.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.80 $\frac{1}{2}$. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.85 and cable transfers at 26.86, against 26.84 and 26.85, while checks on Norway finished at 26.73 and cable transfers at 26.74, against 26.69 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.70 $\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at $16.81\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at $16.82\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, which compares with $16.83\frac{1}{2}$ and $16.84\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been practically at a standstill throughout the week and quotations have been nominal. As stated above in the report concerning sterling exchange, \$750,000 gold was sent to Buenos Aires this week and \$210,000 was sent to Venezuela. Following the Easter holidays the South Americans may be expected to show activity, and New York bankers feel that exchange will favor the South American countries for a long time owing to the improvement in financial conditions in the Latin American republics and to a wave of commercial prosperity which these countries are all enjoying at present, as reflected in their mounting exports. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.71 for checks, as compared with 42.85 on Friday of last week, and at 42.76 for cable transfers, against

42.90. Brazilian milreis finished at 12.04 for checks and at 12.05 for cable transfers, against 12.04 and 12.05. Chilean exchange closed at 12.19 for checks and at 12.20 for cable transfers, against 12.19 and 12.20, and Peru at 3.97 for checks and at 3.98 for cable transfers, against 3.93 and 3.94.

In the Far Eastern exchanges Japanese yen after strength the early part of the week weakened again the latter part. It is believed the weakness resulted from profit taking by speculative holders in London and the Far East. Governor Junnosuke Inouye of the Bank of Japan stated recently that removal of the gold embargo would be inopportune at this time as banking readjustments are not yet complete. The Japanese financial situation is making steady progress and the Tokio money market continues easy. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 47⁷/₈@48¹/₈, against 47.80@48 on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 49.80@49 15-16, against 49.85@50 1-16; Shanghai at 63@63 3-16, against 63¹/₈@63³/₈; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 56¹/₂@56⁵/₈, against 56⁵/₈@56³/₄; Bombay at 36 11-16, against 36 11-16, and Calcutta at 36 11-16, against 36 11-16.

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. MAR. 31 1928 TO APR. 5 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Mar. 31.	Apr. 2.	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 6.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.40715	1.40690	1.40716	1.40711	1.40720	1.40658
Belgium, belga	1.39581	1.39561	1.39589	1.39600	1.39640	1.39623
Bulgaria, lev	0.07227	0.07211	0.07186	0.07211	0.07197	0.07211
Czechoslovakia, krona	0.29626	0.29624	0.29625	0.29625	0.29625	0.29630
Denmark, krona	2.67968	2.68010	2.68082	2.68142	2.68245	2.68242
England, pound sterling	4.881335	4.881321	4.881974	4.882783	4.882741	4.882470
Finland, marka	0.025179	0.025178	0.025177	0.025170	0.025178	0.025175
France, franc	0.039360	0.039358	0.039361	0.039367	0.039365	0.039367
Germany, reichsmark	2.39120	2.39146	2.39198	2.39166	2.39142	2.39150
Greece, drachma	0.13250	0.13244	0.13252	0.13245	0.13243	0.13250
Holland, guilder	4.02730	4.02761	4.02890	4.02951	4.02934	4.02938
Hungary, pengo	1.74609	1.74625	1.74621	1.74614	1.74609	1.74650
Italy, lira	0.052828	0.052819	0.052824	0.052832	0.052832	0.052832
Norway, krone	2.66978	2.66992	2.67068	2.67155	2.67227	2.67256
Poland, zloty	1.12075	1.12035	1.12038	1.12061	1.12038	1.12094
Portugal, escudo	0.042515	0.042515	0.042015	0.042340	0.042235	0.042225
Rumania, leu	0.06260	0.06271	0.06293	0.06290	0.06294	0.06286
Russia, peseta	1.68397	1.68172	1.68245	1.68225	1.68150	1.68072
Sweden, krona	2.68447	2.68453	2.68487	2.68496	2.68538	2.68587
Switzerland, franc	1.92629	1.92619	1.92662	1.92659	1.92689	1.92689
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.017799	0.017603	0.017600	0.017597	0.017598	0.017600
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	6.46875	6.45208	6.45416	6.43125	6.46458	6.46041
Hankow tael	6.37708	6.42708	6.42083	6.39791	6.43125	6.42708
Shanghai tael	6.33125	6.28660	6.28839	6.29321	6.28928	6.28660
Tientsin tael	6.62708	6.61458	6.61666	6.59375	6.62291	6.61458
Hong Kong dollar	4.98214	4.97500	4.97553	4.97500	4.97053	4.97142
Mexican dollar	4.58000	4.58250	4.56500	4.56500	4.55750	4.54750
Tientsin or Peking dollar	4.59583	4.60000	4.56666	4.56666	4.56250	4.54583
Yuan dollar	4.56250	4.56666	4.53333	4.53333	4.52916	4.51250
India, rupee	3.65400	3.65537	3.65400	3.65414	3.65425	3.65462
Japan, yen	4.78333	4.79111	4.79033	4.79161	4.78988	4.78911
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	5.62916	5.63333	5.63333	5.63333	5.62500	5.62083
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	1.000920	1.000772	1.000785	1.000794	1.000889	1.000924
Cuba, peso	1.000656	1.000656	1.000656	1.000718	1.000687	1.000718
Mexico, peso	4.87333	4.87375	4.87625	4.87500	4.87333	4.87500
Newfoundland, dollar	0.998750	0.998593	0.998593	0.998625	0.998562	0.998812
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	97.2392	97.2607	97.2350	97.2107	97.2092	97.2908
Brazil, milreis	1.20300	1.20291	1.20316	1.20300	1.20320	1.20327
Chile, peso	1.22143	1.22142	1.22115	1.22115	1.22154	1.22152
Uruguay, peso	1.035623	1.036352	1.036152	1.035623	1.035123	1.035723
Colombia, peso	0.981600	0.981600	0.981600	0.981600	0.981600	0.981600

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, Mar. 31.	Monday, Apr. 2.	Tuesday, Apr. 3.	Wednesday, Apr. 4.	Thursday, Apr. 5.	Friday, Apr. 6.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 107,000,000	\$ 121,000,000	\$ 151,000,000	\$ 125,000,000	\$ 118,000,000	\$ 104,000,000	\$ Cr. 726,000,000

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	April 5 1928.			April 6 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 157,244,685	£ —	£ 157,244,685	£ 151,300,457	£ —	£ 151,300,457
France a	147,181,103	13,717,592	160,898,695	147,340,268	13,680,000	161,020,268
Germany b	92,256,800	994,600	93,251,400	87,514,050	994,600	88,508,650
Spain	104,317,000	28,074,000	132,391,000	103,537,000	27,903,000	131,440,000
Italy	39,181,000	—	39,181,000	45,767,000	—	45,767,000
Netherl'ds	36,266,000	2,225,000	38,491,000	34,939,000	2,290,000	37,229,000
Nat. Belg.	21,458,000	1,244,000	22,702,000	18,077,000	1,145,000	19,222,000
Switzer'd	17,289,000	2,511,000	19,800,000	18,327,000	2,980,000	21,307,000
Sweden	12,930,000	—	12,930,000	12,353,000	—	12,353,000
Denmark	10,109,000	641,000	10,750,000	11,202,000	834,000	12,036,000
Norway	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000

Total week 646,410,588 49,407,192 695,817,780 638,536,775 53,975,609 692,512,375
Prev. week 646,192,757 49,254,192 695,446,949 637,368,815 53,884,609 691,253,415

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 £4,281,300. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Mexican Oil Settlement.

The new regulations which were signed by President Calles on March 27, interpreting and applying the revised Mexican oil law, appear to go a long way in the direction of a satisfactory settlement of a controversy which has vexed the diplomatic and business relations of Mexico and the United States for more than ten years. For the step which has just been taken, Ambassador Morrow is undoubtedly very largely responsible, and he is entitled to hearty praise for achieving so considerable a success so early in his diplomatic career, but his own statement that the changes in the Mexican law and regulations had been made "by the voluntary act of the Republic of Mexico" is a proper, as well as a generous, recognition of the fact that without a friendly disposition on the part of the Calles Government, backed by a sound decision of the Mexican Supreme Court, a revision of the Mexican oil law and the regulations under it might easily have been still further delayed.

The Mexican oil controversy goes back to 1916, when reports became current that President Carranza proposed to nationalize the Mexican oil industry. The reports were denied, but in May, 1917, a new Mexican Constitution vested in the nation the ownership of the subsoil, and in February, 1918, a decree of President Carranza appeared to indicate a purpose to deprive surface owners of their subsoil rights. The protest of the Wilson Administration was without effect, and the controversy became more acute with the overthrow of the Carranza Government, the accession of Adolfo de la Huerta as Provisional President, and the refusal of the United States to recognize the Huerta regime. President Obregon, who took office at the beginning of December, 1920, was also refused recognition for a time because of his refusal to give a satisfactory assurance that American property rights would not be subjected to virtual confiscation. "The safeguarding of property rights against confiscation" was declared

by the then Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes, on June 7, 1921, to be "the fundamental question which confronts the Government of the United States in considering its relations with Mexico."

There the matter rested until May, 1923, when President Harding appointed two Commissioners to confer, at Mexico City, with Mexican Commissioners in an effort to settle the points at issue. The outcome of their deliberations was the conclusion of an agreement, accepted as satisfactory by both Governments, relating to such subsoil rights of American citizens as had been acquired before May 1, 1917, when the new Mexican Constitution went into effect, together with the question of compensation to be made for lands taken by the Mexican Government under eminent domain. American recognition of the Obregon Government followed in September, 1923, and the Calles Government, which took office at the end of November, 1924, was also recognized. The early months of the Calles Government, however, were marked by agrarian troubles in Mexico and attacks upon American ranches and other properties, and in June, 1925, Secretary of State Kellogg declared that the Calles Government was "on trial before the world" because of the disorders which it appeared unable or unwilling to suppress.

In December, 1926, the Mexican Congress enacted a series of laws, affecting alien landholdings and oil rights, which were regarded by the American Government as retroactive and confiscatory. The Calles Government, on the other hand, took the position that if the laws, with the regulations issued under them, proved to be retroactive or confiscatory, the proper remedy was in a resort to the Mexican courts, and that the decision of the courts, if it were adverse to the laws or regulations, would be enforced. On Nov. 17 1927 the Mexican Supreme Court, in a case involving the Mexican Petroleum Company, held that Article 14 of the law of 1925 regarding oil concessions, which required new concessions in the case of rights acquired before 1917, and Article 15, which dealt with the method of confirming pre-existing rights, were unconstitutional. Thereupon the Mexican Congress, on Dec. 26, revised the law to conform to the decision, thereby accepting the view, as stated in a committee report on the subject, that "to confirm a right is to recognize it expressly in its whole extent and with all conditions inherent therein, in such way that no restriction whatever can be established with regard to the extent or the conditions of the right confirmed."

The revised regulations which President Calles has now issued make clear, according to Ambassador Morrow, what Minister Morones, head of the Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor, also made clear in a recent reply to an inquiry from one of the oil companies, namely, "that those taking confirmatory concessions under the amended law get confirmation of their old rights rather than a grant of new rights. The form of the confirmatory concession, as set out in the new regulations, expressly declares that it is to operate as a recognition of acquired rights which continue in force." Specifically, the new regulations omit the fifty-year limit for which confirmatory concessions were to be made, and provide instead that such concessions shall be issued "without limitation of time when they are issued in favor of surface owners, and for the term stipulated in the contract when they are issued in favor of lessees or concessionaires." A more explicit

statement of what shall constitute "petroleum exploitation work" by concessionaires is also made. The conclusion that confirmations under the amended law are to be regarded as confirmations and not as new grants appears to be an inference from the general tenor of the new regulations, rather than a specific assurance in terms.

The only comment of the Department of State thus far is the statement, issued on March 27 simultaneously with the announcement of Ambassador Morrow's achievement, that "these steps voluntarily taken by the Mexican Government would appear to bring to a practical conclusion the discussions which began ten years ago," and that "the Department feels, as does Ambassador Morrow, that such questions, if any, as may hereafter arise can be settled through the due operation of the Mexican administrative departments and the Mexican courts." The nature of some, at least, of the questions that may still arise is indicated by Mr. Morrow himself, who points out in his statement of March 27 that "there remains, of course, the determination of what rights the oil companies held on May 1, 1917 (the date when the new Mexican Constitution went into effect)," and that "there may well be honest differences on this point." We have yet to learn whether the new regulations, whose provisions were presumably known to the Department of State before the official comment just quoted was issued, are acceptable to the American or other foreign oil companies. There is a conflict of testimony as to whether the oil interests were consulted in the negotiations. According to the correspondent of the New York "Times," who cabled from Mexico City on March 27, the new regulations "were the result of a long series of conferences between Ambassador Morrow and Minister of Industry Luis Morones," in which "local representatives of all the important foreign companies operating in Mexico and legal experts on both sides assisted." The correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," on the other hand, in a dispatch from Mexico City on the same date, stated that President Calles's signature of the decree "apparently came as a complete surprise to oil men here," that some of them, when questioned, "expressed astonishment at the issuance of the regulations, admitting that they knew nothing of them," that "Ambassador Morrow apparently worked without their knowledge and without consulting them," and that while the work of a committee "selected from the oil executives to formulate and draft regulations the companies desired" was "taken by Mr. Morrow and Mexican Government officials into consideration," no further consultations with the oil men were held.

This discrepancy, quite possibly due to some misunderstanding on the part of the correspondents, will doubtless be cleared up in due time. It seems unlikely that Mr. Morrow, in negotiations particularly affecting the oil companies, would go out of his way to hold the representatives of the companies at a distance, and equally unlikely that the oil companies were wholly unaware of what was going on. Whatever the exact facts of the case may be, there seems to be no question that one of the chief stumbling blocks in the way of cordial relations between this country and Mexico has been quietly removed, and an atmosphere of confidence and security substituted for one of suspicion and apprehension. For this gain in international friendliness and under-

standing we may indeed be grateful. Mr. Morrow, whose part in the transaction has evidently been a considerable one, has shown commendable tact and skill in urging the American case, at the same time that the Mexican Government has made good its assurance that the objectionable laws and regulations, if found unconstitutional by the Mexican Supreme Court, would be changed to conform to judicial requirements. With such dispositions on the two sides, any differences that may later arise regarding the meaning or application of the Mexican oil laws should be ironed out without precipitating a recurrence of the threatened crises which have characterized the discussion of the matter in the past.

Indicting a Political Party.

It has been declared impossible to indict a whole people for crime. In a two-party system of government it would seem equally difficult to indict a whole party for criminality in office. But some of our leaders in the Democratic Party seem intent on doing this very thing. They tried it in 1924 and signally failed in the election. What hope they have now in a similar effort and based on practically the same grounds it is hard to perceive. The careful thinker, removed from the excitement of politics, is not likely to indict the Republican Party for the malfeasance of a few office-holders, even though the charges be proved. There is too great a majority of honest men in each of the great parties for one to declare the other unworthy of trust. The cry "turn the rascals out" was raised once before in the midst of more important and determining issues. It was even asserted that a change in party control was necessary in order that the people might "see the books." The reports of the Treasury, it was intimated, might conceal huge deficits in the cash of the country. And at once a count of the money in the vaults was instituted. Not a copper cent was missing! So much for the insinuated dishonesty of Administration.

The present effort to discredit a party because of disclosures through oil investigations and through the use of money in certain State primary elections is not sufficient for the wholesale charges of indiscriminate corruption. It will be remembered that there were alarming charges made against the Wilson Administration of a large over-issue of Liberty Bonds. A Republican President summarily removed those in charge of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and a Republican Secretary of the Treasury at a subsequent time caused an investigation to be made, independently and secretly, and the only thing disclosed was that one of the numbering machines "slipped a cog." There was no loss to the Government, for if the machine failed to register or on the other hand, repeated a number, the Government received the money for every bond put out. Thus one party, if the term may be used at all in connection with the affair, in the course of its routine administration proved the opposing party honest. The "scandal" which threatened died down and all doubt was dispelled.

Beyond question, the people are interested in overseeing by all fair means the conduct of parties in office. But democracy, tested by its records in the United States, has never proved recreant to a trust. Nor has any party ever consciously put thieves in office. Nor has any party through its Federal employees stolen large sums of money. That there was

vast waste of funds in war-time under the cover of the cost-plus system no informed man would care to deny. But the evil here belongs to contractors without regard to party, who worked *under the law*, and who, for the sake of the cost-plus emolument, in some instances wrongfully increased the cost. No one knows the politics of these individual contractors, no adequate investigation has ever been made, though refundings under certain probings have been made. These facts are important (though one may *suspect* favoritism in the letting of huge war-time works) in that they prove that indiscriminate charges against a political party are not sufficient to indict.

Of course, a party must be held responsible for the acts of its members in office. But the charges must be specifically proven and they must be of sufficient magnitude to embroil the whole party. The Courts provide for cases of malfeasance. There is trial by jury, and there may be conviction against the individual, but not against the party. Condolence of these offenses by the party is ground for withdrawal of support from the party. This is all provided for. Not every party man is personally honest. This applies to all parties. Again, parties that are honest in administration as far as dollars and cents are concerned, may be dishonest in political practices. Thus, "platforms made to get in on" are dishonest. Principles adopted to catch votes are dishonest. These forms of dishonesty are fit subjects for condemnation at the polls; and, in fact, they are the bases for campaigns, and are important to the whole people. But in these particulars, no basis can be found for condemning a party because a high official may have been bribed, or because overzealous friends of a candidate may have spent too much money to elect him.

The chief objection to these manufactured oppositions is that they divert the minds of the people from the consideration of political principles vital to the country. Punish the office holder in the courts for defalcations and violation of the laws; punish the party at the polls for deceit and dissimulation and for misuse of party and principles for the sake of gaining office. But there should also be rebuke at the polls for leading the people astray as to the important issues of a campaign. Throwing up a smoke-screen which obscures great political principles reacts upon the party employing it. Negative opposition by a party never wins an election. If several cabinet officers were convicted of crime, it would not be justification for the defeat of that party, provided it could be shown to be sincere in the advocacy of constructive principles good for the country. Nor could such conviction justify the installment of a party that had no other appeal than the fatuous cry of "turn the rascals out."

Without favoring one party or the other, we would like to see the present campaign restored to a debate and a contest over fundamental principles of government. It cannot be a credit to any party to win an election on false issues and hysterical cries. Nor can it be a plea for continuance of rule to meet minor charges by like minor charges—tit for tat, and refusing to take a firm stand for major principles or trying to conceal derelictions by its officials rather than to make admission and join in punishment. There are matters of crucial moment in every election. These should make the body of platforms (whether sincere or not) and do. We waste time

in violent arraignments of or for crimes the courts are competent to deal with. Often men shout so loud at the voters that they lower themselves to common prosecutors and persecutors. Parties cannot be destroyed or defeated by such methods. The people are not blind to these prosecutions—the people are mainly divided into two parties, the people are honest, and the parties therefore must be.

The Place of Adventure in Modern Thought.

It is coming to be accepted that inasmuch as advanced science is proving that there is no certain knowledge—for all knowledge is more or less well established belief—the business of daily life may be grounded on adventure. In other words, any kind of evidence that makes a reasonable appeal may justify an enterprise which, while it involves uncertainty and even risk, may be worthy of effort that requires outlay and courage. Science, and equally religion, are “two diverse, but intrinsically connected adventures of the spirit of man.”

Over against this may be set the fact that since the days of Marco Polo, Columbus, Vasco da Gama and Walter Raleigh, business has always been characterized as an affair largely of adventure. It has always been based on faith in unexplored possibilities of gain, of which there was sufficient evidence to justify the venture; and, as a matter of fact, business has from the beginning supplied substantial warrant for this discovery of Science.

We have before us a book* of half a dozen essays by as many writers, seeking to show that this truth lies at the foundation of all substantial progress, whether in morals, religion, science or knowledge; that, in fact, adventure is the test and proof of reality everywhere.

Dr. Alexander S. Russell, of Oxford University, opens the series with an essay on *The Dynamic of Science*. He shows that science accepts only demonstrated evidence of truth, and to obtain this untrammelled freedom of opinion and action is essential. Following the lines of objective evidence presented to the senses, and the suggestions within arising from the evidence, it investigates the world as it lies about us. In this search it arrives at laws which are not final, but subject to never ceasing review and modification as it pushes out into the limitless realm of the unknown. It is continually compelled to free itself from bondage to the teaching and judgments of the past, to-day discovering as never before the extent to which it must be expectant and adventurous.

When it comes to the realm of reality that lies outside the objective world of Science, Mr. John MacMurray, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, in his essay, *Beyond Knowledge*, emphasizes the importance of the distinction between faith and knowledge, so constantly confused. They are distinct, and ought not to be misunderstood. Faith is a practical attitude of the will, while knowledge is to-day accepted as beliefs which have been tested and confirmed by experiment. Science starts with conceptions or beliefs which it proceeds to investigate. It pushes as far as possible the knowledge it acquires, always aware of the unknown lying beyond.

Faith is the readiness of the mind to act on the conviction or intimations that pertain to that un-

demonstrated realm. One confirmed belief strengthens the impulse to further search. Faith gains substance from each confirmation. It therefore attends Science, pushing it onward and outward in its search for knowledge. As knowledge grows, faith finds larger scope in the searcher's greater wisdom and his increased understanding of his own nature and possibilities. In this way it is the indispensable servant of both morals and religion, no less than to daily life. It quickens man's activity by giving it scope and purpose, and to him immediate benefit. Every acquisition of knowledge, every consciousness of gain, in a man's awakened faculties, his perception of the meaning of life, his joys, his powers, his possibilities, make him so far a new man. Without faith, this attitude of his spirit, this readiness to reach out for better things and larger knowledge of things as yet unattained, he fails to be true to himself. Faith thus is courage to face ignorance, with the purpose to learn and to know. It is the buoyant spirit of creative adventure.

Dr. Burnett Streeter, also of Oxford University, takes this up and applies it to morals in the whole realm of human relations. He shows that the common conception of morality as based on fear of consequences is invalid. It has encountered a present period of moral revolt which has disturbing and even destructive effect, to be seen in the break-up of family relations, the wrecking of many individual lives, and the prevalence of much violent evil. Life is neither a realm of despair nor an Epicurean revel. *Dum vivimus vivamur!* is just as much a pagan invitation, because we are alive, to turn ourselves loose and make life as wild a play as it ever was. Life is humanity acting in accepted co-operation, to secure well-being for the individual and assured progress for the race. Morality is the inherent expression of the spirit that animates. It creates a code of ethics to guide its practice; and this code, varied and adjusted as experience teaches, is the accepted rule for all, for it is the expression of their deepest convictions. The normal impulse with all is to play the game; and as the practice prevails character strengthens; peace is assured, and, however plausible effort may be to break it up, the results of such attempts are everywhere stamped as vice. The rule of the community even unconsciously is live constructively. Do right, deal honestly. Apply adventure; but see that it is for good, and not for evil.

Dr. Streeter discusses the sex question with entire frankness. Purity is essentially a mental virtue. It is bodily because the acts of the body inevitably affect the mind. It should exist in connection with interest in the beautiful and the wholesome, not in ignorance of the existence of the opposites, or simply because of the restraint of prohibitions. Youth is inquisitive and always stirred by adventure. Children need kindly information from those they love and trust, answers to their questions that are both frank and truthful. Mere prohibitions are provocative. Adolescence requires the guidance of knowledge that appeals to manliness and womanliness, that develops character and gives a new sense of strength and answers the desire for adventure. A new vision is better than a new code, and presents ideals of happiness, richer and surer, awaiting in later life. “Free love” is always a delusion and a snare. The one man and the one woman, mutual helpmates for strength and comfort, constitute the

* *Adventure*. B. H. Streeter, and others. The Macmillan Co.

relation in which the best possibilities of life are attained in their completeness; the family as so created is the foundation on which human progress and civilization rest.

To-day, as a result in part of the war, this way of life is out of the reach of many. The world is suffering a moral impoverishment more serious than the economic. But to its restoration lines of high adventure in service, and even in self-sacrifice, are open. This is the secret and the creative teaching of Christianity. It is the call to accept the gift and the responsibility of being "created in the image of God." Jesus Christ came to make this clear. He stood alone in accepting the power of God as given him to pass on to others, the all-embracing Divine Life which will help men to know God and be His children. He gave his life as a sacrifice that men might know that even in this world with all its limitations, even its current and inherited evils, men might one by one by following Him come to know the Father.

Since then multitudes have proved this true as they have walked in his steps, Easter, observed around the world, is the testimony of Christendom. On the first Easter day Jesus' great adventure of giving himself for the world witnessed to the winning of his crown. The Kingdom of heaven is assured and now the path of those who have entered it is open to all.

The closing essay of the book is to this end. All the activities of daily life are of men and women like ourselves, each having a place and a part. It is a world which now has a conception of the meaning of existence as intended for all. An ideal is set up and a vision is given of what may be anticipated. Life in all its forms is made relational to one divine event; heaven is opened; the Beyond has become the actual and the near. Sorrow and sighing are to flee away. Adventure, in spite of disappointment and pain, has become attainment, and the heart of man is to be satisfied. We have but to heed the words and walk in the steps of Him who "saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied," because in so doing He opened the Kingdom of God for Himself and for us.

The Record of Failures in March and the First Quarter.

March failures in commercial lines were heavy in the number of defaults as well as in the amounts involved. Insolvencies in the United States during that month, as shown by the records of R. G. Dun & Co., numbered 2,236, and cover a total indebtedness of \$54,814,145. The number exceeds any preceding month except January of this year back to the beginning of 1927, and the liabilities are in excess of each month since March of a year ago. Mercantile defaults in the United States have shown some increase during the past year or more, but in the main the liabilities, while heavy, have been somewhat smaller than in some recent preceding years. The indebtedness for March is slightly less than it was for March 1927, but it is considerably higher than it was for March 1926 and 1925. The large extent of the losses this year is due to some particularly heavy failures as was the case in March a year ago.

Mercantile defaults last month at 2,236, compare with 2,176 in February and with 2,143 in March a

year ago. The increase last month over March of last year was 4.3%, while for the first quarter of 1928, which is completed by the returns for March, the growth in the number of insolvencies over the corresponding period of 1927 is 6.4%. The liabilities reported for March at \$54,814,145, which, as stated, are heavier than in each preceding month since March of last year, and with the exception of the last mentioned month exceed the amount reported for each month back to March 1924, show a decrease of 5.3% compared with March 1927.

Defaults last month numbered 546 for the manufacturing class, with \$20,411,956 of indebtedness; 1,566 for the trading division involving \$26,186,339, and 124 for \$8,215,850 in the class embracing agents and brokers. For the corresponding month of 1927 there were 569 manufacturing defaults involving \$22,367,655 of indebtedness; 1,468 trading failures for \$28,191,482, and 106 insolvencies among agents and brokers with liabilities of \$7,331,768. The figures for all three divisions in both years are heavy. Defaults in manufacturing lines were slightly less numerous this year than last, and there was also a reduction in the amount of indebtedness this year as compared with March 1927. On the other hand, trading defaults and those of agents and brokers were more numerous this year than they were last year, but liabilities for trading concerns were also reduced this year as compared with the corresponding month last year; as to agents and brokers, however, the indebtedness shows an increase this year.

In the manufacturing division the reductions in the number of defaults this year as compared with last year are mainly in clothing lines and among the printing class and among bakers. On the other hand, there is an increase this year in the number of failures in machinery manufacturing, in the lumber division including builders, and in furs, hats, &c. The reduction in the indebtedness for last month in the manufacturing division compared with a year ago, applies largely to seven of the fourteen classes into which the report is separated, among them leather manufacturing, including shoes; the printing trades, cotton goods manufacturing, machinery and tools, woolen goods, furs and hats and baking. Large failures in the building trades have swelled considerably the defaulted indebtedness shown for that division, and there is also some increase in the liabilities in March this year in the iron and foundry trades and in chemicals and drugs.

In the trading division some reductions appear in the defaults in March this year among grocers and kindred lines, general stores, druggists, jewelers, and dealers in books and stationery. On the other hand, failures last month were more numerous than a year ago among hotels and restaurants, and the liabilities last month for this class were particularly heavy owing to some very large hotel defaults. Increases in number last month also appear among dealers in clothing, in dry goods, in leather goods, including shoes; in furniture and in hardware lines. The amounts involved in defaults in furniture, hardware, and furs show a small increase over last year.

The large failures in March this year were nearly as numerous as they were a year ago, and the heavy total for that month in both years is attributable to these large defaults. There were 72 such insolvencies reported in the United States last month, involving in the aggregate \$28,251,022 of indebtedness, the latter being 51.5% of the total defaulted

indebtedness for all failures in the month; in March 1927 there were 76 similar defaults involving \$31,853,900 of liabilities, the latter exceeding 55% of all liabilities reported for that month. In March this year 31 of the larger defaults were among manufacturing concerns, against 40 such failures in March last year, with an aggregate of indebtedness of \$12,712,000 and \$12,477,000 in that month in the two years respectively. Of trading failures there were 27 large defaults in March this year, compared with 23 a year ago, and \$10,556,000 of liabilities last month comparing with \$12,964,000 in March 1927. The large failures include those involving an indebtedness of \$100,000 or more in each instance. In addition to the above there were 14 large defaults last month among agents and brokers for \$4,982,600 against 13 a year ago for \$6,412,100.

With the completion of the insolvency record for the first quarter of 1928, the figures by States are given. There were in all 7,055 commercial failures in the United States for this year to March 31, involving a total of \$147,519,198, compared with 6,643 similar defaults a year ago for \$156,121,853. The increase in the number appears for each of the three months, but was relatively larger in January and February than in March. On the other hand, liabilities were somewhat less in each month this year than in the corresponding months of 1927. The amounts were heavy in both years, however, having been exceeded for the three months only three times prior to 1927 since these records were first tabulated, more than 50 years ago, and those three years were 1921, 1922 and 1924. The increase in the number of defaults this year over last year applies to all three classes into which these figures are separated, manufacturing, trading and agents and brokers, while the decrease in liabilities extends to the first and the last divisions mentioned, being relatively greater for agents and brokers than for the manufacturers. There was a small increase this year in the defaulted indebtedness reported in trading lines. The number of insolvencies in manufacturing lines for the first three months of this year was 1,567 for \$480,034,000 of liabilities; trading lines, 5,093 defaults involving \$77,584,000, and agents and brokers, 395, with \$21,900,000 of indebtedness; the corresponding figures for the first quarter of 1927 were 1,481 manufacturing failures involving \$52,882,000; 4,818 trading insolvencies for \$76,127,000 and 344 defaults of agents and brokers with \$27,112,000 of liabilities.

The increase in the number of failures in the first three months this year is mainly in the East, particularly in the three Middle Atlantic States. In the Eastern Central division, embracing among others the States of Ohio and Illinois, some increase is shown; also in the Central South, and in two of the three Pacific Coast States. Mercantile defaults in the South Atlantic States for the first quarter of 1928 were fewer in number than they were a year ago, particularly in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. A marked increase appears in the number of defaults this year for West Virginia, however, probably reflecting conditions in the bituminous coal trade. There were also fewer insolvencies this year to date than there were last year, in the Western section, including the States West of the Mississippi River and north of Oklahoma. In seven of the eight divisions into which the United States is separated, liabilities for the first

three months this year were somewhat lower than they were in the corresponding period of 1927, the reduction for each section being quite uniform. The one exception in this matter of liabilities, however, was for the Atlantic Coast division, where total liabilities this year exceed those for the first three months of 1927, chiefly due to some large failures this year in Florida, among others in the building trades and for hotels; also, in West Virginia in coal mining and in some trading lines.

The three Middle Atlantic States show a considerable increase in the number of failures in the first quarter of this year, and the liabilities are quite heavy. The same is true of Massachusetts, the number of defaults in that State recording an increase with a large indebtedness. Connecticut, on the other hand, shows fewer defaults this year. In the Central Eastern group, the increase in the number of defaults was in Ohio and Illinois, with particularly large liabilities in the former State, especially in the trading division, where some heavy failures occurred. Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin all show fewer defaults in the first quarter of this year than in 1927. In the Southern Central division Arkansas alone reports more failures this year than last, while a decrease is shown for each of the other seven States in that section, particularly in Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Alabama. As to the States west of the Mississippi, the notable feature is the heavy liabilities shown for Missouri, where there was a number of large defaults in the first three months this year, some of them in all three classes, manufacturing, trading and agents and brokers, the indebtedness shown for the division last mentioned being particularly heavy. There were fewer failures, however, in Missouri during the first three months of this year than last year, and the same is true of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and most of the Mountain States. There was an increase, though, in the number of defaults this year for Kansas and North Dakota. For the three Pacific Coast States, Oregon alone shows fewer failures this year than last. As to the large failures in the class embracing agents and brokers, New York of course takes first place with nearly one-eighth of the total indebtedness for that division. These defaults were also heavy in Massachusetts, and in Missouri, as previously noted, as well as in Oregon. They were likewise heavy in Pennsylvania, Florida, Indiana and California, but the amounts involved were smaller.

Banking defaults in the United States during the first quarter of 1928 were somewhat less numerous than they were a year ago, and for a smaller amount of indebtedness. Reports to R. G. Dun & Co. indicate 109 banking failures during that period this year for \$36,802,098, compared with 174 similar defaults in the first three months of 1927 with liabilities of \$66,619,286. As in recent preceding years, most of the banking failures this year have occurred in the group of seven Western States, including Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, the Dakotas and Nebraska. In these seven States this year two-thirds of the number of banking defaults are reported, with nearly 50% of the indebtedness. During the same period of 1927 the ratios were respectively 40% and 23%. There were a few banking failures in the South during the first three months of this year, but the number was less than one-third of the number shown a year ago, while for the other States only a few such defaults are reported.

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, April 6, 1928.

With more seasonable temperatures, retail trade, according to some reports, has been a little better. There is no marked change, but with temperatures in the Southwest early in the week up to 90 to 96 and those in the Central West up to 74, it was natural that there should be some increase in retail buying. Unfortunately, there have been excessive rains in parts of Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, with high winds and a wide flooding of lowlands, which can mean nothing less than bad roads in the regions immediately affected. Some of the wind storms reached cyclonic force. In Oklahoma, cloudbursts amounted to 7 to 8 inches of rain. Unfortunately, too, this was followed to-day by a heavy snow storm in Nebraska, with wires down all around. Wholesale and jobbing trade continues on only a fair scale. The iron business is, on the whole, rather slack and much of the buying in steel is in small lots. Still, there is a fair demand from railroads, construction companies and automobile industries, particularly the last named. The production in the steel industry is stated at 80 to 90%. At New York, some increase in the demand for fabricated structural steel is reported, but at low prices, owing to the fact that production has considerably exceeded the recent demand. There is still a moderate call for steel rails.

A dispute has arisen as to the amount of unemployment in this country. It is larger than could be wished, but it is believed at the same time that the tendency will be towards betterment, as the season advances and normal weather set in. Coal prices have been reduced as usual at this time of the year. In the textile trades some new lines of worsted dress goods have met with a fair demand but men's wear woolens and worsteds in general have been quiet. The trade in cotton goods here has been on a moderate scale, and the sales at Fall River are only about 20,000 to 25,000 pieces of print cloths a week. A so-called "Gingham Week" will begin on April 14, and it is hoped may be the means of stimulating business. In fact, these goods have recently sold rather more freely. The tendency at Detroit is for trade to increase in automobiles and naturally for employment to increase as well. It is said that retail trade in automobiles is better than a year ago. There is no great activity in jewelry but the sales are at least as large as they were at this time last year. Other branches of business which make as good a showing as a year ago include building materials, rayon, electrical goods, iron and steel, machine tools and leather goods. It is a regrettable fact, however, that car loadings continue to make a poor showing in many directions as compared with those of last year.

Wheat has advanced somewhat despite better weather of late in some parts of the belt, for there are said to be indications that the abandonment of acreage owing to low temperatures and scanty snowfall last Winter will amount to nearly 20%. Moreover, there has been a fair demand for export, which with unfavorable advices from the soft wheat territory and also from the West and Southwest, has had the effect of advancing prices even if not markedly. Moreover, European and Argentine markets have advanced. Europe is evidently more or less nervous over the unfavorable outlook in the soft wheat section of this country. Indian corn has declined 3 to 4c. as the weather has been very favorable for moving the remainder of the crop, and crop preparations are being pushed under the more favorable conditions. Planting has begun and has reached Central Oklahoma and Central Georgia. Liverpool advices admit that Europe will have to buy a good deal of corn in foreign markets. The question is which foreign producer will get the trade. It looks at the moment as though there will be sharp competition for the possession of the European market between the United States and Argentina. One admitted drawback at the moment is that Argentine prices are nearly 20 cents under the American level. Prices for rye and oats have shown no great change, although rye at times has advanced, with a fair export demand. In fact, European inquiries at times have been quite numerous. Provisions have declined somewhat, with the cash demand rather disappointing. The flour trade, not only here in the

East, but in the Northwest and Southwest, has been very moderate, where it has not been actually small. At best it has been disappointing, both as regards the home trade and the export outlet. Sugar has declined owing to what were taken as intimations by President Machado of Cuba that the Cuban government was rather dubious about the feasibility of continuing restrictive measures. It was said later that such an interpretation of his remarks to the Cuban Congress were mistaken. The fact remains that trading has been rather light on the eve of the holidays, although at one time the tone was firm and refined prices were actually advanced, in not a few cases, to 6 cents. There was Wall Street liquidation of sugar futures on the Havana news, while Cuban interests to all appearances were buying in the middle of the week. Coffee advanced at one time and then reacted on the announcement that the limit of the daily Rio receipts would be raised to 16,000 bags as against 13,000 recently.

Rubber has had a sensational decline of between 7 and 8 cents per pound owing to announcement of Prime Minister Baldwin that restriction measures will cease, so far as the British Government is concerned, on Nov. 1; that is to say, exports after that day will be unrestricted. The attempt in other words to get around the law of supply and demand by artificial measures has signally failed as it is always bound to fail in the last resort.

The stock market has again been the cynosure of the whole business world of the United States to go no further, with trading on Thursday of close to 3,800,000 shares. It is a striking commentary on the times that this remarkable total nowadays really seems rather conservative than otherwise. Money was up to 5½%, the high point of the year, with bank withdrawals some \$35,000,000 on Thursday morning. It seems remarkable that with brokers' loans up to a new high level that money rates have not advanced more than they have. On Thursday railroad shares were one of the features. In the main the tone was firm in spite of considerable pre-holiday realizing of profits. General Motors again forged to the front in the industrial list. Railroad bonds were higher on merger reports and a good demand. London of late has been rather weak, especially on the rubber shares, after a drop of 6c. per pound in London in crude rubber itself.

Baltimore wired that manufacturers of cotton duck report operations have reduced to a part-time basis. The margin of selling prices over the cost of raw material has been reduced, and stocks of finished goods have accumulated rapidly, making curtailment necessary. Unemployment in Illinois and adjoining States, which was beginning to show decided improvement, was further complicated last week when mine owners in Illinois and Indiana decided to close down in preference to operating at a loss. Predictions are that practically all the shaft mines in the two States will be closed Monday. Approximately 80,000 miners (57,000 in Illinois and 22,000 in Indiana) will be thrown into idleness to join approximately 40,000 others who have been idle for more than a year. Meanwhile, with thousands clamoring for work, various labor unions are forcing the 5 days a week at wages for the full week. This means, at best, that employers will not get more than four days of indifferent work and makes the erection of small homes practically prohibitive.

Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s sales for March amounted to \$17,800,945, a decrease of 0.5% from March 1927. Sales for the first three months of this year amounted to \$45,576,495, an increase of 0.7% over the corresponding period last year. Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales for March amounted to \$23,985,681, an increase of 3.1% over March 1927. Sales for the first three months of this year amounted to \$72,087,865, an increase of 8.7% over the corresponding period last year.

The weather here was clear and cool on April 2. Temperatures were 38 to 50 degrees. Boston was 28 to 44, Chicago 40 to 70, Cincinnati 40 to 78, Cleveland 30 to 58, Detroit 30 to 54, Kansas City 64 to 80, Milwaukee 36 to 54, St. Paul 46 to 74, Montreal 28 to 42, Omaha 56 to 86, Philadelphia 38 to 56, Portland, Me., 26 to 44. Kansas reported on the 4th inst. high winds after temperatures of 90 degrees on the 3rd. In Texas and Oklahoma, it has been 90 to

96. It was higher in Texas recently. Kansas City reported cloudbursts, and cyclonic windstorms whipped through the Southwest during Wednesday night, leaving hundreds of persons homeless and causing thousands of dollars damage. Tornadoes were reported at a half-dozen places in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. A deluge of rain followed the windstorms and flooded low land areas for miles. A thousand persons were left homeless at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where a deluge of rain 7½ inches washed scores of houses and business buildings from their foundations. The wind subsided quickly after the storm had spent its force. On Thursday, the temperature here was as high as 77 degrees, or in other words, 1 degree above Summer heat, and the open cars were running on Broadway. On Friday a heavy snowstorm, which felled telephone and telegraph wires and blocked street traffic, isolated Omaha from the outside world.

Monthly Indexes of Department of Commerce—Decrease in February in Output of Raw Materials.

Under date of March 30 the U. S. Department of Commerce presents as follows its indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders for February:

Production.

The output of raw materials was smaller in February than in either the preceding month or February of last year. As compared with January, all groups of raw materials were produced in smaller quantities except forest products, which showed an increase. Contrasted with a year ago, the marketings of animal products and the output of forest products showed increases, while crop marketings and the output of minerals showed declines. Manufacturing production, after adjustments for working time differences, showed an increase over January, but was slightly lower than in February a year earlier. Contrasted with the preceding month, the unadjusted index showed larger production of foodstuffs, textiles, iron and steel products, lumber, leather and automobiles, while smaller output was registered in paper and printing, chemicals and oils, stone and clay products and tobacco. As compared with a year ago, all groups were produced in larger volume except textiles, nonferrous metals, paper and chemicals, which declined, and automobiles, which showed no change.

Commodity Stocks.

Stocks of commodities after adjustment for seasonal conditions were larger than in January, showing a gain also over a year ago. Contrasted with last year, all groups were held in larger quantities except raw foodstuffs, which declined.

Unfilled Orders.

Unfilled orders for manufactured commodities showed no change from the previous month, but were lower than a year ago. Compared with January, forward business on the books of iron and steel manufacturers were larger, while unfilled orders for lumber declined and textiles showed no change. Compared with a year ago, unfilled orders for iron and steel alone recorded an advance.

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

	January 1928.	February 1928.	February 1927
<i>Production.</i> (Index numbers: 1919=100)			
Raw materials: Total.....	113	96	108
Minerals.....	131	125	137
Animal products.....	117	112	99
Crops.....	104	93	103
Forestry.....	101	111	103
Manufacturing, grand total (adjusted).....	118	128	129
Total (unadjusted).....	118	123	119
Foodstuffs.....	117	122	94
Textiles.....	111	112	113
Iron and steel.....	130	132	126
Other metals.....	144	144	150
Lumber.....	122	135	127
Leather.....	83	89	86
Paper and printing.....	104	98	106
Chemicals and oils.....	187	169	176
Stone and clay products.....	104	99	90
Tobacco.....	120	116	107
Automobiles*.....	141	197	197
Miscellaneous.....	103	124	126
<i>Commodity Stocks.</i> (Index numbers: 1923-1925=100)			
Unadjusted: Total.....	142	151	147
Raw foodstuffs.....	155	189	193
Raw materials for manufacture.....	169	149	153
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	90	96	85
Other manufactured commodities.....	137	138	128
Adjusted for seasonal element: Total.....	138	145	143
Raw foodstuffs.....	134	168	178
Raw materials for manufacture.....	170	158	156
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	91	95	84
Other manufactured commodities.....	141	137	127
<i>Unfilled Orders.</i> (Index numbers: 1923-1925=100)			
Total.....	81	81	82
Textiles.....	77	77	91
Iron and steel.....	89	90	76
Vehicles.....	64	64	91
Lumber.....	79	74	80

* Included in miscellaneous group.

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

In presenting its indexes of business activity, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its April 1 "Monthly Review," says:

No consistent evidence as to the tendency of general business for February is given by this bank's indexes of business activity. The domestic movement of merchandise and heavy freight, and the foreign trade of this country showed increases, after allowance for the usual seasonal variations, and retail trade was more active than in January. Life insurance sales also increased substantially, and there was a considerable rise in

our index of new incorporations. The indexes of bank debits, both in New York City and elsewhere throughout the country, declined, however, and business failures were more numerous than in January, after seasonal adjustment.

This bank's indexes, in which allowance is made for seasonal variations, year-to-year growth, and price changes, are shown below for February, together with comparative figures for the two months preceding and a year ago.

(Computed trend of past years equals 100%.)

	1927.		1928.	
	Feb.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<i>Primary Distribution—</i>				
Car loadings, merchandise and misc.....	110	95	102	104
Car loadings, other.....	107	86	93	96
Exports.....	94	78	85	90
Imports.....	101	104	102	108
Panama Canal traffic.....	94	83	85	102
Wholesale trade.....	99	96	100	102
<i>Distribution to Consumer—</i>				
Department store sales, 2nd Dist.....	104	108	99	104
Chain grocery sales.....	98	104	101	103
Other chain store sales.....	106	107	98	102
Mall order sales.....	99	119	96	98
Life insurance paid for.....	110	107	98	113
Advertising.....	104	97	87	98
<i>General Business Activity—</i>				
Bank debits, outside of New York City.....	107	106	107	102
Bank debits, New York City.....	124	138	142	135
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City.....	108	104	109	104
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City.....	134	136	140	138
Shares sold on New York Stock Exchange.....	189	228	234	196
Postal receipts.....	98	98	88	95
Electric power.....	103	102	101	—
Employment in the United States.....	100	95	95	96
Business failures.....	107	108	108	114
Building contracts.....	136	138	140	151
New corporations formed in N. Y. State.....	116	116	117	127
Real estate transfers.....	102	95	93	101
General price level.....	170	174	173	173
Composite index of wages.....	221	223	221	221

p—Preliminary.

Business Profits in 1927 8% Lower than in 1926 According to Survey by New York Federal Reserve Bank.

According to the April 1 issue of the "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, "earnings reports of 381 industrial and mercantile concerns now available indicate that net profits of these companies in 1927 averaged about 8% smaller than in 1926, but were larger than in any other recent year." The Bank goes on to say:

The reduction in industrial profits from the 1926 level was due primarily to declines in a few large industries, especially oil and steel. If these two groups be excluded from the tabulation, the net profits of all other manufacturing and commercial companies would show some increase in 1927 over the previous year.

Profits in the oil industry were reduced by nearly one-half in 1927, reflecting lower prices, and steel company profits declined by about 25%. There were also smaller reductions in railroad equipment, motor accessories, metal and mining, and building supply companies; and the coal companies had a very poor year, owing to the strike. The automobile industry as a whole showed slightly larger profits in 1927, but when the very large earnings of the General Motors Corporation are subtracted from this group, the remaining companies show a reduction of 24% from the 1926 figure. This figure is exclusive of the Ford Company, which does not publish statements of earnings. In other lines of business, however, there were equally substantial increases; clothing and textile companies reported net profits almost twice as large as in 1926; leather and shoe concerns had an exceptionally good year; rubber companies reported profits 50% larger than in 1926; and earnings of chemical and drug companies, stores, and miscellaneous companies were all above the totals for 1926.

Earnings of telephone companies continued to show a steady increase, and other public utilities reported even larger increases. Class I railroads, on the other hand, reported net operating income about 12% smaller in 1927 than in 1926 and slightly smaller than in 1925, reflecting largely the reduction in traffic.

Net earnings of a number of important groups of companies for the past three years are shown in the diagram below in percentages of the 1926 earnings.

(Net profits in thousands of dollars)

Corporation Groups.	Number.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Steel companies.....	26	137,918	170,759	217,313	163,010
R. R. equipment.....	12	27,848	18,013	40,567	31,518
Oils.....	31	153,600	267,164	287,621	150,342
Motors.....	22	135,599	260,182	299,481	314,977
Motor access. (excl. tires).....	18	31,872	41,102	36,647	29,554
Rubber.....	11	43,755	83,098	37,639	56,597
Food and food products.....	39	155,876	160,991	175,112	167,530
Tobacco.....	16	90,128	100,149	108,562	112,666
Leather and shoes.....	9	19,878	22,593	19,103	29,740
Paper.....	9	11,431	11,439	11,395	11,317
Amusement.....	6	6,691	7,875	11,069	9,578
Clothing an textiles.....	24	5,744	21,181	12,574	23,754
Stores.....	19	83,387	105,186	109,542	126,353
Metals and mining.....	19	47,650	67,019	83,314	70,475
Coal.....	11	723	2,692	5,729	29
Machine & mach. mfg.....	18	25,855	36,489	45,129	45,079
Chemicals and drugs.....	14	50,171	56,542	69,039	75,735
Building supplies.....	19	58,824	64,262	64,461	55,124
Miscellaneous industries.....	58	137,088	175,548	187,903	206,512
Total 19 groups.....	381	1,224,038	1,672,284	1,822,200	1,670,890
Telephone.....	78	150,708	186,426	212,225	226,383
Other public utilities.....	51	181,015	215,058	250,754	286,436
Total public utilities.....	129	331,723	401,484	462,979	512,819
Total 21 groups.....	510	1,555,761	2,073,768	2,285,179	2,192,709
Class I R. R.....	183	987,133	1,136,973	1,233,003	1,085,342

Further Increase in Detroit Employment.

"Wall Street Journal" advices from Detroit, April 5, said:

Local plants of Ford Motor Co. added 680 employees during past week, bringing total to 97,565. This is an increase of 45,565 from the low point last Summer, when model T production was discontinued and is within 12,435 of peak employment in 1926.

Employment at the Fordson plant is now 64,379 against 63,491 a week ago, Highland Park plant 28,221 against 28,386 and Lincoln plant 4,965 against 4,978.

Wholesale Trade During February in U. S. as Reported by Federal Reserve Board—Total Sales Largest for Any Month Since August.

The volume of trade of wholesale firms in the nine lines covered by the Federal Reserve Board's index of wholesale distribution increased further in February and was larger than in the corresponding month of the previous year, the Board states in its survey issued Mar. 28. Continuing it says:

When allowance is made for the usual seasonal variations, total sales were larger than for any month since last August. Compared with February a year ago sales of all lines except women's clothing and furniture were larger.

A summary of the changes in sales by lines in February as compared with January 1928 and February 1927, as indicated by reports received by the Federal reserve system, is given in the table:

CHANGES IN VALUE OF WHOLESALE SALES.

Line.	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in Sales in—	
	February 1928 Compared with January 1928.	February 1928 Compared with February 1927.
Groceries.....	+0.5	+5.0
Meats.....	+2.1	+1.0
Dry goods.....	+5.3	+1.4
Men's clothing.....	+67.3	+3.8
Women's clothing.....	+34.6	-7.4
Boots and shoes.....	-7.7	+1.4
Hardware.....	-0.6	+0.2
Drugs.....	-4.9	+6.0
Furniture.....	+11.2	-6.9
Total nine lines.....	+6.4	+1.5

Sales of farm implements and agricultural machinery by 79 firms reporting to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago averaged about 40% larger in February than in January and about 20% larger than in February of last year. Orders for machine tools placed with firms reporting to the National Machine Tool Builders' Association averaged 40% larger than in February of last year and shipments of tools by these companies were also considerably larger than last year.

Stocks of Wholesale Firms.

Stocks of merchandise carried by reporting wholesale firms increased in February and at the end of the month they were slightly larger than a year ago for firms carrying dry goods, shoes, drugs and furniture. Stocks of wholesale groceries and hardware averaged somewhat smaller than a year ago.

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

WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION BY LINES.^a

(Index numbers, based upon dollar value of sales. Monthly avge. 1923-1925=100.)

Month	Total Nine Lines.	Groceries.	Meats.	Dry Goods.	Men's Clothing.	Women's Clothing.	Boots and Shoes.	Hardware.	Drugs.	Furniture.
With adjustment for seasonal variation—										
1927—										
January...	94	93	113	83	84	77	112	92	104	100
February...	95	93	112	87	97	75	108	93	103	96
March...	95	96	108	90	101	67	97	98	106	96
April...	93	95	111	86	87	68	94	94	106	95
May...	95	97	109	87	87	69	110	91	104	93
June...	93	98	104	88	90	65	90	92	106	100
July...	95	91	102	88	90	79	134	92	105	104
August...	100	97	109	102	101	72	111	97	112	106
September...	96	94	109	91	92	66	104	99	114	104
October...	91	90	109	86	81	54	94	94	111	96
November...	95	94	105	89	86	67	105	100	112	99
December...	93	93	109	87	93	61	101	97	106	90
1928—										
January...	95	92	106	89	101	70	114	93	108	91
February...	97	98	114	88	101	70	109	93	109	89
Without adjustment for seasonal variation—										
1927—										
January...	87	86	113	78	65	71	92	82	102	88
February...	91	81	107	88	123	95	85	82	95	96
March...	103	94	104	95	138	108	111	102	117	109
April...	87	95	104	76	85	64	100	96	108	96
May...	87	95	109	76	52	39	111	93	98	88
June...	87	101	106	78	45	27	85	96	99	88
July...	88	92	104	81	78	43	107	90	100	85
August...	111	97	111	125	165	98	122	98	110	109
September...	112	102	117	113	140	95	127	106	122	118
October...	106	102	122	99	101	87	114	105	128	114
November...	93	100	101	88	61	45	110	98	113	104
December...	82	91	103	70	48	39	82	90	99	85
1928—										
January...	87	85	106	85	76	65	94	83	106	80
February...	92	85	108	89	128	88	87	82	101	89

^a Index of wholesale distribution is described in the Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1927. Index numbers by lines from January 1919 to date are published in that bulletin and may be had upon request to the Federal Reserve Board.

^b Indexes of sales of men's clothing revised for 1927.

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—February 1928 Compared with		Stocks—February 1928 Compared with	
	January 1928.	February 1927.	January 1928.	February 1927.
Groceries—				
United States....	+0.5	+5.0	+2.3	-6.4
Boston District...	-1.7	+1.9	-11.2	-13.8
New York District...	-3.0	+3.6	-0.7	-8.1
Philadelphia Dist..	+0.1	+8.2	-3.4	+0.6
Cleveland District...	+3.7	+7.7	+1.8	-0.7
Richmond District...	+2.7	+5.0	-5.4	-5.3
Atlanta District...	+0.4	-0.9	+14.4	+7.2
Chicago District...	+1.3	+6.9	+0.6	-14.0
St. Louis District...	+4.3	+1.6	+4.3	-3.3
Minneapolis Dist..	-2.0	+7.0	-1.0	-8.0
Kansas City Dist..	+2.1	+8.3	+25.4	+7.1
Dallas District...	-1.0	+6.2	+4.5	+5.4
San Francisco Dist.	-1.4	+7.5	-3.9	-16.0
Dry Goods—				
United States....	+5.3	+1.4	-0.9	+13.6
New York District...	+5.5	-4.1	-0.6	-0.6
Philadelphia Dist..	+17.6	-3.8	+1.9	-2.4
Cleveland District...	+23.4	+3.7	-2.2	+2.0
Richmond District...	+2.8	-17.0	+0.4	+25.0
Atlanta District...	+10.1	-8.1	+8.2	+27.6
Chicago District...	+22.5	+6.9	-1.3	+7.8
St. Louis District...	+1.0	+0.9	-20.6	-13.2
Kansas City Dist..	+4.8	+4.3	+5.9	+45.5
Dallas District...	-4.2	+6.4	-0.7	+20.8
San Francisco Dist.	-3.5	+5.0	-5.6	+2.4
Shoes—				
United States....	-7.7	+1.4	+4.3	+0.5
Boston District...	+7.3	+3.9	+5.8	+0.4
New York District...	+5.3	-15.5	+6.4	-2.8
Philadelphia Dist..	+1.1	-21.3	-	-
Cleveland District...	+81.5	-2.2	+6.6	-1.5
Richmond District...	+28.3	-6.0	+2.4	-32.5
Atlanta District...	+23.1	-10.7	-	-
Chicago District...	+27.0	+0.1	+10.4	+24.4
St. Louis District...	-21.9	-7.3	+43.7	+50.4
Minneapolis Dist..	+53.0	+30.0	+9.0	+20.0
San Francisco Dist.	+26.9	+29.5	-9.7	-8.0
Hardware—				
United States....	-0.6	+0.2	+3.0	-1.7
New York District...	+9.4	+0.3	+6.9	+2.9
Philadelphia Dist..	-1.9	-4.2	+1.0	+3.3
Cleveland District...	+8.3	-7.1	-	-
Richmond District...	-16.9	-11.4	+4.6	+5.0
Atlanta District...	-15.1	-6.3	+0.5	-4.6
Chicago District...	+8.8	+2.0	+8.3	-0.8
St. Louis District...	+3.5	+6.1	+9.7	-16.9
Minneapolis Dist..	+2.0	+4.0	+3.0	+0.0
Kansas City Dist..	+9.3	-1.1	+4.9	+2.7
Dallas District...	+0.9	+26.9	+7.9	+7.7
San Francisco Dist.	+5.8	+3.3	-4.1	-7.3
Drugs—				
United States....	-4.9	+6.0	+2.0	-0.7
New York District...	-9.6	+10.4	+0.3	-2.0
Philadelphia Dist..	-5.4	+1.4	-1.0	+11.4
Cleveland District...	-0.05	+3.4	-	-
Richmond District...	-9.6	+0.3	-	-
Atlanta District...	-6.0	+4.5	-	-
Chicago District...	-3.4	+4.3	+2.3	-0.5
St. Louis District...	+6.2	+0.3	-3.6	+3.3
Kansas City Dist..	-5.1	+23.1	+6.2	+5.9
Dallas District...	-5.1	+15.7	+1.7	-5.4
San Francisco Dist.	-1.1	+3.4	+2.5	-2.6
Furniture—				
United States....	+11.2	-6.9	+0.5	+3.1
Richmond District...	+1.1	-4.0	-	-
Atlanta District...	+18.3	+25.0	+3.3	-5.9
St. Louis District...	-16.2	-8.7	+3.3	+1.4
Kansas City Dist..	+30.2	+14.4	+1.3	-3.1
San Francisco Dist.	+2.6	-4.0	-3.4	+10.3
Agricultural Implements—				
United States b...	+39.8	+19.5	-	-
Minneapolis Dist..	+119.0	+14.0	+10.0	+2.0
Dallas District...	+6.6	+76.8	-4.2	-20.7
Paper and Stationery—				
New York District...	-2.3	+9.9	-	-
Philadelphia Dist..	-2.3	+2.2	-0.5	-4.4
Atlanta District...	+8.1	+3.5	-	-
San Francisco Dist.	-11.1	-7.5	-3.7	+3.6
Automobile Supplies—				
San Francisco Dist.	+3.4	+3.8	+1.4	-2.9
Cotton Jobbers—				
New York District...	+41.3	+7.6	+2.1	+15.0
Silk Goods—				
New York District...	+0.2	+0.9	-	-
Cotton Commission Houses—				
New York District...	+9.4	+3.9	-	-
Machin Tools—				
United States c...	-7.8	+40.4	-	-
Diamonds—				
New York District...	-22.4	-11.7	-	-
Jewelry—				
New York District...	+16.8	+1.0	+1.1	d-1.8
Philadelphia Dist..	+21.6	-14.1	+5.7	-0.4
Electrical Supplies—				
Philadelphia Dist..	+53.2	+29.1	-9.1	-13.4
Atlanta District...	-2.4	-14.8	-2.9	-26.5
Chicago District...	-3.4	+1.2	-1.1	-7.7
San Francisco Dist.	+0.3	-0.5	-	-

^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.

Production of Electric Power in the United States in February Increased About 11% Over Same Month Last Year—Revised January Figures Show Increase Over December.

The total production of electric power by public utility plants in the United States for the month of February amounted to 6,858,423,000 kilowatt hours, as compared with 7,261,497,000 kilowatt hours in January last and approximately 6,160,000,000 kilowatt hours in February 1927, according to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey. Of the output for February of this year, 2,566,688,000 kilowatt hours were produced by water power and 4,291,735,000 kilowatt hours by fuels. The Survey further shows:

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

Districts—	December	January	February	Change in Output	
	1927.	1928.	1928.	from Prev. Year.	Feb. a
Total United States	7,213,786,000	7,261,497,000	6,858,423,000	+8%	+11%
New England	511,348,000	511,256,000	481,128,000	+4%	+8%
Middle Atlantic	2,037,838,000	2,012,238,000	1,887,601,000	+8%	+12%
East North Central	1,727,185,000	1,736,000,000	1,659,046,000	+6%	+12%
West North Central	438,942,000	439,282,000	411,400,000	+9%	+14%
South Atlantic	772,602,000	804,408,000	751,704,000	+16%	+5%
East South Central	256,881,000	297,576,000	281,812,000	+5%	+13%
West South Central	303,005,000	308,631,000	284,388,000	+20%	+19%
Mountain	301,049,000	291,379,000	287,677,000	-3%	+9%
Pacific	864,936,000	860,727,000	813,667,000	+8%	+14%

a Percentages affected by the fact that Feb. 1928 had one more day than Feb. 1927. Total output for February nearly 6% less than for January, but average daily output for February 1% more than for January. These are illustrations of misleading statistical data which would be obviated by the adoption of the proposed 13-month calendar.

The average daily production of electricity in February was 236,500,000 kilowatt hours—1% more than the revised figures of average output for January of 234,200,000 kilowatt hours. The output by the use of water power was 88,500,000 kilowatt hours a day, or about 37% of the total output.

The average daily total output of electricity shows a steady increase from July to February, apparently indicating favorable general business conditions throughout the country.

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY PUBLIC UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN 1927 AND 1928.

	1927.	1928.	Increase Over 1927.	Produced by Water Power	
				1927.	1928.
January	6,730,000,000	7,261,000,000	8%	35%	38%
February	6,160,000,000	6,858,000,000	x11%	36%	37%
March	6,717,000,000	-----	-----	38%	-----
April	6,416,000,000	-----	-----	40%	-----
May	6,582,000,000	-----	-----	41%	-----
June	6,475,000,000	-----	-----	39%	-----
July	6,455,000,000	-----	-----	38%	-----
August	6,684,000,000	-----	-----	36%	-----
September	6,607,000,000	-----	-----	33%	-----
October	6,929,000,000	-----	-----	34%	-----
November	6,874,000,000	-----	-----	36%	-----
December	7,214,000,000	-----	-----	38%	-----
Total	79,843,000,000	-----	-----	37%	-----

x Part of increase is due to Feb. 1928 being one day longer than Feb. 1927.

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

The Coal Division, Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, co-operates in the preparation of these reports.

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

(In Kilowatt Hours.)	Exports.		Imports.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
January	115,793,000	130,894,000	297,000	281,000
February	101,155,000	121,829,000	282,000	266,000
March	110,911,000	133,702,000	310,000	446,000
April	115,696,000	129,709,000	260,000	408,000
May	119,398,000	124,749,000	268,000	424,000
June	127,351,000	139,439,000	249,000	408,000
July	132,225,000	138,085,000	258,000	426,000
August	142,857,000	157,197,000	256,000	424,000
September	146,678,000	154,047,000	252,000	436,000
October	144,160,000	142,991,000	265,000	461,000
November	119,381,000	129,415,000	245,000	417,000
December	127,568,000	130,552,000	288,000	471,000
Yearly total	1,503,173,000	1,632,609,000	3,230,000	4,868,000

Baltimore Unemployed Put at 15,473—First City to Take Census of Unemployed.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 29 we take the following Baltimore advices:

Baltimore, the first city in the United States to take a census of unemployed, reports that only 15,473 male and female, are actually out of employment. Baltimore's population is 820,000, and number of people gainfully employed is stated to be approximately 350,000, about 100,000 of whom are engaged in manufacturing industries.

Census, as taken by city police department under direction of State Labor Bureau, and with advisory co-operation of United States Department of Labor, discloses that unemployed represent only about 4% of number usually engaged in gainful occupation.

Classified by groups, the unemployed are listed as follows:

Manufacturing industries	4,165
Building trades	2,521
Mercantile pursuits	1,259
Utilities and transportation	949
Unclassified	6,579
Total	15,473

In making canvass consideration was given only to those who usually work for wages or on their own account, and who now are actually without gainful employment of any kind whatsoever. Each home was visited. An unemployed person was considered to be (a) one who usually works for wages or makes money from operating a business of his own, but who now is entirely out of any kind of work whatsoever and who now wants work; (b) one who has not worked for wages at any recent period, but who is seeking regular work; for example, a boy has just qualified in school as a stenographer and wants work, or a woman recently widowed may want work. Persons securing emergency jobs for brief periods only were classed as unemployed. Idle persons of independent means were not classed as unemployed. Tramps, beggars, gamblers and the like were placed in the same category.

Railroad Revenue Freight Loading Still Low for the Season.

Revenue freight loading for the week ended on March 24 totaled 950,428 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on April 3. Compared with the preceding week, this was an increase of 8,342 cars, with increases being reported in the loading of all commodities except Live Stock, Coal and Coke, which showed slight decreases. The total for the week of March 24 was a decrease of 17,517 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago. Particulars are given as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 369,888 cars, a decrease of 6,389 cars under the corresponding week last year but 8,310 cars above the same week in 1926.

Coal loading totaled 157,077 cars, a decrease of 49,309 cars below the same week in 1927 and 14,349 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 46,599 cars, an increase of 9,642 cars over the same week last year and 8,319 cars above the same week in 1926. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 32,013 cars, an increase of 8,793 above the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 28,055 cars, an increase of 958 cars above the same week last year and 751 cars over the same week in 1926. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 21,708 cars, an increase of 1,559 compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise, less than carload lot freight totaled 260,641 cars, a decrease of 1,870 cars below the same week in 1927 and 6,325 cars under the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 69,290 cars, 1,603 cars below the same week last year and 8,839 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 8,548 cars, 2,809 cars under the same week last year and 2,431 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 10,330 cars, 1,728 cars below the same week in 1927 and 2,953 below the corresponding week in 1926.

All districts except the Northwestern and Southwestern reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities as compared with the same week last year, while all except the Eastern and Allegheny reported increases compared with two years ago.

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

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Four weeks in January	3,447,723	3,756,660	3,686,696
Four weeks in February	3,589,694	3,801,918	3,677,332
Week ended March 3rd	959,537	989,863	965,009
Week ended March 10th	951,553	1,000,754	967,425
Week ended March 17th	942,086	1,001,932	977,018
Week ended March 24th	950,428	1,003,536	967,945
Total	10,841,021	11,554,663	11,241,425

Decline in Industrial Consumption of Electric Power in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

Industrial consumption of electric power in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District was 3.2% smaller in February than in January and was six-tenths of 1% below that of February, 1927. Total sales of electricity also declined in the month, but exceeded that of a year earlier by 4.5%. The output of electricity by 12 central stations of this district, while declining 5.6% during the month, was almost 6% greater than in February, 1927. Details are given in the following table, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

Electric Power—Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—12 Systems.	February.	Change from Jan. 1928.	Change from Feb. 1927.
Rated generator capacity	1,412,000 kw.	-1.5%	+3.2%
Generated output	419,656,000 kwh.	-5.6%	+5.9%
Hydro-electric	27,996,000 "	-6.7%	+13.8%
Steam	309,825,000 "	-5.7%	-0.2%
Purchased	81,835,000 "	-4.7%	+33.1%
Sales of electricity	344,197,000 "	-5.3%	+4.5%
Lighting	86,407,000 "	-9.4%	+10.4%
Municipal	9,837,000 "	-12.2%	+10.1%
Residential and commercial	76,570,000 "	-9.0%	+10.4%
Power	220,476,000 "	-2.8%	+2.9%
Municipal	5,708,000 "	+147.7%	+182.4%
Street cars and railroads	50,424,000 "	-8.2%	+7.6%
Industries	164,344,000 "	-3.2%	-0.6%
All other sales	37,314,000 "	-9.5%	+1.2%

Dun's Report of Failures for March and the First Quarter.

In the insolvency statistics compiled by R. G. Dun & Co. for both March and the first quarter, there is a contrast between the larger number of commercial failures and the smaller liabilities, in comparison with the returns for last year. With a total of 2,236, the March defaults in the United States are 4.3% in excess of the 2,143 insolvencies for that period of 1927, while last month's indebtedness of \$54,814,145 is 5.3% below the \$57,890,905 of the earlier year. In no other month since that time, however, have the present liabilities been equalled, while the number of failures last month is the highest for March since 1922, when 2,463 defaults were reported. The maximum indebtedness for March was established in 1924, at about \$97,600,000; in 1922 the amount approximate \$71,600,000, and in 1921 it was \$67,400,000.

The 7,055 insolvencies of the first quarter of the current year are 6.2% above the 6,643 failures of the same three

months of 1927, whereas this year's liabilities of \$147,519,198 are 5.5% less than the \$156,121,853 of the first quarter of last year. It was in 1922 that the largest indebtedness for the first quarter and, in fact, for any quarter, was recorded, at about \$218,000,000; in the first quarter of 1924 the total was practically \$184,900,000, and in 1921 it was \$180,400,000. Hence, the quarterly liabilities now reported have been exceeded in the first quarter of four preceding years, although the number of defaults for three months just ended represents the maximum for the period, excepting the 7,517 insolvencies of the first quarter of 1922 and the 7,216 failures of 1915.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—MARCH 1928.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Manufacturers—						
Iron, foundries and mills...	11	11	4	\$976,065	\$483,763	\$156,591
Machinery and tools.....	31	28	24	678,170	1,094,705	881,812
Woolens, carpets & knit g'ds	2	5	2	69,000	535,030	40,912
Cottons, lace and hosiery...	1	2	--	74,900	2,450,048	--
Lumber, carpenters & coop.	93	78	60	6,121,273	4,750,447	1,556,837
Clothing and millinery....	44	50	46	1,513,233	925,130	607,016
Hats, gloves and furs.....	18	11	21	209,926	318,256	421,295
Chemicals and drugs.....	11	7	6	182,680	46,840	372,600
Paints and oils.....	1	1	2	9,100	8,000	65,000
Printing and engraving....	13	19	25	132,871	1,394,212	331,331
Milling and bakers.....	43	52	45	335,019	756,082	319,839
Leather, shoes & harness...	16	16	13	344,095	1,855,219	609,500
Liquors and tobacco.....	7	5	5	87,200	15,960	159,000
Glass, earthenware & brick.	10	13	9	528,857	500,485	275,000
All other.....	245	271	207	9,149,577	7,203,458	4,155,088
Total manufacturing.....	546	569	469	\$20,411,956	\$22,367,655	\$9,861,821
Traders—						
General stores.....	103	106	133	\$1,134,952	\$1,904,121	\$2,258,549
Groceries, meat and fish...	320	332	314	3,095,368	5,897,088	2,454,597
Hotels and restaurants....	94	81	85	6,552,196	1,067,062	751,996
Tobacco &c.....	26	22	24	138,688	295,338	371,189
Clothing and furnishings...	232	208	182	2,798,877	3,198,745	1,978,737
Dry goods and carpets....	132	123	90	1,416,833	2,054,555	2,279,453
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.	70	58	52	555,750	819,351	623,606
Furniture and crockery....	82	69	53	1,675,450	1,134,647	761,565
Hardware, stoves & tools...	47	39	45	756,431	624,420	605,222
Chemicals and drugs.....	65	69	58	643,780	672,411	495,072
Paints and oils.....	6	8	5	26,791	93,545	45,900
Jewelry and clocks.....	22	35	58	285,189	734,432	1,518,441
Books and papers.....	14	18	11	194,365	882,384	349,039
Hats, furs and gloves....	18	10	12	224,935	80,316	156,821
All other.....	335	290	302	6,656,734	8,742,067	3,962,501
Total trading.....	1,566	1,468	1,424	\$26,186,339	\$28,191,482	\$18,622,793
Other commercial.....	124	106	91	\$1,215,850	7,331,768	2,137,933
Total United States.....	2,236	2,143	1,984	\$54,814,145	\$57,890,905	\$30,622,547

Monthly and quarterly failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the periods mentioned:

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
March.....	2,236	2,143	1,984	\$54,814,145	\$57,890,905	\$30,622,547
February.....	2,176	2,035	1,801	45,070,642	46,940,716	34,176,348
January.....	2,643	2,465	2,296	47,634,411	51,290,232	43,661,444
1st quarter.....	7,055	6,643	6,081	\$147,519,198	\$156,121,853	\$108,460,339
December.....	1,927	1,926	1,925	\$123,444,698	\$111,544,291	\$101,994,461
November.....	2,162	2,069	1,878	\$51,062,253	\$45,619,578	\$36,528,160
October.....	1,864	1,830	1,672	36,146,573	32,693,993	35,922,421
4th quarter.....	1,787	1,763	1,581	36,235,872	33,230,720	29,543,870
September.....	5,813	5,662	5,131	\$123,444,698	\$111,544,291	\$101,994,461
August.....	1,673	1,437	1,465	\$32,786,125	\$29,989,817	\$30,687,319
July.....	1,708	1,593	1,513	39,195,953	28,129,660	37,158,861
3d quarter.....	5,037	4,636	4,663	\$115,132,052	\$87,799,486	\$102,351,371
June.....	1,833	1,708	1,745	\$34,465,165	\$29,407,523	\$36,701,496
May.....	1,852	1,730	1,767	37,784,773	33,543,318	37,026,552
April.....	1,968	1,957	1,939	53,155,727	38,487,321	37,188,622
2d quarter.....	5,653	5,395	5,451	\$125,405,665	\$101,438,162	\$110,916,670

Business Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Shows Upward Trend—Gain in Employment—Crude Rubber Prices Reached Lowest Figure Since 1924.

In its April 1 Monthly Business Review the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank states that "perhaps the most noticeable feature in the Fourth District recently has been the steady gain in employment. After a long decline in 1927 the low point was reached the early part of this year," says the Bank, "but since then the number of men employed has shown a gradual but definite increase. On March 10, 36 large and representative manufacturers reported 96,115 employees as compared with 95,705 a year ago." In further surveying conditions the Bank says:

The general situation in the District continues decidedly mixed, but with the trend still upward on the whole. The iron and steel industry in March has been able to hold its February gains. Tire manufacturers have been hampered by the fall in crude rubber, but this is partially offset by the early opening of Spring demand. The coal industry is as depressed as ever. Business in apparel lines has improved, and both retail and wholesale trade are showing up well. Shoe manufacturers are operating on heavy schedules, and wholesale shoe sales have shown a marked improvement. Building contracts awarded compare unfavorably with last year, but permits are larger. In agriculture, the condition of winter wheat is fair to poor, but the outlook for tobacco is promising.

Noting that crude rubber in March reached the lowest figure since 1924 the Bank says:

Uncertainty with regard to the future of the Stevenson Restriction Act caused a further slump in crude rubber prices during the first part

of March. From a figure of 29 cents at the opening of the month—about 9 cents below the Feb. 1st quotation—crude declined to a low of 25 cents a pound (ribbed smoked sheets, spot) on the 12th. Not since 1924 has such a low price prevailed. On March 19, however, there was a sudden recovery to 28 cents, coincident with the announcement that the American rubber pool had obtained a new credit of \$60,000,000.

In the Fourth District the industry is awaiting some definite decision by the British government with regard to the Stevenson Act. The recent fluctuations in crude prices have had a retarding effect, as dealers have shown an inclination to withhold purchases in the event of further price declines. Inventories in tire manufacturers' hand of both crude and finished products are stated to be large. On the other hand, the approach of Spring and the seasonal increase in the volume of sales constitute a favorable factor, and operations are holding up well.

Manufacturing Activities in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Shoe Factories Operating at Higher Levels—Midwest Distribution of Automobiles.

Conditions in the shoe manufacturing, tanning and hides industries are indicated as follows by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its Monthly Business Conditions Report April 1:

Shoe factories in the Seventh Federal Reserve district operated at seasonally higher levels during February than in January, with shipments totaling 2.8% more than production. Twenty-five companies reported stock shoes on hand at the close of the month equivalent in the aggregate to 79.4% of the volume of Feb. shipments. Unfilled orders on the books of 24 companies provided for approximately five weeks' business at the current rate of distribution.

CHANGES IN THE SHOE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN FEBRUARY 1928 FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS.

	Per Cent Change from		Companies Included	
	January 1928.	February 1927.	Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1927.
Production.....	+20.9	-1.4	30	30
Shipments.....	+17.6	-7.2	30	30
Stock shoes on hand.....	+0.5	+1.5	25	25
Unfilled orders.....	-12.9	-6.5	24	22

A smaller quantity of leather was produced in the district during Feb. than in the preceding month or a year ago, according to reports sent direct to this bank by representative tanneries. Slightly more than two-thirds the companies experienced an increase in sales over Jan., and nearly all showed gains in comparison with last year. Prices tended to ease.

Chicago trading in packer green hides and skins showed a further recession during Feb.; shipments from the city as well as purchases by district tanners were reported below those of January. The market was very active early in March. Prices declined.

Regarding automobile production and distribution the Bank says:

For the second successive month production of passenger automobiles in the United States increased in February over the preceding month and was larger than in the corresponding month a year ago; output aggregated 290,830, which compares with 205,543 in January and 264,171 in February, 1927. Truck output of 32,538 also increased in February over the preceding month, but was less than a year ago.

February sales of automobiles by both wholesalers and retailers in the Middle West continued to expand, although they averaged below a year ago. Sales of used cars followed a similar trend. Stocks of new cars on hand February 29 increased in the monthly and yearly comparisons; those of used cars increased over Jan. 31, and were less in number than on the corresponding date of 1927, but greater in value. Deferred payment sales of thirty-one dealers averaged 48.2% of their total retail sales in February, compared with 44.4 in January and 36.2% a year ago.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES. Changes in February 1928 from previous months.

	Per Cent Change from		Companies Included.
	January 1928.	February 1927.	
New Cars—			
Wholesale—Number sold.....	+42.5	-6.3	36
Value.....	+50.1	-10.9	36
Retail—Number sold.....	+16.0	-19.5	82
Value.....	+29.8	-7.2	82
On hand Feb. 29—Number.....	+19.6	+6.3	52
Value.....	+12.9	+10.2	52
Used Cars—			
Number sold.....	+31.4	-3.7	82
Salable on hand—Number.....	+2.5	-13.5	50
Value.....	+2.5	+10.6	50

Industrial Employment Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Increase in Wages and Numbers Employed.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in its survey of industrial employment conditions, in its April 1 Business Conditions Report says:

All but two of the industrial groups reporting on employment conditions in the Chicago Federal Reserve district, showed increases in both men and amount of payrolls for the Jan. 15 to Feb. 15 period, the gain in the number of men amounting to 1.9% and in payrolls to 7.6%. This brings the volume of employment to somewhat above the December level, offsetting the heavy curtailments reported for January. Metals and vehicles led the advance, the additions to working forces in these groups totaling 2.5% in the former and 5.8% in the latter. At Detroit the volume of employment reported by the Employers' Association was 4.9% higher on March 13 than a month earlier, and 3.9% above March 15, 1927, which was the high point for that year. Chemicals, rubber, furniture, food, clothing, and leather products also registered substantial gains.

The exceptions to the general industrial trend were furnished by the paper and printing industry and by stone, clay, and glass products. The latter group has shown a steady decline since last September. In groups other than manufacturing, employment conditions were less favorable.

Distributive industries, public utilities, building and construction work recorded curtailments. There was a slight increase in employment at coal mines. The ratio of applicants to available positions at the free employment offices fell from 239% to 208 in the state of Illinois; rose from 275 to 345 in Iowa; and in Indiana averaged 171% during February as compared with 200 the month previous.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Groups.	No. of Wage Earners.			Total Earnings.			
	Week Ended.		Per Cent Change.	Week Ended.		Per Cent Change.	
	Feb. 15 1928.	Jan. 15 1928.		Feb. 15 1928.	Jan. 15 1928.		
All groups (10).....	334,338	328,051	+1.9	\$9,149,725	\$8,505,668	+7.6	
Metals and metal products (other than vehicles).....	128,816	125,632	+2.5	3,497,352	3,219,111	+8.6	
Vehicles.....	31,230	29,521	+5.8	961,861	770,508	+24.8	
Textiles & textile products.....	27,070	26,815	+1.0	665,415	642,568	+3.6	
Food and related products.....	46,246	45,680	+1.2	1,280,816	1,233,317	+3.9	
Stone, clay & glass prods.....	11,928	12,019	-0.8	334,209	340,317	-1.8	
Lumber and its products.....	27,051	26,441	+2.3	664,422	586,822	+13.2	
Chemical products.....	12,804	12,573	+1.8	370,456	338,799	+9.3	
Leather products.....	14,695	14,627	+0.5	329,646	314,892	+4.7	
Rubber products.....	4,006	3,966	+1.0	88,149	84,920	+3.8	
Paper and printing.....	30,492	30,777	-0.9	957,399	974,414	-1.7	

Merchandising Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Gains in Wholesale and Retail Trade.

Gains in both wholesale and retail trade in the Chicago Federal Reserve District are indicated in the following from the April 1 "Monthly Business Conditions Report" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Wholesale Trade.

All six lines of wholesale trade reporting to this bank showed an aggregate expansion in February sales over last year; drugs and electrical supplies registered the only declines from January. The majority of lines reported larger stocks on hand February 29 than a month previous, and most of them had smaller inventories than a year ago. Except in shoe trade where prices trend upward and in electrical supplies and equipment where they are lower, price levels appear to be about the same as in the preceding month. In most lines, collections are fair, although some reports indicate that they are rather slow.

WHOLESALE TRADE DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1928.

	Net Sales During Month.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	Per Cent Change from		Per Cent Change from	
	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.
Groceries.....	(28) + 1.3	(35) + 6.9	(25) + 0.6	(25) -14.0
Hardware.....	(15) + 8.8	(15) + 2.0	(9) + 8.3	(9) - 0.8
Dry goods.....	(13) +22.5	(13) + 6.9	(9) - 1.3	(10) + 7.8
Drugs.....	(14) - 3.4	(14) + 4.3	(12) + 2.3	(12) - 0.5
Shoes.....	(8) -27.0	(8) + 0.1	(5) +10.4	(5) +24.4
Electrical supplies.....	(37) - 3.4	(48) + 1.2	(31) - 1.1	(39) - 7.7

	Accounts Outstanding End of Month.			Collections During Month.	
	Per Cent Change from		Ratio to Net Sales During Month.	Per Cent Change from	
	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.		Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.
Groceries.....	(34) + 1.3	(34) - 0.2	(34) 116.3	(29) + 2.2	(29) + 6.2
Hardware.....	(15) - 1.6	(15) + 3.6	(15) 225.8	(13) -16.6	(13) + 9.4
Dry goods.....	(11) + 1.8	(11) - 0.6	(12) 304.7	(8) - 81.	(9) - 3.5
Drugs.....	(13) + 2.3	(14) + 3.4	(14) 157.7	(9) + 4.6	(7) +12.2
Shoes.....	(7) + 6.8	(6) +10.8	(7) 317.6	(6) -20.6	(5) + 2.3
Elec. suppl.....	(37) - 3.4	(47) - 0.7	(48) 146.8	(28) - 5.0	(38) - 1.6

Figures in parenthesis indicate number of firms included.

Department Store Trade.

Sales increases during February in Chicago and Detroit brought the total for 82 department stores of the Seventh district to 4.0% in excess of January and 4.6% above February last year; sales for the first two months of 1928 aggregated 5.8% more than in the corresponding period of 1927. Sales by Indianapolis and Milwaukee firms, and by 58 stores in smaller cities declined in all three comparisons. Inventories as of February 29 were larger for the district than at the end of January or a year ago; stock turnover (the ratio of sales to average stocks) was 29.6% for February compared with 28.5 last year, and for the first two months of this year 58.3 as against 54.7 for the same period of 1927. Accounts receivable February 29 and collections during the month declined 8.2 and 21.9%, respectively, in the monthly comparison, and increased 3.6 and 7.4% as compared with a year ago. February collections totaled 40.2% of accounts receivable Jan. 31 this year, while the corresponding ratio in 1927 was 39.4.

Retail Shoe Trade.

Declines of 15.2 and 15.7% from January and last year, respectively, were shown in aggregate February shoe sales of 24 dealers and 22 department stores reporting to this bank; sales for the first two months of 1928 averaged 7.2% below the corresponding period of 1927. Stocks of 35 firms totaled 7.5% more on February 29 than a month previous, but 5.5% under a year ago. Collections during February were 15.9 and 13.1% less, respectively, in the month-to-month and yearly comparisons, according to the reports of 16 dealers, and accounts receivable declined 19.3 and 40.8%. The ratio of accounts receivable to sales was 73.1 for February, compared with 72.1 in January and 102.4 a year ago.

Retail Furniture Trade—February sales of furniture by 23 retail dealers and 24 department stores showed an aggregate gain of 20.1% over the preceding month and a decline of 1.3% from a year ago. Stocks on hand February 29 were heavier by 2.7% than on January 31, and averaged 3.1% over the corresponding date of 1927. Installment sales by nineteen dealers totaled 32.2% above January, but 1.0% less than a year ago. Collections on this type of sales declined 4.6% in the monthly comparison, and increased 1.4% over February last year. Total collections declined 4.0 and gained 2.6%, respectively, in these comparisons. Accounts receivable on February 29 totaled 1.5% less than on January 31 and 8.0% above a year ago.

Chain Store Trade.

Twenty-four chains of the Seventh district with 2,250 stores in operation during February showed a total gain in sales over January of 8.9%,

and an increase of 16.4% over a year ago. The number of stores in operation gained 6.0 and 19.9%, respectively, in these comparisons. With the exception of women's clothing chains, all groups reported larger sales in February than in the preceding month. In the comparison with February, 1927, grocery, drug, five-and-ten-cent, men's clothing, and furniture chains indicated gains in sales, and cigars, musical instruments, and women's clothing showed declines.

Slight Improvement in Business in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

"Taken as a whole," says the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, "business in this district the past thirty days underwent further slight improvement." The Bank makes this statement in the March 31 issue of its Monthly Review, and adds:

Despite the handicap of unfavorable weather, distribution of merchandise through retail channels was in large volume, and in some of the important wholesale and manufacturing lines, sales were in excess of the corresponding month last year. In counter distinction to the preceding thirty days, when improvement was confined chiefly to goods of the heavier and more permanent sort, betterment in February and early March was shown in commodities for ordinary consumption, such as groceries, packing products, dry goods and drugs. In the rural sections there was a fair expansion in purchasing of all classes of merchandise, but more particularly seasonal lines. This was true particularly in the south, where preparations for spring crops have gotten under way, and made good progress. Department store sales in the principal cities of the district recorded a gain of 3.1% over February last year, and good gains were also made by five and ten cent stores and mail order houses. Debits to individual accounts in the chief centers showed the usual seasonal decline from January to February, but the total for the latter month was 6.0% larger than for the same period in 1927. The amount of savings deposits increased, both over a month and a year earlier, and on March 7 was the highest on record.

As contrasted with recent months, distribution of automobiles in February made a quite remarkable gain, and the total was 1.7% greater than in February, 1927. Steady expansion in the iron and steel industry continues, with the output of mills and foundries larger than during the preceding thirty days, and good gains being reported by certain specialty makers, notably of stoves, farm implements and architectural iron. Slight improvement was reported in the movement of lumber, hardware and explosives. Smaller sales as compared with a month and a year earlier were reported in boots and shoes, clothing, railway supplies, millinery and several of the less important classifications. February building permits in the five largest cities of the district were 15.7% larger than in January, but 11.6% smaller than in February, 1927. Contracts let for building projects in this district were the largest for any February on record. Resumption of highway construction, and other seasonal work resulted in moderate improvement in the employment situation as compared with the past several months. In some sections there is still a surplus of workers evident, particularly unskilled laborers and clerical help.

Through February and early this month the bituminous coal trade in this district reflected the usual seasonal irregularity and contraction. In the case of fuel for heating purposes, the slowing down in demand was accentuated by absence of protracted cold weather. Reordering by distributors was in unusually small volume, and householders were purchasing only enough coal to carry them from month to month. Demand from public utilities companies, municipalities and institutions of various descriptions was smaller than usual at this season. While consumption in general industrial lines continued large, the demand from that source was not sufficient to strengthen the market as a whole, and the trend of prices was lower. In sharp contrast with this time last year, the possibility of a suspension of mines in union fields of the district on April 1, has not promoted any perceptible movement among industrial consumers to accumulate reserves. It is felt general output of the Kentucky and other un-unionized mines would be sufficient to meet all requirements. Part time operations are still the rule in the Illinois and Indiana fields and operators in those areas complain of competition from other districts.

Business Situation in Richmond Federal Reserve District—Mid-Season Conditions Prevailed in February—Gains in Wholesale and Retail Trade.

Summarizing conditions in its district, the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, under date of March 31, says:

February is a mid-season month in business activity, and last month was no exception, trade in most lines following seasonal trends. Member banks slightly increased their rediscounts at the reserve bank to counteract the withdrawals of deposits by farmers and merchants for early agricultural needs and the payment of bills for spring merchandise. Debits to individual accounts during the four weeks ended March 14th were seasonally below those of the preceding four weeks, but were slightly higher than debits reported for the corresponding period a year ago. Business failures in February were slightly more numerous and the aggregate liabilities involved were larger than in February 1927, but the increase in each case was less in percentage than the additional length of the 1928 month. The labor outlook improved distinctly during February and early March, although the number of unemployed persons in the leading cities of the district is still large. Coal production last month was in smaller amount than in either January this year or February 1927, but West Virginia led all coal producing states in tonnage. Curtailment of operations in the textile field continued through February, but did not spread materially, and the Census Bureau's final ginning report of the year, which confirmed the crop estimate of last December, has probably had a stimulating effect on cotton manufacturing. The value of building permits issued in the leading cities of the district was larger in February than in February 1927, the second month in succession in which a gain was reported. Cotton prices rose about \$5 a bale during the past month. Retail trade in department stores was about at seasonal levels, exceeding in dollar amount the trade of February last year. The continued cool weather held back the development of fruit trees, thereby increasing the probability of a full yield this year, and fertilizer sales in larger tonnage than last year indicate that farmers are entering upon this season's work in better position to carry forward their plans than in the spring of 1927. Farming operations in 1927 were on the whole more profitable than those of 1926, and condi-

tions at present suggest another favorable year, but little dependence can be placed in early season prospects.

Reviewing wholesale and retail trade the Bank states:

Eighty-two wholesale firms, representing six important lines, reported on their February business. February 1928 sales were larger in dollar amount in groceries, dry goods, shoes and furniture than sales in January this year, while last month's sales in hardware and drug lines were less than sales in the preceding month. In comparison with sales in February 1927, those of last month were larger in only two lines, groceries and drugs, while dry goods, shoe, hardware and furniture sales declined. Total sales during the first two months of 1928 were less in all lines except groceries than sales during the corresponding two months a year ago.

Stocks of dry goods, shoes and hardware increased moderately during February, while grocery stocks declined. At the end of the month stocks of groceries and shoes were lower than on Feb. 28, 1927, but dry goods stocks were 25.0% and hardware stocks were 5.0% larger on the 1928 date.

Collections during February in groceries totaled 61.6% of accounts receivable on Feb. 1st. Drugs, with an average of 54.6%, ranked next in percentage of outstanding receivables collected during the month, followed by hardware with 33.2%, dry goods with 30.8%, furniture with 27.1%, and shoes with 26.2%. Grocery and drug percentages were higher in February this year than a year ago, while shoe, hardware and furniture figures were lower this year. The percentage for dry goods was exactly the same both this year and last.

Retail trade, as reflected in sales of 30 leading department stores in the Fifth Federal reserve district, was 4.5% greater in dollar amount in February 1928 than in February 1927, although the Richmond stores averaged a decline of 2.7% and the group of Other Cities showed a decrease of 2.4%. Baltimore sales increased 4.0% and Washington sales gained 8.7%. Total sales during the first two months of 1928 averaged three-tenths of 1% above sales in the corresponding 1927 months, although Washington with an increase of 3.3% showed the only gain this year. February sales this year averaged 12.0% above average February sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive, all reporting cities registering gains.

Average stocks on the shelves of the reporting stores at the end of February were 1.1% below those of Feb. 28, 1927, in retail selling value, but were 8.2% above those of Jan. 31st this year, the latter increase being seasonal and due to the receipt of spring merchandise.

The percentage of sales to average stocks carried during February was 23.2% for the district as a whole, and the percentage of total sales during the first two months of this year to average stocks carried during each of the two months was 45.5%, indicating an annual turnover of 2.73 times.

Collections by the reporting stores during February totaled 27.5% of outstanding receivables on Feb. 1st, all cities showing lower figures than in January, but higher figures than in February last year.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Finds Encouraging Outlook for Trade.

The April 1 issue of the Monthly Business Review of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank thus reviews conditions in the district:

The continuance of an active demand for merchandise in both wholesale and retail channels of distribution was an important feature of the business situation during the past month. While distribution in some lines of wholesale trade was slightly smaller in February than during January, due to the shorter month, sales in all lines showed a large increase as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. Reports indicate that there is a growing spirit of optimism among both consumers and retailers and that the consumer demand for merchandise is gradually expanding as the season advances. While the large purchasing power of the district's population, together with the improved outlook for agriculture, presents an encouraging outlook for trade, retailers generally are holding to conservative merchandising policies and show no disposition to make purchases in excess of well defined prospective needs. Retail distribution in the larger centers, as reflected by department store sales, was seasonably smaller than in January but exceeded that of February a year ago by 2%. Debits to individual accounts, while 19% less than in the previous month, were 2% greater than in the corresponding month a year ago.

A considerable improvement has likewise taken place in the agricultural situation as the general rains and snows in February and March furnished ample moisture in most sections for current needs. It should be borne in mind, however, that a good subsoil season is still lacking in some sections of the district and considerably more moisture will be needed as the crops advance to sustain growth. Progress of small grains was very good but the general condition is somewhat spotted. The planting of corn has become general throughout the district and cotton planting is making good progress in Southern Texas. A significant feature of the agricultural situation is that according to the farmers' March 1st intentions to plant the prospective acreage of feed crops in Texas is considerably larger than the acreage planted in 1927.

The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities reflected an increase of 4% over that of the previous month and was 11% greater than in the corresponding month of last year. While the demand for lumber was less than in January, it was considerably above that of February, 1927. The production and shipment of cement also showed large gains as compared to a year ago.

Stevenson Rubber Export Restrictions to Be Removed By Great Britain November 1—Break in Rubber Prices.

Prices on the rubber market both here and abroad suffered a decline on April 4, with the announcement on that day by Premier Stanley Baldwin in the British House of Commons that, in accordance with a recommendation contained in a report of the Committee delegated to inquire into the matter, it had been decided to remove on Nov. 1 all restrictions on rubber exports from British Malaya and Ceylon imposed under the Stevenson plan. The existing restrictions, it is noted, will continue unchanged until the

date indicated. In copyright advices from London April 4 the "Evening Post" observed that the announcement, by Premier Stanley Baldwin, resulted in a demoralized rubber market, which sent the price of rubber down to ten pence, three farthings a pound, and led to heavy selling of shares in rubber companies. The cablegram in part added:

The rubber trust, with holdings in many plantations, was quoted at 1s. 3d. down from yesterday on shares of £1 par value. Premier Baldwin, in Commons, promised an early debate on the Government's policy. This will give an opportunity for him to defend the restriction and, at the same time, explain why it has been dropped.

The reason is the English have been unable to induce Dutch growers to join their scheme and have been controlling only about half the Eastern output.

While rubber was in great demand this was enough, and prices rose to fantastic levels for one period. Lately they have been declining, chiefly because of the reduced American consumption.

There will be some heavy losses following to-day's trading. Actual rubber users have been buying from hand to mouth, but there were large speculative accounts in anticipation of to-day's announcement. The majority opinion apparently was restriction would be dropped in stages, and there was much surprise it is being given up altogether at such an early date.

The Premier's announcement had a demoralizing effect in Mincing Lane, where the price slumped 2½ pence to 10¾ pence per pound for spot and May delivery. June was quoted at 10½ pence and July and December at 11 pence per pound.

Further selling later caused another decline of a farthing, with a weak tone. On the Stock Exchange, dealers marked down the prices of rubber shares in anticipation of clients selling, but this afternoon not many shares were changing hands.

The effect on the New York rubber market is indicated in the following from the New York "Times" of April 5:

The forthcoming return of Great Britain to free rubber trade, announced by Prime Minister Baldwin in London yesterday, brought about a selling wave on the Rubber Exchange here which broke all previous trading records attained by that market.

The purport of Mr. Baldwin's statement took the traders entirely by surprise, although they had learned definitely on Tuesday afternoon that the Premier was to make an announcement yesterday at 10:30 A. M., New York time.

In view of that information all the brokers and their assistants were forewarned and ready to do business, anxiously awaiting the cabled advice which should determine the market trend. They had not long to wait. No sooner had the news appeared on the tickers than orders to sell poured into the Exchange, and from then until the end of the day frenzied trading continued, resulting in a maximum decline of 640 points, or nearly 6½ cents a pound.

The most exciting dealings, however, took place in the early minutes and the throng around the ring was in a constant turmoil. The floor-men grew hoarse as they shouted and gesticulated back and forth, each endeavoring to make himself heard above his neighbor. Boys rushed to and from the phone booths with penciled slips, which soon lay heaped within the ring.

Above the floor the recorders were busy with chalk and sponge, while the ticket clerks were kept supplied with ever lower prices. July, September and December were the active months, and as the unloading grew in proportions, declines of 50 to 100 points between sales were common.

The first drop lasted until a slump of 5¾ cents appeared in the July quotation, with December a little less than 5 cents and September between the two. The traders in numerous cases were prevented by the pressure of business to report their deals to the officials, so that it was believed by many that trading actually was 1,000 lots, or 2,500 long tons, in excess of the figures reported at the close.

Even disregarding the probability of that fact, which would have added \$1,176,000 to the value of the turnover, based on 21 cents a pound, the transactions for the day were reported at a new high for all time, 3,594 lots, or 8,985 long tons, which is an increase of 774 lots over the previous record trading of 2,820 lots, on March 19, 1928. The day's dealings were well in excess of \$5,000,000.

The record for a single hour's trading was also broken yesterday, as before 11 A. M. a record of 1,439 contracts were dealt in, exceeding by 347 lots the transactions for the same hour on March 19.

At the low levels of the morning short covering and reported pool support, among other factors, brought about a temporary recovery of nearly one cent in the near-by positions, but another selling movement began in the final hour, with prices receding to the day's lows. In the last quarter-hour prices recovered 20 to 30 points. The eight-cent limit, threatened around 2 P. M., was not attained, however, due to the late support which developed.

As a result of the liquidation at London and here yesterday, the holders of rubber stocks, estimated at between 250,000 to 275,000 tons, have lost millions of dollars, due to the fact that a good part of these stocks were acquired at prices of around 41 and 42 cents a pound.

The American Rubber Pool, which is understood to hold between 35,000 and 40,000 tons purchased at 41 cents, to which about 2 cents a pound due to warehousing, interest and other charges may be added, is reputed to face a paper loss of about 22 cents a pound, or 50%, on its holdings, the value of this loss amounting to approximately \$19,000,000 since the purchase of the stocks in November and December of 1926.

English stocks of 58,000 tons, American stocks of 110,000 tons, not including the pool's holdings, and supplies of crude rubber in other countries have all suffered severely as a result of the decline.

Frank R. Henderson, President of the Rubber Exchange of New York, said he considered Mr. Baldwin's action one of farsighted statesmanship and based on the better interests of the British Empire.

Regarding the movements of the local market April 5 the "Evening Post" of that day said:

Rubber futures recovered smartly on the Rubber Exchange of New York this afternoon after a further decline in early trading of nearly 2 cents under the continued depressing influence of the announcement by Premier Baldwin Wednesday that British rubber restrictions in Malaya and Ceylon would be terminated Nov. 1.

The recovery took prices by 2.30 to May 20.40, off 60; July 20.70, off 40; September 21.00, off 30; October 20.60, off 70; December 21.00, off 30; January 21.00, off 40; February 20.50, off 100, and March 20.70, off 90.

Buying support came into the market toward noon. Previous to that selling orders had driven prices down 70 to 160 points. Commission houses and dealers were large sellers.

Vigorous short covering was in evidence, and after a time served as a factor in checking the downturn. Singapore was 3/8d. to 4 1/8d. lower. London opened weak, with spot and April going to 9d.

The "Herald-Tribune" in copyright advices from London April 4 said in part:

Mr. Baldwin to-day took care to make his statement at an hour when he could not be reproached, as he was on Feb. 9, with the charge that the New York market could act on the information, although London could not. He rose in the House of Commons at 3 p. m. (10 a. m. New York time) and simultaneously his statement was released in the city.

Growers to Cut Costs.

Brokers and owners of rubber shares, however, did not like to-day's announcement any more than the previous one, but most of them were too busy trying to get out from under to have time for immediate indignation. Well informed circles in London to-night admit that the Stevenson quota scheme had obvious faults, but said that nevertheless, unless the British and Dutch planters could get together to restrict their output, the future of the rubber industry will be strictly a problem of the survival of the fittest.

From the *United States Daily* of April 5 we take the following:

The restriction scheme, as originally made effective Nov. 1, 1922, according to an oral statement by the office of the Rubber Division of the Department, provided for reduction of exports from British Malaya and Ceylon to 60% of assessed production capacity or "standard production," with further provision for increase or decrease in the exportable percentage in accordance with the London price of rubber. The percentage of standard production exported has varied from time to time, but since May 1, 1926, producers have been allowed to export 60% of standard production, and it is expected that this same rate will apply for the balance of the time that restriction will remain in effect, the Division explained.

British and Dutch Rubber Growers to Confer in London April 16.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of April 5 we take the following Amsterdam advices:

Dutch and British rubber growers will confer in London, April 16. It is presumed they will discuss the situation arising from Prime Minister Baldwin's announcement that the Stevenson rubber restriction scheme would be abandoned Nov. 1.

Production and Shipments of Tires in January Higher.—Inventory Lower.

According to statistics compiled by the Rubber Association of America, Inc., from figures estimated to represent 75% of the industry, a total number of 4,118,267 pneumatic casings—balloons, cords and fabrics—and 36,279 solid and cushion tires were produced, as compared with 3,373,080 pneumatic casings and 32,241 solid and cushion tires in the preceding month and 3,723,890 pneumatic casings and 42,693 solid and cushion tires in the month of Jan. 1927. Shipments in the month of January of this year amounted to 4,045,842 pneumatic casings and 33,797 solid and cushion tires, as compared with 3,123,541 pneumatic casings and 31,793 solid and cushion tires shipped in the preceding month and 3,699,122 pneumatic casings and 41,080 solid and cushion tires in Jan. 1927. The figures for December were lower than any other month last year.

Inventory at Jan. 31 1928 showed 7,461,923 pneumatic casings—balloons, cords and fabrics—as compared with 7,697,691 on Dec. 31 1927, and 7,824,045 on Jan. 31 1927. Inventory of both balloon and high pressure inner tubes at Jan. 31 1928, amounted to 9,736,306 as against 10,268,996 on Dec. 31 1927 and 11,688,871 on Jan. 31 1927. The previous low figures are 7,437,559 pneumatic casings at Oct. 31 1927, and 8,484,608 inner tubes at Dec. 31 1925.

The Association in its bulletin dated Mar. 26 also gave the following statistics:

Month of January—	1928.		1927.	
	Production.	Shipments.	Production.	Shipments.
<i>Tires:</i>				
Balloons.....	2,377,299	2,489,391	1,793,778	1,794,623
Cords.....	1,684,750	1,496,047	1,785,904	1,744,469
Fabrics.....	56,218	60,404	144,208	160,030
Total pneumatics.....	4,118,267	4,045,842	3,723,890	3,699,122
Solid and cushion tires.....	36,279	33,797	42,693	41,080
Total.....	4,154,546	4,079,639	3,766,583	3,740,202
<i>Inner Tubes:</i>				
Low pressure.....	2,411,124	2,539,535	1,840,966	1,965,152
High pressure.....	1,669,894	2,014,744	2,161,600	2,547,121
Total.....	4,081,018	4,554,279	4,002,566	4,512,273

The Association also released the following figures, estimated to represent 75% of the industry:

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON FABRIC AND CRUDE RUBBER IN THE PRODUCTION OF CASINGS, TUBES, SOLID AND CUSHION TIRES.

Period—	Calendar Years			
	Jan. 1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Cotton fabrics (lbs.).....	16,039,819	177,979,818	165,963,182	168,295,027
Crude rubber (lbs.).....	43,709,438	463,661,466	518,043,062	552,389,272

Statistics, representing 100% of the following respective industries, were also issued:

During the month of January there were 879,438,000 gallons of gasoline consumed, compared with 11,220,342,000 gallons in the full year 1927 and 10,766,451,000 gallons in 1926.

The number of passenger cars and trucks produced in the month of January amounted to 205,737 and 27,765, respectively. These figures compare with 3,085,738 cars and 487,585 trucks produced in the full year 1927 and 3,929,535 cars and 535,006 trucks in the year 1926, and include Canadian production and cars assembled abroad the parts of which were manufactured in the United States.

Report on the Automobile Trade in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Increasing Trading in February.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia announces that reporting distributors indicate that trading in automobiles is progressing actively, as is usual at this season. Deliveries of new passenger cars to retail dealers by eleven distributors of the Philadelphia Reserve District during February increased substantially in number and value as compared with the volume of a month and a year before. Sales of new cars at retail also showed a pronounced gain, as did sales of used cars. Retail sales on deferred payment, too, registered a marked rise in number and value in contrast with the sale of a month and a year earlier. The Bank further says:

Inventories of new cars carried by dealers at the end of the month were noticeably larger than on the same date of the preceding month and last year. Stocks of used cars also were appreciably greater. Details are shown in the accompanying table:

Automobile Trade Philadelphia Federal Reserve District 11 Distributors.	February 1928 Change From—			
	January 1928.		February 1927.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
Sales, new cars, wholesale.....	+64.3%	+59.3%	+92.0%	+86.4%
Sales, new cars, at retail.....	+81.1%	+74.6%	+66.9%	+58.6%
Stocks of new cars.....	+19.3%	+17.5%	+32.0%	+12.9%
Sales of used cars.....	+46.8%	+48.1%	+22.5%	+5.9%
Stocks of used cars.....	+14.5%	+9.6%	+40.2%	+38.2%
Retail sales, deferred payment.....	+21.9%	+13.0%	+23.7%	+28.0%

Considerable Recession in Lumber Movement From Previous Week.

The lumber movement during the week ended Mar. 31 experienced a considerable recession from the preceding week, the peak period of the year, it is indicated by telegraphic advices received by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from 715 of the country's largest softwood and hardwood mills. Production and shipments were lower by seven and eight million feet, respectively, while orders dropped fifty-four million feet. The decline is partly apparent, rather than actual, because of the fact that there were sixteen fewer mills reporting last week.

In the softwood group, 345 mills reported decreases of 5,844,441, 8,235,306 and 49,111,495 feet in production, shipments and orders, respectively, as compared with the figures for 357 mills the week before. The Association's figures, however, show all three items far in advance of those for the corresponding week a year ago.

Reports for the last two weeks in the hardwood group were not at such great variance as the discrepancy in the number of reporting units was small. The 370 currently reporting units showed a slight increase in shipments, a corresponding decrease in production and a drop of almost five million feet in orders. The Association's report further state:

The unfilled orders of 220 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 714,129,105 feet, as against 723,660,612 feet for 221 mills the previous week. The 107 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 253,528,964 feet last week, as against 248,739,556 feet for the week before. For the 113 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 460,600,141 feet, as against 474,921,056 feet for 114 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 345 reporting softwood mills had shipments 103%, and orders 102%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 112 and 119; and for the West Coast mills 90 and 87.

Of the reporting mills, the 345 with an established normal production for the week of 245,456,551 feet, gave actual production 105%, shipments 109% and orders 108% 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.....	345	370	316	124	357	374
Production.....	258,453,000	55,061,000	186,193,000	17,050,000	264,298,000	56,176,000
Shipments.....	267,039,000	57,097,000	215,352,000	18,153,000	275,274,000	56,867,000
Orders.....	264,807,000	54,700,000	211,103,000	18,283,000	313,918,000	59,634,000

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new industries for the 113 mills reporting for the week ended Mar. 31 was 13% below production, and shipments were 10% below production, which was 125,617,068 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 108,358,042. Of all new business taken during the week 41% was for future water delivery, amounting to 44,323,820 feet, of which 30,284,124 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 14,039,696 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 57,472,499 feet, or 53% of the week's new business. Forty per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amount-

ing to 44,865,279 feet, of which 30,997,292 feet moved coastwise and inter-coastal, and 13,867,987 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 60,403,144 feet, or 54% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 7,250,566 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 167,199,529 feet, foreign 123,469,936 feet and rail trade 169,930,676 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 107 mills reporting, shipments were 11.79% above production and orders were 18.81% above production and 6.28% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 81,007,056 feet (previous week 75,247,380); shipments 76,217,648 (previous week 71,036,004); and production 68,181,501 feet (previous week 65,275,353). The normal production (three-year average) of these mills is 69,999,809 feet. Of the 105 mills reporting running time, 73 operated full time, 8 of the latter overtime. One mill was shut down, and the rest operated from two to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports production from 32 mills as 27,610,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 27,065,000. Thirty-three mills the week earlier reported production as 28,496,000 feet. Shipments this week were steady and a good gain in new business.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco, reports production from 21 mills as 17,295,000 feet (66% of the total cut of the California pine region) as compared with a normal figure for the week of 15,446,000. Fifteen mills the previous week reported production as 8,834,000 feet. Shipments showed a marked increase this week and new business well in advance of that reported for the week earlier.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, reports production from 15 mills as 8,205,000 feet, compared with a normal figure of 8,349,000 and for the preceding week 8,708,000. There was considerable increase in shipments this week and some reduction in new business.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reports production from 35 mills as 3,907,540 feet, against a normal production for the week of 6,354,000. Forty-three mills for the week before reported production as 7,827,609 feet. There were notable decreases in shipments and new business this week.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, reports production from 7 mills as 5,608,800 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 6,910,700, and for the previous week, 5,821,000. Shipments were somewhat larger this week, and orders slightly less.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production) reports production from 15 mills as 2,029,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 2,974,000. Seventeen mills the preceding week reported production as 2,223,000. There were notable decreases in shipments and new business this week.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 15 mills as 4,152,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 5,099,000. Seventeen mills the week before reported production as 4,804,000. There were slight increases in shipments and orders this week.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 355 units (a unit is 35,000 feet of daily production capacity) as 50,909,000 feet, as against a normal production for the week of 74,527,000. Three hundred and fifty-seven units the preceding week reported production as 51,372,000 feet. Shipments were about the same this work, with some decrease in new business.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred fourteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Mar. 24 1928 manufactured 127,858,388 feet, sold 151,073,765 feet, and shipped 123,040,137 feet. New business was 23,215,377 feet more than production and shipments 4,818,251 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Mar. 24.	Mar. 17.	Mar. 10.	Mar. 3.
Number of mills reporting	114	111	114	114
Production (feet)	127,858,388	117,537,069	123,921,349	119,693,233
New business (feet)	151,073,765	138,481,242	126,080,027	114,040,203
Shipments (feet)	123,040,137	116,312,798	115,902,552	117,666,878
<i>Unshipped Business—</i>				
Rail (feet)	174,612,806	167,560,679	165,769,301	167,273,932
Domestic cargo (feet)	174,178,100	155,661,550	144,545,303	142,683,494
Export (feet)	126,130,150	119,751,890	121,991,852	112,753,134
Total (feet)	474,921,056	442,974,119	432,303,456	422,720,560
First 12 Weeks of 1928.	113	80	102	113
Average number of mills.	1,330,503,525	896,786,016	1,087,223,328	1,160,692,263
Production (feet)	1,433,623,356	951,039,490	1,204,471,416	1,117,242,870
New business (feet)	1,279,118,404	872,107,902	1,131,679,982	1,153,658,057
Shipments (feet)				

March Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, &c.—Imports Increase—Deliveries to American Mills Higher.

Imports of raw silk during the month of March totaled 50,520 bales, an increase of 5,692 bales over the preceding month and 11,920 bales over March 1927. Approximate deliveries to American mills in March 1928 amounted to 52,011 bales, an increase of 1,332 bales over the preceding month and 2,769 bales over the month of March 1927, according to the Silk Association of America, Inc. Stocks of raw silk on April 1 last totaled 40,186 bales, as compared with 53,540 bales on Jan. 1 1928 and 49,242 bales on April 1 1927. Details follow:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE APRIL 1 1928.

(As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City—figures in bales.)

	Euro-pean.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks March 1 1928	953	36,398	4,326	41,677
Imports month of March 1928 x	381	44,016	6,123	50,520
Total amount available during March	1,334	80,414	10,449	92,197
Stocks April 1 1928 z	882	34,681	4,623	40,186
Approx. deliveries to American mills during Mar. y	452	45,733	5,826	52,011

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month x			Storage at End of Month z		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	46,408	48,456	43,650	47,528	52,627	47,326
February	44,828	33,991	38,568	41,677	43,758	43,418
March	50,520	38,600	31,930	40,186	33,116	35,948
April	---	46,486	31,450	---	31,749	30,122
May	---	49,264	35,120	---	35,527	31,143
June	---	42,809	35,612	---	37,024	29,111
July	---	47,856	37,842	---	43,841	27,528
August	---	59,819	46,421	---	56,618	28,006
September	---	52,475	50,415	---	58,986	34,459
October	---	51,207	48,403	---	62,366	35,094
November	---	36,650	59,670	---	52,069	47,130
December	---	44,828	45,119	---	53,540	52,478
Tota	141,756	552,441	504,200	---	---	---
Average monthly	47,252	46,037	42,017	43,130	46,768	36,814

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills y			Approximate Amount in Transit between Japan and New York —End of Month.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	53,420	48,307	46,148	25,000	17,700	14,800
February	50,679	42,380	42,476	23,500	19,000	14,400
March	52,011	49,242	39,400	19,200	21,700	18,400
April	---	47,853	37,276	---	25,000	18,700
May	---	45,486	34,099	---	22,900	18,300
June	---	41,312	37,644	---	26,600	18,300
July	---	41,039	39,425	---	29,000	23,000
August	---	47,042	45,943	---	28,400	24,000
September	---	50,107	43,962	---	21,500	23,900
October	---	47,827	47,768	---	18,500	32,400
November	---	46,947	47,634	---	26,900	19,700
December	---	43,357	39,771	---	33,500	26,500
Total	155,110	551,379	501,546	---	---	---
Average monthly	51,703	45,948	41,796	22,566	24,225	21,008

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by manifests 40 to 61, incl.). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 2,375 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month.

Report on Hosiery Industry in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The following report compiled by the Bureau of the Census, showing the activities of the hosiery mills in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District in February and a comparison with those in January is issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

In Dozen Pairs.	Men's.				Women's.			
	Full-Fashioned.		Seamless.		Full-Fashioned.		Seamless.	
	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.
Production	27,802	+21.8	268,105	-0.1	708,805	+3.6	89,588	+4.5
Shipments	18,675	-5.0	245,299	+8.0	665,820	+12.4	93,531	+16.4
Stock, finished and in the gray	27,505	+31.5	380,912	+7.1	953,547	+4.5	314,823	-0.6
Orders booked	17,882	-18.7	224,668	-3.6	542,314	-24.3	101,389	+9.0
Cancellations rec'd.	1,108	+161.3	15,348	+45.2	21,530	-54.4	1,129	-47.1
Unfilled orders end of month	34,183	-4.2	354,508	-7.7	1,954,729	-4.2	65,196	+13.4

	Boys' and Misses'.		Children's and Infants'.		Athletic and Sport.		Total.	
	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1928.	% Change from Jan. 1928.
	Production	220,500	+2.1	101,435	-10.3	12,684	+26.5	1,428,919
Shipments	285,948	+35.9	165,685	+12.3	15,836	+121.7	1,490,794	+16.0
Stock, finished and in the gray	437,827	-10.1	204,598	-20.0	14,970	+29.3	2,334,182	-1.1
Orders booked	130,463	-9.6	70,426	+13.0	8,447	+78.5	1,095,589	-14.1
Cancellations rec'd.	3,506	-16.7	1,535	-77.8	519	-39.0	44,675	-38.2
Unfilled orders end of month	476,276	-24.7	168,820	-35.4	13,278	-21.0	3,066,990	-10.6

Production of Natural-Gas Gasoline in February at Increased Rate.

According to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the daily average production of natural-gas gasoline in February amounted to 137,700,000 gallons. This represents a daily average of 4,750,000 gallons, an increase over the previous month of 190,000 gallons. The increased daily average production is attributable to the Oklahoma-Kansas district which, despite the short month, produced more in February than in January.

Stocks of natural-gas gasoline at the plants on Feb. 29 1928 amounted to 34,600,000 gallons, as compared with 31,077,000 gallons on hand the previous month. This is the first material increase in stocks for several months.

Blending both at plants and at refineries showed a material increase over January. The Bureau also gives the following statistics:

OUTPUT OF NATURAL-GAS GASOLINE (IN GALLONS).

	Production.			Stocks End of Month.	
	Feb. 1928.	Jan. 1928.	Feb. 1927.	Feb. 1928.	Jan. 1928.
Appalachian	10,300,000	10,600,000	9,900,000	3,828,000	3,919,000
Ind., Ill., &c.	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,500,000	428,000	285,000
Okla., Kansas, &c.	51,600,000	x51,400,000	41,700,000	17,510,000	15,772,000
Texas	25,600,000	26,200,000	23,900,000	9,006,000	7,704,000
Louisiana & Arkansas	6,800,000	6,700,000	6,400,000	1,945,000	1,644,000
Rocky Mountain	3,400,000	3,200,000	3,500,000	490,000	441,000
Total east of Calif.	99,000,000	x99,400,000	86,900,000	33,207,000	29,765,000
California	38,700,000	42,000,000	36,300,000	1,393,000	1,312,000
Tot. United States	137,700,000	x141,400,000	123,200,000	34,600,000	31,077,000
Daily average	4,750,000	4,560,000	4,400,000	---	---

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Crude Oil Price Unchanged.—Gasoline Prices Show Upward Trend.

During the past two weeks there have been no price changes announced for crude oil, although numerous increases have been made in gasoline prices. The Tide Water Oil Co., the Mexican Petroleum Co. and the Acewood Petroleum Co. on March 27 advanced the price of gasoline in New York in bulk $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a gallon to 9 cents in tank cars at refineries and 10 cents a gallon delivered to nearby trade. New prices of the Mexican Petroleum Co. are 9 cents a gallon at Baltimore, Norfolk, and Carteret, $9\frac{1}{4}$ cents a gallon at Providence and Fall River, and $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents at Portland. On the same date, Pennsylvania refineries advanced the price of gasoline $\frac{1}{8}$ cent a gallon.

The price of export gasoline was on March 28 increased $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a gallon by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, making the price of United States Navy gasoline, in cases, 24.90 cents a gallon. The Sinclair Refining Co. followed this advance by increasing the price of bulk gasoline $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a gallon, making the new price at Charleston, S. C., $8\frac{3}{4}$ cents, Portsmouth, Philadelphia and New York 9 cents, and Rhode Island $9\frac{1}{4}$ cents.

The Standard Oil Co. of New York, effective April 2, advanced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon at Boston, making tank wagon price 16c. The Magnolia Petroleum Company announced an increase of one cent in its territory, including Texas, Oklahoma and parts of Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

The Beacon Oil Co. of Boston advanced the price of gasoline one cent a gallon to 19 cents.

Effective April 2, the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky advanced gasoline in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi a minimum of 1c. The advance was greater at points below normal schedule.

The Sinclair Refining Co. on April 3 advanced the price of gasoline in tank car lots $\frac{1}{4}$ cent, making the price now $7\frac{3}{4}$ cents. This holds for the mid-continent district.

Gasoline has been advanced in Toledo two cents a gallon to 19 cents, including a 3-cent tax. This is the retail price that has been set by the Sun Oil Co., the Paragon Refining Co., and local independents. This is the second advance in a month, and the price now corresponds with that which has been maintained by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio for several months. In this section, the Roxanna Petroleum Corp. is the only company remaining at 17 cents, tax included.

Following the increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a gallon in the wholesale gasoline market, Group 3, by the Sinclair Refining Co. on April 3, the Mexican Petroleum Co. made a similar advance in the wholesale market in New York, bringing the new price to $9\frac{1}{4}$ cents a gallon. The Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. has advanced the price of United States motor gasoline $\frac{1}{4}$ c. a gallon to $9\frac{1}{4}$ c. at Norfolk, Baltimore and Carteret, N. J. The Warner-Quinlan Co. raised United States motor gasoline $\frac{3}{4}$ c. a gallon to $9\frac{3}{4}$ c. at its refinery.

Gasoline prices in Atlanta, Ga., on April 4, were raised 4 cents a gallon to 22 cents, while wholesale prices in Houston, Texas, were advanced 1 cent. The retail service station price is 18 cents a gallon.

Following the above advances, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on April 5 raised the wholesale price of its gasoline $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a gallon at Bayonne, Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston. The new base price in Bayonne is $9\frac{1}{4}$ cents a gallon.

In Chicago, Ill., on April 5, motor grade gasoline was unchanged at $6\frac{5}{8}$ @ $6\frac{3}{4}$ c. Kerosene strong at $4\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\frac{3}{4}$ c. for 41-43 water white as compared with $4\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\frac{3}{4}$ c. on April 4. Fuel oil is slow and unchanged at $87\frac{1}{2}$ @ 90 c. for 24-26 gravity.

In Tulsa, Okla., on April 4, the weighted average sales of United States motor grade gasoline in tank cars were 6.5512c. a gallon, a new high for 1928, compared with 6.536c. on April 3, the previous high. Natural gasoline Grade A continues unchanged at 4 @ $4\frac{1}{4}$ c. a gallon, the low of the year.

Crude Oil Production Shows Small Increase.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 31 1928 was 2,412,600 barrels as compared with 2,387,000 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,600 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,783,100 barrels, as com-

pared with 1,769,000 barrels, an increase of 14,100 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks ended March 31, March 24, March 17 1928, and April 2 1927.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels.)	Mar. 31 '28.	Mar. 24 '28.	Mar. 17 '28.	Apr. 2 '27.
Oklahoma.....	635,300	644,100	651,650	724,650
Kansas.....	113,900	111,450	110,300	116,150
Panhandle Texas.....	74,400	71,400	71,300	122,450
North Texas.....	67,200	67,550	67,800	90,600
West Central Texas.....	55,700	55,250	54,800	89,550
West Texas.....	360,650	342,050	341,250	91,600
East Central Texas.....	23,300	23,450	23,660	42,700
Southwest Texas.....	24,050	23,950	23,600	37,450
North Louisiana.....	43,500	44,000	44,750	51,800
Arkansas.....	84,400	85,300	85,900	123,900
Coastal Texas.....	104,100	101,000	103,800	140,550
Coastal Louisiana.....	16,600	17,750	17,700	16,750
Eastern.....	103,000	101,250	101,750	104,500
Wyoming.....	54,750	58,850	58,300	62,500
Montana.....	11,950	11,950	11,950	14,550
Colorado.....	7,900	7,450	8,150	7,350
New Mexico.....	2,400	2,250	2,500	3,550
California.....	629,500	618,000	609,500	637,300
Total.....	2,412,600	2,387,000	2,388,600	2,477,900

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 March 31 was 1,482,400 barrels, as compared with 1,468,500 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 13,900 barrels. The Mid-continent production excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil was 1,417,800 barrels as compared with 1,403,050 barrels, an increase of 14,750 barrels.

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

	—Week Ended—	—Week Ended—		—Week Ended—	—Week Ended—
	Mar. 31	Mar. 24		Mar. 31	Mar. 24
Oklahoma.....	2,800	2,850	North Louisiana.....	6,250	6,250
North Braman.....	1,800	1,850	Haynesville.....	7,750	7,800
South Braman.....	14,850	14,800	Uranika.....		
Tonkawa.....	9,900	9,950	Arkansas.....		
Garber.....	40,150	41,950	Smackover, light.....	8,250	8,300
Burbank.....	24,600	24,700	Smackover, heavy.....	64,600	65,450
Bristow Slick.....	10,150	10,200			
Cronwell.....	7,850	7,800	Coastal Texas.....		
Wewoka.....	55,550	55,800	West Columbia.....	7,750	8,000
Seminole.....	79,300	82,550	Blue Ridge.....	5,600	7,000
Bowlegs.....	17,550	17,750	Pierce Junction.....	13,200	9,000
Searight.....	39,650	40,100	Hull.....	11,600	11,600
Little River.....	96,150	97,800	Spindletop.....	36,800	35,700
Earlsboro.....			Orange County.....	4,300	3,800
Panhandle Texas.....					
Hutchinson County.....	43,300	43,700	Wyoming.....		
Carson County.....	7,550	6,800	Salt Creek.....	38,200	41,050
Gray County.....	22,350	19,800			
Wheeler County.....	1,150	1,050	Montana.....		
West Central Texas.....			Sunburst.....	10,000	10,000
Brown County.....	12,750	12,600			
Schackelford County.....	8,600	8,350	California.....		
West Texas.....			Santa Fe Springs.....	37,500	37,500
Reagan County.....	19,300	19,500	Long Beach.....	139,000	123,500
Pecos County.....	48,650	45,000	Huntington Beach.....	56,500	57,500
Crane & Upton Counties.....	81,700	84,250	Torrance.....	18,500	19,000
Winkler.....	197,400	180,100	Dominguez.....	12,500	12,500
East Central Texas.....			Rosecrans.....	7,000	7,000
Corseana Powell.....	11,700	11,750	Inglewood.....	29,500	29,500
Nigger Creek.....	1,200	1,200	Midway-Sunset.....	81,000	81,000
Southwest Texas.....			Ventura Ave.....	53,500	47,500
Luling.....	13,500	13,750	Seal Beach.....	40,600	39,000
Laredo District.....	6,650	6,600			

F. B. Fretter, in Magazine of Union Trust Co. of Cleveland Discusses Conditions Responsible for Over-Production in Oil.

The factors operating toward an over-production in oil are discussed by Frank B. Fretter, President of the National Refining Company of Cleveland, in the March number of the business magazine "Trade Winds" of the Union Trust Company of Cleveland. Mr. Fretter remarks that "over-production happens almost overnight,"—that "it comes with a mad rush"—and Seminole is cited as "a typical example of what circumstances surround the petroleum industry." He says:

A single gusher was struck. The territory was deluged with prospective leasers willing to pay any sort of premium, eager to make any concessions, provided they could lease any of the acreage.

The result was that Seminole was divided up in small plots owned by a multitude of owners including the larger production companies and many independents. Other gushers were struck and the land owners immediately besieged the leasers to live up to their contracts and drill. Hundreds of wells were drilled; operating expenses were large, especially with the application of the gas-air lift method of raising the oil. Regardless of how many operators desired to keep the flush production within reasonable limits they were utterly unable to cope with the situation because the land owners, having no capital invested, insisted on the properties being drilled instantly. If an operator showed an inclination to slow down work, the land owners threatened to resort to legal measures. Even had the government stepped in and shut down drilling the land owner would have still had the legal right to enforce the terms of the contract between him and the leaser. Consequently Seminole broke the market. As a result Seminole, Searight, Earlsboro and Bow Legs are still causing much disturbance in the oil situation.

Can the operator as an individual or as a group be blamed for such a situation? In all justice I think not. Yet conditions of this character are responsible for overproduction. They were responsible for yesterday's overproduction and tomorrow they will still remain a threat.

That we have an over-production in the oil industry, is, says Mr. Fretter, an undeniable fact. He goes on to say:

As a result the market price for crude petroleum is, in thousands of instances, lower than the lifting costs. Yet an oil well must produce

daily regardless of the market price. To shut down a well is dangerous as oil well men know. Conceive then what overproduction does to the profit and loss accounts covering 75% of our wells that produce only a barrel of oil a day. Yet this 75% of our wells really constitute the backbone of the industry for they provide a normal and dependable source of supply day by day.

There are two logical ways to overcome a possible future overproduction situation. Both are plainly obvious. One is to control the extent of drilling and this is a matter that involves many divergent phases of conflict. Eventually, however, the situation may be ironed out.

The second method is to provide a wider and more profitable market for refined products. This, too, might be possible.

Both these matters are important and worthy of consideration. Both are being considered.

Basically the oil industry is sound. It is a young industry. It is natural that it should suffer from some growing pains. It has been beset by a combination of problems that instead of decreasing as time passes have increased at an alarming rate.

It is, however, operating efficiently and without waste. It is buying wisely. It is introducing engineering supervision and science in every possible and feasible manner. It is not entirely unlikely that the next decade may bring forth a scientific and accurate method of determining whether a well will be productive before it is drilled; within the next decade it is altogether likely that the normal production curve of an oil well may be materially increased.

To-day is a dark day for the industry. To-morrow may see the overproduction situation adjusted to a point where the saturation point is no longer in sight.

Steel Output Still on Ascending Scale—Pig Output for Quarter Smallest for Any First Quarter Since 1922.

Heavy specifications against expiring steel contracts, a rate of production that is still on an ascending scale and a price situation that is holding its own, barring minor irregularities, mark the opening of the second quarter of the year, says the "Iron Age" in its issue of April 5. Blast furnace returns for March collected by the "Iron Age" show a net gain of 10 stacks, of which nine were steel company furnaces. This reflects a sharp increase in steel works activity and lends support to the belief that ingot production for March exceeded the high record made in the same month last year. Merely assuming that the March rate was equal to that of February, output for the first quarter surpassed that of the same period last year by nearly 200,000 tons. Since the March rate actually gained, final returns for the quarter will show a total closely approaching, if not larger than, the record made in the first quarter of 1926. The "Age" adds:

Steel production in April, it is conceded, may recede from the March rate, but there are no indications of as sharp a decline as occurred in April, 1927. Shipping orders placed in the last week of March were large enough to insure a sustained output until the middle of the month. At no time during the first quarter, with its high rate of plant engagement, have producers been able to look much farther ahead.

Unquestionably the largest volume of specifications against contracts that expired March 31 has had a steadying effect on prices.

Buying at second quarter prices has not yet reached important proportions, but since shipments against first quarter contracts will continue through most of this month, consumers do not find it necessary to place much additional tonnage at this time. There continue to be price irregularities in wire nails and some finishes of sheets, but they are no more numerous, and possibly fewer, than a week ago. Meanwhile, mills are showing more of a disposition to ignore price concessions some of which emanate from middlemen and are possibly of a transient character. At any rate, the week has seen another postponement of serious tests of the price structure.

The only important new development in steel prices during the week was an advance in standard steel pipe. This took the form of a withdrawal of a preferential discount of 5% which had been in effect since Oct. 1, 1927.

Among the leading consuming lines, the automobile industry, building construction and farm implement manufacturing continue to take steel at an undiminished rate. Reports indicate heavy sales by dealers in low-priced automobiles, but a less promising movement of some of the medium and high-priced cars. An expected increase in Ford production this quarter will, if it materializes, tend to counterbalance a possible decline in the output of other motor car builders. Automobile makers are still cautious in buying steel, committing themselves only for a few weeks ahead.

Structural lettings of 46,000 tons include 18,000 tons for a bridge across the Ohio River at Louisville, 7800 tons for a section of the New York subway and 4300 tons for a store building at Oakland, Cal. New Projects call for 20,800 tons, of which 5000 tons is for a Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Newark, N. J.

Railroad buying was featured by the purchase of 300 refrigerator cars by the North American Car Corp. and 260 balast cars by the Canadian National. Inquiries include 500 flat and 50 gondola cars for the Southern Pacific and 500 tank cars for the North American Car Corporation.

The extent of the recent large buying of pig iron in the Central West is shown by the fact that second quarter sales at Chicago were larger than for any three-month period in several years. At Cleveland the market has resumed its activity with sales of 65,000 tons in the week.

Details of pig iron output in March show a total of 3,199,674 tons produced, or 103,215 tons per day, against 2,900,126 tons, or 100,004 tons in February. The daily rate was the smallest for any March since 1922. Reflecting a larger use of scrap in steel making and a poorer showing by merchant furnaces, pig iron production in the first three months of 1928, at 8,969,561 tons, was the smallest for any first quarter since 1922.

Sales of copper in March, estimated at 160,000 tons, were the second largest since the war. The record was over 220,000 tons in December, 1919.

The composite price tables remain as follows:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Apr. 3 1928, 2.357c. a Lb.		Apr. 3 1928, \$17.87 a Gross Ton.	
One week ago.....	2.357c.	One week ago.....	\$17.87
One month ago.....	2.364c.	One month ago.....	17.75
One year ago.....	2.367c.	One year ago.....	19.21
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 of finished steel.

Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.

High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1928--2.364c. Feb. 14	2.314c. Jan. 3	1928--17.75 Feb. 14	17.54 Jan. 3
1927--2.453c. Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25	1927--19.71 Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
1926--2.453c. Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18	1926--21.54 Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
1925--2.560c. Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18	1925--22.50 Jan. 13	18.96 July 7
1924--2.789c. Jan. 15	2.460c. Oct. 14	1924--22.88 Feb. 26	19.21 Nov. 3
1923--2.824c. Apr. 24	2.446c. Jan. 2	1923--30.86 Mar. 20	20.77 Nov. 30

Steel has embarked upon the new quarter with market conditions more auspicious than the industry foresaw thirty days ago. Heavy specifications in the final days of the quarter against expiring contracts have neutralized the slack in new buying and assure continuance of current high operating rates well into April at least, says the "Iron Trade Review" in giving its regular weekly summary of events in the industry. This is the more heartening because March was a record ingot month for some producers—possibly for the entire industry—and a letdown would not be illogical. The "Review" further states:

Three successive increases in production have not exhausted the automobile industry, whose further steel commitments, while made more cautiously, indicate April may make it four. Oil country buying of line pipe and tanks has been heavier. Inquiry for structural steel is broader and some districts evidence inauguration of spring road-building. Carbuilders, confronted with diminishing backlogs, have specified heavy steel products generously the past week. Because less normally is expected of the second quarter the general market situation is less tense.

The disinclination of some consumers to cover fully for the second quarter is regarded more an omen of unsettled prices than of contracting consumption. The role of producers apparently will be to consolidate and hold price gains of the first quarter. The tendency to extend first quarter quotations is slightly more pronounced.

Pig iron production in March kept fully in step with steel. The daily rate of 103,493 tons, the best in 10 months, was an increase of 3539 tons or 3.5% over February, but short of the 112,326 tons of last March. The month's total of 3,208,281 tons compares with 2,898,668 tons in February and 3,482,107 tons last March. The first quarter aggregate of 8,962,464 tons is also below the corresponding period of 1927, when 9,524,057 tons was made, but it is a distinct gain over the 8,172,086 tons of the final quarter of 1927. Ten more stacks were in blast at the end of March.

At both Pittsburgh and Chicago specifications for bars, plates and shapes have been well over the weekly average this year. Car-builders at Chicago have specified out 10,000 tons of plates, and tank makers 3500 tons; new inquiry for southwestern oil tanks totals 7000 tons, with actual placements 4100 tons. Orders for bars passed to Pittsburgh mills last week made March the best month of the quarter. Fabricators in both districts have specified their full first quarter commitments.

Sheets show a checkered market. The full finished grade appears to have withstood assaults upon 4.15c, Pittsburgh. Large buyers in some districts have shaded other grades \$2 to \$3 per ton. In the East extensions to first quarter contracts have been so numerous that many users are covered through May, and a test of new prices postponed. In the Southwest resistance to higher prices is more pronounced.

Due largely to the automobile industry, strip steel specifications have expanded. March for some makers was the best month since last June. Automotive buyers are quoted 2.75c, on cold rolled but most users pay 2.90c. Some hot strip arrangements have been continued on a basis \$2 to \$3 per ton over the first quarter.

With freight car awards in March estimated at 2796, carbuilders in the first quarter booked only 16,658 contrasted with 24,824 in the opening quarter of 1927. Railroad car shops were allotted 400 cars, against 4085 a year ago. Passenger car orders in the first quarter, at 953, compared with a grand total of 1600 for all 1927. Chicago rail mills have booked 4000 tons of secondary rail business, and a 90 per cent operating rate at least into June seems assured. The Pennsylvania is inquiring for fastenings.

A 5% discount granted on merchant and line pipe to jobbers late in 1927 has been withdrawn, raising prices about \$2 per ton.

With steelworks at Pittsburgh less disposed to take business, the merchant iron market in that district appears stronger. Action may soon be taken by a Warren, O., pipemaker on 5000 to 7000 tons of bessemer. An inquiry for 15,000 tons of gray forge for second quarter delivery may be slow in closing. March shipments of pig iron at Chicago, exceeding 100,000 tons, were the best in 18 months. Buying by melters who had held off second quarter contracting swelled the week's iron sales at Cleveland to 66,000 tons.

Beehive coke makers have lost further business in gas coke to eastern by-products interests. March shipments of beehive coke fell below February and April promises another loss. By-product coke prices in many districts are off 50 cents.

The Ford Motor Co. is scheduled to close Thursday on 400,000 tons of iron ore, the first purchase of the season and the largest in the history of the Ford Company. Last year's prices probably will be reaffirmed.

Advance in pipe lift the Iron Trade Review composite of fourteen leading iron and steel products 6 cents this week, to \$35.77.

Production of Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Coke.

The production of bituminous coal during the week of March 24 is estimated by the United States Bureau of Mines at 9,872,000 net tons, a decrease of 71,000 tons from the output of 9,945,000 net tons in the week of March 10. In comparison with the corresponding week of 1927, the current output is 3,501,000 net tons less. Anthracite production shows an increase, the production for the week of March 24 being 1,094,000 net tons, against 1,044,000 net tons for March 17, a difference of 48,000 tons. Compared

with the corresponding week of the preceding year, current output shows a loss of 78,000 net tons. Further data from the Bureau of Mines is given herewith:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended March 24, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,872,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this is a decrease of 71,000 tons, or 0.7%. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of March 24 amounted to 13,373,000 tons.

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

Week Ended	1927-1928		1926-1927	
	Week	Coal Year to Date	Week	Coal Year to Date
March 10	10,392,000	450,261,000	13,778,000	561,234,000
Daily average	1,732,000	1,550,000	2,296,000	1,931,000
March 17. b	9,943,000	460,204,000	13,020,000	574,254,000
Daily average	1,650,000	1,552,000	2,170,000	1,936,000
March 24. c	9,872,000	470,076,000	13,373,000	587,627,000
Daily average	1,645,000	1,554,000	2,229,000	1,942,000

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.

The total production of soft coal produced during the present coal year to March 24 (approximately 303 working days) amounts to 470,076,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent coal years are given below:

1926-27.....587,627,000 net tons | 1923-24.....552,300,000 net tons
1925-26.....529,572,000 net tons | 1922-23.....430,643,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended March 17 is estimated at 9,943,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this is a decrease of 449,000 tons, or 4.3%.

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

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

State	Week Ended				March Average, 1923. a
	March 17 1928.	March 10 1928.	March 19 1927.	March 20 1926.	
Alabama	306,000	344,000	472,000	400,000	423,000
Ark., Kan., Mo. & Okla.	170,000	192,000	238,000	196,000	221,000
Colorado	165,000	151,000	220,000	167,000	195,000
Illinois	1,600,000	1,527,000	1,864,000	1,311,000	1,684,000
Indiana	460,000	491,000	667,000	455,000	575,000
Iowa	76,000	85,000	129,000	87,000	122,000
Kentucky—Eastern	833,000	926,000	934,000	876,000	560,000
Western	388,000	381,000	365,000	301,000	215,000
Maryland	52,000	58,000	65,000	52,000	52,000
Michigan	15,000	17,000	10,000	16,000	32,000
Montana	59,000	68,000	48,000	47,000	68,000
New Mexico	54,000	62,000	59,000	49,000	53,000
North Dakota	44,000	48,000	30,000	21,000	34,000
Ohio	184,000	190,000	769,000	537,000	740,000
Pennsylvania (bit.)	2,435,000	2,526,000	3,345,000	2,731,000	3,249,000
Tennessee	111,000	120,000	128,000	108,000	118,000
Texas	16,000	18,000	19,000	14,000	19,000
Utah	72,000	86,000	87,000	56,000	68,000
Virginia	218,000	229,000	269,000	258,000	230,000
Washington	41,000	45,000	35,000	45,000	74,000
W. Virginia—Southern. b	1,831,000	1,882,000	2,125,000	1,774,000	1,203,000
Northern. c	680,000	715,000	980,000	554,000	686,000
Wyoming	131,000	129,000	149,000	116,000	136,000
Other States	2,000	2,000	2,000	5,000	7,000
Total bituminous	9,943,000	10,392,000	13,009,000	10,176,000	10,764,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	1,046,000	1,486,000	1,432,000	1,950,000	2,040,000
Total all coal	10,989,000	11,878,000	14,441,000	12,126,000	12,804,000

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

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended March 24 is estimated at 1,094,000 net tons, an increase, compared with the output in the preceding week, of 48,000 tons, or 4.6%. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of March 24 amounted to 1,172,000 net tons.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended	1927-1928		1926-1927	
	Week	Coal Year to Date	Week	Coal Year to Date
March 10	1,486,000	75,461,000	1,488,000	88,091,000
March 17. b	1,046,000	76,507,000	1,432,000	89,523,000
March 24. c	1,094,000	77,601,000	1,172,000	90,695,000

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.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The production of beehive coke during the week ended March 24 showed practically no change. The total output for the country as a whole amounted to 100,000 net tons. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of March 24 amounted to 200,000 net tons.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

State	1928			1927		
	Mar. 24 1928. b	Mar. 17 1928. c	Mar. 26 1927. a	Mar. 26 1927. a	Mar. 26 1927. a	Mar. 26 1927. a
Pennsylvania and Ohio	71,000	72,000	163,000	779,000	1,813,000	1,813,000
West Virginia	14,000	14,000	16,000	166,000	202,000	202,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Georgia	5,000	4,000	5,000	56,000	71,000	71,000
Virginia	5,000	5,000	7,000	57,000	85,000	85,000
Colorado and New Mexico	3,000	3,000	4,000	30,000	49,000	49,000
Washington and Utah	2,000	2,000	5,000	26,000	52,000	52,000
United States total	100,000	100,000	200,000	1,114,000	2,272,000	2,272,000
Daily average	17,000	17,000	33,000	15,000	32,000	32,000

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

69% of Space in Public Warehouses Devoted to General Storage Occupied by Merchandise.

Sixty-nine per cent of the space devoted to general storage in public warehouses was occupied by merchandise at the end of January, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 538 concerns operating 871 warehouses. This summary, made public March 12, and which inaugurates a monthly compilation of statistics on public-merchandise warehousing, includes for each of the important states a statement of the space conditions and incoming tonnage. This summary is preliminary and subject to subsequent revision as additional reports are received.

PUBLIC MERCHANDISE WAREHOUSING, JANUARY 1928.

Division and State	No. of Warehouses	Floor Space (In Thous. Sq. Ft. End of Mo.)				Tonnage	
		Total	Not Used for Gen. Merchand'g.	Used for General Merchandise		Rec'd During Month	Deliv'd on Ar'l.
				Total	Vacant		
New England:							
Me., N. H. & Vt.	10	272	20	251	110	141	65
Massachusetts	31	2,662	610	2,052	1,132	921	8,889
Conn. & R. I.	13	960	408	552	166	386	1,116
Middle Atlantic:							
New York	89	12,479	4,390	8,089	3,117	4,972	41,058
New Jersey	47	4,345	1,431	2,914	800	3,115	24,403
Pennsylvania	25	1,305	319	986	322	664	49,420
E. North Central:							
Ohio	36	2,403	645	1,758	297	1,461	20,761
Indiana	26	920	255	665	159	506	6,002
Illinois	62	7,800	4,149	3,651	842	2,809	50,723
Michigan	40	2,713	870	1,843	740	1,103	207,868
Wisconsin	38	961	151	809	190	619	6,256
W. North Central:							
Minn. & Iowa	32	3,102	1,550	1,552	428	1,124	10,819
Missouri	12	1,023	119	904	228	676	9,321
N. Dak. & S. Dak.	10	243	65	178	27	151	2,045
Neb. & Kansas	53	1,576	540	1,036	221	815	11,731
So. Atlantic:							
Del., Md., D. C.	15	1,259	147	1,112	370	742	9,834
Va. & W. Va.	26	1,059	140	919	191	728	3,673
N. Car. & S. Car.	10	600	277	323	129	194	41,438
Ga. & Florida	25	1,891	1,418	473	173	300	17,827
E. So. Central:							
Ky., Tenn., Ala. and Miss.	26	1,083	422	661	173	488	11,041
W. So. Central:							
Ark., La. & Okla.	23	1,354	121	1,233	573	660	8,927
Texas	58	2,250	633	1,617	300	1,317	17,857
Mountain:							
Idaho, Wyo., Nev. Utah, N. Mex., Ariz., Montana	21	648	221	427	130	297	5,074
Colorado	22	651	253	398	117	281	5,093
Pacific:							
Wash., Oregon	32	1,236	316	920	297	623	12,121
California	89	4,453	894	3,559	1,012	2,547	14,126
Total for U. S.	871	59,248	20,365	38,883	12,244	26,639	597,488

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington March 29 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of February and the two months ending with February. This statement indicates how much of the merchandise exports for the two years consisted of crude or of partly or wholly manufactured products. The following is the report in full:

ANALYSIS OF EXPORTS FROM AND IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1928.
(Value in 1,000 Dollars)

Group	Month of February				Two Months Ended Feb.			
	1927.		1928.		1927.		1928.	
	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.
Domestic Exports.								
Crude materials	102,811	28.2	95,292	26.3	225,320	29.0	207,354	27.1
Crude foodstuffs	18,758	5.1	13,307	3.7	43,164	5.6	31,384	4.1
Manuf. foodstuffs	38,522	10.6	39,438	10.9	79,538	10.3	82,779	10.8
Semi-manufactures	53,120	14.6	55,762	15.3	114,459	14.7	119,604	15.7
Finished manufac.	151,174	41.5	158,841	43.8	313,553	40.4	323,508	42.3
Total Domestic Exp	364,385	100.0	362,685	100.0	776,034	100.0	764,629	100.0
Foreign Exports	8,053		8,861		15,805		17,736	
Total Exports	372,438		371,546		791,839		782,365	
Imports.								
Crude materials	114,883	37.0	130,901	37.3	267,996	40.1	264,305	38.4
Crude foodstuffs	42,725	13.7	47,544	13.5	86,806	13.0	95,845	13.9
Manuf. foodstuffs	39,815	12.8	36,194	10.3	66,762	10.0	64,920	9.4
Semi-manufactures	52,051	16.7	64,303	18.3	118,025	17.7	125,527	18.2
Finished manufac.	61,402	19.8	72,209	20.6	128,128	19.2	138,508	20.1
Total Imports	310,877	100.0	351,151	100.0	667,718	100.0	689,105	100.0

Country's Foreign Trade in February—Imports and Exports.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on March 15 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for February and the two months ending with February. The value of merchandise exported in February 1928 was \$373,000,000, as compared with \$372,438,000 in February 1927. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$353,000,000 in February 1928, as against \$310,877,000 in February the previous year, leaving a favorable balance in the merchandise movement for the month of February 1928 of \$20,000,000. Last year in February there was a favorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of \$61,561,000. Imports for the two months of 1928 have been \$690,956,000, as against \$667,718,000 for the corresponding two months of 1927. The merchandise exports for the two months of 1928 have been \$783,820,000, against \$791,840,000, giving a favorable trade balance of \$92,864,000 in 1928, against a favorable trade balance of \$124,122,000 in 1927. Gold imports totaled \$14,686,000 in February, against \$22,309,000 in the corresponding month in the previous year, and for the two months they have been \$53,005,000, as against \$81,664,000. Gold exports in February 1928 were \$25,776,000, against only \$2,414,000 in February 1927. For the two months of 1928 the exports of the metal foot up \$77,862,000, against \$17,304,000 in the two months of 1926-1927. Silver imports for the two months of 1928 have been \$10,963,000, as

against \$9,000,000 in 1927, and silver exports \$14,171,000, as against \$13,621,000. Following is the complete official report:

TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. Preliminary figures for 1928, corrected to March 1928.

	February.		2 Mos. End. February.		Inc. (+) Dec. (-).
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	
	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	
Exports	373,000	372,438	783,820	791,840	-8,020
Imports	353,000	310,877	690,956	667,718	+23,238
Excess of exports	20,000	61,561	92,864	124,122	
Excess of imports					

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE, BY MONTHS.

	1928.						1927.					
	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	
Exports—												
January	410,820	419,402	396,836	446,443	395,172	335,417	410,820	419,402	396,836	446,443	395,172	
February	373,000	372,438	352,905	370,676	365,782	306,957	373,000	372,438	352,905	370,676	365,782	
March	373,000	408,973	374,406	453,653	339,755	341,377	373,000	408,973	374,406	453,653	339,755	
April	373,000	415,374	387,974	398,255	346,936	325,492	373,000	415,374	387,974	398,255	346,936	
May	373,000	393,140	356,699	370,945	335,089	316,359	373,000	393,140	356,699	370,945	335,089	
June	373,000	356,966	338,033	323,348	306,989	319,957	373,000	356,966	338,033	323,348	306,989	
July	373,000	341,809	368,317	339,660	276,649	302,186	373,000	341,809	368,317	339,660	276,649	
August	373,000	374,751	384,449	379,823	330,660	310,966	373,000	374,751	384,449	379,823	330,660	
September	373,000	425,267	448,071	420,368	427,460	381,434	373,000	425,267	448,071	420,368	427,460	
October	373,000	488,675	455,301	490,567	427,172	399,199	373,000	488,675	455,301	490,567	427,172	
November	373,000	461,081	480,300	447,804	493,573	401,484	373,000	461,081	480,300	447,804	493,573	
December	373,000	407,632	465,369	468,306	445,748	426,666	373,000	407,632	465,369	468,306	445,748	
2 mos. end. Feb.	783,820	791,840	749,741	817,119	760,954	642,374	783,820	791,840	749,741	817,119	760,954	
8 mos. end. Feb.	3,283,034	3,393,647	3,296,269	3,318,380	2,982,888	2,653,548	3,283,034	3,393,647	3,296,269	3,318,380	2,982,888	
12 mos. end. Dec.	4,865,508	4,808,660	4,909,848	4,590,984	4,167,493		4,865,508	4,808,660	4,909,848	4,590,984	4,167,493	
Imports—												
January	337,956	356,841	416,752	346,165	295,506	329,254	337,956	356,841	416,752	346,165	295,506	
February	353,000	310,877	387,306	333,387	332,323	303,407	353,000	310,877	387,306	333,387	332,323	
March	353,000	378,331	442,899	385,379	320,482	307,925	353,000	378,331	442,899	385,379	320,482	
April	353,000	375,733	397,912	346,091	324,291	364,253	353,000	375,733	397,912	346,091	324,291	
May	353,000	346,501	320,919	327,519	302,988	372,545	353,000	346,501	320,919	327,519	302,988	
June	353,000	354,892	336,251	325,216	274,001	320,234	353,000	354,892	336,251	325,216	274,001	
July	353,000	319,298	338,559	325,648	278,594	287,434	353,000	319,298	338,559	325,648	278,594	
August	353,000	368,875	336,477	340,086	254,542	275,438	353,000	368,875	336,477	340,086	254,542	
September	353,000	342,164	343,202	349,954	287,144	253,645	353,000	342,164	343,202	349,954	287,144	
October	353,000	355,738	376,868	374,074	310,752	308,291	353,000	355,738	376,868	374,074	310,752	
November	353,000	344,266	373,881	376,431	296,148	291,333	353,000	344,266	373,881	376,431	296,148	
December	353,000	331,234	359,462	396,640	333,192	288,305	353,000	331,234	359,462	396,640	333,192	
2 mos. end. Feb.	690,956	667,718	804,058	679,552	627,829	632,661	690,956	667,718	804,058	679,552	627,829	
8 mos. end. Feb.	2,752,521	2,796,567	2,966,981	2,439,924	2,332,275	2,326,000	2,752,521	2,796,567	2,966,981	2,439,924	2,332,275	
12 mos. end. Dec.	4,184,740	4,430,888	4,226,589	3,609,963	3,792,066		4,184,740	4,430,888	4,226,589	3,609,963	3,792,066	

GOLD AND SILVER.

	February.		2 Mos. End. February.		Inc. (+) Dec. (-)
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	
	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	
Gold—					
Exports	25,776	24,414	77,862	77,304	+60,558
Imports	14,686	22,309	53,005	81,664	-28,659
Excess of exports	11,090	2,592	24,857	4,822	
Excess of imports		19,895		64,360	
Silver—					
Exports	7,479	6,233	14,171	13,621	+550
Imports	4,658	3,849	10,963	9,000	+1,963
Excess of exports	2,821	2,384	3,208	4,621	
Excess of imports					

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER, BY MONTHS.

	Gold.				Silver.			
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.	1,000 Dols.
Exports—								
January	52,086	14,890	3,087	73,526	6,692	7,388	9,763	11,385
February	25,776	2,414	3,851	50,600	7,479	6,233	7,752	6,833
March		5,625	4,225	25,104		6,077	8,333	7,917
April		2,592	17,884	21,604		6,824	7,612	9,323
May		2,510	9,343	13,390		6,026	7,931	6,536
June		1,840	3,346	6,712		5,444	7,978	8,522
July		1,803	5,069	4,416		6,650	7,921	8,349
August		1,524	29,743	2,136		5,590	8,041	8,285
September		24,444	23,081	6,784		6,627	7,243	7,487
October		10,698	1,156	28,039		5,945	7,279	8,783
November		55,266	7,727	24,360		5,634	6,794	8,118
December		77,849	7,196	5,968		7,186	5,610	7,589
2 mos. end. Feb.	77,862	17,304	6,938	124,126	14,171	13,621	17,515	18,218
8 mos. end. Feb.	249,446	91,276	78,641	181,919	51,803	56,509	66,128	76,531
12 mos. end. Dec.	201,455	115,708	262,640			75,625	92,258	99,128
Imports—								
January	38,320	59,355	19,351	5,038	6,305	5,151	5,763	7,339
February	14,686	22,309	25,416	3,603	4,658	3,849	8,863	4,929
March		16,382	43,413	7,337		4,308	5,539	6,061
April		14,503	13,116	8,870		3,815	6,322	4,945
May		34,212	2,935	11,393		5,083	4,272	3,390
June		14,611	18,890	4,426		4,790	5,628	4,919
July		10,738	19,820	10,204		4,288	5,949	5,238
August		7,877	11,979	4,862		4,856	5,988	7,273
September		12,979	15,987	4,128		4,992	7,203	4,504
October		2,056	8,857	50,741		5,069	5,088	5,602
November		2,082	16,738	10,456		5,102	3,941	4,049
December		10,431	17,004	7,216		3,770	4,430	5,747
2 mos. end. Feb.	53,005	81,664	44,767	8,641	10,963	9,000	14,626	12,268
8 mos. end. Feb.	99,168	172,049	132,374	102,119	39,040	41,609	47,039	51,694
12 mos. end. Dec.	207,535	213,504	128,273			55,074	69,596	64,595

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on April 4, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows increases for the week of \$77,400,000 in holdings of discounted bills, \$43,700,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and \$34,000,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and decreases of \$2,500,000 in holdings of bills bought in open market, of \$2,600,000 in Government securities, and \$22,500,000 in cash reserves. Total bills and securities were \$72,300,000 above the amount held on March 28. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills increased at all Federal Reserve banks except Boston and Cleveland, the principal changes being increases of \$52,800,000 at New York, 15,200,000 at Chicago, and \$8,500,000 at San Francisco, and a decrease of 19,000,000 at Boston. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market decreased 2,500,000 and of certificates of indebtedness \$3,500,000, while holdings of United States bonds were \$500,000 and of Treasury notes \$300,000 above the previous week's totals.

Federal Reserve note circulation increased \$34,000,000 during the week, the principal increases being: New York \$8,800,000, Chicago \$7,100,000, San Francisco \$5,300,000, Philadelphia \$4,700,000, and Boston \$4,400,000. The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reported a decrease of \$2,400,000, and the six other Federal Reserve banks an aggregate increase of \$5,900,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation.

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 2110 to 2111. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending April 4 1928, is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	-\$22,500,000	-\$275,500,000
Gold reserves	-16,400,000	-279,400,000
Total bills and securities	+72,300,000	+343,700,000
Bills discounted, total	+77,400,000	+199,500,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+28,600,000	+137,300,000
Other bills discounted	+48,800,000	+62,200,000
Bills bought in open market	-2,500,000	+104,400,000
U. S. Government securities, total	-2,600,000	+41,300,000
Bonds	+500,000	-18,600,000
Treasury notes	+300,000	+78,600,000
Certificates of indebtedness	-3,500,000	-18,600,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation	+34,000,000	-126,400,000
Total deposits	+30,800,000	+169,500,000
Members' reserve deposits	+43,700,000	+168,900,000
Government deposits	-14,800,000	-3,500,000

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

Beginning with the returns for June 29 last, the Federal Reserve Board also began to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks—now 649—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 increased \$153,929,000 and rose to their highest total in all time, the grand aggregate of these loans on April 4 being \$3,979,308,000. This represents an increase of \$144,288,000 over the previous record total of \$3,835,020,000 as reported on Feb. 8.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

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	Apr. 4 1928.	Mar. 28 1928.	Apr. 6 1927.
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds):	\$	\$	\$
For own account.....	1,264,718,000	1,120,864,000	968,794,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,499,806,000	1,426,739,000	1,072,575,000
For account of others.....	1,214,784,000	1,277,776,000	798,869,000
Total.....	3,979,308,000	3,825,379,000	2,840,238,000
On demand.....	3,074,297,000	2,925,448,000	2,175,439,000
On time.....	905,011,000	899,931,000	664,799,000
Chicago—43 Banks.			
Loans and investments—total.....	2,012,236,000	1,978,838,000	1,825,515,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	1,507,215,000	1,481,765,000	1,380,034,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	17,219,000	16,699,000	14,276,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	771,275,000	757,352,000	663,812,000
All other loans and discounts.....	718,721,000	707,744,000	701,946,000
Investments—total.....	505,021,000	497,073,000	445,481,000
U. S. Government securities.....	216,478,000	211,774,000	187,820,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	288,543,000	285,299,000	257,661,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	180,976,000	177,031,000	169,984,000
Cash in vault.....	16,343,000	16,391,000	19,999,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,251,781,000	1,245,713,000	1,183,978,000
Time deposits.....	682,460,000	656,125,000	571,742,000
Government deposits.....	21,043,000	21,934,000	17,321,000
Due from banks.....	170,855,000	150,327,000	152,509,000
Due to banks.....	397,279,000	369,080,000	376,644,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total.....	39,931,000	27,825,000	21,579,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	33,970,000	25,020,000	12,185,000
All other.....	5,961,000	2,805,000	9,394,000

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 648, 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 March 28:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 649 reporting member banks in leading cities as of March 28 shows a decline for the week of \$46,000,000 in investments and increases of \$140,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$61,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$27,000,000 in time deposits and of \$30,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$131,000,000 above the March 21 total at all reporting banks, an increase of \$127,000,000 being shown for the New York district and of \$9,000,000 for the Philadelphia district. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$15,000,000 in the New York district and \$9,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$44,000,000 during the week, decreases of \$27,000,000 and \$19,000,000, respectively, being shown for the Chicago and New York districts, and an increase of \$10,000,000 for the Cleveland district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities were \$2,000,000 below the total reported a week ago.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks increased \$61,000,000 during the week, increased \$81,000,000 in the New York district, and declined \$24,000,000 and \$9,000,000, respectively, in the Philadelphia and Boston districts. Time deposits increased \$27,000,000 at all reporting banks and \$31,000,000 in the New York district, and declined \$13,000,000 in the Chicago district.

Increases of \$69,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks reported by banks in the New York and Boston districts, respectively, were partly offset by declines of \$17,000,000 and \$16,000,000 in the Chicago and San Francisco districts, all reporting banks showing a net increase of \$30,000,000 for the week.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 649 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending March 28, 1928, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)		
	March 28 1928.	Week.	Year.
Loans and investments, total.....	\$ 22,018,222,000	+93,476,000	+1,648,145,000
Loans and discounts, total.....	15,409,779,000	+139,569,000	+1,004,991,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. oblig's.....	143,840,000	+21,605,000	—8,397,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	6,443,710,000	+109,438,000	+762,532,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,822,229,000	+8,528,000	+250,856,000
Investments, total.....	6,608,443,000	—46,093,000	+643,154,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,972,853,000	—43,828,000	+415,068,000
Other bonds, stocks & secur's.....	3,635,590,000	—2,265,000	+228,086,000
Reserve with F. R. banks.....	1,743,475,000	+35,729,000	+58,005,000
Cash in vault.....	242,495,000	+234,000	—22,257,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,590,686,000	+61,003,000	+479,348,000
Time deposits.....	6,777,752,000	+27,228,000	+712,978,000
Government deposits.....	280,793,000	—653,000	—22,068,000
Due from banks.....	1,143,175,000	—28,682,000	+12,321,000
Due to banks.....	3,435,386,000	—58,000	+235,844,000
Borrowings fr. F. R. bks., total.....	382,800,000	+29,599,000	+86,322,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. oblig's.....	248,413,000	+23,596,000	+57,659,000
All other.....	134,387,000	+6,003,000	+28,663,000

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (April 7) the following summary

of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

ARGENTINA.

Business throughout the week was satisfactory, and both imports and exports continued to be heavy. The cool Summer is said locally to have retarded the maturity of the corn crop and, consequently, exports of that product were much lighter than during the corresponding week of last year. Oat and lined exports were also lighter, but exports of wheat were heavier. The wool market was quiet. The railway receipts were about the same as last year. The impending presidential election of April 1 has had practically no effect on general business turnover. During what is called "wheat" week the Department of Agriculture has carried on with success an intensive propaganda in favor of "pedigreed" seed.

AUSTRALIA.

New South Wales is experiencing further rains. Walsh Island strikers have accepted the piecemeal basis of payment and have resumed work. It is anticipated locally that the new season's sugar production will show important increases. The electrical and radio exhibition held at Sydney is reported as very successful. An outstanding feature of it was American participation in the exhibits. The Australian Senate is considering an increase in the duty on dressed rabbit skins, and the Tariff Board has under consideration increases in duty on chamois leather, arsenic salts, and pasteurizers. Australian exchange on London moves against the Commonwealth 2 sh. 6d. for buying, and 5 sh. on the selling rate. The stringency of money is accountable for this unseasonably early change.

BRAZIL.

Commercial turnover has been fair during the week, with exchange steady. The coffee market was firm. It is rumored that \$50,000,000 is to be loaned for addition to the Sao Paulo railway and the extension of the Sorocabana Railroad from Mayrink to Santos. Gold deposits at the stabilization bureau are increasing steadily. They are now 678,532 contos (\$81,423,840). Porto Alegre general business reported good and crop prospects excellent. Hides and cattle are selling well and the packing industry is working full time. Automobile sales are good.

BRITISH INDIA.

The Indian Government has instructed the Tariff Board to investigate the Indian oil industry with a view to ascertaining whether or not protection is needed against imported kerosene.

CANADA.

The trading outlook is considered very bright for the second quarter of 1927. Commercial and industrial activity has been above average in the first quarter, and retail business during the Spring bids fair to surpass that of April-June, 1927. Automobile dealers report an average increase of 25% in sales of automobiles; boots and shoes, clothing, dry goods and grocery lines report a steady increase. The hardware market has been fairly active, and the widespread demand for structural steel, owing to the marked construction activity in many parts of the Dominion, is reported to be taxing the capacity of Canadian fabricating plants. Employment at the beginning of March shows a gain of some 4,000 workers over the previous month. Construction contracts awarded during the month exceeded the 1927 total by 20%, with Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia reporting the largest gains. Revenue car loadings for the week ended March 17 were 65,090, as compared with 62,128 in the corresponding week of 1927, and the cumulative total to date is some 27,000 ahead of the 1927 record.

CHINA.

The trade outlook in the Yangtze Valley and South China continues optimistic. The situation is still uncertain, however, and trade improvement is greatly dependent upon local political developments. Hankow reports a marked increase of imports with greater improvement in trade with interior sections, and the disappearance of depreciated currency in the Hankow region. Several large foreign industrial concerns in Hankow have resumed operation, after many months of idleness. Conditions in the former British concession show much improvement. February declared exports from Hankow to the United States amounted to \$1,500,000, of which wood oil accounted for \$1,000,000. Railway passenger and freight service between Hankow and Chengchow is regular, and an improvement is noted in rail service between Hankow and Changsha. Notes of the Central Bank of China are now more nearly at par in Canton. A considerable increase in shipments of raw silk to the United States from Canton is reported. Tientsin flour mills are experiencing increasing difficulties in securing stocks of native wheat, which encourages the importation of flour from abroad.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

The month of March brought no stop to the general activity prevailing in Czechoslovak industry and trade. Seasonal impulses have been given to the building industries, and full-time operations are reported in the iron and steel, machinery, automobile, lumber, carpet and glove lines. An improvement has been noted in the exports of glass, and bentwood; new activity characterized the cotton and wool industries, but production of flax is somewhat slackening, due to the exhaustion of materials. Some labor unrest was evident in the metal, chemical, and woodworking industries, but a peaceful settlement is expected shortly. February foreign trade was slightly unfavorable. This was due, however, to considerable increases in imports of raw materials, which indicates the active condition of industry. Imports totaled 1,493,000,000 crowns and exports 1,477,000,000 crowns.

DENMARK.

Slow improvement in industry and trade with declining unemployment characterized the Danish situation during March. Agricultural production continued at record height but agriculture is suffering from lack of capital and high prices. Shipping remained depressed. A legislative proposal involving reconstruction of the Landmandsbank with the State providing new capital is expected to pass the Danish parliament before Easter. The government has requested bids for a State loan of \$50,000,000 incident to the settlement of the Landmandsbank. The exchange and general financial situation is entirely stable. The money market still remains tight but a noticeable easier trend is expected to bring gradual relief. Loans and discounts during February again showed a slight decline while deposits increased about 13,000,000 crowns. Foreign exchange holdings at the National Bank were reduced to 64,800,000 crowns as compared with 92,300,000 crowns at the end of January. The stock exchange market was firm but following the payment of dividends the quotations showed a corresponding drop. Com-

mercial activity improved in a number of lines during the first quarter of the year. The sales of automobiles were high above expectation with a promising outlook for the second quarter. Imports of raw materials were higher in February than during the previous month. The heavy exports of agricultural production was maintained. The wholesale index was 152 for February, a drop of one point.

FRANCE.

An agreement for settlement of the war debt of Rumania to France was signed on March 28. It reduces the capital amount from 962,000,000 gold francs to 525,000,000 gold francs, through deduction of Rumania's counterclaims, and provides a schedule of increasing annual payments over 62 years totaling 894,000,000 gold francs, but having a present value of 185,000,000 gold francs. Total imports during the first two months of this year were valued at 8,450,000,000 francs, as against 8,859,000,000 francs during the same period of 1927; exports were valued at 8,400,000,000 francs as compared with 9,306,000,000 francs during January and February of last year. Trade for February alone showed an export balance of 13,000,000 francs. Tax returns under the general budget for January and February totaled 6,056,000,000 francs of which 5,957,000,000 francs were from normal and permanent sources. Independent receipts of the autonomous office for the amortization of the public debt amounted to 987,000,000 francs during the same period. The production of pig iron during February was 785,000 metric tons and of steel 738,000 metric tons, marking a substantial increase in both cases as compared with the output of February, 1927.

GERMANY.

February declared exports from Germany to the United States, according to statistics compiled by the American Consul General in Berlin, amounted to \$17,080,000. In January, declared exports amounted to \$19,561,000. Both of these figures are above the monthly average for 1927, \$16,700,000.

GREECE.

The Government has decided to re-establish the Commission for the purchase of Government supplies, which was abolished by General Pangalos two years ago. A bill to that effect has been submitted to Parliament for approval, providing that all Government supplies of a value exceeding drs. 500,000 (about \$6,650) are to be purchased by a Commission composed of high government officials, bankers and business men. According to the proposed bill the purchase of these supplies will be made by public adjudication.

IRISH FREE STATE.

Estimates of government expenditures during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1928, as related to the public services total £22,433,019, as compared with £23,903,179 in the fiscal year just closed. The greatest single reduction is in compensation for property losses compensation arising out of the Civil War, and for the Army, which account for about £800,000 of the reduction. Returns from the 1927 sugar beet season, just closed, indicate that 17,698 acres were harvested, and 18,096 long tons of refined sugar obtained, with an average content of 16.4%. Cork, Limerick, and Tipperary farmers are agitating for the erection of additional plants, although the Government has declared itself as opposed to extension at the present rate of the subsidy. Buses registered in the Free State carried, in the quarter ended January, 1928, 5,091,217 passengers over a route mileage of 24,791, with consequent reductions in railways and tramways traffic.

JAMAICA.

Notwithstanding the protracted dry weather which has prevailed in Jamaica for the past few months, economic conditions continued good during March. Government revenues continue very satisfactory. Import duties for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1928, have already reached £1,000,000 and the surplus of revenues over expenditures for the next year are now estimated at £285,000. Bank deposits continue normal and collections have shown improvement over the subnormal average of the preceding month. The winter tourist season is one of the busiest on record and retail business is good. Building construction continues active. Local sugar estimates in long tons are as follows: Stocks on hand March 1, 6,000 tons; sugar receipts during March, chiefly from Canada and the United States, 60 tons; domestic production, 10,000 tons; local consumption of sugar during the month amounted to 1,900 tons and exports chiefly to Canada, totaled 8,160 tons, leaving approximately 7,000 tons of sugar on hand.

JAPAN.

Prospects for general business in Japan are fairly bright. Rates for call money are stiffening, and merger of the smaller banks continues. By Imperial Ordinance, the budget of last year is to apply to the first quarter of the fiscal year, which, in Japan, begins on April 1.

LATVIA.

The foreign exchange holdings of the Bank of Latvia have recently shown a record increase. The statement of the bank for the week ending March 7, 1928, shows foreign exchange holdings valued 63,106,000 Lats as compared with 48,807,000 Lats on January 4, 1928, and 29,734,000 Lats on March 9, 1927. The foreign exchange holdings together with the gold reserve of the Bank on March 9, represented a value of 86,797,000 Lats, which covers by more than 200% the note issue of the Bank. The bulk of the foreign exchange holdings consist of dollars and pounds sterling.

MEXICO.

The general feeling of optimism in Mexico continued to increase during the week ended March 31, but the commercial situation continued depressed with no immediate improvement in sight. It is stated locally that no appreciable revival of the oil industry can be expected for the present.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Import markets of the past week were generally quiet, following native New Year buying. Export trade, however, was active, featuring especially robusta coffee, gapek meal (dried cassava root), and manganese ore.

NETHERLANDS.

Trade in commodities is somewhat slower following a period of good sales for the replacement of stocks. The stock exchange is active; rubber and sugar shares have improved. The total production of coal in the Netherlands during January was 919,000 metric tons and in February, 852,000 metric tons, marking a good improvement over the average monthly output during 1927.

NORWAY.

The Norwegian situation improved during March with the return of political and financial equilibrium. Business was better although

still depressed and uncertain. The discount rate was lowered $\frac{1}{2}$ % on March 28 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ %. Financial nervousness has somewhat abated and the exchange pressure has disappeared. A \$30,000,000 State loan and a \$6,000,000 loan for the Oslo Gas and Electric Company were arranged during the month. The Norske Creditbank has negotiated with English bankers for a 30,000,000 crown credit. These transactions are having a favorable influence on the money market which is noticeably easier. Early gold redemption is expected for which the Bank of Norway is well prepared with a gold supply of 147,000,000 crowns and a net foreign credit of 36,000,000 crowns. The note circulation remained practically unchanged at 309,000,000 crowns. Industrial shares rose sharply. Prices were firm and the wholesale price index remained unchanged at 157. Most of the important industrial branches were moderately employed. Unemployment has been reduced 5,000 since the beginning of the year and at the end of February numbered 45,000. Settlement of a threatened wage dispute has been effected by which the wages of sailors and of engine crew have been reduced by 5 and 6%, respectively. Both imports and exports showed decreases during January compared with the previous month as well as the same month of 1927.

PERU.

The cotton crop in the northern valleys, which is now being picked, is said to be apparently of high quality, and an above normal yield is promised. The crop in the Chinchá and Ica valleys, however, is expected to be below normal owing to the drought through which these valleys passed. Sugar cane is maturing under favorable conditions, but the rice yield will be seriously curtailed because of the lateness of the flow of irrigation water. The movement of merchandise and collections continue to be sluggish, with import orders very light. Oil and mineral production continue at a high level, the local building trades are active, and the government's sanitation and road-building programs are being aggressively prosecuted.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Large cattle raisers of the Philippines have organized under a new co-operative marketing law with the view to supplying the entire Philippine market and cutting off importation of live cattle. Total imports of live animals are valued at approximately \$400,000 annually and Australia now furnishes 50% of the fresh beef consumed in the Manila market. Abaca trade is again quiet after increased activity and slightly advanced prices a week ago. Nominal quotations are now at 25 pesos per picul of 139 pounds for grade F; I, 22; JUS, 21; JUK, 18; and L, 14 (1 peso equals \$0.50). Abaca arrivals continue very heavy. No improvement is expected in copra trade before the end of April. Production remains light, with only one oil mill operating. The provincial equivalent of reseeded delivered at Manila is now 18.50 pesos per picul; Hondagua, 12% pesos; and Cebu, 13%.

POLAND.

Foreign trade for February, according to preliminary data, closed with an adverse balance of 42,000,000 gold francs—imports 157,000,000 against 115,000,000 gold francs of exports. This represents an increase of 12,000,000 francs in the debit balance as compared with January, and is accounted for almost entirely by a decline in exports for the month, as imports increased only by 458,000 francs.

The balance sheet of the Bank of Poland as of March 10 shows a decrease of 5,500,000 zlotys (par value \$0.112) in the reserves of gold and foreign currency and bills since February 10 (Commerce Reports, March 19, page 928). Bank note circulation increased during the month by 57,000,000 zlotys (from 988,000,000 to 1,045,000,000), the cover against notes and deposits combined showing a fractional decline to 69.3c against the statutory limit of 40%.

PORTO RICO.

Collections in Porto Rico are still reported difficult and business remains generally dull, notwithstanding the greater circulation of wages from sugar factory pay rolls, which are now at their peak. Commercial houses are making greater use of credit accommodations than is customary at this time of the year, but conditions are fundamentally sound and some improvement is expected during the next few months. However, caution should be exercised in granting credit to other than well established firms. The fruit growers have enjoyed a good season and March shipments of fruit included 103,600 boxes of oranges, 79,900 boxes of grapefruit, and 18,000 boxes of pineapples. The small coffee crop has been sold at satisfactory prices and the tobacco situation is encouraging. The flour trade has been somewhat unbalanced as a result of the price cutting war between local bakers which has led to an abnormal demand for the cheaper grades of flour, and a tendency to buy on a hand-to-mouth basis. Bank clearings for the first 30 days of March amounted to \$23,759,000 as compared with \$24,716,000 in the corresponding period of 1927.

SPAIN.

The month of February was one of satisfactory activity and favorable prospects in most branches of Spanish commerce and industry. While bank clearings and security transactions were slightly less than in January and the peseta receded slightly in value, ample money was available for investment and a number of large loans were successfully floated.

UNITED KINGDOM.

British trade conditions have shown but little change during the past month although the slight but steady improvement continues. The employment figures for most basic industries, including steel, cotton, wool, and the building trades, show an improvement but there was a slight increase in the number of unemployed miners, particularly in Wales where the unemployment problem is increasingly serious. Industry, itself, shows few signs of expansion and unless some new favorable influence develops, there is little prospect of other than seasonal improvement in the immediate future. Iron and steel production has improved slightly, although prices remain unchanged. Activity in the engineering trades is increasing although the business appears to be unevenly distributed. In the coal trade the principal developments of the month were the institution of coal marketing schemes in Scotland and South Wales, also a minimum price schedule in Northumberland. The proposed acquisition of several Welsh collieries by Powell Duffryn and the reorganization of their selling agencies marks an important step in the centralization of the Welsh coal trade. The trading losses of the industry in the last quarter of 1927 are estimated to amount to nearly £2,870,000. This brings the total loss for the year to £5,378,000. The Cotton Yarn Association before a large meeting of spinners at Manchester on March 27, proposed an amalgamation of the mills spinning American cotton into a holding company, the scheme to involve financial reorganization of the mills with an exchange of company shares for the corporation shares. It is understood that there will be no resumption of the conferences between operatives and employers following the breakdown in recent negotiations on wages and hours of labor.

The automobile association has presented to Parliament a petition with nearly a million signatures for the substitution of a gasoline tax instead of the present tax on the horsepower of automotive vehicles, but trade opinion inclines the view that there is little likelihood of such a change being effected in the present calendar year.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that beginning with the statement of Dec. 31, 1927 several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time are for Feb. 29 1928. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,690,430,100, as against \$4,677,054,676 Jan. 31 1928 and \$4,884,767,942 Feb. 28 1927, and comparing with \$5,760,953,653 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.
 d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.
 e This total includes \$18,215,091 of notes in process of redemption, \$141,182,195 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$8,665,050 deposited for redemption of National bank notes, \$2,630 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$6,436,200 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.
 f Includes money held by the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
 g Figures revised to conform to changes effective Dec. 31 1927.
 Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$156,039,088 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured, dollar for dollar, by standard silver dollars, held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained in lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national bank notes secured by Government bonds.

Banking Firms of Lazard-Speyer-Ellissen and C. Schlesinger-Trier & Co. Combine.

The banking firms of Lazard Speyer-Ellissen, established in Frankfurt-on-Main in 1818, and C. Schlesinger-Trier & Co. established in Berlin in 1878, will combine in a new private banking corporation, under the name of Lazard Speyer-Ellissen (Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien) with offices in Frankfurt-on-Main and Berlin.

The capital of the new Corporation will be Reichsmarks 25,000,000, of which Reichsmarks 20,000,000, will be share capital, and Reichsmarks 5,000,000 reserve. Eduard Beit von Speyer, senior member of the firm of Lazard Speyer-Ellissen, and a partner of Speyer & Co., New York, will be Chairman of the Board of the new corporation.

The close connection with the firm of Speyer & Co., New York, which has existed since its foundation in 1837, will be continued. The firm of Speyer & Co., New York, as well as its senior partner, James Speyer, will be shareholders in the new corporation.

Dresdner Bank Dividend.

Hallgarten & Co. and Lehman Brothers announce that the dividend for the year 1927, amounting to \$8.50 per American share of the Dresdner Bank, Berlin, Germany, will be paid April 13 1928, to stockholders of record April 6.

Premier Poincare of France Indicates Possibility of Floating Railroad and Industrial Bonds Provided for Under Dawes Plan—Would Permit, He Says, More Rapid Settlement of War Debts.

That consideration is being given to a plan whereby railroad and industrial bonds turned over by Germany as guarantee of payment of the Dawes plan annuity might be commercialized, so that France and other creditors of Germany may realize cash on them was indicated by Premier Poincare of France in a speech at Carcassonne on April 1. Associated Press advices from Paris report the Premier as saying:

"It is possible that soon, in connection with payment of the Dawes plan annuity, there will be occasion to consider when there should be placed on the market the railroad and industrial bonds contemplated by this plan.

"This financial problem probably will raise other similar ones, and it would be desirable at that moment that we should approach them all with an idea of eliminating as best we can any subject or differences, with the strength that our monetary recovery gives us henceforth and with proper regard for our interests.

"It would be premature to hazard on this subject predictions that events might belie. All that is proper to say is that with proper regard for our security and our rights to reparations we will willingly accept, when the time comes, arrangement which, by marketing of the bonds, will permit our recent allies, Germany and us to settle our debts more rapidly.

"In any case, no nation appreciates more than ours the economic solidarity that binds closely all the peoples of the world. Far from thinking of isolating ourselves, we are firmly resolved to work more and more for universal rapprochement of minds which will prepare and some day assure the rapprochement of hearts."

The Associated Press accounts further state:

The scheme, under consideration for three years, has been delayed by differences, the first of which was to negotiate an understanding with Germany for her permission to make the bonds negotiable on the open market.

Both the railroad and industrial obligations under the Dawes plan are now in the form of two pieces of paper whereby German railroads and

CIRCULATION STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES MONEY—FEBRUARY 29 1928.

KIND OF MONEY	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY				MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY				Population of Continental United States (Estimated)
	Total	Am't Held in Trust against Gold & Silver Certificates & Treasury Notes of 1890	Reserve against United States Notes (and Treasury Notes of 1890)	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents	All Other Money	Total	Held by Federal Reserve Banks and Agents f	In Circulation	
Gold coin and bullion.....	\$ 64,362,096,436						\$ 463,763,117	\$ 385,856,498	3.27
Gold certificates.....	c(1,575,898,779)	1,575,898,779	156,039,088	1,630,578,511	149,970,443	849,609,615	572,019,270	1,003,879,509	8.52
Stan. silver dol.....	539,602,158	468,114,639			11,241,670	60,245,849	13,833,478	46,412,371	3.9
Silver cert's.....	c(466,803,889)					466,803,889	97,866,380	368,937,509	3.13
Treasury notes of 1890.....	c(1,310,760)					1,310,750		1,310,750	.01
Subsidy silver.....	300,617,821				2,590,670	298,027,151	22,926,061	275,101,900	2.33
Minor coin.....	116,560,479				1,795,022	113,765,457	4,125,434	109,640,023	.93
U. S. notes.....	346,681,016				6,260,689	340,420,327	54,233,726	286,186,601	2.43
F. R. notes.....	1,992,172,845				1,027,585	1,991,145,260	421,082,728	1,570,062,532	13.32
F. R. bank notes.....	4,335,468				136,190	4,471,658	21,646	4,477,632	.04
Nat. bank notes.....	699,731,694				17,639,983	682,091,711	43,226,126	638,865,585	5.42
Tot. Feb. 29 28	\$ 8,360,797,917	\$ 2,044,013,418	\$ 156,039,088	\$ 1,630,578,511	\$ 190,662,252	\$ 6,383,518,066	\$ 1,693,087,966	\$ 4,690,430,100	39.79
Comparative totals:									
Jan. 31 1928	\$ 8,405,886,981	\$ 2,053,454,037	\$ 156,039,088	\$ 1,599,513,511	\$ 202,079,494	\$ 6,448,254,888	\$ 1,771,200,212	\$ 4,677,054,676	39.71
Feb. 28 1927	\$ 8,650,006,826	\$ 2,127,906,191	\$ 152,420,721	\$ 1,700,112,631	\$ 202,461,428	\$ 6,592,011,746	\$ 1,707,243,804	\$ 4,884,767,942	41.94
Oct. 31 1920	\$ 8,476,904,551	\$ 2,240,774,319	\$ 152,979,026	\$ 1,206,341,990	\$ 351,566,077	\$ 6,766,017,458	\$ 1,005,063,805	\$ 5,760,953,653	53.60
Mar. 31 1917	\$ 5,395,314,227	\$ 2,944,575,690	\$ 2,684,800,085	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 106,796,879	\$ 6,135,538,622	\$ 953,321,622	\$ 4,182,217,100	40.32
June 30 1914	\$ 3,796,456,764	\$ 1,845,575,888	\$ 1,507,178,879	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 188,397,009	\$ 3,458,059,755	\$ 3,458,059,755	\$ 3,458,059,755	34.92
Jan. 1 1879	\$ 1,007,084,483	\$ 212,420,402	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 90,817,762	\$ 816,266,721	\$ 816,266,721	\$ 816,266,721	16.92

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin other than that held by the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Reserve agents. Gold held by Federal Reserve banks under ear-mark for foreign account is excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is included.

industries are pledged for the payment of reparations. Those bonds draw 5% interest.

When it was first proposed to commercialize them, money was so high that they could not have been marketed without a considerable concession in price. Now that money is easier, the French Government regards the prospect as better.

Meanwhile, the Thoiry conference between Foreign Minister Briand of France and Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany, as well as the Locarno treaties, paved the way for Germany's consent.

The bonds represent 16,000,000,000 gold marks (\$4,000,000,000 roughly). It had never been supposed possible all could be marketed, but it was thought feasible to place a considerable portion on the market, provided France and the other Allied Powers were willing to accept a sacrifice on the market price to make up for the low interest rates.

The question of evacuation of the Rhineland and other concessions to Germany on application of the treaty of Versailles were involved in the negotiations with Germany. These are thought no longer to present difficulties. Premier Poincaré's allusions to the debts are taken in Paris as meaning that part of the proceeds of the bond sales at least would be applied to reducing war debts.

According to the same advices, Premier Poincaré, appealing for support for the Government's efforts to restore the franc, said in his speech that he regarded complete financial rehabilitation as a long haul, not the work of a day or even a year. He said it would doubtless require not less than a full legislative session, which is four years, for solid monetary reconstruction. He added:

"France asks nothing better than to deal in an atmosphere of confidence with all questions of international interest which may arise. Recently she discussed matters with Spain in a friendly manner and she is talking likewise now with Italy. She has just signed with a country for whom she retains most cordial feelings, Rumania, a settlement about our war claim, subject, however, to revision should our own debt be revised.

Report of French Loan Incident to Stabilization of Franc.

With the approach of the election in France, the air is full of rumors of an imminent issue of a loan to absorb part of France's floating debt in preparation for legal stabilization of the franc, said Associated Press advices from Paris April 4, which added:

These reports are closely connected with vague talk in financial circles of a possible arrangement with Germany for commercialization of the railway and industrial bonds pledged in guarantee of the payment of reparations. This talk is largely a result of Premier Poincaré's speech at Carcassonne on Sunday.

The best semi-official information is that the loan will be prepared as far as it can be in advance, but that the date and the rate of interest will be known only after the election.

The general expectation is that Premier Poincaré, if he wins a majority in Parliament in the elections of April 22, will set in motion machinery by which he intends to complete his work of financial restoration.

The first measure, it is held, will likely be a plan to get rid of the floating debt, but the rest of the program remains indefinite, although there is good reason to suppose that it involves ratification of the Washington and London debt accords, unless it should prove possible to agree with Germany on commercialization of the reparation bonds on terms that would permit renewed satisfactory arrangement for debt payments all around.

Russian Gold Held in U. S. Since February Shipped to Germany—Bank of France to Continue Action to Recover Metal.

The \$5,201,000 of Russian Soviet gold, which arrived in New York on Feb. 21 consigned to the Equitable Trust Company and the Chase National Bank of New York, was shipped to Europe this week on the German line steamer *Dresden*, which sailed April 5, bound for Bremen. The proceedings instituted by the Bank of France to gain possession of the gold were noted in these columns March 17, page 1596. According to the "Times" of April 6, the Bank of France will continue its action against the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, which received the metal as correspondents and which have now released it to its foreign clients. In its account of the re-shipment of the metal the "Times" of yesterday said:

A statement issued by the attorneys for the Soviet State Bank said that the Bank of France in its formal complaint had alleged that the gold was the identical metal which France bought in Russia in the years 1915-17 and deposited in the old Imperial Russian Bank, and that the Soviet authorities had proved that the gold sent here had been refined in the years 1925-27. Attorneys for the Bank of France, however, have contended since the filing of the suit that it made no difference whether the identical gold claimed by France is the metal sent here.

Attachment Not Necessary.

Since the filing of the suit by the Bank of France, no attachment had been issued against it. Thus there was nothing to prevent it being shipped out of the country, provided that the banks holding it here were satisfied that they would be protected. Since the suit of the Bank of France asked for the recovery of the gold, "or, if delivery cannot be made," asked for the recovery of the value of it, the attorneys for the Bank of France took the position that the departure of the gold made no practical difference in the suit. In their behalf it was said also that in a replevin action of this sort it was not necessary to obtain an attachment of the gold, as the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company will be liable for the value of the gold if the courts decide in favor of the Bank of France.

While the action is directed against the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, however, the real struggle is between the Bank of France and the Soviet authorities. No announcements have

been made of the arrangements between the New York banks and their foreign correspondents, but it is regarded as certain that the Soviet has indemnified the local banks against any loss that might arise through their acceptance and relinquishment of the gold. The Soviet, at the time the gold was sent here, made arrangements whereby it would bear the loss that might develop through any complications, according to those in close touch with the situation.

Had No Commercial Value.

During the international contest that has been waged for the gold, it has occupied an unprecedented status here, as despite its value of more than \$5,000,000, it was worthless for commercial purposes as a result of the refusal of the United States Assay Office to accept it. This refusal was based on an embargo of the Treasury Department placed in force in 1920. The gold was sent to the vaults of the Chase Bank and the Equitable Trust Company and had been held there until its consignment back to Europe. In that status it represented a loss of about \$700 a day, and the total loss from that source up to the time of its shipment yesterday amounted to about \$33,000, which will be borne by the Soviet Bank.

The following statement was issued yesterday by Simpson, Thatcher and Bartlett, counsel for the State Bank of the Soviet Republic and for the Garantie Und Kreditbank fuer den Osten of Berlin, the latter organization having been the actual shipper of the gold here:

"Gold bars of an approximate value of \$5,000,000, which were received in New York on Feb. 21 by the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, correspondents of our clients, have been reshipped to Germany. This was done in accordance with the request of our clients to the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company.

Refused by Assay Office.

"On March 6, the United States Treasury Department announced that in accordance with the practice of the Treasury Department formulated in 1920, gold of Soviet origin would not be accepted by United States mints and assay offices. On the same date the Bank of France, through its New York attorneys, advised the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company that it was laying claim to this gold and asserted that it was gold which had been purchased by the Bank of France in Russia in the years 1915-1917 and deposited for safekeeping with the State Bank of the Russian Empire and carried since then as part of the metallic reserve of the Bank of France. The attorneys for the Bank of France also stated that photographs of documents, proving the ownership of this gold by the Bank of France, had been forwarded from France to this country and would be submitted to the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company upon their arrival.

"Actions have been instituted by the Bank of France and are now pending in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in which it is alleged that the gold received in New York on Feb. 21 is the identical gold which the Bank of France claims to have entrusted to the State Bank of the Russian Empire in 1915-1917.

"In view of the fact that the Bank of France has failed to submit the documentary proof with regard to its ownership of this gold, which it had promised, on March 6, to submit to the New York banks, while our clients furnished information to the banks showing that the gold in question was refined and cast into bars from alloyed gold between the years 1925-1927, our clients requested the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company to ship this gold to Germany, and they have complied with such request.

"This action enables the gold to be restored to use for credit and commercial purposes without affecting the pendency of the actions in the courts, and the interests of the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, as correspondents, have been fully protected."

At the offices of Evarts, Choate, Sherman & Leon, attorneys for the Bank of France, this statement was given out:

"The return of the gold to Europe was anticipated by reason of information received last week, but it does not relieve the depository banks of their full liability for the value of the gold, with interest from the date of the demands for the same by the Bank of France, whether or not the depository banks had made arrangements with the Soviet banks to be indemnified against any judgments that might be rendered in the pending actions."

The statement was made by the attorneys after they had conferred with Charles A. Prevost, inspector of the Bank of France, who is in New York acting for the bank in the pending actions.

The *Dresden*, a German liner bound for Bremen, will touch first at Cherbourg, and the question was raised here whether the French authorities might not seize the gold at the latter port. Attorneys here, however, said that they could not know what would occur along that line, and that in any event preparations were going forward for trial of the suit here.

The shipment of the gold is regarded as having eliminated Rumania as a claimant here for the metal. Rumania several days ago appealed to the State Department in an effort to get the gold, claiming ownership.

No court actions have been taken since the filing of the summons and complaint by the Bank of France. The time for the New York banks to answer has been extended to April 26. It has not been decided whether the banks will ask for the dismissal of the complaint or will join the issue and proceed with preparations for trial. If the case is set for trial, it was said yesterday that it probably would be a year before a decision could be reached.

From Washington April 5 the "Times" reported the following:

Government officials were surprised to-day when informed that the \$5,210,000 shipment of disputed Soviet gold held by the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company was being sent back to Berlin, but maintained that the whole proceeding was one that had never involved the American Government.

They indicated surprise as to how the return had been arranged in view of the proceedings brought by the Bank of France.

Treasury officials refused to receive the gold for assay after the two banks had declined to make known the owners. Officials said to-day that not only did the banks refuse to reveal the owners, but they would not buy the gold and send it to the assay offices with themselves as owners.

The following regarding Rumania's claim is from a Washington dispatch April 2 to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Rumanian Legation is expecting from the Bucharest Foreign Office an order to replevin \$5,201,000 of Russian Soviet gold held in the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Co., New York City, and has made preparations to take legal action in the matter, it was learned here to-day.

Attorneys with a wide knowledge of international law have already been consulted by the Legation, which is now awaiting further word from Bucharest. Indications are that the New York agents of the Rumanian National Bank will be directed to join the Banque de France in suit already begun in the Federal Court for recovery of the gold, upon receipt of the expected dispatch from the Rumanian Government.

Rumania claims a sum estimated at between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000, deposited by the Rumanian Government in Moscow early in the World War. Mystery shrouds its present whereabouts and condition, although the Russian Soviet authorities have stated that "it is supposed to be intact." Keys to the vaults where the treasure was first placed have passed successively through the hands of the Consuls General of France, Denmark and Norway in Russia, but it has been impossible to learn whether the original sum is still there.

President Coolidge Signs Bill for Settlement of Indebtedness to U. S. of Kingdom of Serbs, Croates and Slovenes (Jugo-Slavia).

On March 30 President Coolidge signed the bill authorizing the settlement of the debt of Jugo-Slavia (the Kingdom of Serbs, Croates and Slovenes) to the United States. As indicated in our issue of Feb. 25 page (1133) the bill was passed by the House on Feb. 17. The Senate passed the bill March 27. The measure provides for the funding of a total indebtedness of \$62,850,000 over a period of sixty-two years. We give herewith the text of the bill as signed by President Coolidge follows:

An act to authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes to the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document No. 106, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

Section 2. The amount of the indebtedness to be funded after allowing for certain cash payments made by the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes is \$62,850,000, which has been computed as follows:

Principal of obligations acquired for cash advanced under Liberty Bond Acts...	\$26,126,574.59	
Accrued and unpaid interest at 4¼% per annum to Dec. 15, 1922.....	4,073,423.14	\$30,199,997.73
Principal of obligations acquired by Secretary of War for surplus war supplies sold on credit.....	\$24,978,020.99	
Accrued and unpaid interest at 4¼% per annum to Dec. 15, 1922.....	3,358,790.45	28,336,811.44
		\$58,536,809.17
Accrued interest at 3% per annum from Dec. 15, 1922, to June 15, 1925.....	4,390,260.69	
		\$62,927,069.86
Credits:		
Payments on account of principal since Dec. 15, 1922.....	\$66,709.19	
Interest thereon at 3% to June 15, 1925	3,248.28	69,957.47
Total net indebtedness as of June 15, 1925.....	\$62,857,112.39	
To be paid in cash upon execution of agreement..	7,112.39	
Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds.....	\$62,850,000.00	

Sec. 3. The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on June 15 of each year up to and including June 15, 1937, on a fixed schedule subject to the right of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes to postpone such payments falling due after June 15, 1937, for two years, such postponed payment to bear interest at the rate of 4¼% per annum. The amount of the annual principal installments during the first five years shall be \$200,000. Commencing with the sixth year the annual principal installment shall increase \$25,000 a year for the succeeding seven years. Commencing with the thirteenth year the annual principal installment will be \$400,000, the subsequent annual principal installments increasing until in the sixty-second year of the debt funding period the final principal installments shall be \$2,406,000, the aggregate principal installments being equal to the total principal of the indebtedness to be funded into bonds.

Sec. 4. The Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of principal of the bonds on June 15 and Dec. 15 in any year.

Sec. 5. The bonds to be issued shall bear no interest until June 15, 1937, and thereafter shall bear interest at the rate of one-eighth of 1% per annum from June 15, 1937, to June 15, 1940; at the rate of one-half of 1% per annum from June 15, 1940, to June 15, 1954; at the rate of 1% per annum from June 15, 1954, to June 15, 1957; at the rate of 2% per annum from June 15, 1957, to June 15, 1960, and at the rate of 3½% per annum after June 15, 1960, all payable semiannually on June 15 and Dec. 15 of each year, until the principal thereof shall have been paid.

Sec. 6. Any payment of interest or principal may be made at the option of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes in any United States Government obligations issued after April 6, 1917, such obligations to be taken at par and accrued interest.

Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark During January—Decrease in Outstanding Loans of Three Principal Private Banks.

The statement relative to the economic and industrial conditions in Denmark during January issued by the Danish National Bank of Copenhagen and the Danish Statistical Department and made public March 5 by the Consulate General of Denmark, New York, says:

Concerning banking and financial matters, the following can be noted: In the three principal private banks there was in January a decrease of

16 Mill. Kr. for the outstanding loans as well as for deposits; as far as the outstanding loans are concerned, the decrease is partly due to the redemption of reimbursements, as at the same time as the decrease in the outstanding loan account current, the net debt to foreign correspondents has gone down about 7 Mill. Kr. Aside from the decrease in the banks' outstanding loan and deposit activities, the shiftings were small.

The outstanding loan of the National Bank has also decreased during January, namely with 12 Mill. Kr. at the same time as the Bank has sold foreign currency for about 19 Mill. Kr. On the other hand the three principal private banks have drawn about 20 Mill. Kr. from their cash balance deposited with the National Bank's account current, which at the end of last month was exceptionally large. As the Ministry of Finance at the same time has increased its deposits in the bank with about 6 Mill. Kr. the amount of bills in circulation has during the month of January gone down 18 Mill. Kr., from 354,2 to 335,8 Mill. Kr. There was only an insignificant change in the stock of gold during the month, but the decrease in the amount of bills in circulation brought about that the percentage for covering increased from 55.3 to 58.2%.

The transactions in stocks and bonds on the Copenhagen stock exchange were in January somewhat larger than in December; the average weekly transactions for bonds amounted to 5.9 Mill. Kr. (December 4.1 Mill. Kr.) for stocks 1.9 Mill. Kr. (December 1.2 Mill. Kr.) in January, 1927 the corresponding figures were 5.2 and 2.3 Mill. Kr.

In the index for stock exchange quotations there was during January a slight increase for bonds as well as for stocks. As far as the stocks are concerned, however, the increase was only found for banks and "other companies". The bond index for January was 91.0 (December 89.0) the stock index 102.3 (December 100.8); compared with January, 1927 all the stock groups were high, as the index for banks was 90.1 (January, 1927: 84.3) shipping stocks 117.3 (1927: 114.5) industrial stocks 93.9 (88.6) other companies 104.6 (85.1) and the complete index 102.3 (1927: 93.3).

The percentage of unemployed was at the end of January 30.3 or a little less than in January, 1927, when it was 31.6; in the real industrial professions the percentage this year was 24.3 against 26.8 in 1927.

The Government's revenue from consumption taxes was in January, 1928 22.8 Mill. Kr. of which 9.8 Mill. Kr. were custom revenue taxes proper. In January, 1927 the corresponding figures were 22.2 and 9.5 Mill. Kr.

The Danish export of agricultural products was in January for the most important products—butter and bacon—considerably larger than during the corresponding month last year, and for bacon even larger than ever before, while the export of eggs and meat was a little smaller than last year. The average weekly exportations were:

Butter: 2,658,000 Kilos (January 1927: 2,489,600 Kilos)

Eggs: 426,300 scores (580,300 scores)

Bacon: 5,676,000 Kilos (4,348,400 Kilos)

Beef and Cattle: 1,415,900 Kilos (1,478,200 Kilos).

The prices of the exported articles were as far as butter and bacon are concerned somewhat lower than in January, 1927, while the egg prices were considerably higher this year. The average weekly official notations were:

Butter: 291 Kr. (January, 1927: 299 Kr.) per 100 Kilo.

Eggs: 2.30 Kr. (1927: 1.85 Kr.) per Kilo.

Bacon: 1.18 Kr. (1927: 1.36 Kr.) per Kilo.

Beef: 54 Ore (1927: 54 Ore) per Kilo on the hoof.

The trade balance with foreign countries in December amounted to 162 Mill. Kr. for imports and 137 Mill. Kr. for exports, so that there was an import surplus of 25 Mill. Kr. against 31 Mill. Kr. in December, 1926.

For the year 1927 the transactions were altogether larger than the preceding year, as imports amounted to 1,659 Mill. Kr., exports to 1,550 Mill. Kr. and the import surplus thus to 109 Mill. Kr., while the corresponding figures for 1926 were 1620, 1517 and 103 Mill. Kr.

The Statistical Department's wholesale index fell one point in January, from 154 to 153. As far as the individual groups are concerned it can especially be mentioned that animal food stuffs fell 4 points, textiles and dry goods 4 points and chemical-technical goods 3 points, while hides, leather and shoes went up 6 points.

The freight rate figure is for January, 1928 figured at 101.1 against 101.8 in December. In January, 1927, when the English coal strike influenced the freight rates, the figure was 126.9.

Yugoslavian Cabinet Approves Bill Stabilizing Currency.

Under date of March 30, Associated Press advices from Belgrade, said:

The Yugoslavian Cabinet to-day approved for submission to Parliament a bill proposed by the Finance Ministry, which is designated to stabilize the currency at the rate of 100 dinars to 9.13 Swiss francs (about \$1.76).

Hungary's Progress Following Rehabilitation Arranged Under Administration of Jeremiah Smith.

Advices received in banking circles place Hungary's balance of receipts over expenditures for the calendar year ended Dec. 31, 1927, at about \$17,500,000. The figure reflects the progress of Hungary since stabilization under the administration of Jeremiah Smith in 1924. Since then, although taxes have been reduced several times, receipts are said to have annually shown a balance over expenditures ranging from \$8,500,000 to \$19,000,000.

The reports just to hand show that unemployment has decreased until to-day that problem is virtually non-existent. The value of both agricultural products and manufactures has largely increased. Bank deposits have risen, savings deposits now representing about 36% and current account deposits about 80% of pre-war totals.

The significance of these figures is apparent when it is recalled that Hungarian currency after the war depreciated to the point where it became valueless and reconstruction started with private fortunes wiped out just as was the case in Germany.

Dr. de Hegedus, Former Finance Minister of Hungary, Urges American Bankers to Refuse Loans to Countries Which Are Not Disarming — Hungarian Pengo Stabilized.

American bankers were urged at a luncheon on March 28 at the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to refuse European loans to countries which were not disarming and to make loans only to banking and industrial organizations capable of paying interest, by Dr. Rolland De Hegedus, former Finance Minister of Hungary and now President of the Associated Savings Banks of that country. Dr. Hegedus, the guest of honor at the luncheon, characterized the League of Nations as a holding company of political insurance companies and said that the two "W's"—the White House and Wall Street, were the moral and financial leaders of the world.

There were about twenty-five present at the luncheon, mostly composed of banking officials and members of the Chamber's executive committee. William L. DeBost, President of the Union Dime Savings Bank and also President of the Chamber, presided and welcomed the Hungarian delegation. Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company, spoke briefly, saying that the American people looked to Dr. Hegedus and his associates to solve the economic and political problems that beset Hungary. Dr. Hegedus was then introduced by President DeBost.

"The peace of the world," began Dr. Hegedus, rests in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon peoples—the Americans and the English. They should police the world and use this police power vigorously to prevent the embattled nations of Europe from committing suicide. The League of Nations, without America, is nothing more than a holding company for a number of political insurance companies." He went on to say:

"In the matter of foreign loans, and I have studied this matter seriously for a number of years, it is my opinion that American bankers will be making a serious error if loans are made to European countries which are not disarming. There are several such countries now and most of them are in the market for money. Furthermore, from a safety standpoint, loans should only be made at this time to foreign banking and industrial companies that are able to pay interest on going properties. This will be helpful and is needed. But for schools and hospitals, which are not interest earners, I would refuse loans were I an American banker. Foreign countries can build these necessities from internal taxes; that is, the way buildings of this sort should be constructed. I told Vice-President Dawes in Washington recently that his plan would be frustrated within two years.

"We are trying to deserve this sympathy, expressed so well here to-day, for my country. As past Minister of Finance I tried to master the greatest financial chaos ever seen. I stopped the printing presses as it was my opinion that if a state issues uncovered notes it is just the same as a banker issuing uncovered checks—forgery. I introduced a very heavy tax on turnover and stabilized in this manner the budget which at the end of three years showed a surplus. I tried to level the inner value of Hungarian money because it is my conviction that every country which has foreign creditors has the duty to make its monetary sound and be able to pay creditors. The new Hungarian pengo is absolutely stabilized.

"It is in the interest of the United States and of the world's economics to level the purchasing power of Europe. This cannot be done by state loans for countries who have not yet disarmed. American money should be invested in European manufacturing enterprises which level the market. The whole world depends on America; it is the one light of moral and financial soundness burning to-day. I will come here next year to lecture in the universities and will tell how, in my opinion, the economic and financial crisis of Europe can be mastered and international relations established."

Among those present were:

William L. DeBost, President of the Chamber; Hon. Lorrant De Hegedus, guest of honor; J. Barstow Smull, Vice-President of the Chamber; John McHugh, Howard Ayres, C. A. Ludlum, David T. Warden, Frederick J. Lisman, J. Vipond Davies, members of the Executive Committee of the Chamber; F. H. Sisson, James Speyer, Felix M. Warburg, Lewis B. Gawtry, Hon. George S. Silzer, former Governor of New Jersey; Charles T. Gwynne, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber; Jere D. Tamblin, Secretary of the Chamber; Edmund J. Horwath, Dr. Imre de Josika-Herczeg, of the American Hungarian Chamber of Commerce; George de Ghika, Royal Hungarian Consul General; Emis Kiss; Imre Salusinszky; Dr. G. Takara, Rev. B. Peri, Dr. J. Varga.

Luncheon to Royal Hungarian Delegation Tendered by James Speyer.

James Speyer gave a luncheon on March 30, at the City Midday Club, to ten of the leading men of the royal Hungarian delegation, who have been visiting the United States for the unveiling of the Kossuth monument. The following visitors from Hungary were present:

Dr. George de Lukács, former Minister of Education, M. P.; Dr. Raland de Hegedus, former Minister of Finance; Count Paul Bethlen, Member of the Upper House (of Parliament); Nicholas de Somssich, Member of the Upper House; Tihemer Erödy-Harrach, M. P.; Adalbert Fábian, M. P.; Count R. Apponyi, Dr. Alexander Hegedus, Author; Dr. Julian Techert, Secretary, Hungarian Society for Foreign Affairs; George de Ghika, Hungarian Consul General and Imre de Josika-Herczeg.

Invited to meet them were the following representatives of New York banks and bond houses, who had co-operated with Speyer & Co. in the issue of the Hungarian Government loan and of the two Hungarian consolidated municipal loans:

Stephen, Baker, of Bank of the Manhattan Company; Duncan Holmes, of the Chase Securities Corporation; George N. Lindsay, of Blair & Co.; A. C. Sherwood, of Hayden, Stone & Co.; Emil Kiss, private banker; Stanton Griffin, of Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Lloyd S. Gilmour, of Blyth, Witter & Co.; Christopher B. Wyatt, of E. H. Rollins & Co.; Floyd G. Blair, of the National City Company, and Henry W. Taft, of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

It is interesting to note that since these loans were first issued the bonds have advanced considerably in price, which it is pointed out is fully justified by the economic and financial development and stability which Hungary has shown during the time that Jeremiah Smith was there and since. The 7½% Hungarian Government loan was issued in 1924 at 87½ and is now quoted at 102½; the Hungarian consolidated municipal 7½% loan was brought out in July, 1925, at 89 and is now selling above par, and the Consolidated Municipal 7% Loan, issued late in 1926 at 93½, is now selling at about 96½.

The visitors expressed themselves as much pleased with the courtesies shown them during their stay in the United States; they sailed March 31 homeward bound.

German Reparation Receipts and Transfers During February.

Total transfers of 130,551,940 gold marks are indicated in the report for February issued by the office of the Agent General for Reparation Payments. The receipts for the month totaled 120,577,106 gold marks, and the cash balance as of Feb. 29 1928, at 126,229,905 gold marks compares with a cash balance of 136,204,739 on Jan. 31 1928. The February statement (made public March 7) follows:

OFFICE OF THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR REPARATION PAYMENTS. STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND TRANSFERS FOR THE FOURTH ANNUITY YEAR TO FEB. 29 1928.
(On cash basis, reduced to gold mark equivalents).

	Month of February 1928. Gold Marks.	Fourth Annuity Year—Cumulative Total to Feb. 29 1928. Gold Marks.
Available Funds—		
Balance as at Aug. 31 1927.....	-----	185,487,192.84
Receipts in completion of the third annuity:	-----	-----
Interest on railway reparation bonds.....	-----	20,000,000.00
Receipts on account of the fourth annuity:	-----	-----
Budgetary contribution.....	41,666,666.67	250,000,000.00
Transport tax.....	24,166,000.00	120,830,000.00
Interest and amortization on railway reparation bonds.....	55,000,000.00	275,000,000.00
Interest and exchange differences.....	Cr. 38,524.12	857,129.16
	120,794,142.56	907,174,322.00
Less discount on advance payments for service of railway bonds.....	217,036.33	3,352,750.98
Totals.....	120,577,106.22	903,821,571.02
Transfers—		
In foreign currencies:		
Service of the German external loan 1924.....	7,607,023.26	43,602,621.22
Reparation Recovery Acts.....	28,991,754.79	167,144,105.97
Deliveries under agreement.....	2,050,249.61	12,213,794.44
Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by Germany prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	-----	3,002,858.03
Transferred in cash.....	28,782,471.60	144,948,171.50
Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	462,225.52	2,088,103.98
	67,893,724.78	372,999,655.14
By reichsmark payments for:		
Deliveries in kind.....	51,150,788.34	365,142,356.55
Armies of Occupation.....	10,914,043.64	35,867,008.90
Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	496,257.68	2,980,401.72
Miscellaneous objects.....	97,125.63	602,243.36
	62,658,215.29	404,592,010.53
Total transfers.....	130,551,940.07	777,591,665.67
Cash balance as at Feb. 29 1928.....	-----	126,229,905.35
Distribution of Amounts Transferred—		
To the Powers—		
France—Army of Occupation.....	9,774,882.29	28,602,291.59
Reparation Recovery Act.....	4,628,724.33	22,609,155.97
Deliveries of coal, coke and lignite (incl. transport).....	17,077,009.32	78,079,127.67
Other deliveries in kind.....	12,516,535.01	170,510,697.06
Miscellaneous payments.....	75,000.00	450,000.00
Cash transfers.....	18,896,427.64	96,591,547.77
	62,968,578.59	396,842,820.06
British Empire—Army of Occupation.....		
Reparation Recovery Act.....	957,296.75	6,542,875.96
Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by Germany prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	-----	3,000,666.15
Cash transfers.....	-----	40,632.07
	25,320,327.21	154,119,124.18

	Month of February 1928	Fourth Annuity Year—Cumulative Total to Feb. 29 1928.
	Gold Marks.	Gold Marks.
Italy—Deliveries of coal and coke (incl. transport).....	8,273,073.60	31,746,383.78
Other deliveries in kind.....	1,039,235.76	6,772,182.88
Miscellaneous payments.....	-----	998.31
Cash transfers.....	2,657,547.04	13,584,375.09
	11,969,857.40	52,103,940.06
Belgium—Army of Occupation.....	181,864.60	721,841.35
Deliveries of coal and coke (incl. transport).....	1,528,078.29	16,367,711.34
Other deliveries in kind.....	5,452,685.31	25,086,678.75
Cash transfers.....	1,870,762.59	9,562,814.20
	9,033,390.79	51,739,045.64
Serb-Croat-Slovene State—Deliveries in kind.....	3,191,931.44	22,124,367.13
Miscellaneous payments.....	18,980.98	114,030.19
Cash transfers.....	1,329,776.45	3,986,028.37
	4,540,688.87	26,224,425.69
United States of America—Deliveries under agreement.....	2,050,249.61	12,213,794.44
Cash transfers in liquidation of priority for army costs in arrears.....	3,757,500.00	19,823,200.00
	5,807,749.61	32,036,994.44
Rumania—Deliveries in kind.....	1,500,137.13	7,570,834.47
Miscellaneous payments.....	-----	34,070.21
	1,500,137.13	7,604,904.68
Japan—Deliveries in kind.....	-----	2,332,737.19
Cash transfers.....	225,423.36	1,152,397.60
	225,423.36	3,485,134.79
Portugal—Deliveries in kind.....	506,899.79	3,771,916.09
Cash transfers.....	45,034.52	207,176.40
	551,934.31	3,979,092.49
Greece—Deliveries in kind.....	50,001.30	627,020.51
Poland—Deliveries in kind.....	15,200.39	152,699.68
Miscellaneous payments.....	3,144.65	3,144.65
Settlement of balances owing for deliveries made or services rendered by Germany prior to Sept. 1 1924.....	-----	2,191.88
	18,345.04	158,036.21
Total transfers to Powers.....	121,986,433.61	728,920,538.75
For Prior Charges—		
Service of the German external loan 1924.....	7,607,023.26	43,602,621.22
Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	958,483.20	5,068,505.70
Total transfers.....	130,551,940.07	777,591,665.67

Offering of \$55,000,000 Kingdom of Denmark 4½ % Bonds.

A group headed by the Guaranty Company of New York, Dillon, Read & Co.; the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh; International Acceptance Bank, Inc.; Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., and the Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., offered on April 5 \$55,000,000 Kingdom of Denmark thirty-four year 4½ % external loan gold bonds, due April 15, 1962, at 95 and interest, to yield 4.80%. The bonds will be dated April 15, 1928; they are not redeemable for 10 years except for the sinking fund; the Kingdom of Denmark agrees to set aside as a cumulative sinking fund, semi-annually, commencing April 15, 1929, sums calculated to be sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, to be applied to the purchase of bonds at not exceeding 100% and accrued interest or to their redemption by lot at 100% and accrued interest, the first redemption to take place Oct. 15, 1929. Approximately \$10,000,000 of the bonds were withdrawn by Canadian and European bankers, including De Twentsche Bank, Amsterdam; Privatbanken i Kjobenhavn and R. Henriques, Jr., Copenhagen; Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Stockholm; Swiss Bank Corporation, Basle, and Crédit Suisse, Zurich. The bonds are in coupon form in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest (April 15 and Oct. 15) will be payable in New York at the principal office of Guaranty Trust Company of New York in U. S. gold coin of or equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on April 15, 1928, without deduction for any tax or taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Kingdom of Denmark or by any taxing authority thereof or therein. The Guaranty Trust Company of New York is paying agent. Niels Neergaard, Minister of Finance of the Kingdom of Denmark, in advices to the syndicate states:

These Bonds are to be direct obligations of the Kingdom of Denmark, which agrees that if, during the life of these Bonds, it shall sell, offer for public subscription or otherwise in any manner dispose of any issue of bonds, or contract any loan, secured by lien or charge on any of its revenues or assets the Bonds of this Loan shall be secured equally and ratably therewith. None of the assets or revenues of the Kingdom of Denmark is now pledged as security for any loan.

The Kingdom of Denmark has never defaulted on any of its obligations and during the period 1901 to 1912 its external loans were issued to yield about 3.90%.

Purpose of Issue.

The proceeds of this loan are mainly to be used for the reconstruction of Den Danske Landmandsbank in Copenhagen and for the Government's subscription to Kr. 50,000,000 shares in the new bank, thereby considerably increasing the State's assets; the remaining amount of the proceeds will be used for extraordinary amortization of debt. The Government plans to offer for resale the above mentioned shares.

Revenues and Expenditures.

For the year ended March 31, 1927, ordinary revenues showed a surplus over ordinary expenditures of \$1,864,000. For the fiscal year 1927-28 it is expected that ordinary revenues will equalize ordinary expenditures, while the ordinary budget for the year 1928-29 anticipates a surplus of \$1,314,000.

After using these surpluses, net expenditures for capital account, including amortization of debt, construction expenditures and revenue producing investments, amounted to \$770,500 in June 1926-27 and are estimated at \$8,672,000 in 1927-28 and \$4,560,000 in 1928-29.

Debt and Government-Owned Properties.

The total national debt, after giving to this financing, will amount to \$358,628,000. A large part of the debt was contracted for the construction of revenue-producing properties, such as railroads, telegraphs and telephones, harbors, etc. The Government owns 48% of the railroad mileage in the Kingdom. State assets, consisting of railroads, port works, etc., were valued on March 31, 1927, at \$415,400,000. The wealth of Denmark was officially estimated in 1927 at about \$5,360,000,000.

Currency.

Denmark returned to the gold standard on January 1, 1927. All conversions of kroner into dollars have been made at par of exchange, 26.8 cents per krone.

Offering of 40,000 American Shares of Mortgage Bank of Colombia—Issue Oversubscribed.

Offering of the first issue of American shares of a South American banking institution was made on April 2 by Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc. The issue consists of 40,000 American shares of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia, the shares being fully paid and non-assessable and representing the same number of original shares of the bank of a par value of 20 Colombian dollars each, to be deposited with the New York Trust Company, as depository, or its agent in Bogota, under the deposit agreement dated as of March 26, 1928. Of such shares 30,000 represent an increase in the capital stock of the bank. The American shares were priced at \$46 flat, to yield over 8% at the present dividend rate. The books were closed April 2, the issue, it is stated, having been oversubscribed. Registered certificates, transferable in New York City and Boston, will be exchangeable after Aug. 1, 1929, for deposited shares of stock of the bank at the option of the registered owner. Dividends on American shares will be payable February and August in United States dollars. The New York Trust Company is depository and New York transfer agent; the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Boston transfer agent; International Acceptance Trust Company, New York registrar; the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, Boston registrar, and the Royal Bank of Canada, Bogota agent of the depository. It is announced that:

The Deposit Agreement will, in substance, provide that cash dividends received by the Depository upon deposited shares shall be converted into U. S. dollars and the proceeds (less charges and expenses) be paid by the Depository to registered holders of American Shares; that upon payment of charges and expenses of the Depository and the surrender thereof properly endorsed, American Shares will be exchangeable for the deposited shares represented thereby after Aug. 1, 1929, and, under certain conditions, prior thereto; that additional shares of stock of the Bank under certain conditions may be deposited with the Depository and additional American Shares be issued therefor.

For further information as to the rights of the holders of American Shares, and as to the charges and fees on transfers or exchanges of Certificates for American Shares, exchange thereof for deposited shares, deposit of additional shares, collection and payment of dividends, voting rights, etcetera, reference is hereby made to the Deposit Agreement.

Carlos A. Davila, Manager and Director of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia, says in part:

Business.

The Mortgage Bank of Colombia (Banco Hipotecario de Colombia) is the oldest banking institution in Colombia engaged primarily in mortgage credit operations. By the provisions of its charter, which took the form of a contract between the National Government and the Bank, it possesses, in addition to general banking powers, exceptional powers and privileges to operate as a mortgage bank. Its business consists primarily in the granting of long-term loans secured by first mortgages on improved city and agricultural property and in making secured loans to governmental entities.

Growth.

Incorporated in 1910 with a paid-in capital of approximately \$250,000, the Bank has grown until its capital, surplus and undivided profits amount to over \$3,135,000. The business of the Bank has expanded steadily since its foundation and its operations have gradually extended from Bogota, where its principal office is located, throughout the Republic of Colombia. During the period of seventeen years since its foundation, total resources of the Bank have increased from approximately \$250,000 to over \$21,300,000. Mortgage loans of the Bank have increased from approximately \$250,000 on Dec. 31, 1910 to approximately \$16,500,000 on Dec. 31, 1927.

Dividends and Market Price of Stock.

Semi-annual cash dividends have been paid regularly upon the capital stock of the Bank and have gradually increased from the initial dividend at the annual rate of 7.2% in 1910 to a present rate equivalent to 50% annually on the original stock. The market price of a share of the original stock has likewise increased from 100% of its paid-in value to over 580% as the surplus and earning power of the Bank have increased. These calculations as to cash dividends on, and market price of, an original share of stock take into consideration dividends payable on, and

market value of, additional stock received as stock dividends declared from surplus, amounting to 12½% in 1915, 11.1% in 1916, 11.1% in 1924 and 100% in 1927, as well as the increases in the cash dividend rates and in the market value per share. The last dividend of the Bank, after giving effect to a stock dividend of 100%, was at the annual rate of 19% on the par value of the stock.

Issue of \$1,770,000 6% Bonds of City of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Privately Placed.

Announcement was made on April 5 that an issue of \$1,770,000 five-year 6% external secured gold bonds of the City of Rio de Janeiro (United States of Brazil) had been privately passed by a syndicate headed by White, Weld & Co. and including Brown Brothers & Co., and International Acceptance Bank, Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., the Illinois Merchants Trust Company of Chicago, and the Grace National Bank of New York. The issue price was 99 and accrued interest. The bonds will be dated April 1, 1928 and they will mature April 1, 1933. They will be redeemable at the option of the City as a whole or in part at 100% on any interest payment date upon sixty days' notice. They are coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal. Principal and interest (April 1 and Oct. 1) payable at the New York offices of White, Weld & Co. and Brown Brothers & Co., Fiscal Agents, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness without deduction for any Brazilian national or local taxes, present or future. Information from Dr. Antonio Prado, Jr., Prefect of the City, and from other official or authoritative sources is supplied as follows:

Security.

These Bonds are the direct obligation of the City of Rio de Janeiro, which pledges its full faith and credit for the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest thereof. Payment of principal and interest is further secured by a lien and charge on the entire proceeds to be derived from the sale of all lands improved by the demolition of Castle Hill (Morro do Castello), namely, all lands included in the original site of said Castle Hill and all lands formed or improved with material taken therefrom, subject only to the liens and charges securing the 8% dollar bonds of 1921, the 7% internal bonds of 1921 and the 7% internal bonds of 1924 now outstanding in the principal amounts of \$9,120,000, \$670,000 and \$1,960,000 respectively. The City covenants that so long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding it will not create any new lien or charge on any of the lands mentioned or on any proceeds of any of said lands having equality with no priority over the lien and charge securing these Bonds, whether in substitution for any lien or charge now existing or otherwise.

The City further covenants that so long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding it will not create any mortgage, pledge or charge on any of its property, income or funds without first giving to these Bonds a prior mortgage, pledge and charge thereon; and in case the City shall issue a new external loan, all Bonds of this issue then outstanding shall be immediately redeemed from all proceeds of such external loan.

Purpose of Issue.

The proceeds of these Bonds are to be used for the completion of the work of removing Castle Hill (Morro do Castello) situated near the center of the City, and disposing of the material so removed, chiefly in filling adjacent property fronting on the bay. It is expected that this work will be completed and the entire area resulting therefrom, including land now partially filled, will be ready within eighteen months.

Finances.

The revenues of the City have increased from \$11,274,144 in 1923 to \$18,434,150 in 1927, and for 1928 are estimated at \$19,983,600.

Expenditures of the City during the five years 1923-27 inclusive exceeded revenues by approximately \$8,500,000. During this period, however, the City expended from ordinary revenues on capital account an almost equal amount.

Total funded debt of the City (including that to be retired by the proceeds of the 6½% External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds sold in Feb., 1928) reported as of Dec. 31, 1927 was: External \$35,683,731, Internal \$43,619,971.

It is stated that conversions from Brazilian currency into United States dollars have been made at 12 cents to the milreis. Exchange has been stable at approximately this figure since December, 1926. Conversions from sterling have been made at par of exchange.

Participation Certificates in \$3,000,000 6% Five-Year Gold Note of Provincial Bank of Westfalia Offered by International Acceptance Bank, Inc., and Harris, Forbes & Co.—Books Closed.

The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., and Harris, Forbes & Co. offered on April 2 participation certificates in a \$3,000,000 five-year 6% gold note of the Provincial Bank of Westfalia, Germany. The participation certificates of the International Acceptance Trust Company were priced at 97¾ and interest to yield over 6.50%. The books were closed on April 2, the date of the offering. A reference to the proposed offering appeared in our issue of March 31, page 1918. The note is dated March 1, 1928 and will mature March 1, 1933. The note is non-callable; it is payable to and will be held by the International Acceptance Trust Company. Principal and interest (March 1 and Sept. 1)

will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for taxes of any nature at any time imposed by or within Germany. Regarding the note and the participation certificates, it is stated:

International Acceptance Trust Company, as Trustee under Participation Certificate Agreement, will issue 6% Coupon Participation Certificates in the principal amounts of \$3,000,000 against the deposit of the Note. Certificates in denomination of \$1,000. Moneys received by the Trustee on account of interest and principal of the Note will be payable to Certificate holders at the office of the Trustee in New York City.

General Director Reusch of the Provincial Bank of Westfalia under date of March 26 says in part:

The Bank.

Provincial Bank of Westfalia was founded in 1832 (adopting its present name in 1890) and is the oldest provincial bank in Germany. It is authorized by charter to transact a general banking business but the primary purpose of the Bank is to assist the Provincial authorities in carrying out their financial and economic policies.

With head office in Muenster and branches in Dortmund, Hagan and Bielefeld, the Bank is a special depository for funds of the Province and for savings banks within the Province; it aids agriculture and home-building by the granting of mortgages; makes loans to municipalities for the development of public utilities and for other approved purposes; finances the construction of schools, in addition to furnishing secured credits to commerce and industry. Against the long-term mortgages which it holds, the Bank is authorized to issue its Mortgage Bonds (Pfandbriefe), and against the certificates of indebtedness of municipalities, its Municipal Bonds (Kommunal-Obligationen). These transactions are handled by special departments of the Bank and are separate from its general business.

The Bank is owned by the Province and under its direct supervision. Capital funds are in part supplied by the Province, in part accumulated out of profits. On Dec. 31, 1927 capital, reserves and undivided profits amounted to \$2,917,434 and total resources to \$49,318,745. On that date the Bank had outstanding obligations maturing in one year or over of \$11,152,167. Since that date the Bank has issued Fl. 6,000,000 7% Bonds, due 1937, sold in Holland, and this Note.

Security.

The Note is the direct and unconditional obligation of Provincial Bank of Westfalia. The Province of Westfalia is by law unconditionally liable as guarantor for the payment of the interest and principal of the Note and the Note bears endorsed thereon the certificate of the Province to that effect. Until the Note shall have been fully paid the Bank will not secure any indebtedness or guaranty—except its so-called Municipal Bonds (Kommunal-Obligationen) and/or Mortgage Bonds (Pfandbriefe)—by assignment of or lien or charge upon any of its assets or revenues without at the same time securing the Note equally and ratably with such indebtedness or guaranty.

Purpose.

The proceeds of the Note will be used in the ordinary business of the Bank for the granting of short term credits, other than credits to municipalities or industries.

Offering of \$3,000,000 Bonds of Roman Catholic Church Welfare Institutions in Germany.

Priced at 99 and interest to yield about 7.10%, offering was made on April 5 by Howe, Snow & Co., Inc., and Stroud & Co., Inc., of an additional issue of \$3,000,000 7% 20-year secured sinking fund gold bonds of the Roman Catholic Church Welfare Institutions in Germany. The bonds are dated June 1, 1926 and will mature June 1, 1946. They are the joint and several obligations of the three leading Roman Catholic Church Welfare Institutions in Germany, namely:

German Catholic Charity Union (Der Deutsche Caritasverband, E. V.), designated by the German Roman Catholic Bishops and by the Reich as the official representative of all the Roman Catholic hospitals, convalescent homes, homes for the blind and crippled and similar institutions in Germany.

Catholic School Organizations of Germany, Prussian Division (Die Katholische Schulorganisation Deutschlands, [Landesausschuss Preussen] E. V.), in addition to being the business headquarters for the Roman Catholic schools in Prussia, has been designated by the German Roman Catholic Bishops and by the Reich as the official administrative and advisory center of all the Roman Catholic private schools and seminaries in Germany.

German Union of Catholic Brotherhood Homes (Der Reichsverband der Katholischen Gesellenhaeuser, Lehrlings- und Ledigenheime, E. V.) has general supervision over the Roman Catholic workmen's homes and similar institutions in Germany.

Proceeds of this issue of bonds, of which there will be \$6,000,000 outstanding upon completion of this financing, are to be reloaned to Roman Catholic institutions, dioceses, parishes and religious orders throughout Germany, largely for hospital extensions and improvements.

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The Trust Agreement provides that reloans made from the proceeds of the bonds shall be evidenced by written obligations of the borrowers. At least 90% of such reloans must be secured by first mortgages on property having a value of at least four times the principal amount thereof. In special cases reloans will be otherwise secured. In addition the majority of the reloans made by Obligors will be guaranteed by

a financially responsible body, such as a Diocese, Parish, Religious Order, political sub-division or banking or insurance company. All obligations, mortgages, guarantees and other forms of security for re-loans will be held by the German Trustee as collateral for the bonds. Each reloan must be approved by a Committee of five members who were appointed at the time of the original issue and still serve. The Committee at present consists of the following:

Dr. Otto Fischer, Director of the Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft, A. G. Herman Peters, High Councillor in the Prussian Ministry of Economics.

Dr. Rudolf Schetter, Member of the Reichstag.
Dr. Joseph Sturm, Director of the Bank serving as the German Trustee, Berlin.

G. Kreyenbroek, Gebr. Teixeira de Mattos, Amsterdam.

We also quote the following advices as to the revenues: Reloans shall be made only to Roman Catholic Institutions, Parishes, Dioceses and Religious Orders which are entirely self-supporting from Church taxes and from other revenue exclusive of voluntary contributions, and whose annual gross revenues as determined by the Committee are at least four times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements on the obligations given for such reloans.

The majority of the Welfare Institutions benefiting from this loan, although not operated for a profit, have a definitely assured revenue from payments received from Insurance Funds which are established, supervised or controlled by the German Government. These Funds have been established by law and each employee earning 300 marks or less a month must be insured by one of them. The Welfare Institutions such as hospitals and homes receive stipulated sums per occupied bed from these Funds which sums are calculated to cover approximately all running expenses and interest and sinking funds on obligations.

The Obligators also receive revenues from their own income-producing properties and other sources which alone are sufficient to assure the service of the Bonds.

We are advised by counsel that the revenues of the Obligators and the Welfare Organizations, Dioceses and Parishes to which reloans will be made out of the proceeds of this issue are not subject to any charges under the Dawes Plan.

The bonds will be redeemable as a whole or in part on June 1, 1931 or on any interest date thereafter, at 102 on or after June 1, 1931 and before June 1, 1932, at 101½ on or after June 1, 1932 and before June 1, 1934, at 101 on or after June 1, 1933 and before June 1, 1934, at 100½ on or after June 1, 1934 and before June 1, 1935, and at 100 on or after June 1, 1935, in each case with accrued interest. A cumulative sinking fund is calculated sufficient to retire entire issue by maturity by redemption by lot at 100 and accrued interest. In lieu of sinking fund payments, bonds may be delivered to the sinking fund at 100. They are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, interchangeable and registerable as to principal. Principal and interest payable, without deduction for any present or future German taxes, in United States gold coin of the standard existing June 1, 1926 at the principal office of Central Union Trust Company of New York, in New York City, or at the office of Gebr. Teixeira de Mattos, in Amsterdam, Holland, in Dutch Guilders at their then current buying rate for sight exchange on New York.

Offering of \$1,500,000 Gold Notes of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago—So-Called Vatican Loan.

Public offering of an issue which has attracted attention because of its unusual nature was announced April 2. The issue is \$1,500,000 the Catholic Bishop of Chicago serial gold notes, offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., at prices to yield from 4.25 to 4.95%, according to the maturities. Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, in a letter to the bankers says:

Corporation Sole.

The Catholic Bishop of Chicago is a corporation sole created by and existing under a special act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved and in force Feb. 20, 1861. A corporation sole consists of one person only, and his successors in office, who are incorporated by law in order to give them legal capacities and advantages not possessed by natural persons. Property rights, liabilities, and certain other rights attaching to the office pass to the successor in office, and not to the decedent's heirs. The appointment by the Roman Catholic Church of The Archbishop of Chicago carries with it the office of The Catholic Bishop of Chicago.

Description of Notes.

The Notes will be personally signed by the Cardinal-Archbishop of Chicago, constituting the corporation sole. They will be dated March 1, 1928 and will be due serially in the principal amounts of \$50,000 on the first day of March of each of the years 1929 to 1947, inclusive, and the balance of \$550,000 principal amount will be due on March 1, 1948. The Notes will carry a 5% coupon, except those maturing on March 1, 1929, 1930 and 1931, which will carry a 4½% coupon. They will be in \$1,000 denomination, registerable as to principal only, with \$500 non-interchangeable denominations available only in the March 1, 1938 maturity. Principal and interest will be payable at the Chicago and New York offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. Interest will be payable semi-annually March 1 and Sept. 1 without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. They will be redeemable in whole or in part upon thirty days' published notice at 100 and accrued interest plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year or part thereof intervening between the date of redemption and the date of maturity, the premium not, however, to exceed 3% for any of the Notes.

Purpose of Issue.

The proceeds of this issue of Notes will be used for corporate purposes in connection with the construction of new buildings to house the

Pontifical Urban College for Foreign Catholic Missions in the City of Rome. The loan has been authorized by special Apostolic Letter of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, instructing the Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago, as Catholic Bishop of Chicago, to contract it, sign this series of Notes, and to arrange for the semi-annual payment of interest thereon and their serial amortization.

An item regarding the offering, in which it was stated that it was the first Vatican loan arranged in the United States, appeared in our issue of Feb. 25, page 1135.

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

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank, as fiscal agents, have issued a notice to holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, issue of Oct. 1, 1925, due Oct. 1, 1959, to the effect that \$168,050 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of such bonds of this issue as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds with coupons due on and after Oct. 1, 1928, should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the head office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, prior to 3 p. m., May 2, 1928. If the tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the available moneys aforesaid, additional purchases, upon tender, below par, may be made up to July 2, 1928. A further announcement says:

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank, as fiscal agents, have issued notice to holders of Argentine Government loan 1926, external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, public works issue of Oct. 1, 1926, due Oct. 1, 1960, to the effect that \$90,346 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of such bonds of this issue as are tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds with coupons due on and after Oct. 1, 1928, should be made at a flat price, below par, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or at the head office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, prior to 3 p. m., May 2, 1928. If the tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the available moneys aforesaid, additional purchases upon tender, below par, may be made up to July 2, 1928.

Bonds of Republic of Chile Drawn for Redemption.

Holders of Republic of Chile, 20-year 7% external loan sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1, 1942, are being notified by the National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, that the Republic of Chile will redeem \$221,000 principal amount of bonds of this issue on May 1, 1928 at 100%. Bonds drawn for redemption on May 1 next are required to be surrendered on that date with all interest coupons maturing on and subsequently to May 1 at the head office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, New York, where they will be paid at the redemption price through operation of the sinking fund. Interest on drawn bonds will cease from May 1, 1928.

Loans on Cotton Lead in Credit Extended for Agriculture by Intermediate Credit Banks.

From the United States "Daily" of March 12, we take the following:

The total direct loans and rediscounts of the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks as of Mar. 3 1928, amounted to \$75,155,000.10, the Federal Farm Loan Board has just announced. The full text of the Board's announcement follows:

Statement of rediscounts, direct loans and advances upon the respective commodities of the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks as of March 3 1928, as shown by reports to the Federal Farm Loan Board:

District	Direct Loans.	Rediscounts.	Total.
1. Springfield	-----	\$656,808.89	\$656,808.89
2. Baltimore	\$1,757,879.63	1,921,873.26	3,679,752.89
3. Columbia	1,650,000.00	3,690,126.63	5,340,126.63
4. Louisville	1,755,814.46	113,743.12	1,869,557.58
5. New Orleans	4,430,708.50	4,779,231.89	9,209,940.39
6. St. Louis	1,030,575.36	984,166.93	2,014,742.29
7. St. Paul	764,203.35	7,361,153.55	8,125,356.90
8. Omaha	573,505.47	5,453,787.84	6,027,293.31
9. Wichita	5,996,777.52	764,283.32	6,761,060.84
10. Houston	1,500,000.00	7,229,755.70	8,729,755.70
11. Berkeley	7,918,135.43	9,063,993.88	16,982,129.31
12. Spokane	501,713.21	5,256,762.16	5,758,475.37
Total	\$27,879,312.93	\$47,275,687.17	\$75,155,000.10

CLASSIFICATION OF REDISCOUNTS.

District	Agri. Credit Corporations.	State Banks.	Livestock Loan Companies.
1. Springfield	\$650,258.89	-----	-----
2. Baltimore	1,747,429.26	\$174,444.00	-----
3. Columbia	3,678,914.31	11,212.32	-----
4. Louisville	75,630.12	38,113.00	-----
5. New Orleans	4,634,568.99	-----	\$144,662.90
6. St. Louis	333,763.14	17,033.86	633,369.93
7. St. Paul	7,301,758.32	59,395.23	-----
8. Omaha	-----	-----	5,453,787.84
9. Wichita	225,048.97	48,265.72	490,968.63
10. Houston	527,654.70	1,268.31	6,680,832.69
11. Berkeley	3,000,429.96	-----	6,063,563.92
12. Spokane	2,839,012.84	-----	2,417,749.32
Total	\$25,014,469.50	\$349,732.44	\$21,884,935.23

National banks, Springfield, \$16,550; savings banks and trust companies, \$20,000.
Classification of direct loans:
Tobacco—Baltimore, \$1,757,879.63; Louisville, \$1,655,814.46; total, \$3,413,694.09.

Canned fruits and vegetables—Berkeley, \$436,089.93; Spokane, \$398,912.47; total, \$835,002.40.
 Raisins—Berkeley, \$5,766,500.
 Wool—Omaha, \$123,505.47; Berkeley, \$9,897; total, \$133,402.47.
 Cotton—Columbia, \$1,650,000; Louisville, \$100,000; New Orleans, \$4,430,708.50; St. Louis, \$486,239; Wichita, \$5,240,000; Houston, \$1,500,000; total, \$13,406,947.50.
 Rice—St. Louis, \$523,336.36; Berkeley, \$1,047,943.50; total, \$1,571,279.86.
 Wheat—St. Paul, \$764,203.35; Omaha, \$450,000; Wichita, \$728,000; total, \$1,942,203.35.
 Red top seed—St. Louis, \$21,000.
 Beans—Wichita, \$28,777.52; Berkeley, \$250,000; total, \$278,777.52.
 Dried fruits—Berkeley, \$407,705; Spokane, \$28,900; total, \$436,605.
 Alfalfa seed—Spokane, \$20,500.
 Honey—Spokane, \$53,400.74.

Brokers Loans on New York Stock Exchange at \$4,640,174,172 Reach New High Figure.

All previous records of brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange are broken in the latest figures announced by the Exchange, the volume on Mar. 31 having reached \$4,640,174,172. These figures made public by the Exchange April 3, after the close of the market exceeds by \$207,266,851 the previous high figure of \$4,432,907,321 recorded December 31 1927. The March 31 figures represent an increase of \$317,595,258 over the figures of a month ago, the outstanding loans on February 29 having been \$4,322,578,914. The March 31 total of \$4,640,174,172, is made up of demand loans of \$3,580,425,172 and time loans of \$1,059,749,000. Commenting on the new high total which the March 31 figures establish, the "Times" of April 4 said: The increase of \$317,595,288 in broker's loans as revealed in the Stock Exchange's compilation for March was greater than any of the Wall Street estimates had indicated. The stock market community, however, was prepared for a large increase and had paid little attention to the forecasts. The gain is the second largest made in any month since the Exchange began publishing the loan figures in January, 1926, and the total as of March 31 is much the highest on record. Although making no effort to minimize the importance of this great expansion in borrowings, the major portion of which went into speculative operations. Wall Street stressed yesterday the fact that business on the Stock Exchange for three weeks of last month was of abnormal proportions, surpassing by a wide margin any previous record for a like period.

Observing that "the rise in the loans reported by the Stock Exchange is nearly three times as large as that shown during the same period by the weekly reports of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York" the Journal of Commerce of April 4 stated:

The difference is believed to result largely from the large drop in loans by bond houses, who borrow from the metropolitan banks but do not appear in the exchange total because they do not belong to it. Another factor is believed to be the great expansion of speculation in some out-of-town centres, where exchange house branches borrow directly at local money markets rather than through New York. The establishment of a money post on the Chicago Stock Exchange is an important step in that direction.

The following is the statement issued by the Stock Exchange on April 3:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business March 31 1928 aggregated \$4,640,174,172. The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies.....	\$3,106,467,992	\$930,997,750
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York.....	563,957,180	128,751,250
	\$3,580,425,172	\$1,059,749,000

Combined total of time and demand loans, \$4,640,174,172.

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

The figures of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, beginning in Jan. 1926, follow:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans	Total Loans.
1926—			
Jan. 30.....	\$2,516,960,599	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27.....	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,535,590,321
Mar. 31.....	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 30.....	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28.....	1,987,316,403	780,054,111	2,767,400,514
June 30.....	2,225,433,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31.....	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31.....	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30.....	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31.....	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30.....	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31.....	2,541,682,885	751,178,370	3,292,860,255
1927—			
Jan. 31.....	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28.....	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31.....	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
April 30.....	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31.....	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30.....	2,766,968,593	811,993,250	3,568,961,843
July 30.....	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31.....	2,745,570,788	928,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30.....	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	3,914,627,570
Oct. 31.....	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374
Nov. 30.....	3,134,027,003	957,809,300	4,091,836,303
Dec. 31.....	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321
1928—			
Jan. 31.....	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29.....	3,294,378,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,578,914
Mar. 31.....	3,580,425,172	1,059,749,000	4,640,174,172

Death of Chauncey M. Depew.

Close to ninety-four years of age—he would have reached that age on April 23—Chauncey M. Depew, an outstanding

figure among the country's noted men, died at his home in New York City on April 5 from bronchial pneumonia which developed from a chill which he suffered with his return from Florida on March 26. Mr. Depew's major interest was the New York Central Railroad, of which he was Chairman of the Board at the time of his death. President Crowley, in reviewing Mr. Depew's record with the road, commented as follows, on April 5:

In the death of Chauncey M. Depew, America has lost one of its foremost citizens and the railroad world one of its great historic figures. Mr. Depew's lifetime covered, lacking a few years, the history of the American railroad. The New York Central's first unit, the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad, operated its first train less than three years prior to the birth of Mr. Depew. In his sixty-two years of service with the New York Central, thirteen years as President, and thirty years as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Depew played a leading role in the remarkable development of modern transportation. His nobility of character, his lovable personal characteristics and his loyalty to his friends endeared him to all.

Mr. Depew, who was admitted to the bar in 1858, was engaged in 1866 by Commodore Vanderbilt as attorney for the New York & Harlem Railroad, and the Hudson River Railroad. With his acceptance of that post, Mr. Depew declined the post of Ambassador to Japan, to which he had been named. Governor Smith, in a statement issued at Albany on April 5, said in tribute to Mr. Depew:

"I learned with great regret of the death of Chauncey M. Depew. He was one of the leading citizens of our country and of our State. As far back as 1864 he was elected to the office of Secretary of State. During a long and useful life, he always displayed a great interest in our public affairs. He served the people of this State with distinction in the Senate of the United States. He had an army of friends and admirers, and while he lived to a ripe old age, he will nevertheless be greatly missed.

"I have ordered the flags on the public buildings at half-mast. I express the deep sorrow of the people of the State and extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family."

In a telegram of sympathy to Mrs. Depew, President Coolidge stated:

"I have learned with great sorrow of the death of Senator Depew. His high sense of personal service and his rare and fine philosophy of life made him respected and loved. I have always valued deeply his unswerving support of my Administration and shall always remember with pleasure his visits with you to the White House. Mrs. Coolidge joins me in heartfelt sympathy."

Mr. Depew attended the National Convention of the Republican Party held in Baltimore in 1864, when Lincoln was renominated; he was a regular attendant at all succeeding conventions, and was a delegate to every Republican National Convention from 1888 to 1924, when illness prevented his attendance. Mr. Depew was well known as a speaker and wit, and was a familiar figure at public gatherings. His funeral will take place to-day, services being held at St. Thomas' Church, this city, following which his body will be taken to Peekskill (his birthplace) for interment in the family mausoleum.

Member Banks not Required to Maintain Reserves Against Dividends Declared but Unpaid According to Federal Reserve Board.

Stating that a dividend declared creates a liability but not a deposit liability, the Federal Reserve Board, in a ruling published in the March number of its Bulletin, indicates that a member bank is not required to maintain a reserve against a dividend until the payment of the same. We give the ruling herewith:

The question has been presented to the Board whether a member bank is required to maintain reserves against a dividend for the period intervening between the date of the declaration of the dividend and the date on which it is paid.

The Federal Reserve Board is of the opinion that this question should be answered in the negative. Reserves are required to be maintained only against deposits. While the declaration of a dividend creates a liability, it does not create a deposit liability. Reserves are not required in such cases until cashiers' checks are issued by the bank to its stockholders for their proportionate shares of the dividend or their deposit accounts are credited with the proper amounts.

Federal Reserve Board Ruling Permitting Member Banks to Deduct Balances Due from American Bankers of Foreign Banks in Computing Reserves.

A ruling to the effect that a member bank may deduct balances due from American branches of foreign banks in computing reserves under Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, is announced as follows in the March issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

The Federal Reserve Board was recently requested to rule upon the question whether dollar balances carried by member banks in American branches of foreign banks may be considered balances due from banks within the meaning of section 19 of the Federal reserve act and accordingly deducted from the amount of balances due to banks in computing reserves.

The Federal Reserve Board's Regulation D provides that balances due from foreign banks may not be deducted from due to bank balances in computing reserves of member banks. This provision is based on the

fact, however, that balances due from foreign banks are payable in foreign currency, and the Board believes that the phrase "the net difference of amounts due to and from other banks" contained in section 19 of the act has reference only to balances payable in dollars and does not include balances payable in foreign currency.

The Board has also ruled that, while balances payable in foreign currency due from a foreign branch of a domestic bank may not be deducted from due to bank balances by a member bank in computing its reserves, when such balances are payable in dollars the contrary is true, the deduction from due to bank balances being permitted. (1925 Federal Reserve Bulletin, P. 483.)

In the case under consideration the amounts due from American branches of foreign banks were payable in dollars rather than in foreign currency, and accordingly the Federal Reserve Board ruled that such balances payable in dollars due from branches located in this country of foreign banks may be deducted from amounts due to other banks by a member bank in computing its reserves under Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act.

W. Randolph Burgess of New York Federal Reserve Bank to Participate in Conference of Economists in Central Banks—Departure of French Visiting Bankers.

It is learned from the "Journal of Commerce" of April 5 that an important further step in the direction of increased co-operation among central banks is expected to be taken at the forthcoming conference of economists of these banks. It is added that the United States will be represented at this conference, which will be held this month, by Dr. Randolph W. Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Dr. E. A. Goldenwiser, Director of the Division of Analysis and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board. The departure of Dr. Burgess for Europe was noted in our issue of March 31, page 1925. The "Times" of March 31, in referring to Dr. Burgess' trip, stated:

Mr. Burgess will visit the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the German Reichbank and other institutions to gather ideas for use in the Reserve Bank. It is understood that Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Reserve Bank, will go abroad later in the year, in line with his annual custom of conferring with the heads of principal foreign banks.

Charles Rist, Deputy Governor of the Bank of France, and M. Quesnay, also on the staff of that organization, who have been in New York for several weeks conferring with Federal Reserve officials and other bankers, were said yesterday to be preparing to sail for home. There has never been any official announcement concerning the subject of their conferences, but they are understood to have dealt with the present heavy movement of gold from New York to Paris and the preparations for French stabilization.

Charles Prevost and Emil Guitard of the Bank of France staff have been here for some time studying the working machinery of the Federal Reserve Bank and of private banks and a similar group representing the Reichsbank departed for Germany recently.

Messrs. Rist and Quesnay, it is learned, left on the same steamer on which Dr. Burgess sailed. With reference to the conference noted above, the "Journal of Commerce" in the item from which we previously quoted, had the following to say:

The conference will be attended by economists of the leading central banks of Europe. The Reichsbank, it is expected, will be represented by Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Kohl. The Bank of France will probably be represented by Dr. Quesnay, who with Dr. Rist sailed for France with Dr. Burgess on the Majestic last Saturday. Several representatives of the Bank of England are expected to be present, as well as Dr. Walter W. Stewart, who is now special adviser to the Bank of England.

The conference is scheduled to be held in Paris, and will take several days. One of the most important items on the agenda is the evolution of an international economic service which will make available in these countries the same kind of information as the Federal Reserve bulletin has been publishing in this country for thirteen years. The central banks in Europe at the present time suffer from a virtual absence of a statistical and analytical service of the kind developed here, and they have been studying our methods for some time. Dr. Quesnay is expected to direct the evolution of such a service in Paris, while Dr. Stewart is understood to be working out a similar one for the Bank of England.

Those acquainted with the present statistical service of the Bank of England and the Reichsbank refer to them as primitive despite the fact that their contents are considered extraordinarily confidential in these countries. Practically all of the information is said to be of general public knowledge, while, especially in Germany, much of the data is said to be of a distinctly historical character, and of very little value as a guide to current policies.

Those acquainted with the plans for this conference say it is uncertain as to how far matters of central bank policy, such as gold movements and the shifting of international balances from one capital center to another, will be discussed by the economists. Usually these matters are taken up by the heads of these banks themselves. On the other hand it is thought that considerable enlightenment as to the significance of current developments of this kind will result from general or individual discussions among the individuals present. The opportunity will be given for a liberal general discussion of a number of current problems which are exercising financial circles in every capital of Europe, including monetary stabilization and the plan for the establishment of a new monetary union, based on Paris, which will perform something of the function of the old pre-war Latin monetary union.

Annual Report of Federal Reserve Bank of New York—Increase in Brokers' Loans and Speculation in Bank Stocks Mentioned as Deserving Careful Scrutiny—Banks' Foreign Relations.

The thirteenth annual report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, made public March 10, takes cognizance of the

expansion which has occurred in brokers' loans in a paragraph which says:

While in general the state of business appears to be sound and there do not appear, for example, to be abnormal industrial inventories, there have been a number of developments in the course of the year which would appear to deserve careful scrutiny. These developments include a very large increase in bank loans to brokers and dealers in securities, an unusual amount of speculation in bank stocks, particularly, and what appears to be excessive activity in the organization of companies to purchase bank stocks, and a disposition to establish many new banks.

The bank further comments on the subject in its reference to member bank deposits, noting therein that "the increase in the volume of credit during the past year has been more rapid than can ordinarily be utilized by the regular growth in the volume of the country's business." We quote herewith what the bank has to say under this head:

Member Bank Deposits.

In the course of the year the reserve deposits of member banks increased about \$90,000,000 in the New York district, and about \$180,000,000 for all districts. Since the member banks are required by law to maintain these deposits with the Reserve banks in fixed percentages of their own net demand and time deposits, and since the member banks almost never maintain reserve deposits in any considerable excess over the amounts legally required, an increase in this item is an indication of an increase in bank deposits in an amount somewhat proportionate to the increases in reserve deposits.

The available figures in fact indicate that, accompanying a rapid expansion of loans and investments during the course of the year, the time and net demand deposits of member banks increased about \$2,500,000,000, and it is probable that the deposits of non-member banks showed a somewhat similar proportional increase so that the total increase of bank deposits for the country as a whole, during 1927, was in the neighborhood of \$3,500,000,000, or 7%. In view of the somewhat restricted volume of trade during the year it seems clear that this increase in credit was in excess of the increase in the ordinary requirements of business. This presumption is borne out by such analysis of the figures as is possible from the data reported by the so-called reporting member banks, which are about 660 of the larger member banks in principal centers.

Commercial loans, the item carried in the reports as "All other Loans and Discounts," which is presumed to be predominantly commercial, have shown but slight if any increase during the year. But on the other hand bank investments and loans on stocks and bonds have each increased about \$900,000,000 for these banks. Thus the increases in credit during the year have been utilized largely for financial rather than directly for business operations. It is not possible to trace how far such an increase in the use of credit finds its way indirectly into business use of one kind or another and how far it is merely absorbed in the increased prices of securities or properties. It may safely be said, however, that the increase in the volume of credit during the past year has been more rapid than can ordinarily be utilized by the regular growth in the volume of the country's business.

Changes in gold reserves and the steps taken by the bank along with other Reserve banks in furtherance of the return of other countries to the gold standard are also referred to in the report, which, except for the extracts given above, follows herewith. It is proper to state that the charts mentioned in the report are omitted by us.

The Year's Credit Changes.

The statement of condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the year-end reflects at a number of points the unusual economic movements of the year. In particular, a large outflow of gold is reflected in a decrease in the bank's gold reserves and an increase in its total extensions of credit. Federal Reserve policy is reflected in an increase in holdings of Government securities. Some recession in business activity and an accompanying decrease in industrial payrolls is reflected in a decrease in Federal Reserve notes in circulation. An expansion in bank credit based in part on gold imports early in the year, together with moderately easy money conditions, is reflected in an increase in the reserve deposits of member banks.

The extent of these various changes is shown in the following summary of the principal items of the statement of condition. The figures shown are the average daily figures for the last week of each year rather than for the last day of the year, which is frequently subject to chance fluctuations.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

(Figures are averages for last 7 days of each year—In millions of dollars)

	1926.	1927.	Change.
<i>Principal Resources—</i>			
Gold reserves.....	982	875	—107
<i>Bills and securities:</i>			
Loans to member banks.....	195	237	+ 42
Acceptances purchased.....	107	95	— 12
United States securities purchased.....	66	171	+105
Total bills and securities.....	368	503	+135
<i>Principal Liabilities—</i>			
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	418	386	— 32
<i>Deposits:</i>			
Reserve deposits of member banks.....	870	960	+ 90
Government deposits.....	12	4	— 8
All other deposits.....	31	11	— 20
Total deposits.....	913	975	+ 62

Comparison with the Reserve System.

One interesting fact with regard to the changes in condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the past year is that the year's changes for the system as a whole have in considerable measure been concentrated in New York, due probably to the fact that the major influence during the year has been the movement of gold, and most of the gold movement customarily flows through the Port of New York. The following table compares the changes shown above for the New York Bank with changes similarly computed for the Federal Reserve System as a whole. It indicates that in the case of gold reserves the New York Bank has shown an even larger loss than the total for the entire system, and correspondingly that member bank borrowing at the New York Bank provided more than its proportionate share of the increased requirements for credit which has resulted largely from gold exports. The increase in Government securities on the other hand (by arrangement between the Reserve banks) has been more evenly

distributed through the system, as has also the decrease in currency and the increase in reserve balances of member banks.

CHANGES FROM END OF 1926 TO END OF 1927 IN PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS COMBINED AND FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

(Changes are based on average figures for last 7 days of each year—In millions of dollars)

	All Federal Reserve Banks.	Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
Principal Resources—		
Gold reserves.....	— 70	—107
Bills and Securities:		
Loans to member banks.....	—139	+ 42
Acceptances purchased.....	+ 1	— 12
United States securities purchased.....	+287	+105
Total bills and securities.....	+148	+135
Principal Liabilities—		
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	— 69	— 32
Deposits:		
Reserve deposits of member banks.....	+180	+ 90
Government deposits.....	— 21	— 8
All other deposits.....	— 22	— 20
Total deposits.....	+137	+ 62

The important changes shown by these statements are analyzed in further detail in succeeding paragraphs.

Changes in Gold Reserves.

The gold movements of the year were larger than in any year since 1921. Most of these movements were centered in New York City and involved in one way or another the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The year began with net imports (and a gain through changes in earmarking) of over \$100,000,000 in the first four months. In May and two unusual operations in the purchase of \$62,000,000 of gold abroad to prevent its import into this country, and an increase of \$95,000,000 in the amount of gold set aside in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York earmarked for foreign account. The gold purchased abroad was later sold, and in the last four months of the year a net amount of \$82,000,000 was set aside under earmark. In September there also began a gold export movement which by the end of December had exceeded imports in that period by \$141,000,000. The net effect of all these transactions was a net loss of more than \$150,000,000 of gold during the year, though this was partly offset in Reserve bank holdings by some retirement of gold certificates from circulation and additions from domestic gold production; so that Federal Reserve gold holdings were reduced only \$70,000,000.

Gold movements are shown by months in the following table. The figures for exports and imports are for the country as a whole, though all but \$62,000,000 were made to or from New York. The earmarking operations were all at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which handles foreign accounts for the Reserve system.

GAIN OR LOSS THROUGH GOLD MOVEMENTS.*
(In millions of dollars)

1927.	Imports	Exports.	Net Change Through Imports or Exports.	Re-leased from Ear-mark.	Ear-marked.	Change Through Ear-marking.	Total Change.
January.....	\$59	\$15	+\$44	\$21	\$1	+\$20	+\$64
February.....	22	2	+ 20	5	2	+ 3	+ 23
March.....	17	6	+ 11	---	2	— 1	+ 9
April.....	15	3	+ 12	---	1	— 1	+ 11
May.....	34	2	+ 32	5	100	—95	— 63
June.....	15	2	+ 13	---	1	— 1	+ 12
July.....	11	2	+ 9	3	3	---	+ 9
August.....	8	2	+ 6	2	4	— 2	+ 4
September.....	13	24	— 11	---	9	— 9	— 20
October.....	2	11	— 9	4	29	—25	— 34
November.....	2	55	— 53	2	42	—40	— 93
December.....	10	78	— 68	7	15	— 8	— 66
Total.....	\$208	\$202	+\$ 6	\$49	\$209	—\$160	—\$154

* Excludes \$62,000,000 in gold purchased abroad during May and June and later sold.

The following table shows the principal sources of imports and the destinations of exports.

Net Imports From		Net Exports To	
Great Britain.....	\$31,000,000	Argentina.....	\$62,000,000
Canada.....	33,000,000	Brazil.....	34,000,000
Australia.....	22,000,000	Germany.....	14,000,000
France.....	11,000,000	Poland.....	5,000,000
Japan.....	20,000,000	China and Hong Kong.....	5,000,000
Chile.....	7,000,000	Belgium.....	2,000,000
Netherlands.....	7,000,000	British Malaya.....	3,000,000
Ecuador.....	2,000,000	India.....	3,000,000
Peru.....	2,000,000	Uruguay.....	2,000,000
		Venezuela.....	1,000,000
		Sweden.....	1,000,000

The net loss of gold in 1927 brings the country's gold stock down to the level of 1925 and well below the level of late 1924. The accompanying diagram of the gold stock shows that there have been comparatively minor changes since the autumn of 1924 in contrast with a vigorous import movement up to then.

For the first seven months of the year the gold reserves of the New York Bank were substantially higher than in 1926 but after the discount rate was reduced, early in August, there was a decline in gold reserves which continued, with some interruptions, until the end of the year and resulted in a net reduction of approximately \$200,000,000. The first hundred million of this decline was due principally to a movement of funds from New York to other districts in which higher discount rates were maintained for a time. A return movement occurred subsequently, but was more than offset by heavy gold exports and earmarking transactions; so that the decline continued to the end of the year. At the end of the year the gold reserves of the bank were \$100,000,000 under the figure for the end of 1926.

A comparison of the reserves of the New York Bank and of the System indicates that all of the decline occurring in gold reserves for the System as a whole was concentrated in New York, where all of the earmarking took place and most of the exports. The gold reserves of Federal Reserve banks do not fully reflect the loss of gold during the year, due to the retirement from circulation of about \$40,000,000 of gold certificates, which were absorbed in the System's gold reserves.

Total Bills and Securities.

The total amount of credit extended by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York followed very much the same course as in 1926, until the last

quarter of the year, when the volume of credit was increased to provide banks with the resources to meet the drain of gold exports. At the end of the year the total bills and securities, or total earning assets, of the bank were larger than at any time since June 1921.

For the System as a whole, total credit extensions were considerably less than in 1926 until the last quarter of the year, reflecting gold imports and the reduction in currency requirements. In the last quarter of the year, however, the total volume of Reserve bank credit extended increased to new high levels since October 1921, reflecting largely the loss of gold, although reflecting in part also a rapid expansion of loans and investments of member banks which led to an increase in their requirements for reserves. As the loss of gold toward the end of the year was largely concentrated in New York, so the additional demand for credit due to gold exports, as has been indicated, fell particularly upon New York and a large part of the increase in the total volume of Federal Reserve credit in use took the form of an increase in the total bills and securities of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Bills Discounted.

The volume of bills discounted by the New York Reserve Bank during 1927 was not far different from the volume in 1926, although the figures tended to be slightly lower in the spring of the year and in the late summer. For the System as a whole, however, bills discounted were substantially lower than in 1926 during the major part of the year. A part of this reduction may be ascribed to the smaller aggregate demand for Federal Reserve credit until late in the year, but a part of it also reflected an increase in holdings of Government securities by the Reserve banks which placed funds in the hands of the member banks which they employed to liquidate indebtedness at the Reserve banks. Although most of the securities were purchased in the New York market, the principal liquidation of indebtedness took place in the interior districts. The extent of liquidation by banks in interior districts as compared with the New York district is indicated by the following table of the average amounts of bills discounted at the several Federal Reserve banks for the month of October 1927 compared with October 1926.

(In thousands of dollars)

	October 1926.	October 1927.	Change.	Per Cent Change.
Boston.....	42,180	33,290	— 8,890	—21.1
New York.....	164,579	126,862	—37,717	—22.9
Philadelphia.....	49,918	38,425	—11,493	—23.0
Cleveland.....	70,386	43,720	—26,666	—37.9
Richmond.....	45,664	28,888	—16,776	—36.7
Atlanta.....	55,681	25,999	—29,682	—53.3
Chicago.....	89,224	36,483	—52,741	—59.1
St. Louis.....	42,163	21,484	—20,679	—49.0
Minneapolis.....	11,145	2,672	— 8,473	—76.0
Kansas City.....	12,455	15,730	+ 3,275	+26.3
Dallas.....	19,451	7,151	—12,300	—63.2
San Francisco.....	62,720	43,709	—19,011	—30.3

Government Securities Held.

The United States Government securities held by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York increased during 1927 from approximately \$65,000,000 to \$170,000,000, an increase which was roughly proportional to the increase for the System as a whole.

These increases in security holdings represented largely a joint purchase of securities by all the Reserve banks. The principal transactions in Government securities in the System account were as follows:

- Sales of \$65,000,000—Early in May to offset the effect on the money market of purchases of gold abroad.
- Purchases of \$100,000,000—Between early in May and early in June to offset the earmarking of gold for foreign account.
- Purchases of \$79,000,000—Between the first of June and the middle of August in connection with reductions in discount rates at a number of the Federal Reserve banks.
- Purchases of \$60,000,000—Between late August and early October for the purpose of offsetting sales of Federal Reserve holdings abroad.
- Purchases of \$45,000,000—During the latter part of October and early November, offsetting in part the effect of gold exports and earmarkings.

The other changes in security holdings shown by the diagram represented either temporary accommodation to the Treasury Department through the purchase of special one-day certificates of indebtedness to provide funds to redeem maturing securities, or accommodation given to dealers in Government securities through the purchase of securities under sales contracts, by the terms of which dealers agree to repurchase the securities within a period of fifteen days.

Bills Purchased.

The course of bills purchased both by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and by the Federal Reserve System followed in 1927 very much the same course as in 1926. At times there was a slight increase over 1926, but in general the amounts held were little larger despite the fact that the volume of bills outstanding in the market during the past autumn was between two and three hundred million dollars larger than during the autumn of 1926, and about the largest yet attained in this market. Thus the Federal Reserve banks held during 1927 a somewhat smaller proportion of the total acceptances outstanding than in 1926. With money somewhat easier during the past year, the market for acceptances was somewhat better, particularly the market made by foreign funds in this market. The rates at which this bank stood ready to purchase prime bills from member banks and dealers during the year were as follows:

Date Put Into Effect.	1-15 Days	16-45 Days	46-90 Days	91-120 Days	121-150 Days	151-180 Days
Jan. 1 1927.....	3½	3½	3¾	3¾	4	4
July 29 1927.....	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾
Aug. 5 1927.....	3	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾
Aug. 22 1927.....	3	3	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾

Federal Reserve Notes.

A decline in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation reported both for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and for the System reflected a decrease in the total amount of money in circulation, which was after the first four months of the year about \$80,000,000 under 1926. This decrease was only partly in the form of Federal Reserve notes as the amount of gold certificates outstanding was also reduced by about \$40,000,000 on the average. These reductions are explainable by reference to the data for trade and employment, and particularly the data for payrolls of industrial establishments, which in December were reported by State and Federal authorities as 5 to 7% smaller than in the corresponding month in 1926.

Bank Policy.

Federal Reserve policy in this district found its principal expression in a reduction in the discount rate of the bank from 4% to 3½% on Aug. 5, and in changes in the holdings of Government securities.

The reduction in discount rate was made at a time when domestic business was beginning to show some recession and the financial position of Europe was such that considerable financial stringency was threatened by the continuance of a 4% discount rate in New York. A general increase in interest rates in Europe during the fall season would undoubtedly have restricted foreign purchases of American farm products.

The purchases of Government securities in the course of the year were made in part to offset the effect on the money market of earmarking and exports of gold, and in part were made in connection with the change of discount rate.

The reduction in discount rate by this bank and by other Reserve banks and purchases of Government securities in July and August were followed by strength in the exchanges of various countries and a reversal of the gold movement from net imports to net exports.

Diagram 10 shows the course of the discount rate and the open market rates on commercial paper and acceptances in New York.

Foreign Relations.

Two definite steps were taken during the year by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the other Reserve banks in furtherance of the general return of the countries of Europe to the gold standard.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York in association with all other Federal Reserve banks participated in the credit arrangements granted by various banks of issue to the Bank Polski, the Polish bank of issue, in furtherance of the plans which were completed for the stabilization of the Polish currency. Under the terms of these arrangements the Federal Reserve Bank of New York agreed, if desired, to purchase from the Bank Polski up to a total of five and a quarter million dollars of prime commercial bills.

The Italian Government on Dec. 22 announced the establishment of its currency on a gold exchange basis and the legal revaluation of the lira in terms of gold.

In accordance with the practice followed in other European countries when returning to a gold basis and to ensure the maintenance of monetary stability, the Banca d'Italia entered into a credit arrangement with the principal banks of issue for \$75,000,000 or its equivalent. A separate credit was arranged by the Banca d'Italia with certain private bankers aggregating about \$50,000,000 or its equivalent. In connection with the credit arranged by banks of issue the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other Federal Reserve banks, agreed, if desired, to purchase from the Banca d'Italia up to a total of \$15,000,000 of prime commercial bills.

During the course of the year similar credit arrangements which had been made in 1925 with the Bank of England and in 1926 with the National Bank of Belgium expired. In neither case had any use of the credit arrangements been made, though their presence undoubtedly added to the assurance with which those countries undertook their return to the gold standard.

In general, the conclusion of 1927 finds the financial, business and social condition of the countries of Europe more nearly normal than at any time since the War. All of the major countries, with the exception of France, have effected legal stabilization of their currencies, and the French monetary position is vastly improved from a year ago and de facto stabilization of the franc has been achieved for a number of months. Business and trade are more active throughout Europe and unemployment is reduced.

Movement of Funds to and From the New York Money Market.

In recent years studies have been carried on by this bank to determine in general the sources of funds coming into the market and the distribution of funds withdrawn from the money market. Since practically all inter-district transfers and settlements are now made through the gold settlement fund of the Federal Reserve System, and since practically all currency and gold movements are at least recorded in one form or another on the books of the bank, it has been possible from the records of this bank to make a broad classification of the movements of funds to and from the New York banks, which constitute the immediate source of supply of funds used in the money market.

The largest movements of funds during 1927 were the movements to and from other districts. These are illustrated in the following diagram. It shows that both in 1926 and 1927 there was an accumulative movement of Treasury funds to New York amounting to 500 or 600 million dollars, which was largely offset by other transfers, designated on the diagram as "commercial transfers," from New York totaling around 400 millions.

Ordinarily, about two-thirds of every issue of United States Government securities, especially the short-term issues, finds its way to New York by the time it matures, whereas the proportion of Federal income taxes collected in this district is about one-third of the total for the country. Consequently, Treasury disbursements to redeem maturing obligations regularly exceed receipts within the district at tax periods, and the balance must be met by transferring a part of the proceeds of tax collections in other districts to New York. To replace the funds transferred by the Treasury, commercial banks in other districts withdraw funds from New York after each tax period. These funds which are withdrawn from New York probably represent, among other things, the proceeds of securities sold or matured in this district and the payments for merchandise exported through New York.

The short-term fluctuations in these "commercial" transfers appear to be closely connected with currency requirements in other districts. There is a perceptible tendency for outward transfers to be made in the latter half of the week when currency for weekly payrolls and other purposes is withdrawn from the banks, and for transfers to New York to be made in the early part of each week accompanying the return of currency from circulation. These transfers to and from are reflected in the amount of funds employed in New York by out-of-town banks in the form of call loans.

The third principal group of inter-district transfers represents settlements between Federal Reserve banks for bill and security transactions. When purchases of bills or securities are made in this market for the account of other Reserve banks, payment to the New York Bank is made through the gold settlement fund, and when bills or securities from the holdings of other Reserve banks mature in New York, the return payment similarly is made through the fund. Apparently due to maturities in New York of bills and securities purchased in other districts, the general tendency of these Reserve bank settlements seems to be to withdraw moderate amounts from New York.

The two other principal movements of funds which affect the position of banks in this district are increases and decreases in the amount of currency in circulation within the district, and exports, imports and earmarking of gold. These have been discussed earlier in this report.

Membership Changes in 1927.

In 1927 membership of the Federal Reserve System in this district continued the growth of the preceding year. The organization of new banks has again been the principal factor in this result and fewer national banks have been converted into State non-members. There was a larger number of mergers and consolidations among the member banks, which accounted for the majority of the decreases. No loss in membership occurred due to insolvencies or State bank withdrawals.

The accompanying tables set forth the number of banks in the Second District classified according to their charters, whether national or State, and give also an analysis of the causes which brought about changes in membership during the year.

NUMBER OF MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER BANKS IN SECOND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AT END OF YEAR.

Type of Bank.	December 31 1927.			December 31 1926.		
	Members	Non-Members	Per Cent Members	Members	Non-Members	Per Cent Members
National banks...	771	0	100	750	0	100
State banks*...	55	225	20	57	232	20
Trust companies...	111	186	37	106	179	37
Total.....	937	411	70	913	411	69

* Exclusive of savings banks.

CHANGES IN FEDERAL RESERVE MEMBERSHIP IN SECOND DISTRICT DURING 1927.

Total membership beginning of year.....	913
Increases:	
National banks organized.....	28
Conversion of non-member banks to national.....	4
Admission of State banks.....	9
Total increases.....	41
Decreases:	
Conversion of national bank to non-member.....	1
Member banks combined with other members.....	16
Withdrawals.....	0
Insolvencies.....	0
Total decreases.....	17
Net increase.....	24
Total membership end of year.....	937

Reports of Operation.

As complete statistics of the operations of each Reserve bank are published in the annual report of the Federal Reserve Board, detailed figures of the operations of this bank are omitted from this report, with the exception of the following pages showing the statement of condition at the beginning and end of the year, the income and disbursements during the year, and a table showing the volume of operations in principal departments, including the Buffalo Branch.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

Resources.	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.
Cash reserves held by this bank against its deposits and note circulation:	\$	\$
Gold held by the Federal Reserve Agent as part of the collateral deposited by the bank when it obtains Federal Reserve notes. This gold is lodged partly in the vaults of the bank and partly with the Treasurer of the United States.....	320,067,446.59	282,987,466.59
Gold redemption fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States to be used to redeem such Federal Reserve notes as are presented to the Treasury for redemption....	17,171,916.69	15,197,976.79
Gold and gold certificates in vault.....	372,076,393.63	439,891,808.03
Gold in the gold settlement fund lodged with the Treasurer of the United States for the purpose of settling current transactions between Federal Reserve districts.....	159,285,227.90	223,474,611.35
Legal tender notes, silver, and silver certificates in the vaults of the bank (available as reserve only against deposits).....	24,598,953.00	22,523,994.00
Total cash reserves.....	893,199,937.81	984,075,856.76
Non-reserve cash consisting largely of national bank notes, and minor coin.....	20,923,803.11	15,893,779.00
Loans and Investments:		
Loans to member banks:		
On the security of obligations of the United States.....	230,800,050.00	146,539,450.00
By the discount of commercial or agricultural paper or acceptances.....	50,537,894.62	37,935,764.92
Acceptances bought in the open market.....	97,652,134.74	101,443,211.79
United States Government bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness.....	181,479,900.00	58,863,750.00
Total loans and investments.....	560,469,979.36	344,782,176.71
Miscellaneous resources:		
Bank premises.....	15,881,823.71	16,276,254.61
Checks and other items in process of collection.....	193,847,416.29	188,450,357.86
All other miscellaneous resources.....	6,104,632.87	1,788,471.18
Total miscellaneous resources.....	215,833,872.87	206,515,083.75
Total resources.....	1,690,427,593.15	1,551,266,896.12
Liabilities.		
Notes in circulation:	\$	\$
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, payable on demand. These notes are secured in full by gold and discounted and purchased paper.....	390,343,496.50	416,874,122.50
Total notes in circulation.....	390,343,496.50	416,874,122.50
Deposits:		
Reserve deposits maintained by member banks as legal reserves against the deposits of their customers.....	1,009,922,990.27	835,959,724.96
United States Government deposits carried at the Reserve Bank for current requirements of the Treasury.....	1,565,311.84	498,341.80
Other deposits, including foreign deposits, deposits of non-member banks, &c.....	12,761,471.57	34,844,167.75
Total deposits.....	1,024,249,773.68	871,302,234.51
Miscellaneous Liabilities:		
Deferred items, composed mostly of uncollected checks on banks in all parts of the country. Such items are credited as deposits after the average time needed to collect them elapses, ranging from 1 to 8 days.....	170,612,489.82	162,884,891.11
All other miscellaneous liabilities.....	1,905,036.39	2,142,447.92
Total miscellaneous liabilities.....	172,517,526.21	165,027,339.03
Capital and surplus:		
Capital paid in, equal to 3% of the capital and surplus of member banks.....	40,309,600.00	36,449,250.00
Surplus—That portion of accumulated net earnings which the bank is legally required to retain.....	63,007,196.76	61,613,950.08
Total capital and surplus.....	103,316,796.76	98,063,200.08
Total liabilities.....	1,690,427,593.15	1,551,266,896.12

Income and Disbursements.

Gross income for the year 1927 was about the same as in 1926. A decrease of \$1,200,000 in earnings from loans to member banks was offset by increased earnings from acceptances and United States Government securities purchased.

Expenses of current bank operation again were smaller than in the preceding year, notwithstanding a continued increase in the volume of operations of the bank. The net income for the year was sufficient to pay the 6% dividend of \$2,327,000 on capital stock, provided by the Federal Reserve Act, and to add \$1,393,000 to the surplus, which under the law must be increased by all net income after dividends until it is equal to the total subscribed capital stock of the bank. The total subscribed capital stock is now \$80,619,200, the total paid-in capital stock \$40,309,600, and the surplus after this year's payment \$63,007,196. The capital increases each year as the bank resources of the district increase, since member banks are required to subscribe to an amount of Federal Reserve stock equal to 6% of their own capital and surplus and to pay in one-half of the amount subscribed.

[The bank's profit and loss account for 1927 and 1926 was given in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 21 1928, page 352.]

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Volume of Operations.

The two largest operations of the Reserve banks in point of volume are the payment and receipt of currency and the collection of checks and non-cash items. Upon these two operations taken together more than half of the staff of the New York Reserve Bank is engaged. During 1927 the volume of work in these two major functions in the New York Reserve Bank continued to increase. There were increases in other functions as well. Bills purchased increased considerably over the preceding year, due to unusual activity in the bill market. A large increase in transactions in United States Government securities, which totaled over five billion dollars in 1927, reflected the refunding of the Second Liberty Loan bonds. The principal decrease in operations was in bills discounted, reflecting somewhat smaller loans to member banks. The following table shows the volume of principal operations for the past two years both in items and in dollar amounts:

Number of Pieces Handled—	1927.	1926.
Bills discounted:		
Applications	14,525	16,249
Notes discounted	31,024	35,660
Bills purchased in open market for own account	99,238	76,466
Currency received and counted	640,967,000	605,280,000
Coin received and counted	1,189,801,000	1,129,027,000
Checks handled	168,724,000	155,488,000
Collection items handled:		
United States Government coupons paid	9,931,000	10,783,000
All other	2,259,000	2,064,000
United States securities—issues, redemptions and exchanges by fiscal agency department	2,196,000	1,572,000
Transfers of funds	355,000	329,000
Amounts Handled—		
Bills discounted	\$13,854,347,000	\$17,242,348,000
Bills purchased in open market for own account	1,975,505,000	1,437,565,000
Currency received and counted	4,159,821,000	3,925,170,000
Coin received and counted	588,422,000	380,569,000
Checks handled	100,206,587,000	93,068,875,000
Collection items handled:		
United States Government coupons paid	250,622,000	296,577,000
All other	2,385,753,000	2,065,742,000
United States securities—issues, redemptions and exchanges by fiscal agency department	5,219,626,000	2,635,722,000
Transfers of funds	50,898,108,000	44,392,474,000

Secretary Mellon's New Tax Cut Recommendations—Limit Fixed at \$210,115,000—Expenditures Account Flood Control Would Lower Limit to \$181,115,000.

In a statement presented to the Senate Finance Committee on April 3, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon submitted new recommendations respecting tax cuts, limiting the reduction to \$201,115,000 on the basis of a Treasury surplus of \$212,000,000; "assuming," he said, "that \$30,000,000 is expended for flood relief during the next fiscal year, the surplus of \$212,000,000 will be reduced to \$182,000,000," and on the basis of a surplus of that amount he recommended a total tax reduction of \$181,115,000. On the basis of the surplus previously estimated Secretary Mellon had originally recommended a tax reduction of \$225,000,000 pointing out that the figures submitted made no provision for increased expenditures due to new legislation. In his statement to the Senate committee this week Secretary Mellon says it "appears that the surpluses as originally estimated for 1928 and 1929 have now been reduced by \$53,000,000 and \$40,000,000, respectively, while the limit of possible tax reduction has been lowered by \$25,000,000. These reductions are due to changes in the expenditure rather than in the receipt side of the statement. Expenditures show an increase of \$47,000,000 for 1928 and of \$85,000,000 for 1929." The \$225,000,000 tax cut was based, says Secretary Mellon, on estimates submitted to the Ways and Means Committee in October which indicated a surplus of \$454,000,000 in 1928 and of \$274,000,000, subsequently modified to \$252,000,000, in 1929. He states that "based on the most recent figures, the Treasury Department estimates a surplus of approximately \$400,000,000 in 1928 and of approximately \$212,000,000 in 1929." Secretary Mellon states that total current income collections to April 1 aggregate approximately \$1,418,000,000, as compared with \$1,422,000,000 on April 1, a year ago. This means that current collections for the fiscal years 1927 and 1928 will be almost identical." On the basis of a surplus of \$212,000,000 Secretary Mellon makes the following recommendations:

1. That the general corporation income tax rate be reduced from 13½ to 12% and that the rate applicable to insurance companies be reduced

from 12½ to 12%. It is estimated these changes will occasion a loss in revenue of approximately \$123,000,000.

2. That the rates applicable to the so-called intermediate brackets, running from \$14,000 to \$75,000, of the individual income tax be revised in accordance with the attached table, resulting in a decrease in revenue of about \$50,000,000.

3. That the Federal estate tax be repealed as of Jan. 1, 1928, which will occasion a loss of but \$7,000,000 in 1929.

4. That the income derived from American bankers' acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue be exempted from tax. The loss of revenue will be negligible.

Secretary Mellon also indicates that the Treasury further approves the following provisions of the House bill (passed Dec. 15 and referred to in our issue of Dec. 17, page 3292) affecting the revenues.

1. The increase in the exemption from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the case of corporations with incomes not in excess of \$25,000. It is estimated this will cost approximately \$12,000,000.

2. The increase in the exemption from 75 cents to \$1 in the case of the admissions tax, resulting in a reduction in revenue of about \$8,000,000.

3. The repeal of the tax on cereal beverages, which produced \$185,000 in 1927.

4. The reduction in the tax on wines, resulting in a loss of revenue of \$930,000.

Pointing out that, while the estimates of expenditures include all expenditures resulting from legislation enacted up to the present time, they do not include any expenditures that may result from flood relief legislation adopted during this session of Congress, he adds:

* Assuming that \$30,000,000 is expended for flood relief during the next fiscal year, the surplus of \$212,000,000 will be reduced to \$182,000,000. On the basis of a \$182,000,000 surplus, the Treasury recommends:

1. That the general corporation tax be reduced from 13½ to 12% and the rate applicable to insurance companies be reduced from 12½ to 12%. As already stated, the loss in revenue will amount to \$123,000,000.

2. A revision of the rate applicable to the intermediate brackets resulting in a loss of \$50,000,000.

3. The repeal of the estate tax, resulting in a loss of \$7,000,000.

4. Repeal of cereal beverage tax and reduction of wine tax.

Or a total tax reduction of \$181,115,000.

Secretary Mellon's statement to the Senate committee on April 3 follows in full:

(Read By Congressional Record)

I understand that the Senate Finance Committee has delayed the consideration of the Revenue bill in order to have the benefit of the information furnished by the March income tax collections and more accurate estimates as to probable expenditures than were available in January. That information is now available.

Based on the most recent figures, the Treasury Department estimates a surplus of approximately \$400,000,000 in 1928 and of approximately \$212,000,000 in 1929.

The fiscal year 1928 is almost over. We are now budgeting for the fiscal year 1929. The surplus of total receipts over total expenditures in 1929 is the measure of possible tax reduction. With a surplus of \$212,000,000 reasonably certain, the Treasury recommends that taxes be reduced by about \$200,000,000.

The estimates submitted to the Ways and Means Committee in October indicated a surplus of \$454,000,000 in 1928 and of \$274,000,000, subsequently modified to \$252,000,000 in 1929. On the basis of these estimates the Treasury Department recommended a tax reduction of \$225,000,000, pointing out, however, that the figures submitted made no provision for increased expenditures due to new legislation. It thus appears that the surpluses as originally estimated for 1928 and 1929 have now been reduced by \$53,000,000 and \$40,000,000, respectively, while the limit of possible tax reduction has been lowered by \$25,000,000.

These reductions are due to changes in the expenditure rather than in the receipt side of the statement. Expenditures show an increase of \$47,000,000 for 1928 and \$85,000,000 for 1929. The increased estimated expenditures for 1928 and the consequent reduction of the estimated surplus by about \$50,000,000 are accounted for practically by a single item. The Settlement of War Claims act recently enacted authorizes an appropriation of \$50,000,000, which should become available and be expended this fiscal year. The \$85,000,000 increase for 1929 over the previous estimates is accounted for principally by increased appropriations for the Veterans' Bureau, Navy and War Departments, postal deficiency and an enlarged building program. The committee will doubtless call on the Budget Director to explain the various items of increase.

On the receipt side, while there are a number of minor modifications in the present estimates as compared with the earlier ones, the total receipts for 1928 show a reduction of only \$6,000,000 as compared with original estimates; that is, a total of \$4,069,000,000 instead of \$4,075,000,000.

It is noteworthy in view of all the criticism that the March collections completely confirm the accuracy of the Treasury's estimate of current income tax collections for both 1928 and 1929.

The 1929 estimate of receipts shows an increase of \$45,000,000, accounted for as follows:

Customs and miscellaneous internal revenue figures have been reduced by \$15,000,000 and \$10,545,000, respectively, in conformity with the actual experience of the first nine months of this fiscal year. Miscellaneous receipts are \$25,000,000 higher, due in the main to a trust fund item which is a wash transaction and appears on both the receipt and expenditure side of the statement, and to a transfer of railroad receipts from 1928 to 1929. The estimate of back tax collections has been increased by \$40,000,000 and current receipts by \$5,000,000. Back tax collections are a most uncertain item, and the Treasury so stated to the Ways and Means Committee, but the speeding-up process which is now taking place through the Special Advisory Committee and other further reforms, which it is hoped will be put into effect, should increase the back tax revenue next year over what was anticipated five months ago.

Table A, which I submit herewith, shows the October, 1927, estimates of receipts and the budget expenditures figures compared with the receipts

Table A—Estimated Receipts and Expenditures.

This table shows the estimated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal years 1928 and 1929 as submitted in December 1927, and the revised estimates prepared in March 1928:

Receipts:	1928		1929	
	Oct. 1927, Estimate.	March 1928, Estimate.	Oct. 1927, Estimate.	March 1928, Estimate.
Customs.....	\$602,000,000	\$587,000,000	\$602,000,000	\$587,000,000
Internal Revenue:				
Income tax:				
Current.....	1,885,000,000	1,890,000,000	1,885,000,000	1,890,000,000
Back taxes.....	280,000,000	280,000,000	180,000,000	220,000,000
Misc. int. revenue.....	638,545,000	634,000,000	640,545,000	630,000,000
Miscell. receipts.....	670,053,091	678,267,729	501,952,314	527,721,229
Total receipts.....	\$4,075,598,091	\$4,069,267,729	\$3,809,497,314	\$3,854,721,229
Expenditures, total.....	3,621,314,285	3,668,003,279	3,556,957,031	3,642,021,345
Estimated surplus.....	\$454,283,806	\$401,264,450	\$252,540,283	\$212,699,884

and expenditures now estimated. Table B shows the principal changes in receipts as compared with the previous estimates:

Table B—Fiscal Year 1929—Changes between Estimates of October 1927, and March 1928.

	Decrease.	Increase.
Receipts:		
Customs.....	\$15,000,000	
Income tax—Current.....		\$5,000,000
Back taxes.....		40,000,000
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	10,545,000	
Miscellaneous receipts.....		\$25,769,000
	\$25,545,000	\$70,769,000
		25,545,000
Net increase.....		\$45,224,000
Expenditures.....		\$85,064,000
Net decrease in estimated surplus.....		\$39,840,000
Estimated surplus last Fall.....		\$252,540,000
Revised estimate, March 1928.....		212,700,000

* Includes \$13,015,000 increase in both receipts and expenditures account United States Government Life Insurance Fund under Veterans' Bureau.

So much for the present modifications of the October estimates, which we felt the committee would want fully explained.

Let me now take up in detail and seek to justify our estimates of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1929. They are the all-important and controlling figures, for they, and they alone, indicate the measure of possible tax reduction.

Total receipts and expenditures are estimated as follows:

Customs.....	\$585,000,000
Tonnage tax.....	2,000,000
	\$587,000,000
Internal revenue:	
Current income.....	\$1,890,000,000
Back income taxes.....	220,000,000
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	630,000,000
Total internal revenue.....	\$2,740,000,000
Miscellaneous receipts.....	527,721,000
Total receipts.....	\$3,854,721,000
Total expenditures.....	3,642,021,000
Surplus.....	\$212,700,000

Customs Receipts.

Customs duties are relied on to yield \$585,000,000. This is the amount which receipts to date indicate will be collected in 1928. It is true that in 1927 the high figure of \$603,000,000 was reached, but the average receipts for the five-year period 1923 to 1927, inclusive, amounted to but \$568,000,000. So that 1927 appears to be out of line and 1928 to furnish a more accurate guide.

Income Tax Receipts.

Current income tax is estimated to produce \$1,890,000,000. There was collected from this source in the fiscal year 1927 \$1,889,000,000. The Treasury Department has consistently taken the position that income tax collections for the fiscal year 1927, based as they were in part on the income of the calendar year 1925 and in part on the income of the calendar year 1926, both highly prosperous years, furnish the safest basis on which to estimate current income tax collections, both in the fiscal year 1928 and 1929. Our judgment has been amply sustained by the March collections. In so far as 1928 is concerned, total current collections to April 1 aggregate approximately \$1,418,000,000, as compared with \$1,422,000,000 on April 1 a year ago. This means that current collections for the fiscal years 1927 and 1928 will be almost identical; 1927 and 1928 collections are derived from the income of three calendar years, namely, 1925, 1926 and 1927. Because of this wide range and of their remarkable uniformity they seem to furnish a definite standard of what collections may be expected under present rates, given normal conditions of prosperity.

But March collections did not alone confirm 1928 estimates. They established pretty definitely that current tax collections for the first six months of the fiscal year 1929 will not vary materially from the first half of 1927 and 1928, thus confirming our estimates. The only element of uncertainty then applies to the last six months of the fiscal year 1929, ending June 30, 1929, for income tax collections during this period will be based on income of the calendar year 1928. It would take a mighty wise man to prophesy the course of business during the next nine months. Yet this is what must be done if actual figures are to be discarded in favor of speculative ones. Moreover, there is nothing to indicate that business conditions will differ materially during the balance of the calendar year from those which have prevailed during the last twenty-four months. Even should there be a marked upward swing, it can at best but affect six months of the fiscal year 1929.

Clearly, it is wiser to base estimates of future receipts on the record of what may be considered standard years, rather than to venture on the uncertain ground of speculation and assumption. This, in any event, is the position taken by the Treasury in preparing and presenting these estimates.

Back Tax Collections.

It is expected that \$220,000,000 may be derived from back tax collections as compared with \$331,000,000 (actual) in 1927 and \$280,000,000 (estimated) in 1928. The following statistics account, in the main, for the probable falling off in back tax collections:

On June 30, 1926, there were on hand in the bureau, for years prior to 1925, 487,000 cases; on June 30, 1927, 154,000 cases, and on Dec. 31, 1927, 66,000 cases, of which 12,000 were refund cases which could produce no additional revenue. But these figures do not tell the complete

story. The character of the problem is changing. It is being transferred from the Internal Revenue Bureau proper to the General Counsel's office and to the Board of Tax Appeals. This is the logical and inevitable development of the insistence on treating the collection of an income tax as a legal rather than as an administrative problem. As of March 1, 1928, taxes involved in appeals pending before the Board of Tax Appeals aggregated \$685,526,232. Such an amount would seem to promise much in the way of future revenue. But consider these results. From July 1, 1927, to Feb. 29, the board has closed cases involving approximately \$81,000,000 of deficiencies asserted, sustaining only \$33,000,000, or 41%. Thirty-three million dollars in eight months is not quite so promising for a revenue standpoint, particularly when you consider that in many of these cases further appeals will be taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals. But the significant figure is the percentage one.

The Government on these appeals is winning out only to the extent of 41% of the deficiencies asserted, even after including items not in dispute. If this means anything it means that any number of these cases should never have gone to the board, but should have been disposed of by agreement. A sensible system of administration would permit the settlement of cases whenever the odds on a question of law was all against the Government instead of compelling litigation. A change of policy in this respect appears to be highly desirable, and the department is seriously considering such a change unless this committee and the Ways and Means Committee should advise to the contrary.

There is no use minimizing the seriousness of the situation. It is not too much to say that the whole, carefully thought-out machinery which was hopefully set up in 1924 is threatened with a complete breakdown. In spite of splendid work done by the so-called Advisory Committee, which was created last October, in the last six months, 60% of the deficiencies asserted were appealed to the Board of Tax Appeals. There were pending on March 1, 21,381 cases before that Board, and, working with the utmost expedition, the board can only dispose of about 3,000 cases a year except by stipulation.

Miscellaneous Internal Revenue.

Miscellaneous internal revenue is estimated to yield \$630,000,000, as compared with \$645,000,000 in 1927 (actual) and \$634,000,000 in 1928 (estimated). The principal changes from 1927 are a decrease in the estate taxes from \$100,000,000 to \$50,000,000; a decrease of \$8,000,000 in the tax from alcoholic spirits due, principally to a change in the rate effective Jan. 1, 1928; a loss of \$8,000,000 due to the final cleaning up of the repealed capital stock tax cases; an increase of \$44,000,000 in the tobacco tax, resulting from steadily mounting cigarette sales, and an increase of \$8,000,000 in stamp tax collections.

The returns from the estate tax under the new law have fallen off much more rapidly than anticipated. Receipts from July 1 to March 1, this year, amounted to but \$42,000,000, as compared with \$72,000,000 last year. Receipts averaging slightly in excess of \$5,000,000 a month indicate a total of approximately \$65,000,000 for 1928, as compared with an estimate of \$80,000,000. It is difficult to believe that there will not be a further falling off next year, as the number of estates to which the higher rates apply diminishes and the 80% rebate provision becomes increasingly effective.

Sixty-five million dollars is expected from the automobile tax as contrasted with \$66,000,000 in 1927 and \$63,000,000 this year. Collections to March 1 aggregated \$35,000,000, as compared with \$42,000,000 a year ago.

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Miscellaneous receipts are estimated at \$527,000,000, or \$127,000,000 and \$151,000,000 lower than in 1927 and 1928 respectively. The answer is not far to seek. We realized on railroad and other securities and on other capital assets, including receipts from the War Finance Corporation not classified as miscellaneous receipts, \$192,000,000 in 1927; we will realize \$189,000,000 this fiscal year, while there is but \$38,000,000 from this source in sight in 1929.

Two items more than account for the difference between the \$400,000,000 surplus of 1928 and the \$212,000,000 surplus of 1929, and neither can properly be classified as ordinary revenue; \$151,000,000 less from the realization of capital assets and \$60,000,000 less in collection from back taxes.

The same two items alone account for a reduction in receipts of \$265,000,000 below the 1927 figures.

On the receipt side, then, the whole story may be summed up by saying that the diminishing surpluses are caused, not by the falling off of ordinary current revenue, but by the rapid disappearance of certain receipts of an extraordinary and non-recurring character. It is fair to say that to this extent this and last year's abnormally large surpluses are fictitious and misleading.

Table C shows customs and internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year 1927 (actual) and the fiscal years of 1928 and 1929 (estimated).

Table C—Actual and Estimated Customs and Internal Receipts.

	Actual, 1927.	Estimated	
		1928.	1929.
Customs.....	\$603,000,000	\$585,000,000	\$585,000,000
Customs tonnage tax.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total customs.....	\$605,000,000	\$587,000,000	\$587,000,000
Internal Revenue:*			
Current income tax.....	\$1,889,000,000	\$1,890,000,000	\$1,890,000,000
Back income taxes.....	331,000,000	280,000,000	220,000,000
Total income tax.....	\$2,220,000,000	\$2,170,000,000	\$2,110,000,000
Miscellaneous internal revenue (see details below)*.....	646,000,000	634,000,000	630,000,000
Total internal revenue.....	\$2,866,000,000	\$2,804,000,000	\$2,740,000,000
Total customs and internal revenue.....	\$3,471,000,000	\$3,391,000,000	\$3,327,000,000
Miscellaneous Internal Revenue:*			
Estate tax.....	\$100,300,000	\$65,000,000	\$50,000,000
Alcoholic spirits.....	21,200,000	16,000,000	13,000,000
Tobacco.....	376,200,000	400,000,000	420,000,000
Admissions.....	18,000,000	18,500,000	18,500,000
Club dues.....	10,400,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Automobiles.....	66,400,000	63,000,000	65,000,000
Stamp taxes.....	37,300,000	45,000,000	45,000,000
Oleomargarine, &c.....	3,200,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Miscellaneous, including capital stock tax, prohibition and narcotic taxes.....	13,000,000	13,000,000	5,000,000
	\$646,000,000	\$634,000,000	\$630,000,000

* 1927 figures of internal revenue collections are on basis of report of Internal Revenue Bureau.

Recommendations.

On the basis of a surplus of \$212,000,000 the Treasury makes the following recommendations:

1. That the general corporation income tax rate be reduced from 13½ to 12% and that the rate applicable to insurance companies be re-

duced from 12½% to 12%. It is estimated these changes will occasion a loss in revenue of approximately \$123,000,000.

2. That the rates applicable to the so-called intermediate brackets, running from \$14,000 to \$75,000, of the individual income tax be revised in accordance with the attached table, resulting in a decrease in revenue of about \$50,000,000.

3. That the Federal estate tax be repealed as of Jan. 1, 1928, which will occasion a loss of but \$7,000,000 in 1929.

4. That the income derived from American bankers' acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue be exempted from tax. The loss of revenue will be negligible.

The Treasury further approves the following provisions of the House bill affecting the revenues.

1. The increase in the exemption from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the case of corporations with incomes not in excess of \$25,000. It is estimated this will cost approximately \$12,000,000.

2. The increase in the exemption from 75 cents to \$1 in the case of the admissions tax, resulting in a reduction in revenue of about \$8,000,000.

3. The repeal of the tax on cereal beverages, which produced \$185,000 in 1927.

4. The reduction in the tax on wines, resulting in a loss of revenue of \$930,000.

The total tax reductions covered by these recommendations aggregate \$201,115,000.

It should be noted, however, that while the estimates of expenditures just submitted include all expenditures resulting from legislation enacted up to the present time, they do not include any expenditures that may result from flood relief legislation adopted during this session of Congress. Assuming that \$30,000,000 is expended for flood relief during the next fiscal year, the surplus of \$212,000,000 will be reduced to \$182,000,000.

On the basis of a \$182,000,000 surplus, the Treasury recommends:

1. That the general corporation tax be reduced from 13½% to 12% and the rate applicable to insurance companies be reduced from 12½% to 12%. As already stated, the loss in revenue will amount to \$123,000,000.

2. A revision of the rate applicable to the intermediate brackets resulting in a loss of \$50,000,000.

3. The repeal of the estate tax, resulting in a loss of \$7,000,000.

4. Repeal of cereal beverage tax and reduction of wine tax.

Or a total tax reduction of \$181,115,000.

These recommendations are fully discussed in the report presented by the Treasury to the Ways and Means Committee and in the report of the Ways and Means Committee, with both of which the Finance Committee is undoubtedly familiar. It seems unnecessary, therefore, to review the grounds on which they are based.

The Treasury desires, however, in the interest of sound tax principles, earnestly to renew its protest against the repeal of the automobile tax. The insistent demand for the repeal of this tax does not come from the automobile purchasers, but from the manufacturers and dealers, who have organized an intensive propaganda, and of necessity do not look at our tax problem as a whole, but concentrate their attention on the one tax which they believe affects their own interests.

Tax revision on the basis of meeting the demands of special interests inevitably leads to serious maladjustments of the burdens. As a matter of principle, it is difficult to justify the repeal of this tax. Levied at a low rate it imposes no particular hardship, yet by reason of the broad base on which it rests, it produces substantial revenue. The cost of our Federal Government is already borne to a very large extent, indeed, when we consider the size of our population, by the comparatively small number that pay direct taxes. A further material reduction in indirect taxes will produce a very ill-balanced tax system under which our national Government will be supported, not by the entire body of our citizens, but by a limited class. The cost of the Government of all should not be borne by the few.

Moreover, from a fiscal standpoint, the Federal Government cannot afford to see its tax system resting on too narrow a base, such as will be the case if, for all practical purposes, we rely exclusively on customs, income and tobacco taxes. Under such conditions even minor changes in business would necessarily result in wide fluctuations in revenue receipts. We should face periodically excessive surpluses or deficits, requiring frequent revisions of rates, which, in turn, would have a most disturbing effect on the course of business. A broad, rather than a narrow base, and a diversified, rather than a restricted, system of taxation are the very fundamentals of budgetary stability.

Graduated Tax on Corporations.

The Treasury also desires to go on record as opposing the introduction of the principle of a graduated tax in the corporation field as provided for in the House bill. There is no sound justification for graduating the rate of tax on corporation income in accordance with the size of the income. We do so in the case of individuals because the incomes of individuals, generally speaking, are a fair measure of their ability to pay taxes. This, however, is not true of corporations unless there be taken into consideration the factor of capital invested in the business. There is no reason why, if I invest \$1,000 in a \$1,000,000 corporation, which only earns a 5% profit, the fruits of my investment should be reduced by 13½% before I receive them, while if I invest the same \$1,000 in a \$50,000 corporation, which earns a 20% profit, the income is to be reduced by not more than 5, 7 or 9%. The adoption of the principle of graduated taxes applied to corporations will inevitably lead back to the excess profits tax, which, impossible of administration and generally discredited, was repealed in 1921.

In addition to the tables given above Secretary Mellon suggested the following changes in surtax rates:

1926 Revenue Act.		Proposed Plan.	
Income Tax Zones—	Rates %.	Income Tax Zones—	Rates %.
\$10,000 to \$14,000	1	\$10,000 to \$14,000	1
14,000 to 16,000	2	14,000 to 18,000	2
16,000 to 18,000	3	18,000 to 22,000	3
18,000 to 20,000	4	22,000 to 26,000	4
20,000 to 22,000	5	26,000 to 30,000	5
22,000 to 24,000	6	30,000 to 34,000	6
24,000 to 28,000	7	34,000 to 38,000	7
28,000 to 32,000	8	38,000 to 42,000	8
32,000 to 36,000	9	42,000 to 46,000	9
36,000 to 40,000	10	46,000 to 50,000	10
40,000 to 44,000	11	50,000 to 54,000	11
44,000 to 48,000	12	54,000 to 58,000	12
48,000 to 52,000	13	58,000 to 62,000	13
52,000 to 56,000	14	62,000 to 66,000	14
56,000 to 60,000	15	66,000 to 70,000	15
60,000 to 64,000	16	70,000 to 75,000	16
64,000 to 70,000	17	75,000 to 80,000	17
70,000 to 80,000	18	80,000 to 90,000	18
80,000 to 100,000	19	90,000 to 100,000	19
Over \$100,000	20	Over \$100,000	20

Comparative Income Tax Estimates.

Individual income tax upon certain specified taxable net incomes. Married person with two dependents, with no capital gains nor dividends, and with earned income of \$10,000.

Taxable Net Income.	Revenue Act 1924.			Revenue Act 1926.			Suggested Surtax Rates.	
	Normal Tax.	Surtax.	Total Tax.	Normal Tax.	Surtax.	Total Tax.	Surtax.	Total Tax.
\$10,000	\$141	---	\$141	\$83.25	---	\$83.25	---	\$83.25
12,000	235	---	235	143.25	---	143.25	---	143.25
14,000	355	40	395	237.25	40	277.25	40	277.25
16,000	475	80	555	337.25	80	417.25	80	417.25
18,000	595	140	735	437.25	140	577.25	120	557.25
20,000	715	220	935	537.25	220	757.25	180	717.25
22,000	835	320	1,155	637.25	320	957.25	240	877.25
24,000	955	440	1,395	737.27	440	1,177.25	320	1,057.25
26,000	1,075	580	1,655	837.25	580	1,417.25	400	1,237.25
28,000	1,195	740	1,935	937.25	720	1,657.25	500	1,437.25
30,000	1,315	920	2,235	1,037.25	880	1,917.25	600	1,637.25
32,000	1,435	1,120	2,555	1,137.25	1,040	2,177.25	720	1,857.25
36,000	1,675	1,540	3,215	1,337.25	1,400	2,737.25	980	2,317.25
40,000	1,915	2,040	3,955	1,537.25	1,800	3,337.25	1,280	2,817.25
45,000	2,215	2,730	4,945	1,787.25	2,360	4,147.25	1,710	3,497.25
50,000	2,515	3,540	6,055	2,037.25	2,980	5,017.25	2,200	4,237.25
55,000	2,815	4,470	7,285	2,287.25	3,660	5,947.25	2,760	5,047.25
60,000	3,115	5,450	8,565	2,537.25	4,400	6,937.25	3,380	5,917.25
65,000	3,415	6,570	9,985	2,787.25	5,210	7,997.25	4,060	6,847.25
70,000	3,715	7,780	11,495	3,037.25	6,060	9,097.25	4,800	7,837.25
75,000	4,015	9,090	13,105	3,287.25	6,960	10,247.25	5,600	8,827.25
80,000	4,315	10,480	14,795	3,537.25	7,860	11,397.25	6,450	9,987.25
90,000	4,915	13,540	18,455	4,037.25	9,760	13,797.25	8,250	12,287.25
100,000	5,515	17,020	22,535	4,537.25	11,660	16,197.25	10,150	14,687.25
150,000	8,515	30,520	39,035	7,037.25	21,660	28,697.25	20,150	27,187.25
200,000	11,515	54,020	65,535	9,537.25	31,660	41,197.25	30,150	39,637.25
300,000	17,515	92,020	109,535	14,537.25	51,660	66,197.25	50,150	64,687.25
500,000	29,515	170,020	199,535	24,537.25	91,660	116,197.25	90,150	114,687.25
1,000,000	59,515	370,020	429,535	49,537.25	191,660	241,197.25	190,150	239,687.25

Senate Finance Committee Takes Up Tax Revision Bill —Public Hearings to Begin April 9—Democratic Members of Committee Contend for \$300,000,000 Tax Cut—12% Corporation Tax Voted.

The Senate Finance Committee, following the tax cut recommendations submitted to it by Secretary Mellon on April 3, began work on the tax revision bill on April 4. The committee had withheld action on the bill as it passed the House Dec. 15 last (provisions of which were given in our issue of Dec. 17 page 3292) pending the results of the yield from the March 15 income tax returns. In his recommendations this week to the Committee, Secretary Mellon fixes the limit of the proposed tax cut as \$201,000,000, and indicates that flood control legislation would operate to lower the figure to \$181,000,000. Mr. Mellon's statement is given in full elsewhere in our issue to-day. Under the House bill the tax reduction would amount to \$289,765,000. With the solid support of the Republican majority on the Senate Committee, Chairman Smoot proposed on April 4 that Secretary Mellon's \$201,000,000 limitation be adhered to. No vote was taken, but Senator Smoot expects the figure to be approved. The Associated Press advices from Washington on that day stated:

By unanimous vote the Committee decided to report a tax reduction bill, quieting reports that the legislation might be sidetracked in view of the demands of the Treasury that the reduction voted by the House was too large.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the Committee, argued to-day for a cut of \$300,000,000 and urged that at least the House bill should be accepted.

Senator Barkley, Democrat, of Kentucky, asked the committee to cut the corporation tax from 13½% to 11%, and this was defeated, 11 to 9, on a strict party division, with the Republican majority opposing the motion. Senator Simmons then proposed the 11½% rate, which was approved by the House, but this lost by the same vote. The motion of Senator Edge, Republican, of New Jersey, for a 12% rate carried, 12 to 6.

While it had previously been indicated that with a view to expediting action on the bill, the Committee would hold no public hearings, it was decided on April 5, in response to the demands of the Democratic members of the Committee to begin hearings on the bill on Monday next, April 9. The Washington correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" in referring to the Committee's action on April 5 said:

Opposes Lengthy Hearings.

Senator Simmons stated to-day that he did not want lengthy hearings and he would insist upon a limitation being placed upon the number of persons who may speak for any one industry. The automobile people will probably be followed by representatives of the United States Chamber of Commerce, whose views Senator Simmons is desirous of obtaining. The persons interested in instalment selling, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Association of Real Estate Board of Trade, the American Institute of Public Accountants and a group of others are among those whom, it is said, want to be heard on specific provisions in the pending tax revision bill, and some of these have information that Senator Simmons desires to have presented.

Under Secretary Mills insisted that before a tax reduction greater than the \$200,000,000 proposed by Secretary Mellon is considered, the estimates of receipts prepared by the Treasury should be shown to be in error.

From the Washington dispatch April 5 to the "Times," we take the following:

In announcing the public sessions, Mr. Smoot said that any Committee member might present such witnesses as he desired.

"Of course, it will slow up the report on the bill very much," he added. He also intimated the possibility that the Committee might be un-

able to reduce corporation taxes even to the 12% figure tentatively agreed upon yesterday.

"I want to reduce corporation taxes just as much as possible," he said, "but if we adopt some of the amendments proposed, it will be impossible to put the rate down even to the 12% figure."

Total to Be Set Later.

No definite attempt to reach an agreement on total tax reduction would be made until some of the pending amendments had been disposed of, Mr. Smoot said. There would be a deficit if the bill went much beyond the Treasury figures, he added.

Democratic members of the committee reiterated to-day that they would drive for not less than a \$300,000,000 reduction. Privately, some of them doubted that this maximum would be reached, particularly as the Democrats do not expect support for tax reduction from the Progressive Republicans.

The insurgents demand application of any surplus to reduction of the public debt instead of taxation. They also oppose the reduction of the corporation tax.

The Finance Committee tentatively agreed to-day to incorporate into the tax bill a provision retaining the present features of the law relative to publicity of income tax returns, which are open only to Congressional committees.

Apartment Clause Erased.

The Committee also agreed to eliminate the provision in the House bill relating to returns on money spent for maintenance of co-operative apartments. The House had provided an exemption from the corporation tax of corporations owning or leasing apartments to operate on the co-operative plan.

The Committee approved a House section exempting from taxation, voluntary employees' beneficiary associations providing sick, accident and other benefits.

Other provisions were discussed without decision.

It was announced at the Treasury to-day that the old plan of settling tax disputes by arbitration would be resorted to when the question involved presented no new point of law. This was preferable to sending so many cases of the Board of Tax Appeals, now four years behind in its work, it was said.

The Committee yesterday (April 6) accepted a House provision to treat as income from sources within this country the income derived by a foreign Central Bank of issue from bankers' acceptances.

The Associated Press accounts from Washington yesterday also state:

Another House provision exempting from taxation the income received by teachers in Alaska and Hawaii also was approved. Decision on the proposals for revision of the sections relating to affiliated and consolidated returns was postponed.

John L. Darrouzet of Galveston, Texas, asked the committee to relieve the John Sealy Foundation from terms of the estate tax, which would exact about \$400,000 from this estate. He explained that the foundation was being used for a hospital.

Chairman Smoot expressed the view that perhaps a separate bill would be necessary to care for the situation.

Secretary Mellon Sails for Bermuda.

Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by his son Paul, and five of the latter's classmates at Yale, sailed on April 4 on the Furness-Bermuda liner Fort Victoria for his Easter vacation in Bermuda.

President Coolidge Signs Bill Extending Life of War Finance Corporation for Another Year.

It was announced on April 5 that President Coolidge had signed the bill extending for another year the life of the War Finance Corporation with a view to enabling it to complete the liquidation of its affairs. We indicated in our issue of Mar. 31 (page 1922) the bill passed the House on Mar. 29. The Senate passed the bill April 3.

Newton Bill to Permit Formation of Pools to Combat Foreign Rubber and Potash Monopolies Defeated in House.

The Newton bill to permit the formation of American buying pools to combat foreign governmental monopolies in rubber, potash and sisal was defeated in the House yesterday (April 6) by a vote of 181 to 120. United Press advices in the "Sun" state:

Rejection of the measure was interrupted in some quarters as a defeat for Secretary Hoover, who sponsored the movement resulting in the introduction of the bill. Representative Dickinson, Republican, of Iowa, leader of the House farm bloc and the Lowden champion in the House, swung many farm bloc members against the measures by a speech opposing it.

Death of Senator Willis, Republican Candidate for President in Opposition to Secretary Hoover.

Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio, who had sought the Republican Presidential nomination in opposition to Secretary of Commerce Hoover, died suddenly at Delaware, Ohio, on March 30. Senator Willis was about to make a campaign speech in support of his candidacy, before a gathering at Gray Chapel on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University, when he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Cyrus Locher of Cleveland, a Democrat, was named on April 5 by Gov. Donahey of Ohio to fill the Senatorial vacancy caused by the death of Senator Willis. Mr. Locher will pre-

sent himself in Washington April 16 to take the oath of United States Senator. He has been a member of Gov. Donahey's Cabinet more than five years and has been one of the Governor's closest political advisers.

Nomination of Seymour Lowman as Assistant Secretary of Treasury Confirmed by Senate.

The Senate on Feb. 27 approved the nomination of Seymour Lowman of Elmira, N. Y., as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of prohibition and customs. Mr. Lowman had been serving under a recess appointment, having succeeded Lincoln C. Andrews last summer. Mr. Lowman's nomination was submitted to the Senate on Dec. 9. Associated Press dispatches from Washington on Feb. 27 stated:

It was held up in the Finance Committee at the request of Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican leader, pending a conference in which Mr. Lowman denied reports that he was permitting breweries to operate illegally in his district in New York.

Later the nomination was held up again at the request of Senator Willis of Ohio. Objection finally was removed and the nomination was reported to the Senate in the regular course.

Nomination of W. R. Green as Judge of U. S. Court of Claims Confirmed by Senate.

On March 12 the U. S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Representative William R. Green of Iowa to be a Judge of the Court of Claims Judge of the United States. Representative Green was named to the post by President Coolidge on Feb. 20. Regarding the Senate confirmation Associated Press advices from Washington March 1 stated:

Favorable action was taken in the Senate after opposition had developed to Mr. Green's nomination, chiefly on the ground that he is past the retirement age for Federal judges. The point also was made that his son holds a \$10,000 a year position on the Board of Tax Appeals.

The nomination of the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee had been approved earlier in the day by the Judiciary Committee. His elevation to the bench means his retirement from the House, where he has served for many years as a member from the Ninth Iowa District.

Representative Hawley, Republican, of Oregon, is in line for the Chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over revenues and tariff legislation.

Representative Hawley Succeeds W. R. Green as Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee.

The House of Representatives on March 31 formally elected Representative Willis C. Hawley, Republican, of Oregon, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to succeed Representative William R. Green of Iowa, who resigned to accept a Federal judicial post.

Senate Passes Bill Regarding Registration of Lobbyists.

Without a record vote the Senate on March 2 passed the bill sponsored by Senator Caraway requiring the registration of lobbyists. Under the bill a lobbyist is defined as "one who shall engage, for pay, to attempt to influence legislation, or to prevent legislation by the national Congress." Persons engaged in lobbying would be compelled under the proposed legislation to register and file their expenses with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The "Times" in a Washington dispatch March 2 stated:

Lobbyists who fail to comply with the provisions of the bill could be sent to jail for one to twelve months, or fined \$100 to \$1,000, or receive both penalties at the discretion of the court. Falsification of information would make the offender guilty of perjury and subject to full penalty of the law.

To-day's action was a direct result of the recently renewed discussion of lobbies, particularly in connection with the "power trust." Senators and House members have repeatedly alleged that lobbyists are overrunning the Capitol, engaged in missions concerning everything from flood control to merchant marine and tax legislation.

The presence of some former members of the Senate and House on the floors when special legislation is pending has aroused comment and denunciation. Senator Walsh of Massachusetts joined with Senator Caraway in leading the movement for legislation.

"Lobbying as defined and understood in this act," the bill reads, "shall consist of any effort to influence the action of Congress upon any matter coming before it, whether it be by distribution of literature, appearing before committees of Congress or interviewing or seeking to interview individual members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate."

The measure, it is said, would compel representatives of the Anti-Saloon League, the numerous peace organizations, soldier associations, and all persons who are paid for interesting themselves in the affairs of Congress, to register.

Bill Providing for Reapportionment of House Members Approved by House Committee.

On March 2, by a vote of 10 to 8 the House Census Committee approved a bill to provide for reapportionment of the House membership upon its present size, 435 members,

on the basis of the 1930 census. With reference to the bill Associated Press advices from Washington March 2 stated:

The measure would provide that if the House failed to carry out reapportionment by March 1, 1931, that the Secretary of Commerce would be directed to certify to the clerk of the House the States that would gain members and the States that would lose members. The clerk then would be directed to inform the respective States. Pending the redistricting by the respective State Legislatures, all members in States losing representation would be elected at large and in States gaining membership the new members would be elected at large.

The committee in reporting the bill did not say which States would gain and lose under the proposed reapportionment plan. During hearings on the measure, however, various unofficial estimates were submitted. One estimate made by William M. Steuart, director of the Census Bureau, estimated the gain and loss as follows:

States gaining representation: California, 6; Connecticut, 1; Florida, 1; Michigan, 4; Montana, 1; New Jersey, 2; North Carolina, 1; Ohio, 3; Oklahoma, 1; Texas, 2; Washington, 1; Arizona, 1; total, 24.

States losing representation: Alabama, 1; Indiana, 2; Iowa, 2; Kansas, 1; Kentucky, 2; Louisiana, 1; Maine, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Mississippi, 2; Missouri, 4; Nebraska, 1; New York, 2; North Dakota, 1; Tennessee, 1; Vermont, 1; Virginia, 1; total, 24.

House Rejects Resolution Proposing Constitutional Amendment Changing Dates of Assembling of Congress and Beginning of Terms of President and Members of Congress—Intended to End "Lame Duck" Sessions.

A resolution through which it was proposed to end so-called "lame duck" sessions, failed of the necessary two-thirds vote on March 9, the House on that date rejecting it by a vote of 209 yeas to 157 nays. The resolution proposed to amend the Constitution of the United States fixing the commencement of the terms of the President and Vice-President and members of Congress, and the time of the assembling of Congress. Under the amendment the time of the inauguration of the President and Vice-President would have been changed from March to January and the date when Congress would convene would be January 4 of each year, its sessions continuing until adjournment was voted. The House had stricken out a provision that the short sessions should not extend beyond May 4. It was noted in the Washington dispatch March 9 to the "Times" that as a result the primary purpose of the reform was to induct new Congresses into office in the January following election, instead of waiting thirteen months to do it, as is the practice under existing law. The "Herald Tribune" in its reference to the action of the House said in part in its Washington dispatch March 9:

Until this year the bill has successfully been kept off the floor of the House, and it was generally understood that it reached the floor this session only because the leaders felt certain of enough votes to defeat it.

Leaders in Opposition.

Leading the attack on the measure in the House were Majority Leader Tilson, of Connecticut; Chairman Snell of the Rules Committee and Chairman Madden of the Appropriations Committee. Supporting the resolution were Minority Leader Garrett, of Tennessee, and Southern members on the Democratic side.

Much of the discussion centered around an amendment offered by Representative Jeffers, Democrat, of Alabama, which set the opening day of Congress as Jan. 4 and eliminated the adjournment date of May 4, as reported by the committee. This amendment was approved, 151 to 96. The measure also was amended to provide for possible contingencies affecting the Presidency, the following paragraph submitted by Representative Lee, Republican, of California, prevailing:

If the President-elect dies, then the Vice-President-elect shall become President. If a President is not elected before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, then the Vice-President-elect shall act as President until a President has qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case where no Vice-President-elect has qualified, declaring who shall then act as President or the manner in which a qualified person shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice-President has qualified.

The House also passed an amendment offered by Mr. Garrett providing that the proposed Constitutional amendment shall be ratified by three-fourths of the State Legislatures within seven years and specifying that only Legislatures, one House of which has been elected subsequent to the submission of the amendment, shall be qualified to ratify it.

Although Leaders Tilson and Garrett led the opposition and approval, respectively, of the measure, the House did not adhere to party lines. Representative White, of Kansas, Chairman of the Committee which framed the bill; Representative Gifford, of Massachusetts, and Representative Ramseyer, of Iowa, favored the passage of the resolution. On the Democratic side, St. George Tucker, of Virginia, a recognized constitutional lawyer and one of the veterans of the House, with his colleagues, Mr. Moore and Mr. Montague, of Virginia, and others, took issues with their leader.

The suggestion that the resolution be ratified by a constitutional convention was offered in an amendment by Representative Tucker, who declared that he spoke as a defender of "Lame Duck," having been one himself. Representative Hastings, Democrat, of Oklahoma, said this would be putting another hurdle in the way, having to go to the legislatures to get authorization for the conventions. The amendment, the first to be voted on, lost by a vote of 107 to 90. An amendment by Representative Chidblom, Republican, of Illinois, to strike out three paragraphs of the bill, leaving in only the sections which referred to the President and Vice-President, failed by a viva voce vote.

The Jeffers amendment to make the opening date January 4 and leave the closing date to each Congress carried by a vote of 151 to ninety-six, and the Garrett resolution to make the ratification within seven years also was approved.

On the final vote, 89 Republicans, 118 Democrats and two Farmer-Labor members voted to submit the bill to the legislatures for ratification. The negative votes included 102 Republicans and 55 Democrats. Representative Stalker, of New York and Representative Williams of Texas voted present, having had pairs with absent members.

A motion to increase the terms of office of members of the House from two to four years, offered during the debate on the Constitutional amendment on March 8, was defeated by a vote of 207 to 33.

Resignation of Edward P. Costigan from U. S. Tariff Commission—Criticizes Failure of President Coolidge to Act on Lowered Rates for Sugar, &c.—Statements of Commissioners.

Edward P. Costigan has resigned as a member of the Tariff Commission, his resignation, tendered to President Coolidge on March 13, having been accepted by the latter on March 14. In a letter to Senator Robinson of Arkansas, who two years ago headed a committee which investigated the Commission, Mr. Costigan—by the way the last of the original members appointed in 1917 by President Wilson—cited the reasons for his action, saying in part:

The Tariff Commission—of whose originally appointed members I am and have long been the only official survivor—was designed to be, and for the first five years of its existence was, a scientific, non-political, and impartial investigational agency of the Government.

The importance of a scientific Commission was given added signal emphasis by the new powers conferred in the flexible provisions of the Tariff Act of 1922. Under Section 315 of that act, the Commission is authorized to recommend for Presidential proclamation, as the facts warrant, decreases or increases, in existing tariff rates, to equalize, within defined limits, differences in costs of production and other competitive conditions here and abroad.

At the end of five years, and at the cost of approximately \$3,000,000, the Tariff Commission has made 32 reports to the President under the flexible tariff provisions. Those reports have grown out of investigations, not freely chosen by the Commission, but instead requested by the President or the Senate, or under a practice settled by President Harding, urged by private interests.

The reports have resulted in 23 Presidential proclamations, changing tariff rates. In five cases of little tariff importance—mill feed; bob-white quail; paintbrush handles; phenol, and cresylic acid—previous tariff rates have been reduced. In 18 cases, some of which related to articles of much tariff significance, the President has proclaimed substantial or maximum increases; and various other important cases are pending in which demands for maximum increases are being pressed by strongly entrenched industrial groups.

In two dubious instances—taximeters and "hit and miss" rag rugs—by resorting to American valuation, President Coolidge has increased the former tariff rates of \$3 plus 45% per meter, and 35%, respectively, on their foreign value, to rates, when the changes were made, approximating 100% or more, of such foreign value—such new rates being destined to go still higher when American selling prices advance.

Even more significant for the consuming public are some of the cases in which the President has declined to act on decisive evidence that the rates should be substantially lowered—sugar, linseed oil, and halibut—to which, if Chairman Marvin and two other members of the Commission have their way, will now be added the five-year-old investigation of logs of fir, spruce, cedar, and western hemlock.

The sugar report of 1924 recommended to the President considerably less than a 50% decrease in the sugar tariff. In amount, the reduction thus held warranted under the law was about half a cent per pound; namely, an effective tariff on sugar of 1.23 cents per pound instead of the present duty of 1.76 cents per pound. That reduction, if then made, would have saved tax-paying consumers of the United States some \$40,000,000 or more a year, while protecting the American sugar industry under the statutory rule endorsed by a Republican Congress and by President Harding.

The linseed oil report was sent to the President on March 3, 1925, more than three years ago. The result was a request from the President on February 6, 1926, for a fuller investigation. Yet the records in that investigation were so unescapable that even the usually immovable protectionist member of the Commission, in the only important instance in the Commission's experience, admitted the necessity under the law for a definite reduction in the duty.

In that case the prices paid flax growers in this country were fully protected in the Commission's recommendations through a proper allowance to crushers of linseed oil of full compensation for the tariff on flaxseed. In addition, the Commission's recommendations paved the way to properly lowered prices on paints, especially important to American farmers, by reducing the excessive subsidies then and continuously since enjoyed under the tariff by linseed oil crushers.

On March 4 1925 President Coolidge allowed Commissioner Lewis' temporary appointment to expire without reappointment or further notice. Thereafter, Commissioner Dennis, a protectionist Democrat, and long-time acquaintance and friend of the President, was named to succeed Commissioner Lewis. Some two months later, on May 17, President Coolidge appointed Commissioner Culbertson United States Minister to Rumania. Thus, two of the Commissioners who had scientifically discharged their duties in the sugar investigation were eliminated—Commissioner Culbertson, by promotion; Commissioner Lewis—a faithful and incorruptible official, who merited reappointment—by demotion.

On June 15, 1925, a little more than a month after Commissioner Culbertson's retirement, and after having held the Tariff Commission's sugar report for many months, President Coolidge announced his refusal to make any change in the tariff on sugar under the flexible provisions. Thus a major report of the Commission was ignored and a Commission investigation of the first order, which had engaged the services of an expert staff for nearly two years and cost the Government many thousands of dollars, was thrown overboard, following an unprecedented series of lobbying drives and political maneuvers, in some of which the White House actively shared.

Chairman Thomas O. Marvin of Massachusetts and Commissioners Sherman J. Lowell of New York and Edgar B. Brossard of Utah were also criticized by Mr. Costigan. Declaring they had been "reckless on occasions in their treatment of facts and the law," he said this group had steadily pressed for higher rates and against important reductions and that the "manipulation of the Tariff Commission since 1922 is but a part of the total picture of present-day Washington, an era which history may yet summarize as the age of Daugherty, Fall and Sinclair." The commission was charged with failure to meet its statutory obligations by reporting on the effect of the tariff on industries and labor. "An open-minded performance of this task by the Commission," Costigan wrote, "would have disclosed the use of various tariff fallacies to mislead farmers and industrial workers in the United States. If the commission had been properly constituted long before now it would have clearly pointed out the limited benefits derived by farmers from many agricultural tariff rates."

Messrs. Marvin and Brossard took occasion to reply to Mr. Costigan, their comments being indicated in the following from a Washington dispatch March 15 to the New York "Journal of Commerce."

Senator Robinson explained to-day that there was nothing that could be done with the letter, other than to file it with the material gathered during the probe. Its contents will be considered when the whole matter is presented to the Senate at some later date.

"We of the committee are trying to reach an agreement on a report on our investigation," said Senator Robinson, "but have not yet been able to do so. I am hopeful that we may reach a common ground before the end of the present session."

"Just what viewpoint will be taken by the committee I am not prepared to say. My own thought is that perhaps the flexible provisions of the Fordney-McCumber law should be repealed and a Congressional commission substituted for the existing executive commission."

Senator Robinson declined to anticipate what action might be taken by the committee upon a proposal such as this, but in view of the present hostile attitude in Congress to the present commission, it is almost safe to say that if such a recommendation ever reaches the floor of the Senate in a form upon which a vote might be taken short work will be done with the present Tariff Commission.

Joint Committee Suggested.

In the absence of authority vested in the President to raise or lower tariff rates based on investigations made by the Commission, the fact-finding duties of the latter body might be transferred to a joint committee of Congress composed as is the present Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. With a membership from both the Senate and House, this latter committee has a staff of trained men who investigate the various phases of taxation and report to it. In turn the findings of the joint committee reach the House and the Senate, where, if found desirable, they are incorporated, in legislative form, in the tax revision bills as they are drafted. It is contended in some circles here that this could be followed as a practice with respect to fact-finding in tariff matters.

Chairman Marvin declared that the Costigan charges are but a reiteration of what has been heard during the past few years and contain nothing new.

"For several years Mr. Costigan has pursued the course of a critic and dissenter," declared Marvin. "He has been alert, adroit and able in the presentation of his views, but has failed to appreciate the fact that those who could not follow him have been as conscientious in the performance of their work as he has been. He leaves the Commission with a characteristic broadside."

Commissioner Brossard characterized the Costigan statement as in the nature of a "swan song." "Having failed completely to sustain his charges before the special Senate committee, against President Coolidge, the tariff law and members of the Tariff Commission, and finding himself more or less isolated and the object of ridicule for having made in public misleading, unsupported and unsupportable charges, he probably found his position on the commission embarrassing and uncomfortable," declared Brossard.

"It has been unfortunate for the work of the Commission during the first five years that Mr. Costigan's well-known extreme and deliberate 'bias' and 'prejudice' led him to mistrust most, if not all, of his colleagues and to assign false motives for their actions. His tactics on the commission during the past few years have tended to obstruct the work of the commission."

"It is confidently expected that the work of the Commission may now be expedited and the Commission perform its functions under the law with greater promptness and precision."

Management of Wanamaker Stores in New York and Philadelphia Vested in Board of Trustees under Will of Rodman Wanamaker.

Complete control of the business founded by his father in Philadelphia and New York is vested in a board of seven trustees, all Philadelphians, under the will of Rodman Wanamaker, who died suddenly at his Ventor (Atlantic City) home on March 9. One of the trustees, William L. Nevin, Vice-President of the Wanamaker firm, is made the directing head of the Wanamaker business. In indicating the provisions of the will, the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 17 said in part:

With provisions for a sinking fund to clear the Wanamaker business of all encumbrances, Rodman Wanamaker, in his will, made public yesterday, converted the business founded by his father and carried on by himself into a great trust estate for the benefit of his family.

Although there is no official computation of the value of Mr. Wanamaker's wealth, it has been estimated at \$75,000,000.

\$2,000,000 for School.

Notable among several philanthropic bequests is the provision for eventual creation of an endowment of \$2,000,000 for establishment of "The John Wanamaker Free School for Artisans," which, in effect, carries out a plan of John Wanamaker, the testator's father, for a trade school for boys.

Subject to the requirement for the sinking fund, three children of Rodman Wanamaker are the principal beneficiaries of the trust to begin with. They are Captain John Wanamaker, Mrs. Gurnee Munn and Mrs. Ector O. Munn. Until the sinking fund is no longer necessary, they are to receive approximately \$100,000 a year each. Thereafter they are to share in the larger proportion of the profits from the Wanamaker business.

Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, Mr. Wanamaker's sister, is to receive approximately \$100,000 annually.

Five grandchildren and a nephew are to receive annuities of \$20,000 each. The grandchildren are Rodman Wanamaker Heeren, son of Mrs. Hector O. Munn; John Rodman Wanamaker and Fernanda Pauline Wanamaker, children of Captain John Wanamaker; Gurnee Munn, Jr., and Fernanda Munn, children of Mrs. Gurnee Munn. The nephew is Rodman Wanamaker, 2d, son of the late Thomas B. Wanamaker.

Upon the deaths of Rodman Wanamaker's children his grandchildren are also to share in the income set aside for their parents.

Twenty-one years after the death of the last surviving grandchild the great trust estate is to end with division, share and share alike, among all the heirs then living.

Board of Trustees.

In addition to Mr. Nevin, the trustees include William P. Gest, chairman of the board of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company; Levi L. Rue, chairman of the board of the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank; Maurice Bower Saul, lawyer; Owen J. Roberts, who is one of the Government counsel in the Teapot Dome oil prosecutions; J. Willison Smith, president of the Real Estate-Land Title and Trust Company, and Robert H. Montgomery, certified public accountant.

The will, with three codicils, was filed Thursday. The original will was executed October 6, 1923. The codicils are of December 1, 1925; August 5, 1927, and November 14, 1927. The whole document covers twenty-seven typewritten pages.

The first stipulation of the will directs the trustees of the estate to carry out an agreement between Mr. Wanamaker and his second wife for certain payments to her during her life. She was Miss Violet L. Cruger. She obtained a divorce in Paris November 5, 1923, and is now Mrs. Hope Brenkelton Viney. Her husband is an Englishman.

For the benefit of his children and their heirs a separate trust estate is to be created from the proceeds of Mr. Wanamaker's life insurance policies, said to amount to about \$6,000,000. Taxes and debts owed by Mr. Wanamaker are to be paid from this fund and thereafter the children are to share in the income.

This trust estate is to be managed by the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company until the youngest of Mr. Wanamaker's grandchildren becomes 21 years of age, and the principal is then to be distributed to the grandchildren.

The residuary estate also is made into a special trust fund, the income to be distributed to Mr. Wanamaker's sons and their children. Distribution is to be made on arrival of the youngest of Mr. Wanamaker's great-grandchildren at the age of 21 years. This trust also is to be managed by the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company.

The second codicil also provides that two of the three children may elect to purchase, under special arrangements, the two York road houses owned by Mr. Wanamaker, Lindenhurst and Millrose.

Lindenhurst, in the original will, was set aside for use as "The Mary B. Wanamaker Memorial Home for Convalescent Children," and provision was made in time for creation of an endowment of \$2,000,000 for it. The second codicil revoked all plans for the home.

The first codicil also revoked a provision of the original will for an endowment of \$1,000,000 for the North American Sanitarium for Crippled Children at Atlantic City.

Provision Bars Clergymen.

In the abandoned plan of a home for convalescent children, Mr. Wanamaker laid down a rule excluding clergymen almost identical with the provision in the will of Stephen Girard against admission of ministers to Girard College.

While this rule will never have any application, interest in it arises from the similarity between it and Girard's.

Mr. Wanamaker stipulated:

"That no minister, missionary, ecclesiastic or other character of individual, whether designated under this classification or not, but engaged in any kind of religious service, whether ordained or not ordained, of any sect whatever, shall ever hold or exercise any office or station in the corporation or conduct any service in said home, nor shall any such person be admitted for any purpose or as a visitor within the premises appropriated to the purpose of said home."

The restriction made by Girard was:

"I enjoin and require that no ecclesiastic, missionary or minister of any sect whatsoever shall hold or exercise any station or duty whatever in the said college; nor shall any such person ever be admitted for any purpose, or as a visitor, within the premises appropriated to the purpose of the said college."

With the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company as trustee in each case, funds of \$10,000 for St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church and \$20,000 for the Church of St. James the Less are set aside. Income of the first fund is to be used for maintenance, repair and embellishment of the Lady Chapel of St. Mark's Church, which was given by Mr. Wanamaker in memory of his first wife. That from the second fund is for the maintenance of the tower, bells, mausoleum and crypt in the Cemetery of St. James the Less, at Falls of Schuylkill, also a gift made by Mr. Wanamaker during his lifetime.

In the second codicil Mr. Wanamaker provided an annuity of \$25,000 for cancer research at Lankenau Hospital, and also \$15,000 for ten "Thomas B. Wanamaker Scholarships for Mercantile Business" each year if Princeton University establishes a permanent course in mercantile business instruction.

The fund for the proposed John Wanamaker Free School for Artisans cannot get under way until after the death of one or more of Mr. Wanamaker's children. Thereafter the share of income from the store trust of the deceased child is to be divided into two parts, one part being distributed to his children, the other accumulating until \$2,000,000 necessary for the school is obtained.

Change Not Made, Bequest Fell.

John Wanamaker, in his will, provided such a sum for the Williamson Trade School with the requirement that its name be changed to include that of Mr. Wanamaker with that of Mr. Williamson. Under the Williamson deed of trust such a change could not be made and the bequest fell.

In management of the business and the estate the Board of Trustees is repeatedly clothed by Rodman Wanamaker with sweeping authority. Annuities provided in the will for the children or grandchildren or other heirs, or shares of the profits, cannot be regarded as a charge against the Wanamaker business.

"I want my trustees," the will says, "to be absolutely free and clear from all harassment of all kinds, and this decision on my part shall be a complete and final answer to any demand which may be made upon them for the payment of money, at any time, whether made upon request or by attempted suit."

The sinking fund of the store trust is at present to be not less than 50% of the annual earnings of the business and "not more than two-thirds," although this latter limit is qualified.

The principal elements of the trust estate will be the Wanamaker store in this city, a corporation, in which Rodman Wanamaker owned virtually all of the stock. The Philadelphia corporation owns the controlling interest in John Wanamaker, New York, and through it controls the A. T. Stewart Realty Company. The sinking fund is to be applied to clear all of these firms from encumbrances, mortgages and debts.

The qualification of the sinking fund upper limit of two-thirds of the annual profits gives to the trustees authority to go beyond that limit if business conditions require it.

When the debts owed by the business are liquidated, the will provides that "the whole amount of dividends shall be annually enjoyed equally between my said children, provided the business in its then present or immediate future condition, in the sound judgment of my trustees, does not demand that part of the annual income shall be appropriated to the maintenance of the business and if said trustees should decide part of said annual income should be retained for the use of the business their authority shall be absolute."

The trustees are self-perpetuating. They have the right to associate Captain John Wanamaker, Mr. Wanamaker's son, as an eighth trustee or subsequently to remove him.

No trustee, in filling a vacancy, can be appointed who is "connected with or formerly associated with, directly or indirectly, any competitive business, whether located inside or outside of Philadelphia or New York City."

Serve Without Bond.

The trustees are not required to render accountings, even by beneficiaries of the estate, and they serve without bond for remuneration stipulated in a letter signed by Mr. Wanamaker on November 14 last year, at the time of making the third codicil. This letter is not made public. Heirs can obtain personal information at the will of the trustees, but not in any public manner, such as by suit.

By reference in the will and in several codicils, Mr. Wanamaker emphasized his desire that Mr. Nevin, long associated with himself and his father, should be the directing head of the Wanamaker business.

Thus, in designating him as the active trustee, he directs that "all detail questions of management shall be decided and settled" by him.

"I feel it necessary this course of action must be adopted," the will says, "because the work entailed in the business must be continuously under the constant direction and supervision of one controlling mind and its associates in the organization. Time cannot be lost in endeavoring to secure unanimity of action, where there is a board of seven, for the reason it is often impossible, on account of absence, inaccessibility or sickness of one member thereof, to secure joint action."

"There is no other reason in my mind for thus dividing the work, I being fully convinced the discharge of all duties connected with the business will be freely discussed should occasion require, in the judgment of such active trustee, with his co-trustees at all times, in order the judgment of the remaining trustees shall be available for the best interest of the business, but such joint judgment or action shall not be necessary in order to validate any decision or management on the part of such active trustee."

Suggestion But Not a Command.

Mr. Wanamaker expresses the wish and makes the suggestion that the management of John Wanamaker, New York, be continued after his decease, "by the executives who may then be in charge of their respective duties under me, for as long a period as said executives shall properly and satisfactorily discharge their respective duties for the best interest of the business of John Wanamaker, New York," but this is expressly not made a command upon the trustees, if they feel any such executives are not "continuing to be working for the best interests of John Wanamaker, New York, and the entire business."

Sale of the business or any part of it, as may seem proper to the trustees to take advantage of a worthwhile opportunity, is permitted by unanimous action of the trustees, supported by a majority of the heirs, but if the heirs should refuse, the trustees have the right to go to court and obtain an order for the sale.

This provision is obviously not a mandate for a sale to be made, but is explained by Mr. Wanamaker as covering any contingency that might arise.

The text of the more important provisions of the will follows. Mentioning only the three originally named trustees, the functions of the board, now to be composed of seven men, are described in the original will:

"Third. I own all the shares of the capital stock of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia. I order and direct they shall be held in trust by the three following individuals: William L. Nevin, Levi L. Rue and William P. Gest, their successors, as hereinafter provided for the following uses and purposes, to wit:

"To receive all dividends, income or money derived therefrom, as same shall be declared and made payable by the Corporation of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, it being my wish, and direction, a sinking fund shall be created into which there shall be annually paid, from the net profits of John Wanamaker Philadelphia (which shall also be the net annual profits of John Wanamaker New York, as the corporation of John Wanamaker Philadelphia controls the capital stock of John Wanamaker New York), an amount equal to not less than fifty (50) per cent. of the annual profits, to be used in payment, and liquidation, on account of any indebtedness due by the above corporations (or which may be due by the A. T. Stewart Realty Company, it, likewise, having its capital stock controlled by the Corporation of John Wanamaker New York, through the Corporation of John Wanamaker Philadelphia), and the difference between the amount of said net annual profits, and the amount paid into said sinking fund, shall then annually be divided equally between my

three children, Fernanda W. Heeren, John Wanamaker, Jr., Marie Louise Munn, during their life, for their sole and separate use, not to be anticipated, or assigned by them, in any manner whatever, nor subject to any attachment, alienation or sequestration for their debts, contracts or engagements.

Maintenance of Children.

"It is my wish my children shall be properly protected by receiving, annually, a sufficient sum for their proper maintenance, in keeping with the manner in which they have been previously reared, and, to accomplish this object, I order and direct there shall not be transferred annually to said Sinking Fund an amount in excess of two-thirds of the annual net profit. This question may be largely one for the discretion of the Board of Directors of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, and I do not intend they shall be restricted in the proper discharge of their duties in the event they find the requirements of the business, at any time, shall demand some other action on their part, but I desire to establish by this instrument, as nearly as possible, a reasonable, definite sum of money I desire shall be annually enjoyed by each of my children during their lifetime, said income only to be paid them as and when the same shall be declared by the Corporation of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, and paid into the hands of my said trustees, their survivor."

"Ninth. The trustees, or their survivors, holding the capital stock of the Wanamaker stores shall have the right to hypothecate all or any part of the capital stock at any time to secure financial funds to operate the business, and shall have unrestricted authority to use the capital stock in any manner they decide is necessary for the best interests of the business."

"Seventeenth. The trustees, their successors, of the capital stock of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, to have the right to vote the stock for directors, officers and other employees of the corporation, as well as the directors, officers and other employees of the allied corporations, John Wanamaker, New York, and A. T. Stewart Realty Company, the managing trustee, heretofore specified his successor, to be elected to the presidency of the board of each corporation during each year, during the discharge of his duties, in order there may be no conflict in authority between any officer of the corporation and the active trustee, and that there may thus be continuity of the business, its successful promotion and management. From the board of trustees I suggest, and if there is any conflict of decision or ratification of my request, I direct the managing trustee to have the right to designate the active trustee to follow him in the active management of the business. Naturally, this request is made because he would be the best qualified one to decide the individual fully competent to succeed to the position and able to discharge all its duties in a manner satisfactory to all interests concerned."

Rodman Wanamaker became head of the Wanamaker business in 1923, following the death of his father. Mr. Wanamaker's time was equally divided between his New York and Philadelphia stores, a portion of each week having been spent at both stores. In reviewing his activities the New York "Times" of March 10 said:

His chief interest outside of his business was the development of commercial aviation. He was convinced that the progress of aviation would be so swift that in a few years the American business man could leave New York on Friday, spend the week-end in London or Paris, and return to his desk on this side of the Atlantic in time for business on Monday.

He spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in financing experiments for the advancement of aviation. As President of the America Trans-Oceanic Company he spent nearly \$500,000 over a period of thirteen years in efforts to prove that trans-atlantic airplane flights were practical. He was the sponsor of the attempt to cross the Atlantic in the flying boat, America, built by Glenn Curtiss, which was abandoned because of the war. After Commander Byrd's successful flight to the North Pole, Mr. Wanamaker had a new America built and financed Byrd's successful flight across the ocean.

Mr. Wanamaker at one time planned an airplane delivery service for the Wanamaker stores to Winter residents of Palm Beach and Miami. He was chosen last year as Second Vice-President of the National Conference for Development of Commercial Aviation, and as Mayor Walker's representative on Secretary Hoover's committee to select a suitable site for a New York City airport.

Developed the Police Reserve.

Although he had never been active in politics before, Mr. Wanamaker accepted an appointment as a Special Deputy Police Commissioner without pay under former Mayor Hylan and former Police Commissioner Enright. He developed the Police Reserve out of the Home Defense League, which was founded in war time, and sponsored a police aviation squadron.

He became prominent in the public eye as Chairman of the Mayor's Committees to welcome home-coming troops and on reception to distinguished guests, which he held until two years ago. He welcomed to New York such personages as General Pershing, the Prince of Wales, the King of the Belgians and Marshal Foch. He was also chairman of the Mayor's committee to select a permanent war memorial. As his personal gift to the city he established the Eternal Light at Madison Square, an electric star on a tall staff, as a memorial to the city's war dead.

Mr. Wanamaker carried throughout his life the love of France he acquired in his early residence in Paris. He warmly supported the French cause in the war, and urged American business men to support France in her post-war financial troubles. During the war he turned over his Paris and Biarritz residences to the use of the French Government, provided for the use of the facilities of his Paris store for communications of members of the A. E. F. with their families. He contributed liberally to hospital and recreation facilities for wounded American soldiers and sailors in France.

His services to France, both in the war and afterward, in promoting better trade relations between France and the United States, were recognized by Legion of Honor awards. He was successively made Chevalier, Officer and Commander of the order. Mr. Wanamaker was also a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order of Great Britain, Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold II (Belgium), Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown (Italy), Officer of the Order of St. Sava (Serbia), and member of the Order of the Liberator, second class (Venezuela). At one time he was Consul General for Paraguay and Consul for Uruguay and the Dominican Republic at Philadelphia.

Published Four Newspapers.

Mr. Wanamaker formerly published four newspapers in Philadelphia. He sold The Philadelphia Press and The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph in 1920, and the Philadelphia North American two years ago. All three were

merged into the Philadelphia Public Ledger. At his death he still owned The Philadelphia Record.

The same paper in its account from March 16 of the provisions of the will said:

No mention is made in the will of The Philadelphia Record, the city's only Democratic newspaper, and there was some discussion here over the possibility of its being disposed of by the trustees. Although they made no comment on the will, declaring that it spoke for itself, it was learned from a reliable source that the trustees were disposed not to disturb the newspaper's present policy or management.

Rodman Wanamaker was 65 years old at the time of his death. He was born in Philadelphia Feb. 13, 1863.

W. H. Kniffen of New York State Bankers Association Compares Bread Line with Bank Line.

The misery of the New York unemployment bread line as resulting from wasted effort in some form was compared with the well-being of the depositors' bank line as resulting from the thrift which bankers are promoting more aggressively than ever before by William H. Kniffen, Chairman of the Committee on Education, New York State Bankers' Association, in an address in New York on March 22 before the luncheon of the Savings Banks conference at the Commodore Hotel under the auspices of the Savings Bank Division, American Bankers Association. Mr. Kniffen said:

"Money is a storehouse of value—a medium into which we may convert value and lay it away for future use. We can get the idea more by a simple illustration. A workman receiving ten dollars a day for eight hours work finds he can support himself and family on five dollars a day. Consequently, for four hours' work from eight until twelve he receives enough to satisfy his needs. Why does he work from one until five? For the reason that he wants to convert the last four hours into some form which he can use at some future time. The only immediate form possible is money. In other words, he translates four hours of human energy into five dollars which are representative of this stored up effort. What he does with his stored up energy is vital to him, to society, to business and to savings bankers.

"In every life two forces are striving for mastery—thrift and waste. What a man is depends largely upon which element gains the mastery. We have read much of late about unemployment and bread lines. Of all the sights of a great city this is the most pitiful—a long line of dirty, homeless, ill dressed, ill shod, unshaved, down-and-out men waiting in line for hours for the roll and coffee charity is to hand out. If you would see waste in its last estate, here it is. Go down the line and ask every mother's son: 'What brought you here?' If he is honest he will tell you waste—waste in some form. Some time, no doubt, he worked and his work gained him money, but his money gained him naught. Waste always ends, theoretically, if not actually, in the bread line of want.

"You gentlemen of the savings bank are more familiar with another line—the bank line, well dressed, well housed, well fed. It is the very antithesis of the bread line. The bank line is the result of thrift just as the bread line is the result of waste. The bank line is the most hopeful and the most satisfying thing of which I know in New York. The welfare of the individual depends upon the form his effort takes after he has translated it into money. If the results of his toil are transmuted into bank accounts and sound investments, peace and happiness are for him, but if he dissipates or wastes his translated effort—the bread line with all its tragedy for him.

"Prior to 1915 the savings banks did not aggressively seek new business as they are now doing. They did not advertise. They took what came to them without any definite attempt to attract deposits. They simply pointed the way to thrift without great effort to get their message over. They were silent exponents of a great idea.

"Then came the great awakening. From 1915 to 1920, the war period, workers were receiving wages unheard of before. Money and work were plentiful. The workman could not spend his earnings and he turned to the savings bank as a natural sequence. A great influx of savings and savers took place and a great awakening came to the banks. From 1920 to date the new era of savings banking has been a period of expansion. Marked changes in savings bank operation have taken place. You have liberalized the interest rules. We now have banks paying interest from the day of deposit. We used to think interest from the first of each month compounded semi-annually was liberal. What shall be said, then, of present day methods? We have in many instances increased the interest return so that 4½% compounded quarterly is not uncommon.

"Branch savings banking, especially in New York, is now coming to the fore. The banks are going to the people rather than asking the people to come to the banks. Savings banks are now advertising liberally, educationally and effectively. Formerly they did neither. The personal service department has come into being, the most advanced step these banks have ever taken. Savings banks are more human, getting the point of contact and cultivating the personal element as never before.

"We have spent more than a century of inculcating thrift and industry among the masses. We have stressed two things: 'Save your money and put it in the savings bank.' The average man believes that the pathway of thrift leads to the bank. The multitudes have found the banks. How important is it that the form which their energy takes after they have turned it into a credit in the bank shall not be a disappointment. A great army has been taught to save through your banks. They must now be taught either to leave their stored energy in the banks or make its final investment only through the counsel of the bank. Here is where your personal service department functions best.

"From a survey of the banks asking their policy regarding investments for their clients the conclusion seems to be that inasmuch as some one is bound to advise the individual in the matter of investment it behooves the banker to do this for his people lest they fall into the hands of the unscrupulous salesman with the inevitable result. If we do not assume this burden, to whom shall we delegate the task? Who better than the savings bank man can do this disinterestedly or impartially?

"We have greatly emphasized the slogan 'Put your savings in a savings bank' and millions are doing it. We might now well stress the point that after putting their savings in the savings bank they should leave

them there. For those who will not we can do no less than hold out the offer of help in their financial adventures. The golden stream of deposits has been running our way for many years past. We must see to it that it does not flow out again into those channels which can only bring worry and disappointment."

Interstate Trust Company to Organize Securities Company.

Following a recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors of the Interstate Trust Company has approved the formation of a securities company which will be known as the Interstate Corporation. The new company's relations to the Bank are to be similar to those of the National City Company to the National City Bank, and the Chase Securities Corporation to the Chase National Bank. The plan provides for the issuance of 51,750 shares of stock in the new company on a share for share basis, at \$20 a share, to present stockholders of the Interstate Trust Company only. Each stockholder desiring to participate must signify his intention before April 20, to the Committee of Organization composed of George S. Silzer, Henry J. Davenport, William V. Griffin, Albert T. Johnston and Ralph Wolf. Governor Silzer, in commenting upon the proposed new company, said:

"The Interstate Trust Company has through its offices and branches, thousands of depositors who, to a large extent, are investors in securities, and through other banking connections in New York and other states, as well as private investors, has a large distribution for securities. This is what led the Interstate Trust Company to suggest organizing the Interstate Corporation. It is hoped and felt that this securities corporation will have the same fine progress that the Interstate Trust Company has made."

In order to insure identity of ownership of stock of Interstate Trust Company and of Interstate Corporation, all shares of Interstate Corporation will be deposited with Interstate Trust Company which will endorse upon the Trust Company stock certificates the number of Interstate Corporation shares owned. When sufficient assets have been received to warrant declaring the plan in effect, notice and directions will be mailed subscribers. No public offering of stock is contemplated as subscriptions are limited to stockholders of the Interstate Trust Company. Officers will be announced later. The Interstate Trust Company, the youngest in the Wall Street district, has shown marked progress since its organization by Governor Silzer on Oct. 14, 1926. During its seventeen months' existence its resources have increased until they now approximate \$50,000,000. On Jan. 22 of this year Hamilton National Bank was acquired and the bank now has eight banking offices including the main office at 59 Liberty Street.

Chelsea Exchange Bank Forms New Securities Corporation.

Edward S. Rothchild, President of the Chelsea Exchange Bank, announced April 2 that the institution's new securities affiliate, The Chelsea Exchange Corporation, has been granted a charter under the laws of Delaware. Stockholders of the bank will be given the right to subscribe to the Class A and Class B stock of the securities corporation on a share for share basis. No public offering is anticipated but shares not subscribed for by stockholders of the bank will be offered to employees. The authorized capital of Chelsea Exchange Corporation will consist of 100,000 shares Class A and 100,000 shares Class B stock, of which approximately 25,000 shares of each class will be outstanding immediately. The offering price is expected to be approximately \$12.50 per unit, consisting of one share of Class A and ¼ share of Class B stock. The balance of the Class B stock will be offered to employees. The Chelsea Exchange Corporation, Mr. Rothchild said, was organized primarily for the purpose of taking advantage of underwriting participations and investments which a bank is not permitted to make. Lewis H. Rothchild, Vice-President of Chelsea Exchange Bank, in charge of its Bond Department, will be President of the new securities company. The retail bond salesmen of the Bank will be transferred to the securities company. All of the funds subscribed under the plan will be applied to the capital and surplus of the new company, and inasmuch as there will be no organization expenses, the book value of the Class A stock will be in excess of the offering price. The new securities organization will function as do similar organizations affiliated with some of the country's largest banking institutions, entering into underwritings, heading and participating in offerings of new securities, and the sale of bonds to retail customers, particularly on the installment plan.

Charter Issued for Bankers' Securities Corporation of Philadelphia.

Charter for Bankers' Securities Corporation of Philadelphia was signed at Harrisburg by Governor Fisher April 3. This action enables formation of a new financial institution which is planned and expected to take important part in fiscal affairs. The Corporation will have authorized capital of \$20,000,000. Half of this will be issued forthwith in the form of \$8,500,000 of 6% cumulative participating preferred, and \$1,500,000 of common stock. Both classes of stock and all shares of each are to be subscribed at the same price, \$60 per share, par being \$50. Bankers Trust Company of Philadelphia by action of its board of directors on April 2 has subscribed for half of the common stock. It has also secured a call on \$5,575,000 of the preferred stock, so that it can offer its stockholders the right to subscribe share for share to \$3,075,000 of such stock, and to its depositors subscription privileges to \$2,500,000. An announcement regarding the proposed institution says:

Bankers Securities Corporation is organized to buy and hold, underwrite, acquire, sell and generally deal in corporate stocks, bonds, mortgages and mortgage bonds and securities, including those of banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions, and deal, finance, invest in or refinance, reorganize and rehabilitate enterprises whether for its own account or the account of others, and generally engage in business similar to that done by the securities companies closely allied to the larger banks and trust companies of New York, Chicago, and elsewhere.

The Corporation, through its officers and organization, will study out problems here and elsewhere of reorganization, refinancing, new incorporation of business projects, whether established or capable of being developed in constructive business way through combination consolidation or merger, with strong financial structure and backing.

The Board of Directors will include representatives of Bankers Trust Company of Philadelphia and of other large financial and business interests. Albert M. Greenfield will be Chairman of the Board and Samuel H. Barker, President of the Corporation.

Explaining the purposes of Bankers' Securities Corporation, which at the start will rank in capital with the larger securities companies of the country, Samuel H. Barker, who will be President, said:

"Bankers Securities Corporation has been created to do in and from Philadelphia what is being done with great effect and usefulness by similar organizations in chief cities of the United States.

"Until just now, with creation of the Philadelphia National Bank, this immense industrial, commercial and financial metropolis has not had a bank of size to place the city in financial rank and ability along side of Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and San Francisco, let alone New York or Chicago.

"Until now, with organization of Bankers Securities Corporation, an important field of constructive endeavor and service has been left unoccupied in Philadelphia. Securities corporations by bringing thousands of stockholders into business partnership gain position and ability far beyond individual attainment. Thus they have come to work in constructive and creative financing with that strength of collective power which large railroad and industrial corporations have in their special fields. Located and developed in other cities they have performed and are performing highly valuable and important functions, adding materially to sound progress of productive operations.

"Those who now launch Bankers Securities Corporation do so with conviction that a wide field of usefulness awaits it. Their vision of things to be accomplished is shared by large financial and business interests not only in Philadelphia but across the United States. Accordingly these interests join in the project as one for which there is real demand.

"With \$12,000,000 capital and surplus presently provided the Corporation is capitalized to command easily and safely above \$50,000,000 for its operations. It can double that amount by issue of the other \$10,000,000 of capital authorized under its charter.

"Bankers Securities Corporation will work in close association with Bankers Trust Company of Philadelphia, which now has above \$3,850,000 capital employed in its business, supplied by more than 1,000 stockholders, and nearly \$19,000,000 resources. It will not be an investment trust, or operate as such. It will engage in the kind of business which helps to finance and develop useful projects. Its course will be laid to be helpful and of active value in doing things of financial nature. Its operations and activities will by no means be confined to Philadelphia, but will extend as opportunity presents."

The following has been compiled to show the capitalization of the leading securities corporations in the United States:

CHASE SECURITIES CORP. (Chase National Bank, New York)	
Capital, \$10,000,000	
Surplus, 4,346,000	
NATIONAL CITY CO. (National City Bank, New York)	
Original Capital, \$25,000,000	New Capital, \$45,000,000
Original Surplus, 25,000,000	New Surplus, 50,000,000
FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION (First National Bank, Boston)	
Capital, \$1,000,000	
Surplus, 1,000,000	
FIRST NATIONAL SECURITIES (First National Bank, New York)	
Capital, \$10,000,000	
Surplus, 2,900,000	
GUARANTY CO. (Guaranty Trust Co., New York)	
Capital, \$5,000,000	

National Bank of Commerce in New York and Yonkers Trust Co. Become Trustees of New York Community Trust.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York has become a Trustee of the New York Community Trust by

concurrent action of the Trustees' Committee of the Trust and the Board of Directors of the Bank. Stevenson E. Ward will represent the National Bank of Commerce on the Trustees' Committee and C. Allison Scully will act as alternate. Alvin W. Krech is Chairman of the Committee. Thomas William has the Distribution Committee and V. Everett Macy the Westchester County Advisory Committee. On March 31 it was announced that the New York Community Trust had on March 30 extended its operations to Yonkers, the Yonkers Trust Company having qualified as the nineteenth financial institution to act as trustee for the Trust. John J. Walsh, President of the Company, was made a member of the Trustees' Committee of the Trust. Yonkers is the fourth city of Westchester County in which the Community Trust is locally represented. Banks which have previously qualified as Trustees of the Trust are located in White Plains, Larchmont and Mount Vernon. The nucleus of six Manhattan and Brooklyn banks and trust companies which were associated in the Community Trust when its offices were opened in 1923 has gradually been increased to fourteen.

In 1926 the Westchester Welfare Foundation was organized in connection with the Community Trust, and all the affiliated banks and trust companies act as trustees for both organizations.

Trustees of the Community Trust are responsible for the management of the principal of all funds of the Trust. Income from these funds is disbursed under the supervision of a central Distribution Committee named in part by the member banks and in part by the Senior Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and the Presidents of the Association of the Bar, the Academy of Medicine, the New York State Chamber of Commerce and the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. The discretionary authority of the Distribution Committee to amend the terms of moribund grants, protects Community Trust funds from obsolescence. An advisory committee is named in Westchester County by the Judge of the County Court, the Commissioner of Public Welfare, the Judge of the Children's Court, and the Chairman of the Westchester Council of Social Agencies.

Annual Dinner of Association of Stock Exchange Firms to be Held April 20.

Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, will be the principal speaker at the fifteenth annual dinner of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms which will be held at the Hotel Astor on April 20. Edward A. Pierce, of E. A. Pierce & Co., President of the association, will act as toastmaster, and other speakers will be announced later. Because of the record activity of the stock market and the unprecedented public participation in investing and trading, this year's dinner promises to be one of the most important ever held by the association. Advance reservations indicate wide interest in the affair, which it is expected, will be attended by over 1,000 persons.

Resolutions Adopted at Annual Convention of Association of Reserve City Bankers—Flood Control of Paramount Importance—New Officers of Association.

Wm. F. Augustine, Vice-president of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, was elected President of the Association of Reserve City Bankers at the conclusion of the annual convention of that organization held in New Orleans March 14th-16th. Lawrence W. Eley, Cashier of the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, was elected Vice-president. W. L. Lamb, Treasurer, Commerce Guardian Trust & Savings Bank of Toledo, R. R. Hunter, Vice-president, Equitable Trust Company of New York, C. A. Barr, Vice-president of the Continental National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago and V. J. Alexander, Vice-president of the American National Bank of Nashville, were elected Directors. Joseph J. Schroeder was re-appointed Secretary and Charles H. Ayers, Vice-president, Peoples Wayne County Bank, Detroit, was appointed Treasurer. More than fifty percent of the members were present at what is termed one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings in the history of the Association.

Among the resolutions adopted was one on flood control which declared:

(Second)—That there is uppermost in our minds as visitors the great problem that confronts our host—the bankers of New Orleans—that of Flood Control—of paramount importance to them, of course, but of real and direct importance to our country at large, and we heartily concur in

the opinion, which is gradually becoming general, that the problem is one to be solved by the country at large, for the responsibility is National.

The resolutions also recited in part:

(Third)—That our interest in the bankers' problem of "Exchange" was quickened by the illuminating paper read by W. B. Machado. Discussion following it indicates that this old question is one ever with us and one of such vital importance that it deserves and must receive the constant and continuing interest of our membership at large in its endeavor to standardize charges in such a way as to be practical and fair from the viewpoint of the public and banks:

(Fourth)—That we thank Mr. Dan V. Stephens for his excellent explanation of the "District Clearing House Examiner System" as adopted by the group of Counties in his home State. We accord him and his Associates the exalted position of pioneers and congratulate them on inaugurating a system which we hope in time will spread generally over the country and enable the banks themselves to increase the soundness of their institutions for the protection of the public at large and of their stockholders:

(Fifth)—That we thank Mr. W. Ward for his exhaustive and informative paper on "Warehouses—Commodity Depositories." The intricacies of our commercial life are ever increasing and the standardization of warehouse operations under Federal supervision will lead to this very useful commercial practice the stability which it deserves:

(Sixth)—That we thank Messrs. Graham, Sullivan and McGinty for their presentation of "Accounting Practices within Banks" and we commend to our membership a detailed study of these papers, under the belief that a standardization of bank accounting and an intelligent allocation of bank expenses will be for the general good of the profession:

(Seventh)—That we commend President Downing on the timely comments he makes relative to the greatly increasing financial activities of our country. We heartily concur in his warning against the renewed activities of those irresponsibles posing as investment experts; and his hope that the public at large will make an ever increasing use of their banker's advice in such matters and of the service so splendidly being performed by the Better Business Bureaus of our country: At the same time we bespeak from our membership their helpful constructive co-operation for firms of experience and reliability, which are offering the public their services in analyzing and advising upon investments.

(Eighth)—That we commend to the serious consideration of our membership the subjects that are now challenging their special attention, to wit:

- (a) The trend in interest on deposits.
- (b) Investments in ineligible paper.
- (c) Increased expenses and decreased profits.

The first resolution adopted expressed the thanks of the Association to the bankers of New Orleans for their hospitality. An item regarding the proposed convention appeared in our issue of March 16, page 1458.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &C.

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, that of Wm. F. Boland to Lawrence Swift, consideration \$355,000, and that of E. Rescoe Matthews to David F. Engle, consideration \$360,000.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Robert C. Winnill was reported sold to Edward J. Wade for another for \$29,000. Last preceding sale was for \$26,500.

The N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange membership of A. C. Israel was reported sold this week to W. R. Craig & Co. for \$17,250, an increase of \$250 over the last preceding sale.

A regular New York Produce Exchange membership was reported sold this week for \$13,500. The last preceding sale was for \$13,000.

The Rubber Exchange membership of Andre Pauloe of Paris was reported sold this week to Norrie Sellar, of E. S. Hutton & Co., for another for \$12,000, unchanged from last preceding sale.

Two Chicago Board of Trade memberships were reported sold this week for \$8,700 each, net to buyer. The last succeeding sale was for \$9,000.

McKinley Bissinger, general partner in the firm of Strassburger & Company, has been elected to membership in the San Francisco Curb Exchange, effective Tuesday, March 27, 1928. The price paid for the seat was \$20,000. This is a new high price for seats on the Curb Exchange. The last sale was \$18,000.

The New York Stock Exchange, as well as all the other commodity exchanges in this, and other cities throughout the country, were closed yesterday in observance of Good Friday. The Stock Exchange will also remain closed today (Saturday), the Board of Governors having voted on April 2 to close both days. With the exception of 1906 and 1907 the Exchange has observed Good Friday every year since 1900. Last year it opened on the Saturday following, and in fact it has closed on the two days on only one or two occasions. Good Friday is not a legal holiday in the State, and hence the banks were open as usual yesterday. Aside from the New York Produce Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade nearly all of the other exchanges in the country will suspend operations to-day. In the London

and Paris markets business over Good Friday and Easter is suspended from Thursday night until Tuesday morning.

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., has returned from his trip abroad; during his sojourn he conferred in London and Paris with foreign partners in the Morgan firm, and visited Rome and Egypt. From the "Times" of April 5 we take the following:

Mr. Lamont said that financial and economic conditions throughout Europe were steadily improving, and he mentioned particularly the progress made in France, England and Italy.

Mr. Lamont said that he had not transacted any business while away, his trip being solely for a rest. He declared that he had been out of touch with conditions here for so long that he could not comment on them at this time.

E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, returned from Europe on the steamer Mauretania, which arrived at New York yesterday (April 6). Mr. Simmons' trip had been a brief one; he left New York less than a month ago, having sailed March 10.

Speyer & Co. announce that, effective April 2, Ralph Wolf became a member of their firm. Mr. Wolf was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, about forty-seven years ago and during the past twenty-five years has been practicing law in this city. As a member of the firm of Hays, Hershfield & Wolf, he has acted as counsel for a number of corporations, among them being the Inter-State Trust Company and Bloomingdale Bros., in both of which companies he also is a director.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Chemical National Bank of New York on April 5, a resolution was unanimously passed recommending the calling of a special meeting of the shareholders to be held May 2 for the purpose of increasing the capital from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 and the formation of a securities corporation with a capital and surplus of \$4,000,000. Shareholders are to be given the right to subscribe for one new share at \$500 for each 5 shares now held—present market value of stock \$950 a share. The stock of the securities corporation is to be held by Trustees (appointed from among the Bank's directorate) for the proportionate benefit of all Bank shareholders. It is stated the regular dividend of 24% will be maintained after the capital increase. Simultaneously with the increase of the capital to \$6,000,000 the surplus, which at present is \$17,500,000, will be increased to \$19,000,000 by the transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Undivided Profit Account and when the capital change takes place the bank will have a capital and surplus of \$25,000,000. President Johnston stated that the growth and development of the bank fully justified the increase in the capital. He further stated that the formation of a securities corporation was in keeping with the present day trend in banking and finance and will be a valuable and profitable adjunct of the bank, enabling it to perform many functions which are not now possible under the national banking laws. The Chemical Bank was organized in 1824 and has for a century been an important factor in the nation's business life. It has been known for its conservatism; it was the first bank to open its doors on Broadway, and is said to be Broadway's oldest inhabitant. The Bank plans to move its main office to 165 Broadway about Sept. 1st.

At simultaneous meetings of the Boards of Directors of The Bank of America National Association, the Bowery and East River National Bank, and the Commercial Exchange National Bank held April 4, further details of the merger plans of the three institutions were approved. In general, the plan is as follows:

An assignable deposit receipt will be issued in exchange for the respective deposited bank stocks of the three banks. With this deposit receipt will be given warrants representing rights to subscribe to full shares of the new Bank of America National Association stock and an equal number of shares of the Bankameric Corporation stock, for a total of \$125.00, \$110.00 of which goes to the Bank and \$15.00 to the Bankameric Corporation. These warrants will be the same for each bank and will be assignable.

The new Bank of America National Association stock will be stamped to indicate a beneficial interest in the Bankameric Corporation, which will be the name of the new affiliated security company.

The capital of the new security company will be provided by payment of \$15.00 per share for each new share of Bank of America National Association received, whether in exchange for stocks of the three banks or on the rights to the stock at \$110.00 on the increased capitalization. For the total of one million shares in the new bank there will be a like number of shares in the Bankameric Corporation which at \$15.00 per share will provide a total working capital of \$15,000,000.

The ratios for exchanges of the stocks in the three banks are as announced a few days ago, namely, for each share of Bank of America National Association old stock, the holder will receive four shares of the new bank and for each share of Bowery and East River National Bank, the holder will receive 7.2 shares of the new Bank and for each

share of Commercial Exchange National Bank the holder will receive 4.8 shares of the Bank stock. On the new Bank stock thus received in exchange for the old stock of the three banks, holders will be entitled to rights for .6 of their holdings at \$112. per share, plus \$15. per share for the Securities Company.

At present there are 65,000 shares of The Bank of America stock outstanding which when exchanged for the new Bank stock on a one for four basis, will amount to 260,000 shares of the new Bank par \$25. Boverly and East River National Bank has a total of 40,000 shares which when exchanged, will be equivalent to 288,000 of the new Bank. The Commercial Exchange National Bank has 15,000 shares and the equivalent in the new Bank is 72,000 shares. The total new Bank stock exchanged therefore is 620,000 shares. The capital will be increased by 380,000 shares, 372,000 of which represents stock to be sold to present stockholders at \$110 per share on a .6 of present holdings basis. The other 8,000 shares will be sold to employees of the new Bank on terms to be announced later.

San Francisco advices, published in the "Wall Street Journal" of April 3 stated:

Stockholders of the Bank of Italy and Bancitaly Corp. of record April 2 have been offered non-transferable rights to subscribe to new shares of Bank of America at \$225 a share in ratio of one share for each twenty-four shares held.

Bancitaly Corp. will finance purchases in whole or part on partial payment plan of \$15 initial payments and \$10 monthly thereafter. Subscriptions for fractions of shares will only be honored for stockholders owning 119 shares or less.

Subscription includes beneficial interest in the affiliated securities company of the Bank of America now being formed. Subscriptions are due on or before April 20.

An item regarding the merger plans appeared in our issue of March 31, page 1925.

George B. Everitt, President of Montgomery, Ward & Co., was elected a director of The Bank of America National Association at the regular meeting this week of Directors.

W. J. Lippincott was this week appointed an Assistant Vice-President of Bankers Trust Company of New York. Mr. Lippincott entered the employ of the company in September, 1924, and has been identified with its Bond Department since that time. For over two years he was in the main office, New York City, and since January, 1927, has been in the company's office in Paris.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York announces the appointment of Robert S. Hotz as its Chicago correspondent, with offices at 120 West Adams Street. Mr. Hotz was formerly associated with the Illinois Merchants Trust Company of Chicago as Assistant Vice-President.

The Guaranty Company of New York announces the appointment of R. G. Rouse as Assistant Manager of the Buying Department. W. C. Hoagland, formerly with the Company's Boston Office, has been named Manager of the Municipal Buying Department at the Main Office.

The Anglo-South American Trust Company, 49 Broadway, New York agent of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., with head offices in London, has been advised that R. J. Hose, for 32 years active in the management of the bank, has retired as Managing Director but retains his post as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The new Managing Director is William E. Wells, who has been in the bank's service for 28 years and who has been General Manager in London since 1919. Previously Mr. Wells was stationed for twenty years in Chile, where he achieved a reputation as one of the foremost authorities on nitrates. The Anglo-South American Bank has 56 branches in Central and South America.

Members of Blake Brothers & Company, investment bankers of New York and Boston, on April 2 observed the seventieth anniversary of the firm which was founded on April 1, 1858, in Boston, by George Baty Blake, John R. Blake and Gamaliel Bradford. An agency was established the same year in New York and in 1859, with the admission of Standton Blake, it became a branch house. The firm obtained membership in the New York Stock Exchange on March 30, 1876, which it still holds. A wire between the two offices was leased on Feb. 1, 1888, believed, from available records of the Bell System, to be the oldest private telegraph connection in use in business today. J. A. Lowell Blake, senior partner of the firm, is a grandson of George B. Blake, one of the founders, the other members being Howland S. Davis, George B. Harris, Louis Bacon, Laur-

ence P. Dodge, Wm. Shippen Davis, Ezra W. Johnson, Edward S. Blagdon and Howland Davis, special.

The Murray Hill Trust Company of New York announces the appointment, as Assistant Secretary, of Martin D. Ryan, formerly Assistant Cashier of the Harriman National Bank.

The Empire Trust Company of New York, whose resources now total nearly \$100,000,000, announces the opening April 2 of its new Fifth Avenue office at 47th Street and Fifth Avenue. The main banking floor of Empire Trust Company, 50 feet wide by 70 feet long, occupies three floors in height. In order to meet the Trust Company's request that all columns be eliminated from the floor, the builders had to go to unusual lengths. They solved the problem by placing huge steel girders across the floor above and these girders carry practically the entire weight of the building, which towers some fifteen floors above. The new Empire Trust Company office occupies four floors and large basement space. It comprises modern safe deposit department, ladies department, main bank room and all features of a model banking edifice.

The Interstate Trust Company has leased additional space at 65 Liberty Street, adjoining the main banking quarters, for its foreign department, which is in charge of E. Milton Berry, Vice-President.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Huguenot Trust Company of New Rochelle, N. Y., the following were elected officers for this year: Raymond J. Walters, President; Everett A. Culp, Vice-President and Secretary; George E. Galgano, Vice-President; Arland W. Babbitt, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; Howard D. Kelly, Assistant Secretary; I. A. Overberger, Assistant Treasurer, and Elsie K. Zimmerman, Manager, Ladies' Department.

At the organization meeting of the Washington Irvington Trust Company of Tarrytown, N. Y., held on March 19, Henry K. Browning, President of Browning, King & Co., of New York, was elected Chairman of the Board and Frank R. Pierson and Dr. Joseph E. Hughes were elected President and Vice-President, respectively. The institution will have a capital and surplus of \$250,000; it will begin business about Aug. 1. President Pierson is President of the Tarrytown Board of Education, owner of the F. R. Pierson Company, horticulturists; director of the Westchester Title and Trust Company, President of the Westchester Ferry Corporation, President of the New York Cut Flower Company and a director in other concerns. Dr. Hughes is a practicing dental surgeon, President of the Manor Garage, Inc., and a director in the Thomas M. Hughes Construction Company and the Post Road Transportation Company. Edward P. Hanyen, the secretary of the trust company, is Treasurer and Manager of the Hudson River Yards, Inc., Dinkel & Jewell Co. and Treasurer of the Tarrytown Hygenia Ice Company. The following are the directors of the trust company:

Alfred McEwen, president of the Ox Fibre Brush Company and trustee of the Dry Docks Savings Institute of New York.

Adam Luke, vice-president of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company and director of American Exchange Savings Bank.

James N. Carter, of Scarborough, of Carter Company of the New York Stock Exchange, director of the New York Air Brake Company and of the First National Bank of Ossining.

Edward Rawls, vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce in New York.

Charles D. Millard, chairman of the Westchester County Board of Supervisors, director of the Tarrytown National Bank and Trust Company, president of the Westchester County Bar Association, treasurer of the Westchester Ferry Corporation, counsel of the Tarrytown and North Tarrytown Building and Loan Association, Village of Tarrytown and Westchester County Savings Bank, director of the Fidelity, head of the law firm of Millard and FitzGerald, director of the Westchester L. A. W. Corporation.

Michael J. Lynch, trustee of the Westchester County Savings Bank and building contractor.

Harry Levitan, of firm of Louis Levitan, clothing.

William R. Roane, physician, Irvington.

Chester A. Cawood, of Cawood Motors and Elklom Chevrolet Company, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Robert Goldblatt, president Tarrytown Music Hall, Inc.

Louis Rosenstein, of Martling Avenue, spice importer, New York.

Harold B. Scott, of Irvington, general manager of Denver Chemical Company, and director Syracuse Chemical Company.

Robert E. Binger, leather goods manufacturer.

William F. Polk, President of the National City Bank of Troy, N. Y., and one of the prominent citizens of that place, died on March 29. Although Mr. Polk, who was 72 years of age, had not been in good health for some time his death was not expected. The deceased banker was born in Ger-

many and came to this country with his parents at an early age. After receiving his early education in the schools of Watervliet, N. Y., Mr. Polk at the age of thirteen began his banking career as a messenger in the Central National Bank of Troy and through strict attention to business was promoted successively to bookkeeper, discount clerk, receiving teller, and paying teller. In 1905, upon the consolidation of the Central National Bank with the National City Bank, Mr. Polk was made paying teller of the enlarged institution. Three years later (1908) he was elected Cashier and subsequently was made a member of the board of directors. Mr. Polk continued to hold the Cashiership until August 1925, when upon the death of the late William Vail he was elected to the Presidency of the institution, the position he held at his death.

H. L. Frisbie, Cashier of the Uncas National Bank of Norwich, Conn., died suddenly on March 28. Mr. Frisbie, who was 44 years of age, had been in poor health for some time.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Worcester County National Bank, Worcester, Mass. will be held to-day (Mar. 31) to act on a plan of recapitalization as recommended by the bank's directors. The plan calls for a reduction of the par value of the bank's stock from \$100 a share to \$50, and the issuance of 3,750 shares of new stock of the par value of \$50 a share at the price of \$175 a share to stockholders of record Mar. 7, in the proportion of one share of new stock for each five shares held. Following approval of this recommendation, the directors plan to declare a 33 1-3% dividend on April 2. Under the plan proposed the institution's capital will be \$1,500,000 and its surplus \$1,500,000. It is contemplated that dividends of \$7.50 a share will be paid annually on the new stock, or 15% a year, against 10% now paid. At present the institution's stock is quoted at \$220 @ \$224 a share, giving the "rights" a current market value of about \$7.50 each.

The Bankers Security Trust Company, Bridgeport, Conn., announces the election of the following directors: Frederick C. Burroughs, President, National Tradesmen's Bank & Trust Co., New Haven, and Phillip J. Stueck, President, City Savings Bank, Middletown.

Negotiations are under way whereby the Mercer Trust Company and the Colonial Trust Company, both of Trenton, N. J., will be merged into the Trenton Trust Company also of Trenton. The Trenton Trust Company has a capital of \$750,000, the Mercer \$300,000 and the Colonial \$100,000. The combined institutions will have a capital and surplus of \$4,000,000. The merger is not expected to become effective until two or three months hence.

Stockholders of the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank of Philadelphia and of the Franklin Fourth Street National Bank of that city at special meeting on Tuesday of this week, April 3, unanimously approved the proposed consolidation of the institutions under the title of the Philadelphia National Bank, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of April 4. The merger will become effective after the close of business April 7. Approximately 80% of the stock of the respective banks was voted at the meetings. The new organization will have a combined capital and surplus of \$50,000,000 and aggregate resources, it is understood, of \$384,772,944. Deposits of the two banks, as of Feb. 28, the "Ledger" stated, amounted to \$290,590,540. Stockholders of the banks involved will receive one share of stock in the new institution for each share which they held prior to the consolidation. A special dividend of \$15 a share will be paid to stockholders of the Franklin Fourth Street National Bank to compensate them for the higher book value of their holdings, as compared with the stock of the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank. Officers of the consolidated bank will be Levi L. Rue, Chairman of the Board of Directors; E. F. Shanbacher, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Joseph Wayne, Jr., President; Charles P. Blinn, Jr., Howard W. Lewis, William S. Maddox, Horace Fortescue, Albert W. Pickford, Stephen E. Ruth, Charles M. Ashton and W. R. Humphreys, Vice-Presidents serving at the office at 421 Chestnut Street; Evan Randolph, Walter K. Hardt, J. A. Harris, Jr., J. William Hardt, Norman T. Hayes, Francis J. Rue and R. J. Clark, Vice-Presidents serving at the office at 1416 Chestnut Street; Stephen E. Ruth, Vice-President in charge of the foreign department; O. Howard

Wolfe, Cashier, and David W. Stewart, Frank P. Stephens, David J. Myers, George H. Millett, James A. Duffy, Walter G. Patterson, Paul B. Detwiler, C. R. Horton, A. Mac-Nicholl, M. D. Reinhold, W. Norman Stokes, W. M. Gehman, Jr., E. M. Mann and E. E. Shields, Assistant Cashiers. Alfred Bauer and Reuben B. Hall will be Assistant Managers of the foreign department.

The proposed consolidation of these important banks was noted in our issue of March 3, page 1300.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Continental-Equitable Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia on March 28 the following were elected directors: Edward F. Beale, John J. Henderson, John R. Umsted, Ira Jewell Williams, and Watson K. Alcott.

The Baltimore "Sun" of Mar. 27 reported that plans were nearing completion for the organization of a new trust company in that city to be known as the United States Trust Co. of Maryland. It is proposed that the new bank start with a capital of \$1,000,000 and a paid in surplus of \$650,000. The organizers have already arranged, it is said, for an option to rent the main floor and basement of the new Court Square Building at the northeast corner of Calvert and Lexington Streets. The paper mentioned went on to say in part:

Approximately half the capital, it is understood, will be subscribed for in New York. Upon completion of organization details, it appears probable that William F. Kelly, of New York, a banker and attorney-at-law, will be chairman of the board, and that Robert S. Mooney will be President and active head of the new bank. Mr. Mooney was formerly Vice-President and one of the organizers of the Baltimore Commercial Bank.

Among those who are identified with the organization of the trust company and who probably will serve as directors are William F. Broening, Mayor of Baltimore; Isaac Lobe Straus, attorney; Arthur S. Dulany, President of the Fruit-Pudding Company; Llewellyn E. Jones, of L. E. Jones & Co., wire manufacturers; William A. Gillespie, certified public accountant, and Robert S. Mooney, all of Baltimore; Charles Jacobs, member of the firm of Jacobs Bros., piano manufacturers, and William F. Kelly, both of New York.

Isaac Lobe Straus is the attorney handling the legal details connected with the organization. It is understood that application for a charter will be filed shortly, and that it is planned to open for business somewhere around July 1.

The new bank will engage in all branches of trust company business, according to plans now under consideration. Its activities eventually will include a bond department, a real estate department, the solicitation of deposits by mail and the establishment of a special department for taking care of small loans.

Frederick J. Woodworth, 58 years of age, Vice-President of The Union Trust Company of Cleveland, and a Cleveland banker since 1890, died suddenly from a heart attack on April 1 at his home in Cleveland Heights. Mr. Woodworth was born at New Haven (Huron County), Ohio, and in his teens became a clerk in the old Euclid Avenue National Bank of Cleveland. In 1895 he became identified with the Park National Bank which had just been organized by John Sherwin, now Chairman of the Board of The Union Trust Company. In 1920 he was a Vice-President of the First Trust & Savings Company and when that bank joined the combination that became The Union Trust Company, he went to the new financial institution as Vice-President in charge of their Banks and Bankers Department. In this capacity he became closely associated with bankers throughout the United States. Mr. Woodworth was actively interested in the Ohio Bankers Association, was a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association, and was the first Treasurer of the Reserve City Bankers. He attended the convention of the latter organization in New Orleans a few weeks ago.

According to the Indianapolis "News" of March 16, a further payment to depositors of the defunct J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis, which will bring the total to 50% of deposits, will be made possible by the sale of the J. F. Wild Bank Building and small lots of bonds which are expected to bring \$334,000. Judge Mahlon E. Bash, of the probate court, announced on that day (March 16). The first payment, amounting to 40%, was made about the first of the year. The second payment will be made after the middle of May and before the middle of June, it is expected. Because of the expense of mailing 16,000 to 18,000 checks, it is regarded as more economical to wait until larger payments are made, Judge Bash said. The J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank failed on July 30 1927, as noted in our issue of Aug. 6, page 739.

The Manufacturers National Bank, of Rockford Illinois, Rockford, Illinois, has changed its name to "The Manufacturers National Bank and Trust Company of Rockford,

Illinois" according to the weekly bulletin issued March 26, by the Comptroller of the Currency.

The Empire Trust & Savings Bank—a newly organized Chicago institution with capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$40,000—is to be formally opened to-day (April 7), according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of March 29. The new bank, which is located at 3256 Crawford Avenue, near Milwaukee Avenue, opened for business, it is understood, on April 3. A "children's day reception" will be held on April 14. The officers of the new institution are as follows: Ralph F. Kopperschmidt, President; F. P. Garbark, Vice-President; William H. Coy, Cashier, and Joseph F. Koskiewicz, Assistant Cashier.

Advices received from London this week report that Arthur Packard, Vice-President of the National Bank of the Republic, of Chicago, has arrived there and opened a European representation office at 8 King William Street, London, E.C. 4. Mr. Packard, who is in charge of the foreign division of the bank, was associated for many years with Barclays Bank, Ltd., one of the "Big Five" of Britain's banking institutions.

The personnel of the Milwaukee-Western State Bank of Chicago, a controlling interest in which, as noted in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 18, page 977, was purchased by John Bain and associates, is as follows: John Bain, Chairman of the Board and President; M. T. Baty, Phil J. Boller, O. W. Ford and Leo Michael, Vice-Presidents; Robert Bain, Cashier, and Stewart Van Bershot and Lester M. Thielen, Assistant Cashiers.

The Bank of West Line, Cass County, Mo., was reported closed by order of its directors on Mar. 19, following a meeting the previous day in Kansas City when a report was heard by L. J. Mulligan, the State Bank Examiner, according to a dispatch from Jefferson City on March 19 to the Kansas City "Star", which went on to say:

Mulligan reported the accounts of M. N. Stark, cashier of the bank, were short approximately \$35,000. Discrepancies in overdrafts will amount to about \$30,000, Mulligan said, and there are errors in individual deposits of the institution. Some of the bank's records were reported missing by the examiner.

Closing of the Citizens' State Bank of Sabetha, Kansas, on March 22, and the disappearance of its President, F. C. Woodbury, were reported in a dispatch from that place on March 24 to the Kansas City "Star." The dispatch stated: "While P. V. Miller, a State bank examiner, declares he has found no shortage in the bank, it is known he told directors in the bank they would have to find Woodbury and return him here or a warrant would be issued for him." The closed institution was capitalized at \$50,000.

As a result of the suicide of Frank Denman, President of the First National Bank of Osborne, Kan., early on the morning of March 24, the institution was closed and placed in the hands of the State Banking Department, according to a press dispatch from that place on March 24, appearing in the Kansas City "Star" of the same date. According to the bank's published statement on March 15, the dispatch said, the institution at that time had a capital of \$50,000; surplus fund of \$25,000 and deposits of \$290,698. Mr. Denman, had been connected with the bank for more than twenty years and its President for the last twelve or fifteen years. It appears from an announcement by L. K. Roberts, Chief National Bank Examiner for Kansas, also printed in the "Star" of March 24, that C. W. Lyon, a national bank examiner, and his assistant, J. W. Morrissey, went to the Osborne Bank late on March 23 to make an examination and "found apparent irregularities of between \$3,000 and \$10,000 which the President either was unable or unwilling to explain." The bank was opened at the regular time on the morning of March 24 after Mr. Denman's suicide, Mr. Roberts said, but "because of the unrest and the attitude of depositors and attempted withdrawals," the institution was closed at 10 a. m. Mr. Roberts was also reported as saying that the bank appeared in good condition, except for the small irregularities.

Advices from Texarkana, Texas, on March 26, to the Dallas "News," stated that the First National Bank of Ashdown, Ark., and the Bank of Ashdown, were consolidated on that day (March 26) under the title of the First National Bank. The capital of the enlarged bank is \$50,000,

with a surplus of \$10,000. The officers are as follows: Allen Winham, Chairman of the Board; C. E. May, President; N. C. McCray and H. G. Sanderson, Vice-Presidents; J. Miller Johnson, Jr., Cashier, and Jake B. Cobb, George B. Welch and Ruth F. Sanderson, Assistant Cashiers.

Garretson Dulin and Howard J. Schroder were recently elected directors of the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles, according to advices from that city on March 28, printed in the "Wall Street News" of the same date.

Directors of the American Trust Co. of San Francisco on March 29 voted to increase the bank's capital from \$11,000,000 (outstanding) to \$20,000,000 (authorized), according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of March 30. At present the institution has 440,000 shares of stock of a par value of \$25 a share outstanding and after the action is completed will have an authorized capital of 800,000 shares of \$25 par value. The directors, it was stated, have authorized the officials to sell 60,000 shares of new stock from time to time to the public at not less than \$130 a share. John S. Drum, President of the American Trust Co., it was stated, announced that the stockholders would in no way benefit through the issue by the offering of rights or other inducements and the increase, he asserted, was in furtherance of the policy of the board stated last January to issue new shares from time to time and the employing of the new capital to profitable advantage. Continuing the paper mentioned said:

While the announcement at first had the effect of sending the stock up to 142, Drumm issued a denial that the move was significant of any merger such as was rumored with the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles First National Bank.

"The increase has no other significance," Drum said, "and as stated in our letter to stockholders last January the company has no plans nor purposes, either developed or in contemplation, that affect in any way the value of the stock. The dividend policy of the board of directors this year, as announced in that letter, will be the same as in 1927; that is, the dividend is \$4 a year on American Company stock, payable quarterly, which is the same as \$16 on the old American Trust Company stock of \$100 par value."

Acquisition by the Security Bank & Trust Co. of San Francisco through its holding company, the French-American Corporation, of the South Coast Bank of Solana Beach, San Diego Co., Cal., on March 26 was announced by Leon Bocuqueras, President of the Security Bank & Trust Co., according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of March 27. The acquired bank has a combined capital and surplus of \$67,250 and total assets of \$300,000. E. E. Fletcher is President and Wall Godfrey, Cashier. The institution will continue as an independent bank, it was said. It was further stated that the purchase gives the Security system three banks in San Diego County and bring the 86th bank into the Security Bank & Trust Co. and its affiliated institutions.

The Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles came officially into existence at the close of business on Saturday, March 31, the consolidation of two Los Angeles banks that have been for many years under the same management and ownership, but operated as separate institutions. The Citizens National Bank is a national institution while the Citizens Trust and Savings Bank functioned as a State bank. An official statement with reference to the matter says:

Operating under the perpetual national charter and as a member of the Federal Reserve System the total resources of the consolidated bank will be approximately \$120,000,000. At the last call, on February 28, the two institutions showed combined assets of \$119,256,530, with deposits of \$101,828,532. The capital, surplus and undivided profits account will be nearly \$11,000,000. This places the bank well up in the list of large banks in the United States. It is the largest bank in Los Angeles whose offices are strictly confined to the industrial and city limits.

All offices of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank will be continued as branches of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank.

The following are the officers of the consolidated Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank: Chairman of the Board, M. J. Connell; President, J. Dabney Day; Chairman of the Executive Committee, George W. Walker; Vice-Presidents, John J. Burbaw, W. H. Comstock, R. D. Davis, J. E. Faucett, Frank E. Forker, Val J. Grund, H. D. Ivey, L. O. Ivey, C. Sumner James, Frank C. Mortimer, E. T. Pettigrew, C. A. Rude, J. M. Rugg, Dain Sturges, Halcott B. Thomas, and Kenneth B. Wilson; Cashier, F. R. Alvord; Assistant Vice-Presidents, Alex S. Cowic, B. F. Gonzales, F. D. LeBold, and H. C. Vogelsang; Assistant to the President, J. Bert Easley; Auditor, W. E. Pinney; with a corps of Assistant Cashiers and Assistant Trust Officers.

The Citizens National Company, dealers in high-grade government, municipal and corporation bonds, is under the same management as the bank and will continue as a separate corporation. They will be located in new offices on the third floor of the Citizens National Bank Building, the second floor being used for the trust department.

Head office will be located at Fifth and Spring Streets, where structural alterations costing \$200,000 are now in progress.

The Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank is the result of many years of growth in Los Angeles. Founded originally in 1890 at the corner of Third and Spring Streets as the Citizens Bank, under State charter, it was nationalized in 1901. From 1906-1915 the bank was located at the corner of Third and Main Streets in the building now occupied by the Cotton Exchange, and in 1915 the present Citizens National Bank building was erected.

The growth of the Citizens Banks has not been due to consolidations with or purchases of other banks, with one or two minor exceptions. One of these exceptions was that of the purchase in 1911 of the Broadway Bank and Trust Company, at 308 South Broadway and its reorganization as the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank.

This latter institution has made rapid progress, and now brings to the consolidated bank nearly one-half of its resources. Thirty banking offices are located throughout Los Angeles.

One of the strongest groups on the Pacific Coast is associated with this institution and its stock is not controlled by other banking groups. Its status is that of a strictly independent bank. J. Dabney Day, President of the bank, states:

"We believe the bank will be enabled to render better service to the public as a result of this consolidation. Capital and surplus will aggregate \$11,000,000. The bank will continue steadfast to maintain conservative and sound banking principles, and conduct every banking function in a spirit of sincere consideration for the needs of the customer and the stability of the institution."

The Marine Bancorporation of Seattle on Mar. 14 purchased control of the Grays Harbor National Bank of Aberdeen, Wash. and of its subsidiary, the First National Bank of Cosmopolis, Wash., according to an announcement by Andrew Price, President of the Marine Bancorporation, as reported in the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" of Mar. 15. According to reports from Aberdeen, it was said, the purchase involved about \$600,000. The acquired institutions make a total of six banks owned by the Marine Bancorporation, the other institutions being the Marine National, Marine Central and Marine State Banks, comprising the Marine group of banks in Seattle; and the Capitol National Bank of Olympia, Wash. These six banks as of Feb. 28, it was stated, had a combined capital of \$920,000; combined surplus and undivided profits of \$539,384, and combined deposits aggregating \$13,318,000. The Marine Bancorporation also acquired through purchase of the Grays Harbor National Bank the Aberdeen Securities Co. whose capital is \$25,000. The Seattle paper continuing said:

The Marine Bancorporation was incorporated in October, 1927, taking over the Marine bank group in Seattle. At that time there were 237 stockholders. By the end of 1927 about 2,000 persons had acquired shares in the Bancorporation. As of yesterday, the number exceeded 3,000, and the stock is in eager demand at around 43. It was 28 last October.

The capital of Marine Bancorporation is 500,000 shares of no-par stock, of which 45,000 shares were exchanged for the stocks of the three Marine banks and for the bond business of John E. Price and Company. It is understood the capital now outstanding is around 150,000 shares and that around \$4,000,000 has been subscribed for Marine Bancorporation shares since it was incorporated.

It was also reported unofficially that while the Grays Harbor National Bank stock was acquired on a cash basis, the vendors obtained rights to buy Marine Bancorporation stock at current prices, and that more than 90% indicated they would exercise their rights, the amount to be so purchased exceeding the amount paid for the Grays Harbor National Bank control.

Officers and directors of the Marine Bancorporation include: Andrew Price, president; John E. Price, chairman of the board; Bruce C. Shorts, vice-president; Ira W. Bedle, vice-president; Homer L. Boyd, vice-president and treasurer; C. E. McDowell, vice-president; Burle D. Bramhall, vice-president and secretary; R. H. Miller, C. W. Stimson, E. H. Hatch, Wylie Hemphill and Blake D. Mills, directors.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, on Mar. 17 celebrated the 50th anniversary of his entry into the bank's service. According to the Montreal "Gazette" of Mar. 17, Sir Frederick was presented by members of the board with a cup of solid gold, a replica of a chef d'oeuvre worked in 1723 by the famous London goldsmith, Paul Lamerie, and later in the day, on behalf of 2,300 members of the senior staff of the bank spread throughout its many branches, with a portrait of himself in oils painted by Alphonse Jongers and a beautifully illuminated address enclosed in a handsome silver casket. Sir Frederick, who was born at Moncton, N. B., entered the employ of the Bank of Montreal on Mar. 17, 1878. Twenty years later he was named Assistant Inspector attached to the head office, his functions requiring him to visit branches everywhere. So successful was his record that in 1903 he was named joint Manager of the bank's branch in Chicago. There he achieved so much that in 1906, when it became a question of appointing a head for the bank's office in London, Eng., Sir Frederick was chosen for the position. While in London, his work resulted in huge sums of British capital being invested in the Dominion. In 1913 he was knighted, and in the same year he was transferred to Montreal as General Manager, the position he now fills.

Announcement was made on March 16 of the election of Oscar Dufresne as a director of the Provincial Bank of Canada, Montreal, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Emilien Daoust, as reported in the Montreal "Gazette" of March 17. Mr. Dufresne is President of the Dufresne & Locke Co., shoe manufacturers; President of the Dufresne Construction Co.; director of Notre Dame Hospital, Algonquin Power Co., and the Slater Shoe Co.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Speculative activity in stocks has been on a more moderate scale the present week and on some days the sales have dropped considerably below the high average of the past three weeks. Radio Corporation and General Motors both dropped below the high peaks scored last week, though both gradually worked upward during the latter part of the week. Railroad shares have been unusually buoyant and numerous new high levels have been established, particularly by the more active dividend payers. Both copper stocks and independent motor issues have gradually worked upward. Another noteworthy feature of the week was the sensational rise in Wright Aeronautical, which surged upward by leaps and bounds to the highest peak in history. A significant feature of the week was the statement of brokers' loans for the month of March issued by the Stock Exchange after the close of business on Tuesday, showing an increase of no less than \$317,595,285.

The short trading period on Saturday was one of the most bewildering of all previous half-day sessions in the history of the New York Stock Market. Prices of many of the speculative favorites moved over a wide range, first flaring up and then dying down, the transactions of the day reaching 2,430,920 shares and marking the fourth Saturday on record in which sales have gone above the two-million mark. The ticker was 59 minutes behind at the close; the greatest previous delay had been 42½ minutes recorded on Jan. 3 1925, when the tickers were operating under the old system. For a brief period Radio Corporation was in strong demand, the opening sales being 20,000 shares at 194, followed by a second block of 7,200 at 194½. As the day advanced, realizing pressure increased and the stock broke to 186. Other early features included Union Carbon & Carbide, Allied Chemical, American International, Wright Aeronautical and Atlantic Refining all of which reached new peaks. Oil stocks were in strong demand, Sinclair, Marland and Richfield rising to their best for the year, though much of this gain was lost in the closing hour. Public utilities also were particularly active, Brooklyn Edison leading the upswing with a gain of 4½ points to a new top at 249½. General Motors, after an early advance, was battered down to 187 with a net loss of about 5 points. United States Steel common started briskly upward in the early trading, but yielded to pressure in the last hour and closed at 147¾.

Stock movements were highly irregular on Monday and alternate waves of buying and selling characterized the trading during the greater part of the session. Radio Corp. continued in the limelight as the spectacular feature and opened on a sale of 10,000 shares at 178—a week-end loss of 8 points. As the day advanced it turned upward, reached 196½ at its high for the day and closed at 187 with a net gain of one point. General Motors resisted pressure for a time, but slipped back in the final hour and ended the day with a loss of over 3 points. United States Steel common moved in about the same way and reached its final with a loss of 3¾ points. Public utilities ran into considerable profit-taking, Brooklyn Edison, Brooklyn Union Gas and Consolidated Gas selling off from 1 to 3 points. American Can, Allied Chemical & Dye and a number of the old line speculative leaders yielded from 1 to 3 points.

On Tuesday aeronautical stocks moved to the front, Wright Aeronautical making a sensational jump of 32 points into new high ground, followed by Curtiss with a gain of 18 points on the day. The announcement that Aetna had been placed on a regular \$10 dividend basis had a stimulating effect on the railroad stocks and sharp gains were recorded all along the line. This was especially true of such issues as New York Central, Ches. & Ohio and Balt. & Ohio, all of which surged upward 3 or more points. Copper stocks were active, particularly Greene-Cananea which advanced 4½ points to 129¾, Calumet & Arizona which gained 3½ points to 104¼ and Anaconda which closed at 64½ with a gain of 2½ points. In the motor group Packard recorded an advance of 4 points as it reached a new

top at 72½. Chrysler did equally well and closed at 69. New high records were also established by a long list of active speculative favorites, including such issues as Eastman-Kodak which raised its top over 10 points, International Paper and Electric Storage Battery. Houston Oil moved up to 165½, as compared with its previous close at 161¾. Railroad stocks were the center of speculative interest on Wednesday, New York Chic. & St. Louis reaching its highest since 1926 when it crossed 141. Pittsburgh & West Virginia also stood out conspicuously with its gain of 15 points to 150, making a total gain of more than 25 points in two days. Other strong stocks included New York Central, Reading, Balt. & Ohio and Texas Pacific. Wright Aeronautical raised its top an additional 9 points to 141 and Curtiss Aeronautical shot forward from 85 to 91. The automobile stocks continued to move forward under the leadership of Packard which advanced to 72 and established a new record for the \$10 par shares. Copper stocks continued to improve, especially Anaconda which moved close to 65, reaching its best since 1920. Montana Power reached the highest in its history above 169. Brooklyn Edison jumped nearly 10 points and both American Power and Light and Standard Gas & Electric were higher. Interborough Rapid Transit ran up to a new high at 43¾ and closed with a net gain of 5 points at 42½.

The stock market again surged upward on Thursday, General Motors leading the upward swing with an advance of 8 points to 194. Other motors followed along, with Chrysler, Nash and Studebaker registering substantial gains. Railroad shares under the guidance of New York Central moved briskly forward to higher levels, the strong stocks including among others such issues as Del., Lack. & West., Louis. & Nash. and Del. & Hud., the latter closing at 184 with a gain of 11 points on the day. Balt. & Ohio also moved forward 2 points to 119. Wabash reached the highest level in the history of the road when the stock touched 84. Local tractions were also close to the leaders, Hudson & Manhattan and Interborough standing out prominently in the trading and closing with substantial gains. Gillette Safety Razor was one of the outstanding

strong stocks and above 114 scored a new top for the year. Continental Can also reached a new top at 113. New tops were scored by such active issues as Cocoa Cola, Electric Auto-Lite, Cluett-Peabody and Johns-Manville. Another notable feature of the trading was the five-point advance in Richfield Oil. The stock markets here and elsewhere in the United States were closed on Friday in observance of Good Friday. The New York markets will not reopen until Monday, April 9.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended April 6	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	2,430,920	\$5,926,000	\$2,096,000	\$85,500
Monday	3,452,750	8,545,000	3,529,000	166,000
Tuesday	2,936,160	8,785,000	3,499,000	543,500
Wednesday	3,154,740	9,234,000	4,935,000	305,500
Thursday	3,757,690	8,766,000	4,150,000	136,500
Friday		HOLIDAY		
Total	15,732,260	\$41,256,000	\$18,209,000	\$1,237,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended April 6		Jan. 1 to April 6	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks—No. of shares.	15,732,260	12,400,083	192,147,674	142,186,233
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$1,237,000	\$5,386,000	\$50,356,250	\$91,611,700
State and foreign bonds	18,209,000	15,812,700	246,633,125	275,284,900
Railroad & misc. bonds	41,256,000	53,829,500	597,703,550	679,554,700
Total bonds	\$60,702,000	\$75,028,200	\$894,692,925	\$1,046,451,300

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended April 6 1928	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*31,304	\$20,700	a36,411	\$8,000	2,874	\$3,000
Monday	*41,332	61,000	a44,768	40,000	5,849	33,000
Tuesday	*44,021	128,700	a43,908	46,800	5,234	29,500
Wednesday	*41,032	27,000	a40,787	\$65,400	3,445	26,500
Thursday	*53,210	16,000	a60,345	32,200	4,564	67,000
Friday		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY
Total	210,899	\$253,400	226,219	\$192,400	21,966	\$159,000
Prev. week revised	202,889	\$200,850	200,718	\$160,600	19,557	\$183,600

a In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,800; Monday, 4,400; Tuesday, 3,900; Wednesday, 800; Thursday, 3,300.
* In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,293; Monday, 667; Tuesday, 928; Wednesday, 1,255; Thursday, 735.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings this week will show a very substantial 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, April 7), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 31.5% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$13,575,934,318, against \$10,325,108,197 for the same week in 1927. The improvement follows almost entirely from the expansion at this centre, where there is a gain for the five days of 54.8%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended April 7.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$7,904,000,000	\$5,107,254,268	+54.8
Chicago	692,660,720	541,820,358	+29.9
Philadelphia	561,000,000	450,000,000	+24.7
Boston	526,000,000	412,000,000	+27.7
Kansas City	109,611,822	113,024,220	-3.0
St. Louis	124,600,000	116,200,000	+7.2
San Francisco	121,248,000	145,835,000	+28.5
Los Angeles	172,836,000	213,989,000	-19.8
Pittsburgh	152,000,000	146,601,170	+3.7
Detroit	*165,000,000	122,876,537	+34.3
Cleveland	118,685,516	103,373,675	+14.8
Baltimore	*90,000,000	84,817,670	+6.1
New Orleans	52,808,962	59,800,545	-11.7
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$10,861,051,020	\$7,620,590,443	+42.5
Other cities, 5 days	1,118,894,245	1,041,842,695	+7.4
Total all cities, 5 days	\$11,979,945,265	\$8,662,433,138	+38.3
All cities, 1 day	1,595,989,053	1,662,675,059	-4.0
Total all cities for week	\$13,575,934,318	\$10,325,108,197	+31.5

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 Mar. 31. For that week there is an increase of 11.5%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$11,977,558,056, against \$10,743,324,913 in the same week of 1927. Outside

of this city the clearings show a decrease of 5.0%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 22.5%. 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 21.2% improvement, but the Boston Reserve District shows a loss of 9.5% and the Philadelphia Reserve District of 11.0%. The Cleveland Reserve District has suffered a trifling decrease, namely 0.7%, and the Richmond Reserve District a decrease of 9.1% while the Atlanta Reserve District enjoys a gain of 13.9% notwithstanding the loss at the Florida points, Miami showing a falling off of 37.9% and Jacksonville of 22.2%. In the Chicago Reserve District there is a gain of 2.1%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 16.4%, but the St. Louis Reserve District registers a decrease of 5.2%. The Kansas City Reserve District falls 8.6% behind the Dallas Reserve District 9.6% and the San Francisco Reserve District 3.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End. Mar. 31 1928.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston—12 cities	540,684,549	597,708,718	-9.5	619,592,427	526,044,875
2nd New York—11 "	7,977,020,591	6,581,119,417	+21.2	6,980,507,932	6,153,810,416
3rd Philadelphia—10 "	580,082,457	651,538,447	-11.0	565,258,861	639,219,313
4th Cleveland—8 "	387,048,601	389,789,033	-0.7	393,468,855	401,643,260
5th Richmond—6 "	168,511,468	205,649,503	-9.1	191,996,824	212,293,653
6th Atlanta—13 "	179,361,297	157,446,998	+13.9	237,630,859	219,386,891
7th Chicago—20 "	862,574,107	962,334,296	-11.0	948,669,590	992,569,355
8th St. Louis—8 "	202,399,711	213,371,473	-5.2	227,057,138	216,559,438
9th Minneapolis—7 "	118,255,983	101,605,197	+16.4	100,690,938	125,149,800
10th Kansas City—12 "	230,465,353	246,306,951	-6.6	226,470,503	248,851,372
11th Dallas—5 "	65,808,748	72,781,528	-9.6	67,014,083	69,375,863
12th San Fran.—17 "	645,365,191	563,673,292	+12.8	538,365,879	481,817,098
Total—129 cities	11,977,558,056	10,743,324,913	+11.5	11,096,923,939	10,289,721,235
Outside N. Y. City	4,079,202,281	4,293,586,681	-5.0	4,247,826,940	4,263,306,989
Canada—31 cities	391,313,254	314,813,114	+24.3	290,185,292	323,794,472

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of March. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of 13.4%, the 1928 aggregate of the clearings being \$55,493,274,305, and the 1927 aggregate \$48,940,295,438. The

present March total is not only the highest ever reached in any March but it also establishes a new high record for any month. The new high records, however, are due entirely to the expansion in the clearings at this city, as outside of New York City there is a decrease as compared with March 1927 of 0.9%, the bank exchanges at this centre showing a gain for the month of 23.4%. In the New York Federal Reserve District (including this city) there is 22.9% increase, and in the Boston Reserve District of 2.2%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve District there is a loss of 9.1%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a decrease of 2.9%, the Richmond Reserve District of 5.4%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 4.1%, the latter due partly to the falling off at the Florida points, Miami showing a loss of 46.0%, Tampa of 23.9%, and Jacksonville of 22.3%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 2.0%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 8.2%, but in the St. Louis Reserve District the clearings are 4.3% smaller. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals show a diminution of 7.9% and in the Dallas Reserve District of 8.8%, while on the other hand the San Francisco Reserve District enjoys a gain of 8.2%.

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES. Table with columns for City, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, and Jan. 1 to March 31. Lists cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Cleveland, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Detroit, Louisville, Omaha, Providence, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Buffalo, St. Paul, Denver, Indianapolis, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Hartford.

Table showing Federal Reserve Districts with columns for March 1928, March 1927, Inc. or Dec., March 1926, and March 1925. Lists districts like 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for Mar. and the three months of 1928 and 1927 are given below:

Table comparing transactions on the New York Stock Exchange for March 1928 and 1927. Columns include Description, Month of March (1928, 1927), and Three Months (1928, 1927). Categories include Stock, number of shares, Railroad and misc. bonds, State, foreign, &c. bonds, and U. S. Government bonds.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the three months back to 1925:

Table showing Federal Reserve Districts for the three months back to 1925. Columns include 1928, 1927, Inc. or Dec., 1926, and 1925. Lists districts like 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the three months of 1925 to 1928 is indicated in the following:

Table showing the volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the three months of 1925 to 1928. Columns include 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925. Rows include Month of January, February, March, and First quarter.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1928 and 1927:

Table showing clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1928 and 1927. Columns include Month, Clearings, Total All (1928, 1927, %), and Clearings Outside New York (1928, 1927, %). Lists months from Jan. to Mar. and first quarter.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for March and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending March 31 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR MARCH, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 31.

Large table showing clearings for March, since January 1, and for week ending March 31. Columns include Clearings at, Month of March (1928, 1927, Inc. or Dec.), Three Months (1928, 1927, Inc. or Dec.), and Week Ended March 31 (1928, 1927, Inc. or Dec., 1926, 1925). Lists cities like First Federal Reserve District (Me., Bangor, Portland, etc.), Second Federal Reserve District (N. Y., Albany, Binghamton, etc.), and others.

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Main table showing Clearings at— with columns for Month of March, Three Mon. h.s., and Week Ended March 31. Includes sub-sections for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR MARCH, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 29.

Table showing Canadian Clearings for March, since January 1, and for week ending March 29. Columns include Month of March, Five Months, and Week Ended March 29.

a) No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Mar. 28. d Week ended Mar. 29. e Week ended Mar. 30. * Estimated.

THE CURB MARKET.

There was a broad market in Curb securities this week and while the volume of business did not equal preceding weeks, still the total transactions were heavy. Realizing sales caused some irregularity but the undercurrent was strong. Conspicuous among industrials was Amer. Cyanamid, class B, which sold up from 38½ to 44½ and down finally to 42⅞. Columbia Graphophone advanced from 48 to 61⅞. Deere & Co. weakened from 303¼ to 296½, then ran up to 326, the close yesterday being at 320¼. Fajardo Sugar rose from 159 to 163½. Lehigh Valley R.R. Coal cdfs. were heavily traded in up from 27½ to 34½ and at 33½ finally. Mengel Co. moved up from 54½ to 75 and ends the week at 73½. Niles-Bement-Pond, com., gained almost 11 points to 44⅞ with the final transaction at 44⅞. Safeway Stores advanced from 463 to 490 and sold finally at 485. Public utilities, generally, were higher but changes were small. Oil stocks were higher. Vacuum Oil, after early loss from 144⅞ to 143¾, moved up to 149¼, the close yesterday being at 148½.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2130.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended April 6	STOCKS (No. Shares)			BONDS (Par Value)	
	Ind. & Misc.	Oil	Mining	Domestic	Foreign Govt.
Saturday	343,540	89,800	24,220	\$2,324,000	\$230,000
Monday	*428,365	122,790	73,250	3,150,000	345,000
Tuesday	*281,567	94,750	53,540	3,289,000	421,000
Wednesday	*301,780	72,200	69,730	2,845,000	763,000
Thursday	*466,240	108,760	82,180	3,795,000	606,000
Friday			HOLIDAY		
Total	1,821,492	488,300	302,920	\$15,403,000	\$2,365,000

* In addition rights were sold as follows: Monday, 52,800; Tuesday, 83,950; Wednesday, 40,900; Thursday, 101,000.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Mar. 21 1928:

GOLD

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £156,912,225 on the 14th inst. (as compared with £156,983,005 on the previous Wednesday), an increase of £3,005,910 since the 29th April 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed.

Only about £85,000 bar gold was available in the open market yesterday, and the usual weekly Trade and Indian demands necessitated the withdrawal of gold from the Bank as shown below.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	Mar. 15.	Mar. 16.	Mar. 17.	Mar. 19.	Mar. 20.	Mar. 21.
Received	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	£500,000	Nil
Withdrawn	£10,000	£514,000	Nil	Nil	£50,000	£48,000

The above figures show an efflux of £122,000 during the week under review. On the 16th inst. £500,000 sovereigns were set aside on account of South Africa, but this operation was neutralized by the release of a similar amount on the 20th inst. on the same account.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered in the week ended the 14th inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
Russia (U. S. S. R.)	£18,650	France	£5,999,960
British West Africa	21,478	Germany	33,330
British South Africa	15,050	Switzerland	37,500
Other countries	8,601	Egypt	25,070
		British India	42,889
		Other countries	10,819
	£63,779		£6,149,568

The "Times" correspondent at Johannesburg reported on the 16th inst. that negotiations were proceeding there for the transport of Rhodesian gold by air to the refinery at Germiston. An official of the Rhodesian Aviation Syndicate, Sir Alan Cobham, and Major Miller have taken part in the negotiations. The Transvaal Chamber of Mines will probably establish a permanent aerodrome near Germiston with an eye to the possibilities of transport of gold by air to Europe.

SILVER.

Relieved from pressure of sales on China account and assisted by a measure of support from the Indian Bazaars, the market has been steady during the week. The quotations on the 19th inst., 26½d. for cash and 26 5-16d. for two months' delivery, proved the highest. Since then they have sagged daily. At the higher rates America has been disposed to offer silver.

Last week 265 silver bars were shipped from Marseilles per the SS. "Naldera" for Bombay.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered in the week ended the 14th inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
U. S. A.	£21,000	British India	£64,250
Mexico	56,000	Other countries	17,302
Other countries	8,879		
	85,879		81,552

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Feb. 29.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 15.
Notes in circulation	18578	18540	18614
Silver coin and bullion in India	10636	10598	10572
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2976	2976	2976
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	3789	3789	3789
Securities (British Government)	377	377	377
Bills of exchange	800	800	900

The stock of silver in Shanghai on the 17th instant consisted of about 53,400,000 ounces in sycee, 83,800,000 dollars and 3,180 bars, as compared with about 53,300,000 ounces in sycee, 82,400,000 dollars and 2,600 bars on the 10th instant. Quotations during the week:

	—Bar Silver per oz. std.—	Bar Gold per oz. Fine.
	Cash.	Two Mos.
Mar. 15	26 5-16d.	26½d.
Mar. 16	26 7-16d.	26½d.
Mar. 17	26 7-16d.	26½d.
Mar. 19	26 7-16d.	26½d.
Mar. 20	26 7-16d.	26 5-16d.
Mar. 21	26 7-16d.	26½d.
Average	26.416d.	26 3-16d.
		26.229d.
		84s. 11½d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are the same as 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:

	Sat. Mar. 31.	Mon. April 2.	Tues. April 3.	Wed. April 4.	Thurs. April 5.	Fri. April 6.
Silver, per oz.	26½d.	25 6-16d.	26½d.	26 5-16d.	26½d.	
Gold, per fine oz	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	
Consols, 2½%	55½	55½	55½	55½	56½	
British, 5%	102½	102½	102½	102½	103	
British, 4½%	97½	97½	97½	97½	98	
French Rentes (in Paris) .fr.	69.00	68.75	68.25	67.65		
French War L'n (in Paris) .fr.	89.50	88.80	87.80	87.75		
The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:						
Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):						
Foreign	57½	57	57½	57½	57	

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Mar. 29—The First National Bank of Snyder, N. Y. Correspondent, William J. Daetsch, 616 Prudential Building, Buffalo, N. Y.	Capital, \$50,000
Mar. 29—The National City Bank of Scranton, Pa. Correspondent, E. Y. Harrison, 1203 Schlager St., Scranton, Pa.	200,000
Mar. 31—The Peoples National Bank of Cliffside Park, N. J. Correspondent, H. G. Peter, 602 Palisade Ave., Grantwood, N. J.	100,000

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Mar. 26—The Bank of America National Association, New York, N. Y. President, E. C. Delafield; Cashier, Charles E. Curtis. Conversion of The Bank of America, New York, N. Y., with seven branches located within the City of New York, N. Y.	\$6,500,000
Mar. 26—Commercial Exchange National Bank in New York, N. Y. President, Lionello Perera; Cashier, Guido Perera. Conversion of Commercial Exchange Bank of New York, N. Y., with one branch located within the City of New York, N. Y.	1,500,000
Mar. 31—The Mobile National Bank, Mobile, Ala. President, Wm. B. Taylor; Cashier, E. S. Wahl. Conversion of The State Savings Bank, Mobile, Ala.	200,000

CHANGES OF TITLES.

Mar. 26—The Morgan County National Bank of Albany, Ala., to "The Morgan County National Bank of Decatur," Alabama, to agree with change in name of place in which bank is located.
Mar. 29—The First National Bank of Northport, New York, to "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Northport."
Mar. 29—The First National Bank of Woodlawn, Pa., to "Aliquippa National Bank," Aliquippa, Pa., to agree with change in name of place in which bank is located.
Mar. 30—The First National Bank of Hudson, N. Y., to "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Hudson."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

Mar. 21—The Bronx National Bank of the City of New York, N. Y. Effective 3 p. m., Mar. 20 1928. Liquidating Committee, George W. Fennell, Albert J. Schwarzler and Alexander J. Shamburg, New York. To be succeeded by Bronx Borough Bank.	\$300,000
Mar. 22—First National Bank of Moultrie, Ga. Effective Mar. 1 1928. Liq. Agent, Moultrie National Bank, Moultrie, Ga. Absorbed by Moultrie National Bank, Moultrie, Ga. The First National Bank of Gibsland, La. Effective Mar. 3 1928. Liq. Committee, Edwin Winlock, E. W. Merritt, L. T. Baker, Gibsland, La. Absorbed by the First National Bank in Gibsland, La., No. 13169.	100,000
Mar. 23—First National Bank in Shelton, Neb. Effective Mar. 7 1928. Liquidating Agent, H. L. Sanderson, Hanson, Neb. Effective Mar. 20 1928. Liq. Agent, R. C. Mitchell, Paragould, Ark. Succeeded by The New First National Bank of Paragould, No. 13155.	50,000
Mar. 29—The First National Bank of Bangor, Maine. Effective Feb. 28 1928. Liquidating Committee: Charles H. Barlett, Frank P. Denaco and Charles D. Crosby, Bangor, Maine. Absorbed by Merrill Trust Co., Bangor, Maine.	\$400,000

CONSOLIDATION.

Mar. 31—The Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. and Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles, (No. 5927), and under the title "Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles," with capital stock of \$4,000,000. The consolidated bank has twenty-four branches all located within the limits of the State of California.	\$4,000,000 and 2,000,000
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BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Mar. 26—Commercial Exchange Nat'l Bank in New York, N. Y. Locations of Branches—Vicinity of 131-133 Union St., Borough of Brooklyn. Vicinity of 211 Fourth Ave., Borough of Brooklyn. Vicinity of 6325 14th Ave., Borough of Brooklyn. (All located in the City of New York).
Mar. 31—Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. Locations of Branches—Vicinity of 736 South Hill St. Vicinity of 3224 Glendale Boulevard. Vicinity of 6226 South Vermont Ave. Vicinity of 3704 West Third St. Vicinity of Pico and Swall Drive (8818 West Pico St.). Vicinity of Corner of Hauser and Wishire Boulevards. Vicinity of Corner of Westwood Blvd. and Kenrose Ave. (All located in the City of Los Angeles).

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing securities sold at auction in New York, including Hamlet Dexter M. & M., Federal Milk Products Co., Tonopah Exten. Mining Co., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold at auction in Boston, including First National Bank, National Shawmut Bank, Federal National Bank, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities sold at auction in Boston, including State Theatre Co., Eastern Util. Associates, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold at auction in Philadelphia, including Pilling & Madeley, Inc., Real Estate-Land Title & Tr. Co., etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing securities sold at auction in Buffalo, including Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., Night Hawk, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Large table of dividends with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded) and Public Utilities (Concluded).

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Concluded) and Miscellaneous.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, April 5, 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 2173, 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 APRIL 4 1928.

Table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business April 4 1928, including monthly data from Apr. 4 1928 to Apr. 6 1927, categorized into Resources and Liabilities.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 4 1928.

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities of each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business April 4 1928, listing banks such as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, April 5 1928.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2100.

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 April 6, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and Bank, Trust & Insurance Co. Stocks.

* No par value.

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 share prices.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c

Table showing maturities, interest rates, and bid/ask prices for U.S. Treasury certificates.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and share prices.

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.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' showing transactions for various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, and Treasury bonds.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 1st 4 1/8s, 102 1/2 to 102 1/2; 93rd 4 1/8s, 103 1/2 to 103 1/2; 54th 3rd 4 1/8s, 100 1/2 to 100 1/2.

Foreign Exchange.

Yesterday's (Thursday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.87 13-16 @ 4.87 31-32 for checks and 4.88 3/4 @ 4.88 11-32 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.87 9-16 @ 4.87 13-16, sixty days 4.83 3/4 @ 4.84 3-16, ninety days 4.82 1/2 @ 4.82 3/4, and documents for payment 4.83 3/4 @ 4.83 3/4. Cotton for payment 4.87 1/2, and grain for payment 4.87 1/2. Yesterday's (Thursday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.93 1/2 @ 3.93 3/4 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.25 @ 40.28 1/2 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 124.02 francs; week's range, 124.02 francs high and 124.02 francs low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling, Actual—Checks, Cables. High for the week 4.87 31-32, 4.88 11-32, 4.88 3/4. Low for the week 4.87 3/4, 4.88 1/2, 4.88 3/4. Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 3.93 3/4, 3.93 3/4. Low for the week 3.93 5-16, 3.93 3/4. Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 40.29, 40.31. Low for the week 40.23, 40.27. Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 23.92, 23.92 3/4. Low for the week 23.89, 23.91 3/4.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., investment bankers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce they have acquired the business formerly conducted in Chicago under the name of Robt. Stevenson & Co., Inc. In connection with the acquisition of the business, Mr. Stevenson, who has long been a prominent figure in the investment banking field in the Middle West, has been admitted to general partnership of Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. Under the new arrangement the business and offices of the Stevenson firm at 120 West Adams St., Chicago, have been transferred to Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., with Mr. Stevenson acting as resident partner. F. B. Keech & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 52 Broadway, New York, announce that Harry P. Sackett has retired as a general partner to become a special partner in the firm and that William T. Starr, member New York Stock Exchange; Harold C. Strotz and John J. Kearns have been admitted as general partners. Taylor, Bates & Co., 100 Broadway, New York, announce that on April 2 H. Thompson Bushnell, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, will be admitted to their firm as a general partner. Scholle Brothers, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 5 Nassau St., New York, are distributing a circular descriptive of Carreras, Ltd., comparing it with other British and American tobacco companies. Cooke & Co., investment bankers, 50 Broad St., New York, have changed their firm name to Cooke & Armstrong.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Mar. 31, Monday, April 2, Tuesday, April 3, Wednesday, April 4, Thursday, April 5, Friday, April 6), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Western Pacific new, Industrial & Miscellaneous, and various other stock categories.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding

Main table containing stock prices and exchange rates. Columns include dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), stock names, and prices per share. Sub-headers include 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-warrants.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Mar. 31 to Friday, April 6) and rows of stock prices. Includes a 'Friday, April 6' column for the current day's price.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927' (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscel., Electric Power, and others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-Dividend. * Ex-Rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows of stock prices per share.

Vertical text labels on the left side of the main table, including 'Sates for the Week', 'Stock', 'Exchange', 'Closed', 'Good', 'Friday', and 'Holiday'.

Main table of stock prices with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'. Includes various stock names and their prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

New York Stock Record-Continued-Page 7

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices-Per Share, Not Per Cent. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) and PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. It lists various stocks and their prices.

Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. * No par value.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended April 6, Interest Period, Price Friday, April 6, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Bangor & Aroostook, Battle Crk & Stur, Beech Creek, Canada Sou, Canadian Nat, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended April 6, Interest Period, Price Friday, April 6, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Clearfield & Mah, Cleve Clin Ch & St L, Cleve & Mahon, etc.

1 Due Feb. 2 Due May. 3 Due Dec

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'. Columns include Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Due May. Due June. Due August.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Bonds N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended April 6, listing various bond types like Western Union, Fund and real est, and White Sew Mach.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

Table of quotations for various securities, including Standard Oil, Railroad Equipments, and Public Utilities, with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, and Range.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Annual. †† Ex-dividend. ††† Ex-rights. †††† Canadian quotation. ††††† Sale price

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Record of transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Bonds, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Atokeark Mfg 6s, At G & W I 8 1/2 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, Alliance Insurance, American Stores, etc.

Table with columns: Rights, Bonds, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adv Bag & Paper 6s, Cons Trac N J 1st 5s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp, Atlan Coast L (Conn), Balt Commercial Bank, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Steel Co, Acme Royalty Co, All America Radio, etc.

* No par value.

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Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and columns for dates from Jan to Feb.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and columns for dates from Jan to Feb.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Detailed table listing transactions for various stocks such as Aetna Rubber, American Multigraph, etc., with columns for Stock, Par., Price, Range, Shares, and Date.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Laund Mach, Amer Products, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like American Co, Anglo & London P Nat Bk, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Mar. 31 to Apr. 5, both inclusive (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Am Wind GI Mach, Am Wind GI Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like First National Bank, Nat Bk of Commerce, etc.

* No par value.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

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 (March 31) and ending the present Thursday, April 5 (Friday, the 6th, being Good Friday and a holiday on this Exchange).

Main table with columns: Week Ended April 5, Stocks—Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of March. The table covers 5 roads and shows 7.6% increase from the same week last year.

Table with columns: Fourth Week of March, 1928, 1927, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, St Louis Southwestern, Western Maryland.

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Table with columns: Week, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %. Rows list weeks from 2d week Sept to 4th week Mar for various roads.

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:

Table with columns: Month, Gross Earnings (1927, 1926), Increase or Decrease, Net Earnings (1927, 1926), Increase or Decrease. Rows list months from Jan to Dec.

Notes.—Percentage of Increase or Decrease in net for above months has been: 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.; Dec., 23.76% dec. In Jan. the length of road covered was 237,846 miles in 1927, against 236,805 miles in 1926...

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Table with columns: -Gross from Railway-, -Net from Railway-, --Net after Taxes-- for 1928 and 1927. Rows list various railroads like American Ry. Express, Atch., Topeka & Santa Fe, etc.

Continuation of the Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates table, listing railroads like Colorado & Southern, Ft. Worth & Denver City, Trinity & Brazos Valley, etc., with their respective earnings for 1927 and 1928.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with columns for company names, months (January, February), and financial metrics (Gross, Revenue, Net Oper., Surplus, Chgs.). Includes companies like Baton Rouge Elec. Co., Blackstone Valley G. & E. Co., Cape Breton El. Co., Ltd., Edison Elec. Ill. Co. of Brockton, etc.

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American Water Works & Electric Co. (and Subsidiary Companies).

Table for American Water Works & Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Baton Rouge Electric Co.

Table for Baton Rouge Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd.

Table for Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Columbus Electric & Power Co. (And Subsidiary Companies).

Table for Columbus Electric & Power Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Eastern Texas Electric Co. (And Subsidiary Companies).

Table for Eastern Texas Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton.

Table for Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

The Electric Light & Power Co. of Abington & Rockland

Table for The Electric Light & Power Co. of Abington & Rockland showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

El Paso Electric Co. (And Subsidiaries)

Table for El Paso Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.

Table for Engineers Public Service Co., Inc. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Fall River Gas Works Co.

Table for Fall River Gas Works Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Illinois Power & Light Corp. (And Subsidiary Companies).

Table for Illinois Power & Light Corp. showing monthly and 12-month ending financial data for 1928 and 1927.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Jan 1928, Jan 1927, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1928, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Inc. from other sources, Balance, Interest & amortization.

Northern Texas Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Jan 1928, Jan 1927, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1928, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Inc. from other sources, Balance, Int. and amortization.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Jan 1928, Jan 1927, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1928, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Deprec. of equipment, Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Inc. from other sources, Balance, Int. and amortization.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Jan 1928, Jan 1927, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1928, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Interest & amortization, Retirement reserve, Balance, Net direct charges, Dividends, Preferred, Common, Earned surplus.

Sierra Pacific Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Jan 1928, Jan 1927, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1928, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Interest & amortization, Balance.

Southern California Edison Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Feb 1928, Feb 1927, 12 Mos. End. Feb 1928, 12 Mos. End. Feb 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, Taxes, Total exp. & taxes, Total net income, Fixed charges, Balance.

Tampa Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Item, Jan 1928, Jan 1927, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1928, 12 Mos. End. Jan 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Retirement accruals, Taxes, Net oper. revenues, Inc. from other sources, Balance, Interest & amortization.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Table listing Railroad and Public Utilities with page numbers. Includes Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., Baltimore & Ohio RR, Bangor & Arundel RR, Buffalo Rochester & Pitts. Ry., Canadian Pacific Ry., etc.

Table listing Industrial companies with page numbers. Includes Abtibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd., Adams Express Co., Adams Royalty Co., Advance Rumely Co., etc.

Large table listing Public Utilities and Industrial companies with page numbers. Includes Amer. Commonwealths Power Corp., Amer. Electric Power Corp., Amer. Gas & Electric Co., Amer. Power & Light Co., etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other reports of steam railroads, public utilities, industrial and miscellaneous companies published since and including Mar. 3 1928.

Detroit RR. and Northern Central Ry., whose lines are leased to the company. The decreases in interest on funded and unfunded debt were due largely to savings of interest resulting from the payment of maturing funded debt and miscellaneous obligations.

Net Income, Dividends, Etc.—The net income for the year amounted to \$68,160,296, an increase of \$592,337, compared with 1926. Against this net income were charged dividends of 7% upon the capital stock, compared with 6 1/2% in the previous year; appropriations to the sinking and other reserve funds; and \$1,078,574 covering advances to leased and affiliated companies for construction and other purposes, these companies being unable to pay such amounts from their own funds. The remaining surplus of \$28,046,354 was transferred to the credit of profit and loss account, and was equivalent to more than 5.6% upon the capital stock. Company has paid a cash return to its stockholders in every year since 1847, the average rate during that period being slightly in excess of 6% per annum. The total cash dividends paid to and including Feb. 1928, aggregated \$858,045,859. Funded obligations, including equipment trust certificates, aggregating \$8,757,468 were paid off, and no new issues of bonds or capital stock were made by the company.

The satisfactory condition above indicated, and the continuance of regular dividends, are due to the long continued policy of the company of endeavoring to earn a surplus in every year, and using part of it in furnishing additional transportation facilities, instead of being compelled to provide all improvements from the sale of bonds and stock.

Percentage Earned on Road and Equipment Investment.—While the final surplus transferred to the credit of profit and loss account is encouraging, attention is called to the fact that the net railway operating income of \$103,977,303 is equal to only 4.6% on the investment in road and equipment, so that company is not yet earning the fair return to which it is entitled.

Investments in Affiliated Companies.—The increase in "stocks" reflects inter-company transaction s during the year, including the receipt of \$25,000,000 of capital stock of the Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal RR. to reduce that company's note, which latter transaction largely explains the decrease in "notes." Bonds of the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington RR. and Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Ry. were received in payment of advances made to those companies. Company sold during the year \$5,231,000 Northern Central Ry. bonds, which were held in treasury. Bonds of the Pennsylvania, Ohio & Detroit RR., amounting to \$22,000,000, received from that company in payment of advances, were also sold. The increase in "advances" represents amounts advanced to the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Ry.; Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis RR.; Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR.; Long Island RR.; and other subsidiary companies, which will later make settlement therefor.

Lease of Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal RR.—Since the completion of the line of the Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal RR. (extending from Manhattan Transfer, near Newark, N. J., to Pennsylvania Station, N. Y. City, and thence eastwardly to Sunnyside Yard, Long Island, where it connects with the Long Island RR.), it has been operated by company under a temporary arrangement which had to be renewed periodically. Directors now believe it desirable to execute a long term lease under which that railroad would be leased and operated by company for 999 years, at a rental equal to the fixed charges and a dividend of 5% per annum upon the capital stock. The title capital stock and debt of the Tunnel company are owned by company, and the question of leasing the railroad, property and franchises of that company will be submitted for approval at the annual meeting.

Public Service Rendered.—The lines embraced in the Pennsylvania RR. System serve 13 States and the District of Columbia. The territory which they serve is probably the most intensely industrialized in the United States, and in it reside more than one-half of the population of the Country. Freight and passenger transportation service is furnished directly to and from such leading centers of population as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis, Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis, and in these Cities there are well established connections to all points North, East, South and West.

The management has heretofore emphasized the importance of the Pennsylvania RR. System as a factor in our National prosperity, not only as to the service rendered to the great manufacturing and producing centers which it reaches, but also through the large expenditures for improvements and to meet operating and maintenance expenses. In 1927 these outlays amounted to over \$200,000,000 for fuel, materials and supplies and for improvement work; about \$367,000,000 for wages paid to employes, while for the support of our National, State, County and Municipal Governments approximately \$39,500,000 were paid in taxes.

The Pennsylvania RR. System operates a daily average of about 3,800 passenger trains and 2,900 freight trains, and during the year the service performed was equivalent to moving one ton of freight 45 billion miles and to carrying one passenger a distance of over 6 billion miles. During the year 15,350,000 tons of fuel were consumed by locomotives, and the maintenance of the property required the installation of 4,424,000 cross ties and 213,000 tons of new heavy steel rail. Over 5,200 miles of track are now laid with 130 lb. rail.

Orders have been placed for 200,000 tons of steel rail, out of the 300,000 tons, weighing 130 lbs. per yard, authorized to be purchased for delivery in 1928 for renewals and replacements. This authorization for 1928 exceeds by 50,000 tons the largest amount ordered in any year in your company's history. It is sufficient to lay a new double track line a distance of approximately 655 miles.

Operating Efficiency.—The following statement shows the operating ratio of the System, which is the percentage of operating revenues used to pay operating expenses, beginning with the year 1921, which was the first full year of operation under company management following Federal Control period:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Operating Ratio, Year, Operating Ratio. Data: 1921--87.6%, 1923--81.8%, 1925--78.3%, 1927--76.9%; 1922--82.4%, 1924--80.2%, 1926--77.5%

It will be noted that 1927 marks the seventh consecutive year in which the operating ratio has shown a progressive reduction. This was made possible by capital expenditures to improve and expand the plant, equipment and facilities; numerous operating economies and increased efficiency in methods and machinery; consolidation of shops, stations, offices and departments; concentration of working forces and simplification of work, and by increased vigilance and co-operation of officers and employes. The following comparisons between 1921 and 1927, of the important factors, will illustrate, to some degree, what has been accomplished:

Table with 2 columns: Factor, Percentage Change. Data: Gross ton miles per train hour increased 26.4%; Net ton miles per freight car day increased 17.3%; Miles per freight car day increased 27.1%; Revenue car loadings increased 31.0%; Net Revenue ton miles increased 31.7%; Locomotive miles per locomotive day (freight) increased 16.9%; Pounds of fuel per 1,000 gross ton miles decreased 11.7%; Materials and supplies on hand decreased 48.7%

Continued efforts are being made to further reduce the operating ratio to a minimum consistent with the adequate maintenance of the property, and the ability of the railroad to render an expeditious and dependable service to the public.

General Railroad Situation.—The volume of business and commercial activity of the Country continued on a large scale during 1927, but there was a decline in railroad traffic and earnings, both passenger and freight, compared with 1926. The effectiveness of the management of the railroads, however, was further demonstrated by the attainment of new high records in operating efficiency.

The outstanding operating records during the year were: Condition of freight cars and locomotives the best ever reported; freight traffic handled with fewer trains and locomotives in proportion to the amount of traffic carried; increase in average train load; increase in daily movement per freight car; faster movement of freight trains than ever before; freight traffic handled with greatest conservation of fuel on record; coal consumption per passenger train car mile lowest ever reported, and most intensive use of passenger locomotives on record.

The continued improvement in operating efficiency is not a mere coincidence, and is not spectacular. It is largely the continuous and cumulative effect of improved administration, large capital expenditures made by the railroads during the post-war period for more and better equipment, facilities and machinery, the helpful co-operation of the shippers and the public, and the loyal efforts of the employes. All of these enabled the railroads to get more intensive use out of the plant, and to operate on a more scientific basis with respect to supply and demand for transportation service. They likewise were of great advantage to the business of the Country, resulting in smaller inventories and quicker and larger turn-overs of products and merchandise, thereby releasing large sums of money and credit for other productive purposes.

The net result to the railroads of the Country for the year 1927, however, was a return of only 4.4% on their investment in road and equipment, compared with about 5% in 1926, which means a reduction of well over \$100,000,000 in net railway operating income, and is much below the 5 1/2% fixed by the I.-S. C. Commission as a fair return. The percentage earned in 1927 was equal to that of 1923, when about 4.4% was earned on the investment in road and equipment, but since that time nearly \$3,000,000,000 have been expended by the railroads of the Country for additions and betterments, and for higher standards of service. Such low returns are, in a large degree, the effect of the gradual reductions in rates. For instance, if the Pennsylvania Railroad System had received in 1927 the same ton mile rate as in 1921, its railway operating revenues would have been \$70,000,000 greater. This means that the shippers over your lines, and the public in general, benefited in 1927 to that extent. Nevertheless, the slow but sure erosion and reduction of the rate structure has reached a point where, in the public interest, it should be stopped. The return to the railroads on their investment in road and equipment is entirely inadequate, and with no immediate prospect of further outstanding recessions in operating costs and taxes, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the railroads to make suitable plans in advance to provide for the Country's normal business progress.

Railroad Consolidation.—Company continued to participate in conferences with other large Systems in the Eastern District for the purpose of outlining a general consolidation plan for the Eastern Railroads. Every effort is being made to reach a settlement that will be satisfactory to the railroads, the public and the regulatory authorities. It is the general consensus of opinion that it would be very helpful in promoting railroad consolidation, if Congress would take definite action in approving the legislation which has been recommended, providing for the removal of certain restrictive features of the consolidation provisions of the Transportation Act.

Federal Valuation.—The 1926 annual report stated that the I.-S. C. Commission had completed all valuation reports on companies of the Pennsylvania Railroad System, and had served on the companies the tentative valuations as of June 30, 1918, and that, as there are legal questions involved and difference of facts, protests had been filed. The hearings upon these reports were held before an examiner of the Commission during the year, briefs were filed, and the Commission heard argument thereon in Nov. 1927. It is expected that the Commission will serve its final valuations during the present year. As the dates of valuation were June 30, 1918, or prior thereto, for some of the Companies in the System, it will be necessary for the Commission to supplement them by findings as of a later date, probably as of Dec. 31, 1927.

Stockholders.—The capital stock of company is owned by 142,622 holders, an increase of 1,429 compared with the previous year. The average number of shares held by each stockholder is 70, and no single stockholder owns more than 1/2 of 1% of the total outstanding stock.

In order to create a wider market for the stock, and for the convenience of New England and Western holders, it has been listed on the Boston and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

For the accommodation of Stockholders, transfers of stock can now be effected in Boston, Mass., Chicago, Ill., and London, Eng., as well as in Philadelphia and New York.

Sale of Stock to Employees.—In order to provide for the company's requirements and to reimburse the treasury for expenditures made for capital account purposes, directors authorized an increase and sale of the capital stock to the extent of \$80,000,000 par value. Of this amount \$62,500,000 is allotted to the stockholders at \$50 par share in amounts equal to 12 1/2% of their respective holdings as recorded at the close of business April 14, 1928. The balance, \$17,500,000, of such stock will be sold to the employees, provided the stockholders consent thereto, and empower the directors to sell the same on such terms and conditions, and at such prices—not less than par—as the directors shall deem expedient. The board recommend that the stockholders give their consent at the annual meeting to be held April 10, 1928, as the policy of selling stock to employees is recognized as a desirable and important feature to further strengthen the cordial relations and co-operation that exist between the employes and the management. It will also be a recognition of the part the employes have taken in the restoration of the company's earning power in the last five years, as well as of the deep interest and loyalty they have displayed in the improvement of the freight and passenger service offered to the public. Directors believe that the livelihood of the company, from which the employes derive their livelihood, will increase their feelings of responsibility and be an additional inducement to persevere in their efforts to preserve the company's service at the highest standard, from which they and the entire body of stockholders will benefit.

STOCKS OWNED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD DECEMBER 31 1927.

Table with 3 columns: Name of Company, Shares, Total Par. Lists various companies and their stock holdings, including Baltimore & Virginia Steamboat Co., Chesapeake & Atl. Ry. Co., etc.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS PENNSYLVANIA RR. REGIONAL SYSTEM.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include: No. of pass. carried, No. pass. carr. 1 mile, Ave. revenue from each passenger, Average revenue per passenger per mile, No. of pass. carried per mile of road, No. of rev. tons carr'd, No. of revenue tons carried 1 mile, Avg. trainload (tons), Ave. rev. per ton, Average revenue per ton per mile, No. of rev. tons carried per mile of rd., Gross revenue per mile of road.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include: Mileage (including 67 miles of canals and ferries), Railway Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, Joint facility (net), Total railway oper. revenues, Railway Operating Expenses (Maintenance of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transportation for investment), Total railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from railway operations, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenues, Railway operating income, Hire of equipment—Debit bal., Joint facility rents, Net railway operating income.

Non-Operating Income—

Table with 4 columns: Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include: Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Misc. non-oper. physical prop., Separately operated prop., profit, Dividend income, Income from funded securities, Inc. from unfunded secs. & acts, Inc. from skg. & other res. funds, Release of prem. on funded debt, Miscellaneous income, Total non-operating income, Gross income.

Deductions—

Table with 4 columns: Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include: Rent for leased roads, Operating deficits of branch roads borne by Pennsylvania RR., Miscellaneous rents, Miscellaneous tax accruals, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt*, Miscellaneous income charges, Total deductions, Net income.

Disposition of Net Income—

Table with 4 columns: Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include: Sinking and other reserve funds, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. of cap. stk. outst'g (par \$50), Earns. per share on capital stock.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: Years (1927, 1926, 1927, 1926). Rows include: Investment in— Road, Equipment, Gen'l expend, Impt. on leased railway prop, Sinking funds, Dep. in lieu of mtg. prop. sold, Misc. phys. prop, Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Inv. in sec. iss'd, as by assumption or carr. as liability by accounting co., Oth. inv'tm'ts, Cash, Demand loans, time drafts & deposits, Special deposits, Loans & bills rec, Traf. & car serv. balances rec., Net bal. rec. fr. agts. & conduc, Misc. assets rec., Other def. assets, Unadj. debits, Capital stock, Prem. on stock, Grants in aid of construction, Funded debt, Fund. dt. of aq. cos. assum. by Penna. RR., Fund. dt. assum., Guaranteed stk. trust cts, Equip. tr. oblig., Girard P. Stor. Co. 1st M. 3/4s, Mtges. & ground rents payable, Loans & bills pay, Traf. & car serv. balances pay, Audited assets, wages payable, Misc. assets pay, Int. mat. unpaid, Div. mat. unpaid, Fund. debt mat. unpaid, Unmat. int. accr., Unmat. rents acc., Oth. curr. liab'l., Oth. def. liab'l's, Tax liability, Prem. on fd. dt., Accrued deprec., road & eq't, Oth. unadj. cred, Add'ns to prop., Fund. dt. retired thr. inc. & sur., Sinking fund res, Misc. fund res., Approp. surplus not spec'f. inv., Prof. & loss, bal.

RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT IN ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

Table with 4 columns: Cal. Property Net Railway P.C. Cal. Property Net Railway P.C. Rows include: 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918. *Based on result of Federal operation and taxes and expenses of the corporations. Property investment above stated does not include material and supplies or working capital. Net railway operating income includes income from lease of road.—V. 126, p. 1877.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

(77th Annual Report—Year Ending Dec. 31 1927.)

The report, signed by Chairman H. Walters and President W. R. Cole, together with income account, comparative balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1927 and other statistical data, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages of this issue.—V. 125, p. 2384.

Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corporation.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

The statement for the late fiscal year is given in full under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page of this issue. The following statement is a correction of the figures published in the last week's issue page 1971.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include: Operating profit, Less prov. for Fed. taxes, Oper. profit for year, Pref. div. pd. & reserved, Com. div. pd. & reserved, Dividends of subsid. cos., Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Sur. approp. to red. pref. stk. & for other non-operating reserves, Profit & loss sur., Average number of com. shs. outst'g (no par), Earns. per sh. on com.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '27, Jan. 1 '27. Rows include: Assets— Land, buildings, leases & equip, Cash, Bills receivable, Accounts receivable, Inventory, Securities, Invest. in sub. & affil. cos., Depos. to secure contracts, Deferred charges, Good-will, Liabilities— Preferred stock, Common stock, Acc'ts payable, Bills payable, Owing to sub. cos. (not consol.), Excise taxes, pay-rolls, &c., Owing to outside producers and owners of royalty rights, Pur. mon. notes & mtg. bds. of subs. due in 12 mos., Serial pay'ts on inv. due in 12 mos, Fed. taxes (est.), Res. for com. div., Res. for pf. div., Adv. pay'ts of film rentals, &c., Pur. mon. notes & mtges. of subs., Serial pay'ts on investments, 20-yr. s. f. gold bonds, Approp. sur & res, Minority int. in subsidiary cos., Surplus

Total (each side) 156,926,967 143,893,977 Note.—(1) Contingent mortgage liability of subsidiary companies, \$993,500; (2) contingent liability on investment notes discounted, \$3,628,000; total, \$4,621,500. a Land, buildings, leases and equipment after depreciation and after giving effect to appreciation in land values of \$9,640,000. b Representing 687,259 shs. of no par value, including 98,263 shares issued Dec. 27 1927 not entitled to div. paid Jan. 3 1928. c Including \$786,420 undistributed earnings applicable to 65% of common stock owned in Balaban & Katz Corp. d Includes \$6,856,000 net proceeds of gold loan released by trustee on Feb. 1 1928. x Purchase money notes and mortgage bonds of subsidiary companies maturing serially after one year. y Serial payments on investments due after one year (\$610,605, payable in advance of maturity on notice from holder).—V. 126, p. 1971.

Delaware & Hudson Company.

(98th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President L. F. Loree, March 21, wrote in part: Financial.—The capital stock of the company on Dec. 31 1927, was \$51,573,900, \$8,481,200 having been issued during the year in exchange for \$12,721,800 of company's 5% 20-year convertible gold bonds, which were tendered for conversion in accordance with the indenture under which they were issued.

The total funded debt was \$61,967,850, a decrease of \$12,987,200 as compared with Dec. 31 1926. The outstanding amount of the 6% gold notes issued to pay for 1,500 freight cars allocated to company by the United States Railroad Administration was decreased by the payment of \$265,400 maturing on Jan. 15 1927, and the 5% 20-year convertible gold bonds by \$12,721,800 received, as above stated, for conversion into capital stock, leaving outstanding \$844,650 of these bonds, maturing in 1935.

The sum of \$490,000, being 1% of the par value of the 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds outstanding on June 1 1927, was paid during the year to the trustees under the mortgage securing that issue, making the total paid, to Dec. 31 1927, \$8,772,430. The sum paid was expended in additions and betterments to the mortgaged property in accordance with trust agreement.

Coal Production.—The anthracite produced by affiliated corporations during 1927, including the product of washeries, aggregated 6,481,408 long tons, a decrease of 2,065,739 long tons, or 24.17%, below 1926. This output was 9.73% of the year's total production of all anthracite mines and washeries, estimated at 66,610,044 long tons.

Market Conditions.—During 1927 there was a decrease in the market demand for anthracite, which affected all the large producers. Part of the decreased demand may be explained by the mild weather experienced during the winter of 1926-1927, which resulted in many dealers having unusually large stocks of anthracite on hand at the close of the season. The weather

during the winter of 1927-1928 has also been comparatively mild, resulting in a decreased demand, and this factor, coupled with the effect of the repeated strikes of the mine workers, the last strike being in effect from Sept. 1 1925, to Feb. 17 1926, during which some consumers turned to other fuels, is accountable for the decreased demand and consequent decrease in production.

Coal Properties.—In accordance with authority given to board of managers, all of the anthracite coal-bearing lands, together with the coal-bearing lands of the subsidiary company, the Northern Coal & Iron Co., were sold on June 1 1927, to the Hudson Coal Co., of which the company owns all of the capital stock. The consideration was \$35,000,000 of 1st mtge. sinking fund 5% gold bonds of the Hudson Coal Co. These bonds were sold in the open market and the proceeds (\$33,425,000) received in this company's treasury. In large part the proceeds, under the authority of the board, were invested in a manner believed strongly in the corporate interest.

Operating Revenues.—Gross operating revenues of your railroad during the year 1927 amounted to \$42,753,526, a decrease of \$3,680,164, or approximately 8% under 1926. The decrease mainly represents decreased movement of traffic, although there were some reductions in rates and divisions on anthracite which were responsible for a small portion of the decrease.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses amounted to \$34,656,101, which is \$285,718, or 1% less than 1926, and \$625,975, or 2% over 1925.

Taxes.—During the year taxation absorbed \$1,471,158 of revenues compared with \$1,699,168 during the previous year, a decrease of \$217,010, or approximately 13%. At the average rate per ton of revenue freight received during 1927, it required the movement of 1,014,592 tons to pay the taxes for the year.

Road & Equipment.—During 1927 your company's investment in additions and improvements was \$2,716,847; property carried in the books at \$1,073,565 was abandoned; a net increase in the road and equipment account of \$1,643,282.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Transportation of mds., Transportation of coal, Passengers, Miscellaneous, Total oper. revenue, Maintenance of way &c., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General & miscellaneous, Transp. for invest. (Cr.), Total oper. expenses, Net earnings before taxes, Other Income, Hire of freight cars, Rent freight equipment, Joint facility rents, Gross ry. oper. income, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revenue, Rent for equipment, Joint facility rents, Net ry. oper. income, Non-oper. Income, Income from leased road, Misc. rent income, Misc. non-op. phys. prop, Dividend income, Inc. from fund. secs. and unfund. secs. & acct's, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions, Rent for leased roads, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Misc. tax accruals, Miscellaneous, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, def., Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100), Earnings, per sh. on cap. stk, -V. 126, p. 248.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. (31st Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31. Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Misc. pass. train rev, Other transport, rev, Other operating revs, Total, Operating Expenses, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, Misc. operations, General expenses, Transp. for invest., Cr., Total, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway rev., Railway oper. income, Deduct, Hire of frt. cars, Dr, bal, Rent from equip. (net), Net joint facil. rents., Dr., Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct, Rent for leased roads, Misc. rents & tax accr'ls, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Misc. income charges, Net income, Previous surplus, Miscellaneous credits, Total surplus, Preferred divs. (4%), Common dividends, Miscellaneous debits, Profit & loss surplus, Sns. com. outst'g (par \$100), Earnings, per sh. on com, -V. 126, p. 710.

Victor Talking Machine Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

Pres. Edward E. Shumaker, Feb. 24, wrote in substance:

Results for the Year.—The net income for the year, after deducting depreciation and provision for Federal income taxes, was \$7,269,523. Total net sales were \$46,886,842, exceeding those of last year by \$224,738. The direct export business showed substantial growth and represented approximately 15% of the total sales of 1927. The item of "other income," includes dividends of \$538,311 received on shares owned by company in the Gramophone Co., Ltd., Eng., and \$40,008 received on shares owned in the Victor Talking Machine Co. of Can., Ltd. The undistributed earnings of these two affiliated companies are not included in the statement of income but they are reflected in adjustments to surplus.

Financial Position.—Current assets are \$29,740,665 against current liabilities of \$4,860,379. The investment in affiliated companies (foreign) of \$7,714,206 represents an increase of \$3,969,205, over Dec. 31 1926, and is comprised as follows:

Company owns 850,000 ordinary shares in the Gramophone Co., Ltd., on which \$8. on account of the par value of £1 per share had been paid up until Nov. 9 1927, when an additional call of 4s. per share on the par value (plus a premium of 1s.) was paid. This payment increased the paid up amount of the company's shares from £340,000 of the total paid up amount of ordinary shares outstanding of £1,090,000 to £510,000 of a total paid up amount of ordinary shares outstanding of £1,260,000. In accordance with the policy of affiliated years, the valuation of these shares have been adjusted to net book value as of June 30 1927.

Near the close of the year, the company's holdings in the Victor Talking Machine Co. of Canada, Ltd. were increased from 5,001 shares to 7,949 shares of the total outstanding capital stock of 10,000 shares. The value of the shares as stated in the balance sheet is based on the net book value as of Dec. 31 1927. The company will acquire the balance of these shares during 1928.

Late in the year 1927 the Victor Talking Machine Co. of Japan, Ltd. was organized and the amount of \$317,299 represents the investment made therein, up to the close of the year. This new company is distributing Victor products in Japan and has recently begun the manufacturing of records.

Subsidiary Companies.—In addition to the organization of the Victor Talking Machine Co. of Japan, Ltd. the following domestic wholesale distributing companies have been organized: Southwestern Victor Distributing Co., Dallas, Texas; California Victor Distributing Co., San Francisco, Calif.; Northwestern Victor Distributing Co., Seattle, Wash.

The cash investment made in these three companies during the year amounted to \$1,200,000. The management was provided from the personnel within the Victor organization. The accounts of these companies, as well as those of the New York Talking Machine Co. and the Chicago Talking Machine Co., wholesale distributing companies acquired in 1926, are consolidated with the parent company's.

General.—The outlook for 1928 is favorable and the company is entering the new year with large manufacturing schedules, adequate facilities, and a competent organization.

The income account and balance sheet for 1927 were published in our issue of Feb. 28. Our usual comparative tables follow:

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS (INCL. SUB. COS.) 1927, 1926. Sales, less returns and allowances, Cost of sales, incl. selling, gen. & adm. exp., &c., Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, 7% cumulative prior preferred dividends, 7% cumulative convertible preferred dividends, Sinking fund reserve, Surplus, Previous surplus, Adjustment of investment in sub. cos, Victor Co., Canada, Total surplus, Adjust. resulting from acquisition of sub. cos, Contingencies appropriation, Transfer to capital upon recapitalization, Dividends paid on old stock, Profit & loss surplus, Shares common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share, x Par \$100.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1927, 1926. Assets, x Land & bldgs., Patents, rights & matrices, Invest. in affil. cos., Invest. trust fund, Marketable secur., Deferred charges, Inventories, Other market sec., Notes & acct's. rec., Cash, Liabilities, Preferred stock, 7% cum. pt. stock, \$6 cum. conv. pref. stock, 7% cum. prior pref. purchase, Sink. fund reserve, Capital surplus, Accts. payable prov for Fed. taxes, Reserves, Bank loans subs., Surplus, Total.

Boston & Maine Railroad. 95th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President Geo. Hannaner reports in substance:

Operating Revenues.—Freight revenue was \$50,055,426, a decrease of \$1,757,879, or 3.39%. Tons of freight carried during the year were 23,261,842, a decrease of 851,517. Of the decrease 169,627 tons were in products of agriculture; 435,457 tons in anthracite coal; and 265,607 tons in pulpwood, lumber, &c. Motor truck competition is still a serious problem. Co-ordination of trucking and train operation is being constantly studied in order to provide quicker and more convenient service for shippers and consignees.

Passenger revenue was \$18,426,031, a decrease of \$1,632,245, or 8.14%. Number of local and commutation passengers carried decreased 3,081,631 or 9.07%. Number of inter-line passengers carried decreased 109,298 or 6.19%. In common with most of the larger railroads of the country, the Boston & Maine continues to suffer a decline in its passenger revenues. The greatest losses are in local travel, largely due to use of the private automobile on constantly improved highways, notwithstanding that rail service has been improved through better lighting of cars and better arrangement and quickening of schedules. Motor coaches are being utilized for intermediate service in connection with through trains, and to give adequate transportation facilities on lines where light traffic does not justify frequent trains. This policy results in reduction in operating losses on unprofitable service and better accommodates the traveling public in many cases. Mail revenue increased \$15,691.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property accts., Investments, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.

The White Motor Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President Walter C. White reports in substance:

The operations of the company, after giving effect, as has been customary, to the undistributed earnings of the White Motor Securities Corp. and the White Motor Realty Co., resulted in a loss of \$895,341. The net earnings on the same basis in 1926 were \$2,566,291.

From the surplus of \$9,476,693 as of Dec. 31 1926, have been deducted the dividends of \$2,800,000 paid during the year and the loss as above stated leaving the surplus as of Dec. 31 1927 at \$5,781,352.

Gross sales in 1927 were \$50,229,853 a decrease of 21.9% from the previous year.

The balance sheet reflects a strong financial condition. Cash, including government securities, amounts to \$6,633,373; notes and accounts receivable \$7,240,870; inventory \$16,287,358, a reduction of \$5,286,590 since the first of the year. The current ratio is 8.1 to 1 and the net current assets represent a value of \$33.28 per share on the outstanding stock, without reference to the value of the investment, property and goodwill accounts.

The property account was increased during the year by the expenditure of \$133,337 for factory equipment and further loss of \$1,154,750 for property and necessary equipment for sales and service stations in various cities; it was decreased by \$822,280 additional reserve for depreciation and by \$80,614 representing the dismantling of certain obsolete machinery at the factory.

The property account was thus \$9,495,521 as of Dec. 31 as compared with \$9,110,328 on Dec. 31 1926, an increase of \$385,193.

Directors realize that the result of the year's business was most unsatisfactory. Some months ago a readjustment in the manufacturing, the home office and the field organization was inaugurated and has proceeded as rapidly as possible, with consequent substantial reduction of expenses which will be reflected in 1928.

We are following our established policy of continued development of our products in order that we may keep up with and anticipate our customers' demands.

White Motor Securities Corporation.—During the year, this company continued to finance the time sales for the White Company. At the beginning of the year it had on hand \$11,975,413 installment agreements and purchased during the year \$14,731,584, a total of \$26,706,998. Of these installment agreements, \$15,918,002 were liquidated, leaving a balance on Dec. 31 1927 of \$10,788,996.

The net profit for the year after provision for estimated Federal taxes, was \$587,411, deducting \$175,000—dividend of 7% paid on the preferred stock, and \$50,000 dividend on common stock, which is owned by the White Motor Co., leaves a balance of \$362,411 to be carried to surplus account, making the total of this account \$867,783. Increase in the surplus is included in the earnings of the White Motor Co.

The White Motor Realty Co.—Earnings of the White Motor Realty Co. for the year after provision for Federal taxes were \$119,685. This amount is available for dividends on the common stock, all of which is owned by the White Motor Co. and is, therefore, included in the earnings of that company.

The original issue of \$3,000,000 of 6% secured serial gold debentures was reduced to \$2,600,000 by the retirement of the \$200,000 maturing Dec. 1 1926, and same amount maturing Dec. 1 1927.

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table comparing income for 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Operating profit, Total income, Net profit for year, Total surplus, Dividends, Provision for prior year's Federal taxes, Surplus Dec. 31, Shares capital stock outstanding, Earned per share.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARIES).

Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Bldgs., real estate, &c., Inv. in affil. cos., etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Acc'ts payable, etc.

Total.....50,149,292 54,115,768 Total.....50,149,292 54,115,768

a After deducting \$4,563,951 allowance for depreciation. b Includes common stock of White Motor Securities Corp. (book value) \$1,367,643 and capital stock of the White Motor Realty Co. (book value) \$624,055.

Note.—The White Motor Co. has guaranteed the principal amount of \$2,500,000 of 7% preferred shares of White Motor Securities Corp. and the payment of regular dividends thereon. There was a contingent liability as of Dec. 31 1927 in connection with \$10,788,996 of customers' notes receivable sold to White Motor Securities Corp. under agreement to repurchase in case of makers' default. All of these notes are secured by direct lien on trucks and busses.—V. 126, p. 1369.

Phillips Petroleum Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President Frank Phillips reports in substance:

Operation.—The over-production and serious depression in the oil industry which began about the close of 1926 have received so much attention from the daily and financial press, and also from the Federal Government because conservation of an essential National resource is involved, that a detailed discussion is not required herein. Notwithstanding the management's effort, in a spirit of co-operation with the rest of the industry, to curtail activities wherever possible, the development started in 1926 resulted in an increased total production of crude oil and gasoline in 1927. Activities which were necessarily carried on served to prove up important new productive areas belonging to your company. Their development awaits the restoration of equilibrium and normal prices in the industry.

Company's gross production of oil for 1927 was 23,143,810 barrels, and net production after all deductions was 17,237,702 barrels, as compared with 15,098,132 barrels in 1926. Total acreage under lease increased from 655,994 acres to 959,633 acres. Natural gasoline production for 1927 was 184,149,305 gallons net, compared with 161,834,610 gallons during 1926. Reserve acreage supporting gasoline plants was increased from 178,000 acres to 245,000 acres. Sales of gas increased from 68,023,425,000 cu. ft. in 1926, to 105,202,425,000 cu. ft. in 1927.

Your research department has developed a number of special grades of gasoline during the year which the company is now marketing. The most

Kansas City Southern Railway.

(28th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

A complete annual report will be ready for distribution about May 15, which will be furnished stockholders and others upon application.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Mileage operated, Passengers carried, Rev. per pass. per mile, Rev. freight carr'd (tons), Rev. fr't carr'd 1 mile, Rev. per ton per mile, Rev. per mile of road.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPER. FOR YRS. ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidentals, Gross revenues, Operating Expenses, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transportation for invest., Total oper. expenses, Net revenue, Taxes, Uncollectible revenues, Operating income, Rent from equipment, Joint facility rent income, Inc. from lease of road, Miscell. rent income, Misc. non-op. phys. prop, Dividend income, Inc. from funded secur., Inc. from unfund. secur. and acc'ts., Miscellaneous income, Total non-op. income, Gross income, Deductions, Hire of fr't cars, deb. bal, Rent for equipment, Joint facility rents, Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Misc. tax accruals, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Amort. of disc. on fd. debt, Misc. income charges, Total deductions, Net income, Preferred divs. (4%), Income balance transferred to prof. & loss, Shs. com. outst. (par \$100), Earns. per share on com.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(Kansas City Southern Ry., Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry.)

Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Invested in road & equipment, Impt. on leased property, Deposited in lieu of mortgaged property sold, Misc. phys. prop, Inv. in affil. cos, Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Other investm'ts, Securs. in course of acquisition, Cash, Special deposits, Loans & bills rec, Traffic and car service balance receivable, Net balance receivable from agts. & contr's, Misc. accts. rec., Material & supp, Int. & divs. rec., Oth. curr. assets, Work fund advs, Other def. assets, Rents & ins. prem paid in adv., Disc. on funded debt, U. S. Govt. income guaranty, Other accounts.

—V. 126, p. 1976.

Contingent Assets.

Table listing contingent assets including L. & N. Terminal Co.'s 50-year 4% gold bonds, Memphis Union Station Co. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, Paducah & Illinois RR. 1st mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, and Fruit Growers Express Co.'s obligation to Fruit Growers Express Co., Inc.

New York Central RR.—Obituary.—Chairman Chauncey M. Depew died April 5 at his home in New York City.—V. 126, p. 1656, 1191.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,378,500 (authorized \$45,880,000) additional cumulative preferred stock 6%, series A (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full and \$1,721,000 (authorized \$59,620,000) additional common stock (par \$100 each) on official notice of sale and distribution, making the total amounts applied for \$36,098,500 par value of cumulative preferred stock 6%, series A and \$33,785,000 of common stock. See also V. 126, p. 1977, 1806.

New York Connecting RR.—Income Account.—Calendar Years—1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Tax accruals, Operating income, Equipment rents, Joint facility rents, Net oper. income, Non-oper. income, Gross income, Deduc'ns from gross inc., Net income.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—New Cfs.—Definitive engraved certificates for preferred stock will be issued on and after April 19 in exchange for the temporary printed certificates issued since Oct. 1 last.

At the same time holders of the old capital certificates and those now stamped as common stock are requested to exchange the certificates which they now have for permanent common stock certificates. The reasons for the exchange of the old capital stock certificates are these: Upon the issuance by the company of preferred stock as of Oct. 1 last, the old capital stock certificates became common stock. These certificates, however, do not on the face show that they represent common stock, and therefore, under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, it is essential that they should be exchanged for common stock certificates in order to give effect to the designation of such stock as common stock, and in order to make them a good delivery in case a stockholder should wish at any time to dispose of his stock. This exchange has been delayed as it was necessary to have new certificates engraved and they have only just been completed.—V. 126, p. 1977.

New York Ontario & Western Ry. Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Operating revenue, Oper. expenses, taxes, &c (net), Equip., rents, &c. (net), Net oper. income, Other income, Total income, Deductions, Net income.

Southern Pacific Co.—New Director.—Hugh Neill, vice president and secretary, has been elected a director to succeed the late H. E. Huntington.—V. 126, p. 1970.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Allen Utilities Corp.—Trustee.—The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$250,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, dated March 1 1928 and due March 1 1938.

Berkshire Street Ry.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Tax accruals, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduc'ns from gross inc x, Net deficit, x Deductions from gross income include \$210,725 in 1927, \$210,066 in 1926, \$209,980 in 1925 and 1924, interest accruing to the N. Y. N. H. & H. RR., but not included in the income account of that co.—V. 124, p. 3350.

Alliance Power Co.—Permanent Bonds, &c., Ready.—Glidden, Morris & Co. announce that the permanent bonds and preferred stock certificates of the Alliance Power Co. are now ready to be exchanged for temporary bonds and certificates.—V. 126, p. 1656.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bonbright & Co., Inc., W. C. Langley & Co. and Bankers Trust Co. are offering at 101 and int., to yield about 4.95%, \$50,000,000 gold debentures, 5% series, due 2028.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1, 2028. Interest payable M. & N. at the office or agency of the company in New York. Red. all or any part, on any date prior to maturity, upon 30 days' published notice, at 106% up to and incl. April 30 2008, thereafter at 1/2% less for each full 12 months' period elapsed after April 30 2007, up to and incl. April 30 2013, thereafter at 1/4% less for each full 12 months' period elapsed after April 30 2012, up to and incl. April 30 2026, and thereafter prior to maturity at 100, plus int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only, and interchangeable. Fully registered debentures of \$1,000 and \$5,000. Coupon debentures of the denomination of \$1,000 and fully registered debentures, interchangeable. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Frank B. Ball, Vice-President of the Company. Business and Territory.—Company controls a diversified group of electric power and light companies operating in nine States and serving, directly or indirectly, 870 communities having an aggregate population estimated at 2,690,000. The principal communities served by subsidiaries include Scranton, Pa.; Wheeling, Huntington, Charleston and Bluefield, W. Va.;

Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va.; Kingsport, Tenn.; Canton, Lima, Portsmouth, Steubenville and Newark, Ohio; South Bend, Muncie, Marion and Elkhart, Ind.; Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich.; Atlantic City, N. J.; and other important communities. About 88% of the gross earnings of subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927, was derived, and as a result of the recent sale of certain railway and other properties, over 97% is now derived, from electric power and light business. The principal companies controlled are as follows: (1) Appalachian Electric Power Co., Roanoke, Va.; (2) Ohio Power Co., Newark, Ohio; (3) Scranton Electric Co., Scranton, Pa.; (4) Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., South Bend, Ind.; (5) Atlantic City Electric Co., Atlantic City, N. J.; (6) Indiana General Service Co., Muncie, Ind.; (7) Wheeling Electric Co., Wheeling, W. Va.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table showing capitalization details: Gold debts, 5% series due 2028 (this issue), Preferred stock \$6 cumulative (no par value), Common stock, no par value, Additional issues of these debentures limited by provisions of the agreement.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue of debentures will be used in connection with the redemption on May 1 1928, of all of the \$46,904,000 6% gold debenture bonds of this company now outstanding with the public.

Provisions of Issue.—These debentures, 5% series due 2028, will be the direct obligations of the company and will be issued in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated as of May 1 1928, providing that debentures may be issued in series bearing such rates of interest, maturing on such dates, redeemable on such terms, and containing such other rights, limitations and provisions permitted by the agreement as the board of directors or executive committee of the company may determine prior to the issue thereof.

Additional debentures may be issued under the agreement under which these gold debentures are issued (1) for refunding purposes or (2) whenever the net income of the company, as defined in said agreement for 12 consecutive calendar months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the date of the filing of such request for authentication, shall have been not less than two times the annual interest charges upon all indebtedness of the company, including the debentures to be issued, but excluding indebtedness to be concurrently paid off or for which payment has been provided.

Consolidated Earnings Statement (American Gas & Elec. Co. & its Subsidiaries).

Table showing consolidated earnings for 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1925, 1926, 1927. Subsidiary Companies—Gross earnings (incl. other income), Operating expenses, maint. and taxes, Net earns. (before provision for renews and replacements), Interest and other deductions, Preferred stock dividends, Balance, Renewal and replacement reserve, Balance, American Gas & Electric Co.—Proportion of above balance applicable to Amer. Gas & Elec. Co., Other income, less expenses, Total, Annual int. charges on \$50,000,000 5% gold debts. (this issue), Earnings on the above basis for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, applicable to interest on funded debt of company, were equal to more than 7 times the annual interest requirements on these gold debentures.

Finances.—The finances of the company and of its subsidiaries have always been handled through the Electric Bond & Share Co.

Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 6% gold debenture bonds, American series, due May 1 2014, have been called for payment May 1 next at 110 and int., at the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. At any time prior to May 1 the trust company will purchase on behalf of the company any of the 6% gold debenture bonds with all unmatured coupons attached which are delivered for sale at 110 and int. to the date of delivery.—V. 126, p. 1504.

Androsocoggin & Kennebec Ry.—Corrected Earnings.

Table showing corrected earnings for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Gross earnings, *Operating expenses, Taxes, Interest, Net income, 1st preferred dividends, 2d preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, def\$17,265, * Depreciation incl. in operating expenses.

In the statement published in the March 31 issue we treated the depreciation charges as a deduction from the surplus or deficit for the respective years, whereas the amounts had already been included in operating expenses and should not have been again deducted.—V. 126, p. 1978.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—6 1/2% Option Warrants.

The company, in a letter to holders of \$75 paid 6 1/2% interest bearing option warrants, says: Notice is hereby given of the fifth call for payment of \$10 per option warrant on or before May 1 1928, at the office of the company in Ithaca, N. Y. Payment of this call will make the warrants \$85 paid. Interest will be allowed from May 1 1928, on all payments received on or before that date. Holders desiring to anticipate the sixth and last call may pay \$20 per warrant at this time, thus bringing them to a full paid basis. Such holders should then turn in their certificates to the company, indicating whether they desire to exchange their warrants for 6% conv. debenture bonds or \$6.50 preferred stock.

Subscription Rights to New 4 1/2% Debentures to Expire April 12 (Instead of on April 9).—Because of the two-day holiday this week, Vice-President H. C. Hopson has notified the New York Curb Market that rights to subscribe to the 20-year conv. 4 1/2% debentures will expire April 12 instead of April 9, the original date. (See V. 126, p. 1656.)

Consolidation and Refunding of Debt and Underlying Pref. Stocks—Notice of Withdrawal of Exchange Offers.—Secretary M. C. O'Keefe says:

It now appears probable that the 4 1/2% conv. gold debentures which were offered to holders of stocks and registered convertible securities at 97, will be fully subscribed. The debentures are now selling on a "when issued basis" at a price materially higher than the offering price. These 4 1/2% convertible gold debentures may be applied for on the subscription warrants (subject to allotment, if not covered by "rights") at not less than the offering price. It is desirable from the standpoint of economical financing that the present offers to holders of debt and underlying preferred stocks to exchange such securities for consol. ref. 5% gold deb. bonds due 1968 shall end and that future exchanges should be on a modified basis or with bonds carrying a lower coupon rate. The consol. ref. 5% gold deb. bonds due 1968 are now selling at 100. Many of the securities included in the exchange offer have already been called and notices of redemption of numerous others are now being prepared. Accordingly, the company has selected to terminate the exchange offers on April 20 1928. The exchange offers to which this notice applies, on the basis of \$1,000 of bonds or 10 shares of stock, are as follows:

Amount of New Bonds or Preferred Stock.

Face Amount. Shares. Series

Table listing various bonds and stocks to be deposited, including Associated Electric Co. 5 1/2% due 1946, Associated Gas & Electric Co. Series A 6%, etc.

* Convertible into stock as provided in the bonds.

The gold deb. bonds consol. ref. 5% series due 1968 rank on a parity with the other bonds of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., which has no secured funded debt.

Interest will be adjusted to April 1 1928 on the bonds deposited. Pending preparation of definitive new bonds, depositors will receive interim certificates carrying interest from April 1 to Oct. 1 1928 at 5% per annum on the principal amount of the new bonds called for by such certificates and calling for delivery of permanent bonds on or before Oct. 1 1928.

The company will purchase or sell fractional amounts of the new bond at par. The company will also buy or sell fractional shares of pref. stock at \$100 per share. Adjustment of fractions will be made at once.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York is depository.

The deposited of the bonds and stocks listed above may be deposited in exchange for the new bonds at any of the offices of the following: Harris, Forbes & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Field, Gore & Co.; Brown Brothers & Co.; Edward B. Smith & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; or John Nickerson & Co.—V. 126, p. 1978.

Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corp. (& Subs.)—

Financial statement for Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corp. including calendar years 1927, 1926, and 1925 with various income and expense items.

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet on Dec. 31.

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet on Dec. 31 showing assets (Fixed capital, Sinking fund, etc.) and liabilities (Pref. stock, Common stock, etc.) for 1927 and 1926.

Total—210,285,798 196,681,179 Total—210,285,798 196,681,179 x 1,952,868 shares no par value.—V. 126, p. 1348.

New No Par Value Preferred Stock Issue Approved.—

The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing the authorized capitalization by 500,000 shares of \$5 cummul. div. 1st pref.

stock of no par value. Plans call for the issuance shortly of not more than 350,000 shares of this new stock to acquire by exchange or to provide funds for the redemption of preferred stocks of the Niagara Falls Power Co., the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co., and the Tonawanda Power Co., the three of the subsidiaries to be consolidated.

The company also has authorized: 2,500,000 shares of pref. stock, par \$25; 525,000 shares of class A stock, no par value; and 2,100,000 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 126, p. 1348.

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Annual Report for Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. showing calendar years 1927, 1926, and 1925 with gross earnings, operating expenses, taxes, interest, depreciation, net profit, and dividends.

Central Maine Power Co.—Annual Report.—

Annual Report for Central Maine Power Co. showing calendar years 1927, 1926, and 1925 with gross earnings, total operating expenses, interest, net income, dividends on preferred stock, and dividends on common stock.

Central and South West Utilities Co. (& Subs.)—

Earnings Statement for Central and South West Utilities Co. (& Subs.) for the year ending December 31, 1927, including gross earnings of subsidiary companies, net earnings from operation, total earnings accruing to Central & South West Utilities Co., and dividends on common stock.

Central States Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.—Yeager, Young & Pierson, Inc., Paul & Co., J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., and Vought & Co., Inc., are offering at 97 1/2 and int., to yield 5 3/4%, \$1,350,000 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A.

Dated April 2 1928; due April 1 1943. Int. to be payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part by lot, on any int. date, on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. on or before April 1 1933, this premium of 5% decreasing 1/3 of 1% of the principal on Oct. 1 1933, and on each Oct. 1 thereafter. Principal and int. payable in New York at the office of Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% per annum. Company will agree to refund to holders of these bonds, upon proper and timely application, Conn., Penn. and Calif. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills per annum each, Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills per annum, District of Columbia, Mich. and Kentucky personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills per annum each, and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on the interest.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first lien on, through pledge with the trustee of, all outstanding bonds and indebtedness (except current indebtedness not in excess of current assets and \$141,900 subsidiary bonds redeemable at par in 1931 against which \$146,157 in cash has been deposited with the trustee under the indenture) and capital stock of all classes of each subsidiary as defined. Indenture will provide that these requirements in respect of each existing subsidiary must at all times be maintained. Indenture will provide that all of the capital stock (except minority shares, not exceeding 5% of the whole) and all outstanding indebtedness of each class (except current indebtedness not in excess of current assets) of each future subsidiary shall be and remain at all times deposited and pledged with the trustee under the indenture. Indenture will provide for an adequate deposit in cash against the minority shares of future subsidiaries. Company may, however, in lieu of depositing any outstanding indebtedness of any subsidiary, deposit cash sufficient to retire the same.

Notes Offered.—Yeager, Young & Pierson, Inc., Paul & Co., and Vought & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield over 6%, \$675,000 3-year 5 1/2% convertible gold notes.

Dated April 2 1928; due April 1 1931. Interest payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. Principal and int. payable in New York at the office of Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee. Interest will be payable without deduction of normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% per annum. Company will agree to refund to holders of these notes, upon proper and timely application, Conn., Penn. and Calif. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills per annum each, Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills per annum, District of Columbia, Mich. and Kentucky personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills per annum each, and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on the interest.

Convertible.—These notes will be convertible at the option of the holder into the company's 7% cumulative preferred stock in the ratio of 10 shares of preferred stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of notes.

Data from Letter of Pres. E. A. Shriver, Chicago, March 31.

Company.—A Delaware corporation. Supplies or will presently supply, through subsidiaries, electric light and power, gas, water and other public utility services to over 5,300 consumers in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Alabama. The combined population of the territories served is in excess of 50,000. The territories served include important agricultural and mining regions, as well as substantial industrial and residential centers. The wide diversity as to geographical location, as well as to the type and character of communities served, has a stabilizing influence upon the business and earnings of the subsidiary properties. Approximately 84% of the total net revenues of the company is derived from the sale of electric energy, and the balance from the sale of ice, water and gas.

The physical properties of the operating companies are substantially built and are in excellent operating condition. They include electric generating stations with a present combined installed capacity of 3,900 k.w., of which 1,000 k.w. is hydro-electric substation capacity of 500 k.v.a.; 180 miles of electric transmission lines, 15 miles of gas transmission lines, 150 miles of gas distributing mains, and ice plants having a combined capacity of 30 tons. The water works at Monroeville has a pumping capacity of 90,000 gallons per day and the distribution system includes 10 miles of water mains.

Capitalization—

1st lien 5 1/4 % gold bonds, series A	x	\$1,350,000
3-year 5 1/4 % convertible gold notes (closed issue)	x	675,000
7% cumulative preferred stock	y	10,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	y	10,000 shs.

x Additional bonds may be issued only under the conservative restrictions of the trust indenture. y Of this amount \$675,000 is reserved for the conversion of the 3-year 5 1/4 % convertible gold notes.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of the operating subsidiaries of the company, including those to be presently acquired, as reported by Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants, after certain adjustments giving effect to present operating conditions, were as follows:

Gross earnings	\$321,073
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	169,239
Net earnings available for interest, depreciation, &c.	\$151,833
Annual interest requirements on first lien bonds	74,250

Balance.—Annual net interest requirements \$77,584. Balance of net earnings as shown above, amount to over twice the annual interest requirements on this issue of notes.

Maintenance and Renewal Fund.—Indenture provides that during each year, the company shall expend or cause to be expended by its subsidiaries an amount not less than 1 1/4 % of the consolidated gross operating earnings for the preceding calendar year for (a) repairs, renewals and replacements; (b) extensions or acquisitions in respect of which the company would otherwise be entitled to issue additional bonds; or (c) the redemption or purchase of bonds outstanding under the indenture.

Purpose.—The proceeds from the sale of these bonds and notes will be applied toward the retirement of existing funded debt, to defray a part of the cost of acquiring additional properties, and for other corporate purposes.

Chicago Railways Co.—Payment Authorized.—Federal Judge Wilkerson has authorized the receivers to pay the city of Chicago \$1,562,714, or 55% of companies' gross earnings for the year ended Jan. 31, 1928. The amount due the city of Chicago under the terms of the franchise.—V. 126, p. 575.

Cities Service Co.—Acquisitions Ratified.—The company on April 2 formally acquired control of the Arkansas Natural Gas Co. and the gas properties of the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co., stockholders of the companies involved having ratified the purchase agreement previously made.

The properties acquired by the Cities Service Co. 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. 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. About 74,000 customers are served by the properties purchased, which also have about 1,000 miles of transporting and distributing pipelines, 6 gas compressor stations of 16,000 h.p., and 3 gasoline extraction plants with a yearly capacity of more than 5 million gallons. Gas sales last year amounted to 23 billion cubic feet.

The Cities Service Co. is consolidating these new properties with other Cities Service properties already operating in this territory, including Natural Gas & Fuel Corp.—V. 126, p. 1808, 1505.

Cities Service Gas Co.—Permanent Bonds Ready.—Permanent 1st mtg. pipeline 5 1/4 % gold bonds, series of 1927, due May 1 1942, are now ready and exchangeable for the interim certificates originally issued. Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., announces. See offering in—V. 124, p. 3065.

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$23,609,479	\$22,048,268	\$20,053,939	\$18,229,295
Operating expenses	12,257,458	11,704,564	10,306,815	9,548,740
Net operating revenue	\$11,352,021	\$10,343,704	\$9,747,124	\$8,680,555
Non-operating revenue	540,412	490,185	725,896	223,420
Gross income	\$11,892,433	\$10,833,890	\$10,473,021	\$8,903,975
Int. tax & amort. of disc't	5,700,034	4,594,942	4,490,427	3,718,173
Net income	\$6,192,399	\$6,238,947	\$5,982,594	\$5,185,802
Dividends	2,627,882	2,627,882	2,609,980	2,048,520
Surplus	\$3,564,517	\$3,611,065	\$3,372,614	\$3,137,282

—V. 126, p. 1505.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Annual Report.

Consolidated Income Account—Years Ended Dec. 31.
(Commonwealth Power Corp. and Subsidiary Companies.)

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross Earnings—				
Electric department	\$37,834,771	\$34,299,007	\$30,188,529	\$20,217,613
Gas department	7,929,253	7,375,928	6,706,283	5,572,271
Railway department	4,829,505	4,816,532	4,746,868	1,563,276
Heating, water, coal and appliance departments	2,579,446	2,706,076	2,533,184	4,174,599
Total	\$53,172,976	\$49,197,543	\$44,174,864	\$31,527,709
Oper. expenses & taxes	28,431,373	26,389,803	24,922,566	18,653,230
Gross income	\$24,741,603	\$22,807,740	\$19,252,298	\$12,874,479
Fixed chgs. of gen. interest	\$5,807,845	\$6,001,798	\$5,858,996	\$3,812,016
Amortization of disc't	431,768	446,216	444,343	363,831
Divs. on pref. stock of subs. held by public	5,691,862	5,026,912	4,156,650	1,948,909
Int. chgs. Comm. P. Corp.	396,500	654,656	652,760	879,095
Net income	\$12,413,629	\$10,678,158	\$8,139,549	\$5,870,629
Annual div. on Commw. P. Corp. pref. stock	2,478,212	2,203,044	2,189,557	1,483,038
do com. cash	3,551,078	2,161,894	1,379,507	609,564
do do stock		881,820		
Prov. for depr. & replace	3,422,263	3,386,275	3,112,903	2,128,470
Balance, surplus	\$2,962,076	\$2,045,125	\$1,457,582	\$1,649,557

—V. 126, p. 1808.

Community Water Service Co.—Debentures Offered.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 and int. to yield about 5.67%, an additional issue of \$2,500,000 5.50% gold debentures, ser. B, dated Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1946.

Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office or agency of the company, in either New York City or Chicago. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. on or before Mar. 1 1931*, thereafter to and incl. March 1 1936 at 102 and int. thereafter to and incl. Sept. 1 1945 at 101 and int., and thereafter and prior to maturity at par and int. Interest payable without deduction of that portion of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Reimbursement of certain Calif., Conn., Dist. of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mass., Mich., Minn., Penn. and Virginia taxes, upon timely and proper application, as provided in the supplemental agreement creating this issue. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York City, trustee.

Data from Letter of Reeves J. Newsom, Vice-President of the Co. Company, through its subsidiary and affiliated companies, supplies water without competition for domestic, municipal and industrial purposes to more than 100 communities, including important cities in the states of Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and in addition, supplies gas to Greenwich, Conn., and several other communities. These properties serve a territory with an estimated population of 749,200 and have been in continuous and successful operation for various periods up to 70 years. Company shows combined assets of over \$62,000,000.

Earnings.—The consolidated revenues of company, as reported for the

12 months ended Dec. 31 1927, are as follows:

Gross income	a	\$5,274,396
Operating expenses, maintenance, prior charges of subsidiary companies and taxes (not including Federal income taxes)		4,130,609
Balance		\$1,143,788
Ann. int. requiremnts on \$6,550,000 gold deb. due 1946 (incl. this issue)		380,500
a Does not include earnings from ownership of 26% of the common stock of St. Louis County Water Company.		
Compare also V. 126, p. 1808.		

Connecticut Company.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating revenues	\$14,185,034	\$14,649,682	\$14,522,177	\$14,374,838
Operating expenses	11,563,166	11,917,518	11,585,188	11,590,736
Tax accruals	698,934	790,832	630,328	588,456
Operating income	\$1,922,934	\$1,941,332	\$2,306,662	\$2,195,646
Non-operating income	56,984	71,654	50,759	50,434
Gross income	\$1,979,918	\$2,012,986	\$2,357,420	\$2,246,080
Deduct'ns from gross inc.	1,451,901	1,477,521	1,491,946	1,543,611
Net income	\$528,017	\$535,464	\$865,474	\$702,468

—V. 124, p. 1978.

Duquesne Light Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$20,000,000 5% cumulative 1st preferred stock (par \$100).—V. 126, p. 1808, 1658.

Eastern Utilities Associates.—Time Extended.—Deposit.—The Eastern Utilities Associates announce that the following amounts of common stock have been deposited under the deposit agreement of Mar. 3 1928, for exchange for shares of Eastern Utilities Associates: Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co., 81%; Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton, 84%; the Electric Light & Power Co. of Abington and Rockland, 86%. On account of urgent requests of stockholders who have been unable to deposit their stock in this short period, the trustees of Eastern Utilities Associates, in order that such stockholders may not lose the benefits of the plan, have voted to continue to make exchanges for the time being. Stockholders who desire to make the exchange should do so promptly as the exchange privilege is subject to withdrawal at any time without notice.

The organization of Eastern Utilities Associates has been completed and the following officers elected: Edwin S. Webster, President; William B. Crawford, Vice President, and Henry B. Sawyer, Treasurer.

Announcement has also been made that the certificates for common and convertible shares of Eastern Utilities Associates will be delivered on April 11.

Combined earnings of the Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co., Edison Electric Illuminating Co., of Brockton and the Electric Light & Power Co., of Abington & Rockland, for the 12 months ended Feb. 29 1928:

Gross earnings	\$8,327,196
Operating expenses & taxes	5,356,797
Net earnings	2,970,399
Other income	55,076
Net income	3,025,475
Interest, amortization & deductions	760,582

Balance, surplus \$1,036,413
—V. 126, p. 1980, 1808.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating revenues	\$25,886,945	\$23,204,901	\$21,315,240	\$19,494,784
Operating expenses	10,849,952	9,791,488	9,840,877	9,333,352
Uncollectible oper. revs.	122,184	69,975	61,096	30,000
Taxes	3,835,000	3,700,000	3,220,000	2,470,000
Net operating income	\$11,079,809	\$9,643,439	\$8,193,266	\$7,661,432
Non-operating income	Cr. 68,582	Dr. 4,701	Cr. 110,604	Cr. 74,711
Gross income	\$11,148,391	\$9,638,738	\$8,303,870	\$7,736,143
Interest, &c.	1,900,393	1,866,486	1,599,434	1,173,288
Net income	9,247,997	7,772,253	6,704,436	6,562,855
Dividends paid	6,006,096	5,605,692	5,605,692	4,667,964
Balance, surplus	\$3,241,901	\$2,166,561	\$1,098,744	\$1,894,891
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	333,875	467,141	467,141	389,284
Earned per share	\$17.32	\$16.64	\$14.35	\$16.86

—V. 125, p. 2262.

Empire State RR. Corp.—Bonds Deposited.—The holders of the first mortgage 5% gold bonds of the Syracuse, Lake Shore & Northern RR. due May 1 1947 are advised by the protective committee (Alvert B. Merrell, Chairman) that the committee now has a majority of the Syracuse, Lake Shore and Northern bonds and are about ready to take possession of the Road for the bondholders through foreclosure proceedings. It urges those who have not as yet deposited their bonds to do so without further delay. Bonds should be sent to the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse, New York or the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., the depositories of the committee.

The committee in a letter dated March 29 further states: The Road is still earning money and in 1927 showed, before bond interest requirements, earnings of \$44,933 after depreciation of \$16,266 and after taxes. Through the effective management of the receiver expenses were drastically cut last year. During the year the local lines in the City of Oswego were abandoned through the order of the Public Service Commission. These lines had been losing money for some time. There is apparently a definite earning power in the main property, and the bondholders should exercise their rights in taking over the Road. The property will probably be bid in by the bondholders' committee for the bondholders. In the event that you do not deposit, you must necessarily accept the sales price and thereupon give up your interest in the Road. The committee desires to accomplish the best result possible for all of the bondholders and thinks that it will be to your advantage to deposit your bonds with it and participate in a reorganization of the property rather than to take merely your proportionate share of the price which may be bid for the property upon a foreclosure sale.—V. 125, p. 93.

Engineers Public Service Co.—To Inc. Stock.—Listing.—The stockholders will vote April 12 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 1,500,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares. The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 additional shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full making the total amount applied for 1,117,905 shares of common stock.

The issue of the 100,000 shares of common stock is to be sold for cash on or before April 2 1928 under a binding contract with bankers at not less than \$38 per share. The directors at a meeting held March 22 1928, authorized the issuance of the shares. See also V. 126, p. 1880, 1189.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of not exceeding \$64,530 common stock, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$65,179,965 common stock.—V. 126, p. 713, 1506.

Gulf Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Coffin & Burr, Inc. are offering at 99 and int. to yield about 5.06%, \$2,500,000 1st & refg. mtge gold bonds, 5% Series due 1968.

Dated April 2 1928; due April 1 1968. Int. payable Apr. 1 & Oct. 1 in New York City. Callable all or in part at any time prior to maturity

on 45 days' notice; at 105 through April 1 1933; thereafter at 104 through April 1 1938; the premium thereafter decreasing 1/4 of 1% for each 4 years elapsed since April 2 1934; and after April 1 1966 and prior to maturity at 100 plus int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000 c*.

Data From Letter of W. M. Stanley, Vice-President of the Company. Company.—Conducts the entire electric light and power business in the city of Pensacola and in 13 other communities in northwestern Florida, including Panama City, De Funiak Springs and Bonifay.

Capitalization of the Company, Upon Completion of This Financing. Common stock (no par value) 400,000 shrs. Second pref. stock, \$6.50 per share per annum, non-cumul. 10,000 shrs.

Earnings of the Properties for the 12 Months Ended February 29 1928. Gross earnings \$1,015,892. Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes 581,250.

Net earnings \$434,642. Annual interest charges on funded debt, including this issue 179,900.

Over 80% of the gross earnings and practically 92% of the net earnings are derived from electric power and light and gas operations.

Security.—The bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the property of the company outside of the City of Pensacola and by a mortgage on all the property in Pensacola except certain land in Pensacola and street railway properties in Pensacola and vicinity as stated in the mortgage, subject to the lien of \$1,098,000 divisional bonds maturing in 1931 and 1934.

Ownership.—The entire common stock of company (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by Southeastern Power & Light Co.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—To Change Par.—

The stockholders will vote shortly on changing the outstanding capital stock from shares of \$100 par value to shares of \$25 par value, four new shares to be issued in exchange for each share now held.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Details of Fusion of Mackay Companies.—

The stockholders are in receipt of a circular giving details of the fusion of interests of the company and the Mackay Companies. The International stockholders will vote May 9 on approving the terms.

An arrangement has recently been concluded with Clarence H. Mackay, President of the Mackay Cos., to associate with the International Telephone & Telegraph System, the properties of the Mackay Cos. which comprise the cables and land lines of the Commercial and Postal Telegraph Systems extending from Europe on the one hand, through the United States to the coast of Asia on the other.

The plan provides for the exchange of the existing pref. and common shares of the Mackay Cos. and the 4% 500-year 1st mtge. bonds and debenture stock of the Commercial Cable Co. on the following basis:

\$18,000,000 of the 25-year coll. trust 5% bonds of the new company are to be issued in exchange for \$20,000,000 of such 4% bonds and debenture stock of the Commercial Cable Co. on the basis of \$900 of new bonds in exchange for each \$1,000 (\$206) face amount of such 4% bonds and debenture stock.

\$34,321,120 of the 5% bonds are to be presently issuable in exchange for the outstanding \$42,901,400 4% pref. shares of the Mackay Cos. at the rate of \$800 principal amount of the new 5% bonds for each 10 pref. shares of the Mackay Cos., making a total present issue of the 5% bonds of \$52,321,120.

Each four common shares of the Mackay Cos. will be exchangeable for three shares of 7% non-cum. non-voting pref. stock of the new company, plus one share of \$100 par value of the capital stock of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., which, subject to the requisite approval of stockholders, is to issue to the new company, in exchange for the common stock of said new company, such part of an aggregate of \$10,345,100 par value of the capital stock of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. as may be needed for the above purpose.

The enlarged system will operate telegraph lines extending throughout the United States, with agreements for exchange of business with Canada and Mexico; cable systems extending across the Atlantic and Pacific and to the important countries of South America with connections to European and Asiatic countries; telephone systems in Mexico, the West Indies and South America; and an organization engaged in the manufacture and sale of electrical communications equipment widely distributed throughout the world. It will also operate radio services to supplement the existing cable and wire systems.

Both organizations should profit by this association of interests through greater diversification, and the added business which the widespread contacts of each in many fields of operations will bring to the other.

Clarence H. Mackay is to become a member of the board of directors and executive committee and is to assume an active part in the direction of the corporation. In addition he is to be the chairman of the new company.

The amendment of the charter of this corporation (which will come before the meeting) will confer upon the board of directors power to issue authorized but unissued stock, the exercise by the board of such power, when so conferred, being authorized by the corporation laws of the State of Maryland. The amendment is particularly desirable in the case of a company which is extending its properties and developing its business as comprehensively as is the International, and your board of directors has advised the amendment accordingly.

There will be presented to the stockholders at the annual meeting a proposition to authorize the issue by the board of directors for cash, at not less than \$100 per share, of not exceeding 13,000 shares of the stock of this corporation, to employees and officers (other than members of your board of directors), by way of profit sharing. In the opinion of the executive officers, the previous issues of stock to such persons have been of great value in developing the full co-operation between the various companies in the system required to assure its progressive growth.

The directors have approved the several propositions above described, and the officers respectfully urge the co-operation of the stockholders. The affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of all of the outstanding stock of the corporation is required.—V. 126, p. 1980.

Massachusetts Lighting Cos.—Annual Report.—

Income Statement of Trustees of Holding Company. Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Total income \$807,562 \$742,045 \$728,395 \$683,175. Expenses, taxes, int., &c. 103,704 140,049 140,070 159,701.

Consolidated Operating Accounts of Companies Whose Shares are Owned by Massachusetts Lighting Cos.

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Gross income \$4,118,868 \$3,977,473 \$3,690,494 \$3,454,679. Net income after exp., deprec. & taxes, &c. \$807,875 \$792,100 \$749,815 \$741,054.

Balance Sheet of Mass. Lighting Cos., Dec. 31.

Assets— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Stocks (at cost) \$7,851,605 \$7,463,653 Share capital x \$9,534,416 \$7,810,329.

Market Street Ry. Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Operating revenue \$9,819,570 \$9,891,668 \$9,902,768 \$9,852,228.

Net earnings \$1,573,712 \$1,872,574 \$2,227,960 \$2,196,441.

Gross income \$1,614,593 \$1,926,028 \$2,279,022 \$2,233,610.

Net income \$258,158 \$427,715 \$692,136 \$933,278.

Minnesota Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forber & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Coffin & Burr, Inc., are offering at 97 1/4 and int., to yield about 4.64% \$14,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 4 1/2% series due 1978.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1978. Int. payable M. & N. Red. all or part, on first day of any month on 4 weeks' notice at 102 and int. through May 1 1934; the premium decreasing 1/4 of 1% during each 6 year period elapsed thereafter to and incl. May 1 1976 and thereafter at 100 and int.

Denom. c* \$1,000 and r* \$1,000 and \$5,000. American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York, and George E. Warren, trustees.

Data from Letter of W. S. Robertson, Vice-Pres. & General Manager.

Business.—Company supplies, directly or indirectly, the entire electric power and light service in an extensive territory in northern and eastern Minnesota, serving 100 communities, including Duluth, Chisholm, Eveleth, Ely, Cloquet, Little Falls and Brainerd. It also serves Superior, Wis., at wholesale.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the physical property of the company, except as to the recently acquired property of the Great Northern Power Co., which is subject to one issue of \$7,747,000 (closed mortgage) bonds outstanding in the hands of the public and maturing Feb. 1 1935.

Capitalization—

Common stock \$20,000,000 Authorized. Outstanding. \$20,000,000. Second preferred stock 7% cumulative \$12,510,000 { 3,510,000.

Additional bonds may be issued only under the conservative restrictions of the mortgage. x of this amount \$3,510,000 is now subordinated to the 7% preferred stock, 6% preferred stock and \$6 preferred stock and has been designated by the charter as second pref. stock.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in connection with the retirement of the \$12,300,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 6% series due 1950, which have been called for redemption on May 1 1928.

Earnings of Properties Year Ended Feb. 29 1928.

Gross earnings from operation \$5,904,476. Operating expenses, taxes and maintenance 2,208,877.

Physical Property.—

The property now owned and operated includes electric generating plants having a total installed capacity of 107,215 kw., of which 94,865 kw., or about 88%, is hydro-electric and 12,350 kw. is steam; 1,118 miles of high voltage transmission lines and 778 miles of electric distribution system.

The principal generating plant owned is the Thomson hydro-electric plant on the St. Louis River, having a present installed generating capacity

of 55,350 kw. and a proposed ultimate capacity of 68,000 kw. This plant is especially well located with respect to the market for its output, being only 11 miles from the business center of Duluth.

Other important hydro-electric plants owned include the Fond du Lac hydro-electric generating plant, located on the St. Louis River near the limits of the City of Duluth, and about three miles below the Thomson hydro-electric generating plant. The Fond du Lac plant with an initial installation of 12,000 kw. is designed and partially built for an ultimate capacity of 24,000 kw.

Due to the complete interconnection of the company's properties, electrical energy is available to the entire system from the hydro-electric plants owned on streams located in three distinct watersheds. The maximum and minimum stream flow of these three watersheds is not coincident, and this diversity makes it possible for the company to utilize to the best advantage the stream flow from all of these watersheds.

Minnesota Power & Light Co. also owns a number of important reservoirs, including Island Lake, White Face Reservoir, Fish Lake, Boulder Lake and Rice Lake, which reservoirs have an aggregate water storage capacity of approximately 337,900 acre ft.

All of the properties operated by the company are interconnected by a system of transmission lines aggregating 1,118 miles in length, including a 110,000-volt line approximately 206 miles long extending from the Blanchard Rapids plant on the Mississippi River northeast to and through the Cuyuna Range to the properties of the company on the Mesaba Range, and thence southeast connecting with the Thomson and Fond du Lac hydro-electric plants and the company's properties in Duluth.

Supervision.—Company is controlled through ownership of all its second preferred and common stock (except directors' shares) by the American Power & Light Co. Electric Bond & Share Co. supervises (under the direction and control of the boards of directors of the respective companies) the operations of the American Power & Light Co., and the Minnesota Power & Light Co.—V. 126, p. 1350.

New England Power Association.—Debentures Offered.
—Harris, Forbes & Co. and Baker, Young & Co. are offering at 100 and interest \$25,000,000 5% gold debentures.

Dated April 1 1928; due April 1 1948. Int. payable (A. & O.) at office of Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston and New York, or at Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or at the option of the Association at the Association's office or agency in said cities. Red. all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 1/2 through April 1 1932; at 102 through April 1 1936; at 101 1/2 through April 1 1940; at 101 through April 1 1944; at 100 1/2 through Oct. 1 1947 and thereafter at 100 to maturity; in each case with accrued int. Demom. c*\$1,000 and \$500c* and r*\$1,000 or authorized multiples. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. The Association agrees to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum which the Association or the trustee may be required to pay thereon or deduct therefrom.

Data from Letter of Frank D. Comerford, Pres. of the Association.

Association.—A Massachusetts Voluntary Association, formed under a declaration of trust dated Jan. 2 1926. Is the holding and financing vehicle for properties located in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island comprising the New England Power System. These properties constitute the largest power system in the New England States and distribute annually over 850,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy to a group of highly industrialized centers which are connected by a comprehensive network of high tension lines. Power is generated in 11 hydro-electric and 6 steam plants advantageously located to permit effective and economical transmission throughout the territory served, and through interconnection with large hydro-electric and steam generating plants of other companies in southern New England and New York State, the New England Power System is able to purchase large amounts of primary and surplus power that these plants have available. Over 250 communities having a population in excess of 2,500,000 are served by the System either directly or through contracts with local distributing companies. The major portion of the electric energy sold by the System is in large blocks under long term contracts to many prominent industrial concerns and to local distributing companies.

Capitalization.—The Association will have outstanding, upon completion of this financing, including all preferred and common stocks, and bonds of subsidiary companies held by the public:

New England Power Association.

Common shares (no par value).....	\$24,098,980.
Preferred shares 6% (\$100 par) cumulative.....	\$33,502,900.
Debentures (this issue).....	25,000,000.

Subsidiary Companies.
Subsidiaries' bonds and preferred stocks (held by public)-----a\$80,174,970
Subsidiaries' common stocks (held by public)-----b2,765,300
a This item includes 495,482 no par value shares of preferred stock and 16,892 no par value shares of class "A" stock of the Rhode Island Public Service Co., which are taken at the capital value on the books of the company of \$14,554,870, but not at market, call or liquidation value. b Taken at par, but not at market, call or liquidation value.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings and expenses, including subsidiary companies as reported year ended Dec. 31 1927:

Gross revenues, including other income.....	\$28,778,661
Operating expenses, maint. & taxes, (except Fed. inc. tax) & minority common stock interest in subsidiaries' earnings.....	15,696,068

Consolidated net earnings.....\$13,082,593
Annual interest and dividend charges:
Subsidiaries' bonds and preferred stocks.....\$4,415,072
Debentures (this issue).....1,250,000

Balance for depreciation, dividends, &c.....\$7,417,521
Consolidated net earnings after providing for depreciation of \$2,687,053 were \$10,395,510 or over 1.8 times the above interest and dividend charges. The combined provision for maintenance and depreciation during the period amounted to 19% of gross operating revenue.

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 5% debentures New England Power Assoc. "when issued."—V. 125, p. 3482.

New York & Stamford Ry.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating revenues.....	\$206,914	\$427,107	\$517,950	\$513,807
Operating expenses.....	278,445	456,906	385,258	394,152
Tax accruals.....	15,244	22,739	23,347	24,697
Operating income.....	def\$86,774	def\$52,538	\$109,345	\$94,959
Non-operating income.....	35,018	2,279	856	3,806
Gross income.....	def\$51,756	def\$50,258	\$110,200	\$98,765
Deduct'ns from gross inc x	107,168	114,994	113,568	112,055

Net deficit.....\$158,924 \$165,252 \$3,368 \$13,290
x Deductions from gross income include \$53,033 in 1927, \$40,763 in 1926, \$4,226 in 1925, \$40,226 in 1924, interest accruing to the N. Y. N. H. & H. RR., but not incl. in the income account of that co.—V. 125, p. 1194.

New York Telephone Co.—Additional Expenditures.

President J. S. McCulloch, last week announced that the directors at their meeting held on March 28 authorized the additional expenditure of \$12,170,524 for new construction in various parts of the territory served by the company. This brings the total of appropriations made since the first of the year to \$21,552,564, of which \$19,002,294 was set aside for enlargement of plant facilities in the Metropolitan area.—V. 126, p. 1810.

North American Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 115,403 additional shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total number of shares applied for to date 4,742,861 shares.—V. 126, p. 1972, 1982.

N. Y. Westchester & Boston Ry. Co.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating revenues.....	\$2,151,428	\$1,911,705	\$1,648,901	\$1,521,446
Operating expenses.....	1,498,972	1,247,298	1,060,439	993,196
Tax accruals.....	229,150	237,442	216,287	210,016
Operating income.....	\$423,305	\$426,964	\$372,175	\$318,233
Non-operating income.....	15,187	9,478	6,972	10,628
Gross income.....	\$438,492	\$436,442	\$379,146	\$328,861
Deduct'ns from gross inc x	2,303,493	2,194,690	2,051,947	1,963,789
Net deficit.....	\$1,864,999	\$1,758,247	\$1,672,801	\$1,634,928
x Deductions from gross income include \$1,215,594 in 1927, \$1,157,841 in 1926, \$1,100,008 in 1925, \$1,042,335 in 1924, interest accruing to the N. Y. N. H. & H. RR., but not included in the income account of that company.—V. 124, p. 1980.				

North American Edison Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$83,941,982	\$81,365,672	\$72,563,287	\$66,315,448
Oper. expenses & taxes.....	46,422,187	46,318,534	43,628,873	40,957,074
Interest charges.....	10,576,276	9,459,171	9,023,896	7,970,539
Preferred divs. of subs.....	4,181,182	3,966,070	2,852,019	2,275,318
Minority interests.....	1,292,762	1,247,242	1,212,492	1,130,227
Depreciation reserve.....	8,770,941	8,372,945	7,396,578	6,613,828
Net income.....	\$12,698,633	\$12,001,709	\$8,449,427	\$7,368,460
Preferred dividends.....	1,200,000	1,200,000	236,667	236,667
Common dividends.....	5,043,500	4,331,250	3,753,750	3,330,250
Balance, surplus.....	\$6,455,133	\$6,470,459	\$4,459,010	\$4,038,210
Shs. of com. outst'd'g (no par).....	385,000	385,000	385,000	385,000
Earns. per sh. on com.....	\$29.86	\$28.06	\$21.33	\$19.14
—V. 126, p. 1350.				

North Continent Utilities Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.

George M. Forman & Co., Inc., are offering at \$100 per share and div., 12,500 shares 7% cum. pref. stock.

Preferred both as to assets and cumulative dividends. Cumulative divs. at rate of \$7 per share per annum, payable Q.-J. Red., all or part, on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at \$105 per share and all unpaid accrued divs. Exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer offices, National City Bank, New York, and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago. Registrars, Empire Trust Co., New York, and Chicago Trust Co., Chicago.

Data from Letter of Wm. A. Baehr, President of the Corporation.

Business.—Corporation controls the North Shore Gas Co., Great Falls Gas Co., Elk River Power & Light Co., Great Northern Gas Co., Ltd., Great Northern Utilities Co., the Denver Ice & Cold Storage Co., and Capital Ice Refrigerating Co. Through these controlled companies it serves a total of approximately 30,000 customers with gas and electricity (the territories thus served having a population in excess of 175,000), and does approximately one-half of the ice business in the cities of Denver, Colo., and Indianapolis, Ind. The operating gas properties include generating plants of a total daily capacity of 14,742,000 cubic feet with 484.7 miles of gas mains; the electric systems have an installed generating capacity of approximately 2,400 kilowatts and 93 miles of transmission lines; the ice properties have a daily capacity of 775 tons.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of corporation and its subsidiary and affiliated companies for the 12 months' period ending Nov. 30 1927 (earnings from Capital Ice Refrigerating Co. properties included only for nine months' period ended Dec. 30 1927) giving effect to a full year's income from investment in North Shore Coke & Chemical Co. pref. stock, are summarized as follows:

Gross earnings (including other income).....\$3,231,998
Operating expenses, maintenance, taxes (incl. General income taxes paid by controlled companies) and amounts applicable to minority common stockholders.....2,229,111

Consol. net earnings before int., deprec. & amortization.....\$1,002,888
Annual int. and divs., paid or accrued, on funded debt and pref. stocks of controlled cos. outstanding in hands of the public.....338,718
Annual int. requirements on \$3,500,000 1st coll. lien & ref. gold bonds, series A, 5 1/2%, due 1948.....192,500

Balance.....\$471,670
Annual div. requirements on cum. pref. stock.....175,000

The above balance for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1927 is equal to approximately 2.70 times the annual div. requirement on the 25,000 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock to be outstanding upon completion of this financing.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue will be used for extensions, betterments and improvements to properties, or for other corporate purposes. Compare also V. 126, p. 1810.

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share in cash and an extra dividend of 1-50 of a share in stock payable May 1 to common stockholders of record April 16. A stock distribution of like amount was made on May 2, and Nov. 1 1927.—V. 126, p. 1982

Portland Electric Power Co.—Earnings, Cal. Years.

Company Proper—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$12,154,452	\$11,763,567	\$11,045,063	\$10,841,617
Operating expenses.....	5,788,690	5,821,686	5,504,578	5,434,454
Taxes.....	1,283,745	1,215,973	977,672	993,704
Interest.....	2,583,801	2,486,726	2,485,985	2,247,598
Bridge rentals, &c.....	120,247	117,115	103,943	103,477

Net income.....\$2,377,969 \$2,122,067 \$1,972,885 \$2,062,384
Prior pf. divs. (7% cum.).....475,274 475,599 444,361 325,875
1st pf. divs. (7 1/2% cum).....247,770 189,169 47,190 5,531
1st pf. divs. (6% cum).....356,592 368,223 375,000 375,000
1st pf. divs. (\$6 per sh.).....68,175 2,602
2d pf. div. (non-cum.).....300,000 300,000 300,000 300,000
Depreciation.....750,665 738,486 717,386 717,386

Balance.....\$179,493 \$47,988 \$88,948 \$338,592
—V. 126, 1352.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—To Redeem 7% Pref. Stock and Create an Issue of 110,000 Shares of \$5 (Div. Cumul.) Prior Preference Stock of No Par Value.

The company, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance:

Favorable money rates and the present demand for high grade preferred stocks of public utilities make it possible for the company to refinance on a basis that will effect a savings of approximately \$100,000 in its annual dividend requirements. This saving can be accomplished through the retirement of its \$100,000 7% prior preference stock at \$110 and div. by providing the funds for such retirement principally through the sale of a new issue of 110,000 shares of new class of (\$5 div. cumul.) prior preference stock without par value and any required balance from the sale of additional available (\$6) preferred stock without par value.

In order to carry out the plan, it will be necessary first to redeem the 7% prior preference stock; hence, (7%) prior preference stockholders will not be entitled to vote and proxies, therefore, are not being requested from this class of stockholders.

The proposed plan is to redeem the 7% prior preference stock on May 1 1928 and to hold a special stockholders' meeting on May 2 1928 to vote upon the question of reducing the authorized amount of the 7% prior preference stock so redeemed and contemporaneously with such reduction, of creating and authorizing in place thereof 110,000 shares of (\$5 div. and cumul.) prior preference stock without par value, redeemable at \$110, entitled in case of liquidation or dissolution to \$100 per share. This amendment to the Charter will constitute a net increase of 10,000 shares in the authorized capital stock of the Company.

Unless sufficient proxies are received from preferred and common stockholders on or before April 14 1928, it may be necessary to postpone the redemption date and adjourn the stockholders' meeting. As soon as the necessary number of proxies is received, either prior to the regular date set for such meeting or any adjournment thereof, formal notice of the re-

demption date will be given (7%) prior preference stockholders, and the stockholders' meeting will be adjourned to be held on the day following the redemption date so fixed.

Stockholders will also be asked to authorize, or delegate authority for, the disposition of the 110,000 shares of (\$5 div. cumul.) prior preference stock without par value.

The total authorized capital stock, after above proposed changes, will consist of 110,000 shares of prior preference stock without par value, 300,000 shares of preferred stock without par value and 202,829 shares of common stock without par value.—V. 126, p. 87.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Sale of Gas Properties Approved.

See Cities Service Co., above.—V. 126, p. 1983, 871.

Springfield Street Ry.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Non-operating income, Rental of leased lines, etc.

—V. 125, p. 650.

United Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended December 31 (a1927, b1927, b1926, b1925) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating exp., taxes, Net earnings, An. int. & pref. div. chrgs, Balance, etc.

Bal. available for depl. & retir'm't reserves, Fed. taxes & com. divs. \$678,895 633,445 \$718,630 \$648,796 a Includes properties acquired between Jan. 1 and Apr. 17 1928. b After adjustment to eliminate non-recurring expenses incurred prior to acquisition by United Public Service Co. and (or) subsidiaries.—V. 126, p. 717.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 14,000 additional shares of class A stock without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 584,000 shares of class A stock.

The directors have authorized the issuance of 14,000 shares of class A stock to continue the corporation's policy of offering such stock to class A stockholders in lieu of cash dividend for the current quarter of 50 cents per share, payable April 1 1928, such sale to be at the rate of \$20 per share.—V. 126, p. 1353, 416.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—New Financing.—

Secretary William L. Crawford, Mar. 21, says: "The stockholders have heretofore authorized the issuance of 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds up to \$12,000,000 and preferred stock up to \$15,000,000. All of the bonds so authorized and substantially all of the preferred stock have already been sold."

"In order to have further securities of these classes available for prompt issue from time to time in the event it is deemed advisable to finance future requirements in this way, the directors recommend that they be empowered to issue 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, without further authority from the stockholders, up to an aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000, including therein the \$12,000,000 of 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds now outstanding, and that the charter of the company be amended so as to provide for an increase of \$5,000,000 in the authorized preferred stock, this increased stock to be 6% cumul. pref. stock of the same class as the 6% cumul. pref. stock now outstanding and to be sold from time to time as the directors shall determine."

"These questions will be taken up at the annual stockholders' meeting to be held April 18. Following the proposed changes, the authorized capitalization will consist of \$10,487,000 7% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100), \$9,513,000 6% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100) and 480,000 shares of no par value pref. stock.—V. 126, p. 1983.

Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest charges, etc.

—V. 125, p. 1196.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Registrar.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 114,927 shares 6% cumul. pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 126, p. 1509, 1354.

Ahumada Lead Co.—New President, &c.—

O. R. Whitaker, H. C. Dudley, John B. Rawlings, Mrs. Isabella Greenway and C. T. Knapp have been elected directors.

O. R. Whitaker has been elected President, H. G. Dudley as Vice-President, John B. Rawlings as Secretary, C. B. Valle as Treasurer, and George H. Cobbe and J. W. Allen, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. At the annual meeting of the Erupcion Mining Co., a subsidiary of the Ahumada Lead Co., O. R. Whitaker, E. B. Knotts, C. T. Knapp, William O. Russell, George B. Ryan and George H. Cobbe were elected directors. At the organization meeting, O. R. Whitaker was elected President, E. F. Knotts as Vice-President, John B. Rawlings as Secretary, and C. B. Valle as Treasurer.—V. 126, p. 1354.

Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 60,000 additional shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total number of shares applied for 155,000.

At a meeting held on March 5 1928 the stockholders authorized the directors to issue 60,000 additional shares of the no par value common stock. Pursuant to such authority the directors authorized the issuance of the 60,000 shares of common stock for the consideration of \$20 per share. 48,000 shares of this stock were offered to stockholders of record March 9 for subscription at \$20 a share by March 31 1928 on a basis of one share for each two shares held. Any stock not taken by stockholders has been underwritten at such price. The remaining 12,000 shares will be issued to bankers in connection with financing of company's new \$3,000,000 issue of 1st & coll. trust 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due April 1 1948.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table comparing 1927 and 1926 for Gross sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, Other income, Total earnings, Provision for depreciation, Interest on bonds and notes, General administrative expenses, Net profits, Surplus beginning of year, Total.

Table for Dividends—Preferred stock, Dividends—Common stock, Underwriting expenses—Charged off.

Table for Surplus end of year, Earnings per share on common stock.

—V. 126, p. 1663, 1354.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Gross sales, Cost of sales, Net earnings, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Federal Taxes, Depreciation, etc.

Table for Balance, surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding, Earned per share.

x Includes Federal taxes. y Representing volume credits and rebates made to dealers on account of price declining customary in the industry due to rapidly falling rubber market in 1926.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926 and rows for Assets (Land, bldgs., &c., Pats. & good-will, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock and surplus, 1st mtge. bonds, etc.).

Total, a After deducting \$2,660,336 reserve for depreciation. b Represented by \$19,500 shares of no par value.—V. 126, p. 580.

All-American Radio Corp.—To Increase Stock, &c.—

The stockholders will vote April 20 on increasing the capitalization and on changing the name of the company (after acquisition of the Mohawk Corp. of Ill.) to All-American-Mohawk Corp. See further details in V. 126, p. 1984.

Alliance Realty Co.—Interim Receipts Soon Ready.—

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. announce that their interim receipts representing 6% cumul. pref. stock, will be exchangeable at their offices, 25 Broad St., N. Y. City, on and after Apr. 12 for temporary certificates.—V. 126, p. 1201.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Acquisition.—

The stockholders at the annual meeting on April 24 will be asked to vote on a proposal to acquire a substantial interest in the National Bearing Metal Corp. It is planned to purchase the pref. stock of the latter corporation for cash and to acquire the common stock by exchange for Brake Shoe common stock.—V. 126, p. 1043.

American Chain Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Consolidated Statement of Earnings for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Income from oper. (net), Deprec. of plants and amort. of patents, Interest (net), Income tax—Fed. & for'n, Net income, Preferred dividends, Div. on class A stock, Divs. on common stock, Surplus for year, Surplus adjust. (no par), Previous surplus, Balance at Dec. 31, Shs. com. stk. outstand., Earnings, pr. share.

—V. 125, p. 1841.

American Department Stores Corp.—Sales Gain.—

The corporation reports for March gross sales of \$1,130,794, an increase of 44% over the same period last year. For the first 3 months of this year gross sales were \$3,023,554, an increase of over 43%.—V. 126, p. 1813

American Druggists Syndicate.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Profit for year, Surplus from revaluation of plant (net), Previous surplus, Total surplus, Loss on liquidation of Canadian branch, Reserve for inventories, Add. prov. for acc'ts rec., Fed. income & prof. tax, Loss on sale of plants, Dividends, Surplus at end of year, Shs. cap. stk. outst. (par \$10), Earnings, per. sh. cap. stk., x Additional Federal income tax paid for year 1920.

y After deducting taxes.—V. 126, p. 1984.

American Home Products Corp.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a monthly dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock (no par value), payable May 1 to holders of record April 14. This compares with monthly dividends of 20 cents per share paid regularly since May 1 1926.—V. 126, p. 1201.

American Ice Co.—February Earnings Larger.—

Earnings in February before Federal taxes and depreciation charges were \$79,405 compared with \$29,940 a year ago. This is an increase of over 165%.—V. 126, p. 1984.

American Factors, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Territorial property tax, Capital stock tax, Licenses, stamp, bond & State taxes, Amort. of bond discount and expense, Bond interest, Sundry losses, Res. for income taxes, Net income, Dividends, Corp. exp. written off, Interest at just, Overres. for inc. taxes, Balance Surplus, Trans. to cap. stk., Previous surplus, Profit & loss surplus, Shs. cap. stk. outst., Earnings per share.

Investment Restrictions.—Company has not imposed any burdensome restrictions on its management, but has placed its management in a position that will enable them to take advantage of opportunities and to meet conditions as they develop or exist. Responsibility and conservatism in the management's policy is assured by the fact that the management's own large capital investment in the company is on the same basis and terms as that of the other stockholders.

Reserve.—The charter provides that there shall be transferred to surplus before any dividends shall be paid out of the annual net profits 10% of the net profits for the current year until the total amount of surplus equals 30% of the capital stock then outstanding. Thereafter, additional reserves from net profits shall be created at the discretion of the board of directors.

American Service Co.—Notes Offered.—A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Nichols Terry & Co., Inc. and Fenton, Davis & Boyle are offering at 99 3/4 and int. to yield over 6 1/8 % \$3,150,000 1st mtge. 2 year 6 % gold notes.

Dated April 1 1928; due April 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Interest payable A. & O. at office of trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Company will refund upon proper notice within 60 days after payment, any personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills to the dollar per annum, or any income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum, as now or hereafter imposed by any State. Red. all or part on or before Oct. 1 1929, on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. thereafter at 100 and int. Trustee: First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Co-Trustees: Roy C. Osgood, Chicago, and Walter S. McLucas, Kansas City.

Listed.—These notes are listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of J. A. Gibson, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the Co. Company.—Incorp. in Maryland. Has acquired and consolidated under single management a group of ice utilities formerly operated by 29 independent companies, supplying ice in 23 cities. The cities served are Houston, Galveston and Beaumont, Tex.; Leavenworth and Pittsburg, Kan.; Davenport, Ia.; Joplin, Mo.; Hot Springs, Ark.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; and 13 other cities in Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. The aggregate population of these communities is over 1,000,000.

The properties include 31 ice manufacturing plants having a total daily capacity in excess of 1,600 tons of ice, in addition to cold storage facilities. These properties include land owned in fee, substantial buildings, ice-making machinery of standard types, delivery equipment, cold storage buildings and equipment, and other property useful in the business. Company is without competition in supplying ice in 14 communities, and the company's plants rank as important units in the ice business of the other cities served.

Security.—Notes are a direct obligation of the company and are secured by first mortgage on all permanent property now owned or hereafter acquired. The fair depreciated value of the properties as determined in recent appraisals by Stone & Webster, Inc., and Hagenah & Dorsey, plus cost of subsequent additions, is in excess of \$5,935,000. These first mtge. notes represent approximately 53% of this valuation.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 1st mtge 2-year 6% gold notes \$6,000,000 \$3,150,000 7% Cumul. preferred stock (par \$100) 5,000,000 1,583,000 Class "A" common stock (no par value) 10,000 shs. None Class "B" common stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs

Earnings.—The books of the Texas properties of the company have been audited by Haskins & Sells, for the year ended Nov. 30 1927; and for all other properties by Lawrence Scudder & Co., for the year ended Dec. 31 1927; these combined certified earnings are as follows: Gross revenue \$1,645,108 Operating costs & expenses, incl. maintenance & local taxes 1,112,202

Net earnings before int., depreciation & income taxes \$532,906 Annual int. requirement of 1st mtge. 6% notes to be outst'd'g \$189,000 The above net earnings of the company are more than 2.8 times the annual interest requirement of the \$3,150,000 First Mortgage 6% Notes to be outstanding.

After giving effect to non-recurring charges due to favorable power contracts now consummated, the elimination of competing delivery routes, and other changes now effected, the net earnings for the above period are over 3 times the annual interest requirement.

Purpose.—These notes, together with other financing, will be used to acquire properties referred to above, provide for improvements and extensions, furnish additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.

American Wringer Co.—Dividend on Acc't of Accruals.—The directors have declared a dividend of 3 1/4 % on the preferred stock, on account of accumulations, payable April 15 to holders of record March 30. A similar distribution was made on account of accruals on Aug. 15 1927.—V. 125, p. 783.

Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—Control Ratified.—See Cities Service Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 126, p. 1510.

Arnold-Constable Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—12 Months Ended Jan. 31— 1928. 1927. Net sales \$13,520,639 \$11,520,012 Expenses 12,783,203 11,153,539 Depreciation 61,599 65,679 Profit \$675,837 \$300,793 Other income 80,590 78,355 Profit \$756,427 \$379,149 Federal taxes 45,077 18,428 Minority interest 2,488 4,312 Net profit \$708,862 \$356,409 Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par) 221,171 220,390 Earnings per share on capital stock \$3.20 \$1.62

Atlantic Coast Fisheries Co.—Debentures Called.—All of the outstanding series A and series B 7 % 10-year conv. s. f. gold debentures and warrants have been called for payment June 1 next at 103 at the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 22 William St., N. Y. City, or at the State Street Trust Co., 8 Congress St. Boston, Mass. The conversion privilege will terminate on June 1 next.—V. 126, p. 1814.

Atlantic Life Insurance Co., Richmond, Va.—Stock Dividend.—A Richmond, Va., despatch says the directors have declared a 33 1-3 % stock dividend, amounting to \$250,000, on the outstanding \$750,000 of capital stock. The dividend is payable April 10 to holders of record April 3. This distribution, it is understood, is being made out of non-participating business.

Auto Strop Safety Razor Co. Inc.—Sales Larger.—In a statement issued by the president, sales of razor blades were reported to be increasing steadily and sales of blades during March and the first few days of April this year as already in excess of those shown for the full months of March and April 1927.—V. 125, p. 2940.

Balaban & Katz Corp., Chicago.—Report.—Year Ended— Jan. 1 '28. Jan. 2 '27. Jan. 3 '26. Net operating income \$2,777,584 \$2,728,241 \$2,198,696 Miscellaneous income 297,032 221,099 88,427 Total income \$3,074,616 \$2,949,340 \$2,287,122 Interest charges 185,835 242,926 146,906 Depreciation and amortization 593,057 562,153 411,059 Federal tax reserve 274,631 286,559 225,466 Net income \$2,021,092 \$1,857,791 \$1,503,690 Preferred dividends 199,591 199,591 199,591 Common dividends 792,618 792,618 792,618 Surplus \$1,028,883 \$865,492 \$511,481 Profit and loss surplus \$4,124,526 \$3,183,136 \$2,417,643 Earnings per share on 264,206 com. stk. (par \$25) \$8.89 \$6.28 \$4.93

American-La France & Foamite Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after March 31, stamped certificates for 609,300 shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for certificates for 609,300 shares of its common stock of the par value of \$10 each, outstanding and listed.—V. 126, p. 1664.

American Machine & Foundry Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share on the common stock and 1 3/4 % on the preferred stock, all payable May 1 to holders of record April 19. On Dec. 15 last, an extra disbursement of \$1 per share was made on the common stock.—V. 125, p. 2812. 3201.

American Re-Insurance Co.—Stock Offered.—J. & W. Seligman & Co. are offering at \$68 per share (par \$10) 65,000 shares capital stock. This stock has been purchased from individuals and its offering involves no new financing by the company.

Transfer Agent, Chase National Bank, New York; Registrar, Central Union Trust Co. New York. Free of present term four mills personal property tax.

Data from Letter of Robert C. Ream, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Organized in 1917 in Pennsylvania for the purpose of furnishing excess re-insurance on miscellaneous lines, comprising workmen's compensation, accident and health, automobile liability and property damage, fidelity and surety, plate glass, burglary and theft and other lines. This form of insurance is written with direct writing insurance companies, which desire to reinsure a part of their risk, and with organizations such as public utility and industrial corporations which carry their own insurance and desire to confine their risk within certain limits. Through re-insurance, the direct writing companies are enabled to extend their activities and the companies accepting the re-insurance are enabled to obtain desirable risks. The risks written by the company are of a diversified character. Company is qualified and operates in 21 States, including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Alabama, Texas, Colorado and California.

The field of excess re-insurance, in which the company was the pioneer in the United States, has shown pronounced growth in recent years in keeping with the increase in demand for automobile liability and property damage insurance, the greater use of surety and fidelity policies, and the enactment of workmen's compensation laws. Assets of the company have increased from \$3,072,136 as of Dec. 31 1921 to \$5,520,677 as of Dec. 31 1927 and accumulated surplus has increased in the same period from \$532,049 (including \$477,326 of paid-in surplus) to \$1,343,904.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Capital stock (par value \$10) 250,000 shs. 75,000 shs.

The stock is full paid and non-assessable, subject to the provisions of the laws of Pa., whereby in case of the impairment of the capital of an insurance company, a stockholder therein may forfeit part or all of his stock in lieu of paying an assessment made for the purpose of restoring such capital.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the company as reported to the Insurance Departments of the States of Pa. and N. Y., and as verified by Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery, for each of the five years ended Dec. 31 1927 were as follows: 1927, \$1,611,177; 1924, \$365,510; 1925, \$265,701; 1926, \$335,330; 1927, \$307,418.

Net earnings for each of the last three of such years as determined by Alfred M. Best, insurance expert, after adjustment to give effect to estimated equities in unearned premiums and in reserves for liability and compensation claims, without including unrealized appreciation or depreciation in investments were as follows: 1925, \$388,887; 1926, \$428,861; 1927, \$456,336.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1927, as reported to the Insurance Departments of the States of Pa. and N. Y., and as verified by Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery, shows total assets of \$5,520,677 and capital stock and surplus of \$2,093,904. Adjusting such balance sheet to give effect to estimated equities in unearned premiums and reserves for liability and compensation claims, and in reserve for appreciation of investments, Alfred M. Best has computed the net liquidating value of the company as of Dec. 31 1927 at approximately \$4,500,000.

American & Scottish Investment Co.—Stock Offered.—

An issue of 100,000 shares of common stock is being offered at par (\$25 per share) by George M. Forman & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Andrew MacCulloch & Co., Glasgow. George M. Forman & Co., and associates have agreed to purchase at par one share of common stock for each 4 shares of this issue of common stock sold to the public.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock (par \$100) \$5,000,000 Common stock (par \$25) 5,000,000 \$2,500,000 Dividends are free from present Federal normal income tax.

Company.—Has been organized in Delaware to acquire, hold, sell and underwrite sound investment securities, including public utility, real estate, inland, railroad, municipal and government securities, both domestic and foreign, organization and conduct of the business will follow the principles employed by successful English and Scottish investment trusts. Its principal sources of revenue or income will be interest and dividends received from security holdings, capital profits or gains resulting from opportune sale of securities purchased on advantageous terms because of the relationship of the company with other financial organizations, and income which may be obtained from time to time through participation in the underwriting of security issues.

Fiscal Agent.—George M. Forman & Co. have agreed to act as fiscal agents for the company to invest and reinvest its funds in accordance with the policy determined by the directors of the company. George M. Forman & Co. and its officers are well qualified to act in this capacity, due to the fact that throughout the 43 years of its business life it has been closely identified with successful Scottish and Dutch investment trusts.

Management.—The board of directors includes George M. Forman, Andrew MacCulloch, F. C. I. S., Glasgow, Scotland; H. Hachmeister, Charles H. Watson, Chicago; Alex Beattie, Glasgow, Scotland; H. F. Busch, Paul L. Morrison, Chicago; Arthur Forman, Glasgow, Scotland; Y. W. Mann, Chicago.

Assets.—Upon completion of this financing, company will have tangible assets amounting to not less than \$2,370,000 after all organization expenses and financing costs.

Barker Bros., Inc.—March Sales (Approx.)—

1928—March—1927.	Increase.	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	Decrease.
\$1,175,000	\$1,110,000	\$3,567,000	\$3,673,000
	\$65,000		\$106,000

Best & Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Condensed Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended Jan. 31, 1928

Income from sales, (returns deducted)	\$12,519,017
Cost of merchandise sold and cost of doing business (net)	11,360,199
Appropriated for Federal and State taxes (portion not otherwise provided for)	180,000
Net profit after taxes	\$978,818
Earned per share on common stock	\$6.33

Brooklyn-Lafayette Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the class "A" stock, no par value, payable May 1 to holders of record April 21. See offering in V. 126, p. 1356, 1925.

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Fire Insurance Co.—To Increase Capital—Rights.—

The directors have at a special meeting adopted a resolution recommending to the stockholders of the company that the capital stock be increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 by raising the number of shares from 24,000 to 40,000 par \$25 each. The stockholders will meet on April 12. The directors will also recommend that stockholders of record as of April 20, 1928, be given the right to subscribe to new stock in proportion to their holdings (2 shares of new stock for each 3 shares of present stock) at \$100 per share, and that the rights continue until May 21, 1928. President Tomlins, in announcing the capital increase plan, says if the proposal is approved and completed the company will receive additional funds of \$1,600,000 of which will be allocated to capital, bringing this item up to \$1,000,000, and \$1,200,000 to surplus and reserve funds, bringing these items up to approximately \$3,500,000 making total assets of approximately \$4,500,000. The increase will put the company upon the same capital basis as its associated companies in the Corroon & Reynolds, Inc., group, i. e., the American Equitable Assurance Co. of New York, Knickerbocker Insurance Co. of New York and New York Fire Insurance Co., each of which has \$1,000,000 capital.—V. 125, p. 2813.

Bush Terminal Co.—Capitalization Increased.—

The stockholders on April 2 authorized an additional issue of common stock without par value, to consist of 250,000 additional shares; voted to change the previously authorized 23,000 shares of preferred stock, par \$100 each (now redeemed), into the 250,000 additional shares of common stock aforesaid. The authorized capitalization, after above changes, will be 250,000 shares of 7% debenture stock and 500,000 shares of common stock without par value.—V. 126, p. 1815.

California Consumers Co.—Bonds Offered.—A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc., Dean Witter & Co. and Hunter, Dulin & Co. are offering at 98 1/2 and int. to yield 6.12%, \$3,750,000 1st mtge. & 1st lien 20-year 6% gold bonds, series A.

Dated April 2 1928; due April 1 1948. Red. on any int. date upon not less than 30 days' notice at 105 and int. up to Oct. 1938, thereafter 1/2% less per annum. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable (A. & O.) at office of the trustee or Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. of San Francisco without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to reimburse the resident holders of these bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment, in the manner provided in the indenture for the personal property tax in the States of Conn., Penn., Maryland and the District of Columbia (and also the Calif. personal property tax up to 4 mills, in the event that these bonds in part are held to be subject to such tax) at rates not exceeding the rates in each case existing on April 1 1928, and also for the income tax not exceeding 6% on the int. thereon, in the State of Mass. Los Angeles—First National Trust & Savings Bank, trustee.

Data from Letter of A. V. Wainright, President of the Company.

Incorporated in Delaware in 1928 to acquire and operate either directly or through subsidiaries the businesses of the following successful and well established companies: the Los Angeles Ice & Cold Storage Co., Pasadena Ice Co., Citizens Independent Ice Co., Globe Ice Cream Co. and Beverly-Globe Ice Co. These companies are engaged in the cold storage, ice manufacturing, refrigeration, ice cream and distilled water business owning and operating 9 ice manufacturing plants and 4 cold storage plants. Distilled water is distributed under the well known name of "Puritax" to over 60,000 customers, making that unit one of the largest distributors of distilled water in the country. Ice cream that has won recognition for its high quality is sold under the trade name of "Globe Ice Cream." The territory served has a population of over 1,570,000 and includes the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Pomona, Alhambra and numerous other municipalities.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1927 after adjustment for non-recurring charges):

Gross earnings	\$2,262,122
Operating expenses, including maintenance and taxes	1,585,562
Net income	\$ 676,561
Other income	34,125
Net earnings	\$ 710,685
Annual interest on these bonds	225,000

Balance available for Federal taxes depreciation and dividends...\$ 485,685

Above net earnings over 3.15 times the annual interest requirements of these bonds.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all of the real properties of the company. The issue will be further secured by a first lien on all or substantially all of the outstanding capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) and funded debts of subsidiary companies, which are to be deposited with the trustee. The real estate, plants and equipment of California Consumers Co. and its subsidiaries were recently appraised by Sanderson & Porter at a sound depreciated value of \$6,967,446, including land values of \$2,647,350. In addition to its physical properties the company will enjoy valuable franchise rights permitting the maintenance and operation of a street pipe line refrigerating system, and the value of such rights is not included in this appraisal of Sanderson & Porter. Company will have ample working capital in the amount of \$676,223, making total consolidated net assets available for the bonds of \$7,643,669 without any allowance for good will, franchise rights or other intangibles. Upon completion of this financing, neither the company nor its subsidiaries will have any funded debt outstanding in the hands of the public other than this issue.

Capitalization.—After giving effect to present financing: First mortgage first lien 20-Year 6% (sinking fund) bonds.....\$3,750,000 15,000 shares Preferred stock (no par).....15,000 shares Common stock (no par).....15,000 shares

Purpose.—The proceeds of these bonds and shares of stock will be used to acquire properties, subsidiary companies, retire or acquire all outstanding funded indebtedness and for other corporate purposes. Additional bonds may only be issued under conservative restrictions as recited in the indenture.

Sinking Fund.—Inture will provide for a sinking fund commencing Oct. 1 1930, to retire about 50% of the series A bonds this present issue, before maturity.

Management.—Company will be under the supervision and management of the United States Engineering Corp.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total income	\$10,916,569	\$10,400,099	\$ 9,371,849	\$8,173,310
Deduct—				
Operating expenses	\$4,916,943	\$4,866,966	\$5,220,980	\$4,847,596
Depreciation	445,818	414,493	318,066	271,682
Salaries, office&gen.exp	222,461	158,591	54,231	114,747
Freight, refining & marketing expenses	965,483	880,841	860,463	823,236
Over depletion charges	546,217	397,772	1,336,716	1,247,461
State and Federal taxes	94,047	85,485	515,067	434,431
Expense account of options not exercised				
Miscell. expenditures			808	5,547
Net income	\$3,725,597	\$3,595,951	\$1,065,535	\$428,630
Dividends paid	(60%)3,856,542(60)	3,856,542x(40)	2571,028(20)	1,285,063

Balance, deficit	\$130,945	\$260,591	\$1,505,493	\$856,433
No. shs. out.(par\$10)	642,757	642,757	642,757	642,532
Earnings per share	\$5.79	\$5.59	\$1.64	\$0.66

x Includes \$1,091,299 paid for income and \$1,479,729 paid from depletion and depletion reserve as a return of capital. y Before depletion. z After depletion.

Note.—Entries covering depletion are recorded on the books of the company, but, being made for income tax purposes only, are omitted from the 1927 and 1926 statements.—V. 126, p. 1666.

Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.—Report.—

Receipts—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Copper sales	\$13,963,607	\$14,334,981	\$14,027,580	9,229,251
Custom smelting	7,936	82,375	89,467	100,498
Dividends	28,853	36,669	67,513	19,106
Interest	245,959	263,657	207,918	192,698
Miscellaneous	20,050	23,806	58,051	39,187
	\$14,266,406	\$14,741,488	\$14,450,829	\$9,580,741

Expenditures—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Cop'r on hand first yr.	\$3,372,632	\$3,182,379	\$4,243,036	\$4,816,495
Prod. sell. adm. & taxes	10,353,424	9,975,182	9,291,390	8,251,970
Miscellaneous	259,383	44,612	81,938	320,432
Total	\$13,985,438	\$13,202,173	\$13,616,364	\$13,388,897
Less cop. on hand end yr.	3,650,171	3,372,632	3,182,379	5,866,909
Balance	\$10,335,267	\$9,829,541	\$10,433,985	\$7,521,988
Operating profit	\$3,931,139	\$4,911,947	\$4,016,844	\$2,058,755
Deprec. and depletion	3,348,394	3,411,629	4,453,520	3,693,192

Profit	\$582,745	\$1,500,318	def\$436,676	def1,634,440
Paid in surplus	20,259,780	20,259,780	35,434,579	38,071,769
Dividends paid	4,011,004	3,008,253	3,008,253	1,002,751
Rate	(\$2)	(\$1.50)	(\$1.50)	(\$0.50)
Deficit Jan. 1	7,290,309	5,782,375		
Total surplus	\$9,541,211	\$12,969,470	\$31,989,650	\$35,434,579
Earnings per share	\$0.29	\$0.75	Nil	Nil

Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31 1927.

Net sales—Castings	\$6,509,465
Net profit from oper'ns, after deducting deprec. of \$156,000	1,333,910
Net prof. from all sources, on basis of present capitalization, after provision for Federal income tax	\$1,242,756
Reorganization expense, prem., unamort. disc. & int. paid on bonds retired, and Federal income tax for prior period	92,412
Dividends paid	170,428
Carried to surplus	\$979,916
Earnings per share on 209,548 shares capital stock	\$5.90

—V. 126, p. 874.

Canadian Bronze Co., Ltd.—Initial Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1 per share on the no par value common stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 16. (For offering, see V. 124, p. 3073.)—V. 125, p. 522.

Canadian Connecticut Cotton Mills, Ltd.—Offer.—Holders of common stock have received an offer from the Royal Securities Corp. of \$2.25 per share for their holdings, less the transfer tax. The capitalization of the company is as follows: \$3,000,000 8% cumulat. prof., \$100 par value; \$1,000,000 class A common, \$10 par value; \$1,000,000 class B non-voting common, \$10 par value.—V. 124, p. 3635.

Cavanagh-Dobbs, Inc.—Organized.—

A new corporation to be known as Cavanagh-Dobbs, Inc., is being organized which will include the Crofut & Knapp Co., one of the oldest and largest hat manufacturing concerns in the United States. In addition to acquiring 100% ownership of the Crofut & Knapp Co., the new corporation will also hold full control of Dobbs & Co. and other subsidiaries. In the new corporation, however, neither the Crofut & Knapp Co. nor Dobbs & Co. will lose their identities.

The business dates back to 1858 when the original partnership of Crofut & Knapp was established by James H. Knapp and Andrew J. Crofut to engage in the manufacture of men's hats. The firm from its inception was a leader in the improvement of manufacturing processes and in the creation of new styles. Its enterprise along these lines has continued since 1860 when it introduced and placed on the American market the first derby hat made in America. New products have from time to time been added to its output until to-day it manufactures a complete line of hats for both men and women.

The products of the Crofut & Knapp plant in Norwalk, Conn., are distributed in every State of the union through more than 3,000 dealers. The company's plant, erected in 1924 at an outlay of \$1,500,000 has a capacity of about 1,500,000 hats a year, employing 1,500 skilled workmen. Designed to provide for a five years' expansion program, the capacity of the plant has already been pressed to the limit to take care of the demands for the company's products. Over 95% of the output is sold under its own trade marks.

Dobbs & Co. in addition to their trade in hats and in men's haberdashery, have developed a large business in women's sportswear and other apparel. So great has been the demand for Dobbs hats that, supplementing its own retail stores, the company now finds an outlet for its products through exclusive agencies in 1,364 cities throughout the country.

The organization of Cavanagh-Dobbs, Inc., is believed to be preliminary to the announcement of financing plans to provide funds for the further development and growth of the associated enterprises.

Central Atlantic States Service Corp.—Director.—

Herbert McK. Smith of Staunton, Va., has been elected a director.—V. 126, p. 1986.

Central Ohio Steel Products Co.—Bonds Offered.—

K. W. Todd & Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, are offering at 99 and int., to yield 6.10%, \$240,000 1st closed mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated March 1 1928; due March 1 1943. Tax refund in Penn. Interest payable M. & S. 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. Callable as a whole or any part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Security.—Secured by a first closed mortgage on all the mortgageable assets of the company. According to the company's balance sheet, the net tangible assets of the company as of Dec. 31 1927 were \$860,018, which is \$2,750 per \$1,000 bond. Net current assets alone were \$313,674, which is substantially in excess of this bond issue. Current assets were over 6 times current liabilities. The president of the company is insured for \$50,000 payable to the company in case of death. Fire insurance of \$204,900 is carried on the plant.

Sinking Fund.—The indenture shall provide that a sinking fund shall be set aside sufficient to retire these bonds by maturity, to operate as follows: \$10,000 for the first 5 years; \$15,000 for the next 5 years; and \$23,000 for

the last 5 years. The sinking fund to become operative immediately and the first \$10,000 to be retired March 1 1929. Bonds retired by sinking fund to be cancelled.

Preferred Stock Offered.—The same bankers are offering at 100 and div. \$400,000 7% cumulative pref. stock (par \$100). With each share of 7% pref. stock will be delivered 1/2 a share of no par value common.

Callable on 30 days' notice, in whole or in part, at 105 per share and div. Dividends payable Q.-M. Refund of present Penn. 4 mills personal property tax free of personal property tax in State of Ohio. Transfer agent, Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa. Registrar, Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Data from Letter of G. L. Stiefel, President of the Company.

Capitalization—	
1st mtgs. 6% gold bonds, due March 1 1943—	Authorized. Outstanding.
7% cumulative preferred stock	\$240,000 240,000
Common stock (no par value)	400,000 400,000
Common stock (no par value)	20,000 shs. 20,000 shs.

Business—be business of the company, an Ohio corporation, located at Gallon, Ohio, consists of the manufacture and sale of steel dump bodies for automobile trucks and steel burial vaults. The steel dump bodies are made and sold under the trade name of "Gallon All-Steel Bodies." These all-steel bodies are manufactured for all sizes and types of trucks and are of the hand hoist, hydraulic and gravity type. These bodies are distributed very largely through the Martin Parry organization which has branches in over 50 important cities in United States, and also does a substantial export business. Additional distribution is handled by the company's own selling organization. Company is a continuation of the Gallon All-Steel Body Co. and the National Grave Vault Co.

The National Grave Vault Co. has been one of the leading manufacturers of steel burial vaults since its incorporation in 1912. The "National" make is nationally known in the trade and represents a good will which has been built up through advertising and service for a period of 16 years. The steel grave vaults are distributed through the company's own sales organization, which covers every State in the Union.

The plant of the company is located at Gallon, Ohio. The plant and its equipment are modern and up to date with ample facilities to handle increased production.

Earnings.—The net income available for preferred dividends, after depreciation and Federal taxes and after interest on the first mortgage bonds, has averaged for the last five years \$72,905, or more than \$18.22 per share. Earnings on the same basis for the last calendar year (1927) were \$106,098 which is \$26.52 per share.

The predecessor company has paid \$190,500 in cash dividends on its common stock during the last five years; the yearly rate of cash dividends being as follows: 1923, 12%; 1924, 15%; 1925, 37%; 1926, 37%; 1927, 26%.

Common Dividends.—The management proposes to pay regular dividends of \$1.50 on its common stock which does not include extras which may be declared from time to time. This stock earned, in 1927, over \$3.90 per share after prior charges.

Chamberlin-Vanderbilt Hotel (Old Point Comfort Hotel Corp.)—Completed.

Completion of this hotel is announced by Robert Garrett & Sons, of Baltimore, the bankers, and Walton H. Marshall, managing director of the Vanderbilt group and owner of the Vanderbilt in New York. The hotel was constructed at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000, and is located on the United States Military Reservation generally known as Fort-ress Monroe.

Formal opening of the new hotel, which supplants the famous old Chamberlin, destroyed by fire several years ago, was scheduled for April 6, 1928, work having begun April 1, 1927. The structure is 7 stories high, is built in the Colonial style is of fireproof brick and concrete construction, and has 300 rooms.

A first mortgage issue of \$750,000 was sold last year as a part of the financing, all of which has been taken care of prior to the completion of the hotel. Other hotels in the group are, besides the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York, the Bon Air-Vanderbilt at Augusta, Ga., and the Condado Vanderbilt at San Juan, Porto Rico.—See offering in V. 125, p. 391.

Chicago Yellow Cab Co., Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—			
1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profit from operations	\$4,308,875	\$4,797,537	\$5,282,205
Administrative exps.	773,642	845,376	1,119,898
Depreciation	1,514,627	1,357,468	1,626,305
Provision for income tax	203,700	352,921	325,785

Net income	\$1,816,905	\$2,241,772	\$2,207,498	\$2,229,001
Dividends	1,600,435	1,600,330	1,600,157	1,600,091

Balance, surplus	\$216,470	\$641,442	\$607,341	\$628,910
P. and l. surplus, Dec. 31	\$4,405,085	\$4,188,616	\$3,547,173	\$2,939,832
Shs. com. outst'd/g (no par)	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Earns. per share on com.	\$4.54	\$5.60	\$5.52	\$5.57

Childs Company.—Debentures Offered.—Laird, Bissell & Meeds, and Tucker, Anthony & Co. are offering at 96 and int. to yield about 5.40%, \$6,000,000 15 year 5% gold debentures.

Dated April 1 1928: due April 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000*. Int. payable (A. & O.) at Empire Trust Co., New York, trustee. Red. as a whole or in amounts of \$1,000,000 on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. on or before April 1 1931; thereafter at 102 and int. on or before April 1 1936; thereafter at 101 and int. on or before April 1 1941; thereafter at 100% and int. on or before Oct. 1 1942 and thereafter at 100 and int. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Pa. four mills tax refunded.

Data from Letter of S. Willard Smith, V.-Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in New York and is the successor to the business founded as a partnership in 1889. It owns and operates a chain of restaurants located in the larger cities of the United States and Canada. Company has enjoyed a consistent growth, sales having increased from \$23,334,172 in 1923 to \$28,976,736 in 1927. Each year has shown an increase in sales over the preceding year. At present there are 118 restaurants in the chain, the majority of which are situated in Greater New York and the larger cities in the eastern part of the United States. Company owns in fee, either directly or through subsidiaries, 26 of its restaurant locations. Of these 15 are in Greater New York, six of which are situated on Broadway and two on Fifth Ave.

Capitalization—	
Real estate mtgs. (div. closed liens)	Authorized. Outstanding.
15-year 5% gold debentures (this issue)	\$12,000,000 6,000,000
Childs' Dining Hall Co. 5% notes 1931	1,400,000 1,400,000
7% preferred stock (\$100 par)	5,000,000 5,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	750,000 shs. 361,536 shs.

Also fractional scrip aggregating 1,076.45 shares and \$400 par value minority interests.

Consolidated earnings (Company and restaurant operating subsidiaries) for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, were as follows:

Restaurant sales	\$28,919,750
Bldg. rental & misc. sales	2,197,220
Total sales	\$31,016,969
Bal. after oper. exp., taxes & mortgage interest	\$2,228,286
Other income	\$550,767
Total income	\$2,779,053
Depreciation (written off)	1,026,550

Balance	\$1,752,503
Total annual int. require. on this issue and on subs. co. notes	370,000

* Includes profit on sale of leasehold amounting to \$346,267.

Indenture Provisions.—Additional debentures may be issued to refund certain obligations of the company and subsidiaries. In addition debentures may be issued for the general purposes of the company only when consolidated net earnings of the company, as defined in the trust indenture, shall have been at least equal to three times the total annual interest charges on the debentures outstanding and those to be issued. Company will further agree not to guaranty any obligations while this issue is outstanding.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to make semi-annual payments to the trustee on April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year, starting Oct. 1 1928, each amounting to 1% of the principal amount of debentures then outstanding, such payments to be used for the purchase of debentures at prices not in excess of the principal amount. Provision is made in the trust indenture or the investment of sinking fund moneys in securities legal for the investment of trust funds in the State of New York in the event that debentures cannot be purchased at or below the price stated above.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to redeem the \$2,000,000 Childs Co. 5% notes due 1930, to increase the company's working capital and for other corporate purposes.—V. 126, p. 1667.

Claremont Investing Corp.—To Increase Unit Price of Shares.

The stock of this corporation, public offering of which was made in February, and sold at that time in units of 4 shares of preferred and one share of common for \$100, will be increased in price to \$110 a unit on April 1, according to William J. Large, Director and Vice-President of the Claremont National Bank. Mr. Large said the corporation, which was organized in November, had earned during the first month of operation dividend requirements for the entire year on the outstanding preferred stock. Over \$400,000 of the 40,000 shares of preferred and 40,000 shares of common stock (both no par value) have been sold.—V. 126, p. 1358, 1512.

Columbia Investing Corp.—Initial Pref. Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 6% preferred stock and an extra dividend of 50 cents a share on the issue for the non-cumulative period prior to Feb. 1 last. Both dividends are payable May 1 to holders of record April 25.

The corporation, organized the latter part of 1927, reports for the first quarter ended March 31, a net profit of \$89,914 before reserve for Federal income taxes, equivalent to 3.59 times dividend requirements on the pref. stock outstanding and to about \$1.32 a share on the common stock outstanding.—V. 125, p. 1843.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., of Canada, Ltd.

Income Account, Calendar Years.				
	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales	\$31,438,567	\$32,650,727	\$28,562,066	\$14,377,308
Inventories	4,309,160	4,836,184	5,009,939	4,700,468
Other revenue	776,442	479,173	94,196	25,317
Total	\$36,524,169	\$37,966,083	\$33,666,202	\$19,103,094
Ore, previous year	4,836,184	5,009,939	4,700,468	2,021,667
Custom ore	3,421,206	4,349,582	2,208,183	1,699,827
Freight & ins. on ores from company's mines	762,454	764,937	631,331	527,080
General, &c., expenses	11,572,064	11,124,962	9,535,248	8,240,768
Development expenses	546,877	595,609	588,310	440,424
Depreciation	1,565,835	1,354,233	1,123,758	1,051,414
Depletion	535,250	523,831	521,432	518,055
Directors' fees	6,360	6,130	4,725	3,600
Written off	6,454	4,321	2,654	1,800
Fire insurance reserve	62,994	193,670	234,679	—
Employees pension fund	—	100,000	200,000	—
Bond interest	—	—	517,521	271,991
Interest, bank and gen'l.	68,534	23,557	142,486	183,292
Income & mineral taxes	1,388,989	1,887,864	2,474,769	790,120
Net income	11,750,969	12,027,399	10,780,637	3,353,055
Dividends	6,358,875	5,078,492	2,238,054	641,043
Balance	\$5,392,094	\$6,948,906	\$7,542,583	\$2,712,012
Profit and loss balance	\$13,199,696	\$12,398,109	\$8,723,975	\$5,742,185

—V. 126, p. 257.

Continental Motors Corp.—Rumor Denied.

A recent rumor linking the name of this corporation and the name of Ross W. Judson, its President, to that of Peerless Motor Car Co. of Cleveland was again emphatically denied by Mr. Judson on April 2. The rumor was to the effect that Ross W. Judson will take an active part in the affairs of the Peerless company and would be elected to its board of directors.—V. 126, p. 1667.

Continental Securities Corp. in Zurich.—Stock Offered.

—Offering was made Mar. 4 by J. G. White & Co. of 40,000 shares of capital stock of this corporation, an investment trust founded under the auspices of the Union Bank of Switzerland. This offering consists of a block of stock purchased by J. G. White & Co. for distribution in the American market, the major portion of the stock having been purchased at a premium by the Union Bank and its European associates, consisting of Amsterdamsche Bank, Amsterdam; Oesterreichische Boden Credit Anstalt, Vienna; Guinness, Mahon & Co., London; O. Bemberg & Co., Paris; Johann Wehrli & Co., Zurich, and Bank fuer Handel und Industries, Berlin.

Company.—Organized in Zurich, Switzerland, in Feb. 1927 under the auspices of the Union Bank of Switzerland, for the purpose of acquiring participations in public utility, commercial and industrial enterprises, in the form of loans, or through ownership of stocks or bonds.

Capitalization.—The authorized capital is Swiss francs 20,000,000 (approximately \$3,860,000), divided into 40,000 shares of frs. 500 each, and has been fully subscribed. Stockholders are given proportionate preemptive rights to subscribe to any future issues of stock, unless the stockholders otherwise direct. Corporation may issue bonds to an amount not to exceed the par value of the outstanding capital stock and 5,000,000 francs (\$965,000) 10-year 5% bonds were recently publicly sold at 99.

In the organization of the Continental Securities Corp. the Union Bank has associated with itself banks and financial houses in Switzerland, England, France, Holland, Germany, Austria and the United States. The major part of the stock has been purchased at a premium by the Union Bank and its European associates, for their own account, and the balance by J. G. White & Co., Inc., New York.

Management.—The management is vested in a executive council consisting of at least six members, elected by the stockholders. The Council elects the President and Vice President from among its own members.

Reserves & Compensation.—The by-laws provide that after setting up adequate reserves, and after stockholders have received dividends of 6% per annum, an amount not to exceed 10% of the balance of the net earnings may be distributed among the members of the Executive Council as compensation for their services as Managers.

Deposit Agreement.—A portion of the stock purchased by J. G. White & Co., Inc., has been deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. New York, under a deposit agreement pursuant to which certificates of Deposit will be issued. Dividends received by the Depository will be converted into dollars at rates then current and paid to the registered holders of certificates of deposit representing such shares less the charges of the depository amounting to 12 cents per share per annum. The voting right in respect of the deposited shares is retained by J. G. White & Co., Inc. Certificates of deposit may, upon surrender to the depository, be exchanged for the deposited stock represented thereby upon payment of 20 cents per share at any time on or after April 1 1928, and shall be surrendered and exchanged without such payment upon termination of the deposit agreement. The certificates of deposit are transferable on the books of the depository and may be exchanged for certificates of other denominations, but no certificates shall be issued except in the denomination of 10 shares or some multiple thereof.

Cosden & Co., Inc. (Del.)—Acquisitions.

The company has purchased for \$550,000 the acreage and production of the Milham Corp. in the Rock Crossing area of Wilbarger County, Texas, comprising 789 acres with a daily production of 900 barrels. This oil is of high gravity, bringing \$1.38 per barrel. This purchase follows Cosden's recent acquisition of properties of the Riverland Oil Co. in Okfuskee County, Okla., with 5,000 barrels daily production of high gravity oil bringing \$1.62 per barrel.—V. 126, p. 1046, 1205.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Property & Invest.	12,428,076	9,522,585	Preferred stock	7,250,000	12,000,000
Cash	267,086	153,393	Common stock	5,040,000	5,040,000
U. S. Govt. secur.	610,000	610,000	Audited vouchers		
Call loans		2,000,000	and payrolls	148,343	170,969
Accounts receivable	347,802	303,765	Miscell. suspended		
On hand and in			creditor accounts	28,036	40,853
transit	342,059	380,472	Reserve for taxes.	593,207	679,088
Materials & supp.	231,870	209,070	Surplus	1,183,548	-----
Prepaid expenses	15,158	26,465			
Office items in tran	1,083	18,849			
Deficit	-----	4,706,310	Total (each side)	14,243,134	17,930,911

—V. 125, p. 3354.

(Robert) Gair Co.—Stock Offered.—Old Colony Corp. and Edward B. Smith & Co. are offering at \$50 per share to yield 5½%, 200,000 shares Class A participating shares (no par value).

The Class A participating shares are entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.75 per share per annum up to Jan. 15 1931, and thereafter at the rate of \$3 per share per annum, payable O. & J. in priority to any dividends on the Class B shares. Cumulative dividends on these Class A participating shares will accrue from April 15 1928. The Class A participating shares are redeemable all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at \$62.50 per share and divs. and are entitled to a preference as to assets over the Class B shares to the extent of \$62.50 per share and divs. in voluntary liquidation and of \$50 per share and divs. in involuntary liquidation. These shares are fully paid and non-assessable. Transfer agent, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Registrar, American Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

Data from Letter of George W. Gair, Pres. of the Company.

Capitalization.—Authorized 200,000 shs. 200,000 shs. Class A participating shares, no par value. 500,000 shs. 500,000 shs. Class B shares, no par value.

Company.—Incorp. in New York in 1903, is the successor to the firm of the same name founded by Robert Gair in New York, in 1864. It produces about 16% of the paper box board consumed in the country and is the largest box board, folding box and shipping case manufacturer in the world. Company owns and operated plants located at New London, Conn., Piermont and Tonawanda, N. Y., Chicago and Quincy, Ill. and Haverhill, Mass. Over \$10,000,000 have been expended in enlarging and improving the company's plants during the past 8 years and the 2 principal factories, which are located at New London, Conn. and Piermont, N. Y. are among the most modern plants of the kind in the country.

The stability of this business is demonstrated by the diversification of its products, by their wide distribution throughout the country, and by the record of earnings which shows that a profit was made in each one of the past 64 years with the single exception of the year 1921.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1927 adjusted to give effect to this financing, shows fixed assets as appraised in 1927 by the Standard Appraisal Co. at sound values of \$14,649,670. Current assets were over 4 times current liabilities. The balance sheet shows net assets of more than \$94 per Class A participating share.

Earnings.—The earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1927, adjusted to give effect to the present financing and after provision for Federal income tax at the rate now in effect, as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co. and after adding back certain non-recurring charges amounting to \$223,359, were \$1,188,207, equivalent to \$5.94 per share on the Class A participating shares. This is equal to more than twice the present cumulative dividend requirement of \$2.75 per share per annum. Depreciation deducted in 1927 was \$657,293.

Earnings on the above basis for the first 2 months of 1928 were \$255,007 against \$113,733 for the corresponding months of 1927.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the outstanding \$4,850,000 of 5½% first mortgage bonds and \$4,000,000 of 7% preferred stock, and for other corporate purposes.

Participation Feature.—In addition to cumulative dividends the Class A participating shares are entitled to receive non-cumulative dividends of 25 cents per share (31¼ cents per share up to Jan. 15 1931) in each quarterly dividend period, before any payment to Class B shares in excess of 37½ cents per share. Class A participating shares to have no further participation in dividends.

Sinking Fund.—On or before Mar. 15 in each year while any Class A participating shares are outstanding, the company shall, if its net earnings available for dividends during the preceding calendar year shall have (a) for any year prior to 1931 exceeded \$650,000, or (b) for any year after 1930 exceeded \$700,000, pay into a sinking fund applicable to the purchase or redemption of Class A participating shares a sum equal to 15% of the amount of such net earnings; provided that if at any time the value of the cash and securities in said sinking fund, together with the amount theretofore paid therefrom for the purchase or redemption and retirement of Class A participating shares equals \$10,000,000, no further payments are required to be made to the sinking fund.—V. 125, p. 788.

General Cement Corp.—Proposed Consolidation.—See Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. below.

General Motors Corp.—Acquires Plant.—

The corporation has purchased the Durant Motors plant in Muncie, Ind., and a new unit for the manufacture of electrical storage batteries will be started as soon as possible. The entry of the General Motors Corp. into the manufacture of storage batteries is a new development within the corporation. The Muncie plant will be operated as a part of the Delco-Remy Corp.—V. 126, p. 1988.

General Public Service Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.37½ per share on the outstanding \$5.50 div. pref. stock, no par value, payable May 1 to holders of record April 9.—V. 126, p. 585.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—To Increase Capitalization.—

The stockholders will vote Apr. 18 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 750,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.—V. 126, p. 1988.

Grand Union Co.—To Consolidate Companies.—See Jones Brothers Tea Co., Inc.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.)—March Sales.—

1928	March—1927.	Increase	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	Increase
\$3,706,533	\$2,789,090	\$917,443	\$9,173,197	\$7,241,930
—V. 126, p. 1515, 879.				\$1,931,267

Hart & Cooley Co., Hartford, Conn.—Extra Dividend—

The company on April 2 paid an extra dividend of 75 cents per share and a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the common stock, both to holders of record Mar. 28.—V. 125, p. 1846.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Merg. Negotiations Dropped.—

President Martin L. Straus says: "Proposals made to us by another corporation looking toward consolidation of the two businesses have been dropped by us. We will now actively put into effect our program of chain store expansion which has been delayed by these overtures."—V. 126, p. 879.

Holly Sugar Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Federal Securities Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Lane, Roloson & Co., Inc., and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., are offering \$6,500,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated April 1 1928; due April 1 1943. Int. payable (A. & O.) in Chicago and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2% per annum. Principal payable at office of trustee. Denom. \$1,000 c*. \$500 and \$100 and r \$1,000 or any multiple thereof. Red. all or part on the next succeeding interest date on 30 days' notice at the following prices: until and incl. April 1 1933 at 103, thereafter at 102 until and incl. April 1 1938, thereafter at 101 until and incl. April 1 1942, and thereafter at the principal amount; plus int. in each case. Company will refund to resident

holders of these bonds, upon proper request made within 60 days' after payment, any Penn. or Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per dollar per annum; any Maryland personal property tax not in excess of 4½ mills per dollar per annum; any Calif. and Kentucky personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills per dollar per annum; any Mich. exemption tax not in excess of 5 mills; any Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% per dollar per annum, and any Minn. 3 mills holdings and credits tax per dollar per annum. National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, trustee. Arthur J. Baer, Chicago, co-trustee.

Data from Letter of A. E. Carlton, Pres. of the Corporation.
Company.—Organized in 1905 as Holly Sugar Co. Is one of the largest beet sugar companies in the United States. It operates a total of 10 thoroughly modern and fully equipped sugar factories, all of which are directly owned by Holly Sugar Corp. These plants, which are located in the States of Colorado, Wyoming, California and Montana, have a daily slicing capacity of over 12,500 tons of beets and their output for the 1927-28 season was in excess of 183,000,000 pounds of standard granulated sugar. This production was only exceeded by one other beet sugar company in the United States.

In addition to its sugar properties, the company owns over 50% of the capital stock of Holly Oil Co., a producing concern operating valuable leases on a former factory site owned by Holly Sugar Corp. in the Huntington Beach District of California. Since its organization in 1921, Holly Oil Co. has paid cash dividends amounting to \$1,046,500.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these \$6,500,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds and from the sale at \$40 per share of 32,702 shares of unissued common stock, will be used to retire all present funded debt of Holly Sugar Corp. as well as the funded debt of those subsidiaries that are now being consolidated with it. The balance of the proceeds will be used to acquire certain interests of subsidiaries necessary to effect such consolidation and to increase working capital.

Security.—Bonds will be a direct obligation of the company and will be secured, by a first mortgage on all of the fixed properties of the company now or hereafter owned, the sound value of which has just been appraised by the American Appraisal Co. at \$16,255,250 representing over \$2,500 of mortgage security for each \$1,000 of these bonds. In addition, net quick assets as of Feb. 29 1928 as reflected in the balance sheet, amount to over \$3,800,000 making a total net worth based upon the above mentioned appraisal of physical assets of more than \$20,000,000. The company's controlling stock interest in Holly Oil Co. will be deposited with the trustee, as additional security under the mortgage.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company available for bond interest and depreciation for the 5 years ended March 31 1928 (4 years and 11 months audited and 1 month estimated) have averaged \$1,690,578 or more than 4 1-3 times the interest charges on this issue. These same earnings for the fiscal year ended March 31 1928 (one month estimated) amount to \$1,738,893 notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions that existed in the sugar market during that period. The average annual net income available for depreciation, bond interest and Federal taxes for the past 12 years, amounts to \$1,386,068.

Future Earnings.—Earnings of the company of \$1,738,893 for the fiscal year ended March 31 1928 as mentioned above, resulted from the production of over 1,830,000 bags of sugar selling at prices averaging at least 20% under the normal average price of sugar for the past ten years. Not only should very much larger profits result from the return of sugar to a more normal value, but the continued growth and development of the company's present territories will increase its earning power through a substantially larger production, for which the company already has sufficient plant capacity.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for the creation of an annual payment to the trustee of \$600,000 which will be applied first towards the payment of annual interest on whatever amount of these \$6,500,000 of bonds now being issued, may be outstanding. The balance must be used to purchase bonds in the open market or to call bonds by lot not to exceed the call prices. It is calculated that more than 75% of these bonds will be retired by maturity in this way.—V. 126, p. 1989.

Homestake Mining Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927	1926.	1925.	1924.
Revenues	\$6,827,317	\$5,923,945	\$6,079,498	\$6,213,334
Oper. & gen.exp., ins. &c	3,467,948	3,639,948	3,780,934	3,780,342
Taxes	536,907	403,786	404,380	425,589
Reserve for depreciation	1,414,919	741,923	740,361	730,748
Reserve for depletion	---	578,968	589,871	593,011
Dividends	1,758,120	1,758,120	1,758,120	1,758,120
Per cent	d7%	at%	b7%	c7%

Balance, deficit 350,578 \$1,198,800 \$1,194,168 \$1,074,476
a Of this amount, \$1,198,800 was paid from depletion reserve. b Of this amount \$1,194,168 was paid from depletion reserve. c \$1,074,476 was paid from depletion reserve. d \$350,577 paid from depletion reserve.—V. 126, p. 112.

Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.—Status, etc.—

This company was incorporated in Canada Dec. 27, 1927, under the Dominion Companies' Act with an authorized capital of 2,500,000 shares without par value, all of which have been issued fully paid and non-assessable. For this issue the company received \$17,500,000 in cash and all of the issued stock of the Flin Flon Mines, Ltd., a Canadian corporation, except the directors' qualifying shares. A description of the properties owned by the latter company is set forth in the report on Jan. 26, 1928 of R. E. Phelan, its Vice President and Chief Engineer, as follows:

Flin Flon Mines, Ltd., owns mining leases on Dominion Lands in The Pas Mining District, in northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, aggregating 5,679 acres, and certain rights on water powers in the same provinces. The principal mining claims are in the vicinity of Flin Flon Lake which lies approximately 85 miles northwest of the town of the Pas, the starting point of the Hudson Bay RR.

The Manitoba Northern Ry., a subsidiary of Canadian National Ry., has agreed to build a railroad from a point on the Hudson Bay Ry. near The Pas to the company's properties at Flin Flon Lake, and construction of this railroad has been completed. Flin Flon Mines, Ltd., has contributed \$250,000 towards the cost of this railroad to insure its completion during the year 1928. A satisfactory freight agreement covering both incoming and outgoing freight from points of origin and to points of destination has been made with the Canadian National Ry., which will operate the Manitoba Northern Ry. under lease.

"There is developed in the company's claims at Flin Flon Lake by shafts and underground workings and by diamond drilling to a depth of 900 feet, 18,000,000 tons of copper-gold-silver-zinc ore.

"This is a continuous ore body with a length of about half a mile and a maximum width near the surface of 300 feet. While the width of the ore body has somewhat decreased at the depth stated, there is no diminution in its grade and no indication of its early termination.

Flin Flon Mines, Ltd., will construct at this property a mine plant, flotation mill with cyanide annex, copper smelter, and electrolytic zinc plant, to mine and treat 3,000 tons of ore per day. About one-third of the tonnage will be mined by electric power shovels from an open pit. The company will also build a hydro-electric plant and transmission line to supply its power requirements."

In addition to the properties described in Mr. Phelan's report, the Flin Flon Mines Ltd. has purchased from R. H. Channing, Jr., at cost, 136 claims in The Pas Mining District in the Flin Flon Lake and Cold Lake areas.

According to reports over 1,200 men are at work on constructing the railroad and 31 miles of track had been laid up to March 20, 1928.

On Feb. 18, 1928, the cash in the treasury of Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd., and Flin Flon Mines Ltd. was \$17,288,241. It is estimated that this cash on hand will be ample to complete all construction necessary to bring the mines to the production contemplated and provide necessary working capital.

The officers and directors of the Hudson Company are as follows: Officers: Frank L. Crocker, President; Henry Krumb and Arthur H. Lockett, Vice Presidents; Henry E. Dodge, Secretary and Treasurer, and H. E. Franklin, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Directors: Frank L. Crocker, Roscoe H. Channing, Jr., Cornelius V. Whitney, Henry Krumb, Vernon Monroe, Arthur H. Lockett, Charles F. Ayer, James P. Watson and Britton Osler.

Transfer Agents: Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; The Royal Trust Co., Toronto.

Registrars: The Chase National Bank of the City of New York; The Trusts & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada.

Roscoe H. Channing, Jr., is President of the Flin Flon Mines Ltd. and the plant construction and development of the properties are under his personal charge and supervision.—V. 126, p. 879.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—War Department Approves New Night Line Auto Vessels.

The United States War Department has notified the corporation, operators of the night line boats to Albany and Troy, that their plans for the building of two ships designed to carry passenger automobiles and trucks up and down the Hudson River are acceptable as they "would be of value to the Government in an emergency for the transportation of military motor vehicles or similar cargo by sea along the coastal shores, or in effecting river transportation."

Officials of the line regard the letter as preliminary to approval by the Government of the line's recent application to borrow one half of the total cost of the two vessels, estimated at \$1,500,000.—V. 126, p. 1989.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—Earnings.

The earnings statement given in last week's "Chronicle" covers the period of two months ended Feb. 29 1928 and Feb. 28 1927, respectively.—V. 126, p. 1989.

Hygrade Food Products Corp.—Expansion.

The corporation has just concluded arrangements with C. A. Van Deusen Co. for the exclusive wholesale distribution by the Hygrade Corporation of the Van Deusen products throughout N. Y. City, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Van Deusen Co., whose plant is situated in Hudson, N. Y., was organized in 1867, and will continue to operate under its present management. It will immediately be modernized and its plant capacity increased.

The sales of the Van Deusen company in the territory mentioned should be considerably increased in 1928, due to the extensive organization and facilities of the Hygrade corporation, which was recently organized in connection with the merger of a number of well known provision concerns in New York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.—V. 126, p. 1048.

Insurance Exchange Building (Insurance Building Corp.), Boston.—Bonds Offered.—Otis & Co. are offering at 100 and int. to yield 6½%, \$1,850,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1928; due Feb. 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass., trustee. Int. also payable at Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Company will refund upon proper application in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed any personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills levied by any State upon holders resident in such State on account of ownership of these bonds and the Mass. income tax up to 6% on the int. levied on holders resident in Mass. Red. all or part by lot on any int. payment date on or at least 30 days' notice at 103 and int.

Data from Letter of R. M. Burnett, President of Insurance Bldg. Corp

Security.—This issue of bonds will be the direct obligation of Insurance Building Corp., organized in Massachusetts, and will be secured by a first closed mortgage on the company's leasehold estate in approximately 26,760 square feet of land, representing an entire city block in the City of Boston, Mass., and in the Insurance Exchange Building located thereon, subject to the lessor's lien to secure the performance of the lessor's lien to secure the performance of the lessee's obligations under the lease and to the rights of tenants of the building under their existing leases and building and zoning laws applicable. The land has frontages of about 216 ft. on Broad St., 193 ft. on Milk St., 160 ft. on India St. and 105 ft. on Central St. The net ground rent reserved in this lease (which is for a period of 99 years from Feb. 1 1928) is 5½% of the present appraised value of the land.

The land covered by the lease has been appraised as of Oct. 26 1927, by J. Sumner Draper at \$1,900,000 and the building at \$3,100,000.

The deed of trust securing this issue will require that adequate fire insurance be carried on the building at all times.

This issue of bonds is followed by \$1,500,000 of outstanding pref. stock and 15,000 shares of outstanding common stock without par value.

Building.—The Insurance Exchange Building is an 11-story and basement structure of steel frame, Indiana limestone, granite and marble fireproof construction. It was completed and ready for occupancy Jan. 1 1924. It contains 3,597,527 cubic feet with 275,000 square feet of floor space. The average rentable area is 22,250 square feet per floor. Frontages on four streets and a light court afford unobstructed daylight.

The building is now 98% rented and agreements have been entered into to lease the remaining space. The tenants include many of the leading insurance companies and the New England Insurance Exchange, as well as other types of business organizations.

Earnings.—The net earnings of Insurance Building Corp. for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, applicable to the interest on these bonds, after eliminating interest (amounting to \$200,750) on indebtedness to be liquidated out of this financing, as reported by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., accountants, and after deducting \$104,500 ground rental, and the trustee's fees and expenses under the above mentioned 99-year lease, but before deduction of rentals paid on assumed leases (\$57,808) and before depreciation and Federal taxes, were \$204,987 or 1.70 times maximum annual int. requirements of this issue of bonds. Rentals under these assumed leases (the last of which expires April 1 1932) are payable in varying installments over the unexpired terms of such leases. The aggregate of these rentals from Dec. 31 1927, amounts to \$101,163. Gross rental income for the year 1928, based on leases in effect Dec. 31 1927, is \$511,561 as compared with income from this source of \$482,799 for the year 1927.

Sinking Fund.—The deed of trust will provide for sinking fund payments estimated to be sufficient to retire over 55% of this issue prior to maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds of bonds, together with other funds, will be used to retire \$2,761,000 of the 6% serial gold bonds of Insurance Building Corp., originally issued in 1922 in the amount of \$3,000,000, and to retire current indebtedness.—V. 117, p. 332.

Insurance Securities Co., Inc. (Union Indemnity Group).—Acquisition of Los Angeles Company.

Purchase of the business and good-will of the International Indemnity Co. of Los Angeles, Calif., by the Union Indemnity Co. and the LaSalle Fire Insurance Co., was announced last week by M. M. Moss, senior Vice-President of the latter companies which are owned by Insurance Securities Co., Inc., a holding and managing company. Extension of the business of these two companies to the central-western, Pacific and north-western sections of the country, through this acquisition, is in accordance with plans for national operation of the business which is now being conducted principally in the eastern and southern sections.—V. 126, p. 1362.

International Cement Corp.—New Financing.

The corporation proposes to issue \$18,000,000 of 20-year 5% convertible debentures and to offer to its common stockholders the right to subscribe to 56,250 shares of common stock at \$65 per share.

Coincident with this financing the present outstanding \$9,549,800 par value of 7% cum. pref. stock is to be called at 110 and accrued dividend.

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of two additional plants located in the United States which would add substantially to the present productive capacity of the corporation.

It is understood that Hayden, Stone & Co. will underwrite the offering of common stock and will purchase the debentures which will probably be offered for public sale next week.—V. 126, p. 1801.

International Paper Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,388,900 additional cum. 7% pref. stock (par \$100 each) on official notice of issuance in exchange for 1st & ref. mtge. 6½% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, series A, of Continental Paper & Bag Mills Corp., making the total amount applied for \$94,891,100 of cum. 7% pref. stock.—V. 126, p. 1516.

Iron Cap Copper Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross income	\$287,949	\$645,251	\$767,197	\$786,070
Transportation, smelt'g, market & milling exp.	190,193	491,053	455,504	684,873
Taxes	7,112	12,885	7,595	21,167
Int. & disc. on bonds	19,511	28,725	32,014	34,014
Admin. & litigation exp.	21,971	38,616	31,744	36,351
Deprec. & obsolescence	25,000	53,378	94,479	229,224
Net income	\$24,160	\$20,594	\$145,861	loss\$219,559
Preferred dividends	11,208	6,981	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$12,952	\$13,613	\$145,861	loss\$219,559

—V. 124, p. 3078.

International Silver Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,039,900 additional common stock (par \$100 each), now held in the treasury, on official notice of sale, making the total amount applied for \$9,120,000.

The directors on Jan. 25 1928 voted to offer pro rata to the common stockholders the privilege of purchasing 30,399 shares of common stock now held in the treasury, at the price of \$110 per share on or before March 31, in order to provide funds for the retirement of the 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds due Dec. 1 1948 and for other corporate purposes.—V. 126, p. 1673.

Isle Royal Copper Co.—Earnings.

Results for Year Ended Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Copper sales	\$1,524,019	\$1,431,211
Interest	18,400	17,476
Miscellaneous receipts	665	23
Total income	\$1,543,085	\$1,448,709
Copper on hand Jan. 1	305,019	217,757
Production, selling, administration & taxes	1,318,835	1,263,000
Copper on hand Dec. 31	Cr.288,858	Cr.305,019
Operating profit	\$208,088	\$272,971
Depreciation	79,110	83,770
Depletion	159,097	139,747
Net profit	loss\$30,118	\$49,455
Dividend paid	150,000	150,000
Deficit	\$180,118	\$100,545
Earns. per share on 150,000 shs. cap. stk (par \$50)	Nil	\$0.33

—V. 126, p. 422.

Jones Brothers Tea Co. Inc.—Listing, etc.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit for 100,000 shares of the common stock without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding stock certificates.

The certificates of deposit represent the entire outstanding amount of the common stock and are to be issued by Chase National Bank as depository, pursuant to the terms of a letter dated Mar. 15 1928, addressed to the stockholders and the terms of a certain deposit agreement, dated Mar. 15 1928, between Ray Morris, John W. Prentiss and J. Spencer Weed, as a committee under the plan of reorganization and consolidation of the company, dated Mar. 15 1928.

The purpose of the Plan of Reorganization and Consolidation is to bring together, under one management, businesses which naturally supplement each other in the chain grocery and general merchandising field. A new company will be organized in Delaware to be known as "The Grand Union Co." or some similar name which will acquire the stock of the company and also that of Oneida County Creameries Co., a chain store company operating 107 stores in northern New York. The character of the business and the geographical location thereof are such that the amalgamation with the business of Jones Brothers Tea Co., Inc., is regarded as exceedingly desirable. The plan, as regards participating stockholders, will operate through exchange of stock to eliminate entirely accrued prior charges of about \$2,000,000 ahead of the common stock, reduce the current preferential dividend charge by \$23,000 per annum, and eliminate the preferential sinking fund charge of \$30,000 per annum. Company is furthermore put in a position where it can finance new acquisitions.

The letter to the stockholders dated Mar. 15 1928 states that the 100,000 shares of the common stock will be exchangeable, share for share, for 100,000 shares of common stock of the new company and that the existing \$3,760,000 7% preferred stock is to be exchanged for 80,000 shares of \$3 dividend convertible preference stock of \$50 par value per share or without par value, and 55,000 shares of common stock without par value of the new company.

The Grand Union Co. will have an authorized capital of 500,000 shares of convertible preference stock of \$50 par value per share or without par value, issuable in series, and 500,000 shares of common stock without par value. Of this authorized capital there will be initially reserved 80,000 shares of \$3 series convertible preference stock and 155,000 shares of common stock in exchange for the existing 37,600 shares of 7% preferred stock and 100,000 shares of common stock of Jones Brothers Tea Co., Inc., and 20,000 shares of convertible preference stock and 10,000 shares of common stock for exchange for all of the outstanding stock of Oneida County Creameries Co., consisting of 6,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

The \$3 series convertible preference stock will bear cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of \$3 per annum from April 1 1928 payable quarterly; will be convertible into common stock on the basis of 1½ shares of common for each share of convertible preference stock; will be redeemable in whole or in part, and preferred as to assets, at \$60 per share and accrued dividends; and will not be entitled to vote for directors except upon a certain number of defaults in dividend payments.

In order to assure permanence and continuity of management during the next five years, the common stock of the Grand Union Co. will be deposited with four voting trustees, initially John Foster Dulles, Ray Morris, John W. Prentiss and J. Spencer Weed.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales to customers	\$25,924,856	\$22,120,907	\$24,254,241	\$24,258,691
Cost of sales	19,984,644	16,834,033	18,220,532	17,952,075
Sell. & gen. exps	5,394,261	4,872,112	5,764,722	6,152,478
Depreciation	144,744	118,468	142,810	144,708
Operating profit	\$401,206	\$296,295	\$126,177	\$9,430
Other income	41,917	52,893	86,597	156,420
Total income	\$443,123	\$349,188	\$212,774	\$165,850
Loss from settlement of contracts, cof. opns.&c	—	—	—	369,799
Int. &c. payable	28,979	38,470	62,962	80,931
Federal tax income	11,000	—	—	—
Net profit	\$403,144	\$310,718	\$149,812def.	\$284,880

—V. 126, p. 1049.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—Common Stock Placed on a \$5 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding 221,316 common shares, no par value, payable May 1 to holders of record Apr. 16. From Feb. 1 1927 to Feb. 1 1928, incl., quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid, as compared with quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share made from Nov. 2 1925 to Nov. 1 1926 incl.—V. 126, p. 1822.

Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Corp. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.	
Sales, less returns & allowances	\$13,998,330
Manufac. costs, administrative general & selling expenses	13,613,171
Operating profit	\$385,158
Other income	246,719
Total income	\$631,877
Preferred dividends	175,657
Common dividends	698,522
Balance, loss	\$242,302
Earns. per share on 398,522 shares com. stock (no par)	\$1.14

—V. 125, p. 1468.

Kraft-Phenix Cheese Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$32,500 additional common stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance in payment for the capital stock of the Milano Co., with authority to add: (a) 72,300 common stock on official notice of issuance in payment for the entire outstanding capital stock of the Broadhead Cheese & Cold Storage Co.; (b) 162,500 common stock on official notice of issuance to employees; and (c) 171,975 common stock on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$11,800,550.—V. 126, p. 1972.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—March Sales.—
 1928—March—1927. Increase. 1928—3 Mos.—1927. Increase.
 \$10,854,782 \$9,183,218 \$1,671,564 \$28,832,221 \$25,447,778 \$3,384,443
 There were 442 stores operating at March 31 1928, as against 439 at
 Feb. 29 last.—V. 126, p. 1517, 1363.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.—
 Period End. Mar. 31—1928—5 Weeks—1927. 1928—13 Weeks—1927.
 Sales—\$18,020,875 \$15,297,288 \$44,220,000 \$38,847,766
 —V. 126, p. 1823, 1363.

Land Development Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Nicol, Ford
 & Co., Livingstone, Crouse & Co., Detroit Trust Co., Har-
 ris, Small & Co. and First National Co. are offering at par
 and int. \$1,945,000 1st mtg. 6% s. f. gold bonds.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1938. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at
 Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, without deduction of Federal income
 tax not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. all or part, by
 call by lot, on any int. date at 101 and int.

Mortgage.—This issue of bonds is a direct obligation of the Land De-
 velopment Corp., a Michigan corporation. Properties belonging to Land
 Development Corp. were originally subdivided and marketed in 1925, and
 the bulk of the property was sold in 1925 and 1926. Among the stock-
 holders of this company are Luman W. Goodenough, Pres.; Paul R. Gray,
 David Gray, C. Haines Wilson, Paul W. Voorhies, Wm. R. Kales, E. C.
 Lewis, B. C. Spitzley and the Houseman-Spitzley Corp.

Security.—In addition to being the direct obligation of the Land Devel-
 opment Corp., these bonds are secured by pledge with the trustee of title to
 3,190 lots, which have been sold on land contracts for \$4,089,060, upon
 which land contracts there is an unpaid principal balance of \$3,082,011,
 as certified by Haskins & Sells. As further security there will be pledged
 under mortgage 413 unsold lots, with an appraised value of \$332,587,
 and approximately 18 acres with an appraised value of \$55,529. The entire
 properties of the corporation have been appraised as of Dec. 31 1927, by
 the Detroit Trust Co. at \$3,506,314. As additional property is sold, title
 will revert to, and contracts covering sales will be deposited with, and as-
 signed to the trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides that a monthly sinking fund, begin-
 ning immediately, shall operate to purchase in the open market, or to call
 by lot, a minimum average of 10% of the principal amount of the total issue
 annually. All collections will be made by the Houseman-Spitzley Corp.,
 and the proceeds turned over monthly to the trustee. Monthly collections
 upon which these bonds are a first lien are running in excess of \$36,000.
 Balances in the sinking fund are to be applied to purchase of bonds in the
 open market, or if not so obtainable, to the redemption thereof by call by
 lot at 101.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire present outstanding indebted-
 ness of the company, to allow a cash distribution to the stockholders and to
 pay for improvements to the property.

La Salle Bldg. Corp., Minneapolis.—Notes Offered.—
 Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., are offering \$100,000 convertible
 6% serial gold notes at prices to yield from 6 to 6½%,
 according to maturity.

Dated Feb. 1 1928 due serially, 1929-38. Principal and int., F. & A.,
 payable at Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn., trustee., without
 deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom.
 \$1,000*. Red., all or part, in reverse order of maturity, on any int.
 date upon 30 days' notice at 100 and int., plus a premium of ¼%, for
 each year or fraction thereof between date of redemption and date of
 maturity, such premium in no event to exceed 3%.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
 Convertible 6% serial gold notes, due 1929-38. \$100,000 \$100,000
 1st mtg. leashold 6% sinking fund gold bonds
 due 1943 450,000 450,000
 \$7 cumulative pref. stk. (no par value) * 5,000 shs. 1,500 shs.
 Common stock (no par value) * 10,000 shs. 6,000 shs.

*1,000 shares of preferred stock and 500 shares of common stock reserved
 for exercise of conversion privilege of the notes.

Conversion Privilege.—The Trust agreement will provide for conversion
 of these notes, at the option of the holder, prior to maturity or prior to
 redemption if redeemed, into 10 shares of \$7 cumulative preferred stock
 and 5 shares of common stock of the corporation for each \$1,000 note,
 with adjustment in cash for accrued dividends on the Preferred Stock and
 accrued interest on the Notes.

Purpose of Financing.—The proceeds from the present financing will
 be used to cover in part the cost of the building recently purchased from
 its former owners. See also—V. 126, p. 1049.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.—New Member of Board—
 Hugh G. M. Kelleher, of Joseph Walker & Sons, has been elected a
 member of the board of managers, succeeding the late Rodman Wana-
 maker.—V. 126, p. 1501.

Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—Listing.—
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$22,517,400
 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) and \$22,517,400 of common
 stock (par \$50).

Income Account—Fiscal Year Ended Nov. 30.

	1927.	1926.
Sales, less discounts, allowances, &c.	\$27,642,843	\$30,451,867
Manufacturing & shipping cost.	16,701,564	17,341,914
Prov. for deprec., accrued renewals and obsolescence	2,222,740	2,670,796
Selling, administrative & general expense.	4,221,720	4,564,024
Net profit from operations.	\$4,496,820	\$5,875,133
Miscellaneous income.	274,148	208,754
Total income.	\$4,770,969	\$6,083,887
Provision for Federal income taxes.	652,125	840,000
Net income for year.	\$4,118,844	\$5,243,887
Balance at beginning of fiscal year.	26,556,378	23,033,389
Adjustment unrealized surplus for stone removed.	22,394	25,955
Total.	\$30,697,616	\$28,303,231
Income taxes for prior years.	172,693	172,693
Dividends declared.	1,574,612	1,574,160
Surplus at end of year.	\$29,123,004	\$26,556,378

Long Bell Lumber Corp.—Report.—
Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924.
 Profit for year \$6,681,425 \$9,062,626 \$11,503,737 \$10,736,972
 Depletion 1,917,500 2,757,565 3,167,860 3,289,189
 Depreciation 1,396,092 1,612,042 1,559,243 1,413,416
 Operating int. charges 1,869,766 1,640,483 1,287,570 1,487,006
 Income taxes 334,500 676,885 541,321
 Net income \$1,498,065 \$2,718,036 \$4,812,178 \$4,000,000
 Dividends paid 1,794,150 2,392,667 2,395,940 1,161,773
 Balance, surplus \$703,915 \$325,366 \$2,416,239 \$2,844,267
 Earns per sh. on 593,921
 shs. Class A stock \$2.52 \$4.57 \$8.10 \$6.74
 Includes profit of \$2,115,002 realized on sale of capital assets and credit
 resulting from sale for amount in excess of book value of property which
 was sold in connection with purchase of other property.—V. 125, p. 3071.

McCroly Stores Corp.—March Sales.—
 1928—March—1927. Increase. 1928—3 Mos.—1927. Increase.
 \$3,123,053 \$2,863,686 \$259,367 \$8,419,325 \$7,911,931 \$507,394
 —V. 126, p. 1518, 1364.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Shipment Increase.—
 It is announced that during March this company shipped a total of
 2,581 cars, the largest output for any single month in its history. In the
 quarter just closed shipments totalled 6,722 cars, an increase of 81%.
 Over the corresponding quarter last year which was 3,711 cars, output
 in the quarter just ended exceeded by far any previous 3 months period.
 —V. 126, p. 1992, 882.

Mary Lee Candy Shops, Inc.—Defers Dividend.—
 The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 87½ cents
 per share usually paid at this time on the cum. class A stock, no par value.
 The last payment at this rate was made on Jan. 1 1928.—V. 125, p. 1590;
 V. 124, p. 2602; V. 123, p. 2147.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co., Kent, Ohio.—Report.—
Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924.
 Gross sales \$7,999,026 \$14,452,304 \$9,841,136 \$9,754,357
 Returns and allowances 515,097 725,434 404,568 542,404
 Net sales \$7,483,929 \$13,726,870 \$9,436,567 \$9,211,953
 Cost of sales, incl. depre. 5,251,663 10,913,593 7,319,345 7,138,465
 Sell. and admin. exp., incl. loss on uncoll. accts. 2,542,751 11,707,274 1,540,636 1,764,487
 Gross profit loss \$310,485 \$9,106,002 \$576,586 \$309,001
 Other inc.—Int. & disc. and misc., &c. 13,577 58,915 37,246 73,928
 Total income loss \$296,908 \$1,164,916 \$613,831 \$382,929
 Deduct—Int. and disc., price declin. adjust & misc. 175,989 763,013 447,871 431,491
 Provision for Fed. taxes 58,000
 Net income \$472,897 \$343,904 \$165,961 loss \$48,561
 Note.—Cumulative preferred dividends are in arrears since July 1 1923.
 —V. 125, p. 3492.

Mercantile Stores Co. Inc. (& Subs.).—Bal Sheet
January 31.—

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Furn., fixtures & impts. on leas. prop., less res.	\$1	\$1	Preferred stock.	\$2,165,400	\$3,893,206
Real est. & bldgs. owned.	c3,285,348	2,519,726	Com. stk. & surp.	12,127,530	11,596,810
Delivery equip.	135,845	165,348	Accts. payable.	1,728,766	1,939,591
Cash.	2,404,284	3,314,197	Notes payable.	—	174,665
Accts. & nts. rec.	a7,544,400	7,702,373	Oblig'n's pay. on purch. of fr. est.	140,033	117,733
Merchandise in stk. & in trans.	b5,947,647	5,931,279	Sundry creditors	1,011,178	1,061,475
M'k'able secur's	1,798,227	1,610,788	Unearned profit on instal. sales contracts.	1,300,220	1,322,883
Treasury stock.	84,318	1,611,172	Dividend pay.	194,727	197,216
Deferred charges	327,140	270,568	Oblig'n's pay. af-ter 1925 on pur. of real estate.	1,044,099	1,094,133
Investments	173,952	179,445	Res. for Fed. tax. & conting'c's.	2,028,786	1,907,189
Store supplies	39,580	—			
Total.	\$21,740,742	\$23,304,895	Total.	\$21,740,742	\$23,304,895

aAfter deducting \$883,725 reserves. bAfter deducting \$455,867 unearned discount and \$2,548,035 reserves. cAfter deducting \$65,763 property sold and \$197,845 reserves. xRepresented by 161,847 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 2438.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—March Sales.—
 1928—March—1927. Decrease. 1928—3 Mos.—1927. Increase.
 \$17,800,945 \$17,892,739 \$91,794 \$45,576,495 \$45,233,923 \$342,572
 —V. 126, p. 1364.

Mortgage Security Corp. of America.—Bonds Offered.—
 E. H. Rollins & Sons and Arthur Perry & Co. are offering
 \$2,250,000, first lien 5½% gold bonds, series A-N.Y. at
 100 and int. for the 1931 and 1933 maturities, and at 98½
 and int. to yield 5.65% for the 1943 maturity.

Dated Mar. 1 1928, due \$450,000, Mar. 1 1931; \$700,000, Mar. 1 1933,
 and \$1,000,000, Mar. 1 1943. Semi-annual int. (M. & S.) payable in New
 York, and Baltimore, Md. Principal 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. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. 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 bond-
 holders residing in Penn., Conn., Calif., Maryland, Delaware, Mass.,
 Rhode Island, or the Dist. 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 Mar. 1 1928.

Corporation.—Founded in 1915, one of the largest companies of its kind
 in the United States. Purchases first mortgages or their equivalent on
 owner-occupied real estate owned in fee, or on 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 incompletely structures.

Loans have been made in over 300 cities located in 34 states. This gives
 numerical as well as wide geographical diversification to the security for the
 company's bonds. The average loan at present is less than \$7,000. Over
 8,000 loans have been made of which less than ¼ of 1% have been foreclosed,
 and these foreclosures have never resulted in a loss to the company or to any
 investor.

Security.—Bonds are a direct obligation of the corporation which has
 capital and surplus totaling more than 11% of its outstanding indebtedness
 which is additional assurance for the prompt payment of principal and
 interest of its bonds. The bonds are secured by deposit with the trustee of
 guaranteed or indemnified first mortgages upon improved real estate as
 herein described, 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.

Guaranty.—Each mortgage or its equivalent deposited with the trustee
 as security for the bonds of this series is individually guaranteed or in-
 demnified by mortgage companies of independent financial strength.—
 V. 126, p. 424.

Morse Chain Co., Ithaca, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—
 Blair & Co., Inc. are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000
 20 year 6% sinking fund gold debenture bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1948. Interest payable (J. & J.) without
 deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. all or part
 on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. on any int. date after Jan. 1 1933; also
 callable for sinking fund commencing Jan. 1 1930 on 30 days' notice.
 Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Company will covenant in the indenture
 that so long as any of the debenture bonds remain outstanding it will not
 mortgage or pledge or permit any subsidiary to mortgage or pledge, except
 to the company, any of its assets or property unless the debenture bonds
 then outstanding shall be secured equally and ratably with all other bonds
 or obligations secured thereby; provided, however, that the foregoing pro-
 vision shall not apply (a) to purchase money mortgages or vendors liens or
 (b) to the acquisition by the company of property subject to existing mort-
 gages or liens or (c) to the pledge by the company in the ordinary course of
 business, of quick assets to secure current accounts maturing in not more
 than 12 months.

Data from Letter of F. L. Morse, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in New York in 1897. Business comprises the
 manufacture of silent chain drives for the transmission of power including
 front end chains and sprockets for automotive engines, power transmission
 chains for all forms of industrial power transmission and various accessories.
 Company originated the rocker-joint chain which has been long and favor-
 ably known.

Purpose.—These proposed new debenture bonds are to be issued in con-
 formity with a plan for the reclassification of the company's capitalization
 and the proceeds of the sale thereof are to be applied to the redemption of
 the present outstanding \$1,500,000 8% preferred stock and to other cor-
 porate purposes.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.

20-yr. 6% skg. fd. gold deb. bonds, due Jan. 1 1948.	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	120,000 shs.	95,000 shs.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings for the five fiscal periods ended
 July 31 1927, eliminating operations of Peters-Morse Manufacturing Corp

now in course of dissolution, and charging depreciation of plants and equipment on the original cost valuation thereof, but before charging interest and Federal taxes, have been as follows:

a1923	-----	\$734,081	b1926	-----	\$1,296,157
b1924	-----	719,586	c1927	-----	d1,260,266
b1925	-----	719,642			

a 10 months ended June 30. b Years ended June 30. c 13 months ended July 31. d Depreciation of plants and equipment on appraised valuations determined as of June 1 1927, will be approximately \$113,000 per annum in excess of the amount deducted from the earnings stated above.

The consolidated net earnings as shown above for the period indicated, averaged \$961,980, per annum, equal to over eight times the annual interest requirements of \$120,000 on the proposed issue of \$2,000,000 debenture bonds.

Sinking Fund.—On Nov. 1 1929 and annually thereafter on Nov. 1 in each year until all of the debentures shall have been retired, the company as a sinking fund will deliver or pay to the trustee, debenture bonds or cash sufficient to retire \$60,000 debenture bonds. The cash so paid is to be applied by the trustee to the purchase through tender of debenture bonds at not exceeding the redemption price of 105 and int. or to the extent not so obtainable to the redemption at that price of debenture bonds by lot on 30 days' notice on the next succeeding Jan. 1.

(J. K.) Mosser Leather Corp.—Earnings.

Period		Year End.	5 Mos End.
		Dec. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Income before deducting depreciation and interest	-----	\$3,363,337	\$1,347,974
Depreciation	-----	359,134	162,937
Interest charges	-----	305,840	182,657
Net profit	-----	\$2,698,362	\$1,002,380
Earnings per share on 592,857 shs. outstand'g stk.	-----	\$4.60	\$1.69

—V. 124, p. 3362.

Municipal Service Corp.—Sales.

The corporation for January and February reports sales of \$1,197,413 and net profits of \$69,078, compared with \$981,837 and \$50,751, respectively, for the same months of 1927. During this period the company sold 10,480,456 gallons of gasoline, an increase of more than 80% over sales of the same period of the preceding year.—V. 126, p. 1365.

Natomas Co. of Calif.—To Pass Bond Interest.

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has been advised by the company that it will be impossible to pay interest due on its bonds on July 1 1928.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Returns fr. gold dredging	\$1,200,997	\$1,313,921	\$1,397,337	\$1,384,901
Oper. exp. incl. taxes insurance & rentals	854,662	884,452	920,397	965,810
Operating income	\$346,334	\$429,469	\$476,940	\$419,091
Other income	128,653	233,237	325,491	472,027
Gross income	\$474,987	\$662,706	\$802,431	\$891,118
Bond interest, &c.	852,254	832,948	825,536	841,874
Depreciation	116,070	129,597	x347,296	225,433
Exhaust of mineral area	199,699	195,643		
Prof. on bonds redeem.	cr. 21,173			
Net loss for year	\$671,862	\$495,483	\$370,402	\$176,190

x Depreciation, \$128,694, exhaustion of mineral area, \$216,449, prospecting expenditures, \$7,597, loss on sale and abandonment of capital assets, \$832, less profit on sale of investments of \$6,277.—V. 124, p. 2291.

National Bearing Metals Corp.—New Interests.

See American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—V. 125, p. 2275.

National Dairy Products Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$145,330,060	\$134,549,919	\$105,377,151	\$20,180,89
Cost of sales, expenses & depreciation	z132,293,722	113,560,351	91,793,433	15,708,458
Gross profit	13,036,338	20,989,568	13,583,718	4,472,433
Other income	1,034,488	1,197,748	522,234	193,923
Total income	14,070,826	22,187,315	14,105,952	4,666,357
Admin. sell. & gen. exp., int., &c.	a272,153	8,652,973	6,161,391	2,015,368
Federal income taxes	1,681,067	1,614,333	1,046,198	297,774
Other deductions	x2,484,311	2,499,558	1,965,104	463,940
Balance	9,633,294	9,420,451	4,933,258	1,889,273
Shares of com. outst'g (no par)	1,412,291	1,045,039	752,216	309,717
Earns. per share on com.	\$6.82	\$9.01	\$6.55	\$6.10

x Includes interest on National Dairy Products Corp. 6% notes, \$860,728, annual dividend requirements on preferred stocks of company, \$834,708, and dividend requirements on pref. stocks of sub. cos. for full year, \$788,874. y After deducting inter-company sales of \$5,650,694. z Includes administrative selling and general expenses. a Interest only.

Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss and Surplus.

Year End. Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Combined profits for year end. Dec. 31, before all divs. & int. on National Dairy Products Corp. 6% notes	\$12,117,605	\$11,920,009
Less—Profits prior to date of acquisition of cos. acq. during year	166,189	255,065
Divs. pd. & accr. on stks of sub. cos. held by public	797,014	861,136
Int. on Nat. Dairy Prod. Corp. 6% notes	860,728	864,390
Bal. applic. to pref. & com. stks of Nat. D'ry Pr. C.	\$10,293,673	\$9,939,419
Divs. pd. on stks of Nat. D'ry Prod. Corp. from time to time outstanding:		
Preferred	\$34,708	747,208
Common	3,923,782	2,885,500
Surplus for year ending Dec. 31	\$5,535,183	\$6,306,711
Previous earned surplus	9,044,830	2,738,120
Earned surplus at Dec. 31	\$14,580,013	\$9,044,830

—V. 126, p. 1051.

National Department Stores, Inc. (and Subs.)—Report.

Years Ended Jan. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	x\$74,959,296	\$82,296,411	\$79,455,118	\$74,368,556
Cost of gds. sold & sell., adm. & op. exp. (less misc. inc.), incl. depr. & amortiz. of leasehold improvements	72,471,207	78,960,891	76,192,350	70,682,667
Int. charges (incl. amort. of bond discount)	699,250	865,496	623,881	264,997
Prov. for Fed. Inc. taxes	210,258	285,000	305,569	388,674
Net profit	\$1,578,581	\$2,185,024	\$2,333,319	\$3,032,317
1st pref. dividends	620,354	645,974	667,324	547,337
2d pref. dividends	372,017	378,000	379,167	371,000
Balance, surplus	\$586,210	\$1,161,050	\$1,286,828	\$2,113,980
Prof. & loss surp., Jan. 31	\$5,952,107	\$5,271,392	\$4,321,492	\$3,652,186
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	550,000	550,000	550,000	500,000
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$1.07	\$2.11	\$2.34	\$4.22

x Includes sales of leased departments.—V. 125, p. 1335.

National Lumber & Creosoting Co.—Bonds Offered.

William R. Compton Co., St. Louis, are offering \$1,800,000 1st mtge. 15-year serial 5½% gold bonds, series "A," at prices to yield from 5% to 5.80% according to maturity.

Dated April 2 1928; due serially April 1 1929-1943, inclusive. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at American Trust Co., St. Louis, or Bankers Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part,

on any int. date on 30 days' notice at a premium of ½ of 1% for each 12 months or fraction thereof between the date of redemption and date of maturity of bonds called; provided, however, that in no case shall the premium exceed 3% of the face value of the bonds. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. On proper application, as defined in the mortgage, the company will reimburse to holders the Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4½ mills per annum, the Penn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, the Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, the Iowa personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills, the Minn. securities tax not exceeding 3 mills, or the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum. American Trust Co., St. Louis, and Eugene W. Sloan, trustees.

Data from Letter of John T. Logan, President of the Company.
Company.—The operations of the company consist of treating ties, bridge timber, piling, poles and other construction material with chemical preservatives and of handling these products commercially both in a treated and untreated state. The business has grown steadily since it was established in 1903. At present 6 plants are owned and operated, located at Texarkana, Texas; Kansas City, Mo.; Houston, Texas; Findlay, Ohio; Salida, Colo., and Alexandria, La. The annual capacity of these 6 timber treating plants is 32,500,000 cubic ft.

Security.—The bonds will constitute the sole bonded debt of the company and will be secured by a first mortgage on all of the fixed assets of the company now owned, subject only to \$37,410 purchase money notes. The total properties covered by this mortgage are valued at \$2,692,193 including the appraised value of plant buildings, equipment, &c., and improvements to leased property.

Assets.—According to the balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1927 and adjusted to reflect the results of issuing \$1,800,000 first mortgage bonds, total net assets, after deducting all liabilities other than these bonds, amounted to \$4,795,773 (including plant properties at appraised values), or approximately \$2,664 per \$1,000 bond.

Earnings.—Annual net income available for interest, before deducting depreciation and Federal income taxes for the five years ended Dec. 31 1927, averaged more than five times the maximum annual interest requirements of this issue. Net income for the year 1927, available for interest and depreciation, amounted to \$583,260, or more than 5¼ times maximum annual interest requirements.

Sinking Fund.—The sum of \$5 will be paid into a sinking fund for each 1,000 feet log scale of timber cut from the company's presently owned timber properties. This payment may be used at the option of the company to redeem bonds, or, subject to certain restrictions as set forth in the mortgage, it may be used either to acquire additional timber, land and (or) for additions or improvements, all or any of which will be placed under the lien of this mortgage. There will also be paid into a sinking fund from the subsequent acquisitions of timber, owned unincumbered, such amounts per unit of timber cut as the quantity of timber so cut shall have cost the company.

Capitalization.—

Authorized	Outstanding.
First mortgage bonds	\$5,000,000
8% cumulative preferred stock	1,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	15,000 shs. 10,166 2-3 shs.

 a \$825,000 par value preferred stock has been issued, of which \$50,000 has been retired.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire all outstanding bonds and the balance will be used to reimburse the company for capital expenditures already made and for other corporate purposes.—V. 120, p. 2278.

National Fireproofing Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net earnings after all charges and taxes	\$473,352	\$813,804	\$813,091	\$971,338
Deprec. & depletion	293,938	293,938	303,388	299,591
Net income	\$179,414	\$519,865	\$509,703	\$671,747
Preferred dividends—(5¼%)	414,776	(7,553,035)	(5¼) 414,776	(6) 474,030
Balance, surplus—def.	\$235,362	def \$33,169	\$94,927	\$197,717
Profit and los. surplus	\$1,655,690	\$2,005,290	\$2,013,919	\$2,028,927
Shares of common outstanding (par \$50)	89,226	89,226	89,226	89,226
Earn. per share on com.	Nil	Nil	\$1.06	\$2.22

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Property & equipment	\$11,553,546	\$11,439,567	Preferred stock	7,900,500	7,900,500
Good-will	4,461,300	4,461,300	Common stock	4,461,300	4,461,300
Investment in associated cos.	106,337	102,501	1st mtge. bonds	-----	638,000
Inv. in cos. bond and debts	73,871	73,871	Funded debt	3,000,000	-----
Mortgage notes	23,419	29,129	Purchase agreement	7,500	-----
Inventories	1,493,447	1,223,654	Mtge. payable on clay lands	55,000	26,250
Notes & accts. rec. (less reserve)	805,418	937,374	Accounts payable	577,743	600,000
Notes & accts. rec. from assoc. cos.	255,333	170,048	Bond int. accrued	-----	10,633
Misc. bonds & stks	40,871	25,254	Fed. income tax	-----	75,300
Patents	11,250	-----	Div. decl. & pay.	-----	138,259
Other assets	18,243	-----	Due associated cos.	-----	19,760
Cash	1,013,796	432,008	Reserve for deprec.	2,586,156	2,362,826
Deferred charges	389,880	36,961	Res. for ins. on rolling stock	2,824	403
			Surplus	1,655,691	2,005,290
Total	20,246,715	18,857,795	Total	20,246,715	18,857,795

—V. 126, p. 1365.

National Sugar Refining Co.—Annual Report.

Income Account for Year Ended December 31—	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$1,222,230	Not Available
Deprec. Int. and taxes	929,744	Available
Net earnings after taxes	\$292,485	\$3,567,289
Dividends paid	1,049,965	1,049,965
Balance, surplus—def.	\$757,480	\$2,517,324
Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	150,000	150,000
Earnings per share on capital stock	\$1.95	\$23.78

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$18,578,689	\$10,944,197	Capital stock	15,000,000	15,000,000
Cash & U. S. bds.	2,069,768	3,065,481	General accounts payable	2,684,770	1,197,168
Accts. receivable	3,419,077	3,162,244	Fixed liabilities	4,919,400	-----
Sink fund dep.	162,779	-----	Notes payable	4,325,000	-----
Raw & refin. sugar	6,534,169	4,553,931	Accruing taxes and expenses	64,629	678,068
Supplies	972,345	717,445	Divs. pay. Jan. 2	262,491	262,491
Misc. inv. and mtges. receiv.	665,114	664,269	Res. for ins. & contin	232,117	146,634
Deferred charges	299,269	147,079	Surplus	5,212,804	5,970,283
Total	32,701,211	23,254,644	Total	32,701,211	23,254,644

x After deducting \$5,775,671 reserve for depreciation.—V. 124, p. 2130.

(Oscar) Nebel Co., Inc.—New Financing.

It is expected that a syndicate headed by Goddard & Co., Inc., New York, will offer stock of this company in the early part of next week. The stock, it is expected, will be offered in units of 1 share of participating preference stock and 1-3 share common stock. The company manufactures women's full-fashioned silk hosiery. Plant located at Hobart, Pa. Net profits after depreciation and Fed. taxes for 1927 were \$310,193.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—March Sales, &c.—

1928—March	1927—3 Mos.	1927—Increase.
\$664,598	\$392,083	\$272,515
\$1,492,812	\$1,079,194	\$413,618

This corporation in connection with its program of expansion, opened 4 new stores during March, and another will be added to the chain within the next few days. As a result of the opening of the new stores, and normal increase in business, officials estimate sales for March will be approximately 60% larger than March 1927, when sales totaled \$391,828.—V. 126, p. 1824, 1519.

Neve Drug Stores, Inc.—Stock Sold.—Lage & Co. Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.

and John Burnham & Co., have sold at \$40 per share 100,000 shares Convertible A stock. The bankers are also offering a limited amount of common stock.

Transfer Agent: Equitable Trust, Co., New York. Registrar: Chemical National Bank, New York. The convertible A stock is preferred over the common stock as to assets and as to quarterly dividends, cumulative from April 15 1928 at the annual rate of \$2.80 a share. Red, as a whole only at any time on at least 30 days' notice at \$60 a share plus divs. Entitled in any liquidation to \$50 a share plus divs. before any distribution on the common stock. Convertible at the option of the holder at any time up to and including the redemption date into the common stock of the company on a share for share basis.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the convertible A and common stocks on the New York Curb Market.

Data from Letter of Pres. A. J. Neve, New York, April 3:
Company—A New York Corporation, has contracted to acquire the assets and business of 64 additional successfully established, well located and profit producing retail drug stores in the Greater New York Metropolitan District, and will operate the acquired properties on economical chain store merchandising principles, giving the company all the advantages of scientific management, volume buying, economical warehousing and distribution and many other economies. The 65 stores to be owned by the company have been in business an average of over 12 years and are operating in premises under leases which run for an average of over 8 years. Company anticipates expanding its activities through the acquisition, from time to time, of additional desirable established stores and the opening of new stores in favorable locations. The general offices, warehouse and distributing plant will be in the recently completed fireproof Graphic Arts Center Building at Varick and Houston Sts. New York City.

Capitalization.

Authorized.	Outstanding.
Convertible A stock (no par value, voting).....	125,000 shs. 100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value).....	*300,000 shs. 170,000 shs.

*125,000 shares reserved for conversion of convertible A stock and 5,000 shares reserved for employees.
Earnings—In the case of stores which are owned by individuals it is quite usual to find owners do not have facilities for maintaining adequate accounting records of all details of their business transactions and this general condition prevailed in respect to the drug stores contracted for. The combined sales of the group for the year 1927, as adjusted and reported by Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., accountants and auditors, amounted to \$6,636,455. After deducting salaries the management proposes to pay, rent and operating expenses actually paid by the former managements, providing for depreciation of furniture, fixtures, equipment and lessees' improvements, as determined by the American Appraisal Co., and for the New York State franchise tax and Federal income tax at the present rate of 13 1/2%, the combined net profit for the year 1927, as computed by the accountants in conjunction with the President of the company, amounts to \$759,445, equal to \$7.59 per share on the convertible A stock or nearly 2 1/2 times the convertible A stock dividend requirements and, after such dividend to \$2.82 per share on the outstanding common stock. It is expected that additional discounts due to wholesale purchases, based on the 1927 volume, will more than offset additional administrative expenses.

Purpose of Issue—Proceeds of this financing will be used for the purchase of the businesses contracted for and other corporate purposes.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total earnings on metals.....	\$10,363,610	\$11,666,826	\$10,235,225	\$8,678,349
Other income.....	109,434	55,727	48,417	112,083
Total income.....	\$10,473,044	\$12,722,553	\$10,283,642	\$8,790,432
Operating expenses.....	4,552,725	4,825,460	4,316,582	3,992,590
Salaries, office & gen. exp.....	98,795	107,061	85,785	73,392
Fgt., refg. & mktg. exp.....	1,297,050	1,562,148	1,257,000	1,116,528
State and Federal taxes.....	947,763	902,939	755,384	476,871
Miscellaneous expense.....	—	—	13,092	23,801
Interest.....	—	4,719	143,654	152,682
Depreciation.....	438,940	603,678	995,640	906,617
Ore depletion.....	—	—	1,590,262	1,466,738
Net income.....	\$3,138,772	\$3,714,547	\$1,126,154	\$581,088
Dividends.....	(40%)3,600,000	(32)2,880,000	x1,141,290	(7 1/2)675,000

Balance, deficit..... \$461,228 sur\$834,547 \$15,136 \$93,912
 Total cop. prod. (lbs.)..... 72,932,670 82,312,463 69,262,286 63,884,293
 No. of shs. outst. (par\$5)..... 1,800,000 1,800,000 1,800,000 1,800,000
 Earnings per share..... \$51.74 \$20.86 \$60.63 \$50.32
 a Before depletion. b After ore depletion. x In addition to the dividends paid out of surplus, the following distributions were made from "reserve for depletion and depreciation" as return of capital: In 1925, \$658,710; 1924, \$675,000.

Sales of copper for 1927 were 76,520,330 lbs., for which the company received an average of 13.112c per lb.

Note—Entries covering depletion are recorded on the books of the company, but being made for income tax purposes only are omitted from the 1926 statement.—V. 126, p. 1675.

Newman Foundation.—Bonds Offered.—Lafayette-South Side Bank & Trust Co. recently offered \$375,000 5% serial real estate 1st mtge. gold notes of the Newman Foundation at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill. (Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.).

Dated Feb. 15 1928; due serially Feb. 15 1930-1943. Interest payable F. & A. at Lafayette-South Side Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable at 102 during the period ending Feb. 15 1932; at 101 1/2 during period ending Feb. 15 1936; at 101 during period ending Feb. 15 1940; thereafter prior to maturity at 100 1/2. Lafayette-South Side Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee.

Security—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on the grounds and buildings of the property known as the Newman Foundation, located at the University of Illinois, directed by Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., in whom title to the property is vested. The mortgaged properties behind this loan are conservatively valued in excess of \$1,000,000.

The improvements consist of the following: Two 5-story and basement modern, fireproof residence halls of steel and concrete construction, completely equipped to provide club facilities for over 1,000 students and with sleeping quarters and study rooms for 350 students. In addition, there have been provided lounge rooms, card rooms, reading rooms, libraries and social centre rooms, as well as spacious lobbies, dining room and ample kitchen facilities.

Proceeds—The proceeds of this issue of bonds have been used in the construction, equipment and furnishing of the building units described herein.

Revenues—The revenues derived from the students alone are more than sufficient to take care of interest and principal requirements of this loan by a good margin.

Newport Co., Carrollville, Wis.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% in addition to the irregular quarterly dividend of 2% on the prior common stock, both payable April 16 to holders of record April 5.—V. 125, p. 792.

North American Cement Corp.—Consolidation.—Holders of the 6 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures, series "A," of the North American Cement Corp. have been called to a meeting on May 1 at the head office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall St., N. Y. City, to approve the merger and consolidation of the company into the Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. (See latter company below).—V. 126, p. 1520.

Northern Pipe Line Co.—To Decrease Capital.—The stockholders will vote June 12 on approving a reduction in the authorized and outstanding capital stock from \$4,000,000, par \$100, to \$2,000,000, par \$50. It is probable that a distribution of \$50 per share will be made.—V. 126, p. 1996.

(Charles F.) Noyes Co., Inc.—Leases New Offices—Expansion, Etc.—

This company, has leased its building at 118 William St., N. Y. City, for a long term of years to the National Surety Co. A recent announcement made by E. A. St. John, President of the leasing company, stated

that Vincent Cullen, a recently elected Vice-President of the National Surety Co., will have charge of a newly created Greater New York Department which will occupy the entire present "Noyes Building."

The Noyes company, and its subsidiaries, including "Noyes National" under the direction of Stanley K. Green, President, has leased the entire sixth floor of the 44-story "Transportation Building" at 225 Broadway, N. Y. City, and will remove its entire organization to the new premises on May 1 next.

Mr. Noyes, in regard to the plans of the Noyes company, says in part: "We are very happy in our appointment as managing and renting agent of the "Transportation Building" from May 1 1928. We were compelled to lease our office building at 118 William St. because we have outgrown it. This business was established in 1898. At the present time we have 168 employees. Our new offices will be planned so as to accommodate our entire organization on one floor."

"Not only has our New York business grown rapidly but the growth of 'Noyes National' under the direction of Stanley K. Green has been phenomenal. In addition to the large office in Chicago, Mr. Green has recently opened branches in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, New Orleans, Detroit and Dallas, and has appointed 482 correspondents throughout the country in cities of 30,000 or more who are in direct communication with New York headquarters. Our business last year exceeded \$200,000,000 in the aggregate as compared with a little over \$3,000,000 of volume 20 years ago. The increase of business in the agency division under the direction of Harold S. Ford, Vice-President, has been unusual. Nearly 10,000 tenants pay rent to the Noyes company and about 850 buildings are managed. There are 1,524 employees required in New York City alone, outside of our main offices, to manage this volume of business."

"The following figures from our books are interesting in showing our growth. The exact increase in our business for the year ending April 30 1926 over the year ending April 30 1908 was 4,579%. Our increase in business in 1913 over 1908 was 291%; 1918 over 1913, 267%; 1923 over 1918, 232%; 1925 over 1923, 130%; 1927 over 1925, 162%; and our business for the year ending April 30 1928, with 3 months estimated, is running about 50% greater than in 1927. In our agency division in New York City alone we show an increase of 5,815% from 1909 to 1927 and the following period increases: 1909 to 1920, 1,532%; 1920 to 1924, 190%; 1924 to 1928, 199%."

On May 1 1926 the United Cigar Stores Co. of America took over 50% interest in the Noyes business and on the board of directors of the Noyes companies are William Baeder, George J. Wise and George Watley who are directors and officers of the United Cigar Stores Co. (see V. 122, p. 2666). Other Vice-Presidents of the Noyes company include William B. Falconer, in general charge of the Noyes brokerage business and organization; Harold S. Ford in charge of the agency division; Edwin C. Benedict in charge of the mortgage division; Herman Arns in charge of 560 Fifth Ave. office; Alwyn Ball, 3rd; and Edward J. Crawford. Col. M. S. Keene, Treasurer, will have general charge of the installation of the new offices.

The Noyes organization recently announced the taking over of the business of H. L. Moxley & Co.—V. 123, p. 1886.

O-Cedar Corp'n, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—A new issue of \$600,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds is being offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., at prices to yield from 5.42% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated March 31 1928; due serially Oct. 1 1929-33. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Int. payable A. & O. at Bank of America, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company will refund upon proper notice within 60 days after payment, any personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills to the dollar per annum, or any income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 102 and int.

Data from Letter of Joseph B. Lawler, Vice-Pres. of the Company.

Business—The business of O-Cedar Corporation, first established in 1907, was incorp. in Illinois in 1908 as Channell Chemical Co. The name was changed in 1923 to identify the company more closely with its products, internationally advertised and known under the trade name "O-Cedar." O-Cedar products are sold throughout the United States and in practically all other countries, the foreign business being conducted principally by affiliated companies. Company manufactures oil and was polishes for furniture, floors and woodwork, a patented line of oil mops for polishing floors, chemically treated dust cloths, water mops, various types of dusting mops, and dusters for floors, walls and hand use.

Security—Bonds will be a direct obligation of the company and will be secured by direct first mortgage on all fixed property now owned or hereafter acquired, except for purchase money mortgages on hereafter acquired property. The property directly covered by the deed of trust securing the first mortgage bonds has been appraised as having a sound value on Dec. 31 1927, of \$1,223,440. The first mortgage bonds now being issued will be less than 50% of this valuation. The balance sheet at Dec. 31 1927, after giving effect to this financing, shows net tangible assets of \$2,590,478, equal to more than \$4,300 for each \$1,000 par value of these bonds.

Purpose—Proceeds will be used to retire \$180,000 of outstanding bonds, to provide additional working capital, and for other corporate purposes.

Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds (closed issue)....	\$600,000 \$600,000
7% cumul. preferred stock (par \$100).....	150,000 25,820
Class A common stock (no par value).....	200,000 shs. 169,842 shs.
Class B common stock (no par value).....	600,000 shs. 528,025 shs.

Earnings—Net sales and net earnings after depreciation, but before deductions for interest and Federal income taxes, for the five years ended Dec. 31 1927, were as follows:

	Net Sales.	Net Earns. as Above.		Net Sales.	Net Earns. as Above.
1927.....	\$2,878,161	\$349,647	1924.....	\$2,831,271	\$256,191
1926.....	2,815,482	431,119	1923.....	3,002,338	538,050
1925.....	2,728,057	385,898			

The yearly average of the net earnings after depreciation but before interest and Federal income taxes for the five years 1923-1927 was \$391,781, or more than 10 1/2 times the maximum annual interest on the first mortgage bonds to be outstanding. The above net earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, were more than 9.7 times the maximum annual interest requirement of this issue.

The average earnings for the five years 1923-1927, as stated above, were more than 65% of the total principal amount of these bonds. The combined net earnings for the five-year period were more than 3 1/4 times the principal amount of this issue.—V. 124, p. 3223.

Oil Shares Inc.—Stocks Offered.—P. W. Whitin & Co., Inc., New York are offering in units of 1 share of pref. and 1 share of common at \$70 per unit, 100,000 shares preferred stock (par \$50) and 100,000 shares common stock (no par value)

Preferred stock carries 6% cumulative dividends, payable Q. & J. Preferred stock has preference both as to dividends and assets; is redeemable on any div. date, upon 30 days' notice, at \$52.50 per share, plus divs. Dividends are free from present normal Federal income tax. The preferred and common stock have equal voting power, share for share. The capital stock is now issued and transferable only in units, consisting of one share of Preferred and one share of Common, and shall not be transferred separately until so authorized by the Directors. Registrar: Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Transfer agent: Bank of New York & Trust Co. Depository: Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J.

Company—Organized in Maryland. Is an investment company of the management type. It is authorized more particularly to buy and sell and hold the securities of oil companies, making its shares represent a widely diversified investment covering the entire oil industry.

The business of company is confined solely to the investment and reinvestment of its capital resources in the securities of corporations related to the oil industry.

The company issues its own capital stock; and invests the proceeds in a portfolio of carefully selected and widely diversified oil securities. The selection of these securities is made under rigid restrictions set forth in the by-laws, which may be changed only by vote of the stockholders.

The company's assets will consist entirely of securities and cash. Its revenues will be derived from interest and dividends on its investment holdings, together with profits accruing from investment turnover.

The company is entirely independent of any of the companies whose securities it owns. It does not own or control or operate any producing, refining or marketing companies.

Investment Restrictions—The by-laws specify definite rules of investment limiting the directors. These by-laws provide the following:

(a) Not less than 50% of the company's total funds must be invested in the securities of the "Standard Oil" group of companies and their subsidiaries.

(b) Not more than 25% of the company's total funds shall be invested in the securities of the listed and established "independent" oil companies or supply companies. Funds which may be allocated to Class C may also be invested in these securities.

(c) Not more than 25% of the company's total funds shall be invested in the securities of other companies related to the oil and (or) gas industry, as the judgment of the directors may approve.

Not more than 5% of the company's total funds shall be invested in the securities of any one corporation in classes A or B or C, except that the proportionate total funds allocated to class C may, to the extent of one-fifth thereof, be additionally invested in the securities of any one corporation in Classes A and B.

No investments in any securities shall be made unless they meet the stringent requirements set forth in the by-laws of the corporation.

A specific resolution of the executive committee (committee on purchases and sales) or the board of directors is required to make any investment or reinvestment of the corporation's funds in any eligible securities, other than securities of the U. S. Government and securities authorized for trust funds in the states of New York or Massachusetts or Connecticut.

Restrictions on Borrowing.—Without the consent of at least 75% of all outstanding preferred shares, the corporation cannot borrow any money aggregating at any one time a total in excess of 15% of the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the corporation, or for a longer period than one year.

Earnings.—Oil Shares Inc. will have four principal sources of income:

- 1. Cash dividends and interest on securities owned.
2. Proceeds from stock dividends and subscription rights.
3. Profits from the turnover of its investments.
4. Participations in original subscriptions and underwritings.

Research Service.—Oil Shares Inc. has retained the services of the Petroleum Research Corp., which has large facilities for the study and analysis of conditions affecting the oil industry. Petroleum Research Corp. pays all the expenses involved in gathering and checking the data and statistics which guide the directors of Oil Shares Inc. in their selection of securities for the investment portfolio.

As compensation, the Petroleum Research Corp. receives a fixed annual fee equal to 1/5 of 1% of the capital resources of the company; and, after cumulative annual dividends of 6% on the preferred and cumulative annual dividends of 1.50 per share on the common have been paid, will receive a further fee equal to 1-5th of any additional dividends when and as distributed and of any excess net profits accumulated and undistributed during the period of service.

This arrangement limits the research overhead expense to a fixed ratio of the capital resources.

Directors.—F. deC. Sullivan, Joel Rathbone, John W. Campbell, Liston L. Lewis, Arnold L. Davis, Warwick M. Downing, W. A. Schenck, G. E. McCuaig, Francis Henderson.

Officers.—F. deC. Sullivan, Pres., John W. Campbell, Vice-Pres; Cecil Page, Sec.; S. E. Requa, Treas.

Executive Committee and Committee on Purchases and Sales.—Liston L. Lewis, Chairman; John W. Campbell, F. deC. Sullivan.

Old Dominion Company.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include Sales of copper, silver & gold; Income from invest.; Interest; Total income; Min. treat. & ref. exp.; Selling expenses, &c.; Depreciation; Interest; Depletion; Balance, deficit; P. & L. surp. Dec. 31.

Otis Steel Co.—February Earnings Increase.—

February earnings of this company were \$350,300 before Federal taxes and depreciation. This was higher than earnings of any month in 1927, and a new high record for any February in the company's history. It compared with \$235,191 before taxes and depreciation reported for February, 1927, and \$290,996 for February 1926.

Earnings for the first two months of 1928, before Federal taxes and depreciation were \$613,833 against \$460,549 in the corresponding period of 1927 and \$607,668 in those months of 1926. Commenting upon the outlook, President E. J. Kulas said that the company is booked to capacity for April and that good orders already are being booked for May.

See also article entitled "Remaking of 'Otis Steel' in the Finance & Industry," of March 24, 1928, pp. 5 and 8.—V. 126, p. 1053.

Overseas Securities Co., Inc.—Debentures Sold.—

White, Weld & Co. and International Acceptance Bank, Inc., have sold at 100 and int., \$3,500,000, 5% debentures due 1948. Each \$1,000 debenture will carry a non-detachable warrant entitling the holder on Jan. 2 1930, or upon the earlier redemption of the debenture, to receive without cost 2 shares of capital stock of the company (deposited with the trustee for that purpose).

Dated Apr. 1 1928; due Apr. 1 1948. Int. payable (A. & O.). Principal and int. payable in New York City at International Acceptance Trust Co., trustee. Denom. \$1,000*. Red. all or part at any time upon 60 days' notice at 102 1/2 and int.

Table with 2 columns: Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include 5% debentures due 1947; 5% debentures due 1948 (this issue); Capital stock (no par value).

Data from Letter of Morton H. Fry, President of the Company.

Company.—A New York corporation. Company and its predecessor, Overseas Securities Corp., have, since 1920, been engaged in the investment and re-investment of their resources in domestic and foreign securities. The predecessor corporation was one of the earliest investment trusts organized in this country. The operations of both companies have been continuously profitable. As of Dec. 31 1927, assets of the company included 120 different government, railroad, public utility, industrial and miscellaneous securities representing investments in 25 different countries. The company affords to its security holders a means of participating in a widely diversified list of carefully selected securities, and provides a constant supervision of investments which is not ordinarily available to individual investors. It is the policy of the board of directors of the company to maintain a liquid condition at all times, and to limit investments in any one security to such amounts as are readily marketable.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these \$3,500,000 of 5% debentures due 1948, together with the proceeds of 38,500 shares of capital stock, will be used in the acquisition of additional investments.

Assets.—The working capital of the company as of Dec. 31 1927, taking investments at book value, plus the cash to be realized by the present financing, including proceeds of sale of 38,500 shares of capital stock offered to stockholders at \$55 per share, and after deducting from assets all liabilities except debentures, amounted to \$8,179,098, or over 163% of the principal amount of all debentures to be presently outstanding. The book value of the investments was based on cost, less reserve, and was materially less than the market value of the securities held.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company, for the first 4 full years of operation which would be available for debenture interest, show the following approximate percentages on the average resources employed in each year: 1924, 25%; 1925, 19%; 1926, 26%; 1927, 20%.

In the year 1927, although average resources amounted to about \$1,880,000, compared with the \$8,179,098 shown above upon completion of the present financing, such net earnings were 1.55 times annual interest charges on the total debentures presently to be outstanding.

Provisions of the Debentures.—Indenture will provide in substance, that, so long as any of the 5% debentures due 1948 are outstanding, the company will not create any additional funded debt unless immediately after the creation thereof the net assets of the company (before deducting funded debt) are equal to at least 150% of the total funded debt; that it will not

mortgage or pledge any of its assets, except to secure loans of maturity not exceeding one year, without securing all the debentures outstanding equally and ratably with the obligations to be secured; and that it will not purchase or redeem its stock or make any distribution or pay any dividend upon any stock of the company if thereby the net assets, as defined, would be reduced below 150% of the funded debt.

Dividends.—An initial cash dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the outstanding capital stock on July 20 1926, and the same amount per share was paid on Feb. 15 and Aug. 15 1927, and Feb. 15 1928. It is the policy of the company to pay dividends at such times and in such amounts as the directors shall deem conservative and expedient.

Directors.—Gilbert G. Browne, Percy P. Cowans, John Foster Dulles, Morton H. Fry, Fred. I. Kent, Lucius W. Mayer, George H. Richards, Frederick T. Walker, James P. Warburg.—V. 125, p. 2680.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co. (& Subs.).—Ann. Report.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include Sales of cars, parts, &c.; Cost of sales; Gross profit; Selling, adm. & gen. exp.; Miscellaneous (net); Extraord. charges; Interest; Depreciation; Res. for Fed. inc. tax; Sub-co. losses; Net income; Preferred dividends; Common dividends.

Balance, surplus, def. \$4,923,578; Shares of com. outst'd'g (no par); Earn. per share on com.

* Resulting from discontinuance of "Paige" models, including die expense, cost of surplus materials, special commissions and allowances on sales. x Not shown separately, included in expenses. y Represented by shares of \$10 par value.

Common Stockholders' Capital Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Equity as at Dec. 31 1926; Capital; Surplus arising from appraisal of physical properties; Earned surplus; Total; Add: Adjustment of 1926 income tax reserve; Apprec'n in value of Wayne Body plant based on appraisal by Coats & Burchard Co., June 15 '27; Common stock issued during 1927—374,282 shares of no par value.

Grand total \$12,571,643

Deduct: Loss on foreign account relating to transaction of prior period; Adj. in book value of inv. in Assoc'd company; Net loss for year ended Dec. 31 1927.

Balance x\$7,454,377; x Equity as at Dec. 31 1927, applicable to 1,050,756 shares of common stock of no par value; Capital, \$10,507,560; surplus arising from appreciation of physical properties, \$1,313,892; deficit, \$4,367,076.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets (1927, 1926), Liabilities (1927, 1926). Rows include Plant & equip't; Cash; U. S. Govt. secur.; Collec. drafts; Market, sec., cost.; Notes receivable; Accts. receivable; Sundry receivables; Claims in adjust.; Debit on suppliers accounts; Due from Paige; Jewett Cars, Ltd; Inventories; Due from assoc. eo. & mln. st'holders; Investments; Def. & prep. chgs.; Pref. stock purch. for redemption.

Total (each side) \$16,737,961; \$13,418,628; x Includes reserve for Federal taxes. y 1,050,756 shares of no par value.—V. 126, p. 261.

Park Utah Consolidated Mines Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925). Rows include Total income; Operating, admin. & gen'l expenses; Depreciation; Federal taxes; Net income; Dividends paid.

Balance, surplus \$211; Shs. cap. stk. outstand. (par \$1); Earns per share; —V. 125, p. 926.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Meets Sinking Fund Requirements.—

The corporation last week advised the sinking fund agents that the sinking fund requirements of its 7% debentures would be met April 1. See V. 126, p. 1053.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consol.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925). Rows include Total income; Costs; Balance; Profit from railroad operation; Gross income; Interest accrued on railroad purchase; Federal taxes; Depreciation and depletion; Net income; Dividends.

Balance, sur \$1,770,450; Shs. of cap. stk. outstanding (par \$20); Earnings per share on capital stock; —V. 125, p. 3074.

(D.) Pender Grocery Co.—Earnings Increase.—

Net earnings so far this year are running at the rate of over 5 times the same period in 1927, it was announced last week.

For the month of February 1928 net earnings after all charges, available for dividends, were \$31,421, as compared with \$7,381 for the same month of 1927. For the first two months of 1928 net earnings on the same basis were \$52,088, as compared with \$9,271 for the same period of 1927.

The earnings for the two months of 1928, after deducting dividend requirements on the class A stock, are equivalent to 54 cents a share on the class B stock outstanding.—V. 126, p. 1676, 1520.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—March Gross Sales.—

1928—March—1927. Increase.	1928—3 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$13,134,179 \$9,968,057 \$3,166,121	\$29,774,544 \$23,789,552 \$5,984,992

At March 31 1928, a total of 930 stores were in operation as compared with 826 stores a year ago.

Comparative Sales of 791 Stores for Month and 3 Months Ending Mar. 31.

1928—Month—1927. Increase.	1928—3 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$11,702,220 \$9,692,263 \$2,009,957	\$26,504,226 \$23,039,370 \$3,464,856

Calendar Years—

1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
\$151,957,865	\$115,683,023	\$91,062,616	\$74,261,343

Gen. exp., deprec., &c.
incl. res. for Fed. tax. 143,707,967 107,522,298 84,267,856 70,083,693

Gross profits	\$8,249,898	\$8,160,725	\$6,794,760	\$4,177,650
Other income	698,801	757,547	657,808	508,922
Total income	\$8,948,699	\$8,918,273	\$7,452,568	\$4,686,572
1st pref. dividends	140,595	149,306	149,306	163,224
Class A pref. divs.	508,116	508,116	444,156	—
Preferred dividends	648,711	657,422	593,462	626,424
Com. dividends (cash)	4,837,888	3,153,775	760,850	731,470
Balance, surplus	\$3,145,743	\$5,115,786	\$6,098,255	\$3,791,878
Surplus Jan. 1	13,673,793	9,460,063	4,186,451	6,504,037
Sundry additions	Dr. 8,351	23,891	121,257	745,241
Total surplus	\$16,811,185	\$14,599,740	\$10,405,963	\$11,041,156
Common stock div.	3,365,615	925,947	945,900	1,552,500

Profit & loss surplus \$13,445,670 \$13,673,793 \$9,460,063 \$9,488,656
Net income after all charges for 1927 amounted to \$7,982,832, equivalent after preferred dividends to \$11.78 per share or the par common stock. This is compared with \$10.62 earned on the common in 1926.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
\$	\$	\$	\$

Assets—

Furn. & fixtures	4,334,329	3,779,669	1,871,800
Land & buildings	397,724	—	8,465,600
Improve. & lease	1,482,302	—	8,586,310
Treasury stock	62,700	—	—
Cash	6,486,049	2,413,720	1,570,811
Merchandise	28,001,645	21,720,749	3,178,819
Govt. secur., &c.	—	7,207,167	—
Empl. notes rec.	197,625	622,940	684,515
Stk. subscr. held for employees	724,111	1,245,480	300,000
Accts. receivable, advances, &c.	353,255	940,725	13,673,793
Inv. in sub. cos.	50,000	50,000	—
Total	42,089,541	37,980,448	42,089,541

Liabilities—

Preferred stock	—	1,871,800	—
6% cum. cl. A. pd. 16,097,800	—	8,465,600	—
Common stock	—	35,384,213	—
Accounts payable	4,268,946	3,170,811	—
Mtg. payable	—	102,500	—
Federal tax reserve	1,649,332	1,578,819	—
Reserve for fire losses	—	861,078	684,515
Res. for conting.	—	300,000	—
Surplus	13,445,671	13,673,793	—
Total	42,089,541	37,980,448	42,089,541

*Called for retirement Jan. 31 1927 at \$105 per share. †Classified common stock (authorized \$5,000,000), \$3,679,167; unclassified common stock \$74,274 shares, no par (authorized, 1,250,000 shares), \$1,685,046.—V. 126, p. 1676.

Penn Mercantile Properties.—\$900,000 Mortgage at 5%.
What is believed by many to mark the breaking of the now prevailing 5½% interest rate on first mortgages on Philadelphia real estate is the recent placing by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of a \$900,000 first mortgage at 5% on the Penn Mercantile Properties located at 919-21-23 Market St., Philadelphia. The low rate, it is pointed out, reflects the competition among large investors to place their surplus funds in high grade real estate mortgages. The loan was made in connection with the recent purchase of the above-mentioned properties by a group of New York bankers including Potter & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., and E. H. Rollins & Sons. The loan is thought to be the first by a large life insurance company on Philadelphia real estate in recent years at a 5% rate for the full term of the mortgage. It is expected that the other life insurance companies and loaning agencies will follow and reduce their loaning rates accordingly. See also V. 126, p. 1997.

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Acquisition.—Proposed Merger With North American Cement Corp.
The corporation has announced the purchase of the Pyramid Portland Cement Co., Des Moines, Ia. The acquisition of this company will materially extend the distribution of the products of the Penn-Dixie company and will contribute 1,250,000 barrels additional to the annual output, making a total of 12,250,000 barrels yearly. The mill of the Pyramid company is situated at Valley Junction, a few miles south-west of Des Moines. The plant will be run to full capacity immediately. Its central location enables shipments to all points in Iowa and widely into the neighboring States at most advantageous freight rates and places the company in a preferred position to meet competitive prices within shipping radius. Recent surveys indicate an abundance of raw materials available on the property. Extensive improvements and enlargements will be made to equip the plant for increased production at reduced costs.
The plan for consolidating the Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. and the North American Cement Corp. in a merger as the "General Cement Corp." will be submitted to the stockholders on May 2, and, if approved, will place the new company with its 11 plants, having a combined annual capacity of 16,750,000 barrels. Sales of both corporations during the first quarter and estimates of the volume for the remainder of the year indicate a substantial increase over the combined business of the two corporations for 1927.
Under the proposed consolidation the capitalization of the new company (General Cement Corp.) will consist of \$12,422,000 6% 1st mtge. bonds; \$287,000 1st mtge. bonds of Acme Cement Corp.; \$20,270,500 cum. 7% pref. stock and 582,500 shares of no par common stock.
The 400,000 shares of Pennsylvania-Dixie common stock will be exchanged share for share into common stock of General Cement Cos., while the 133,250 shares of North American common will be exchanged on the basis of one share of North American stock for ½ share of the consolidated company. Penn-Dixie 7% preferred stock, consisting of 130,000 shares, will be exchanged share for share for the new 7% preferred and holders of the 133,250 shares of North American preferred will receive 2 shares of common and in adjustment of accumulated dividends will also receive either \$5.25 in cash or an additional ¼ share of new common stock.
The \$12,422,000 mortgage debt of the Penn-Dixie Co. will become an obligation of the General Cement Corp. as will the \$287,000 Acme Cement mortgage bonds of the North American Co. Holders of the \$7,270,500 6½% North American debenture bonds will be offered new preferred stock at the rate of \$500 of stock for every \$500 of debentures.
The management of the new company will be headed by John A. Miller as Chairman of the Board, and Frederick W. Kelley, President. Mr. Miller is President of the Penn-Dixie company, and Mr. Kelley is President of the North American company.—V. 125, p. 3211.

Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Co. Corp.—Omits Div.
The directors have voted to omit the dividend which ordinarily would have been paid on April 15 on the common stock. From Jan. 15 1926 to Jan. 15 1928, incl., quarterly dividends of 2% were paid on this issue.
President Roxer Morton, President, in a letter to the stockholders, says: "To expedite economies and improvements, the officers and directors are of the unanimous opinion that the company should be prepared to make certain expenditures, that earnings should be available for these expenditures and that dividends should be discontinued for the present. The future dividend policy will depend upon the rapidity with which the program of improvement is reflected in future earnings."—V. 125, p. 400

Pittsburgh Hotels Corp.—Bonds Sold.—National City Co., Lawrence Stern & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., and Hambleton & Co., have sold at 99½ and int., to yield 5.54% \$10,350,000 1st (closed) mtge. 5½% sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated March 1 1928; due March 1 1948. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable M. & S., without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. all or part, on any date, upon 30 days, prior notice, at the option of the corporation or through the operation of the sinking fund, at 103 if red. on or before March 1 1933; at 102 thereafter on or before March 1 1938; at 101 thereafter on or before March 1 1943; at 100½ thereafter on or before March 1 1946, and at 100 thereafter to maturity. Interest payable at the Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; principal and interest payable at the head office of National City Bank, New York, and at Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee. Bonds and int.

coupons will be payable without deduction for the Penn. 4 mills tax. Corporation agrees to reimburse owners resident in various other States for certain taxes paid with respect to these bonds or the interest thereon.
Data from Letter of Eugene C. Eppley, President of the Corporation.
Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land and buildings constituting the William Penn and Fort Pitt hotels and service building, and by pledge of the entire capital stock of a subsidiary company which will own the furniture and equipment. These hotels are the two largest hotels in the City of Pittsburgh, and, upon completion of the construction of a 586 room addition to the William Penn Hotel, will contain a total of 2,128 guest rooms.

Valuation.—The land and buildings, including the addition now under construction, have been appraised as a going concern by the Pittsburgh Real Estate Board at \$17,268,149; the \$10,350,000 of first (closed) mortgage bonds thus constitute a loan of 59.94% of this appraisal. In this appraisal, \$4,805,800 is given as the value of the land and \$12,462,349 as the value of the buildings. The appraisal does not include furniture, furnishings and equipment, the value of which, including the furnishings and equipment for the addition, is estimated at more than \$2,000,000.

Earnings.—Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. have certified that for the past five calendar years, the net earnings derived from the present properties available for interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes, have averaged \$1,117,056 per annum, and for the year 1927, amounted to \$906,157 after charging to operation a large part of the cost of extensive interior redecorating at the Fort Pitt Hotel.

The addition now under construction will add 586 guest rooms to the William Penn Hotel as compared with the 1,542 rooms at present contained in the two hotels, and will also provide a large amount of additional space for shops and stores. The management estimates that, upon completion of the addition, net earnings for a normal year's operation of the properties, available for interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes, will be in excess of \$1,600,000, and that \$475,000 per annum should adequately provide for depreciation of the buildings, furniture and equipment. Annual interest on the first mortgage bonds will require a maximum of \$569,250 and the average annual interest and sinking fund requirements combined will be \$692,015.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund, commencing Sept. 1 1930, sufficient to retire, by purchase or redemption, \$4,350,000, aggregate principal amount, of first mortgage bonds prior to maturity.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. Compare also V. 126, p. 1676.

Portland Gold Mining Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profit from oper.	loss \$199,187	\$428,646	\$273,308	\$246,418
Interest paid (net)	—	—	—	6,442
Bills collect. chgd. off. &c.	—	—	—	1,946
Disc., regist., fees, &c.	Cr. 7,306	Cr. 9,311	Cr. 4,165	Cr. 876
Depreciation	107,783	136,249	138,591	96,435
Depletion	46,928	101,988	82,221	84,335
Net profit	loss \$346,592	\$199,720	\$56,661	\$58,136
Dividends paid	—	120,000	—	—
Balance, surplus	loss \$466,592	\$19,720	\$56,661	\$58,136

—V. 125, p. 1203.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments.—
Period Ended Mar. 31— 1928—Month—1927. | 1928—3 Mos.—1927.
Shipments crude oil (bbls.) 5,353,096 5,449,688 | 15,654,428 15,036,769
—V. 126, p. 1998, 1677.

Puritan Stores, Inc., New York.—Pref. Stock Offered.—
Toy, Gilson & Taylor, Inc., New York are offering \$500,000 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock and 50,000 shares common stock in units of 1 share each at \$105 per unit and div. to yield 6.67%.

Preferred as to dividends, and as to assets up to \$100 per share. Dividends payable Q-J. A sinking fund, commencing Oct. 1 1929, is provided to retire annually 3% of the maximum amount of the preferred stock issued. Red. all or part by lot, on any div. date at \$110 per share dividends. Exchange privilege unlimited as to time. Convertible at holder's option upon 10 days' notice at the rate of 4 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock. In case of call the holder may exchange (after giving 10 days' notice) up to the date of actual redemption. Company will refund certain Penn., Conn., Rhode Island and Vermont taxes not to exceed 4 mills per annum, Maryland taxes not exceed 4½ mills per annum, District of Columbia taxes not to exceed 5 mills per annum, New Hampshire income tax not to exceed 3% per annum and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% per annum on dividends, all upon written application within 60 days after payment, if payment shall have been made within 3 months after such taxes become due and payable. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, the Bank of America. Registrar, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Capitalization—

7% cumulative convertible preferred stock	\$2,500,000	a\$500,000
Common stock (no par value)	—	b500,000 shs. 68,508 shs.

a The exchange feature on the \$2,000,000 balance of authorized preferred stock is subject to the decision of the board of directors at the time of issue.
b 20,000 shares reserved for exchange of the preferred stock.

Data from Letter of A. N. Kimmey, President of the Company.
History.—Organized in New York to operate a chain of retail confectionery stores. Company is presently acquiring 24 stores, all located in New York City, and all of which have been in successful operation, under individual ownership, for periods ranging from 3 to 20 years. This group will form a nucleus for further expansion. Company will manufacture and sell confectionery, ice cream and soda and also maintain restaurants in its various stores. The location of the stores in the densely populated sections of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx assures continuing growth in sales and a low operating cost.

Sales and Earnings.—The combined sales and earnings of the 24 stores included in the present group, for the 3 years ending Dec. 31 1927, from available records, as certified to by Touche, Niven & Co., were as follows:

Cal. Years—	Sales.	Earnings after Fed. Tax at 13½%.	Div. Req. on Pref. Stock.	No. of Shares.	Earnings per Share.
1925	\$612,169	\$96,384	\$35,000	2.75	\$0.89
1926	752,869	100,086	35,000	2.86	0.95
1927	811,808	123,772	35,000	3.54	1.30

It is estimated that the savings resulting from the purchase of materials in wholesale quantities, together with the obvious savings resulting from centralized management, will considerably increase the net earnings. It is estimated that the net earnings of company for the year ending March 31 1929, will be not less than \$225,000, or over 6 times the preferred stock dividend requirements.
Balance Sheet.—The pro forma balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1927, giving effect to the present financing and transactions incidental thereto, shows the company to be in excellent financial condition. Company has net tangible assets amounting to \$706,668 and a net working capital of \$180,234.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part payment for the properties acquired and to provide working capital.

Richfield Oil Co. of California.—Retires Block of Preferred Stock.
The company announces that it has retired a block of its outstanding preferred stock. In accordance with the terms of the indenture, warrants to purchase common stock may be exercised in the future without regard to their ownership by the bearer of any such warrants of preferred stock of the corporation.—V. 126, p. 1825.

Ross Stores, Inc. (& Subs.).—Sales.—

Years Ended Jan. 31—	1928.	1927.	Decrease.
Sales	\$5,760,742	\$6,207,521	\$446,779

—V. 125, p. 2948.

Savage Arms Corp.—To Change Par of Shares.
The stockholders on April 3 voted to change the authorized common stock from 100,000 shares, par \$100, to 300,000 shares of no par value, each present share to be exchanged for 2 new shares.—V. 126, p. 1999.

Savannah Sugar Refining Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1927.		1926.		Liabilities—		1927.		1926.	
Refining plant, incl machinery, &c.	\$3,927,094	\$3,894,210	Capital stock	\$3,578,400	\$3,578,400	Acc'ts payable	200,611	183,081	Sundry reserves	214,950	395,102
Cash	466,320	989,369	Reserve for depreciation	1,419,410	1,396,772	Surplus	1,032,856	1,027,122			
Acc'ts rec., less res.	499,754	494,868									
Mdse. and supplies	1,318,716	963,472									
Charges def'd to future oper'n's	9,893	11,990									
Investments	224,450	226,569									
Total	\$6,446,227	\$6,580,477	Total	\$6,446,227	\$6,580,477						

x Represented by 33,444 shares of pref. stock, par \$100 and 28,272 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 125, p. 401.

Schine Chain Theatres, Inc.—Stock Offered.—Bonner Brooks & Co., New York are offering 15,000 shares preference stock (without par value) at \$37.50 per share.

Entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum payable Q. & M. and additional cumulative dividends at the rate of \$1 per share per annum in quarterly sums of 25c. each in each year, if and when net earnings of the corporation for the then next preceding fiscal year shall have equalled or exceeded, after the deduction of the normal dividends payable with respect to the said next preceding fiscal year, the amount of \$800,000.

Entitled on voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation to \$42.50 per share and accumulated dividends, and on involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation to \$30 per share and accumulated dividends, before any distribution to class A common stock or class B stock. Redeemable in whole or in part on any date for payment of normal dividends thereon at the option of the corporation upon 60 days' notice, at \$42.50 per share and all accumulated dividends.

Convertible into Class A common stock as constituted at the time of conversion, at the rate of two shares of Preference Stock for one share of class A common stock at any time up to and including Jan. 1 1931; at the rate of 2 1/2 shares of preference stock for one share of class A common stock from Jan. 2 1931, to Jan. 1 1933, inclusive; at the rate of 3 shares of preference stock for one share of class A common stock from Jan. 2 1933, to Jan. 1 1935, inclusive. After Jan. 1 1935, the preference stock is not convertible.

Registrar: American Exchange-Trust Co., New York. Transfer agent: Bank of New York & Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of J. Myer Schine, President of the Corporation.
Company.—Is the largest chain of motion picture theatres in New York State. It succeeded a co-partnership formed in 1917 by J. Myer Schine and Louis W. Schine with a capital of \$1,500 to acquire the Hippodrome Theatre in Gloversville, N. Y. With this theatre as a nucleus, the chain extended its activities over the State of New York, and Ohio and at present owns, controls, operates or is interested in, directly or through subsidiaries, 80 motion picture theatres in 39 cities and towns.

Attendance at all theatres for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927, totalled 13,689,432 persons, compared with 7,535,706 persons in the calendar year 1926. Nearly 85,000 patrons can be seated at one time.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the corporation have shown a consistent and substantial increase. Net earnings, after all charges, including interest, depreciation, Federal and State taxes, available for dividends on this Preference Stock, were as follows:

	Gross Income	Net Earnings
1927	\$2,173,665	\$301,896
1926	1,491,600	152,624
1925	1,290,283	90,853

Such net earnings for 1927 were equivalent to \$8.63 per share on the 35,000 shares outstanding of Preference Stock.

Assets.—Based on the appraisals of the Manufacturers Appraisal Co. and of Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., the consolidated balance sheet of the corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31 1927, after adjustment, shows net assets of \$2,217,989 or \$63.37 per share for the 35,000 shares of preference stock to be presently outstanding. Of this amount, \$43.21 represents net equity per share in land, buildings and equipment at depreciated values. The many valuable leasehold interests and goodwill of Schine Chain Theatres, Inc., are carried on the balance sheet at \$1.

Listing.—Application will be made to admit this stock to trading on the New York Curb Market.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preference stock without par value	100,000 shs.	35,000 shs.
Class A com. stk. without par value (non-voting)	100,000 shs.	40,000 shs.
Class B stock without par value (voting)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
a 50,000 shares reserved to provide for conversion of preference stock.		

—V. 125, p. 2401.

Scott Paper Co.—Sales Increase.

First Two Months of—		1928.	1927.	Increase.
Net sales	\$1,224,393	\$1,001,282	\$223,111	

x This is the largest volume of business transacted as compared with any similar period. The cost of production, expenses and interest charges have tended downward. As a consequence profits are something in excess of 1927.—V. 126, p. 1999.

Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—March Sales.

1928—March—1927.		1928—3 Mos.—1927.		Increase.	
\$23,985,681	\$23,254,260	\$731,421	\$72,067,865	\$66,300,802	\$5,767,063

—V. 126, p. 1367.

Sharp Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.

Assets—		1927.		1926.		Liabilities—		1927.		1926.	
Real estate	\$1,724,966	\$1,724,966	Capital stock pref.	\$1,161,000	\$1,161,000	Capital stock com.	2,656,000	2,656,000	Notes & acc'ts pay.	1,955,450	2,083,498
Machinery	4,328,063	4,328,063				Res. for deprec.	1,401,576	1,401,576			
Merchandise	544,725	607,467									
Cash & debts rec.	402,501	466,803									
Interest	997										
Insurance	19,501	25,005									
Deficits	154,270	148,772									
Total	\$7,174,026	\$7,302,074	Total	\$7,174,026	\$7,302,074						

—V. 124, p. 1081.

(Isaac) Silver & Brothers Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.

—George H. Burr & Co. are offering \$1,500,000 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928, at \$115 per share and div.

Preferred as to dividends and as to assets up to \$100 per share. Cumulative dividends payable quarterly, beginning May 1, 1928. Cumulative semi-annual sinking fund commencing Aug. 1 1934, payable out of net profits or surplus after provision for dividends on the cumulative preferred stock, amounting annually to 3% of the greatest number of shares of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928, ever outstanding. Red. all or part on Feb. 1 1931, or at any time thereafter (and at any time in event of consolidation, merger or sale of entire assets) at \$115 and divs. at the option of the company, upon 30 days' notice.

Conversion Privilege.—Convertible into common stock at holder's option upon 10 days' notice: During the period commencing Aug. 2 1928, and ending Aug. 1 1931, incl., at the rate of 1 1/2 shares of common stock for each share of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928, and after Aug. 1 1931, and up to and incl. Aug. 1 1934, at the rate of 1 1/4 shares of common stock for each share of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent: New York Trust Co., New York City. Registrar: Chase National Bank, New York.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000
Common stock (no par value)	113,833 shs.	100,000 shs.
a Including this issue of \$1,500,000 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928; the remaining \$1,500,000 will, if and when issued, carry a 6 1/2% dividend. b 22,500 shares reserved to provide for conversion of this issue of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928.		

Data from Letter of Isaac Silver, President of the Company.
Company.—Represents the outgrowth of a business originally started with a small store in Sylvania, Ga., in 1907. Company now operates a chain of 23 1/2-cent to \$1 stores, which are located in cities of the following States: Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The

management plans to open, during the remainder of 1928, 9 new stores, four of which will be opened before the Fall.

Sales & Earnings.—The sales and earnings for the 2 years ending Dec. 31 1927, are as follows:

Year—	Sales.	Net Profits after Taxes.	Ratio Net Profits to Sales.	No. Times New Pfd. Div. Reqs. Earned.	a Net Profits for Com. Stock.
1926	\$4,766,594	\$271,082	5.6%	2.58	\$235,082
1927	5,609,947	379,193	6.7%	3.61	344,193

a After payment of dividends on preferred stock outstanding in respective years.

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet, as of Dec. 31 1927, adjusted to give effect to the present financing, shows current assets of \$1,868,506, as against current liabilities of \$270,330, leaving a net working capital of \$1,598,176.

Purpose.—Entire proceeds derived from the sale of this 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928, (except the portion issued to replace the old 7% preferred stock issued in 1925, which is now being exchanged for the 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series of 1928, or redeemed) will remain in the business and will be used solely for expansion purposes.

Sales for Month and 3 Months Ended March 31.		1928—3 Mos.—1927.		Increase.	
1928—March—1927.	\$388,394	\$91,258	\$1,180,365	\$979,758	\$200,607

—V. 126, p. 1999.

Simmons Co.—Larger Dividend—Stocks Increase—Rights.

The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 75 cents per share payable July 2 to holders of record June 14. This compares with quarterly cash dividends of 50 cents per share paid from Jan. 2 1925 to April 2 1927 incl., and in addition the company on Jan. 13 1926 paid an extra cash dividend of 25 cents per share and on Jan. 2 1925 and 8% stock dividend.

The stockholders will vote May 7 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares. Of the new stock, 1,000,000 shares will be offered to holders of record about May 20 at \$50 per share, payable about June 25.

The directors in a statement, said that the purpose of the additional capital is to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures and provide capital for additional Beautyrest mattresses and Ace spring equipment, the sale of which is exceeding all expectations; and for new processes of manufacture which have been in experimental stages and now promise highly satisfactory avenues for new business.

The remainder of the stock may be issued from time to time for corporate purposes.—V. 126, p. 1522.

Southern Asbestos Co.—Sales.

First Quarter of—	1928.	1927.	Increase.
Sales	\$548,397	\$409,428	\$138,969

—V. 126, p. 1678.

Southern Grocery Stores, Inc.—Sales and Profits.

First Two Months of—		1928.	1927.	% Increase.
Sales	\$2,103,539	\$1,747,767	20%	
Gross profit	436,100	357,684	21%	

Standard Commercial Tobacco Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1927.		1926.		Liabilities—		1927.		1926.	
Cash	\$447,694	\$361,699	7% preferred stock	\$1,606,500	\$1,506,500	Common stock					
Special deposit	1,016,272	1,153,423	Voting	1,399,000	1,002,000	Non-voting	y434,100				
Receivables	5,386,113	1,710,225	Bank loans and advances	13,150,000	10,000,000	Other payables	308,698	1,281,120	Surplus	9,530,267	5,624,434
R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co. "B" stk.	7,943,375	4,338,000									
Inventories	10,242,786	6,884,616									
For'n branch acc'ts (net)		2,818,646									
Claims rec'd, less reserve	649,363	609,785									
Miscell. invest'ts.	34,650	588,770									
Land, warehouses, &c., less res'v'e.	140,583	173,258									
Treasury stock	341,000	677,817									
Prepaid int., insur-ance, &c.	126,728	97,816									

x Represented by 239,400 no par shares. y Represented by 14,470 no par shares. The usual comparative income account was published in V. 126, p. 1368.

Standard Investing Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.37 1/2 per share on the preferred stock, \$5.50 dividend series, payable on May 15 to holders of record April 26. (For offering, see V. 126, p. 427).—V. 126, p. 2000.

Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Resignation.

The company last week announced the resignation of H. C. Folger as director and chairman of the board. No successor was announced.—V. 126, p. 1056.

Steel & Tubes, Inc.—Rights.

The common stockholders of record Mar. 30 will be given the right to subscribe on or before May 5 for additional common stock (par \$25) at \$30 per share to the extent of 10% of their holdings.—V. 125, p. 2402.

Sylmar Packing Corp., Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.

An issue of \$400,000 1st closed mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1928; due Feb. 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c* Interest payable F. & A. at the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 35 days' notice at 102 and int. Exempt from personal property tax in California. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Company.—The Sylmar brand of olives and olive oil has long been well known throughout the world, this brand of olive oil having taken the grand prize at both the St. Louis Worlds Fair in 1904, and at the Panama Pacific International Exposition in 1915 in competition with entries from all over the world.

Company was incorporated in California in 1893 and owns in fee simple approximately 1,113 acres of land entirely within the City Limits of the City of Los Angeles, located about two miles northwest of the town of San Fernando with a frontage of approximately 1 1/4 miles on San Fernando Road. Practically all of the land has been planted to olives for about 25 years and the property is now known as California's largest olive grove. The property is improved with a modern packing plant having a capacity of 4,000 tons per annum.

Earnings of the company applicable to this bond issue for the fiscal year ended Mar. 31 1927, were \$51,311, or nearly twice the interest charged on the entire amount of this issue after taking into account interest charges on the indebtedness retired by this issue. The company also realized a profit of \$21,701 from the sale of 17 acres of land which is not considered above.

Purpose.—To fund the short time indebtedness over a period of years.

Tishman Realty & Construction Co., Inc.—Purchase.

The final chapter in the planning of New York's most comprehensive residential development has just been completed with the announcement by the company that it has purchased the Madison Ave. frontage between 70th and 71st Sts. of 200 ft., with a depth on each of those streets of 150 ft., comprising 30,000 sq. ft., occupying the westerly end of the former site of the Presbyterian Hospital.

On this plot the company will build an 11 story apartment house, which will contain luxurious apartment homes of 10 to 16 rooms. This apartment house project completes the residential plans for the entire block from Madison Ave. to Park Ave. and 70th to 71st Sts., N. Y. City.

The cost of the Tishman project will be approximately \$6,000,000 including land and building.—V. 126, p. 2001.

Transportation Indemnity Co., of New York.—Stock Offered.

—McKinley & Co. and Clinton Gilbert, New York are offering 70,000 shares capital stock (par \$10) at \$28.50 per share.

Transfer Agent, Bank of America, N. A., New York; Registrar, Central Union Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of William H. McGee, Pres. of the Company. Company.—Has been organized in New York to write general indemnity insurance, including jewelers' block and kindred lines.

Capital & Surplus.—Upon giving effect to the issue and sale of its authorized capital stock, the cash paid in capital and surplus of the company will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 100,000 shares capital stock (\$10 par) at \$1,000,000 and Surplus at \$1,500,000.

The balance of the authorized capital stock of the company consisting of 30,000 shares, not included in this offering, has been subscribed for by individuals associated with the management.

Management.—The management of the company will be in the hands of William H. McGee, Gresham Ennis and George C. Bowers, executive of Wm. H. McGee & Co., Inc., which has been successfully engaged as underwriters of insurance since 1883 and whose business is countrywide.

Directors.—The board of directors consists of William Bianchi, George W. Bovenizer, M. C. Brush, Herma J. Cook, Gresham Ennis, Reg Halladay, Frederick J. Leary, John Mah Dowell, Jr., William H. McGee, L. Parker McKinstry, George P. Reed, Buffalo; E. A. St. John, Alfred P. Walker, New York; Carl P. Dennett, Boston, and G. C. House, Providence, R. I.

225 North Michigan Avenue Bldg. Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Continental National Co., Chicago, are offering at par and int. \$1,050,000 1st (closed) mtge. 5 1/4% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1938. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2%.

Property.—The property known as 225 North Michigan Ave. fronts 130.3 feet on North Michigan Ave., 69.7 feet on East South Water St., 130.3 feet on Beaubien Court and 69.7 feet on a 12-foot alley on the south and contains approximately 9,082 square feet of land.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and building described above and represent a loan of less than 66% of the appraised cash value of the land, no valuation being placed upon the building.

Income.—The net income from the present building is \$70,962 per year.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$632,650 additional common stock (par \$10) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend with authority to add \$159,340 of common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding shares of Pennsylvania Drug Co., Inc., making the total amount applied for \$51,408,770.

On Feb. 20 1928, the directors declared on the common stock a cash dividend of 2% and a dividend of 1 1/4% payable in common stock at par, each payable on Mar. 31 1928, to holders of record Mar. 9 1928. \$632,650 of common stock will be issued for the purpose of the stock dividend.

Pursuant to an agreement made between United Cigar Stores Co. and Calvin Bullock dated Dec. 19 1927, the directors authorized the issue of 15,934 additional shares of common stock, in exchange for 1,596 shares (out of 4,500 shares authorized and issued) of capital stock without par value of the Pennsylvania Drug Co., Inc., to be acquired as an investment \$159,340 of common stock will be issued in exchange for 1,596 shares (minority holding) of the Pennsylvania Drug Co., Inc.

Income Account for Calendar Years. Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Net profit, Federal taxes, Interest, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, and various adjustments.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Assets (Real estate, Investments, etc.) and Liabilities (Pref. stock, Com. stock, etc.).

United States Envelope Co.—Rights.—The common stock holders of record March 21 have been given the right to subscribe on or before April 17 for additional common stock at par (\$100) on the basis of one share of common stock for each two shares held.

This company will not buy or sell subscription rights. Such rights may be bought or sold through the Old Colony Corp., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., or a broker.—V. 126, p. 1680.

United States Leather Co.—Outlook—New Director.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders on April 4, President Hiram S. Brown said: "While earnings are very substantial and are running at a higher rate than those of last year at this time the board has not definitely decided to declare a dividend on the class A stock and this remains a moot question."

Relative to earnings in the first quarter of the year we will earn more than requirements for the prior preference dividend for the entire year. Population is steadily increasing and the standard of living is rising, this indirectly making for increased leather demand. Europe is buying more leather steadily. Current hide prices, partly due to the fact that the United States is going into world markets to get material are at their high level.

Mr. Brown said in connection with net earnings for the first quarter that it is logical to expect that these will not be less than \$1,400,000. For the first two months the company showed approximately \$1,000,000.

The directors were re-elected with the exception of Oliver Hoyt who was replaced by A. V. Stout of Dominick & Dominick.—V. 126, p. 1826.

United States Radiator Corp.—Additional Stock.—It is announced that 11,672 shares of no par value common stock has been issued as part of the purchase price of the stock of the Pacific Boiler Co. at \$45 per share.

There were also issued 1,000 additional shares of pref. stock at par (\$100 per share). Capitalization outstanding now totals \$4,209,600 pref. stock and \$211,672 shares of no par common stock.—V. 126, p. 1214.

United States Realty & Improvement Co.—Contracts.—Announcement is made that approved recent construction contracts entered into by the George A. Fuller Co., a subsidiary, amount to over \$18,000,000. Among these were: Passavant Hospital, Chicago; Integrity Trust Building, Philadelphia; Cumberland Hospital, Cumberland, Md.; terminal warehouse on 13th Avenue, covering the entire block between 26th and 27th Sts., New York; bank building for Lee, Higginson & Co., New York; buildings on 62nd Street and Madison Ave., New York; for Phipps Estate; Carling Arcade Office Building, Montreal; Bell Telephone Co. building, Montreal.

Chairman H. S. Black reported earnings for the 10 months ended Feb. 29 showing a net of over \$4,000,000 and an increase over the corresponding period for last year.—V. 126, p. 733.

United States Rubber Co.—Omits Preferred Dividend.—The directors on April 5 voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 2% ordinarily paid May 15 on the outstanding \$69,000,000 8% non-cumul. 1st pref. stock, par \$100. This rate had been paid since 1906.

Chairman C. B. Seger, says in substance: The dividend has been deferred because of the conditions of an indenture covering the 6 1/2% serial notes, issued March 1 1925. If, as is hoped, the present situation in connection with the indenture can be corrected during the year, and the dividend is earned, there is no reason why it should not be declared later during or for the year 1928.

Under the indenture the company covenanted that it would not so long as any of the notes are outstanding declare or pay any dividends upon its stock of any class, unless, after the payment of such dividend, the value of the current assets of the company and its subsidiary companies will be equal to at least twice the principal amount of all indebtedness of the company and of its subsidiary companies at the time outstanding, including the 6 1/2% serial notes, but excluding the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, the 7 1/2% secured notes and the 6% gold bonds of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd.

The indenture further requires, that, in computing the value of the current assets, inventories shall be figured at cost or market, whichever is lower. As of Dec. 31 1927, the market price for crude rubber was 41 1/2 cents, and as stated in the annual report for 1927, "inventories of raw materials, including crude rubber, were at or below the current market prices, and inventories of finished goods were at or below cost of replacement at current market prices for raw materials."

Also, forward commitments for crude rubber were at or below market prices. As of March 31 1928, the market price for crude rubber was 27 cents, and to-day, as the result of yesterday's announcement by the British Government that all restrictions on exports of crude rubber will be removed Nov. 1 1928, the market price dropped to 20 cents.

The drastic decline in the market price of crude rubber since Dec. 31 1927, does not necessarily mean a corresponding loss to the company, inasmuch as the actual value of the rubber and the ultimate results depend upon the prices at which finished products manufactured from this rubber are sold. Except for the limitations imposed by the indenture, as explained above, there is no reason why the regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock should not have been declared at this time.—V. 126, p. 1654.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., (& Subs.).—Annual Report for Calendar Years.—

Annual Report for Calendar Years. Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Net earnings, Interest on funded debt, Res. for deprec., depl. & amortization, Additional reserves, Net income, Pref. dividends (7%), Common dividends (7%), Balance, surplus, Profit & loss surplus, Earnings per sh., Net earnings after charging cost of production, selling expenses, reserve for Federal taxes, &c.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Rows include Assets (Property investment account, Options and other, Inventories, Stocks and bonds, Notes receivable & loans, Accts. receivable, Cash) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Cap. stock of sub., cos. not held, 10-yr. 5 1/2% g. notes, Bonds of sub. cos., Notes payable, Accts. payable, &c., Drafts in transit, Reserve for taxes, Interest, &c., Divs. declared, Res. ve for contng., Profit & loss acct.).

Upton Co., Lockport, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared extra dividends of 10 cents a share on both the class "A" and "B" stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents on both classes of stock, all payable Apr. 16 to holders of record April 2.—V. 126, p. 430.

Vacuum Oil Co.—Capitalization Increased.—100% Stock Dividend.—Secretary George V. Holton, April 3, says: Notice is hereby given that an increase in the authorized capital stock from \$70,000,000 to \$175,000,000 having been authorized at a regular meeting of the stockholders on Mar. 31, the directors have on April 3, by resolution duly adopted, authorized the transfer to capital stock account from surplus of the company accumulated through a number of years past, an amount equivalent to 100% of the issued capital, which increase will be distributed pro rata among the stockholders on April 28 1928, in accordance with the number of shares of stock of which they may respectively be owners of record at the close of business on April 14 1928.

Stockholders of record on April 14 will be entitled to receive one share of the new capital of the par value of \$25 for each share of the present capital owned of the par value of \$25.

No fractional shares will be issued in the readjustment of capital stock, and in lieu thereof stockholders will be paid by the company in cash for any fractions that may still be outstanding by the time the readjustment occurs. See also—V. 126, p. 1214.

Victoria Realty Corp., Ltd., Ottawa.—Bonds Sold.—
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Toronto, have sold at 100 and int.
\$600,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 2 1928; due Jan. 2 1948. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Canadian Bank of Commerce, Montreal, Ottawa or Toronto at holder's option. Callable in whole, but not in part, except for sinking fund purposes, on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 2 1931, and thereafter at 1/4 of 1% reduction for each year or portion thereof of unexpired maturity. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000c*. Toronto General Trusts Corp., trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund payable in cash or bonds commencing Jan. 2 1931, which will retire through purchase in the open market or by call at the redemption price, \$300,000, or 50% of the present issue before maturity.

Corporation owns one of the most desirable sites in the City of Ottawa, and is building thereon a modern office building to be known as the Victoria Building. The land contains approximately 9,800 square feet. The Victoria Building is to be a 10-story and basement, fireproof reinforced concrete office building containing about 75,715 square feet of rentable area.

According to present plans, the Victoria Building is to be ready for occupancy on or about Aug. 1 1928. Based on rates now being obtained for space, it is estimated that the net income should be \$73,500, which is over twice the maximum interest charges on this loan.

(V.) Vivadou, Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 9,307 shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance, as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 467,307 shares of common stock.—V. 125, p. 3215.

Waltham Watch Co.—Annual Report.—

Net earnings of the company for 1927 amounted to \$872,303 after paying \$60,158 for new machinery, reserving \$265,000 for depreciation and \$83,325 for discount on bonds and notes, according to the annual report to-day. In 1926 net earnings were \$1,291,104 after paying \$312,457 for taxes and \$58,704 for new machinery.

Gross sales were \$660,140 larger during 1927 than in 1926 and inventory was reduced \$233,266. Federal, State and city taxes amounted to \$339,507 and interest upon bonds and notes and dividends upon prior preference stock totaling \$240,205 were paid. From the net earnings, \$174,460 was paid to the 25,000 shares of class "A" common, and \$300,000 was paid to the 50,000 shares of 6% preferred stock. The balance of \$397,842 was carried to profit and loss.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant.....	3,471,410	3,471,410	7% prior pref. stk.	1,700,000	1,700,000
Mdse. & stock in process.....	1,244,760	1,478,026	6% pref. stock.....	5,000,000	5,000,000
Cash.....	2,138,103	2,089,389	1st mtge. 6s.....	3,000,000	3,000,000
Notes & accts receivable.....	1,375,447	1,160,754	5-yr. 6% deb. notes	2,560,000	2,670,000
Cost of bonds and debens. purch'd	2,802,108	2,746,350	Res. for bad debts..	159,504	160,519
Cost of shs. bought	1,286,658	395,421	Accts. pay. for mdse	-----	51,169
Trade marks, patents, &c.....	2,290,090	2,290,090	Res. for Fed. & oth. taxes.....	412,736	300,000
Total.....	14,608,577	13,631,440	Res. for discounts..	83,326	-----
			Res. for deprec.....	265,000	-----
			P. & L. surplus.....	1,428,009	1,749,752
			Total.....	14,608,577	13,631,440

x Represented by 25,000 shares of class "A" and 70,000 shares of class "B" common stock of no par value.—V. 126, p. 733.

Warren Co., Inc., Atlanta, Ga.—Bonds Offered.—
Courts & Co., Atlanta, Ga., are offering at 101 and int., to yield 6.87%, \$300,000 1st (closed) mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1940. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at Chase National Bank, New York City, or Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., trustee. Denom. \$1,000c*. Callable all or part on any int. date, on 60 days' notice, or for sinking fund, at 105 and int., up to Mar. 1 1935, and thereafter at 103 and int.

Company.—Began operation in Jan. 1903, as a partnership, under the name of The Shannon Refrigerator Co. The 2 partners, George T. Warren and Virgil P. Warren, started the business with a capitalization of \$200. This represents every dollar ever invested in the business, the present company, with a net worth of over \$911,000, having been built up entirely out of earnings. The name of the firm was changed to The Warren Co., July 1922, and was incorp. as The Warren Co., Inc., Oct. 1 1927. The company manufactures the highest grade of commercial refrigerators, known as "Warren Quality," which are sold to meat markets, grocers, delicatessens, florists, hotels and restaurants. Its refrigerators are adapted for use with the Frigidaire and the Kelvinator and other electric refrigerating machines, or with manufactured ice.

Security.—Secured by a first (closed) mortgage on physical properties owned by the company which were appraised in Aug. 1927, at over \$521,000.

Sales and Earnings.—Net earnings before depreciation and Federal taxes and after allowing for interest that will be eliminated by this financing, have averaged \$106,759 for the past 4 1/4 years or over 5 times the maximum interest charges on these bonds. The company's fiscal year was changed in 1927 from Dec. 31 to Sept. 30. Actual net earnings before depreciation and Federal taxes for the first 9 months of the calendar year 1927 amounted to \$117,468, and for the entire calendar year are estimated at \$147,468, or over 7 times interest requirements on these bonds.

	Net Sales.	Net Before Int. & Deprec. & Fed. Taxes.
1923.....	\$533,904	\$106,808
1924.....	641,135	77,009
1925.....	756,105	102,067
1926.....	820,593	103,708
1927 (9 months).....	718,679	117,468

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to clear the property of all liens, to fund present current indebtedness and to supply additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for a sinking fund sufficient to retire \$15,000 bonds each year, in semi-annual amounts, beginning Mar. 1 1930, and in addition an amount equal to 15% of the net profits of the company is to be paid into the sinking fund, on the interest date following the close of each fiscal year, beginning Sept. 30 1929. All sinking fund money will be used to purchase bonds in the open market or to call bonds by lot, at the current call price.

Weber & Heilbronner, Inc.—Acquisition.—

The corporation announces the acquisition of a controlling interest in Douthrick & Co. of Harrisburg, Pa. This addition will constitute the 23rd store of the Weber & Heilbronner chain. The business of Douthrick & Co., men's and boys' outfitters, was established about 20 years ago and has earned an annual sales volume of approximately \$1,250,000. The business occupies a new building of 4 selling floors and basement in the business section of Harrisburg.

The 24th store of the Weber & Heilbronner chain will be opened about the middle of April at 57th St. & Broadway, N. Y. City. This will be a large unit and will handle clothing, shoes and hats in addition to a complete line of haberdashery.—V. 126, p. 1059.

Welte Co., Inc.—Reorganization Plan.—See Welte-Mignon Corp. below.—V. 126, p. 1827.

Welte-Mignon Corp.—Reorganization Plan Operative.—

A new company, known as the Welte-Mignon Corp., incorp. in Delaware, has been formed and has taken over the property and the operation of the business of the Welte Co., Inc., as of Mar. 31 1928. The property, assets, and good-will of the Welte Co., Inc., were sold by the receivers for the benefit of creditors, to Morton Lachenbruch & Co., as re-organization managers, upon order of Federal Judge John C. Knox, dated Mar. 24 1928.

In order to bring the property back to the original stockholders' ownership, an equitable reorganization plan, endorsed by important shareholders has been declared operative. The capitalization of the new company is as follows:

Prior preference 7% cumulative stock (par \$50).....	\$1,000,000
Preferred 7% non-cumulative stock (par \$50).....	700,000
Common stock (no par value).....	400,000 shs.

The \$700,000 7% non-cumulative preferred stock, and 28,000 shares of common stock have been issued to the receivers, together with \$100,000 cash, in payment for the property, to be distributed to the creditors in final settlement of all allowed claims.

The new corporation attends to the old stockholders of Welte Co., Inc., preferred stock, and "A" stock of the Estey-Welte Corp., the preferential right to subscribe to the prior preference 7% cumulative stock of the new company, on the following basis:

On payment of \$5 per share of such stock as they hold, they will be entitled to receive new prior preference stock at the rate of \$50 per share, plus 10 shares of the common stock for each share of prior preference stock purchased. In other words, a holder of 10 shares of Welte Co., Inc., preferred or "A" stock of the Estey-Welte Corp., on payment of \$50 cash, will receive one share of the prior preference 7% cumulative stock and 10 shares of the common stock of the new company.

The reorganization managers give the following information regarding the new company's plans:

The corporation is in the hands of a new management which stands for economy, efficiency and sound conservative progress. We are informed that economies already instituted indicate a saving of over \$300,000 per year. This is due to the elimination of burdensome studio rental contracts, a revision of personnel and salaries, through substitution of dealer agents for company branches and by adequate financing and plant economies. These arrangements not only give the company ample studio facilities but extend its sales representation and in addition provide lower cost production and distribution.

The Multi-Control mechanism has been perfected after years of work and quantity production is to start at once. This, together with the independent piano player mechanism, which can be put in any make of grand piano without changing the appearance of the instrument or affecting its use as a regular piano, is expected to greatly increase earnings.

Standardization methods have been put into effect and efficiency methods for quantity production instituted. Highly competitive and unprofitable lines have been discontinued and a large number of sizes standardized into a few. Greater production and lower costs are assured.

The entire proceeds of the prior preference issue are applicable to working capital giving the company ample financing for considerably increased volume of business. Executives of the new company estimate gross sales in excess of \$3,000,000 with net earnings of over \$450,000 for the first year, which would cover preferred dividends over 3 1/2 times.

The new management is composed of W. J. Webster (Chairman of the Board of the Atlas Powder Co.) Chairman; W. E. Fletcher, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; Robert T. Lytle, V.-Pres. and head of the Sales Department.—V. 126, p. 1827.

Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.—Bonds Offered.—
Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, are offering at 100 and int.
\$1,000,000 1st & closed mtge. 5 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 15 1928; due serially Feb. 15. Denom. \$1,000c*. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at any office of Citizens & Southern National Bank, The Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, The Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, or The Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans. Callable all or part (in multiples of \$25,000) on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 101 and int. If called in part, the bonds to be redeemed must be drawn from the last maturity. The Citizens & Southern National Bank, Macon, Ga., Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., co-trustees.

Security.—These bonds are a direct obligation of Wesleyan College, a Georgia corp. and are secured by a first and closed mortgage on the college plant located in the city of Macon and its new plant at Rivoli, Ga.

Property.—The property in Macon consists of 6 college buildings located on 8 acres of land in 1 of the best residential sections, and 2 well located residences. The new plant located at Rivoli, 7 miles from Macon, consists of 132 acres of land admirably adapted for a college campus. Upon completion of present plans, there will be 12 buildings on this site, including library, dining hall, 3 dormitories, science hall, language hall, gymnasium, infirmary and student activities building, offices and social hall, and power plant. There is now being expended on the Rivoli property approximately \$1,600,000, and in addition the bonds are secured by the entire present college plant in Macon, having a sound valuation of \$23,413 according to the appraisal made in 1927 by the Manufacturers' Appraisal Co. This makes a total security behind the issue of \$2,328,413, or \$2,328 for each \$1,000 bond which is less than a 43% loan.

Wesleyan College.—This, the oldest chartered college for woman in the world, was chartered in 1836. The College has consistently raised its standards of entrance and instruction until it now stands in the front rank of American colleges for women in the matter of scholarly requirements, being one of the few colleges for women fulfilling all the requirements of a standard college. The enrollment has steadily increased from 90 at the beginning of the first year to 635 this year, and applicants are turned away every year because of insufficient facilities.

Purpose.—The entire proceeds are being used to complete the construction and equipment of the new college plant on the Rivoli property.

Westchester Service Corp.—Bonds Offered.—
Taylor, Ewart & Co. Continental National Co., C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker Inc., and Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 and int. to yield over 6.15%
\$1,800,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A.

Dated Apr. 1 1928; due Apr. 1 1948. Prin. and int. (A. & O.), payable at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at National Shawmut Bank, Boston, or Continental National Bank & Trust Co. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part by lot on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. If effected on or before Apr. 1 1943 with successive reductions of 1% of prin. amount for each year or fraction thereof elapsed after Apr. 1 1943. Int. payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Corporation will agree to refund to holders upon proper and timely application any personal property or security tax or State income tax of any State or District of Columbia not exceeding in the aggregate 6 mills per annum in respect of each dollar of principal.

Data from Letter of Gerald S. Couzens, Pres. of the Corporation.
Company.—A New York corporation has been organized to acquire the assets and business of 10 businesses which supply artificial and natural ice and coal in Westchester County, N. Y. These businesses, which have been operating successfully for a long period of years, serve a growing territory whose present population, based on the 1925 New York State census, is estimated at about 280,000. The principal plants are located in Yonkers, White Plains, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and Port Chester, N. Y.

The properties to be acquired will include 7 modern plants manufacturing artificial ice, one of which also harvests natural ice, and 6 coal yards. The ice plants are equipped with modern electrically driven machinery resulting in efficient operation and low production costs. These plants have a daily manufacturing capacity of about 880 tons of artificial ice and ice storage capacity of 15,300 tons. Sales in 1927 were approximately 160,000 tons of ice and 114,000 tons of coal.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.....	x	\$1,800,000
6 1/2% convertible debentures.....	\$3,000,000	1,600,000
\$7 participating prior preference stock (no par).....	25,000 shs.	6,000 shs.
\$7 preferred stock (no par).....	15,000 shs.	11,270 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	100,000 shs.	84,800 shs.

x Additional bonds may be issued only under the restrictions contained in the first mortgage.
 y Additional debentures may be issued only under the provisions of the trust indenture.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on all the land, buildings, machinery and equipment to be owned by the corporation. The properties to be subject to the lien of this mortgage have been appraised by Van Rensselaer H. Green, Consulting Engineer, as of Jan. 1, 1928, at \$4,320,526, which is equivalent to over \$2,395 per \$1,000 first mortgage bond to be presently outstanding. The appraised value of the land alone is over \$1,000,000.

After giving to this financing, the balance sheet of the Corporation will show net current assets in excess of \$305,300, and total net assets of \$4,631,504.62.

Earnings.—The consolidated net earnings of the predecessor businesses after operating expenses, maintenance, adjusted officers' salaries and renewals but before Federal taxes and depreciation, for the three years ending Dec. 31 1927, as certified by Siedman & Siedman, Certified Public Accountants, have averaged \$402,199 per annum or 3.70 times the annual interest charges on this issue of first mortgage bonds and over twice the interest charges on the total funded debt of the corporation to be presently

outstanding. Estimates of the corporation, concurred in by Van Rensselaer H. Greene, Consulting Engineer, indicate that economies expected from this consolidation should result in a substantial increase in such net earnings.

Mr. Greene, in his report, estimates that depreciation charges on the consolidated properties will be about \$60,000 annually.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a semi-annual cumulative sinking fund, beginning January 1 1929, estimated to be sufficient to retire over 50% of the issue by maturity.

Western Auto Supply Co.—Calls Preferred Shares.—

The company is notifying holders of its participating preference shares of no par value that it will redeem, in accordance with the terms of the issue as of July 1 1928 these shares at \$30 per share and accrued and unpaid dividends as well as the proportionate fractional annual participating dividend. The annual participating dividend will be computed for this purpose upon the 12 months period ended Mar. 31 1928. Holders should surrender their certificates, properly endorsed, at the office of Merrill, Lynch & Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, on or after July 2, for payment. This call does not include class A common purchase warrants, as they do not expire until Dec. 31 1928. The corporation on Apr. 1 1928 paid to holders of participating preference shares of record Mar. 20 1928, the regular quarterly dividend and the annual participating dividend payable on such date.—V. 126, p. 2003.

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co., The National City Co., Dillon Read & Co. and Redmond & Co. are offering at 93 and int. to yield about 5% \$21,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4½% sinking fund gold bonds, series "B."

Dated Apr. 2 1928; due Apr. 1 1953. Int. (from Apr. 1 1928) payable A. & O. 1. Prin. and int. payable at office of trustee and at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable as a whole or in part, at any time on 30 days' notice, at 102½ and int. on or prior to Apr. 1 1933, and thereafter at ½% less premium each five years to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4 mills personal property tax refundable. American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

1st & ref. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, series A, 5½%, due July 1 1948	\$12,601,500
do series B, 4½%, due Apr. 1 1953 (this issue)	21,000,000
Preferred stock, class A, 8% cumulative	4,970,000
Preferred stock, class B, 10% cumulative	22,556,800
Common stock	39,481,900

Data from Letter of Isaac M. Scott, Pres. Dated April 4.

Company.—Owns properties and business of former La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Co., and Wheeling Steel & Iron Co., long established businesses, the oldest founded 1852. Corporation has 16 plants along Ohio River Valley in West Virginia and Ohio, and its own supplies of coal and iron ore. Manufactures pig iron, steel billets and slabs, plates, tubular goods, wire products, sheets, tin plate, and broad line of finished steel products. Sales 1927, more than \$72,000,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these bonds will be used to retire a total of \$12,430,000 outstanding underlying (closed-mortgage) bonds, to reimburse the treasury for expenditures made for additions to property and to provide additional funds for that purpose.

Security.—The 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, upon retirement of underlying bonds, will constitute the only funded debt of the corporation and will be secured by a first mortgage on real estate, manufacturing plants and equipment, coal and iron ore properties, and stock of subsidiaries and on property hereafter acquired as provided in the mortgage. Property covered by mortgage directly or through pledged securities, after depreciation reserves and including funds available for new construction, has a book value of over \$71,000,000, or 211% of the total funded debt including this issue.

Assets.—Total net assets upon completion of this financing, after deducting all liabilities other than funded debt, amount to \$106,581,672, or 317% of total funded debt. Current assets, which include \$7,672,286 in cash and \$2,085,600 in United States liberty bonds, are more than 8 times current liabilities of \$5,022,928. Net current assets are \$36,265,492, or alone in excess of the total funded debt of \$33,601,500.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the last 10 years, available for interest, after depreciation, have averaged \$6,808,606, or 4.15 times the \$1,638,083 interest requirement on entire \$33,601,500 funded debt including this issue, and for the last 5 years have averaged \$5,719,387, or 3.49 times this int. requirement.

For 1927 such net earnings were \$6,088,902, or 3.72 times the interest requirement on total funded debt, including this issue.

Sinking Fund.—Cash sinking fund at rate of \$546,000 per annum, payable semi-annually, first payment Oct. 1 1928, will be used to retire Series B bonds through purchase or call, and is sufficient to retire at least 65% of these \$21,000,000 bonds by maturity.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 126, p. 1827.

White Motor Securities Co.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.
Interest & discount earned	\$1,293,187	\$1,250,962
Interest on money borrowed	523,955	524,097
Administrative & general expenses	80,787	61,737
Taxes	9,033	13,088
Provision for Federal taxes (est.)	92,000	87,500
Net profit	\$587,411	\$564,539
Preferred dividends	175,000	175,000
Common dividends	50,000	100,000
Balance surplus	\$362,411	\$289,539

—V. 122, p. 1041.

Willys-Overland Co.—Sales to Be Financed by Commercial Credit Co.—

See that company in last week's "Chronicle," page 1986.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1927	1926	1925	1924
Net sales	\$153,119,598			
Cost of sales	127,576,410			
Gross profits	\$25,543,187	Not available.	\$26,573,649	Not available.
Sell., gen. & adm. exp., &c.	18,659,167	available.	6,678,606	available.
Operating profit	\$6,884,020	\$9,412,765	\$19,895,042	\$2,086,646
Other income	824,877	y		
Total income	\$7,808,897	\$9,412,765	\$19,895,042	\$2,086,646
Eng. & develop. exp.		3,430,894	3,773,409	
Adjus., &c., items			1,104,069	
Liquid'n of taxi division		1,420,401		
Plant and equipment dismantling, &c.		1,261,169	1,167,721	
Miscell. losses, &c.		582,672		
Int. and bond discount	477,660	677,939	687,066	See a
Estimated Fed. taxes	989,717	220,000	1,740,000	
Net profit	\$6,341,520	\$1,819,690	\$11,422,777	\$2,086,646
Previous surplus	25,005,320	25,819,582	15,972,789	13,002,418
Profit and loss credits	82,483	65,596,223	295,278	883,726
Total	\$31,429,323	\$33,235,495	\$27,690,844	\$15,972,789
Profit and loss debtors		429,125	327,798	
Prof. divs. paid (7%)	1,185,324	1,241,324	1,543,465	
Back pref. dividends		26,559,726		
Profit & loss, surplus	\$30,243,999	\$25,005,320	\$25,819,582	\$15,972,789
Shs. com. outst. (par \$5)	2,526,402	2,526,360	2,264,660	2,264,620
Earns. per share on com.	\$2.05	\$0.23	\$4.36	\$0.23

a After interest and bond discount. b Includes surplus of \$5,236,976 arising from payment of accumulated pref. divs. by issuance of common stock on basis of \$25 per share. x Gross profits from operation and other earnings, after providing for depreciation and other operating expenses and net profits from branches and subsidiary companies. y Profit from oper-

ation and other income after providing for depreciation of plant and equipment in the amount of \$12,550,635, selling, administrative and general expenses. z Represents accumulated dividends of 29¼% paid in common stock with exception of fractional amounts resulting in cash payment of \$13,505.—V. 126, p. 1524.

(H. F.) Wilcox Oil & Gas Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable May 10 to holders of record April 14. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share.—V. 126, p. 2003.

(F. W. Woolworth Co.—March Sales.—

1928—March—1927. Increase. | 1928—3 Mos.—1927. Increase.
 \$21,839,185 \$19,600,617 \$2,238,568 \$57,945,793 \$53,094,554 \$4,851,239
 The gain in the old stores for the month of March amounted to \$1,198,822, or 6.14% and for the 3 months \$2,083,317, or 3.94%.—V. 126, p. 1524, 885.

Worthington Pump & Machinery Co.—New Directors.

E. T. Fishick and W. C. Stettinius have been added to the board of directors.—V. 126, p. 1681.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Pyne, Kendell & Hollister, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened a branch office in the Mori Building, 144 Bleecker St., New York City, for the transaction of a general investment and brokerage business, under the management of Joseph Casazza and Angelo Carnese.

—Smith, Graham & Rockwell, members New York Stock Exchange, with offices in New York and Rochester, have opened a Philadelphia office in the Finance Building, South Penn Square, under the co-management of Jacob S. Disston, Jr. and Robert F. Holden.

—White, Weld & Co. have prepared an illustrated booklet on the Kingdom of Norway and its Municipalities Bank which reviews the industrial and financial development of Norway and points the way to capital investment opportunities in that country.

—A. L. Scheur & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York City, announce the opening of an unlisted securities department under the joint management of Glenn Marshall Salmon and Clayton B. Weed.

—Paul F. Lamorelle, formerly of the dissolved firm of Richards & Lamorelle, has formed the firm of Lamorelle & Co., to transact a general brokerage business in investment securities, with offices at 1524 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

—Announcement is made by Nelson S. Gustin Co., Inc., of the change in their corporate name and the organization of Newman, Gustin Co., Inc., and the removal of their New York office to larger quarters in 50 Broadway.

—J. K. Rice, Jr. & Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y., have issued for distribution a bank and insurance investment analysis, containing a chart listing profits from investments in insurance stocks over a 10-year period.

—Schlesinger & Co., 50 Broadway, New York City, specialists in bank and insurance stocks, announce that Milton S. Graber and Morris Brennanke have become associated with them in their sales department.

—Arthur C. Richards, formerly of Richards & Lamorelle, has been admitted as a general partner in the Philadelphia Stock Exchange firm of Richards & Co., Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia.

—Channer Securities Co., Chicago, take pleasure in announcing that Charles O. Main and John P. Ballman who were formerly with W. K. Terry & Co., have become associated with them.

—E. N. Townsend Co., 111 Broadway, New York City, have issued their April analysis and quotation pamphlet of Long Island banks and trust companies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

—Vought & Co., Inc., announce the opening of an office in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Building, Providence, R. I., and the appointment of Saul Rothstein as Vice-President in charge.

—Laird, Bissell & Meeds, members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, announce the admission of Charles Allen Owens into general partnership in the firm as of Apr. 2 1928.

—Samuel McCreery & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, 1518 Walnut St., Philadelphia, have admitted Donald F. Lippincott to general partnership.

—Ware & Co., members New York Stock Exchange announce that Charles H. Diffenderfer has retired as a general partner and has become a limited partner in their firm.

—Arthur May and Jules G. Franks of the Philadelphia office of G. & A. Selgmann, members New York Stock Exchange, have been admitted to general partnership in this firm.

—Ralph T. Chamberlain has resigned as Secretary of the International Germanic Co., Ltd., to become Secretary and Director of the American Financial Holding Corp.

—J. Sandels Morrow and Associates announce the formation of Morrow & Co. to conduct a general investment banking and bond business at 220 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

—Gordon Tucker, formerly with Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis has been appointed manager of Emery, Peck & Rockwood's new office in Minneapolis.

—Richard Whitney & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their office to the new Equitable Trust Co. building 15 Broad St., N. Y.

—McDonnell & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York City, have issued a circular on Rights and Option Warrants.

—Pynchon & Co. have prepared for distribution to investors a circular on United Gas Improvement Co. and the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.

—Bioren & Co., bankers, have removed their offices to 1508 Walnut St., Philadelphia. Their new telephone number is Pennypacker 9400.

—Edward F. Quirke has become associated with Reinhart & Bennet, 52 Broadway, N. Y., as manager of their Investment Department.

—Stobie, Forlong & Co., Ltd., have opened a branch office at 1472 Peel St., Montreal, under the management of R. Y. Cory.

—Thomas E. Bragg has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of W. E. Hutton & Co., 60 Broadway, New York City.

—Curtis & Sanger, 49 Wall St., N. Y., have issued their latest quotation pamphlet of bank and insurance company stocks.

—James R. Bagshaw, Jr., has become associated with Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., in their Philadelphia office.

—Henry G. Rolston & Co., 30 Broad St., N. Y., are distributing a circular on the Guardian Fire Assurance Corp.

—Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their Boston office to room 608, 31 Milk Street.

—Buck & Co. announce that Frederic S. Ritchie has been admitted to partnership in the firm.

—Old Investors & Traders Corp. have moved their offices to 558 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

—Fenner & Beane have prepared an analytical circular on Southeastern Power & Light Co.

—Morrison & Townsend have moved their offices to 37 Wall St., New York City.

RAILS.

The rails in main track operated, except trackage rights, are shown below:

Steel Rails—	Miles.
Under 58 1/4 pounds per yard.....	1.81
58 1/4 pounds per yard.....	48.22
60 to 65 pounds per yard.....	35.35
68 pounds per yard.....	34.86
70 pounds per yard.....	652.75
80 pounds per yard.....	873.07
85 pounds per yard.....	14.93
90 pounds per yard.....	1,865.96
100 pounds per yard.....	1,397.64
130 pounds per yard.....	.27
141 pounds per yard.....	.86
159 pounds per yard.....	.35
Total.....	4,926.07
To which add—	
Operated under trackage arrangements.....	143.14
Total mileage owned and operated.....	5,069.21

The rails in main track owned, operated by other companies, are shown below:

Steel Rails—	
56 pounds per yard.....	24.09
60 pounds per yard.....	.25
80 pounds per yard.....	92.49
85 pounds per yard.....	30.90
90 pounds per yard.....	126.99
Less—Portion of Paducah & Memphis Division used by L. & N. Railroad under trackage arrangements.....	5.53
Total mileage operated by other companies.....	274.72

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS—ROAD.

During the year there were charged to Investment, Road, expenditures for additions and betterments as follows:

Engineering.....	\$81,021.50
Land for Transportation Purposes.....	251,523.40
Grading.....	1,294,333.35
Tunnels and Subways.....	218,993.22
Bridges, Trestles and Culverts.....	1,643,537.75
Ties.....	321,715.38
Rails.....	729,262.00
Other Track Material.....	977,055.27
Ballast.....	308,481.83
Track Laying and Surfacing.....	403,432.14
Right-of-Way Fences.....	18,695.81
Crossings and Signs.....	143,820.38
Station and Office Buildings.....	273,972.55
Roadway Buildings.....	56,178.37
Water Stations.....	131,062.77
Fuel Stations.....	1,665.64
Shops and Enginehouses.....	219,408.90
Wharves and Docks.....	6,633.26
Coal and Ore Wharves.....	144,616.29
Telegraph and Telephone Lines.....	Cr. 2,847.86
Signals and Interlockers.....	196,702.87
Power Plant Buildings.....	Cr. 154.29
Power Substation Buildings.....	12.21
Power Transmission Systems.....	4,645.32
Power Distribution Systems.....	8,108.25
Power Line Poles and Fixtures.....	2,796.38
Paving.....	37,788.36
Roadway Machines.....	79,574.13
Roadway Small Tools.....	Cr. 1,101.02
Assessments for Public Improvements.....	49,066.20
Other Expenditures—Road.....	Cr. 36.66
Shop Machinery.....	124,497.03
Power Plant Machinery.....	434.28
Power Substation Apparatus.....	2.10
Unapplied Construction Material and Supplies.....	Cr. 41,833.71
Interest during Construction.....	147,786.88
Other Expenditures—General.....	1,607.00
Total for the year ended December 31 1927.....	\$7,832,457.28
Total for the year ended December 31 1926.....	8,953,610.43
Decrease.....	\$1,121,153.15

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS—EQUIPMENT.

The following expenditures for additions and betterments, equipment, were charged to Investment, Equipment, during the year:

Charges—	
Locomotives—	
Twenty-seven (27) acquired.....	\$1,050,520.76
Less—Amount charged in 1926.....	124.41
Equipping three (3) locomotives with automatic train stop.....	7,090.40
Equipping one (1) locomotive with Bethlehem auxiliary locomotive.....	11,974.50
Equipping one (1) locomotive with booster.....	7,077.96
Equipping with superheaters, electric headlights, Walschaert valve gears, automatic fire doors, automatic stokers, power reverse gears, flange oilers, third air pumps, steam heat connections and duplex distributing valves.....	108,144.93
Less—Adjustment of charges previously reported for locomotives acquired in 1926.....	386.40
Freight-Train Cars—	
One thousand five hundred forty-five (1,545) acquired.....	\$2,806,327.92
Less—Amount charged in 1926.....	2,049.03
Passenger-Train Cars—	
Thirty-four (34) acquired.....	\$818,938.94
Equipping coaches and diners with metal screens and cinder deflectors.....	3,140.67
Less—Adjustment of charges previously reported for passenger-train cars acquired in 1926.....	7,357.50
Work Equipment—	
Forty-two (42) units acquired.....	\$197,464.32
One hundred twenty-one (121) freight-train cars changed to work equipment.....	49,798.73
Nineteen (19) passenger-train cars changed to work equipment.....	11,962.33
Additional charges for work equipment acquired in 1926.....	3.14
Credits—	
Locomotives—	
Forty-two (42) retired.....	\$388,318.65
Freight-Train Cars—	
Two thousand six hundred forty two (2,642) retired.....	\$1,772,012.46
One hundred twenty-one (121) changed to work equipment.....	78,451.05
Passenger-Train Cars—	
Two (2) retired.....	\$1,052.40
Nineteen (19) changed to work equipment.....	63,267.61
Work Equipment—	
One hundred twenty-four (124) units retired.....	52,976.81
Net charge to Additions and Betterments, Equipment for 1927.....	\$2,706,448.28
Net charge to Additions and Betterments, Equipment for 1926.....	7,804,931.22
Decrease.....	\$5,098,482.94

The following equipment remained to be delivered at December 31 1927 on contracts placed prior thereto:

- 2,150 Freight-Train Cars, of which 1,250 are Coal Cars,
- 16 Passenger-Train Cars, and
- 100 Ballast Cars.

EQUIPMENT OWNED OR OPERATED UNDER TRUST AGREEMENTS.

	Locomotives.	Freight Cars.	Passenger Cars.	Work Equipment.
On hand December 31, 1926.....	1,371	65,237	992	2,407
Acquired.....	27	1,545	34	42
Changed.....				140
Destroyed or sold.....	42	66,782	1,026	2,589
Changed.....		2,642	2	124
	42	121	19	
On hand December 31 1927.....	1,356	64,019	1,005	2,465

The following table shows the equipment on hand at the close of each of the past ten years:

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Locomotives.....	1,149	1,181	1,209	1,234	1,289	1,327	1,347	1,344	1,371	1,356
Freight Cars.....	52,955	54,017	52,462	55,523	54,674	61,375	64,825	65,025	65,237	64,019
Passenger Cars.....	683	686	683	834	856	881	922	925	992	1,005
Work Equipment.....	2,287	2,347	2,338	2,303	2,250	2,362	2,451	2,441	2,407	2,465

SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS, 1928.

Newport & Cincinnati Bridge Co.....	July 1 1928.....	\$12,330.00
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GUARANTIES.

The Company has guaranteed, by endorsement or by agreement, the following obligations:

	Annual Charge.
Louisville & Nashville Terminal Company First Mortgage 4 per cent. Gold Bonds—	
Endorsement, made jointly and severally with Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, covers principal and interest of bonds issued:	
Amount Issued.....	\$2,601,000.00
Owned by this Company.....	101,000.00
Outstanding.....	\$2,500,000.00

Louisville & Nashville-Southern, Monon Collateral, Joint 4 per cent. Gold Bonds—	
This Company and the Southern Railway Company are each liable for one-half of the principal and interest of bonds issued, \$11,827,000.00. Should either Company default in its obligations to the other in respect of the bonds of this issue, the pledged shares of stock belonging to such Company so in default shall become and be the property of the Company not in default, which thenceforth shall be liable in severalty upon all covenants contained in the bonds:	
Southern Railway Company's liability.....	\$5,913,500.00
One-half of amount of bonds owned by this Company.....	15,500.00
	\$5,898,000.00
	\$235,920.00

Nashville & Decatur Railroad, Rent Dividend—
Under lease of this property, the payment of seven and one-half per cent. annual dividend to stockholders is guaranteed as rent:
Amount of Capital Stock Issued.....\$3,553,750.00
Owned by this Company.....1,758,850.00

Outstanding.....\$1,794,900.00 \$134,617.50

Memphis Union Station Company First Mortgage 5 per cent. Gold Bonds—
Endorsement, made jointly and severally with Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, Southern Railway Company, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Company, and St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, covers principal and interest of the bonds issued, \$2,500,000 \$125,000.00

Fruit Growers Express Company—
This Company and the other interested companies unconditionally guarantee severally, in the proportions indicated in the Guaranty Agreement dated April 24, 1920, but not jointly, the prompt payment by the Fruit Growers Express Company to the Fruit Growers Express, Incorporated, of the rental installments due annually on May 1, of each of the years 1928 and 1929, as set forth in the Car Trust Agreement:
Payment due May 1, 1928.....\$650,286.80
This Company's liability, five per cent.....\$32,514.34

Lexington Union Station Company—
This Company and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, joint users of the property of the Lexington Union Station Company, obligate themselves to pay jointly and severally, according to the use made of the property, to the Lexington Union Station Company, semi-annually, an amount equal to 4 per cent. upon the Preferred Capital Stock of that Company:
Amount of Preferred Stock Issued.....\$390,600.00
Owned by this Company.....1,700.00

Outstanding.....\$388,900.00 \$15,556.00

Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis—
Amount of General Mortgage Bonds outstanding in the hands of the public, December 31, 1927, \$23,790,000;
One year's interest @ 4%.....\$951,600.00
Annual Sinking Fund Payment.....110,000.00

\$1,061,600.00
This Company's liability, one-fifteenth.....\$70,773.33

SECOND TRACK BETWEEN PATIO AND FORT ESTILL JUNCTION, KY., KENTUCKY DIVISION.

The construction of the second track from Patio to Fort Estill Junction, about 23.5 miles, was completed in September, 1927.

SECOND TRACK AND REDUCTION OF GRADES AND CURVATURE BETWEEN CONWAY AND SINKS, KY., KENTUCKY DIVISION.

The construction of second track and revision of grades and curvature between Conway and Sinks, Ky., 12.57 miles, was nearing completion at December 31st. That part of the line between Conway and Wildie, 3.83 miles, was placed in operation in June, 1927, and the remainder, 8.74 miles, in February, 1928.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE NO. 40, CINCINNATI DIVISION.

The reconstruction of this bridge, 870 feet in length, which included the installation of new steel from end to end, was completed in June, 1927.

REVISION OF LINE ON MILES 88 AND 89, CINCINNATI DIVISION.

The construction of new roadbed and track on Miles 88 and 89, to eliminate curvature and Bridge No. 28 over Roberts Branch, authorized in January, 1926, was completed in September, 1927.

CINCINNATI PASSENGER TERMINALS.

A Preliminary Agreement was executed on July 14, 1927, by and between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company, The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, Norfolk and Western Railway Company, The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the Cincinnati Railroad Terminal Development Company, for the purpose of assuring the construction of a union passenger station and coach and engine terminal in the City of Cincinnati.

In accordance with this agreement, a Committee consisting of a representative from each of the carriers, parties to the agreement, was formed, and this Committee immediately proceeded in accordance with the plans agreed upon to obtain options on the necessary real estate. The Preliminary Agreement also provided for the formation of a Union Depot Company, which company should proceed with the completion of the plans for the union passenger terminals and other facilities. The new Company, known as The Cincinnati Union Terminal Company, was organized November 12, 1927, and took over the assets and assumed the liabilities of the Committee on November 25, 1927.

Application will be made by The Cincinnati Union Terminal Company to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue and sell such securities as will be required to finance the undertaking.

SEPARATION OF GRADES IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

The City of Louisville has voted \$5,000,000.00 of bonds, with which to pay its share, thirty-five per cent, of the cost of a comprehensive scheme of grade separation, affecting all railroads entering the City. Proceeding under the provisions of Chapter 22, Acts of 1922, General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, the first project to be undertaken, a separation of the grade of the tracks of this company and the Southern Railway from the grade of Fourth Street at G Street, was begun in August, 1927, in accordance with contract dated January 13, 1926, between this Company, the Southern Railway Company, Louisville Railway Company, and Board of Public Works, City of Louisville. The estimated cost is \$360,000.00, of which this Company's part will be \$170,700.00.

The work is well under way, and the project is expected to be completed by August, 1928.

SECOND TRACK BETWEEN LEBANON JUNCTION AND ELIZABETHTOWN, KY., MAIN STEM, FIRST DIVISION.

The second track between Lebanon Junction and Elizabethtown, about 14 miles, the construction of a double track open cut at Mile 39, and the installation of automatic and interlocking signals, were completed and placed in operation in July, 1927.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE NO. 193 OVER MOBILE RIVER, MOBILE AND MONTGOMERY DIVISION.

The rebuilding of this bridge, the revised plans for which provide for three 208 ft. through truss spans, one 80 ft. through girder span, and one 330 ft. swing span, was completed in October 1927.

BRIDGE OVER TENSAS RIVER, MOBILE AND MONTGOMERY DIVISION.

The reconstruction of Bridge No. 188 over the Tensas River, to provide for the use of heavier locomotives, was commenced in February 1927. The new bridge will consist of eight 231 ft. 6 in. single track through truss spans and one 300 ft. draw span. At December 31st all of the piers had been completed, and four of the nine steel spans erected, this being about 50 per cent. of the work.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE NO. 200, OVER CHICKASAW CREEK, MILE 664, MOBILE AND MONTGOMERY DIVISION.

In order to accommodate heavier power, the reconstruction of this bridge was authorized in May 1927. The new bridge will consist of one 375 ft. single track through swing span, with 1,360 feet of creosoted open deck trestle approaches.

The work was commenced in August 1927, and was about 30 per cent. completed at the end of the year.

FREIGHT STATION FACILITIES AT MOBILE, ALA.

The new outbound freight warehouse and platforms at Mobile, Ala., were practically completed at December 31st, and were placed in use in February 1928.

COALING FACILITIES AT MUSCOGEE WHARF, PENSACOLA, FLA.

During the storm of September 1926 the coaling plant on Muscogee Wharf, Pensacola, was destroyed. In February 1927, authority was given for the replacement of the facilities, and the construction of a modern type coaling plant was immediately undertaken. The plant was completed and placed in service in November 1927.

ADDITIONAL MECHANICAL FACILITIES AT HOWELL, IND.

The construction of a 19-stall roundhouse and other facilities at Howell, Ind., authorized in September 1926, was completed and placed in use in July 1927.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LINE FROM CHEVROLET, HARLAN COUNTY, KY., TO HAGANS, LEE COUNTY, VA., AND ACQUISITION OF TRACKAGE RIGHTS OVER THE INTERSTATE RAILROAD FROM NORTON, VA., TO A CONNECTION WITH THE CLINCHFIELD RAILROAD AT MILLER YARD, SCOTT COUNTY, VA.

For the purpose of providing a route for the movement of traffic between the Harlan coal fields and the Clinchfield Railroad, that road and its subsidiaries, having been leased to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and this company by the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway for 999 years from May 11 1923, this company on January 28 1926, submitted application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to construct a new line of railroad from Chevrolet, Harlan County, Ky., to a point near Hagans, Lee County, Va., a distance of 13.87 miles, and to operate under trackage rights over the Interstate Railroad from Norton, Wise County, Va., to Miller Yard in Scott County, Va., a distance of about 17.5 miles. The approval of the Commission was given in its Order dated May 26 1927, one of the conditions being that the construction authorized should be commenced on or before December 31 1927, and completed on or before June 30 1930.

By deed, dated October 26 1927, this company acquired from the heirs of W. F. Hall, deceased, that part of the Martins Fork Branch extending from a point near Glidden, about one mile south of Chevrolet, to Coalville, a distance of 5.22 miles. This line will be relocated and extended to Hagans, Va., thus furnishing a new single track line from Chevrolet to Hagans. Between Hagans and Norton, Va., traffic will move over this Company's Cumberland Valley Division, and between Norton and Miller Yard, Va., over the tracks of the Interstate Railroad Company, under an agreement made with that company, dated April 23, 1926.

The relocation and revision of Martins Fork Branch was commenced in November and the construction of the extension in December 1927. The work is being actively prosecuted with a view to completing the undertaking within the limit of time stated by the Commission.

AUTOMATIC BLOCK SIGNALS.

The installation of automatic block signals between Mobile Ala., and New Orleans, La., was completed in April 1927.

At the close of the year, a total of 1,238.59 miles of road was protected by automatic block signals, as follows:

Cincinnati, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky.....	108.00 miles
Anchorage to Avoca, Ky.....	2.50 miles
On Lexington Branch at La Grange, Ky.....	1.50 miles
South Louisville to Bowling Green, Ky.....	110.10 miles
Bowling Green, Ky., to Nashville, Tenn.....	73.86 miles
Maplewood to Radnor Yard, Tenn.....	7.51 miles
Mayton to Brentwood, Tenn.....	5.00 miles
Calera to Three Mile Creek, Mobile, Ala.....	240.40 miles
Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans, La.....	137.20 miles
Covington, Ky., to Etowah, Tenn.....	346.49 miles
Oakdale to Jackson, Ky.....	12.00 miles
Perritt to North Hazard, Ky.....	15.80 miles
Leewood to Aulon, Tenn.....	2.33 miles
Maumie, Ill., to Howell, Ind.....	27.80 miles
Evansville, Ind., to Amqui, Tenn.....	148.10 miles
Total.....	1,238.59 miles
Total December 31 1926.....	1,172.59 miles
Increase during 1927.....	66.00 miles

AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL.

The installation of automatic train stop between Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La., 136.2 miles, commenced in May 1926, in accordance with Order of the Interstate Commerce Commission of March 6 1926, was completed and placed in service in April 1927.

Automatic train control is also in service between Corbin, Ky., and Etowah, Tenn., 161.70 miles.

FEDERAL VALUATION.

A statement showing the final valuation of the property of the company as of June 30 1917, has not yet been issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, but the Commission has announced its intention to practically complete all valuations not later than June 30 1928.

FINANCIAL.

During the year there has been a decrease in the funded debt outstanding of \$2,262,915.00, as explained in detail on page 7.

There have been no sales of securities during the year.

Attention is called to the report of the Comptroller for the details of the year's business.

Announcement is made with regret of the death on March 1 1928, at his home in Wilmington, N. C., of Mr. John Reese Kenly, a Director of this Company since April 6 1921.

The Board acknowledges the fidelity and efficiency with which the officers and employees of the Company have served its interests.

For the Board of Directors,
H. WALTERS, *Chairman*
W. R. COLE, *President*

TABLE NO. 1.—INCOME ACCOUNT.

Railway Operating Income—			
Railway Operating Revenues			\$144,605,117.23
Railway Operating Expenses, 78.05 per cent.			112,857,834.65
Net Revenue from Railway Operations, 21.95 per cent.			31,747,282.58
Railway Tax Accruals		\$7,639,855.29	
Uncollectible Railway Revenues		19,696.40	
			7,659,551.69
Total Operating Income			\$24,087,730.89
Non-Operating Income—			
Equipment Rents—			
Hire of Freight Cars—Credit Balance	\$361,183.51		
Rent from Locomotives	49,740.26		
Rent from Passenger-Train Cars	172,841.97		
Rent from Work Equipment	25,077.57		
		608,843.31	
Joint Facility Rent Income			362,819.42
Income from Lease of Road—			
Clarksville & Princeton Branch	\$12,039.70		
Paducah & Memphis Division	206,506.20		
		218,545.90	
Miscellaneous Rent Income			84,012.88
Miscellaneous Non-operating Physical Property			99,979.83
Separately Operated Properties—Profit			750,000.00
Dividend Income—			
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Stock	420,709.50		
Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Stock	803,887.00		
Louisville Henderson & St. Louis Railway Stock	180,772.00		
Sundry Stocks	48,072.00		
From stocks held under Georgia Railroad Lease	97,444.00		
		1,550,884.50	
Income from Funded Securities—			
Sundry bonds and notes maturing more than two years after date	369,437.41		
From bonds held under Georgia Railroad Lease	620.00		
		370,057.41	
Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts			974,446.50
Income from Sinking Funds			21,356.00
Miscellaneous Income			5,768.77
			4,075,051.79
Total Non-Operating Income			5,046,714.52
Gross Income			29,134,445.41
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Equipment Rents—			
Rent for Locomotives	\$ 116,635.61		
Rent for Passenger-Train Cars	293,763.30		
Rent for Work Equipment	20,403.59		
		430,802.50	
Joint Facility Rents			751,757.07
Rent for Leased Roads—			
Nashville & Decatur Railroad	\$134,867.49		
Rents of other roads	97,613.29		
		232,480.78	
Miscellaneous Rents			29,145.15
Miscellaneous Tax Accruals			18,597.64
Interest on Funded Debt		10,893,094.80	
Interest on Unfunded Debt		20,942.57	
Miscellaneous Income Charges—			
U. S. Income Tax paid on Interest on Tax-Exempt Bonds	\$24,526.89		
Fees and Expenses paid Mortgage Trustees, &c.	6,856.75		
		31,383.64	
			11,225,644.58
Total Deductions from Gross Income			12,408,204.15
Net Income			\$16,726,241.26
Disposition of Net Income—			
Income applied to Sinking Funds			328.15
Income Balance Transferred to Credit of Profit and Loss			\$16,725,913.11

TABLE NO. II.—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

CREDITS.			
Balance to Credit of this account, December 31 1926		\$71,336,122.43	
Credit Balance transferred from Income Account		16,725,913.11	
Profit on Road and Equipment Sold		6,720.40	
Unrefundable Overcharges		326,451.85	
Donations—			
Estimated value of land and cost of labor and material donated for transportation purposes		2,987.09	
Miscellaneous Credits		255,490.53	
			\$88,653,685.41
DEBITS.			
Dividends Appropriations of Surplus—			
Cash Dividend, 3½ per cent, payable August 10 1927	\$4,095,000.00		
Cash Dividend, 3½ per cent, payable February 10 1928	4,095,000.00		
		8,190,000.00	
Surplus Appropriated for Investment in Physical Property		2,987.09	
Loss on Retired Road and Equipment		91,502.05	
Miscellaneous Debits		27,728.26	
Credit Balance, December 31 1927		80,341,468.01	
			\$88,653,685.41

TABLE NO. VI.—INVESTMENT IN ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

(INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS ON LEASED RAILWAY PROPERTY.)

Road and Equipment, December 31 1926 was—			
Road		\$276,710,188.23	
Equipment		140,282,917.55	
Improvements on Leased Railway Property		\$416,993,105.78	
		2,107,663.44	
			\$419,100,769.22
To which add the following:			
Road—			
Additions and Betterments	\$7,832,457.28		
Less—			
Amounts included in above account of Elkton & Guthrie Railroad, Glasgow Railway, and Cumberland and Manchester Railroad	13,742.42		
		7,818,714.86	
New line, Chevrolet, Ky., to Hagans, Va		249,643.72	
Sundry Items		1,389.50	
		\$8,069,748.08	
Equipment—			
Bought, built or otherwise acquired during the year		2,706,448.28	
			10,776,196.36
Total—			
Road		\$284,731,553.99	
Equipment		142,989,365.83	
Improvements on Leased Railway Property		427,720,919.82	
		2,156,045.76	
			\$429,876,965.58

TABLE NO. III.—GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.			ASSETS.	
Dec. 31 1926.	INVESTMENTS:			
\$276,710,188.23	Investment in Road and Equipment—			
140,282,917.55	Road	\$284,731,553.99		
	Equipment	142,939,365.83		
416,993,105.78			\$427,720,919.82	
2,107,663.44	Improvements on Leased Railway Property		2,156,045.76	
	Sinking Funds—			
2,554,602.31	Total Book Assets	602,461.23		
2,081,000.00	Bonds, this Company's Issue	81,000.00		
			521,461.23	
473,602.31	Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold		7,495.82	
7,495.82	Miscellaneous Physical Property		3,565,946.30	
3,660,585.56	Investments in Affiliated Companies—			
	(a) Stocks	19,323,431.57		
19,322,392.59	(b) Bonds	1,931,019.15		
2,776,519.15	(c) Notes	1,030,395.40		
1,206,175.44	(d) Advances	2,389,595.65		
2,145,596.98			24,674,441.77	
	Other Investments—			
25,450,684.16	(a) Stocks	1,991,535.99		
	(b) Bonds	4,685,443.42		
2,011,737.99	(c) Notes	16,235.84		
4,104,443.42			6,693,215.25	
19,928.92				
6,136,110.33				
454,829,247.40				\$465,339,525.95
	CURRENT ASSETS:			
19,062,021.13	Cash		18,259,057.41	
11,548,498.94	Time Drafts and Deposits		11,638,004.48	
	Special Deposits—			
622,568.50	Total Book Assets	621,458.50		
500,000.00	Bonds, this Company's Issue	500,000.00		
	Stock	\$5.00		
5.00	Cash	121,453.50		
122,563.50			121,458.50	
122,568.50	Loans and Bills Receivable		14,043.62	
16,000.44	Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable		2,965,264.96	
4,616,790.30	Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors		787,466.57	
832,677.93	Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable		2,390,237.68	
2,432,893.76	Material and Supplies		15,220,876.50	
15,255,028.96	Interest and Dividends Receivable		346,322.45	
516,215.96	Rents Receivable		92,064.10	
86,044.25	Other Current Assets		144,560.72	
205,403.96				
54,694,144.13				51,979,356.99
	DEFERRED ASSETS:			
41,359.09	Working Fund Advances		59,237.59	
	Other Deferred Assets—			
5,913,500.00	Southern Railway Company's Proportion of Bonds Issued Jointly	5,913,500.00		
688,566.59	Other Accounts	654,201.28		
			6,567,701.28	
6,602,066.59				6,626,938.87
6,643,425.68	UNADJUSTED DEBITS:			
	Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance		4,346.13	
7,798.97	Other Unadjusted Debits		2,127,495.08	
2,044,798.61				2,131,841.21
2,052,597.58				
	\$6,564,500.00 *Securities Issued or Assumed—Unpledged		6,564,500.00	
	18,329,000.00 Securities Issued or Assumed—Pledged		18,329,000.00	
	CONTINGENT ASSETS:			
2,500,000.00	L. & N. Terminal Co. Fifty-Year 4 per cent Gold Bonds outstanding, endorsed by Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway		2,500,000.00	
2,500,000.00	Memphis Union Station Company First Mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bonds, guaranteed by Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and other interested Railroad Companies		2,500,000.00	
				5,000,000.00
5,000,000.00	Grand Total			\$531,077,663.02
\$523,219,414.79				
	* In addition, the Treasury holds the Certificates of the Trustee of the First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds that the Company is entitled under the mortgage to the issue of \$49,503,000 bonds for capitalizable expenditures heretofore made.			
	LIABILITIES.			
Dec. 31, 1926.	STOCKS:			Cr.
\$116,857,500.00	Capital Stock—			
720.00	Full shares outstanding	\$116,858,500.00		
141,780.00	Fractional shares outstanding	720.00		
117,000,000.00	Original stock and subsequent stock dividends unissued	140,780.00		
12,116.76			\$117,000,000.00	
117,012,116.76	Premium on Capital Stock		12,116.76	
				\$117,012,116.76
29,197.23	GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS:			
	Grants in Aid of Construction			125,263.74
	LONG TERM DEBT:			
263,016,435.00	Funded Debt—Unmatured—			
	Book Liability		258,753,520.00	
6,564,500.00	Held by or for this Company—			
2,081,000.00	*In Treasury	6,564,500.00		
18,329,000.00	In Sinking Funds	81,000.00		
500,000.00	Deposited as Collateral	18,329,000.00		
	Special Deposit	500,000.00		
27,474,500.00			25,474,500.00	
235,541,935.00	Actually outstanding		233,279,020.00	
5,913,500.00	Liability of Southern Railway Company for Bonds Issued Jointly with this Company		5,913,500.00	
241,455,435.00			239,192,520.00	
8,395.00	Non-negotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies—Open Accounts		79,314.34	
241,463,830.00				239,271,834.34
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
699,666.34	Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable		749,068.59	
8,533,059.31	Audited Accounts and Wages Payable		7,165,681.07	
1,104,549.74	Miscellaneous Accounts Payable		914,260.78	
1,844,408.00	Interest Matured Unpaid		1,833,916.00	
179,764.00	Dividends Matured Unpaid		189,331.00	
12,000.00	Funded Debt Matured Unpaid		21,000.00	
4,095,000.00	Unmatured Dividends Declared		4,095,000.00	
1,943,823.16	Unmatured Interest Accrued		1,900,278.40	
9,367.68	Unmatured Rents Accrued		20,936.56	
362,422.15	Other Current Liabilities		298,576.31	
18,784,055.38				17,188,048.71
	DEFERRED LIABILITIES:			
74,040.59	Other Deferred Liabilities			101,314.05
	UNADJUSTED CREDITS:			
4,898,888.06	Tax Liability		4,487,938.29	
14,644,018.12	Accrued Depreciation—Road		15,233,879.22	
40,653,240.05	Accrued Depreciation—Equipment		42,856,290.10	
356,325.38	Accrued Depreciation—Miscellaneous Physical Property		349,390.92	
5,967,624.72	Other Unadjusted Credits		6,112,898.70	
66,520,096.33				69,040,397.23
	CORPORATE SURPLUS:			
2,644,827.84	Additions to Property through Income and Surplus		2,647,814.93	
56,329.18	Sinking Fund Reserves		56,057.57	
298,799.05	Appropriated Surplus not Specifically Invested		293,347.68	
	Total Appropriated Surplus		2,997,220.18	
2,999,956.07	Profit and Loss—Balance		80,341,468.01	
71,336,122.43				83,338,688.19
74,336,078.50	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:			
2,500,000.00	L. & N. Terminal Co. Fifty-year 4 per cent Gold Bonds outstanding, endorsed by Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway		2,500,000.00	
2,500,000.00	Memphis Union Station Company First Mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bonds, guaranteed by Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and other interested Railroad Companies		2,500,000.00	
				5,000,000.00
5,000,000.00	Grand Total			\$531,077,663.02
\$523,219,414.79				

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1927.

Roanoke, Va., March 27 1928.

To the Stockholders of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company:

Your Board of Directors submits the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1927.

MILEAGE OF ROAD AND TRACK IN OPERATION.

	Dec. 31st 1927.	Dec. 31st 1926.	Inc. (+) Or Dec. (-)
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Main line.....	1,542.67	1,542.69	-.02
Branches } Oper. as second track... 127.28		127.28	
} Other branches..... 533.75		533.64	
	661.03	660.92	+.11
Total miles.....	2,203.70	2,203.61	+.09
Lines operated under lease.....	22.27	22.27	-.01
Lines oper. under trackage rights.....	15.60	15.60	
Total miles of road in operation.....	2,241.57	2,241.48	+.09
Second track.....	620.75	620.76	-.01
Third track.....	13.58	13.58	
Sidings and yard tracks.....	1,601.32	1,567.51	+33.81
Total miles of all tracks in operation.....	4,477.22	4,443.33	+33.89
Average miles of road operated.....	2,241.75	2,241.48	+.27
Average miles of track operated.....	4,448.82	4,434.90	+13.92

The increase in miles of road in operation was as follows:

Beaver Dam Branch, portion not operated, retired in 1925 deducted from operated mileage, reinstated in operated mileage in this report.....	.23
Radford Branch Extension.....	.07
North Carolina Extension—Main Line Extension.....	.02
	.32

Less:

Atlantic Coast Line connection, Seacoast, Va., retired.....	.19
Durham District—Main Line retired.....	.04
Net increase.....	.09

CAPITAL STOCK.

The aggregate amounts of Adjustment Preferred and Common capital stock authorized by the stockholders and issued, including 77 shares (\$7,700) of Adjustment Preferred stock and 24 shares (\$2,400) of Common stock held in the Company's treasury, were as follows:

	Authorized.	Par Value.	Shares.
Adjustment Preferred Stock.....	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000	230,000
Common Stock.....	250,000,000	140,008,700	1,400,087
Totals, December 31 1927.....	\$273,000,000	\$163,008,700	1,630,087
Totals, December 31 1926.....	273,000,000	162,572,700	1,625,727
Increase (all Common Stock).....		\$436,000	4,360

FUNDED DEBT.

The aggregate Funded Debt actually outstanding was as follows:

	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.	Decrease.
Mortgage Bonds.....	\$95,288,500	\$95,288,500	
Convertible Bonds (\$441,000 not now convertible).....	1,158,300	1,594,300	\$436,000
Equipment Trust Obligations.....	20,010,000	23,185,000	3,175,000
Totals.....	\$116,456,800	\$120,067,800	\$3,611,000

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

The charges to Investment in Road and Equipment during the year were \$20,449,315.05.

The total investment in road, equipment and miscellaneous physical property on December 31st, 1927, was \$425,614,-

INCOME STATEMENT.

	1927.	1926.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	Per Cent.
Operating Income:				
Operating Revenue:				
Freight.....	\$99,992,235.10	\$108,703,462.59	-\$8,711,227.49	8.01
Passenger.....	6,893,707.60	7,663,493.63	-769,786.03	10.04
Mail.....	1,113,538.31	1,120,521.12	-6,982.81	.62
Express.....	1,106,574.69	1,067,486.65	+39,088.04	3.66
All Other Transportation.....	539,573.66	539,244.86	+328.80	.06
Incidental and Joint Facility Revenue.....	1,302,571.28	1,314,829.52	-12,258.24	.93
Totals.....	\$110,948,200.64	\$120,409,038.37	-\$9,460,837.73	7.86
Operating Expenses:				
Maintenance of Way and Structures.....	\$15,711,540.40	\$16,413,152.12	-\$701,611.72	4.27
Maintenance of Equipment.....	21,261,404.42	21,215,215.26	+46,189.16	.22
Traffic.....	1,340,033.90	1,309,177.16	+30,856.74	2.36
Transportation.....	28,988,768.59	30,283,219.54	-1,294,450.95	4.27
Miscellaneous Operations.....	275,429.66	270,640.43	+4,789.23	1.77
General.....	2,558,173.40	2,269,535.47	+288,637.93	12.72
Transportation for Investment—Credit.....	439,224.74	534,025.80	-94,801.06	17.75
Totals.....	\$69,696,125.63	\$71,226,914.18	-\$1,530,788.55	2.15
Ratio of Expenses to Total Operating Revenues.....	62.82%	59.15%	+3.67%	6.20
Net Revenue from Operations.....	\$41,252,075.01	\$49,182,124.19	-\$7,930,049.18	16.12
Tax Accruals.....	\$10,300,000.00	\$11,075,000.00	-\$775,000.00	7.00
Uncollectible Revenue.....	13,740.03	12,331.66	+1,408.37	11.42
Total Operating Income.....	\$30,938,334.98	\$38,094,792.53	-\$7,156,457.55	18.79
Non-Operating Income:				
Hire of Freight Cars—Net.....	\$2,690,571.29	\$2,418,469.07	+\$272,102.22	11.25
Hire of Other Equipment—Net.....	182,098.85	128,812.12	+53,286.73	41.37
Joint Facility Rents—Net.....	199,945.41	280,076.96	-80,131.55	28.61
Totals.....	\$3,072,615.55	\$2,827,358.15	+\$245,257.40	8.67
Net Railway Operating Income.....	\$34,010,950.53	\$40,922,150.68	-\$6,911,200.15	16.89
Other Non-Operating Income:				
Income from Lease of Road.....	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00		
Miscellaneous Rent Income.....	90,300.31	83,433.04	+6,867.27	8.23
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Physical Property.....	113,009.74	99,158.70	+13,851.04	13.97
Dividend Income.....	7,098.66	7,098.66		
Income from Funded Securities.....	1,431,003.03	812,166.14	+618,836.89	76.20
Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts.....	438,019.88	429,432.01	+8,587.87	2.00
Income from Sinking and Other Reserve Funds.....	98,320.27	63,318.13	+35,002.14	55.28
Miscellaneous Income.....	5,656.27	12,780.85	-7,124.58	55.74
Totals.....	\$2,184,518.16	\$1,508,497.53	+\$676,020.63	44.81
Gross Income.....	\$36,195,468.69	\$42,430,648.21	-\$6,235,179.52	14.69
Deductions from Gross Income:				
Rent for Leased Roads.....	\$100,481.95	\$97,625.26	+\$2,856.69	2.93
Miscellaneous Rents.....	2,069.70	2,280.40	-210.70	9.24
Miscellaneous Tax Accruals.....	1,935.15		+1,935.15	
Interest on Funded Debt:				
Mortgage Bonds.....	4,096,084.44	4,004,240.00	+91,844.44	2.29
Convertible Bonds.....	67,299.08	113,566.37	-46,267.29	40.74
Equipment Obligations.....	964,237.50	1,106,973.14	-142,735.64	12.89
Interest on Unfunded Debt.....	19,209.42	13,274.89	+5,934.53	44.70
Income applied to Sinking and Other Reserve Funds.....	98,320.27	63,318.13	+35,002.14	55.28
Miscellaneous Income Charges.....	194,535.69	225,181.81	-30,646.12	13.61
Totals.....	\$5,544,173.20	\$5,626,460.00	-\$82,286.80	1.46
Net Income.....	\$30,651,295.49	\$36,804,188.21	-\$6,152,892.72	16.72
Dividends on Adjustment Preferred Stock.....	919,692.00	919,692.00		
Income Balance: Transferred to Profit and Loss.....	\$29,731,603.49	\$35,884,496.21	-\$6,152,892.72	17.15

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

	1927.	1926.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	Per Cent.
<i>Credits:</i>				
Balance, January 1	\$82,830,080.46	\$60,727,284.59	+\$22,102,795.87	36.40
Credit Balance from Income	29,731,603.49	35,884,496.21	—6,152,892.72	17.15
Unrefundable Overcharges	702.46	54,043.46	—53,341.00	98.70
Repayment by Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company, account Advances for Mortgage Bond Interest	216,000.00	280,000.00	—64,000.00	22.86
Profit on Road and Equipment Sold	13,687.50	21,314.36	—7,626.86	35.78
Donations for Construction of Sidings	72,905.80	318,616.42	—245,710.62	77.12
Delayed Income Credits	3,145,522.75	-----	+3,145,522.75	-----
Repayment by Trustees of Norfolk and Western Pension Reserve Fund covering payments to retired employees for the years 1927 and 1926	358,463.22	312,103.82	+46,359.40	14.85
Miscellaneous Credits	54,463.44	38,680.46	+15,782.98	40.80
Total Credits	\$116,423,429.12	\$97,636,539.32	+\$18,786,889.80	19.24
<i>Charges—</i>				
Dividend Appropriations of Surplus, Common Stock	\$13,990,767.50	\$13,920,717.50	+\$70,050.00	.50
Surplus Appropriated for Investment in Physical Property	72,905.80	318,616.42	—245,710.62	77.12
Loss on Retired Road and Equipment	83,677.92	37,516.49	+46,161.43	123.04
Surplus applied to Norfolk and Western Pension Reserve Fund	566,000.00	490,000.00	+76,000.00	15.51
Miscellaneous Charges	57,462.71	39,608.45	+17,854.26	45.08
Total Charges	\$14,770,813.93	\$14,806,458.86	—\$35,644.93	.24
Balance, December 31	\$101,652,615.19	\$82,830,080.46	+\$18,822,534.73	22.72

646.55, of which \$44,354,857.50 was provided by appropriations from income and surplus. In addition, \$10,892,220.69 was provided by direct charges to income prior to July 1st, 1907.

New equipment received and equipment rebuilt during the year were as follows:

- 10 freight locomotives (steam).
- 6 passenger and baggage cars, all steel.
- 4 baggage and mail cars, all steel.
- 3 dining cars, all steel.
- 17 mail storage cars, all steel.
- 250 box cars, 100,000 lbs. capacity, all steel (built at Roanoke Shops).
- 250 gondola cars, 180,000 lbs. capacity, all steel (built at Roanoke Shops).
- 2,000 hopper cars, 140,000 lbs. capacity, all steel.
- 25 cabin cars, all steel (built at Roanoke Shops).
- 50 side dump cars.
- 2 steam derrick cars.
- 1 pile driver car.
- 2 supply cars (built at Roanoke Shops with used material).
- 18 maintenance of way camp cars (built at Roanoke Shops with used material).
- 10 maintenance of way flat cars (built at Roanoke shops with used material).
- 6 locomotive cranes.
- 1 tank car (built at Roanoke shops with used material).
- 9 ditching machines.
- 6 refrigerator cars.
- 1 automobile (used Ford sedan).
- 2 motorcycles with side cars.
- 1 automobile truck.

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS TO WAY AND STRUCTURES.

287.40 miles of track were laid with 130-lb. rail, making a total of 1,033.58 miles of track now laid with this weight of rail.

392,729 cubic yards of stone and 66,727 cubic yards of prepared slag were used in standard ballasting on the main line.

A third track between 5th Avenue and Big Four Interchange, Joyce Avenue Yard, Columbus, Ohio, was constructed.

Passing sidings aggregating 11.35 miles in length were constructed and extensions aggregating 11.11 miles were made to existing passing sidings.

Station buildings were constructed at Narrows, Va., and at Bradshaw, W. Va. The freight station at Lucasville, Ohio, was extended. At Lambert Point, Va., a warehouse for perishable freight was constructed and Pier "S" was extended.

The new freight classification yard at Williamson, W. Va., is nearing completion and will be put in operation about March, 1928. During the year additional office, shop and storage buildings were completed.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, the enlarged classification yards and terminals have been completed and placed in operation. During the year car repair yard and new coach yard facilities, including office, shop and storage buildings, were completed. A large re-icing station for refrigerating cars was also completed. Flood lights were installed, and car retarders and switches controlling thirty classification tracks were put in service.

A new yard with fourteen yard tracks and sundry running, car repair and wye tracks, etc., is in process of construction at Winston-Salem, N. C.

A track scale of 200 tons capacity was installed at Columbus, Ohio, for motion weighing, releasing one of 150 tons capacity removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, and one of 300 tons capacity, for motion weighing, was re-located at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Steel water storage tanks were erected as follows: One each of 200,000 gallons capacity at Pulaski and Bristol, Va., one each of 100,000 gallons capacity at Sampson, Stuarts Draft, Vesuvius and Payne, Va., at Morgan and Rift, W. Va., and at Delano and Williamsburg, Ohio. Service tanks of 50,000 gallons capacity each were erected at Clarkton, Va., at West Jefferson, N. C., and at Portsmouth, Ohio. The capacity of steel water storage tank at Eckman Yard was increased from 100,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons.

A concrete pump well, two electric centrifugal pumps with capacity of 750 gallons per minute each and 1½ miles of 10-inch cast iron water supply line were installed on Scioto River to provide an adequate water supply near Dorney, Ohio. An electric centrifugal pump of 3,500 gallons capacity per minute was installed at Peters Creek, Roanoke, Va. Electric centrifugal pumps were installed at Stuarts Draft, Henry, Payne, Ridgeway, Elliston, Richlands, Boody and Coeburn, Va., and at Williamson and Hatfield, W. Va. Four miles of 8-inch cast iron water pipe line, between Morgan and North Fork, were replaced by 2 miles of 12-inch cast iron pipe and 2 miles of 10-inch cast iron pipe, to increase capacity of Elkhorn water supply. 1,100 feet of 6-inch cast iron water pipe in Eckman Yard were replaced by 8-inch cast iron pipe.

Automatic signals were installed between Roanoke, Va., and Winston-Salem, N. C., Bluefield, W. Va., and Norton, Va., Tug Junction and Auville Yard and Dry Fork Junction and Auville Yard, W. Va.

Steel overhead highway bridges were constructed at Vinton and Rocky Mount, Va., a concrete overhead highway bridge at Shenandoah, Va., and a timber overhead highway bridge at Denniston, Va. Concrete undergrades were constructed at Rustburg and Pisgah, Va., at Durham, north and south of Stoneville and Winston-Salem, N. C. A reinforced concrete viaduct was constructed at Walnut Avenue, Roanoke, Va.

Twenty-two grade crossings were eliminated during the year, five by construction of overhead highway bridges, six by construction of undergrades and eleven by changes in road.

3.32 miles of fencing were built.

2,906 lineal feet of light steel bridges were replaced by standard steel structures.

1,222 lineal feet of light steel bridges were replaced with fit steel doubled.

410 lineal feet of timber trestle were filled, 472 feet were replaced with fit steel, 90 feet with concrete slabs, 100 feet with reinforced concrete culvert and 138 feet with creosoted timber ballast deck.

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES.

The expenses for Maintenance of Way and Structures were as follows:

	1927.	1926.	Decrease.	Per Cent.
Total Expenses	\$15,711,540.40	\$16,413,152.12	\$701,611.72	4.27
Average per mile of road operated	7,008.61	7,322.46	313.85	4.29
Average per mile of track operated	3,531.62	3,700.91	169.29	4.57

The expenses for Maintenance of Equipment were as follows:

	1927.	1926.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	Per Cent.
Total Maintenance of Equipment Expenses	\$21,261,404.42	\$21,215,215.26	+\$46,189.16	.2
In which are included:				
Steam Locomotives: Repairs, retirements and depreciation	9,913,600.14	10,650,060.92	-736,460.78	6.9
Average per locomotive	10,840.46	10,995.54	-155.08	1.4
Average per 1000 locomotive miles	444.86	449.48	-4.62	1.0
Electric Locomotives (Double-units): Repairs, retirements and depreciation	346,887.32	309,023.88	+37,863.44	12.3
Average per locomotive	21,680.46	19,313.99	+2,366.47	12.3
Average per 1,000 locomotive miles	702.11	499.10	+203.01	40.7
Freight Train Cars: Repairs, retirements and depreciation	7,546,765.14	6,853,826.79	+692,938.35	10.1
Average per freight car	159.58	149.86	+9.72	6.5
Average per 1,000 tons one mile	.50	.41	+.09	22.0
Passenger Train Cars: Repairs, retirements and depreciation	924,669.88	923,682.01	+987.87	.1
Average per passenger car	1,817.25	1,876.14	-58.89	3.1
Average per 1,000 passengers one mile	4.58	4.16	+.42	10.1
Work Equipment: Repairs, retirements and depreciation	311,698.01	387,453.84	-75,755.83	19.6

There were in the shops undergoing and awaiting classified repairs at the close of the year 61 locomotives (41 of which needed only light repairs), or 6.8 per cent., 13 passenger cars, or 2.4 per cent., and 490 freight and work equipment cars, or 1.0 per cent.

TRAFFIC AND OPERATING REVENUE COMPARISONS.

Comparison of traffic and operating revenue figures with those of the preceding year shows the following changes:

Number of passengers, 3,603,429	decreased	565,831	13.57%
Average haul of passengers, 56.08 miles	increased	2.88 miles	5.41%
Revenue from passenger fares, \$6,893,707.60	decreased	\$769,786.03	10.04%
Average rate per passenger per mile, 3.412 cents	decreased	.043 cents	1.24%
Revenue freight carried, 54,846,560 tons	decreased	3,341,517 tons	5.74%
Average haul of freight, 273.93 miles	decreased	13.40 miles	4.66%
Revenue from freight transportation, \$99,992,235.10	decreased	\$8,711,227.49	8.01%
Average rate per ton per mile, .666 cents	increased	.016 cents	2.46%
Average tons of revenue freight per train mile, 1,464.61	decreased	18.81 tons	1.27%
Shipments of coal, 42,641,359 tons	decreased	2,965,888 tons	6.50%
Shipments of coke, 278,995 tons	decreased	192,962 tons	40.89%
Shipments of ore, 533,816 tons	decreased	267,971 tons	33.42%
Shipments of pig and bloom iron, 144,399 tons	decreased	73,847 tons	33.84%
Shipments of lumber, 1,521,575 tons	decreased	72,275 tons	4.53%

Passenger traffic and revenue continue to show declining figures, the result of the steady growth in the use of automobiles, both private and public. In the last eleven years every year but one shows a decrease in number of passengers carried compared with the preceding year, and while to some extent this has been offset by increased rates and an increase in the average haul, nevertheless for the last five years revenue also has steadily declined.

TAXES.

Accruals for taxes in the year amounted to \$10,300,000, a decrease of \$775,000, or 7.00 per cent., less than for the year 1926. This amount was made up of United States Government taxes, \$4,750,000, and State, County, and Municipal taxes, \$5,550,000. United States Government taxes show a decrease compared with previous year, due to reduction in earnings. State, County and Municipal taxes show an increase due to higher assessments.

The percentage of Net Revenue from Operations consumed by taxes for the year ending December 31st, 1927, was 24.97 per cent., comparing with 22.62 per cent. in 1918.

RELIEF AND PENSION DEPARTMENT.

At the close of the year the Relief Fund had 21,979 members, equivalent to 77.19 per cent. of the total number of employees, a decrease in the year of 881 members and an increase of 7.05 per cent. in ratio of members to employees. The members of the Fund contributed during the year \$792,774.37 and the Fund received additional income of \$62,426.46 from interest. Against these total receipts of \$855,200.83 death benefits aggregating \$174,818.38 and sickness and accident disability benefits aggregating \$393,236.63 were paid, leaving a balance of \$287,145.82 which was added to the Fund's credit balance now standing at \$1,634,817.70, comparing with \$1,347,671.88 on December 31st, 1926. In the same period the Company paid the operating expenses of the Fund amounting to \$142,093.92.

At the close of the year there were 660 employees on the Pension Roll, a net increase of 63 in the year, with an average pension of \$583.08 per annum, compared with an average pension of \$550.20 per annum at the close of 1926.

PENSION RESERVE FUND.

In December, 1927, your Directors appropriated from Surplus the sum of \$566,000, which was paid over to the Trus-

tees of the Pension Reserve Fund, this amount being figured from actuarial tables as sufficient to take care of pensions to the 109 employees retired in the year 1927, so long as they may live. The total amount appropriated to date for this purpose is \$2,756,000. In 1927 the Fund received \$93,723.17 from interest and profit on sales of securities and paid \$358,463.22, in reimbursement for pension payments by the Company. At the close of the year the Trustees held securities of a face value of \$2,397,000, costing with accrued interest \$2,241,885.50, and \$721.62 in cash.

POCAHONTAS COAL AND COKE COMPANY.

Earnings for the year 1927 from royalties on total output of coal mined and coke manufactured were \$1,513,614.78 and from other sources \$129,256.27, making total earnings of \$1,642,871.05 compared with \$1,841,264.28 in 1926. Operating expenses were \$173,541.42 and taxes \$172,108.07, leaving net earnings of \$1,297,221.56. Sinking fund and interest on funded debt, with other deductions, resulted in net income of \$378,551.49, a decrease of \$74,765.69 from that of the preceding year. The output of coal from the Company's leased property in 1927 was 14,523,989 tons and of coke 14,284 tons.

Under the sinking fund provision of the Pocahontas Coal Lands Purchase Money First Mortgage, dated December 2, 1901, \$363,671.09 accrued from royalties on coal mined during the calendar year 1927. From the beginning of the operation of the sinking fund in 1906 to December 31st, 1927, the accruals from royalties have aggregated \$6,135,046.96 and those from sales of lands \$221,986.95, a total of \$6,357,033.91 applicable to the purchase and retirement of mortgage bonds. Through this fund \$6,733,000 of bonds had been purchased and canceled to December 31st, 1927, and \$378,000 subsequent thereto. The outstanding bonds on December 31st, 1927, were \$13,267,000 and at the date of this report \$12,889,000 out of original issue of \$20,000,000.

A further payment of \$324,000 has been made on account of indebtedness incurred in previous years to meet fixed charges; this indebtedness has now been reduced to \$645,000.

EDWARD H. HARRIMAN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL.

On December 28th, 1927, your Company was honored by being awarded the Edward H. Harriman Memorial Gold Medal for the utmost progress in safety and accident prevention during the year 1926. This medal is annually awarded by the American Museum of Safety to the Class I railroad which during the preceding year has achieved the best result in the prevention of accidents. Your Company showed marked improvement in every phase of its accident prevention work, reducing by 28 per cent. the number of persons killed and by 15 per cent. the number injured during 1926 as compared with 1925, although in 1926 there was an increase of 8.57 per cent. in the number of miles run by locomotives. The Award Committee was so impressed with the showing made that all members of the Committee commented upon it as one of the outstanding examples in recent years of the results of applying intelligent safety methods in a practical way to railway operation.

It is recognized that this honor could only have been won by the loyalty, efficiency and interest of the men and women who constitute the Norfolk and Western family, through whom the Company's safety record has been achieved.

CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION.

Lucian H. Cocke Jr., formerly Assistant General Attorney, was appointed General Attorney, effective February 1st, 1928.

The Board expresses to the officers and employees its appreciation of the fidelity and efficiency with which they have served the Company throughout the year.

By order of the Board of Directors.

A. C. NEEDLES, President.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1927.

ASSETS.

Comparison with
Dec. 31 1926.

Investments:			
Investment in Road and Equipment:			
Road	\$296,660,827.61		+\$12,706,922.82
Equipment owned	\$85,336,543.45		
Equipment in Trust	39,520,165.72	124,856,709.17	+7,742,392.23
			\$421,517,536.78
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold			22,689.78
Miscellaneous Physical Property			4,097,109.77
			+12,954.52
			+16,498.30
Investments in Affiliated Companies:			
Stocks	\$2,077,341.42		
Bonds	264,407.50		-183,132.50
Advances	5,808,436.70		+1,088,909.19
			8,150,185.62
Other Investments:			
Stocks	\$25,000.00		-4,696.40
Bonds	22,873,465.14		-4,056,479.79
			22,898,465.14
Total Investments			\$456,685,987.09
Current Assets:			
Cash:			
In Treasury	\$4,256,719.58		
In Transit	210,297.57		
Held in Trust for Relief Fund	68,909.25		
		\$4,535,926.40	-1,149,988.88
Loans and Bills Receivable		101,719.06	-73,219.75
Traffic and Car-Service Balances Receivable		1,498,066.06	-78,334.11
Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors		303,196.77	-14,068.24
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable		1,368,233.05	-269,022.42
Material and Supplies		13,862,625.90	+155,418.70
Interest and Dividends Receivable		123,008.29	-26,070.35
Other Current Assets		44,307.44	-30,390.24
Total Current Assets			21,837,082.97
Deferred Assets:			
Working Fund Advances	\$15,153.72		+5,361.00
Trustees for Norfolk and Western Pension Reserve Fund	2,250,158.85		+308,857.05
Norfolk and Western Railway Company and Pocohontas Coal and Coke Company Joint Purchase Money Mortgage Bonds	13,267,000.00		-463,000.00
Cost of Securities held in trust for Relief Fund	1,565,908.45		+284,643.93
Other Accounts	85,800.00		-5,750.00
Total Deferred Assets			17,184,021.02
Unadjusted Debits:			
Rents and Insurance Premiums paid in advance	\$27,327.30		-67,143.51
Discount on Funded Debt	1,702,753.14		-205,519.60
Other Unadjusted Debits	4,007,465.66		-1,018,500.75
Securities Issued or Assumed—Unpledged			
Par Value of holdings at close of year	\$163,100.00		
Total Unadjusted Debits			5,737,546.04
			\$501,444,637.12
			+\$14,676,641.20

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock:			
Adjustment Preferred	\$23,000,000.00		
Held in Treasury	7,700.00		
Common	\$140,008,700.00	\$22,992,300.00	
Held in Treasury	2,400.00	140,006,300.00	+\$436,000.00
Total Capital Stock			\$162,998,600.00
Long Term Debt:			
Mortgage Bonds	\$95,301,500.00		
Held in Treasury	13,000.00	\$95,288,500.00	
Convertible Bonds		1,158,300.00	-436,000.00
Equipment Obligations	\$20,150,000.00		
Held in Treasury	140,000.00	20,010,000.00	-3,175,000.00
Total Long Term Debt			116,456,800.00
Current Liabilities:			
Traffic and Car-Service—Balances Payable	\$557,090.26		-92,624.20
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable	4,194,381.53		-1,225,857.11
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable	\$523,705.66		
Relief Fund (Cash held in trust)	68,909.25	592,614.91	-8,775.22
Interest Matured Unpaid	53,865.00		-1,151.00
Dividends Matured Unpaid	9,821.75		-296.75
Funded Debt Matured Unpaid	6,000.00		
Unmatured Dividends Declared	229,923.00		
Unmatured Interest Accrued	1,591,655.00		-42,245.25
Total Current Liabilities			7,235,351.45
Deferred Liabilities:			
Cost of Securities Purchased for Relief Fund	\$1,565,908.45		+284,643.93
Other Accounts	84,840.98		-176,392.12
Total Deferred Liabilities			1,650,749.43
Joint Liabilities:			
Norfolk and Western Railway Company and Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company Joint Purchase Money Mortgage Bonds		13,267,000.00	-463,000.00
Unadjusted Credits:			
Tax Liability	\$7,070,922.00		-756,573.55
Insurance and Casualty Reserves	184,197.88		-1,233,514.88
Accrued Depreciation—Road	10,221,822.70		-2,260,830.40
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment	30,391,159.46		+2,787,440.55
Accrued Depreciation—Miscellaneous Physical Property	877,945.11		+138,621.28
Other Unadjusted Credits	2,832,457.55		+1,697,898.34
Total Unadjusted Credits			51,578,504.70
Corporate Surplus:			
Norfolk and Western Pension Reserve	\$2,250,158.85		+308,857.05
(Held by independent Trustees.)			
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus:			
Road	\$21,049,831.23		
Equipment	23,305,026.27	44,354,857.50	+72,905.80
Total Appropriated Surplus			\$46,605,016.35
Profit and Loss—Balance			101,652,615.19
Total Corporate Surplus			148,257,631.54
			\$501,444,637.12
			+\$14,676,641.20

PARAMOUNT FAMOUS LASKY CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1927.

ASSETS

Cash (includes \$6,856,000 net proceeds of Gold Loan, released by Trustee Feb. 1 1928)	\$20,427,891.94	
Less Reserved for retirement of Preferred Stock	9,144,543.35	
		\$11,283,348.59
Bills Receivable		171,877.33
Accounts Receivable:		
Advances to subsidiary companies (not consolidated)	1,026,407.44	
Advances to outside producers (secured by film)	2,367,766.78	
Film customers and sundries	2,482,262.12	
		5,876,436.34
Inventory:		
Released productions, cost less depletion	\$10,412,784.72	
Completed productions, not yet released for exhibition	9,093,897.56	
Productions in process of completion	1,304,911.45	
Scenarios and other costs applicable to future productions	1,476,315.51	
Rights to plays, etc. (at cost)	1,071,095.42	
		23,359,004.66
Securities		583,062.52
Total current and working assets		\$41,273,729.44
Deposits to secure contracts		882,757.19
Investments in subsidiary and affiliated companies (not consolidated) including undistributed share of earnings of Balaban & Katz Corporation		24,532,595.41
Land, buildings, leases and equipment after depreciation, after giving effect to appreciation in land values of \$9,640,000, based on independent appraisals		80,843,609.84
Deferred charges		4,320,246.29
Goodwill representing premiums paid for capital stocks of consolidated subsidiaries, after applying \$9,640,000 appreciation in land values, based on independent appraisals		5,074,029.58
TOTAL ASSETS		\$156,926,967.75

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Bills Payable		\$3,100,000.00
Accounts Payable		2,131,914.19
Owing to subsidiary companies (not consolidated)		88,397.64
Excise taxes, payrolls and sundries		1,927,755.88
Owing to outside producers and owners of royalty rights		933,200.52
Purchase money notes and mortgage bonds of subsidiary companies maturing serially within twelve months		1,601,972.01
Serial payments on investments due within twelve months		3,489,983.08
1927 Federal taxes (estimated)		770,000.00
Reserve for dividend declared on Common Stock, payable January 3, 1928		1,177,948.00
Total current liabilities		\$15,221,171.32
Advance payments of film rentals, etc. (self-liquidating)		686,055.27
Purchase money notes and mortgage bonds of subsidiary companies maturing serially after one year		36,008,515.34
Serial payments on investments due after one year (\$610,605 payable in advance of maturity on notice from holder)		9,144,309.99
Twenty year 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds		16,000,000.00
Appropriated Surplus and other reserves		755,370.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$77,815,422.13
Interest of minority stockholders in capital and surplus of subsidiary companies		778,478.56
Capital (represented by):		
Preferred Stock (called for retirement February 1, 1928, at 120 and accrued dividends):		
Outstanding (74,949 shares, \$100.00 par value)	\$7,495,462.20	
Premium and Accrued Dividends to February 1, 1928	1,649,081.15	
Total	\$9,144,543.35	
Cash in hands of Trustee, reserved therefor	9,144,543.35	
Common Stock (687,259 shares of no par value, including 98,263 shares issued December 27, 1927, not entitled to dividend paid January 3, 1928)	\$62,824,629.62	
Surplus	15,508,437.44	
		\$78,333,067.06
Contingent Mortgage liability of subsidiary companies	\$993,500.00	
Contingent liability on investment notes discounted	3,628,000.00	
		\$4,621,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		\$156,926,967.75

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927.

Profit for 12 months	\$8,662,712.69
Less: Provision for Federal taxes	604,714.93
Balance carried to surplus	*\$8,057,997.76
* Including \$786,420.87 undistributed earnings applicable to 65% of common stock owned in Balaban & Katz Corporation.	

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT AT DECEMBER 31, 1927.

Surplus at January 1, 1927	\$15,733,422.23
Less: Surplus appropriated to retire preferred stock and for other non-operating reserves	1,874,404.69
	\$13,859,017.54
Add: Profit for 12 months to December 31, 1927, after providing for Federal taxes	8,057,997.76
	\$21,917,015.30
Less Dividends:	
On common stock (paid and reserved in 1927):	
In cash	\$4,638,369.86
In stock	1,155,622.00
On preferred stock (paid and reserved in 1927)	614,586.00
	6,408,577.86
Surplus at December 31, 1927	\$15,508,437.44

We have examined the accounts of the Paramount Famous Lasky Corporation and its subsidiaries for the twelve months ending December 31, 1927, and certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss and surplus accounts correctly set forth the financial position of the Paramount Famous Lasky Corporation and its subsidiary companies at December 31, 1927, and the results of operations for the twelve months ending on that date.

March 30, 1928.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

THE HOCKING VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927.

Columbus, Ohio, February 29, 1928.

To the Stockholders:

The Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1927, is herewith submitted.

The average mileage operated during the year was 348.57 miles, the same as the average mileage operated during the previous year. The mileage at end of the year was 348.57 miles. See schedule on page 12 [Pamphlet Report].

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR.

Operating Revenues.....	\$21,042,515.37
(Increase \$1,492,256.89 or 7.63%.)	
Operating Expenses.....	13,508,215.78
(Decrease \$317,895.33 or 2.30%.)	
Net Operating Revenue.....	\$ 7,534,299.59
(Increase \$1,810,152.22 or 31.62%.)	
Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenue.....	1,522,619.62
(Increase \$199,287.51 or 14.28%.)	
Railway Operating Income.....	\$ 6,011,679.97
(Increase \$1,619,864.71 or 36.88%.)	
Net Equipment and Joint Facility Rents,—Dr.....	1,080,914.17
(Increase \$886,134.39 or 454.94%.)	
Net Railway Operating Income.....	\$ 4,930,765.80
(Increase \$733,730.32 or 17.48%.)	
Other Income.....	243,770.19
(Decrease \$3,661.52 or 1.48%.)	
Total Gross Income.....	\$ 5,174,535.99
(Increase \$730,068.80 or 16.43%.)	
Rentals and Other Payments.....	58,782.17
(Decrease \$9,388.19 or 13.77%.)	
Income for the year available for interest.....	\$ 5,115,753.82
(Increase \$739,456.99 or 16.90%.)	
Interest (26.67% of amount available).....	1,364,360.77
(Decrease \$270,128.85 or 16.53%.)	
Income Balance, for the year.....	\$ 3,751,393.05
Dividends paid during the year:	
One dividend of 2%.....	\$219,990.00
Three dividends of 2½% each, aggregating.....	824,962.50
	1,044,952.50
Balance, devoted to improvement of physical and other assets.....	\$ 2,706,440.55

FINANCIAL.

The changes in funded debt shown by balance sheet of December 31, 1927, as compared with December 31, 1926, consisted of (a) the payment of \$627,088.72 on equipment trusts, and (b) the retirement and cancellation, by the Trustee, of \$6,000 face amount First Consolidated Mortgage Four and One-half Per Cent. Gold Bonds, through the Sinking Fund provision of the mortgage.

During the year, the \$6,000,000 face amount of Six-Months Five Per Cent. Secured Gold Notes matured March 1, 1927, of which \$1,000,000 face amount was paid and retired, and the remaining \$5,000,000 face amount was paid by the refunding issue of \$5,000,000 face amount of Six-Months Four and One-Half Per cent. Secured Gold Notes, due September 1, 1927; and the latter notes, upon maturity September 1, 1927, were paid and retired. The collateral which had been used to secure these notes, consisting of \$7,500,000 face amount Six Per Cent. General Mortgage Bonds, Series A, was released and placed in your Company's treasury as follows: \$1,250,000 face amount upon the maturity March 1, 1927 of the first named notes, and \$6,250,000 face amount upon the maturity September 1, 1927 of the last named notes.

An analysis of the property accounts will be found on pages 16 and 17 [pamphlet report], by reference to which it will be seen that a net deduction of \$1,484,181.67 was made during the year, \$424,276.64 having been added to cost of road, and \$1,908,458.31 deducted from cost of equipment.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Approximately 1.96 miles of yard tracks at Columbus and 1.96 miles of yard tracks at Parsons were completed and placed in service.

Erection of a 50,000 gallon steel water tank at Starr, replacing a 40,000 gallon wooden tank, 20 feet by 16 feet, is under way and will be completed early in 1928.

The work of separating grades at Dennison Avenue, Columbus, required by the City authorities which was reported as well under way in 1926, was completed and placed in service in 1927.

A 200-ton track scale was installed and placed in service at Fostoria, replacing one of 80 tons capacity.

Modern flasher light type highway crossing signals, replacing crossing alarm bells, were installed at Pemberville, Bradner, Harpster, Lancaster, Beaumont, Vinton, Addison and Gallipolis. Modern flasher light type highway crossing signals, replacing crossing watchmen, were installed at Delaware, and at Lane Avenue, Columbus.

Two single track steel bridges removed from the Toledo Division during second track construction in 1925 were installed between Kerrs and Gallipolis, replacing two timber trestles.

Concrete box culvert was installed at Rockwell Junction replacing two timber trestles.

	1927.	1926.	
Operating Revenues were.....	\$21,042,515.37	\$19,550,258.48	Inc. \$1,492,256.89
Net Operating Revenues were.....	7,534,299.59	5,724,147.37	Inc. 1,810,152.22
Operating Ratio.....	64.2%	70.7%	Dec. 6.5%
Tons of Revenue Freight carried One Mile.....	2,902,014,167	2,596,271,626	Inc. 305,742,541
Revenue Train Load—			
Tons.....	1,712	1,574	Inc. 138
Revenue Tons per Loaded Car.....	48.2	47.7	Inc. .5

The revenue coal and coke tonnage was 21,215,777 tons, an increase of 13.4%; other revenue freight tonnage was 4,138,881 tons, a decrease of 1.1%. Total revenue tonnage was 25,354,658 tons, an increase of 10.7%. Freight revenue was \$18,203,367.76, an increase of 7.1%. Freight train mileage was 1,694,818 miles, an increase of 2.7%. Revenue ton miles were 2,902,014,167, an increase of 11.8%. Ton mile revenue was 6.27 mills, a decrease of 4.3%. Revenue per freight train mile was \$10.741, an increase of 4.3%. Revenue tonnage per train mile was 1,712 tons, an increase of 8.8%; including Company's freight, the tonnage per train mile was 1,755 tons, an increase of 8.7%. Tonnage per locomotive, including Company's freight, was 1,479 tons, an increase of 7.7%. Revenue tonnage per loaded car was 48.2 tons, an increase of 1.0%. Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road were 8,325,485, an increase of 11.8%.

There were 359,558 passengers carried, a decrease of 5.8%. The number of passengers carried one mile was 25,308,091, an increase of 4.6%. Passenger revenue was \$797,311.84, an increase of 1.5%. Revenue per passenger per mile was 3.150 cents, a decrease of 3.0%. The number of passengers carried one mile per mile of road was 72,605, an increase of 4.6%. Passenger train mileage was 702,851, an increase of 12.7%. Passenger revenue per train mile was \$1.134, a decrease of 9.9%; including mail and express it was \$1.448, a decrease of 10.6%. Passenger service train revenue per train mile was \$1.492, a decrease of 10.7%. References were made in reports for last four years to the decrease in the number of local passengers carried and in the revenue therefrom due to the establishment of motor bus lines and increased use of private motor cars. In 1927 there was a further decrease of 9.5% in the number of local passengers carried and 1.2% in the revenue therefrom due partly to the same causes. There was an increase of 5.4% in the revenue from through passengers.

There were 2,411 tons of new 130-lb. rails, equal to 11.80 track miles, 3,314 tons of new 100-lb. rails, equal to 21.09 track miles, and 1 ton of new 90-lb. rails, equal to .01 track miles, used in existing main tracks.

There were 298,770 cross ties and 112,790 yards of ballast used in maintaining existing tracks, an increase of 15,847 cross ties and an increase of 35,136 yards of ballast.

The average amount expended for repairs per locomotive was \$11,724.86, an increase of 18.2%; per passenger train car \$3,317.77, an increase of 81.4%; and per freight train car \$127.51, a decrease of 15.2%.

During the year, hearings were concluded before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and briefs filed respecting the tentative valuations as of valuation date, June 30, 1917, served on your Company and its two carrier subsidiaries (The Wellston and Jackson Belt Railway Company and the Pomeroy Belt Railway Company) on October 29, 1926.

Appreciative acknowledgment is hereby made to officers and employees for their efficient service during the year.

By order of the Board of Directors.

W. J. HARAHAH, *President.*

O. P. VAN SWERINGEN, *Chairman.*

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1927.

ASSETS.		
<i>Investments—</i>		
Investment in Road and Equipment:		
Road.....	\$39,964,277.67	
Equipment.....	17,741,118.57	\$57,705,396.24
Sinking Funds.....		63.05
Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold.....		1,083,047.75
(Includes \$847,902.85,—see Contra)		
Investments in Affiliated Companies,—Pledged:		
Stocks.....	\$ 108,088.66	
Bonds.....	300,000.00	408,088.66
Investments in Affiliated Companies,—Unpledged:		
Stocks.....	\$ 694.00	
Bonds.....	196,451.80	
Notes.....	1,410,000.00	
Advances.....	112,602.45	1,719,748.25
Other Investments:		
Bonds.....		326,000.00
Total Investments.....		\$61,242,343.95
<i>Current Assets—</i>		
Cash.....	\$778,705.81	
Time Drafts and Deposits.....	100,000.00	
Special Deposits.....	402,512.59	
Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable.....	613,043.97	
Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors.....	110,813.44	
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....	464,263.04	
Material and Supplies.....	916,946.55	
Interest and Dividends Receivable.....	41,758.74	
Other Current Assets.....	959.16	3,429,003.21
<i>Deferred Assets—</i>		
Working Fund Advances.....	\$5,397.95	
Insurance and Other Funds.....	107,733.72	113,131.67
<i>Unadjusted Debits—</i>		
Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....	\$1,986.67	
Other Unadjusted Debits.....	209,679.38	
Securities Issued or Assumed—Unpledged:		
Capital Stock—Common (see Contra).....	\$500.00	
General Mortgage 6% Bonds (see Contra).....	\$12,801,000.00	12,801,500.00
Total.....		13,013,166.05
		<u>\$77,797,644.88</u>
<i>LIABILITIES.</i>		
<i>Capital Stock—</i>		
Common.....		\$11,000,000.00
(Includes \$500.00—see Contra)		
<i>Funded Debt—</i>		
First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% Bonds.....	1999 \$15,889,000.00	
First Mortgage C. & H. V. R. R. 4% Bonds.....	1948 1,401,000.00	
First Mortgage C. & T. R. R. 4% Bonds.....	1955 2,441,000.00	
Equipment Trust Obligations.....	6,699,902.85	26,430,902.85
(Includes \$847,902.85—see Contra)		
Held by or for the Company:		
General Mortgage 6% Bonds (see Contra).....		12,801,000.00
<i>Other Debt—</i>		
Non-negotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies:		
Open Accounts.....		63,399.64
<i>Working Liabilities—</i>		
Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable.....	\$341,846.70	
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable.....	1,136,228.27	
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	51,236.62	
Interest Matured Unpaid.....	403,545.00	
Unmatured Interest Accrued.....	133,123.33	
Other Working Liabilities.....	10,283.88	2,076,263.80
<i>Deferred Liabilities—</i>		
Other Deferred Liabilities.....		37,569.08
<i>Unadjusted Credits—</i>		
Tax Liability.....	\$1,052,373.08	
Insurance and Casualty Reserves.....	107,733.72	
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment.....	4,741,097.37	
Other Unadjusted Credits.....	766,208.93	6,667,413.10
<i>Corporate Surplus—</i>		
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus.....	\$312,106.74	
Funded Debt Retired through Income and Surplus.....	138,756.90	
Miscellaneous Fund Reserves.....	41,091.78	
Appropriated Surplus not Specifically Invested.....	13,405.25	
Total Appropriated Surplus.....	\$505,360.67	
Profit and Loss—Credit Balance.....	18,215,735.74	18,721,096.41
Total.....		<u>\$77,797,644.88</u>

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT— FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927.

Richmond, Va., March 31, 1928.

To the Stockholders:

The Fiftieth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1927, is herewith submitted:

The average mileage operated during the year was 2,677.71 miles, an increase over the previous year of 31.40 miles. The mileage at the end of the year was 2,705.62 miles, an increase of 54.67 miles over mileage on December 31, 1926. See schedule on page 13 [Pamphlet Report].

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR.

Operating Revenues.....	\$133,042,174.28
(Decrease \$931,856.34, or 0.70%)	
Operating Expenses.....	89,733,036.66
(Decrease \$1,237,751.68, or 1.36%)	
Net Operating Revenue.....	\$43,309,137.62
(Increase \$305,895.34, or 0.71%)	
Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues.....	8,773,641.73
(Increase \$518,018.62, or 6.27%)	
Railway Operating Income.....	\$34,535,495.89
(Decrease \$212,123.28, or 0.61%)	
Net Equipment and Joint Facility Rents.....	1,785,334.39
(Decrease \$478,070.97, or 21.12%)	
Net Railway Operating Income.....	\$36,320,830.28
(Decrease \$690,194.25, or 1.86%)	
Miscellaneous Income.....	2,092,324.23
(Decrease \$312,069.15, or 12.98%)	
Total Gross Income.....	\$38,413,154.51
(Decrease \$1,002,263.40, or 2.54%)	
Rental and Other Payments.....	634,670.67
(Increase \$83,626.42, or 15.18%)	
Income for year available for interest.....	\$37,778,483.84
(Decrease \$1,085,889.82, or 2.79%)	
Interest (24.62% of amount available) amounted to.....	9,299,241.93
(Decrease \$397,625.56, or 4.10%)	
Net Income for the year applicable to dividends and other corporate purposes.....	\$28,479,241.91
(Decrease \$688,264.26, or 2.36%)	
Dividend of 6½% on Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series "A".....	\$99,816.86
Less—Adjustment account Preferred Stock converted into Common Stock during December 1927, after December 8 1927, the date as of which stockholders of record were entitled to dividends.....	38.83
	99,778.03
Net Income equivalent to 24.09% of \$117,809,300 Common Stock outstanding December 31 1927.....	\$28,379,463.88
Common Stock Dividend—	
2% on amount of stock held by stockholders of record March 8 1927.....	\$2,343,324.00
2½% on amount of stock held by stockholders of record June 8 1927.....	2,937,075.00
2½% on amount of stock held by stockholders of record September 8 1927.....	2,940,970.00
2½% on amount of stock held by stockholders of record December 12 1927.....	2,944,225.00
	\$11,165,594.00
Less—Adjustment account of conversions of 6½% Series "A" Preferred Stock converted into Common Stock during year.....	4,960.43
	11,160,633.57
Remainder, available for payments of principal amounts of Equipment Trusts and improvement of physical and other assets.....	\$17,218,830.31

FINANCIAL.

On page 5 of the Forty-ninth Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1926, reference was made to resolution of the Board of Directors passed at meeting held June 25, 1926, respecting the redemption of five per cent. Convertible Secured Gold Bonds on or after October 1, 1926, at 105 and accrued interest to said redemption date. As of December 31, 1927, \$26,000 of these bonds were outstanding, the interest on which subsequent to October 1, 1926, had not accrued.

During the year, your Company's 6½ per cent. Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Series "A," which is convertible into Common Capital Stock on the basis of share for share, amounting to \$759,000 was converted into a like amount of Common Capital Stock. As of December 31, 1927, the amount of 6½ per cent. Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Series "A" outstanding was \$1,184,500.

The amount of Common Capital Stock and Scrip issued and outstanding as of December 31, 1927, was \$117,820,391.66, an increase during the year of \$759,000, which in-

crease was caused by the conversion of 6½ per cent. Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Series "A" as stated in the preceding paragraph of this report.

On page 5 of the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1926, reference was made to the incorporation of the Virginia Transportation Corporation, and the acquisition by your Company of the entire issue of Capital Stock of Said Corporation, which, as of December 31, 1927, owned shares of stock of Erie Railroad Company as follows:

137,405 shares First Preferred acquired at an average price of \$47.209 per share.

50,495 shares Second Preferred acquired at an average price of \$44.936 per share.

357,300 shares Common acquired at an average price of \$38.571 per share.

and also shares of stock of Pere Marquette Railway Company as follows:

2,100 shares Prior Preference acquired at an average price of \$93.194 per share.

12,600 shares Preferred acquired at an average price of \$90.287 per share.

2,300 shares Common acquired at an average price of \$117.565 per share.

On February 11, 1927, your Company made application to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for authority to acquire all the shares of the capital stock of Erie Railroad Company and Pere Marquette Railway Company for which this Company then held options (as shown on page 5 of the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1926), and also additional shares thereof sufficient to constitute, together with the above mentioned shares owned by the Virginia Transportation Corporation, all or at least a numerical majority of the entire capital stocks of said Erie Railroad Company and of said Pere Marquette Railway Company. Hearings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission with respect to said application began on May 10, 1927, and closed on June 22, 1927. Subsequently briefs were submitted and oral argument was heard before the full Commission on November 1, 1927. At the time of the printing of this report the Commission had not announced its decision.

The line of the Chesapeake and Hocking Railway Company between Gregg, Ohio, and Valley Crossing, Ohio, a distance of approximately 63 miles, was opened September 16, 1927, for operation by your Company under lease pursuant to order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in Finance Docket No. 5820 (117 I. C. C. 129). The cost of construction of this line as of December 31, 1927, was \$14,121,638.35, which amount has been, or will be, advanced by your Company, and for which the Chesapeake and Hocking Railway Company had on December 31, 1927, given to your Company promissory notes bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum maturing within two years for \$12,500,000, and your Company had on that date advanced on open account, \$850,000, a total of \$13,350,000.

In accordance with authority granted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in Finance Docket No. 5762, 124, I. C. C. 195, your Company purchased all of the Common Capital Stock, except two shares each, of the Sewell Valley Railroad Company and the Loop and Lookout Railroad Company. Pursuant to this authority on July 1, 1927, these two companies were leased to your Company, since which time the earnings and expenses thereof have been included with those of your Company. The cost of the Capital Stock of the Sewell Valley Railroad Company and the Loop and Lookout Railroad Company, including certain acquisitions of property and equipment at a cost of \$250,000, was \$1,150,000. Your Company is, by endorsement on each bond, the guarantor of the principal of and interest on \$300,000 of First Mortgage Five Per cent. Bonds of the Sewell Valley Railroad Company.

In accordance with authority granted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in Finance Docket No. 5762, your Company purchased, as of January 1, 1928, all of the Common Capital Stock of the Greenbrier and Eastern Railroad Company, the cost of which was \$1,250,000. Since January 1, 1928, this property has been operated under lease by your Company, the earnings and expenses of which have been included in your Company's income account.

The changes in funded debt in the hands of the public during the year were as follows:

4 percent Greenbrier Railway First Mortgage Bonds.....	\$11,000.00
4 percent Big Sandy Railway First Mortgage Bonds.....	43,000.00
4 percent Coal River Railway First Mortgage Bonds.....	27,000.00
5 percent Kanawha Bridge and Terminal Company First Mortgage Bonds.....	5,000.00
Equipment Trust Obligations.....	3,971,800.00
Decrease.....	\$4,057,800.00

GENERAL REMARKS.

The revenue coal and coke tonnage was 59,043,590, an increase of 4.7 per cent.; other freight tonnage was 11,979,673, an increase of 4.5 per cent. Total revenue tonnage was 71,023,263 tons, an increase of 4.7 per cent. Freight revenue was \$119,219,515.34, an increase of 0.1 per cent. Freight train mileage was 14,308,604 miles, a decrease of 3.5 per cent. Revenue ton miles were 19,333,964,686, a decrease of 2.3 per cent. Ton mile revenue was 6.17 mills, an increase of 2.5 per cent. Revenue per freight train mile was \$8.332, an increase of 3.7 per cent. Revenue tonnage per train mile was 1,351 tons, an increase of 1.2 per cent.; including Company's freight, the tonnage per train mile was 1,411 tons, an increase of 1.6 per cent. Tonnage per locomotive mile, including Company's freight, was 1,256 tons, a decrease of 0.1 per cent. Revenue tonnage per loaded car was 41.0 tons, a decrease of 1.7 per cent. Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road were 7,220,363, a decrease of 3.5 per cent.

There were 5,127,188 passengers carried, a decrease of 4.5 per cent. The number carried one mile was 248,436,654, a decrease of 6.1 per cent. Passenger Revenue was \$8,554,924.32, a decrease of 5.8 per cent. Revenue per passenger per mile was 3.444 cents, an increase of 0.3 per cent. Number of passengers carried one mile per mile of road was 99,630, a decrease of 6.5 per cent. Passenger train mileage was 5,527,865, a decrease of 1.2 per cent. Passenger revenue per train mile was \$1.548, a decrease of 4.7 per cent.; including mail and express, it was \$1.934, a decrease of 2.8 per cent. Pas-

senger Service Train Revenue per train mile was \$1.991, a decrease of 2.9 per cent.

Operating Expenses decreased \$1,237,751.68, or 1.4 per cent. Transportation Expenses decreased \$873,308.84, or 2.4 per cent. Ratio of Transportation Expenses to Operating Revenues was 26.7 per cent. in 1927 and 27.2 per cent. in 1926. Revenue ton miles decreased 2.3 per cent.

Equipment, Roadway, Track and Structures were maintained in good condition throughout the year.

There were 47,085.9 tons of new rail (16,208.7 tons 130 lb. 30,874.5 tons 100 lb., 2.7 tons 90 lb.), equal to 275.8 miles of track used in renewal of existing track, a decrease of 69.5 miles of track renewed with new rail.

There were 1,158,718 cross ties used in maintaining existing tracks, a decrease of 46,020.

There were 871,777 cubic yards of ballast (420,831 cubic yards stone), used in maintaining existing tracks, a decrease of 70,999 cubic yards.

The average amount expended for repairs per locomotive was \$10,043.16, a decrease of 2.4 per cent. under 1926, per passenger train car \$2,386.08, an increase of 14.8 per cent. over 1926, per freight train car \$177.31, a decrease of 3.3 per cent.

On September 16, 1927, the line of the Chesapeake and Hocking Railway Company was opened for traffic. This line extends between Gregg, Ohio, and Valley Crossing, Ohio, a distance of approximately 63 miles. Prior to the opening of this line, The Chesapeake and Ohio had been using the tracks of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company under a trackage agreement, made September 16, 1922, and which expired on September 15, 1927. This is one of the most important pieces of construction that has been completed by the Company for years and gives it its own tracks to a physical connection with the Hocking Valley Railway at Parsons Yard, Columbus. The line is a .2 per cent.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1927.

ASSETS.

TABLE 3. (Excluding Stocks and Bonds owned of The C. & O. Ry. Co. of Indiana and of The C. & O. Equipment Corporation.)

	Unpledged.	Pledged.	
<i>Investments—</i>			
Investment in Road and Equipment:			
Road.....			\$241,424,672.62
Equipment.....			130,532,579.02
Improvements on Leased Railway Property.....			\$371,957,251.64
Sinking Fund.....			285,783.19
Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold.....			334,655.09
Miscellaneous Physical Property.....			272,293.75
			462,023.72
<i>Investments in Affiliated Companies—</i>			
Stocks.....	\$35,527,193.80	\$11,213,999.44	46,741,193.24
Bonds.....	6,560,627.25	2,190,001.00	8,750,628.25
Notes.....	1,000,000.00	1.00	1,000,001.00
Advances.....	3,176,272.94		3,176,272.94
Other Investments—			59,668,095.43
Stocks.....	15,535.93		15,535.93
Bonds.....	80,001.00	385,000.00	465,001.00
Notes.....	1.00		1.00
Advances.....	56,345.81		56,345.81
Miscellaneous.....	1,700.00		1,700.00
Total Investments.....			538,583.74
<i>Current Assets—</i>			\$433,518,686.56
Cash in Treasury.....			
Cash in transit.....			\$3,925,555.25
Cash Deposit—Preferred Stock, Series "A" Proceeds.....			630,324.90
Cash Deposit—Special Fund for Additions and Betterments, New Equipment, Branch Lines, etc.....			610,740.37
Cash Deposits to pay Interest and Dividends.....			5,080,691.63
Miscellaneous Cash Deposits.....			3,749,429.16
Loans and Bills Receivable.....			63,705.83
Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable.....			12,853,675.06
Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors.....			3,980,622.44
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....			648,700.63
Material and Supplies.....			1,920,662.31
Interest and Dividends Receivable.....			4,964,772.36
Rents Receivable.....			409,037.21
Other Current Assets.....			18,866.48
Total Current Assets.....			13,433.76
<i>Deferred Assets—</i>			\$38,870,217.39
Working Fund Advances.....			11,619.53
Insurance and Other Funds.....			261,794.78
Other Deferred Assets.....			226,352.51
Total Deferred Assets.....			499,766.82
<i>Unadjusted Debits—</i>			
Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....			38,847.31
Other Unadjusted Debits.....			2,341,700.32
Securities Issued or Assumed:			
Common Capital Stock (see Contra).....	11,000.00		
First Lien and Improvement 5% Mtge Bonds (see Contra).....	50,488,000.00	24,557,000.00	75,045,000.00
General Mortgage 4½% Bonds (see Contra).....	552,000.00	487,000.00	1,039,000.00
First Mortgage, R. & S. W. Railway 4% Bonds (see Contra).....	40,000.00		40,000.00
Total Unadjusted Debits.....			78,504,547.63
Grand Total.....			\$551,393,218.40

grade with very light curvature, the use of which will produce many economies and will, in addition to expediting the movement of the business, provide, what is of more importance, adequate facilities to care for the expanding business of the Company.

During the year, the following sections of second track were completed and put in operation:

Logan Sub-Division—between Ranger and Gill.....	8.20 miles.
Northern Division—through Apex Cut from near M.P. 18 to near M. P. 19.....	1.37 miles.
at Gregg near Mile Post 28.....	.19 miles.
between Gregg and Valley Crossing new double track line.....	57.38 miles.

The Northern Division is now double tracked except from a point near Sciotoville, Ohio, to a point near Wheeler, Ohio, a distance of about 4½ miles.

At Minden, W. Va., empty and loaded tracks at Minden No. 4 Mine were extended; at Sproul, W. Va., new 100-car passing siding was constructed; at Shelby, Ky., cabooses track was built; at Cheviot, Ohio, eastbound yard was extended and new turntable track constructed; at Muncie, Ind., interchange track with Muncie and Western Railroad was constructed.

At Richmond, Va., pedestals Nos. 47 and 48 under Richmond Viaduct were rebuilt. Small bridges at Haxall, Va., Cardover, Va., and Meadow Creek, W. Va., were rebuilt; at Big Sandy Junction, Ky., 28 pedestals under the Hampton Approach to Bridge No. 5129 were rebuilt; at Vanceburg, Ky., Bridge No. 5722 was rebuilt and gauntlet eliminated; at Williams Creek, Ky., Bridge No. 5379-L was re-

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1927.

LIABILITIES.

(Excluding Stocks and Bonds owned of The C. & O. R'y Co. of Indiana and of The C. & O. Equipment Corporation.)

<i>Capital Stock—</i>		
Common.....		\$117,820,391.66
6½% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock—Series "A".....		1,184,500.00
First Preferred (To be retired under plan of February 23 1892).....		3,000.00
Second Preferred (To be retired under plan of February 23, 1892).....		200.00
Common—The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company of Indiana.....		1,200.00
		\$119,009,291.66
Less—held by or for the Company at date (Common)—(See Contra).....		11,000.00
Total Stock outstanding with public.....		\$118,998,291.66
<i>Funded Debt—</i>		
General Funding and Improvement 5% Bonds.....1929	3,698,000.00	
Convertible 4½% Bonds.....1930	31,390,000.00	
First Mortgage R. & S. W. Railway 4% Bonds.....1936	767,000.00	
First Consolidated Mortgage, 5% Bonds.....1939	30,000,000.00	
First Mortgage, Craig Valley Branch, 5% Bonds.....1940	650,000.00	
First Mortgage, Greenbrier Railway, 4% Bonds.....1940	1,588,000.00	
First Mortgage, Warm Springs Branch, 5% Bonds.....1941	400,000.00	
First Mortgage, Big Sandy Railway, 4% Bonds.....1944	3,982,000.00	
First Mortgage, Paint Creek Branch, 4% Bonds.....1945	539,000.00	
First Mortgage, Coal River Railway, 4% Bonds.....1945	2,414,000.00	
First Mortgage, C. & O. Northern Railway Company, 5% Bonds.....1945	1,000,000.00	
First Mortgage, Potts Creek Branch, 4% Bonds.....1946	600,000.00	
First Mortgage, Kanawha Bridge & Terminal Company, 5% Bonds.....1948	424,000.00	
First Mortgage, Virginia Air Line Railway, 5% Bonds.....1952	900,000.00	
First Mortgage, R. & A. Division, 4% Bonds.....1989	6,000,000.00	
Second Mortgage, R. & A. Division, 4% Bonds.....1989	1,000,000.00	
General Mortgage 4½% Bonds.....1992	48,129,000.00	
Secured Obligations. Account final settlement Federal Control Period.....1930	9,200,000.00	
Secured Obligations to U. S. Government.....1931	6,738,523.97	
Secured Obligations to U. S. Government.....1932	1,334,500.00	
Equipment Trust Obligations.....	38,591,400.00	
Total Funded Debt outstanding with public.....	189,345,423.97	
		\$308,343,715.63
Held by or for the Company at date (see Contra):		
First Lien and Improvement 5% Mortgage Bonds.....1930	75,045,000.00	
General Mortgage 4½% Bonds.....1992	1,039,000.00	
First Mortgage, R. & S. W. Railway, 4% Bonds.....1936	40,000.00	
		76,124,000.00
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>		
Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable.....	470,494.49	
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable.....	8,587,590.62	
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	420,477.45	
Interest Matured Unpaid.....	696,149.90	
Dividends Matured Unpaid.....	2,984,031.00	
Funded Debt Matured Unpaid.....	42,174.17	
Unmatured Interest Accrued.....	2,166,994.73	
Unmatured Rents Accrued.....	301,648.60	
Other Current Liabilities.....	30,725.07	
Total Current Liabilities.....	15,700,286.03	
<i>Deferred Liabilities—</i>		
Other Deferred Liabilities.....	250,257.82	
Total Deferred Liabilities.....	250,257.82	
<i>Unadjusted Credits—</i>		
Tax Liability.....	\$6,114,724.89	
Insurance and Casualty Reserves.....	261,794.78	
Accrued Depreciation—Road.....	373,319.47	
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment.....	33,610,935.59	
Other Unadjusted Credits.....	4,110,702.23	
Total Unadjusted Credits.....	44,471,476.96	
<i>Corporate Surplus—</i>		
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus.....	\$25,536,595.12	
Funded Debt Retired through Income and Surplus.....	792,892.53	
Sinking Fund Reserves.....	334,655.09	
Total Appropriated Surplus.....	\$26,664,142.74	
Profit and Loss—Credit—Balance.....	79,839,339.22	
Total Corporate Surplus.....	106,503,481.96	
Grand Total.....	\$551,393,218.40	
This Company is also liable as a guarantor of the following securities:		
Western Pocahontas Fuel Co. Coupon 5% Notes. Due 1919 and 1921 (\$500,000 each year), owned by this Company.....		\$1,000,000.00
The Chesapeake and Ohio Grain Elevator Co., First Mortgage 4% Bonds due 1938.....		820,000.00
Richmond-Washington Co. Collateral Trust Mortgage (C. & O. prop'n 1-6) 4% Bonds due 1943.....		10,000,000.00
Louisville and Jeffersonville Bridge Co. Bills Payable (C. & O. prop'n 1-3) 6% Notes due 1931.....		147,000.00
Louisville and Jeffersonville Bridge Co. Mortgage (C. & O. prop'n 1-3) Bonds due 1945.....		4,500,000.00
Western Pocahontas Corporation, First Mortgage 4½% Bonds due 1945.....		750,000.00
Western Pocahontas Corporation, Extension Mortgage No. 1, 4½% Bonds due 1945.....		97,000.00
Western Pocahontas Corporation, Extension Mortgage No. 2, 4½% Bonds due 1946.....		51,000.00
Norfolk Terminal and Transportation Company First Mortgage 5% Bonds due 1948.....		500,000.00
Sewell Valley Railroad Company First Mortgage 5% Bonds due 1938.....		300,000.00

placed with 12-foot concrete arch culvert; at Lyle, Va., timber trestle Bridge No. 2019-A was replaced with four single track deck plate girder spans.

At Dent, Ohio, grade crossing of the railroad and State Highway was eliminated by the construction of undergrade crossing.

Freight and passenger station of frame construction was built at West Huntington, W. Va.

Old 50,000 gallon wooden water tank at Charlottesville, Va., was replaced with modern steel tank of 150,000 gallon capacity; at Thurmond and Handley, W. Va., old 50,000 gallon wooden water tanks were replaced with 200,000 gallon steel standpipe type tanks; at Slagle, W. Va., new 50,000 gallon steel water tank and gravity line were constructed; at Clover Lick, W. Va., old 50,000 gallon wooden water tank was replaced with new steel tank of same capacity; at Garrett, Ky., electrically driven pumps were installed in pump house.

At Newport News, Va., power house was extended and new coal trestle and track constructed; at Charlottesville, Va., boiler washing plant was constructed. New power houses with necessary equipment were also constructed at Handley, W. Va., and Lexington, Ky.

100 ton track scales at Gauley, W. Va., and Hinton, W. Va., were replaced with new 150 ton scales.

At Fulton, Va., 100-foot turntable was replaced with new 115-foot turntable.

New signals were installed as follows:

Flasher light signals at Hampton, Va., Mineral, Va., Charleston, W. Va., Kellogg, W. Va., Chauncy, W. Va., Chilesburg, Ky., Pine Grove, Ky., and Richmond, Ind.; St. Albans, W. Va., color light signals to protect trains through St. Albans tunnel; Deepwater, W. Va., head-in signals at passing siding; Catlettsburg, Ky. to Clyffeside, Ky., additional signals on No. 1 track; Russell, Ky. to Riverton, Ky., rearrange and install signals on No. 1 track.

New branch lines were constructed up Pine Creek from Omar, W. Va., 4.48 miles in length to serve Mine No. 22 of the Island Creek Coal Company and the Kinnicconick and Freestone Branch, was extended about 1.75 miles from its terminus near Carter, Ky.

Other improvements started during the year 1927, or late in 1926, which have not been completed, are:

Greenwood, Va., construct new Brookville tunnel; Callaghan, Va., enlarge and reline Red Hill (Mud) Tunnel.

Balcony Falls and Economy, Ind., replace 50,000 gallon wooden water tanks with new steel tanks of 150,000 gallon capacity; Stony Point, Ky., Richardson, Ky., and Prestonburg, Ky., replace 50,000 gallon wooden water tanks with 100,000 gallon steel standpipe type tanks.

Rupert, W. Va., construction of branch line up Big Clear Creek of Sewell Valley Railroad, a distance of approximately 12 miles.

New joint passenger station is being constructed at Dossell, Va., for use by the C. & O. Railway Company and the R. F. & P. Railroad Company, and at Jenkins, Ky., on Sandy Valley and Elkhorn Sub-Division new passenger station is being constructed.

Undergrade crossing is being constructed at Central Avenue, Barboursville, W. Va., separating the grades of the railroad and City Street.

During the year there was started one of the largest and most important projects ever undertaken on the C. & O. Railway. This work consists of rebuilding the bridges through Newport, Ky., separating the grades through Covington, Ky., rebuilding bridge over the Ohio River between Covington, Ky., and Cincinnati, O., the double-tracking of the Interterminal Railroad and the double-tracking of the Wood Street Incline of the Covington and Cincinnati Elevated Railroad and Transfer and Bridge Company. The estimated cost of this project is about \$12,000,000. Good progress is being made and it is expected that the work will be practically completed by the end of this year.

During the year, hearings with respect to the valuation of The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company of Indiana, and other subsidiaries as of valuation date, June 30, 1916, were held, subsequent to which briefs both by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Railway Company were submitted, and oral argument with respect thereto was heard on February 8, 1928.

Up to the time of the printing of this report, no decision with respect to the valuations as of June 30, 1916, has been announced by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Among the new industries established along your line during the year were the following:

10 Manufacturers of Farm Implements and Farm Products.
27 Manufacturers of Lumber and Lumber Products.
165 Manufacturers of Mineral, Metal and other products, including Oil Stations, Warehouses, etc.

Your Directors acknowledge the great appreciation of the company for the faithful and efficient services of its officers and employees.

By order of the Board of Directors.

W. J. HARAHAH, *President*.

O. P. VAN SWERINGEN, *Chairman*.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The fortnightly review published by G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 52 Broadway, New York City, contains an article entitled "What's in a Name?" in which the following paragraph appears:

"One of the essentials to the preservation of a name which constitutes so large an item of corporate value is that the advertising program shall be sustained. Failure to abide by this cardinal principle is likely to cause a gradual, or even an abrupt decline in public favor which is soon followed by oblivion as new appeals exclude other impressions from the buyer's attention. Everyone doubtless can recall to mind some widely distributed product of years gone by, now perhaps relegated to an obscure place by the force of some competitor's more aggressive advertising. Comparative figures over a series of years of the total advertising bills of large national advertisers would be illuminating but are, unfortunately, not available."

—Holman, Watson & Rapp, members of Philadelphia Stock Exchange, have published a discussion of Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., capital stock, the purpose being to arrive at a probable asset, or book value for the shares. They proceed on the basis that earnings establish property values, or, as they state it, the values of properties are based pretty much on the profits they can earn, and in this way they reach a valuation figure of \$132 per share on a liberal computation, and \$109 per share on a conservative basis.

—Samuel Ungerleider & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, whose main office is located at 50 Broadway, New York City, have opened their fourth New York office which is located in the lobby of the French Building, 551 Fifth Ave., corner of 45th St., and was formerly occupied by the Stock Exchange firm of Arthur H. Jacobs & Co., which has dissolved. Samuel Ungerleider & Co. have taken over the office personnel of Arthur H. Jacobs & Co., together with all equipment.

—Announcement is made that F. L. Fuller, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, has become associated with Freeman & Co. Mr. Fuller for a number of years has been identified with railroad and industrial financing and recently consummated for Freeman & Co. the lease of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad Co. to the Seaboard Air Line Railway. He will give his attention primarily to the origination of new business, including the inspection and refinancing of railroad properties.

—John E. Sutherland announces that the retail department of Sutherland, Barry & Cleaver, Inc., has been disposed of to Cleaver, Vass & Co., Inc., and that he will, in the future, deal exclusively in the origination and wholesale distribution to dealers and banks with bond departments under the firm name of Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., with offices at 339 Carondelet St., New Orleans and 215 W. 7th St., Los Angeles.

—J. Ernest Richards, Mortimer B. Bernstein, James S. Marsh, members of the New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges, and W. Arthur Stickney member of the St. Louis Stock Exchange announce the formation of a partnership under the firm name of Richards & Co. with offices at 37 Wall St., New York City, and branch offices at 250 Park Ave., New York City and Security Building, St. Louis, Mo.

—Erickson Co., Inc., advertising agency, now located at 381 Fourth Avenue, has leased about 25,000 square feet of office space from the New York Central Railroad Co., on the 14th floor of the New York Central Building, now under construction on Park Avenue between 45th and 46th Streets. They expect to move to their new quarters early in 1929. Wm. A. White & Sons were the brokers.

—Cleaver, Vass & Co., Inc., 339 Carondelet St., New Orleans, have purchased the retail business of Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., and will continue the same, specializing in the distribution of municipal and first mortgage bonds. The officers of the new company are: L. O. Broussard, President; G. A. Cleaver, Vice-President; L. M. Vass, Secretary, and E. S. Crouch, Treasurer.

—Hon. Arthur Potterton, Commissioner of Jersey City, has acquired a substantial stock interest in and been elected a director of the Investment Trust of New York. Mr. Potterton is Vice-President and Director of the Jackson Trust Co., Jersey City; and Director of Hudson Casualty Insurance Co. and New Jersey United States Bond & Mortgage Corp.

—A. L. Scheuer & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange announce the opening of an unlisted securities department under the joint management of Glenn Marshall Salmon and Clayton B. Weed. The new department will deal in over the counter securities, specializing in bank, trust company and insurance company stocks.

—Halsey, Stuart & Co. started their radio programs over WEAJ and 32 stations comprising the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Co. and associated stations. Congressman L. T. McFadden, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, was the guest speaker on the opening program.

—Guaranty Co. of New York has available for free distribution a complete mortgage map in colors, prepared by White & Kemble, of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co. Copies may be obtained upon request at any of the company's offices.

—The local office of Hanchett Bond Company, in charge of A. H. Manson, has been moved to larger quarters in the Singer Building, 149 Broadway. Headquarters of the company are located in Chicago with branch offices in Detroit and St. Louis.

—"Shares in America," an illustrated booklet, now in its fourteenth edition, showing how the conservative investor may acquire a participating interest in America's greatest corporations. American Trustee Share Corp., 165 Broadway, New York City.

—Buell & Co., members, New York Stock Exchange, 7 Wall St., N. Y. City, announce that Robert Cluett 3d. has been admitted as a general partner and that Effingham Lawrence, formerly a general partner, has become a limited partner in the firm.

—H. K. Burras & Co., members, N. Y. Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices to 50 Broadway, New York City.

—S. S. Campbell, member of N. Y. Curb Market, has moved his office to 74 Trinity Place, New York.

—The London General Press, London, have recently published a booklet on "The Rubber Crisis," written by P. E. Gourju and Hargreaves Parkinson in which they have demonstrated that the rubber industry's central problem is an economic one.

—Wertheim & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange have issued a circular on German external loan 7% gold bonds, due 1949, in which they discuss the market position and methods of computing the yield on these securities.

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—Babcock, Rushton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange have reviewed the Bucyrus-Erie Company in their weekly letter.

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 this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, April 6 1928.

COFFEE on the spot has been quiet with prices a little better than nominal. Santos 4s, 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and Victoria 7-8s, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 15c. Fair to good Cucuta, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c.; Colombian, Oceana, 22 to 23c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 24 to 25c.; washed, 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c.; Medellin, 28 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Manizales, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c.; Mexican washed, 26 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Mandheling, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 39c.; Timor, 34 to 35c.; Genuine Java, 34 to 35c.; Robusta washed, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Mocha, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Harrar, 26 to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Nicaragua washed, 25 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Guatemala prime, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c.; good, 26 to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bourbon, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Hayti, Trie-a-la-man, 22 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; San Domingo washed, 26 to 28c.

On Mar. 31 cost and freight offers from Brazil were about unchanged. For prompt shipment they included Santos Bourbon 3-4s at 23.40c.; 4s at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21.45c.; 5s at 21.60c.; 5-6s at 21.45c.; 3-6s at 21.85c.; Part Bourbon 3-4s at 21.60c.; 4s at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; and 4.5s at 21c.; peaberry 3-4s at 22.85c.; 4-5s at 21.20c.; 5-6s at 21.45c.; 6-7s separations at 19.60c.; and 7-8s separations at 18.95c.; Santos Bourbon 2-3s for April-August shipment were here at 23.70c. and 3s for the same shipment at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the 3rd inst. some cost and freight offers from Brazil were lower, some higher. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s were offered at 21.90 to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 21.65 to 22.80c.; 4-5s at 21.30 to 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 5s at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 21.80c.; 5-6s at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21.30c.; 6s at 20 to 20.60c.; 6-7s at 18.90 to 19.15c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 23.90c.; 3s at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 21.80 to 22.60c.; 3-5s at 21.60 to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21.55c.; 5s at 21.15c.; 5-6s at 20.80 to 21.10c.; 6-7s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; peaberry 3-4s at 22.55c.; 4s at 21.70 to 22c.; 6s at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Rio 6s color for prompt shipment were here at 17.70c.; 7s at 14.60c. to 14.85c.; 7-8s at 14.30 to 14.60c.; Victoria 7-8s at 14.05c.; Rio 7s sold at 14.35c. for prompt shipment.

On the 4th inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were generally steady. They included prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s at 22c.; 3-5s at 21.65 to 22.80c.; 4-5s at 21.20 to 21.85c.; 5s at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5-6s at 20.70 to 21.30c.; 6s at 20.60 to 20 $\frac{7}{8}$ c.; 7-8s at 18.35 to 18.60c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 21.85 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s, at 22.35 to 22.60c.; 4-5s, at 21.55c.; 5s, at 21.15c.; 5-6s, at 20.80 to 21.10c.; 6-7s, at 19c.; Peaberry 3-4s, at 22.55c.; 4s, at 21.80 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 4-5s, at 21.30c.; 6s, at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. The only offer of Rios reported at 5 points above the tender made by the same shipper yesterday being 14.90c. for 7s, and 14.65c. for 7-8s. Victoria 7-9s for May-July shipment were here at 14.35c. Douring & Zoon cabled their monthly statistics as follows: Arrivals in Europe during March, 1,167,000 bags, of which 515,000 was Brazilian; deliveries in Europe during March, 995,000, of which 485,000 were Brazilian; stocks in Europe April 1, 1,930,000. World's visible supply, April 1, 5,255,000, showing an increase of 338,000 bags; last year, 4,558,000. The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange puts the world's visible supply on April 1st at 5,050,137 bags against 4,792,414 bags on March 1st, and 4,317,926 bags on April 1st, last year. E. Laneville states the world's visible supply on April 1st at 4,978,000 bags against 4,694,000 bags on March 1st and 4,305,000 on April 1st, last year. World's deliveries during March were: 1,969,000 bags against 1,810,000 for the same month last year, and 1,888,000 two years ago. World's deliveries for the nine months were placed at 17,711,000 bags against 16,059,000 for the same time last year, and 16,756,000 two years ago. On Thursday cost and freight offers were few, there being a holiday in Brazil. For prompt shipment Bourbon 3s were here at 23.40c. to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-4s, at 21c.; 3-5s, at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 22.80c.; 4-5s, at 20.95 to 21.30c.; 5s, at 21.40 to 21.45c.; 5-6s, at 20.40c.; 6s, at 20.60c.; 7-8s, at 18.60c.; part Bourbon 3-4s, at 22c.; 5s, at 21.10c.; Peaberry 3-4s, at 22.55c.; and 4s, at 22c. No reported offerings from Rio or Victoria.

Futures on the 2d inst. ended 7 points lower to 9 higher on Rio with sales of 21,500 bags. Santos closed 3 to 5 points higher with sales of 8,500 bags. The cables were weak and disappointing and Europe sold. Spot trade, too, was dull. Still, lower prices in Brazil were feared. It might reduce them sharply, it was suggested, in order to cut down stocks. If the Defense Institute contemplates a change in policy, some argue there is no indication of it. Cost and freight offers declined somewhat, but there was no pressure to sell late last week. Sudden price fluctuations reflected the uncertainty, no doubt, as to the situation on every revision in Brazilian markets. There was then no aggressive trading on either side except the persistent buying of December "D"

and this condition some think is likely to prevail pending some new developments.

Last week March delivery notices were issued for Contract A 130,500 bags comprising 67,250 bags Victoria, 41,500 bags Rio, 21,750 bags Robusta; also 750 bags Santos notices Contract D. The bull clique is supposed to have stopped the notices. There was an unusual advance in the price of March, but traders also made good profits it is added. Ordinarily the receiving of so large amount of Rio at close to the "futures" price would affect other months. That was not the case this time. The sort of coffee received is quiet. There is what is called an ample supply on the spot or afloat for normal consumption. Spot prices were 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. below what they were on the last Notice Day. How much of the March profit will have to be relinquished in order to distribute the coffee received it is asked. Some Liverpool people think Brazil continues to exercise effective control of the situation, but they do not think that the committee desires unduly force up prices, and after the advance in the last month or so, will no doubt be desirous of meeting the market freely. Hence they think it is probable that as demand slackens a downward tendency in prices will follow.

Futures on the 4th inst. were 12 to 15 points higher on Rio and 13 to 15 points up on Santos. The cables were steadier. Shorts covered. Later prices declined owing partly to private cable advices from Rio that the daily receipts there are to be increased to 16,000 bags from 13,000 bags, until the maximum 360,000 bags in stock is reached. On Thursday Rio futures closed 7 to 10 points lower with sales of 19,000 bags. Santos ended 9 to 15 points lower with sales of 20,000 bags. The increase in receipts of 3,000 bags daily at Rio had some effect. Concentrated holdings of 140,000 bags of Rio and Victoria aroused considerable interest in the present situation of the market. Offerings were said to be larger. Rio and Santos were closed for the Easter holidays. Hamburg and Havre were higher. Final prices of Rio futures show a rise for the week of 7 to 20 points; Santos ended 10 to 20 points higher for the week.

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)-----	July-----	20.60	December-----	19.78	
May-----	20.85@nom	September-----	20.35	March-----	19.38@nom.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)-----	15 July-----	14.20	December	13.66@nom	
May-----	14.47@nom.	September-----	13.91	March-----	13.45@nom

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws on March 31st were up to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. with sales of 55,000 bags at that price. President Machado's message to the Cuban Congress announced it was said that future crops will not be restricted as the sacrifice made by producers had proved unproductive. The allotment law still limits the amount available for the United States to 80% of each crop. Some think the immediate tendency of the market here is upward; that the trade is withdrawing the balance of their last purchases of granulated and that the refiner's stocks of raws are running low; that Cuban producers are holding back and the amount available even at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. is insignificant; that only duty free sugars are readily obtainable, the volume of which is insufficient for any large buying. A leading Cuban interest interpret is it said President Machado's comments on restriction as published by the Havana newspapers as meaning there will be no cut below 4,000,000 tons. London reported the market there weak on President Machado's reported statement about restriction.

Futures on the 2nd inst. closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 38,200 tons. London was firm. But Europe sold early next crop months and Porto Rico was selling hedges. The Java crop estimate though 200,000 tons larger than last year's yield had no effect for it was not so large as many had expected. London terminal on April 2nd was quiet and $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. lower. The sales last week aggregated 110,000 tons against 86,700 in the previous week. On the 3rd inst. an operator paid 2.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. f. o. b. Cuba, which is equal to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. for 10,000 bags Cuban raw sugars for immediate loading at a South side port. There were only moderate offerings of Cuban, Porto Rican and Philippines for early shipment and arrival positions on the basis of 2 7-9c. c. & f. Refiners did little; they were bidding their time. Private cables from Europe stated that a holiday mood prevailed there and it is not expected that much business will be done until after Easter. Parcels of Perus for April shipment are offered at 13s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. c. i. f. United Kingdom. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 220,347 tons against 220,564 last year; exports 137,264 tons against 135,209 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 1,185,044 tons, against 1,310,347 last year; central grinding 131, against 152 last year. Of the exports, 69,436 went to Atlantic ports, 24,576 to New Orleans, 3,066 to Savannah, 40,113 to Europe, and 73 to Central America. One report stated the arrivals at Cuban ports last week were 220,266

tons; exports 144,078 tons, and stock 1,133,672 tons. Of the exports, 45,930 tons were for New York; 27,603 for Philadelphia, 5,442 for Boston; 17,565 for New Orleans; 2,176 for Galveston; 7,933 for interior of United States; 355 for Canada, 24,087 for United Kingdom, 987 for France; 7,342 for Holland; 219 for Canary Islands, 4,366 for Belgium and 73 for South America. Centrals grinding numbered 31.

It is pointed out that since the end of February the quotations for January and March new crop months have not followed the upward course of old crop prices and in the week of March 15th they fell in the face of a general advance. The distant future does not, it is argued, inspire as much confidence as to prices as do this year's prospects. Various factors are uncertain. Good beet sowings in Europe and the United States are forecast but definite figures will probably not be published until late in April. The weather conditions will have much influence on the growing crops until harvesting. The outcome of the international conferences next October though that is looking far ahead, will be important. Refined was quoted on the 4th inst at 5.85 to 6c. On the 4th inst. some 2,000 tons Philippine second half April sold at 4.58c. Cuba and Porto Rican were quoted at 2 27-32c. c. & f. or 4.61c, delivered. Of San Domingo there were sold a cargo for first half May shipment to an operator at 2.71c. f. o. b., 1,500 tons for April shipment to Holland at 13s. 5 1/4 d. and 3,500 for June at 13s. d. It is estimated that less than 100,000 tons of Santo Domingo crop remains to be sold.

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 119,061 tons against 84,018 in the previous week, 99,211 in the same week last year and 84,028 two years ago; meltings 69,000 tons against 65,000 in the previous week, 64,000 last year and 65,000 two years ago; importers' stock 267,547 tons against 243,480 in previous week 125,917 in the same week last year and 86,651 two years ago; refiners' stock 97,581 against 71,587 in previous week, 128,037 last year and 140,364 two years ago; total stock 365,128 against 315,067 in previous week, 253,954 last year and 227,015 two years ago.

Refined on the 4th inst. was 5.95 to 6c. On the 4th inst. futures declined 1 to 3 points with sales of 39,000 tons. Cuban interests bought. The Java Syndicate estimates the coming of the Java at 2,558,000 tons against 2,359,000 tons last year. Offerings were larger on Thursday with futures off on heavy liquidation fearing a change in Cuban crop handling policy next year. Havana cabled: "We understand from reliable source President Machado will publish statement referring to his address to Congress and declaring that he has not changed his sugar policy at all because he thinks it has served Cuba and all other producers. That he will not alter any of the sugar laws or decrees including that prohibiting cutting down of forests for planting cane and that what he meant was that Cuba even without restriction could not produce more than 4,000,000 tons of sugar."

The "Federal Reporter" said: "Cuban production is progressing rapidly. The Sugar Club of Havana estimates production up to Mar. 31st at 3,315,000 tons and the Sugar Defense Committee estimates production for the same period at 3,349,000 tons. Last year on this date Cuba produced 3,560,000 tons." On Thursday prices closed unchanged to 3 points lower with sales of 49,900 tons. There was some buying on denials that President Machado intended to change the policy of Cuba in the matter of restrictions. At one time, however, prices on Thursday were 5 to 6 points lower. Some stop orders were caught. Prompt raws were 2 3/4c. A sale of 2,000 tons Philippines, due about April 20th was made at 4.52c. delivered equivalent to 2 3/4c. c. & f.; 22,000 bags of Porto Rico for late April shipment at 4.52c. Refiners showed more interest especially as to the second half of April on the basis of 2 3/4c. c. & f., the equivalent of 4.52c. delivered. Final prices on futures show a decline for the week of 7 to 9 points. Prompt raws ending at 2 to 2 3/4c. were 3-32c. lower than a week ago.

Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....2 3/4	September.....2.93@2.94	January.....2.89
May.....2.73	December.....3.00@	March.....2.81
July.....2.84		

LARD was firm with a fair demand; Prime Western 12.25 to 12.35c.; Refined Continent, 12 1/2c.; South America, 13 1/2c.; Brazil, 14 1/2c. Futures on the 2nd inst. were 8 to 10 points higher only to react when corn fell and a surprising increase was shown in the statement of the Chicago stock. It disclosed an increase of 23,888,161 lbs. during the month of March and makes the total stock of contract grades on March 31st, 64,536,000 lbs. against 27,145,000 last year. Hogs were steadier with receipts rather less than expected particularly at Chicago. The stock of lard at Chicago April 1st of all kinds, was 75,558,115 lbs., against 51,669,954 on March 1st. The present stock compares with 35,172,240 lbs. on April 1 1927. On Thursday futures closed 5 to 7 points lower with grain weak and scattered selling. Support was lacking. Commission houses sold. Hogs were steady, but had little or no effect. There was a fair cash trade. Hog receipts were 92,000, against 119,000 a year ago. Final prices for lard show a decline for the week of 15 to 20 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	11.82	11.85	11.80	11.75	11.70-72	
July delivery.....	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.07	12.00	
September delivery.....				12.35	12.27	Holl- day.

PORK dull; Mess \$31; family \$32.50 to \$34.50 fat back pork \$28 to \$32. Ribs, Chicago, Cash 11.25c., basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady; Mess \$23 to \$24; packet

\$25 to \$27.; family \$30 to \$32; extra India mess \$44 to \$45; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.40; No. 2, \$6; 6 lbs. South America \$16.75; pickled tongues \$55 to \$60 per bbl. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 14 3/4 to 16 1/2c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 16 1/2 to 18 1/4c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed 18 to 20 lbs. 14 1/2c.; 14 to 16 lbs. 15c. Butter lower grade to high scoring 42 to 46 1/2c. Cheese, 22 1/4 to 30c.; Eggs, medium to extras 26 to 31c.

OILS.—Linseed was rather easier. Most crushers were quoting 9.8c. for raw oil in carlots, cooerage basis but in some cases 9.7c. would be accepted it is said on a firm bid and perhaps as low as 9.6c. For less than carlots the price was 10.2c. Jobbers bought very sparingly. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 8 1/4c.; Spot N. Y. tanks, 8 3/4c.; Corn, crude, tanks low acid, 9c.; Olive, Den., \$1.25 to \$1.40; China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 15 3/4c.; Pacific Coast tanks spot, 13 3/4c.; Soya Bean, coast tanks, nominal. Edible, Corn, 100 bbl. lots, 12c.; Olive oil, \$2.05 to \$2.30; Lard, prime, 16c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 13c.; Cod, Newfoundland, 68 to 69c. Turpentine, 58 1/2 to 59c. Rosin, \$8.75 to \$11.60. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 23,100 bbls. P. Crude S. E. 8 1/4c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....9.55@	June.....9.85@10.00	September 10.30@
April.....9.55@	July.....10.04@	October.....10.36@
May.....9.72@ 9.73	August.....10.18@10.23	November 10.20@10.30

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline was higher. The Sinclair Refining Co. advanced the price 1/4c. at its Middle Western refineries and is now quoting on a basis of 7 1/4c. for United States Motor gasoline at Group 3. At Norfolk, Baltimore and Carteret, N. J., the price was raised 1/4c. to 9 1/4c. for United States Motor by the Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co. Warner Quinlan raised its price 3/4c. at its local plant to 9 3/4c. a gallon. Chicago was firmer. Leading refiners quoted 6 5/8 to 6 3/4c. for U. S. Motor in bulk at refineries. Despite an increase in crude oil production last week the condition of the gasoline market is steadily increasing. The Gulf market was firm owing to the good export demand. Higher prices are generally looked for. Local observers predict 10c. for United States motor. Consumption has increased owing to the recently fine weather. The local market is steadily becoming stronger, and by the end of the week all leading marketers are expected to be firm at 9 1/4 to 9 3/4c. in tank cars at refineries, and 10 1/4 to 10 3/4c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Demand was active.

Kerosene was rather quiet with prices unchanged at 6 1/2c. for 41-43 prime white at refineries and 7 1/2c. delivered to nearby trade in tank cars. Water white 43-45 gravity was 1/4c. above these prices. A fair demand was noted for Grade C bunker oil at \$1.35 refinery and \$1.41 1/2 f. a. s. New York harbor. There was a fair movement in Diesel oil at \$2 refineries. Gas oil was quiet and easier. Furnace oil was weaker. Earlier in the week the Carson Petroleum Co. a subsidiary of the Cities Service Co. advanced the price of United States Motor gasoline at New York harbor 1/4c. to 9 1/2c. Big refiners were expected to meet this advance. The Standard of New York advanced gasoline 1c. to 16c. tank wagon and 19c. retail in sections of New England where 19c. does not already prevail.

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases cargo lots, U. S. Motor spec. deod., 24.90c.; bulk refinery, 9 to 9 3/4c.; 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, f. a. s. dock, \$1.41 1/2; f. o. b. refinery, \$1.35; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl., \$2; plus, 6 1/2c. lighterage. New Orleans export prices: Kerosene, prime white, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.; water white, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c.; Bunker oil, grade C for bunkering, \$1.05 to \$1.15; cargoes, 90 to 95c. Service station owners and jobbers' prices: U. S. Motor bulk refineries, 9 to 9 3/4; tank cars, delivered to nearby trade, 10 to 10 3/4c.; Boston tank cars, terminal, 9 1/2c.; California, U. S. Motor at terminal, 9 1/4 to 9 3/4c.; U. S. Motor delivered to New York City garages in steel bbls., 17c.; Up-State and New England, 17c.; Naptha, deod. steel bbls., 18c.; Kerosene, 43-45 gravity, bulk refinery, 6 3/4c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 7 1/4c.; prime white, 41-43 gravity bulk refinery, 6 1/2c.; 41-43 D delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 7 1/2c.; tank wagon to store, 15c.; Furnace oil, bulk, refinery 38-42 gravity, 5 3/4c.; tank wagon, 10c.

Pennsylvania.....\$2.80	Buckeye.....\$2.35	Eureka.....\$2.60
Corning.....1.55	Bradford.....2.80	Illinois.....1.50
Cabell.....1.35	Lima.....1.55	Wyoming, 37 deg. 1.30
Wortham, 40 deg. 1.40	Indiana.....1.32	Plymouth.....1.23
Rock Creek.....1.25	Princeton.....1.50	Wooster.....1.57
Smackover, 24 deg. .90	Canadian.....1.95	Gulf Coastal "A" 1.20
	Corsicana heavy.....1.00	Panhandle, 44 deg. 1.06
Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin.....\$1.33	
40-40.9.....	Big Muddy.....1.25	
32-32.9.....	Lance Creek.....1.33	
52 and above.....	Bellevue.....1.25	
Louisiana and Arkansas—	West Texas, all deg. 0.60	
32-32.9.....	Somerset light.....2.35	
35-35.9.....	Somerset.....1.25	
Spindletop, 35 deg. and up.....	1.37	

RUBBER has declined 5 to 6 3/4c. here of late and 20c. in London on the news that restriction is to end on Nov. 1st. After falling 10 to 50 points it ended on the 2nd inst. generally unchanged to 10 points higher. Everybody was then waiting for Premier Baldwin's statement. The sales were 305 lots or 762 long tons; 20 notices were issued. April at the Exchange here closed at 26.60 to 26.80c.; May at 27c.; July, 27.20c.; September, 27.30 to 37.40c.; October, 27.30c.; December, 27.40c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and April, 27 to 27 1/4c.; May-June, 27 1/4 to 27 1/2c.; July-Sept., 27 1/2 to 27 3/4c.; Spot, first latex crepe, 27 to 27 1/4c.; clean,

thin brown crepe, 24¼ to 25c.; specky brown crepe, 23¼ to 24c.; rolled brown crepe, 21¼ to 22c.; No. 2 amber, 24¼ to 25¼c.; No. 3 amber, 24¼ to 25c.; No. 4 amber, 23¼ to 24¼c. Paras, Up-river fine spot, 23½ to 24c.; coarse, 18½ to 19c. London on the 2nd inst. declined ½d. There was a report in London that Dutch rubber delegation which was expected to confer there with British interests has postponed the visit until after Easter. They have it appears, no definite proposal to make, but are ready to discuss any plans. In Amsterdam a proposal to form a selling pool by Dutch East Indian producers meets with considerable opposition. London: Spot and April, 12¼d.; May, 13¼d.; July-Sept., 13¼d.; Oct.-Dec., 13¼d. London stock 58,197 tons against 62,634 a year ago; decrease for the week 1,447 tons against 533 last year. In Singapore April 13d.; July-Sept., 13¼d. Some estimate arrivals at New York to date during March at 36,000 tons. The figures for January published by the Rubber Association of America and on a basis of 100% for all types are as follows: Production Jan. 1928, 5,539,395; against, 4,540,428 Dec. 1927; shipments, 5,439,518 against 4,207,112 Dec. 1927; inventory, 10,164,336 against 10,475,004 Dec. 1927.

London stocks for the week showed a decrease of 1,447 tons, bringing the total to 58,197 tons against 59,644 tons in the previous week. London cabled the New York Rubber Exchange on April 4: "Premier Baldwin said the government has received a report of the Committee on Civic Research. It has been decided that all restrictions should be removed Nov. 1 1928." Another London cable said: "Premier stated that the present restrictions would remain in effect until Nov. 1. He also declared that exports of commodity from Malaya and Ceylon would be freed of all restrictions on Nov. 1."

New York on the 4th inst. broke about five cents early on the decision of the British Government to abandon restriction of exports. The selling was enormous. It was the largest and most excited market seen since the Exchange was organized. Local interests had not expected this thoroughgoing action on the part of Great Britain. The general opinion was that a removal of restrictions would be gradual extending over a period of one or two years. On the New York Rubber Exchange price movements for any one day are restricted to 8c. per pound. London also cabled: "Premier Baldwin's announcement utterly demoralized the rubber market. It sold down 10d with no buyers and no forward quotations obtainable. Dealers are indignant at total lack of consideration shown the growers and manufacturers in view of large commitments outstanding. The market expected a slight shortage of the commodity up to November followed by excess supply. Some expect a sharp falling off of Dutch native production owing to price." London cabled April 4: "Mining Lane Rubber Exchange will remain open until 5:30 p. m. Thursday instead of closing at 1 p. m. as usual. This is customary before a public holiday." At 1 p. m. here prices on the 4th inst. were off 540 to 570 points on sales of 2,507 lots, or 6,267½ long tons.

On the 4th inst. the sales here were nearly 9,000 long tons and prices amid extraordinary activity dropped perpendicularly 640 points or practically 6½c. on the London news. April, May and June closed here at 21c., the May being a new low record; July, 21.20c.; Sept., Oct. and Nov., 21.30c., showing not much recovery from the lows of the day. Outside prices for smoked spot, April and May-June, 21½c. to 21¾c.; July-Sept., 21¼ to 22c.; Spot first latex crepe, 21¼ to 22c.; clean thin, 19½ to 19¾c.; specky brown, 19¼ to 19½c.; upriver Para, 23½ to 24c. for fine, and 18½ to 19c. for coarse; Esmeralda and Central scrap, 17¼ to 18c. London fell some 5½ to 6c. closing with spot and April, 10¼ to 10¾d.; Singapore for April 13d. On Thursday prices for a time declined very sharply, and then rallied. At one time the decline was 70 to 160 points closing 10 to 30 points net lower for the day. Final prices for the week show a decline of 640 to 650 points. On Thursday, London at 2.39 p. m. was quiet, and ¾d. to 1½d. lower. Spot—April, 9½d.; May, 9½d.; July-Sept., 9½d., and Oct.-Dec., 9½d. Singapore closed weak and 3¾d. to 4¾d. lower.

HIDES.—The demand for city packer hides has been sharp. It is said that the big local packers have sold their entire March production at 25c. for native steers; 24½c. for butt brands, and 24c. for Colorados. That is the report. Some quotations have been 25c. for spready, 24 for native, 23½c. for Colorados, and 22½c. for native cows. Of River Plate frigorifico hides last week sales included 40,000 Argentine steers at 29½ to 30¾c. c. & f., 35,000 Uruguayan steers at 30½ to 30¾c. Common dry hides have been in rather better demand and steadier. Country hides dull. Common dry hides, Cucutas, 34c.; Orinocos, 31c.; LaGuayras, 30c.; Savanillas, 32½c.; Santa Marta, 33½c.; New York City, calfskins, 5-7s, 2.40 to 2.45c.; 7-9s, 3.10c.; 9-12s, 4.10c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—There was some demand for tankers. Rates were firm but trade was small. Later rates were unchanged in some cases; lower in others. For prompt grain berth to London and Manchester, 1s. 6d. asked; Liverpool, 1s. 9d.; Hull, 2s.; Avonmouth, Leith and Glasgow, 2s. 3d.; Antwerp, 9c.; Rotterdam, 9c.; Bremen and Hamburg, 10c.; French Atlantic, 8c.; West Italy, 15c.; Venice and Trieste, 19c. and Greece, 20c. Sugar prompt loading for United Kingdom, 25c.; Genoa and Naples, passenger, \$8.50, and freight, \$1 less; French Atlantic, 25c.

CHARTERS included tankers: Gulf April to north of Hatteras, basis 17½c.; San Pedro May to north of Hatteras, 66¼c. a bbl.; time: New York, prompt delivery West Indies round at \$1.35; grain Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, 26s. 6d.; coal Hampton Roads early April to St. Thomas, \$1.50; tankers: clean, Philadelphia to Lisbon, 17s. 8d.; dirty, Talara, May, to United Kingdom, 24s. 6d.; dirty, two voyages, Black Sea to French Mediterranean, May, 15s. 6d.; clean, California, May, to United Kingdom-Continent, 28s. 6d.; tankers: clean, Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. 9d., May-June; lubricating oil, Gulf to Continent, 22s. 6d., April; clean, North Atlantic, 14s., Gulf 17s. to Gothenburg and Malmo, May; lubricating oil, Philadelphia to Liverpool and Manchester, 21s., April-May; fuel oil, Constanza to Toulon, 11s. April; lumber, Gulf, May, to Buenos Aires or Rosario, 136s. 3d. or 6d.

COAL.—Retailers in New York announced that after April 1st prices for domestic sizes of coal will be at a level generally 50c. under the winter rates. Anthracite broken egg and chestnut at \$13.75; stone, \$14.25; pea, \$9.50 (a reduction of \$1); buckwheat "family," \$8.25; buckwheat apartment and steam, \$7.15; buckwheat No. 2, \$6.50; buckwheat No. 3, \$6. Buckwheat is a little higher than in the winter, but conforms with a range of wholesale quotations up to \$3.50 for buckwheat No. 1, to \$2.25 for buckwheat No. 2, and to \$1.70 for buckwheat No. 5. The Hudson Coal Co.'s circular includes bird's eye, the smallest sized anthracite coal at \$1.60 wholesale at mine. With coal stocks in industries in the United States and Canada dropping off slightly over 3,000,000 tons and consumption per day remaining about the same as January, production ran slightly lower per day than the preceding month. The number of days' supply of coal on hand as of March 1 1928 amounted to 38 as compared with 43 days supply a year ago. Consumption of coal is still running considerably under last year's consumption and stocks are 28% smaller than a year ago. April Southern smokeless coal prices declined. At mine, lump and egg, \$3; stove, \$2.50; mine run, \$2; nut and slack, \$1.35; at Hampton Roads, strait run of mine, \$4.50; pool one mixed, \$4.15 to \$4.25; nut and slack, \$3.50; screened gas, \$4.60 to \$4.95; gas run of mine, \$4.30 to \$4.55; on the respective mine basis of \$1.75 to \$2 and \$1.50. Some of the producers of 43,000,000 tons of anthracite coal have started a three-year advertising campaign. The plan is to spend \$500,000 in the first year. Not all of the big producers are included in the announcement.

TOBACCO is reported in somewhat better demand. Manufacturers seem rather more disposed to purchase some portion of their spring requirements. People still quote the encouraging February figures on the question of the consumption and think they augur well for March and later months. A drop of 50% is reported in the Porto Rican crop. Wisconsin binder 25 to 30c.; northern, 40 to 45c.; southern, 35 to 40c.; New York State, seconds, 35 to 40c.; Ohio, Gebhardt binder, 22 to 24c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30c.; Havana first Remedios, 90 to 95c.; Second Remedios, 70 to 75c.

COPPER for export was in good demand early in the week. The domestic price was generally 14¼c. On the 2nd inst. sales for export were estimated at 5,500 tons. England was the chief buyer. Domestic business was quiet. In London on the 2nd inst. spot standard was unchanged at £61 18s. 9d.; futures off 1s. 3d. to £61 18s. 9d.; sales 50 tons spot and 750 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s. for spot, and £67 for futures. London standard on the 3rd inst. fell 1s. 3d. to £61 17s. 6d. for spot and futures; sales 100 tons spot, and 800 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s. for spot, and £67 for futures. Here later domestic business was quiet, but export trade continued on a good scale. Sales on the 3rd inst. for export were estimated at 3,000 tons, at 14½c. c. i. f. Europe. Later domestic copper was very slow. Export sales are said to be 3,000 tons daily. The Connecticut Valley price was nominally 14¼c. but sales were reported at 14.20 to 14.22½c. Germany is the largest buyer, followed closely by France and England. London on the 14th inst. was £61 17s. 6d. for spot standard, and 1s. 3d. higher for futures at £61 18s. 9d.; sales 225 tons of futures; electrolytic futures, £67.

TIN early in the week was rather easier despite a decrease in the world's visible supply during March. The decrease was 2,059 tons and was about what was expected. It was a trader's market. About 500 tons sold at New York on the 2nd inst. with prices 53¾c. for spot and 53½c. for futures. In London on the 2nd inst. spot standard advanced £2 to £241; futures up £1 15s. to £239 15s.; sales 100 tons spot and 450 futures; spot Straits tin up £2 to £245; Eastern c. i. f. London advanced £1 15s. to £245 on sales of 200 tons. On the 3rd inst. London spot standard declined £1 5s. to £239 15s.; futures fell 5s. to £239 10s.; sales 100 tons spot and 550 futures; Spot Straits declined £1 5s. to £3 15s.; Eastern c. i. f. London fell £1 to £244 on sales of 225 tons. Later on prices here declined to 53.27½c. for April and June Straits deliveries. Tin from the ship, Japanese Prince sold at 53.30c.; January-February shipments and April and May sold at 53.25c.; March-April at 53.27½c. and June-July at 53.10c. Spot Straits at the close on the 3rd inst. sold at 53½c. April at 53¾c. and May at 53¼c.

The world's visible supply of tin decreased 2,059 tons during March according to the Metal Exchange. The total on March 31st was put at 15,584 tons against 17,645 tons a month ago and 15,441 last year. American tin deliveries during March were 7,960 tons of which 160 tons were made from Pacific ports. The stock on March 31st was 263 tons and the amount landing was 1,815 tons, a total of 2,078 tons. Tin arrivals last month were 8,040 tons. Later tin was dull and reported ¼c. lower; perhaps more than

that. Prompt tin gold, it is stated, at 53 1/2c. and March and April at 52.97 1/2c., closing 53 1/8 for spot and April on the 4th inst. with May 53c., and June, 52 7/8c. London on the same day dropped £1 5s. to £238 10s. for spot standard; futures fell 5s. to £239 5s.; Straits dropped £1 5s. to £242 10s. Eastern c. i. f. London declined £1 to £243 with sales of 200 tons.

Lead was in good demand and firmer. The American Smelting Co. early in the week advanced their official price \$2. It has been the custom of this company to follow this another advance of \$3 in a day or so. And the possibility that this would occur stimulated the demand to quite an extent. The East St. Louis price was higher at 5.95c. In London on the 2nd inst. prices fell 1s. 3d. to £20 2s. 6d. for spot and £20 8s. 9d. for futures; sales 400 tons spot and 350 futures. Later the demand was still active with the American Company selling at 6.10c. New York. In the outside market, however, business is reported to have been done at as high as 6.15c. Lead ore in the tri-State district was unchanged at \$72.50 with sales small. Spot lead in London on the 3rd inst. advanced 2s. 6d. to £20 5s.; futures up 3s. 9d. to £20 12s. 6d.; sales 450 tons spot and 850 futures. Later a good demand prevailed and the tone was strong. The American Co. quoted 6.10c. New York. East St. Louis, 5.97 1/2 to 6c. Producers are said to be well sold ahead. In London on the 4th inst. spot was £20 5s.; futures £20 12s. 6d.; sales 350 spot and 350 futures.

ZINC was rather quiet at a rise early in the week. Prime Western slab zinc was quoted at 5.70 to 5.72 1/2c. Ore in the tri-State district was unchanged at \$38. Production outruns sales. The production was 8,600 against sales of 6,900. An encouraging feature has been the increase in steel operations. In London on the 2nd inst. prices declined 1s. 3d. to £24 18s. 9d. for spot and £24 17s. 6d. for futures; sales 75 tons spot and 400 futures. Later prime Western slab zinc sold at 5.72 1/2 to 5.75c. In London on the 3rd inst. spot was unchanged at £24 18s. 9d.; futures up 1s. 3d. to £24 18s. 9d.; sales 300 tons futures. Still later it was a waiting market. Slab zinc was up 2 1/2c. to 5.75c. East St. Louis, but buying was slack. London spot on the 4th inst. was £24 18s. 9d.; futures 1s. 3d. higher at £25; sales 50 tons spot and 75 futures.

STEEL.—Fabricated steel has recently been quiet, but there is a fair demand from automobile companies and building concerns and some from railroads. The output in the Pittsburgh district is said to be 80%. Pipe mills are now operating up to average. As to wire goods, particularly nails, shipping instructions have not been satisfactory. Light rails and other track supplies for coal mining have been quiet. Cold steel bars are said to be steady at 2.20c. and the trade is equal to that of a year ago. Cold finishing output is at 60 to 70% of capacity. At New York fabricated structural steel is said to be selling more freely but at low prices as the output outruns the consumption. In March there was a gain of 10 active blast furnaces. If new buying was generally in small lots, large specifications were something of an offset. Output increased in general to 85% a gain of one-half of 1%. The United States Steel Corp. is running at a little over 90%. March sales of auto steel were in some cases notably large especially of bars and strips. Birmingham hopes for a much larger output not despairing of 100%.

PIG IRON.—The sales in the first quarter of the year are said to have been good especially in the Central West which has the advantage of proximity to automobile manufacturing centers. Pig iron is \$17.67 against \$19.13 a year ago but some predict that this disparity will not continue throughout the present year. New York makers have been selling to Canada, i. e. Hamilton and Sault Ste Marie and while of late trade has been quiet it is stated that requisition on contracts have been satisfactory. Calls for quick shipments are noticed and some claim that on the average the foundry melt is larger. It is said that 10,000 tons sold here last week, including 2,000 tons of Dutch, but inquiry this week is said to be small. Buffalo is still called \$16.50 to \$17; Barge Canal navigation will be opened in two weeks or less. Birmingham is selling small lots at \$16 for No. 2 foundry. About 3,000 tons of Dutch iron were to arrive at Bridgeport, Conn. to-day.

WOOL.—While prices have been steady the demand has remained only moderate. Boston wired a government report as follows: "Trading in wool remains slow but the statistical features of the market are strong. Asking prices on available stocks are very firm. Imports of combing and clothing foreign wools at the three major Eastern ports since Jan. 1st total only two-thirds the volume for the corresponding period last year. The total receipts of domestic wool at Boston since the first of the year are slightly higher than for the corresponding period a year ago."

COTTON

Friday Night, April 6 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 80,232 bales, against 88,473 bales last week and 76,637 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1927 7,414,742 bales, against 11,640,239 bales for the same period of 1926, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 4,225,497 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	4,292	3,264	7,502	3,427	2,376	2,685	23,546
Texas City	—	—	—	—	300	—	300
Houston	2,533	2,073	4,117	1,378	2,295	2,000	14,396
New Orleans	3,416	172	3,845	5,283	1,393	2,000	16,109
Mobile	701	84	1,102	881	334	964	4,066
Savannah	1,622	2,915	2,095	1,610	1,322	1,832	11,466
Charleston	221	184	597	465	326	280	2,073
Wilmington	1,073	173	597	663	406	400	3,312
Norfolk	474	143	375	118	506	—	1,616
New York	—	42	—	—	—	—	42
Boston	—	—	—	—	—	115	115
Baltimore	—	636	—	—	—	2,555	3,191
Totals this week	14,332	9,686	20,230	13,825	9,328	12,831	80,232

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 Apr. 6.	1927-28.		1926-27.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	23,546	2,001,417	30,227	3,096,274	321,182	458,177
Texas City	300	87,326	1,621	165,723	32,140	34,093
Houston	14,396	2,405,799	39,126	3,645,599	582,000	696,670
Corpus Christi	—	176,343	—	—	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	736	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	16,109	1,305,901	29,319	2,224,624	415,000	573,058
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	4,066	248,231	3,169	352,807	10,138	35,573
Pensacola	—	12,582	—	13,322	—	—
Jacksonville	—	8	—	617	582	610
Savannah	11,466	560,530	16,652	1,004,331	27,427	74,511
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	2,073	230,894	9,393	505,731	25,822	64,868
Lake Charles	—	756	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	3,312	111,099	2,910	122,092	31,124	23,249
Norfolk	1,616	199,292	6,033	387,146	67,285	93,784
Newport News, &c.	—	—	—	374	—	—
New York	42	6,230	45	26,713	147,817	218,906
Boston	115	5,560	885	25,924	3,185	1,299
Baltimore	3,191	61,883	1,548	64,273	1,495	1,558
Philadelphia	—	155	—	4,689	5,857	7,202
Totals	80,232	7,414,742	140,928	11,640,239	1,671,054	2,283,558

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	23,546	30,227	20,158	19,450	21,065	9,047
Houston*	14,396	39,126	16,220	16,377	4,713	—
New Orleans	16,109	29,319	27,487	18,324	20,773	12,842
Mobile	4,066	3,169	2,566	1,573	1,701	567
Savannah	11,466	16,652	10,196	7,949	4,253	4,043
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	2,073	9,393	7,358	5,847	3,790	1,461
Wilmington	3,312	2,910	2,141	2,519	776	65
Norfolk	1,616	6,033	3,242	2,302	2,726	1,198
N port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	3,648	4,099	1,713	370	912	5,767
Total this wk.	80,232	140,928	91,081	74,709	60,709	34,990
Since Aug. 1	7,414,742	11,640,239	8,538,198	8,569,831	6,024,544	5,297,775

* 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 164,767 bales, of which 53,767 were to Great Britain, 18,272 to France, 43,614 to Germany, 9,033 to Italy, 8,966 to Russia, 2,227 to Japan and China, 28,888 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 219,233 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,832,641 bales, against 8,899,822 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended April 6 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	8,169	6,380	11,125	4,644	—	1,565	17,880	49,763
Houston	15,123	6,606	18,027	2,488	—	—	8,291	50,535
New Orleans	9,997	3,856	3,881	—	8,966	—	1,710	28,410
Mobile	2,566	—	2,008	—	—	—	—	4,574
Savannah	9,807	—	7,871	1,300	—	—	607	19,585
Charleston	—	—	—	101	—	—	—	101
Norfolk	936	—	—	—	—	—	—	936
New York	4,859	1,030	—	500	—	—	400	6,789
Baltimore	—	400	—	—	—	—	—	400
Los Angeles	2,310	—	702	—	—	500	—	3,512
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	162	—	162
Total	53,767	18,272	43,614	9,033	8,966	2,227	28,888	164,767
Total 1927	48,386	13,548	42,334	15,069	—	53,969	44,927	219,233
Total 1926	11,057	5,040	10,533	52	5,450	30,788	9,918	72,832

From Aug. 1 1926 to Apr. 6 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	272,650	318,854	374,970	165,935	19,900	259,546	324,130	1,735,985
Houston	274,353	290,407	386,590	145,868	57,700	233,356	162,786	1,551,060
Texas City	20,159	3,878	6,034	—	—	—	100	30,171
Corp. Christi.	24,310	34,321	57,001	4,059	3,100	23,972	15,181	161,944
Port Arthur	236	500	—	—	—	—	—	736
New Orleans	192,396	89,822	231,402	102,305	86,407	198,169	97,540	998,041
Mobile	45,709	1,989	98,855	2,500	—	22,550	5,075	176,678
Pensacola	2,022	—	9,065	370	—	—	1,125	12,582
Savannah	133,377	5,030	327,055	10,123	—	38,705	22,704	536,994
Charleston	39,871	1,881	135,842	6,166	—	5,300	21,931	210,981
Wilm'gton	—	—	1,300	57,992	—	—	300	75,592
Norfolk	47,220	600	65,791	1,250	—	2,250	3,597	120,708
Lake Charles	—	—	756	—	—	—	—	756
New York	42,741	11,720	33,361	3,073	—	—	28,438	121,917
Boston	2,037	230	493	—	—	—	267	5,636
Baltimore	—	2,118	—	1,497	—	—	—	3,882
Philadelphia.	775	—	45	277	—	—	100	1,197
Los Angeles.	22,917	6,863	30,229	591	—	19,750	360	80,710
San Diego.	1,843	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,843
San Francisco	889	300	455	—	—	2,076	283	4,003
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	1,225	—	1,225
Total	1,123,505	768,513	1,775,244	502,006	167,107	809,483	686,783	5,832,641
Tot. '26-'27.	2,259,831	882,725	2,449,181	632,410	214,537	1,460,369	1,000,769	8,899,822
Tot. '25-'26.	1,941,215	778,220	1,487,434	529,303	116,223	924,059	701,638	6,478,092

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 February the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 20,940 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 17,779 bales. For the seven months ended Feb. 29 1928 there were 154,808 bales exported as against 168,528 bales for the corresponding seven months of 1926-27.

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:

Apr. 6 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign	Cast-aside.		
Galveston ---	7,200	5,500	4,000	27,400	1,500	45,600	284,111
New Orleans ---	8,075	239	7,010	10,869	1,342	27,535	391,466
Savannah ---	-----	-----	-----	-----	200	200	27,227
Charleston ---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25,822
Mobile ---	2,500	-----	-----	6,570	28	9,098	1,040
Norfolk ---	2,300	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,300	64,985
Other ports* ---	1,500	1,000	3,000	4,000	500	10,000	781,670
Total 1928 ---	21,575	6,739	14,010	48,839	3,570	94,733	1,576,321
Total 1927 ---	22,995	11,756	27,812	69,660	6,016	138,239	2,145,319
Total 1926 ---	17,058	10,003	12,382	33,686	8,714	81,843	1,040,077

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has on the whole been very moderate, but the undertone has been firm, and despite some rather pronounced reactions from time to time, the trend has been upward. The gains, however, have been very moderate. Western Texas has not had the needed rains and there are complaints of backwardness there on that account. According to various estimates, some 40 to 75% of the cotton area of Texas needs rain and some portions of it need it badly. The weekly report was not considered altogether favorable taking the belt as a whole. It did state that the preparations for planting were mostly well up for the season. But it added that while the stands and condition of the early crop were generally fair in Texas the week's progress was poor. A good general rain was needed. Little cotton has been planted in Mississippi. The soil has been too wet and cold in Alabama for much planting. Some has been done in the southern and central parts of that State, but it is not general. While in the southern half of Georgia there has been better progress in planting, in the northern half the weather has been unfavorable. Nothing is said of cotton planting in the Oklahoma report. It has begun in southern and Central Arkansas. But rain was needed. Moreover, there has been fear of an unfavorable weevil report to be issued by the government. It was expected early in the week, but did not appear. While some reports about the weevil have been more favorable than had been expected, there were other reports from Montgomery, Ala., to the effect that the weevil is showing up in the belt in greater numbers than ever before. Private reports say that farm work on the whole is not so well advanced as it should be at this time of the season. They assert that it is 10 days late. Some reports say that the increase in the acreage will be 3 to 5%; others 6 to 7, although there are estimates as high as 10% in some parts of the belt. The use of fertilizers will be smaller than in 1926.

Spot markets have been firm and the basis has been well sustained. It is said that the demand is principally from spot cotton shorts. Liverpool has been in the main firm with steady calling by the mills and some buying by London and other interests. Manchester has reported a better situation. The spinners are in a more encouraging position. China has been buying more freely. A fair demand has come from India even if some of the bids are unacceptable. In New York trade has been only fair at best and as a rule small, but prices have been in the main firm. New Bedford reported some slight advance in mill shares. It is believed that the curtailment which has been going on for some time is gradually improving the situation in the cotton textile business of the United States even if there are no very marked indications of it as yet. In the transactions in raw cotton here the uppermost feature has been the buying by the trade. It has been incessant. Spot houses buy the near months, if some of them sell the new crop months. Where there has been liquidation it has been, on the whole, well taken. The trade has not waited for sharp declines. It is said that freight room has been engaged for export of 10,000 bales from the New York stock. This seems partly to confirm recent reports that cotton was to go out to Europe from this center.

Moreover, the position is strengthened by the growing belief that the consumption this year will be distinctly larger than was at one time expected. One estimate from Manchester is that the world will take 15,997,000 bales of American against about 15,800,000 last year. It is believed that the report of the Textile Institute, which is expected about April 9, will be in the main favorable.

On the other hand, speculation has not been spirited; far from it. Some large liquidation has been reported, supposedly for South Atlantic interests, in the May delivery. In two days the selling of that month was supposed to have approximated 18,000 to 20,000 bales. This may have been something of an exaggeration. The point is, however, that it was of noteworthy size. The South in general has been selling more or less. Now and then Wall Street on days when the stock market weakened, also sold; in fact, most of the week the financial quarter was selling more or less cotton in evening up for the three holidays. Spot markets have been quiet. The mills buy cautiously. The purchases are limited largely to shippers and exporters in filling old engagements. As regards the crop, it is too early to become very much excited over the prospects. The season may be 10 days late now, but a week or two of good weather would put a very different complexion on the whole outlook. The sales of fertilizers, it is very generally conceded, have been noticeably larger than those of last year. Some of the reports about the weevil from Oklahoma and South Carolina have been more favorable than they were at one time. The Winter was severe at times. Freezes penetrated far to the southward. They must have destroyed considerable of the pest. At least that is the belief of some of the trade. And as regards the textile business, there are still complaints of unprofitable prices. Many reports complain that the mills cannot pay present prices for raw cotton and sell their goods at a profit. Some think that there may be a considerable reduction in the consumption between now and the first of August.

On Thursday prices advanced 6 to 10 points, with the weather news both good and bad, but bad as regards the western section of Texas, which had little rain. The rest of the State had considerable. Furthermore, there were cloudbursts in Oklahoma which were hardly desirable. At Shawnee, Okla., the rainfall was nearly 7½ inches. Moreover, further rains were predicted for that State, as well as for eastern Texas, Arkansas and the section east of the Mississippi River. The prediction on the other hand for Western Texas, which needs rain so badly, was for fair and colder weather. The upper Trinity River was said to be in flood. An official weevil report stated the live weevil per ton moss in northern Louisiana at 1 against 4 a year ago; in southern Louisiana 365.1 against 70 a year ago; average for Louisiana 65.9 against 16.7 a year ago; and the following for which no comparisons were furnished: Georgia 88.7, Texas 74.5, South Carolina 21.1, Alabama 45.2. The cables were rather better than expected. Contracts were scarce, rather than otherwise, both here and in Liverpool. Final prices show a rise for the week of 21 to 25 points. Spot cotton ended at 19.85c. for middling, an advance for the week of 20 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Apr. 4 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 Apr. 13:

Middling fair.....	.80 on	*Middling yellow tinged.....	1.06 off
Strict good middling.....	.64 on	*Strict low middling yellow tinged.....	1.63 off
Good middling.....	.39 on	*Low middling yellow tinged.....	2.35 off
Strict middling.....	.25 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.71 off
Middling.....	Basis	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.17 off
Strict low middling.....	.32 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	1.75 off
Low middling.....	.71 off	Good middling yellow stained.....	.93 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.36 off	*Strict middling yellow stained.....	1.59 off
*Good ordinary.....	2.11 off	*Middling yellow stained.....	2.25 off
Good middling spotted.....	.23 on	Good middling gray.....	.45 off
Strict middling spotted.....	even	Strict middling gray.....	.74 off
Middling spotted.....	.37 off	*Middling gray.....	1.09 off
*Strict low middling spotted.....	.82 off	*Good middling blue stained.....	1.53 off
*Low middling spotted.....	1.45 off	*Strict middling blue stained.....	2.15 off
Strict good middling yellow tinged.....	even	*Middling blue stained.....	2.92 off
Good middling yellow tinged.....	.30 off		
Strict middling yellow tinged.....	.63 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:

March 31 to April 6—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	19.70	19.95	19.80	19.80	19.85	holiday

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on April 6 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1928	19.85c.	1920	42.00c.	1912	10.00c.	1904	14.90c.
1927	14.45c.	1919	29.05c.	1911	14.60c.	1903	10.45c.
1926	19.20c.	1918	35.70c.	1910	14.85c.	1902	9.19c.
1925	24.65c.	1917	20.55c.	1909	10.10c.	1901	9.44c.
1924	30.65c.	1916	12.05c.	1908	10.40c.	1900	9.75c.
1923	29.75c.	1915	10.05c.	1907	11.00c.	1899	6.19c.
1922	17.95c.	1914	13.40c.	1906	11.60c.	1898	6.19c.
1921	12.05c.	1913	12.60c.	1905	8.05c.	1897	7.38c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ts	Total.
Saturday ---	Quiet, 5 pts. adv. ---	Barely steady ---	200	---	200
Monday ---	Steady, 25 pts. adv. ---	Very steady ---	1,043	---	1,043
Tuesday ---	Quiet, 15 pts. dec. ---	Barely steady ---	1,300	---	1,300
Wednesday ---	Quiet, unchanged ---	Firm ---	---	---	---
Thursday ---	Steady, 5 pts. adv. ---	Steady ---	300	---	300
Friday ---	HOLIDAY				
Total week ---	---	---	2,843	---	2,843
Since Aug. 1 ---	---	---	280,733	825,700	1,106,433

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Mar. 31.	Monday, April 2.	Tuesday, April 3.	Wednesday, April 4.	Thursday, April 5.	Friday, April 6.
April						
Range	19.19	19.41	19.25	19.27	19.33	
Closing	19.19	19.41	19.25	19.27	19.33	
May						
Range	19.17-19.27	19.12-19.45	19.27-19.51	19.24-19.45	19.26-19.38	
Closing	19.22-19.23	19.44-19.45	19.28-19.30	19.30-19.31	19.36-19.38	
June						
Range	19.15	19.37	19.22	19.24	19.31	
Closing	19.15	19.37	19.22	19.24	19.31	
July						
Range	19.05-19.13	18.98-19.33	19.16-19.39	19.14-19.32	19.15-19.28	
Closing	19.08-19.09	19.31-19.32	19.16-19.18	19.19-19.22	19.26-19.27	
August						
Range	18.97	19.22	19.07	19.14	19.16	
Closing	18.97	19.22	19.07	19.14	19.16	
Sept.						
Range	18.85	19.12	18.99	19.18	19.18	
Closing	18.85	19.12	18.99	19.18	19.18	
October						
Range	18.72-18.78	18.67-19.03	18.91-19.09	18.86-19.06	18.89-19.03	
Closing	18.73-18.74	19.02-19.03	18.91-18.92	18.93-18.95	18.89-19.00	
Nov.						
Range	18.64	18.95	18.83	18.86	18.92	
Closing	18.64	18.95	18.83	18.86	18.92	
Dec.						
Range	18.58-18.63	18.54-18.87	18.76-18.92	18.73-18.91	18.75-18.89	
Closing	18.58-18.59	18.87	18.76-18.81	18.81	18.84-18.85	
Jan.						
Range	18.54-18.60	18.50-18.83	18.72-18.89	18.67-18.78	18.69-18.80	
Closing	18.56	18.85	18.72-18.73	18.74	18.79-18.80	
Feb.						
Range	18.54-18.60	18.50-18.83	18.72-18.89	18.67-18.78	18.69-18.80	
Closing	18.56	18.85	18.72-18.73	18.74	18.79-18.80	
March						
Range	18.54-18.60	18.50-18.83	18.72-18.89	18.67-18.78	18.69-18.80	
Closing	18.56	18.85	18.72-18.73	18.74	18.79-18.80	

HOLIDAY

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Dec. 16 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Apr. 1928.	19.12 Apr. 2	18.35 July 12 1927 26.67 Aug. 31 1927
May 1928.	19.12 Apr. 2	17.06 Feb. 2 1928 25.07 Sept. 8 1927
June 1928.	19.12 Apr. 2	17.32 Feb. 3 1928 21.77 Sept. 19 1927
July 1928.	18.98 Apr. 2	17.10 Feb. 2 1928 24.70 Sept. 8 1927
Aug. 1928.	19.27 Apr. 4	17.67 Feb. 8 1928 20.86 Nov. 9 1927
Sept. 1928.	19.27 Apr. 4	17.45 Jan. 28 1928 21.10 Oct. 27 1927
Oct. 1928.	18.67 Apr. 2	16.96 Feb. 2 1928 20.20 Nov. 9 1927
Nov. 1928.	18.67 Apr. 2	17.25 Jan. 28 1928 18.80 Mar. 22 1928
Dec. 1928.	18.54 Apr. 2	16.99 Feb. 4 1928 19.05 Jan. 3 1928
Jan. 1929.	18.50 Apr. 2	18.89 Apr. 3 17.00 Feb. 2 1928 18.92 Mar. 21 1928
Feb. 1929.	18.52 Apr. 2	18.86 Apr. 3 18.52 Apr. 2 1928 18.86 Apr. 3 1928
Mar. 1929.	18.52 Apr. 2	18.86 Apr. 3 18.52 Apr. 2 1928 18.86 Apr. 3 1928

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.

Stock at	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Stock at Liverpool	765,000	1,323,000	866,000	939,000
Stock at London	—	—	—	3,000
Stock at Manchester	85,000	169,000	83,000	136,000
Total Great Britain	850,000	1,492,000	949,000	1,078,000
Stock at Hamburg	—	—	—	—
Stock at Bremen	482,000	670,000	243,000	331,000
Stock at Havre	292,000	287,000	219,000	227,000
Stock at Rotterdam	16,000	19,000	3,000	14,000
Stock at Barcelona	119,000	130,000	99,000	101,000
Stock at Genoa	62,000	42,000	32,000	37,000
Stock at Ghent	—	—	—	12,000
Stock at Antwerp	—	—	—	3,000
Total Continental stocks	971,000	1,148,000	596,000	725,000
Total European stocks	1,821,000	2,640,000	1,545,000	1,803,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	122,000	68,000	99,000	182,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	435,000	730,000	264,000	312,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe	85,000	107,000	78,000	76,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	375,000	431,000	288,000	165,000
Stock in Bombay, India	905,000	600,000	846,000	854,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,671,054	2,283,558	1,121,920	906,519
Stock in U. S. interior towns	835,361	922,735	1,630,308	708,223
U. S. exports to-day	—	1,319	—	—
Total visible supply	6,249,415	7,783,612	5,872,228	5,006,742

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows

American—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Liverpool stock	541,000	997,000	564,000	744,000
Manchester stock	59,000	148,000	70,000	119,000
Continental stock	922,000	1,090,000	546,000	641,000
American afloat for Europe	435,000	730,000	264,000	312,000
U. S. port stocks	1,671,054	2,283,558	1,121,920	906,519
U. S. interior stocks	835,361	922,735	1,630,308	708,223
U. S. exports to-day	—	1,319	—	—
Total American	4,463,415	6,172,612	4,196,228	3,430,742
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	224,000	326,000	302,000	195,000
London stock	—	—	—	3,000
Manchester stock	26,000	21,000	13,000	17,000
Continental stock	49,000	58,000	99,000	84,000
Indian afloat for Europe	122,000	68,000	78,000	182,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	85,000	107,000	78,000	76,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	375,000	431,000	288,000	165,000
Stock in Bombay, India	905,000	600,000	846,000	854,000
Total East India, &c.	1,786,000	1,611,000	1,676,000	1,576,000
Total American	4,463,415	6,172,612	4,196,228	3,430,742
Total visible supply	6,249,415	7,783,612	5,872,228	5,006,742
Middling uplands, Liverpool	10.91c.	7.76c.	9.99c.	13.23c.
Middling uplands, New York	19.85c.	14.45c.	19.30c.	24.40c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool	22.15c.	15.30c.	17.35c.	34.10c.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	13.25c.	10.50c.	18.00c.	20.75c.
Broach, fine, Liverpool	9.65c.	6.95c.	8.65c.	11.85c.
Timnevelly, good, Liverpool	10.35c.	7.40c.	9.20c.	12.50c.

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 102,000 bales. The above figures for 1928 show a decrease from last week of 23,970 bales, a loss of 1,534,187 from 1927, an increase of 377,187 bales over 1926, and a gain of 1,242,673 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 April 6 1928.				Movement to April 8 1927.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Apr. 6.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Apr. 8.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	1,399	86,330	1,276	9,477	500	91,754	1,000	11,608
Eufaula	9	18,871	218	7,952	77	24,824	534	9,428
Montgomery	917	73,591	1,955	20,366	527	121,091	3,918	34,392
Selma	433	57,287	3,119	15,165	43	94,466	1,667	23,469
Ark., Blytheville	99	77,803	452	10,675	—	—	—	—
Forest City	75	36,769	766	9,756	—	—	—	—
Helena	149	51,110	644	12,554	551	94,390	1,616	22,252
Hope	541	47,962	439	3,895	—	—	—	—
Jonesboro	46	31,703	225	2,933	—	—	—	—
Little Rock	478	104,680	1,593	14,456	544	201,819	3,465	32,974
Newport	21	48,447	278	3,209	—	—	—	—
Pine Bluff	730	123,468	1,223	25,202	723	183,528	4,406	34,452
Walnut Ridge	42	35,366	399	20,024	—	—	—	—
Ga., Albany	3	4,979	42	1,715	3	8,764	19	2,943
Athens	500	50,717	1,000	6,845	14	49,156	1,890	13,993
Atlanta	1,714	119,615	1,277	29,907	1,213	246,746	6,551	44,287
Augusta	6,327	248,791	6,576	60,460	5,173	353,806	5,822	92,471
Columbus	32	50,771	170	1,790	24	46,298	503	3,503
Macon	1,578	60,862	1,981	5,397	1,793	101,046	1,970	6,282
Rome	275	33,821	1,700	15,449	190	50,502	750	24,342
La., Shreveport	567	95,259	1,637	38,390	500	163,961	2,000	44,025
Miss., Clarksdale	264	152,204	2,660	34,645	1,571	187,001	3,842	55,553
Columbus	249	34,201	620	4,556	—	—	—	—
Greenwood	331	157,074	2,344	53,839	532	80,659	4,503	46,489
Meridian	347	39,246	571	6,032	369	52,169	1,196	7,225
Natchez	200	36,474	200	17,903	13	38,403	2,024	2,234
Vicksburg	94	17,773	128	3,933	—	—	—	—
Yazoo City	35	27,656	425	8,600	21	44,737	1,220	12,890
Mo., St. Louis	6,827	316,401	6,796	4,765	10,815	521,328	11,049	5,995
N.C., Greensboro	190	23,954	284	11,301	804	42,944	1,133	24,256
Raleigh	203	13,349	342	3,421	47	18,538	199	4,980
Okla., Altus	—	—	—	—	1,639	203,299	2,797	7,674
Chickasha	—	—	—	—	2,007	184,483	3,567	7,856
Okla., City	—	—	—	—	2,159	175,695	4,396	11,577
15 towns*	1,469	731,173	4,994	50,211	8,493	308,318	2,271	80,985
S. C., Greenville	4,000	279,944	4,000	58,092	—	—	—	—
Greenwood	—	—	—	—	7,773	—	—	—
Tenn., Memphis	20,170	1,363,957	27,783	212,299	43,435	2,021,687	52,960	196,738
Nashville	—	—	—	—	298	7,309	294	1,190
Texas, Abilene	340	52,928	252	2,056	458	77,296	—	1,455
Austin	81	25,523	203	1,997	51	33,694	—	1,591
Brenham	713	20,000						

Week Ended Apr. 6.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thursd'y.	Friday.
Galveston	19.60	19.45	19.40	19.45		19.40
New Orleans	19.46	19.35	19.35	19.42		19.27
Mobile	19.30	19.15	19.15	19.20		19.15
Savannah	19.70	19.58	19.61	19.61		19.52
Norfolk	19.81	19.69	19.69	19.75		19.56
Baltimore	19.75	20.00	19.90	19.90		19.75
Augusta	19.50	19.31	19.31	19.38		19.25
Memphis	18.95	18.80	18.80	18.85		18.70
Houston	19.45	19.25	19.30	19.35		19.30
Little Rock	18.65	18.56	18.65	18.50		18.38
Dallas	18.85	18.70	18.70	18.75		18.65
Fort Worth	18.85	18.70	18.70			

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, Mar. 31.	Monday, April 2.	Tuesday, April 3.	Wednesday, April 4.	Thursday, April 5.	Friday, April 6.
May	18.91-18.93	19.15-19.16	19.05-19.06	19.02-19.03	19.11-19.13	
June						
July	18.71-18.73	18.96-18.97	18.85-18.88	18.83-18.84	18.93-18.95	
August						
September						
October	18.39-18.40	18.65-18.67	18.55-18.57	18.53-18.54	18.63-18.65	
November						
December	18.40 bid	18.65-18.67	18.57-18.59	18.54-18.55	18.65 bid	
January	18.41-18.43	18.67-18.68	18.57-18.60	18.55-18.56	18.65-18.67	
Spot	Quiet	Steady	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that, as a rule, the weather during the early part of the week was generally favorable for farm work in most sections of the country. Planting of cotton seed has been active in Southern Georgia and some has been seeded in Alabama and Mississippi and to the westward as far north as central Arkansas. Planting has progressed favorably in Louisiana. Stands and condition of early planted cotton in Texas were reported as fair but in need of a good general rain. The night of April 4-5 however, cloudbursts and cyclonic wind storms whipped through the Southwest. Tornadoes were reported at different places in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas and were followed by a deluge of rain which flooded lowlands for miles. The path of the storm extended from southern Kansas to the Texas Panhandle. Although it is known that great havoc was caused, the real extent of the damage is not known as communication lines were destroyed.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Tex.		dry	high 73 low 57 mean 65
Abilene	1 day	0.50 in.	high 90 low 50 mean 70
Brownsville		dry	high 80 low 52 mean 66
Corpus Christi		dry	high 78 low 56 mean 67
Dallas	1 day	0.16 in.	high 80 low 46 mean 63
Del Rio		dry	high 92 low 48 mean 70
Palestine	1 day	0.12 in.	high 76 low 42 mean 59
San Antonio	3 days	0.05 in.	high 80 low 46 mean 63
Taylor		dry	high 80 low 42 mean 63
New Orleans, La.	1 day	0.02 in.	high 80 low 42 mean 65
Shreveport	2 days	0.56 in.	high 80 low 40 mean 60
Mobile, Ala.	1 day	0.14 in.	high 75 low 47 mean 65
Savannah, Ga.	1 day	0.20 in.	high 82 low 42 mean 62
Charleston, S. C.	? days	0.06 in.	high 77 low 44 mean 61

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	April 6 1928.	April 8 1927.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	11.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	2.4
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	15.4
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	7.4
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	34.8

FINAL ESTIMATES REGARDING THE INDIA COTTON CROP.—Under date of Calcutta, Feb. 23 1928, the Indian Government issued its final general memorandum on the 1927-28 cotton crop. This memorandum is based on reports received from all the provinces and states and refers to the entire cotton area of India. It deals with both the early and late crop of the season. Information regarding the late crop in certain tracts, chiefly in Madras and the southern division of Bombay, is not however complete at this stage. A supplementary memorandum will therefore, as usual, be issued in April, containing final figures for Madras and Bombay together with the revised estimates, if any, for other tracts.

The total area now reported is 23,812,000 acres as against 24,676,000 acres, the revised estimate of last year, or a decrease of 3%. The total estimated yield is 5,480,000 bales of 400 pounds each, as compared with 5,003,000 bales (revised) of last year, or an increase of 9%.

The condition of the crop, on the whole, is reported to be fairly good. The detailed figures for each province and state are stated below:

Provinces and States.	Acres.		Bales of 400 Lbs.		Yield per Acre (Pounds).	
	1927-28.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1926-27.
Bombay a	6,912,000	6,768,000	1,431,000	1,267,000	83	75
Central Provinces and Berar	4,848,000	4,864,000	1,145,000	977,000	94	80
Madras a	1,946,000	2,231,000	391,000	388,000	80	70
Punjab a	2,074,000	2,803,000	605,000	599,000	117	85
United Provinces a	647,000	809,000	200,000	259,000	124	128
Burma	342,000	447,000	67,000	73,000	78	65
Bengal a	78,000	77,000	20,000	25,000	103	130
Bihar and Orissa	77,000	79,000	14,000	14,000	73	71
Assam	45,000	46,000	15,000	15,000	133	130
Ajmer-Merwara	42,000	43,000	14,000	15,000	133	140
North West Frontier Province	11,000	30,000	2,000	5,000	73	67
Delhi	2,000	4,000	1,000	1,000	200	100
Hyderabad	3,631,000	3,267,000	951,000	808,000	105	99
Central India	1,263,000	1,297,000	247,000	223,000	78	69
Baroda	806,000	761,000	127,000	124,000	63	65
Gwalior	585,000	649,000	115,000	107,000	79	66
Rajputana	422,000	404,000	110,000	78,000	104	77
Mysore	81,000	97,000	25,000	25,000	123	103
Total	23,812,000	24,676,000	5,480,000	5,003,000	92	81

a Including Indian States.

Production and Consumption, &c.—The following statement compares the estimates of the total output of cotton in India for the last two years with the sum of exports and internal consumption. The figures of mill consumption are those supplied by the Indian Central Cotton Committee and refer in the case of mills in British provinces to Indian cotton alone. The estimate of mill consumption in Indian States refers to all cotton, but it is presumed that little foreign cotton has been consumed in Indian States. Import figures have not therefore been taken into consideration for the purposes of the comparison set forth below. A conventional estimate has, as usual, been made for extra-factory or local consumption. It should be borne in mind that estimates of the "Carry-over" from one year to another have not been taken into account owing to complete information not being available regarding stocks.*

	Year Ended Aug. 1	
	1927 Bales (400 Lbs.)	1926 Bales (400 Lbs.)
Exports to United Kingdom	85,000	153,000
Exports to Continent (Europe excluding United Kingdom)	832,000	1,034,000
Exports to Far East	1,872,000	2,560,000
Exports to Other Countries	41,000	38,000
Total	2,830,000	3,775,000
Home Consumption—Mills a	2,044,000	1,983,000
Extra-factory or local b	750,000	750,000
Total	2,794,000	2,733,000
Approximate crop	5,624,000	6,508,000
Estimated in forecast	5,003,000	6,215,000
Excess (+) or deficit (—) neglecting carry-over	+621,000	+293,000

* Stocks of cotton in Bombay were 387,000 bales on Aug. 31 1926, and 437,000 bales on Aug. 31 1927.

a The figure of mill consumption is that compiled by the Indian Central Cotton Committee, Bombay, on the basis of returns made under the Indian Cotton Cess Act.

b Conventional estimates.

Exports.—The exports of raw cotton from India by sea to foreign countries, in the last five cotton years (September to August) have been as follows (in thousand bales of 400 pounds each):

Countries.	1922-23. (Bales.)	1923-24. (Bales.)	1924-25. (Bales.)	1925-26. (Bales.)	1926-27. (Bales.)
United Kingdom	223,000	288,000	216,000	153,000	85,000
Germany	245,000	209,000	230,000	153,000	204,000
Belgium	234,000	257,000	238,000	210,000	159,000
France	130,000	173,000	180,000	175,000	112,000
Spain	62,000	136,000	60,000	71,000	53,000
Italy	309,000	602,000	482,000	388,000	272,000
China	376,000	243,000	355,000	521,000	253,000
Japan	1,759,000	1,384,000	2,101,000	1,995,000	1,582,000
Other countries	135,000	158,000	136,000	109,000	110,000
Total	3,473,000	3,450,000	3,998,000	3,775,000	2,830,000

Final Estimate of the Cotton Crop of India.

Province and State.	1927-28 (Provisional Estimates)		1926-27 (Final Figures)*		1925-26 (Final Figures)*	
	Area, Acres.	Yield Bales.	Area, Acres.	Yield, Bales.	Area, Acres.	Yield, Bales.
Bombay a	6,912,000	1,431,000	6,768,000	1,267,000	8,117,000	1,566,000
Central Provinces and Berar	4,848,000	1,145,000	4,864,000	977,000	5,385,000	980,000
Madras a	1,946,000	391,000	2,231,000	388,000	2,121,000	569,000
Punjab a	2,074,000	605,000	2,803,000	599,000	3,052,000	908,000
United Provinces a	647,000	200,000	809,000	259,000	1,004,000	277,000
Burma	342,000	67,000	447,000	73,000	464,000	83,000
Bengal a	78,000	20,000	77,000	25,000	78,000	26,000
Bihar & Orissa b	77,000	14,000	79,000	14,000	82,000	15,000
Assam	45,000	15,000	46,000	15,000	47,000	13,000
Ajmer-Merwara	42,000	14,000	43,000	15,000	54,000	17,000
North West Frontier Province	11,000	2,000	30,000	5,000	32,000	7,000
Delhi	2,000	1,000	4,000	1,000	6,000	1,000
Hyderabad	3,631,000	951,000	3,267,000	808,000	3,781,000	1,060,000
Central India	1,263,000	247,000	1,297,000	223,000	1,369,000	270,000
Baroda	806,000	127,000	761,000	124,000	866,000	189,000
Gwalior	585,000	115,000	649,000	107,000	651,000	116,000
Rajputana	422,000	110,000	404,000	78,000	411,000	93,000
Mysore	81,000	25,000	97,000	25,000	83,000	25,000
Total	23,812,000	5,480,000	24,676,000	5,003,000	28,403,000	6,215,000

Note.—A bale contains 400 pounds of cleaned cotton.
* These are revised estimates as finally adjusted by provincial authorities, including Indian States.
(b) Excluding certain feudatory states which now report an area of 39,000 acres with a yield of 14,000 bales, as against 38,000 acres and 42,000 bales last year.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Jan. 6	110,324	238,809	151,454	1,295,532	1,529,304	2,023,364	77,113	205,252	160,090
13	117,331	264,749	178,734	1,261,688	1,509,833	1,999,693	83,487	284,220	155,991
20	122,215	296,254	203,160	1,217,543	1,487,981	1,979,161	78,070	274,402	182,628
27	120,405	258,932	171,156	1,180,096	1,467,429	1,966,783	82,958	238,380	158,778
Feb. 3	139,567	235,198	173,227	1,134,087	1,404,189	1,930,287	93,558	171,958	136,731
10	111,825	228,441	148,354	1,087,654	1,350,179	1,912,997	65,392	174,431	151,064
17	107,419	206,770	148,404	1,049,180	1,305,650	1,893,776	68,945	162,171	128,456
24	75,323	210,193	120,512	1,023,120	1,279,194	1,866,224	49,263	184,807	93,687
Mar. 2	62,281	196,159	118,766	987,384	1,224,580	1,836,790	26,545	141,545	88,669
9	70,755	217,975	105,260	941,043	1,168,286	1,810,852	24,434	161,681	79,322
16	73,234	227,560	121,458	916,246	1,097,531	1,760,002	48,437	156,805	70,608
23	76,637	185,888	104,414	887,170	1,036,360	1,730,985	47,561	124,717	75,397
30	88,473	168,766	110,433	863,788	984,188	1,679,443	65,091	116,594	58,891
Apr. 7	80,232	140,928	91,081	835,361	922,735	1,630,308	51,805	79,475	41,896

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 7,870,462 bales; in 1926-7 were 11,745,414 bales, and in 1925-6 were

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1927-28, 1926-27. Rows include Visible supply March 50, American in sight to April 6, Bombay receipts to April 5, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,873,000 bales in 1927-28 and 3,718,000 bales in 1926-27—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 11,731,408 bales in 1927-28 and 13,988,624 bales in 1926-27 of which 7,556,048 bales and 9,574,524 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns: April 5, Receipts at—, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1926-27. Rows include Bombay, 143,000, 2,343,000, 60,000, 2,288,000, 67,000, 2,668,000.

Table with columns: Exports from—, For the Week, Since August 1. Rows include Bombay, 1,000, 6,000, 55,000, 62,000, 52,000, 406,000, 768,000, 1,226,000.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 83,000 bales. Exports from all Indian ports record an increase of 19,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 133,500 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, April 4, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26. Rows include Receipts (cantars)—, This week, Since Aug. 1.

Table with columns: Export (bales)—, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include To Liverpool, To Manchester, &c., To Continent and India, To America.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending April 4 were 85,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 21,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloth is steady. Demand for both home trades and foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table with columns: 1928, 1927. Rows include Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-Ing. Common to Finest, Cotton Midd'l Up'ds.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table with columns: NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, Bales. Rows include To Liverpool—Mar. 30—Carmania, 2,743; Calgaric, 1,616; To Trieste—Mar. 29—Alberta, 100; To Barcelona—Mar. 29—Cabo Mayor, 300; To Venice—Apr. 5—Percestea, 100; To Manchester—Mar. 30—Raphael, 500; To Havre—Mar. 31—Vincent, 798; Apr. 3, Rochembeau, 232; To Piraeus, Apr. 4—West Carnifax, 100; NEW ORLEANS—To Hamburg—Mar. 29—Juventus, 2,563; To Havre—Mar. 30—Michigan, 883; April 2—Coldbrook, 2,369; To Bordeaux—Mar. 30—Michigan, 604; To San Felipe—March 31—Tela, 100; To Ghent—April 2—Coldbrook, 1,210; To Murransk—April 2—Hilversum, 8,966; To Cartago—Mar. 31—Quayaquile, 60; To Liverpool—Apr. 3—Novian, 7,733; To Manchester—Apr. 3—Novian, 2,264; To Bremen—Apr. 3—Narbo, 1,318; To Rotterdam—Apr. 3—Narbo, 340.

Table with columns: GALVESTON, Bales. Rows include To Havre—Mar. 29—Gand, 1,782; Apr. 3, Hornby Castle, 848; To Barcelona, Mar. 28—Aldecoa, 5,495; To Bremen—Mar. 29—Ansaldo Savoia Secondo, 7,629; To Genoa—Apr. 2—Monstella, 1,103; Apr. 3—Marina Odera, 3,544; To Japan—Apr. 4—Belfast Maru, 1,565; SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Mar. 29—President Taft, 162; HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Mar. 30—Wanderer, 6,023; Mar. 31—Cripple Creek, 7,201; To Manchester—Mar. 30—Wanderer, 402; Mar. 31—Cripple Creek, 1,497; To Bremen—Mar. 30—Western Queen, 3,450; Mar. 31—Uganda, 11,075; Ansaldo Savoia Secondo, 2,552; To Rotterdam—Mar. 30—Western Queen, 572; Mar. 31—Indicott, 800; To Genoa—Mar. 30—Marina Odera, 1,138; To Havre—Mar. 30—Gand, 4,653; Mar. 31—Endicott, 1,203; To Dunkirk—Mar. 30—Gand, 750; To Ghent—Mar. 30—Gand, 200; Mar. 31—Endicott, 448; To Barcelona—Mar. 31—Aldecoa, 3,505; Apr. 2—Mar Mediterraneo, 2,125; Apr. 3—Rosandra, 141; To Malaga—March 31—Aldecoa, 500; To Hamburg—Mar. 31—Ansaldo, Savoia Secondo, 950; To Genoa—Apr. 2—Montella, 1,200; Apr. 3—Rosandra, 150; MOBILE—To Bremen—Mar. 30—West Hardaway, 2,008; To Liverpool—Apr. 2—Afoundria, 1,364; To Manchester—Apr. 2—Afoundria, 1,202; SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Mar. 31—Liberty Glo, 6,255; To Manchester—Mar. 31—Liberty Glo, 3,552; To Bremen—Mar. 31—Magmeric, 1,147; Hedderheim, 3,906; To Hamburg—Mar. 31—Magmeric, 1,147; Hedderheim, 359; To Rotterdam—Mar. 31—Magmeric, 150; Hedderheim, 170; To Antwerp—Mar. 31—Magmeric, 287; To Genoa—Apr. 2—Labette, 700; To Venice—Apr. 2—Labette, 100; To Trieste—Apr. 2—Labette, 500; NORFOLK—To Manchester—Apr. 3—Clairton, 936; SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool—Mar. 31—Nebraska, 2,310; To Bremen—Mar. 31—Sachsen, 702; To Japan—Mar. 31—Santos Maru, 500; BALTIMORE—To Havre—Mar. 29—Vincent, 400; CHARLESTON—To Trieste—Apr. 5—Alamo, 101; Total, 164,767.

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

Table with columns: Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stocks, Total imports, Amount afloat. Rows include Mar. 16, Mar. 23, Mar. 30, April 7.

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:

Table with columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, 12.15 P. M., Mid. Up'ds, Sales, Futures, Market opened, Market, P. M.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with columns: Mar. 31 to April 6, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Rows include April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, April 6 1928.

Flour has been steady at recent advances due to higher prices for wheat, but as for trade showing any improvement, that is another matter. It has shown little or none. Only a moderate business for export is reported, whatever is actually being done. The Continent bought to a moderate extent. The downward trend in wheat of late has certainly not served to stimulate buying of flour, either here or at the Northwest or Southwest. Buyers were not willing to follow the recent advance. A moderate export demand was reported from Europe.

Wheat early in the week showed a tendency to decline. Bullish news fell flat. To all appearance, it had been discounted. Yet the average of private crop reports showed a condition of 73.7% and a crop of 533,000,000 bushels of winter wheat. A year ago the government put the condi-

tion at 84.5% with an unofficial crop estimate of 557,000,000 bushels, while the final crop last year was 552,680,000 bushels. In other words, present indications seem to point to a yield of about 20,000,000 bushels less than that of last year. The market did not see anything very exciting in this. The United States visible supply last week dropped practically 1,300,000 bushels, or about 368,000 less than in the same week last year. The total is now 67,363,000 bushels against 48,653,000 last year. Nat C. Murray's crop report makes the winter wheat condition 73.7%, and forecasts a crop of more or less than 543,000,000 bushels. He estimates the abandonment at 19.9% or 9,538,000 acres of the total of 47,897,000 acres sown last fall. The relative supply of corn in the country at the end of March was 97½%. Bradstreet's world's visible supply for the week decreased 3,299,000 bushels against a decrease of 4,600,000 last year. The total world's supply of wheat was 294,639,000 bushels against 243,619,000 a year ago.

On the 3d inst., however, prices advanced 1½ to 2c., to new high levels for the season, which was a surprise to everybody. It was based on unfavorable advices from the soft wheat region and also from the West and Southwest. The West and Southwest complain of dry weather. The forecast was for nothing more than showers in that section. Liverpool was up ¼ to ⅜d. Continental arrivals dropped to 7,425,000 bushels. That was a decrease from the previous week of nearly 3,000,000 bushels. Export business rose to 700,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba. Stocks abroad are not large. If the American Winter wheat crop should happen to be materially under present estimates, the effect on foreign markets might be marked. At the same time, cash demand was light. May and July ended at the same price, namely, 143⅞c. On the 4th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1¼c. lower on a forecast of rain. The technical position, moreover, was weaker. Trading was large. It took the shape for the most part of liquidation. Yet May closed at a premium of about 1c. over July. Many bought May and sold July. The shipping demand was light and Chicago was relatively higher than other Western as well as Northwestern points. There was some rain in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and also Kansas. Moreover, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas had heavy rains, especially Oklahoma, where the precipitation was 4 to 7½ inches. Export sales were 600,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba. Liverpool ended ¾ to 1d. higher, with signs of a better demand. Argentine was up ¼ to ½c. Reports are insistent that the abandonment of acreage is very large. But that was an old story. Indications of rain dominated the situation.

On Thursday prices closed ⅝ to 1⅞c. lower. Minneapolis was ⅝ to ⅞c. off, and Winnipeg ⅞c. lower to ¼c. higher. Trading was active. Heavy rains over most of the Winter wheat belt caused big liquidation and selling. At one time prices were lower, but buying against privileges resulted in some recovery. Rain occurred in nearly all sections. Yet some unfavorable reports were received. One stated that the indications pointed to yields of 25,000,000 bushels in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, as against 110,000 last year. Export sales were put at 600,000 to 700,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba and durums. Importers were said to have bought Argentine and Australian wheat afloat on quite a large scale yesterday. The Oklahoma report said that while winds did some damage, progress was fair. According to the Kansas weekly, fine growth was made except in north central and northeastern counties. Argentine exports this week were 5,953,000 bushels; Australian 2,288,000, and the Black Sea 136,000 bushels; Russia nil, making world's shipment ex-North America of 8,393,000 bushels. The Prussian crop report put the condition of wheat at 3.3 against 2.5 last year, with two meaning good and three meaning medium. Final prices for the week show an advance since last Friday of ½ to ¾c.

The New York Produce Exchange will be closed Good Friday, April 6. All North American grain markets will be closed Good Friday, April 6. All English and Continental grain markets will be closed from Thursday night to Tuesday morning, observing Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	182½	181½	183½	183½	182½	Hol.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	142½	142½	143½	143½	142½	
July delivery	141½	141½	143½	142½	142	Hol.
September delivery	139½	139½	141½	140½	139½	day.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	143½	143½	144½	144½	144½	
July delivery	145½	145	146½	146½	146½	Hol.
October delivery	138	137½	138½	138½	138½	day.

Indian corn declined early in the week, as May was freely liquidated. Stop orders were caught. Considerable corn was going to Chicago from outside markets. Outside buying power was small on the eve of the holidays. There was more or less evening up of accounts as usual at such a time. No export business was reported. Argentine prices were off 1 to 1½c. Its prices are about 18c. under the American level. Country receipts on the other hand were light at the West. The cash demand was good. Shippers want the better grades. On the 3d inst. prices ended ⅝ to ¾c. higher after some irregularity. At one time they were ⅞ to 1c. higher. Receipts were small everywhere.

The cash demand was keen. It seemed eagerly to snap up the daily receipts at Chicago. To be sure, the Eastern consumptive demand was none too great and export business was lacking. A certain amount of pre-holiday liquidation was also under way. The United States visible supply fell off close to 300,000 bushels last week or about one-third of the decrease in the same week last year. This brought the total down to 43,856,000 bushels against 47,244,000 a year ago. Bradstreet's world's visible supply decreased 439,000 bushels. Nat C. Murray put the supply of corn in country at the end of March at 89% as compared with last year. The demand for corn is 112% as compared with last year.

On the 4th inst. prices ended ¾ to 1c. lower. The weather was for the most part good for moving the crop. Crop preparations made good progress during the week in the Central Valley States. Planting was general as far north as Central Oklahoma, and had progressed in the Southeast up to Central Georgia. Europe will want considerable corn in the next few months, but Argentina may be in shape to compete sharply with this country. Liquidation was a feature mainly owing to the better weather. Yet receipts were light at all points. The spot demand was sharp. The basis was firmer as compared with futures. With it all, however, the Eastern shipping demand was poor rather than otherwise. Chicago Board of Trade transactions on the 4th inst. amounted to 23,088,000 bushels. Corn specialists who claim that the government overestimated the crop last year point to returns in Northwestern Kansas which indicated 35 bushels per acre measured by wagon boxloads and only shelled out around 15 bushels. Corn in cribs on farms in the Middle West is said to be no larger than in August. One statistician estimates a consumption of corn this season has been on the basis of 110%, and production around 90%. Average No. 2 yellow corn sold at the close of the week at \$1.05 in car lots on track, practically the best of the season.

On Thursday prices closed 1½ to 1¾c. lower, with heavy liquidation. But the market soon became oversold and rallied. The break early in the day was 2c. Export demand was in abeyance. Cash demand was only fair. Cash prices declined somewhat. Rains were detrimental to the movement but helpful for a new crop start. Argentine shipments this week were 1,007,000 or somewhat larger than recently and compare with 3,668,000 last year. Professionals were against the market. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3¼ to 4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	122½	120½	120½	119½	118½	Hol.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	101½	99½	100½	99½	97½	
July delivery	104	102½	103	102½	100½	Hol.
September delivery	104½	102½	103½	102½	100½	day.

Oats early in the week were inclined towards lower prices although there was no marked change. Still, the weather was fine for the completion of planting. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,234,000 bushels. The total is now only 15,745,000 bushels against 37,354,000 bushels a year ago. On the 3d inst. prices advanced ⅞ to 1c. net. The tone was very evidently firm, even if net changes were small, and in spite also of the fact that there was considerable liquidation on the indications of a very large acreage this season. Nevertheless, offerings were well taken. Cash prices were conspicuously firm under the spur of an excellent demand. On the 4th inst. prices ended about ½c. lower, owing mainly to the decline in other grain. Moreover, beneficial rains fell in various parts of the belt. The receipts were light and the demand persistent. Premiums were still high for most grades. Therefore, the decline in futures was only fractional. The market has not a few friends. The transactions at the Chicago Board of Trade on Thursday were 3,030,000 bushels. A Committee for the Chicago Board of Trade recommends that "pin" oats, known as cereal oats, be given a grade of No. 4 white instead of No. 3 and that the proposed change in rules governing contract grades of oats in Chicago be altered and the delivery of No. 3 white be made at a discount of 1½c. instead of 3c.

On Thursday prices closed ⅝ to 1⅞c. lower owing to the weakness in other grain, general commission house and professional selling, and some pre-holiday liquidation. Moderate receipts were offset by favorable weather over the belt. There was a fair cash demand. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1¼ to 1⅞c. on July and September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	71	71	71	70½	70½	Hol.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	57½	57½	58	57½	56½	
July delivery	51½	51½	51½	51½	50½	Hol.
September delivery	46½	46½	46½	46	46	day.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	68½	68½	69½	68½	69½	
July delivery	65½	65½	66½	65½	66½	Hol.
October delivery	56½	56½	57½	56½	56½	day.

Rye early in the week showed something of a downward tendency. The net decline on the 2nd inst. was ⅞ to 1⅞c., with some pre-holiday liquidation. Also there was very little demand apparent for export. The United States

visible supply increased last week 263,000 bushels against a decrease in the same week last year of 315,000 bushels. The total is now 5,157,000 bushels against 14,048,000 a year ago. On the 3rd inst., however, prices suddenly swung upward and tended at a net advance for the day of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 c. This, however, was simply in response to an advance in wheat, for there was no business reported for export. On the 4th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1 1/4 c. lower, although there was a fair export business reported at the seaboard. The export inquiries were numerous. Rye merely sympathized with other grain in its decline. Trading in futures was not heavy. On the 4th inst. it amounted at Chicago to 885,000 bushels.

On Thursday, prices closed 1/4 to 1 1/8 c. higher, with a good export business, unfavorable European advices, and covering of shorts. Export sales were estimated at 300,000 bushels. Rye showed independent strength. The Prussian crop report made rye condition 3.4 against 2.7 last year, two meaning good and three medium. The Berlin market was higher. Final prices for the week show a decline on May of 3/4 c., but an advance of 3/4 to 1 1/2 c. on July and September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: May delivery, July delivery, September delivery. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Holliday.

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table with columns: Wheat, New York; Oats, New York; Corn, New York; Rye, New York; Barley, New York; Flour. Rows: No. 2 red, f.o.b.; No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.; No. 2 yellow; No. 3 yellow; Spring patents; Clear, first spring; Soft winter straights; Hard winter straights; Hard winter patents; Hard winter clears; Fancy Minn. patents; City mills.

All the statements below regarding the movements of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour., Wheat., Corn., Oats., Barley., Rye. Rows: Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City. Includes summary for Total wk., Same wk., and Since Aug. 1.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, March 30, follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour., Wheat., Corn., Oats., Barley., Rye. Rows: New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Norfolk, New Orleans*, Galveston, Montreal, St. John, N.B., Boston. Includes summary for Total wk., Since Jan. 1, and Week 1927.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, March 31 1928, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat., Corn., Flour., Oats., Rye., Barley. Rows: New York, Portland, Me., Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, N.B., Houston, Halifax. Includes summary for Total week 1928 and Same week 1927.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1927 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour., Wheat., Corn. Rows: United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Other countries. Includes summary for Total 1928 and Total 1927.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, March 31, were as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows: United States—, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Fort Worth, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, Sioux City, St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, St. Joseph, Mo., Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Canal and River. Includes summary for Total Mar. 31 1928, Total Mar. 24 1928, Total Apr. 2 1927.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 84,000 bushels; Boston, 6,000; Baltimore, 25,000; total, 115,000 bushels, against 66,000 bushels in 1927. Barley, New York, 176,000 bushels; Boston, 40,000; Baltimore, 135,000; Buffalo, 118,000; Duluth, 40,000; Canal, 195,000; on Lakes, 3,955,000; total, 1,099,000 bushels, against 667,000 bushels in 1927. Wheat, New York, 1,702,000 bushels; Boston, 776,000; Philadelphia, 870,000; Baltimore, 1,693,000; Buffalo, 5,719,000; Duluth, 344,000; on Lakes, 1,813,000; Canal, 209,000; total, 13,126,000 bushels, against 6,164,000 bushels in 1927.

Table with columns: Canadian—, Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian. Includes summary for Total Mar. 31 1928, Total Mar. 24 1928, Total Apr. 2 1927, and Summary for American and Canadian.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, March 30, and since July 1 1927 and 1926, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows: North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's. Includes summary for Total.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 27.

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended March 27 follows:

The striking feature of the week's weather was the passage of a rather extensive "low" eastward across the country on the 28th-31st. Temperatures were above normal over the southern Great Plains and adjacent sections the first of the week, under the influence of this low pressure area, and as it moved eastward it brought warmer weather to those parts. Precipitation was not general during the storm's first two days' movement, but on the 30th there were general rains and snows over much of the East from western Georgia to New York, while on the following day precipitation was reported over most sections from New England southward.

Following the passage of this "low", temperatures became lower over the East on the 30th-31st, and cool weather still obtained over the Northeast at the close. It was cooler than normal over the Great Plains on the first few days, but on the 31st there was a reaction to warmer, and this condition continued. Temperatures in the Pacific Coast states were somewhat above normal the first of the week, but it became cooler at the close. Precipitation was frequent in the Pacific Northwest, as parts of this section reported rain on every day, but in some areas there were only scattered amounts.

The table on page 3 shows that the week was much cooler than normal from Ohio River northward and northeastward, and that temperatures were considerably below normal in most of the far Western States. In other sections the weekly means ranged from 2 degrees or 3 degrees deficient to about 5 degrees above the normal, with most stations having an excess of temperature. Precipitation was heavy in the Pacific Northwest, extending southward to central California, and was moderate to rather heavy in most sections east of the Mississippi; elsewhere the amounts were generally

light to moderate, with a large area in the Southwest receiving practically no rain.

In the Southern States the week was mostly favorable for field work, and fairly so for growing crops, though there was some retardation in growth during part of the time because of cool weather which brought light frost as far south as the interior of northern Florida. Only slight frost damage was reported, except that it was more extensive in New Mexico and western Texas. Showers were beneficial in Florida, but rain is rather badly needed in the west Gulf area, particularly in Texas.

But little field work was possible in the Northeastern States, while in the Ohio Valley rains, with considerable snow or glaze in some areas, made conditions mostly unfavorable for field operations, though some Spring seeding was accomplished. In the Central and Northern States west of the Mississippi River the weather was mostly favorable for agricultural interests, with precipitation in California timely and very helpful, notwithstanding some flood damage. Parts of the far Southwest need rain. Fruit trees are favorably retarded, as earlier varieties are blooming northward only to Virginia and the lower Ohio River sections, compared with scattered bloom to North Carolina and southern Missouri last year by the first of March, or approximately one month earlier.

SMALL GRAINS.—Reports of apparently heavy injury to wheat by winter killing continue from the Ohio Valley States, where weather conditions, through the absence of snow cover and prevailing temperatures favoring the thawing in the afternoon and freezing at night, have been unusually detrimental. In the trans-Mississippi States the weather continued generally favorable for the wheat crop, except that rain is needed in most sections of Nebraska and in Oklahoma and Texas. West of the Rocky Mountains, particularly in the Pacific Northwest, soil moisture is generally ample. Winter cereals show improvement in the Southeast.

The weather was mostly favorable in the Spring wheat region, and considerable seeding was accomplished during the week in the southern portion of the belt, with a little seed put in as far north as North Dakota. Oat sowing made good progress west of the Mississippi River, but mostly rather slow advance in the Ohio Valley States.

CORN AND COTTON.—Considerable plowing and other preparations for corn planting were accomplished in the central valley States, though rains caused delay in the eastern portion of the belt. Planting has become general as far north as southern Oklahoma, while in the Southeast considerable corn was seeded to central Georgia. In the west Gulf area stands of early-planted are very good, but the weather was rather unfavorable for growth.

Preparations for cotton planting continued, with this work mostly well up with the season. Planting was rather active in southern Georgia, and some was seeded during the week in Alabama and Mississippi and to the westward as far north as central Arkansas. Planting progressed favorably in Louisiana. While stands and condition of the early crop are generally fair in Texas, the weekly progress was poor, with a good general rain needed badly.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Good progress in farm work under favorable conditions; preparations for staple crops well advanced. Potato planting under way. Wheat improved. Small fruit blooming; apple prospects good.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Temperatures varying above to below normal; some showers, but mostly light, except heavy in portions of mountains. Very little frost damage. Vegetation still backward, but farm work well up. Peaches coming into full bloom. Small grains improving.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Winter cereals and truck made good growth, notwithstanding rather cold nights with frost two mornings, but no material damage. Scattered rains, but plowing fairly well advanced. Strawberries blooming; peaches, pears, and plums in fine condition and setting fruit well. Tobacco plants small and late. Week closed warm, with good growing weather. Asparagus and radish shipments proceeding in south and cucumbers germinating.

Georgia.—Atlanta: General rains Friday, followed by frost in northern division Saturday and as far south as Thomasville Sunday morning. Weather unfavorable, causing some damage to melons and tobacco plants in beds. Farm work still backward in northern half, but making more progress in southern half, with considerable cotton and corn planted as far north as Macon. Field planting of tobacco, planting peanuts, sugar cane, rice, gardens, and truck, and bedding sweet potatoes making some progress. Wheat and oats left from winter freeze and pastures greening rapidly. Peaches in full bloom and uninjured.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Showers on Friday generally beneficial; somewhat colder Saturday, with light frost in interior of extreme north Sunday; slight damage. Corn good stand on peninsula and doing well. Transplanting tobacco; wind did some damage to shaded in Madison County. Shipping tomatoes in car lots from south and cabbage, celery, and other truck from central; berries shipments increased from Bradford County. Citrus good bloom; groves doing well.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Light frost in extreme northeast on Saturday; general precipitation middle of week, locally heavy. Farm work interrupted locally account wet soil. Corn planting progressed rather slowly; some coming up in south. Oats improving. Potatoes doing fairly well in south; planting made good progress in north; bedding sweets quite general. Pastures and truck crops late, but improving. Fruits mostly good progress. Cotton planting progressed in south and central, but not general; preparation for planting progressing in north, with good progress locally.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly light precipitation, occurring Thursday and Friday, but moderate in some east-central localities. Light frost in central Saturday affecting truck. Corn planting beginning in central and north; progress fair in south. Little cotton planted, but progress of preparations mostly fair.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Fair weather and moderate temperatures favorable, except too cool Saturday; no damage. Corn coming up and growing well. Cotton planting progressing in most sections. Field work making good progress. Pastures improving rapidly. Truck and sugar cane generally in good condition. Strawberries ripening and moving satisfactorily.

Texas.—Houston: No precipitation of consequence, with high, drying winds and several cool nights, unfavorable; slight damage by frost in western half on 30th. Condition of truck, pastures, winter wheat, oats, and spring oats, and barley fair to good; of onions and strawberries very good, but growth slow. Condition of corn poor; stands very good, but progress poor, with damage by high winds. Condition and stands of cotton generally fair; progress poor; spring planting slowed up by dryness, and general rains badly needed in all sections.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm week, except frost and freezing on morning of 30th; no serious frost damage. Progress and condition of wheat fairly good, but crop needs rain. Corn planting general in southern and eastern portions. Oats fair to excellent. Potatoes generally good stand and growth. Cotton land mostly ready for planting. Pastures and meadows fair to good and improving. Freeze seriously damaged fruits only in scattered localities, mostly in west-central and southwest portions.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Continued dry weather very favorable for farm work, but growing crops need rain in many localities. Cotton planting begun in many southern and central localities. Corn coming up in southern and central portions; planting in some northern counties. Wheat and oats improving. Other crops good. Little damage from frost on 31st.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Heavy frost first of week did no damage, while general weather favored soil preparation. Wheat and oats rather thin on ground and appear only fair. Plowing corn land under way, but little planted. Much winter oats killed, but remaining doing well; spring oats fair to good in west. Tobacco plant beds sown and coming rapidly. Considerable planting of potatoes, and those early-planted well up; bedding sweets progressing in west.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures variable and precipitation light to moderate. Generally favorable for growth. Considerable plowing and early gardening, with both well advanced; soil in excellent condition. Tobacco plants coming up. Peaches and plums blooming. Condition of most winter wheat poor, but some fair in west; much bare ground in fields, but improving slowly; stooling irregularly and less generally than desirable.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Friday Night, April 6 1928.

Sentiment throughout the markets for textiles continues optimistic. Although the Easter holidays restricted busi-

ness in most primary channels the latter half of the week, retail stores have been busy satisfying a belated Spring demand which had been held back by adverse weather conditions. The advent of good warm climatic conditions has tended to stimulate consumer buying, and it is believed that retail sales total will be quite large. Factors believe that there is still considerable merchandise to be purchased, and, therefore, expect a continuation and further broadening of seasonal buying in both producing and distributing channels for some weeks to come. Meanwhile, in the floor covering division, with the Alexander Smith & Company's auction but a few days off, business has been very quiet. Anticipation concerning the sale occupies the attention of factors who are concentrating their attention and their sales forces on the new lines to be offered. Quite a number of out-of-town buyers are here and more are arriving daily. They are making the rounds of the trade, viewing preliminary showings of the goods to be offered, and from present indications, it appears that their interest centers more in the modernistic designs. Buyers seem to be unanimous in their belief that the auction will form one of the best indices of the future trend of business throughout the country. Regarding the silk division, raw prices have remained relatively firm, while distribution of the finished product continues to expand. The monthly report of the Silk Association of America covering statistics of raw silk during the month of March showed that consumption exceeded all preliminary estimates. Total consumption, which amounted to 52,011 bales, was just a little under January which was the previous record. March imports increased to 50,220 bales, which compared with 44,828 in February, but storage stocks decreased to 40,186 from 41,677 on the first of the month. There were 19,200 bales in transit between Yokohama and New York at the end of the month.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The improvement noted in markets for domestic cotton goods last week has continued to the extent where business has assumed quite satisfactory proportions. This has been chiefly true of the retail section, and although the primary division also improved steadily the earlier part of the week, business slowed down considerably the last half, owing to the Easter holidays. Retail stores remained open and are said to have transacted a good business. Distribution during April has started much better than March, principally owing to better weather and the Easter holidays. As a result, factors are inclined to view the future in a decidedly more optimistic frame of mind, as it is expected that a good seasonal business will be transacted. Much encouragement has been derived from the fact that curtailment of production has finally reached a point where stocks generally have ceased to accumulate, and in some instances cloths are becoming scarce, especially for quick deliveries. The steadier conditions prevailing in cotton duck, sheetings, denims and most other lines attest to the firmness growing out of sustained restricted output. In a number of instances, merchants are disposed to take a firmer stand and prices are stronger than for some time past. Concerning the recent establishment of favorable prices for wide sheetings and pillow cases, reports indicate that they have been well received by buyers who are said to be placing a good volume of business. Handlers of gingham are doing much better and many houses are planning to hold special sales over the coming "Gingham Week." Wash goods, especially prints, continue to be moved in large quantities. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 64's construction are being quoted at 6½c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 5½c., Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 8½c., and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 11c.

WOOLEN MARKETS.—As is customary during Easter week, markets for woollens and worsteds have been dull in primary and producing sections, but distribution in retail channels is quite satisfactory, owing to more favorable weather conditions. The arrival of a more Spring-like atmosphere has encouraged consumers to purchase their season's needs. However, the season has been so backward it is believed that only a small fraction of the total normal amount of merchandise will have been disposed of at Easter. Therefore, factors are expecting a continuation or expansion of consumer buying during the ensuing weeks. Manufacturers were practically closed the latter part of the week owing to the holidays and the Jewish Passover.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—An irregular undertone continues to characterize the markets for linens. While certain items, such as dress liens and handkerchiefs, have been moving in encouraging quantities, some others, such as household linens, have been backward, with sales disappointingly small. In primary dress circles attention is being centered in preparations for 1929 distribution. Hereafter, it has been the practice to have the stylings and colors ready for inspection in July for October shipment, but it is held probable that the showings will be much later this year. Handkerchiefs are doing reasonably well with prints and embroidered styles leading in popularity. Burlaps are steady with a better volume of business passing. Light weights are quoted at 7.60c. and heavies at 9.55c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MARCH.

State and municipal bond disposals during the month of March aggregated \$126,416,430. This figure compares with \$132,666,768 for February and with \$88,605,561 for March 1927. A number of large issues were marketed during the month the State of New York, heading the list, with \$22,500,000 bonds. These consisted of three issues, maturing serially from 1929 to 1978, incl; \$12,500,000 sold as 3½s, \$7,600,000 as 4s, and \$2,400,000 as 3¾s. A syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. was the successful bidder paying 100.0799 for the bonds, equal to a net interest cost of about 3.692%. This is the first time in 19 years that the State of New York has borrowed money at a coupon rate of less than 4% according to State Comptroller, Morris S. Tremaine. The City of Detroit, Mich., disposed of \$17,272,000 serial obligations maturing from 1929 to 1958, incl.; consisting of seven issues, five of which aggregating \$12,812,000 were awarded as 4¼s, \$4,000,000 bonds as 3¾s, and \$460,000 bonds as 4½%. The bonds were awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, at 100.0005, a net interest cost of about 4.066%. According to our records the total output of State and municipal bonds for the first quarter of the year was \$359,168,350. This compares with \$337,613,765 issued in 1927, \$359,623,729 in 1926, \$326,927,507 in 1925, \$295,559,537 in 1924, and \$246,574,494 in 1923. A summary of the other important bond sales that took place during March follows:

- \$13,000,000 4¼% State of Arkansas bonds, maturing serially from May 1 1928 to 1958, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., at 101.22, a basis of about 4.17%.
- 7,500,000 4% City of Philadelphia, Pa., bonds, consisting of two issues, maturing in 1958 and 1978, optional after twenty years, awarded to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, at 101.919, a basis of about 3.86%.
- 3,710,000 Allegheny County, Pa., 4% bonds, consisting of four issues awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co., and M. M. Freeman & Co., jointly, at 102.179 a basis of 0.00%.
- 3,000,000 5% East Bay Municipal Utility Dist., Calif., bonds, maturing serially from 1935 to 1974, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, at 110.45, a basis of about 4.33%.
- 2,600,000 San Francisco (City and County of) Calif., 5% bonds, awarded to a First National Bank, syndicate, at 111.25, a basis of about 4.12%. The bonds mature serially from 1930 to 1969, inclusive.
- 1,844,000 County road assessment district bonds of the State of Michigan, awarded as 4¼s, maturing serially from 1929 to 1938, incl., to the Guardian Detroit Co. of New York, at 100.112.
- 1,500,000 Coastal Highway Commission, S. C., 4½% bonds, maturing serially from 1931 to 1939, incl., awarded to Eldredge & Co. and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, at 100.79, a basis of about 4.39%.
- 1,500,000 Monroe County, N. Y., bonds, awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bancitaly Corp., at 100.02, a basis of about 3.82% as follows: \$625,000 bonds maturing serially from 1935 to 1947, incl., as 4s, and \$875,000 bonds maturing serially from 1948 to 1957, incl., as 3¾s.
- 1,336,000 5¾% St. Petersburg, Fla., bonds, awarded at private sale to Eldredge & Co. of New York City. The bonds mature serially from 1930 to 1953, incl.
- 1,006,000 4¼% Monmouth County, N. J., bonds, maturing serially from March 15 1930 to 1958, incl., awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, as follows: \$925,000 bonds, at 102.14, a basis of about 4.02%, \$75,000 bonds at 102.98, a basis of about 3.98% and \$36,000 bonds at 102.18, a basis of about 3.95%.
- 1,000,000 4¾% Fort Worth, Texas, bonds, consisting of three issues maturing serially from 1933 to 1968, incl., awarded to Garratt & Co. of Dallas, syndicate, at 101.86 at 4.16% basis.
- 1,000,000 5¾% Hidalgo County, Texas, bonds, maturing serially from 1930 to 1958, incl. awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

Temporary loans negotiated during the month aggregated \$74,132,292. This includes \$46,456,000 issued by the City of New York. Canadian bond disposals amounted to \$3,619,243 none of which were placed in the United States. The Government of the Philippine Islands, marketed an issue of \$110,000 4½% bonds maturing in Jan. 1 1958. The District of Columbia Teachers' Retirement Fund purchased the issue at 108.69, a basis of about 4.00%. A comparison is given in the table below of all the various securities placed in March in the last five years:

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Permanent loans (U.S.)	\$ 126,416,430	\$ 88,605,561	\$ 116,898,902	\$ 111,067,656	\$ 101,135,402
*Temp'y loans (U.S.)	74,132,292	65,388,700	71,248,000	94,940,827	87,068,700
Bonds U.S. possessions	110,000	—	—	—	—
Canadian loans (permanent)	3,619,243	—	3,046,251	4,017,141	4,365,505
Placed in Canada	—	—	5,000,000	—	681,000
Placed in U.S.	—	480,000	8,750,000	—	—
Gen. fd. bds. (N.Y.C.)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	204,277,965	154,474,261	204,943,153	210,025,624	193,250,607

*Includes temporary securities issued by New York City in March, \$46,456,000 in 1928, \$50,000,000 in 1927, \$53,000,000 in 1926, \$79,850,000 in 1925, and \$67,157,000 in 1924.

The number of places in the United States selling permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during March 1928 were 428 and 508, respectively. This contrasts with 319 and 407 for February 1928 and with 356 and 479 for March 1927.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates for March and the three months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans, New York City's "general fund" bonds and also issues by Canadian municipalities are excluded:

	Month of March.	For the Three Mos.	Month of March.	For the Three Mos.
1928	126,416,430	1909	\$32,680,227	\$79,940,446
1927	88,605,561	\$337,613,765	18,912,083	90,769,225
1926	116,898,902	359,623,729	10,620,197	58,326,063
1925	111,067,656	326,927,507	20,332,012	57,030,249
1924	101,135,402	295,559,537	17,980,922	35,727,806
1923	69,575,262	246,574,494	14,723,524	46,518,646
1922	116,816,422	292,061,290	9,084,046	40,176,768
1921	51,570,797	204,456,916	7,989,232	31,519,536
1920	58,838,866	174,073,118	10,432,241	23,894,354
1919	50,221,395	106,239,269	8,980,735	34,492,466
1918	28,376,235	75,130,589	5,507,311	18,621,586
1917	35,017,852	101,047,293	6,309,351	23,765,733
1916	32,779,315	120,003,238	12,488,809	35,571,062
1915	667,939,805	144,859,202	4,219,027	15,150,268
1914	43,346,491	165,762,752	4,915,355	21,026,942
1913	14,541,020	72,613,546	5,080,424	24,118,813
1912	21,138,269	75,634,179	6,994,246	17,504,423
1911	22,800,196	123,463,619	8,150,500	22,264,431
1910	269,093,390	104,017,321		

a Includes \$27,000,000 bonds of New York State.
z Includes \$50,000,000 bonds of New York City.
* Includes \$22,500,000 bonds of New York State.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

Arkansas (State of).—State Highway Act Again Attacked.—For the second time since its enactment the Highway Act of 1927 has been attacked in the courts. The validity of the act was upheld in the first case by the State Supreme Court—V. 124, p. 3112. The law is now being attacked in the Federal Court at Jonesboro by a Memphis contractor on the ground that part of the funds raised by bond issue is to be used for construction of toll bridges instead of roads. The right of the State to take control of roads from the counties throughout the State is also attacked. The N. Y. "Times" of April 4 said:

Attacking the legality of the \$13,000,000 of highway bonds of the State of Arkansas which were awarded on March 17 to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., on the ground that a portion of the loan was to be used to construct toll bridges instead of being devoted entirely to the building of roads, a contractor in Memphis, Tenn., has brought suit in the Federal court in Jonesboro, Ark. At the offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co. yesterday it was said they knew such a suit was pending before they bought the bonds, and that such action was not in keeping with the decision of the Arkansas Supreme Court in January, which defined the authority of the Highway Commission.

The suit also attacks the right of the Commission to take road building away from county control and place it under a unified State system. In answer to this the bankers said the Supreme Court of the State had upheld the constitutionality of the whole highway plan. Last June the State marketed an issue of similar size which has all been sold.

The current issue, which is dated May 1 1928, will be delivered by the State to the Halsey, Stuart syndicate on that date. Meanwhile the issue is being offered to investors on the usual "when, if and as" received basis. Arkansas departed from its custom of issuing no bonds, except those needed to "put down insurrection or repel invasion," by the Highway act of 1927, which was passed for the specific purpose of allowing the State to assume control of road construction.

Attorneys for the Halsey, Stuart & Co. syndicate which purchased \$13,000,000 Arkansas State Highway bonds last month—V. 126, p. 1866—dismiss the suit lightly, feeling that none of the points raised in the suit have not already been disposed of by the court rulings favorably to the State. The "Times" presented this side of the controversy on April 5 as follows:

The suit brought against the State of Arkansas by V. E. Schevenell of Memphis, Tenn., a contractor, questioning the validity of the State's highway bonds, the second \$13,000,000 of which was purchased on March 17, last, by a banking group here, headed by Holsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., was termed "frivolous" yesterday in a formal statement issued by Halsey, Stuart & Co. on behalf of the offering syndicate. The statement, which is based on opinions by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York and Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough of Little Rock, Ark., acting as counsel for the State, follows:

"In the opinion of counsel for the State of Arkansas only frivolous contentions are presented in the suit brought by V. E. Schevenell against the State Highway Commissioners in an effort to prevent the issuance of \$13,000,000 State Highway notes. The validity of the Arkansas gasoline tax is questioned, although that tax has been sustained not only by the Supreme Court of Arkansas, but by the Supreme Court of the United States. An attack is also made upon the Martineau Road act, notwithstanding the fact that the Supreme Court in an opinion rendered May 23 1927, sustained the constitutionality of that act.

"It is also contended that the State Highway Department has no authority to make road improvements because it is alleged the Constitution gives the county courts complete jurisdiction over roads. This very question, however, was passed upon by the Supreme Court of Arkansas in the case of Connor vs. Blackwood, which was decided Jan. 30 1928, in which the Court held that the Constitution did not deprive the Legislature of the power to confer upon the State Highway Commission the right to lay out and construct State highways.

"The pending litigation, therefore, involves questions which have already been passed upon adversely to the complainant's contentions by the Supreme Court of Arkansas and in one instance by the Supreme Court of the United States as well.

Connecticut (State of).—Addition to Savings Bank Legals.—The Bank Commissioner on Apr. 2 announced that the first mortgage 4½% bonds, due 1967, of the Duquesne Lighting Co. have been placed on the list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks.

Dallas, Tex.—New Litigation Over Bond Program.—Following the withdrawal on March 9 of W. E. Foster's suit against the \$23,900,000 bond program approved by the voters on Dec. 15, E. L. Bowman on March 13 filed suit against the program in the 101st District Court. The main charge is that on Dec. 15 the ordinances calling the election had not been in force the required thirty days. The Dallas "News" on March 14 said:

Another legal obstacle was placed in the way of the Ulrickson bond program for public improvements when late Tuesday afternoon W. S. Bramlett, as attorney for E. L. Bowman, filed a suit in District Court.

seeking to have the whole of the bond issue of \$23,900,000 and the related charter amendments invalidated. Two other suits to stop the issuance and sale of the bonds and contesting the election at which they were approved were withdrawn by counsel for W. E. Foster last Friday.

The Bramlett suit, however, is based upon other allegations than those contained in the Foster suit, in which E. G. Senter and W. J. Moroney were attorneys. It was filed with J. W. Currie, clerk in District Clerk J. Bile Fink's office, and will be heard in Judge Claude M. McCullum's 101st District Court.

E. L. Bowman, plaintiff in the newest suit, resides at 3709 Colonial Avenue, and formerly was connected with the city engineering department. He said he had not worked for the city for about a year.

In his petition Bramlett asserts that the ordinances calling the election were not in force and effect for thirty days prior to the actual holding of the election and that neither had been properly attested by the City Secretary, nor properly approved a sufficient length of time before the publication and the date of the election. It also is asserted that whereas ordinance No. 1774, calling the election, as published in the official city newspaper, provided that but one ballot should be used in the bond and charter election, two ballots were used, this procedure being authorized by ordinance No. 1776, passed on Nov. 14. The petitioner claims that the first ordinance was in fact not in effect by approval until Nov. 17, within less than thirty days of the date of the election Dec. 15, and that the second, No. 1776, was not in effect by passage and approval until Nov. 18 or there after, with the same effect on the election.

A further assertion of the petition is that the voter on the bond issue amendments was required to vote "yes" or "no" instead of "for the bond issue" or "against the bond issue," as provided by law.

Other claims as to the illegality of the whole election proceeding are that the first amendment to the charter, proposition No. 1, authorizes the sale of bonds at less than their face value, contrary to statute; that the limitation sought to be imposed providing that not more than \$4,000,000 of bonds may be issued within "any one year" does not specify whether the term meant is a calendar year or the city's fiscal year, beginning with May 1.

It is also asserted with respect to both the bonds and charter changes that the election is void because the questions were submitted at a special and not at a regular election, as provided in Article 14, Section 28, of the charter, and because the ordinances carried the emergency clause and were not in effect for a period of thirty days in advance of the election.

It is set out that the city government is about to issue bonds under various specifications as authorized in the election, amounting in the aggregate to more than \$4,000,000, and that the plaintiff and more than 30,000 taxpayers will be put under assessment, therefore if the election is not set aside. The court is asked to do this in due course within the terms of the laws governing. No injunction is prayed for.

Denmark (Kingdom of).—\$55,000,000 4½% Loan Successfully Floated.—A \$55,000,000 4½% external loan of the Kingdom of Denmark, was successfully floated on April 5, by a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Dillon, Read & Co., Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, International Acceptance Bank, Inc., Wood, Gundy & Co., the Dominion Securities Corp., the First National Corp., the National Park Bank, J. & W. Seligman & Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Continental National Co., the Union Trust Co. (Cleveland), and Otis & Co., at 95 and interest, to yield 4.80%. The bonds are dated April 15 1928 and mature April 15 1962. The following information is taken from the official offering circular:

Interest payable April 15 and Oct. 15. Principal and interest payable in New York at the principal office of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in United States gold coin or equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on April 15 1928, without deduction for any tax or taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Kingdom of Denmark or by any taxing authority thereof or therein. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000. Redeemable in whole or in part on April 15 1938, or on any interest date thereafter, on 3 months notice, at 100% and accrued interest. The Kingdom of Denmark agrees to set aside as a cumulative sinking fund, semi-annually, commencing April 15 1929, sums calculated to be sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, to be applied to the purchase of bonds at not exceeding 100% and accrued interest or to their redemption by lot at 100% and accrued interest, the first redemption to take place Oct. 15 1929.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Florida (State of).—Everglades Bonds Found Valid.—The controversy over Governor Martin's plan to complete the reclamation of the Everglades has been decided in the Governor's favor, with the ruling of the State Supreme Court on March 27 that the bonds issued under the plan are direct obligations of the Everglades Drainage District, and that the taxes authorized by the 1927 Act are valid and constitutional. The following comment on the decision, written by Edward H. Collins, is taken from the Herald Tribune of April 2:

More than forty legal objections raised against the Everglades Drainage District bonds, authorized in 1927, were met in the decision handed down the latter part of last week by the Supreme Court of Florida, additional details of which have just arrived in this city.

In disposing of the two cases brought before it the Court declared that the ad valorem tax imposed for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds would not deprive persons of property without due process of law; denied the proposed bonds would be obligations of the State itself, distinct from, or in addition to, the drainage district; and asserted that the ad valorem tax designated in the legislative Act was neither "double taxation" nor "an unlawful delegation of the taxing power." It replied to the contention that some persons would be taxed for the benefit of others with this statement:

"Lands in a drainage district abutting the area to be drained might to some extent be more directly benefited by the drainage than are other lands which are not so contiguous; but all lands within the area that reasonably may be benefited directly or indirectly by the drainage, as well as the area to be drained, may be formed into a taxing district and may justly be required to bear their fair proportion of a reasonable special tax burden to pay for an improvement designed for a common benefit in the district."

Below are given some of the more important headings in the opinion of Justice J. B. Whitfield, an opinion concurred in unanimously by the Court in reversing orders of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County and dissolving a temporary injunction restraining the board of commissioners of the Everglades drainage district from carrying out the provisions of the 1927 laws authorizing the proposed \$20,000,000 in bonds:

1. The bonds authorized to be issued by Chapter 12,016, Acts of 1927, are obligations of the Everglades Drainage District and not of the State of Florida.

2. In view of the limitations contained in Section 6, Article IX, of the constitution, the State cannot legally in any form or manner, either directly or indirectly or contingently, be obligated to pay the whole or any part of the bonds authorized to be issued by the Everglades Drainage District.

3. The provisions in Sections 2 and 4 of Chapter 12,016, that the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall pay the ad valorem drainage taxes assessed upon the lands in the district by the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and that such trustees shall, in the absence of other satisfactory bidders, buy in any lands sold for non-payment of the tax authorized by the statute, "using any funds in hand or to be appropriated by the State for such purposes," have reference only to funds held by the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under Chapter 610, Acts of 1955; and the two provisions: "or to be appropriated by the State for such purposes," in Sections 2 and 4, Chapter 12,016, apply only to funds received from the use or sale of swamp and overflowed lands held by the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under the trusts declared in Chapter 610,

Acts of 1855 (Sections 1054-1055 Rev. Gen. Stats., 1920), and subsequent amendatory and supplemental statutes.

5. Chapter 12,016, Acts of 1927, cannot and does not pledge or loan the credit of the State to the Everglades Drainage District and, therefore, does not violate Section 10, Article IX, of the State Constitution.

9. The Everglades Drainage District is a statutory subdivision for special governmental purposes, wholly distinct from the governments of the several counties. The provisions of Chapter 12,016 that are sustained are not repugnant to provisions of the constitution relating to the duties of county officers in the district.

12. The ad valorem tax authorized by Chapter 12,016 is not double taxation; nor is it unlawful delegation of the taxing power. It is a provision for bonds to raise additional funds within definite limitations to effectuate governmental improvements, the benefits to the property assessed being determined by statute that has a basis in existing facts and reasonable expectations, and not predicted upon mere vague conjecture or prophecy.

19. Lands in a drainage district abutting the area to be drained might, to some extent, be more directly benefited than are other lands not so contiguous, but all lands within the area that reasonably may be benefited directly or indirectly by the drainage, may be formed into a taxing district and may justly be required to bear their fair proportions of a reasonable special tax burden to pay for an improvement designed for a common benefit in the district.

37. The provisions of Chapter 12,016, Acts of 1927, authorizing the issue of a stated amount of bonds of the Everglades Drainage District to be obligations of the district and not of the State, and authorizing the levy, as necessary, of an ad valorem tax upon all the real property of the district for the payment of the bonds, and the provisions of the Act that are properly incidental to such main purposes as interpreted herein, constitute a valid exercise of legislative power under the State and Federal constitutions; and the statute accords with the purposes of the grant by Congress of the swamp and overflowed lands to the State with the policy of the State to drain and otherwise improve such lands.

Kentucky (State of).—Legislature Adjourns.—The regular 1928 session of the state legislature came to a close on March 16.

Massachusetts (State of).—Text of Amendment to Savings Bank Investment Law.—We give below the text of Chapter 42, Laws of 1928, referred to in V. 126, p. 1233, which increases from 2% to 5% of deposits, the maximum amount savings banks may invest in telephone company bonds:

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The clause entitled "Fifth" of section fifty-four of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the General Laws, as amended by chapter two hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line four hundred and seventy-eight, as printed in the General Laws, the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word "five,"—and by adding at the end thereof the words:—nor shall more than two per cent of such deposits be invested in the bonds of any one telephone company,—so that the last paragraph of said clause will read as follows:—And further provided, that such bonds shall be secured either (a) by a first mortgage upon at least seventy-five per cent of the property of such telephone company, or (b) by the deposit with a trust company incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth of bonds and shares of stock of other telephone corporations, under an indenture of trust which limits the amount of bonds so secured to seventy-five per cent of the value of the securities deposited as stated and determined in said indenture, and provided that during each of the five years preceding such investment the annual interest and dividends paid in cash on the securities deposited have amounted to not less than fifty per cent in excess of the annual interest on the bonds outstanding and secured by said deposit. Not more than five per cent of the deposits of any such bank shall be invested in the bonds of telephone companies nor shall more than two per cent of such deposits be invested in the bonds of any one telephone company.

Addition to Legals List.—The 1st mtge. 4¾% bonds of the Milford Water Co., due 1948, have been added to the list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks.

Massachusetts (State of).—Time for Issuance of Savings Bank Legal List.—Chapter 27 of the Laws of 1928 provides that each year the Commissioner of Banks shall prepare the list of securities considered legal investments for savings as of July 1 instead of Feb. 1, the former date.

Massachusetts (State of).—Bonds of Amarillo, Texas, on Legals List.—Bonds of Amarillo, Texas, have been placed on the list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in Massachusetts.

Legislation for Relief of Towns Damaged by Flood.—The 1928 Legislature enacted a law allowing certain cities and towns to borrow funds to repair damage done by the storm and floods of November 3 and 4 1927. The Act provides that any city or town, found by a board composed of the Attorney-General, the State Treasurer, and the Director of Accounts in the Department of Corporations and Taxation to have suffered great damage in the storm, may issue bonds, to mature within 10 years, to repair the damage. Debt so created is not to be included in the debt subject to limit. The text of the Act (Chapter 64) follows:

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and convenience. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Any city or town, found by the board described in clause (17) of section seven of chapter forty-four of the General Laws to have suffered extraordinary damage to its highways, bridges and other public works as a result of the storm of November third and fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, may borrow, during the current year, for the purpose of meeting in whole or in part appropriations made or to be made to repair such damage or for the refunding of loans already lawfully issued for such purpose under the provisions of said clause (17), such sums as shall be approved by said board, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Emergency Flood Damage Loan, Act of 1928. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid within such periods, not exceeding ten years from their dates, as said board shall fix. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit, but shall, except as herein provided, be subject to the provisions of said chapter forty-four, exclusive of the proviso inserted in said section seven by chapter three hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Ocean Front Bonds Invalid.—The State Supreme Court has decided that the \$1,000,000 Miami Beach bonds and \$2,000,000 Dade County ocean front protection bonds, referred to in V. 125, p. 1871, are invalid because the funds were to be used in improving privately owned property, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 19, which says:

State Supreme Court has handed down a decision affirming the action of the lower court which decided against the validation of the \$3,000,000 bond issue for ocean front protection. State Attorney Hawthorne declared it meant the saving of \$240,000 annually in interest alone for Dade County.

Dade County voted \$2,000,000 and Miami Beach \$1,000,000 of the issue. Miami Beach voted a bond issue for construction of the first section of the sea wall prior to the voting of the larger issue. This section, ex-

tending from the Pancoast Hotel to 22nd Street, has already been constructed.

The case is said to mark the first time in the history of Dade County that the state attorney's office had opposed validation of a bond issue. It was fought on the grounds that the act authorizing the bonds was unconstitutional in that it proposed improvement of property largely privately owned, rather than public holdings, and because it "required" the county commission to issue bonds rather than "authorizing" them to do so.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Court Defines Debt Limit.—The suit which caused the postponement of the sale of \$1,150,000 permanent improvement construction bonds, offered on Mar. 28—V. 126, p. 2041—has been decided in the city's favor. A taxpayer brought suit to stop the issuance of the \$1,150,000 bonds, contending that the increased debt would bring the total debt to a figure in excess of the borrowing limit prescribed by the constitution. The plaintiff contended that \$2,646,000 auditorium bonds now deducted in computing the debt limit should not be deducted. The court denied this, but upheld the taxpayer's contention that "a portion of the sinking fund applicable to deductible bonds, amounting to \$728,492.77, and cancellations and abatements on special assessments, amounting to \$935,309.35, should be included in the net debt," and that "the city's portion of Elwell bonds, amounting to \$385,902.19 must be included in the net debt." The city urged that the debt limit was 10% of the actual valuation of property, or about \$93,000,000. The court ruled, however, that the limit was 10% of the assessed valuation or \$42,346,516.90, that the city's present net debt is \$40,612,777.05, and that the proposed \$1,150,000 bonds may be issued. The following is from the Minneapolis "Journal" of April 2:

Minneapolis has an additional borrowing power of \$1,733,739.85, under a decision today by District Judge H. D. Dickinson in the city bond suit. The decision permits the issuance of \$1,150,000 of bonds for the construction of needed schools and sewers, but denies the city attorney's contention that the bond limit should be based on full and true property valuation.

Judge Dickinson in his decision holds that the debt limit is \$42,346,516.90 "and no more," and that the city now has a net debt of \$40,612,777.05. He upholds the taxpayer plaintiff in his contention that a portion of the sinking fund applicable to deductible bonds, amounting to \$728,492.77, and cancellations and abatements on special assessments, amounting to \$935,309.35, should be included in the net debt. The city's portion of a recent sale of Elwell bonds, amounting to \$385,902.19 also must be included, according to the decision.

Auditorium bonds of \$2,646,000 are deductible, Judge Dickinson decided. An appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken immediately by Orren E. Safford, attorney for the plaintiff, and an attempt will be made to obtain a final decision this month.

If the claim of the city attorney, that assessed value means full and true value, were well founded, Judge Dickinson said in his decision, "the proposed sale of a single million dollars of bonds for municipal needs might be swelled to 50 millions more and still be within the claimed debt limit fixed by law."

"In such case," he said, "the borrowing power of the city would be 93 million plus, instead of 40 million, as I find the maximum in fact to be, this being 10 per cent of the assessed valuation."

"The claim is found not tenable, happily for the peace of mind of an already overburdened citizenry of taxpayers."

Although Judge Dickinson held that the Auditorium bonds are deductible, he said that the question "is not entirely free from doubt."

"The deductibility of these bonds is serious," he said, "because if they are not deductible it leaves the city in a sorry predicament. If they are deductible, then the present proposed issue just gets in under the wire with the limit practically reached."

Rio de Janeiro (City of) United States of Brazil.—\$1,770,000 6% Gold Bonds Sold.—A syndicate composed of White, Weld & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., International Acceptance Bank, Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., and Grace National Bank, privately sold on April 5, an issue of \$1,770,000 6% external gold bonds of the City of Rio de Janeiro, at 99 and accrued interest. Dated April 1 1928. Due April 1 1933. Interest payable April 1 and Oct. 1. Principal and interest payable at the New York offices of White, Weld & Co. and Brown Brothers & Co., Fiscal Agents, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness without deduction for any Brazilian national or local taxes, present or future. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Redeemable at the option of the City as a whole or in part at 100% on any interest payment date upon sixty days' notice.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ALAMO HEIGHTS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alamo Heights), Texas.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the \$300,000 issue of 4½% school bonds reported sold to the Central Trust Co. of San Antonio and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago—V. 126, p. 2036—was actually awarded to the State Board of Education.

ALEXANDER CITY, Tallapoosa County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds has been purchased by Steiner Bros. of Birmingham. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$500 from 1931 to 1946 and \$1,000 from 1947 to 1958 all incl. Prin. and int. is payable at the Chemical National Bank of N. Y. City.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Avilla), Noble County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the School Trustee, until 2 p. m. Apr. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$76,050 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated Apr. 15 1928. Denom. \$585. Due as follows: \$2,925, July 15 1929; \$2,925, Jan. and July 15 1930 to 1941 incl.; and \$2,925, July 15 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the Avilla State Bank, Avilla.

ANN ARBOR, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND ISSUE DEFEATED.—At the election held on Mar. 28, the voters unanimously rejected the proposal to bond the City for \$600,000 according to the City Clerk. Report of the proposed election appeared in—V. 126, p. 1866.

ARCADIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Crowley), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1549—has been sold as 4½% bonds, to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, for a premium of \$155, equal to 100.344.

ARP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Arp), Smith County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased at par by the State of Texas.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ruby E. Hartcorn, Borough

Clerk, until 8 p. m. Apr. 10, for the purchase of an issue of 5% coupon or registered fire apparatus bonds not to exceed \$13,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$13,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; and \$1,000, 1935. Prin. and int. payable at the Atlantic Highlands National Bank. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Collector and Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Attleboro, was awarded on April 3, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.69% discount basis. The loan matures in 7 months. The following bids were also received:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Shawmut Corp. of Boston	3.71%
First National Bank Boston	3.76%
Old Colony Corp.	3.785%

AUSTIN, Travis County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—We are unofficially informed that an election is scheduled for May 19 to vote on the following projects:

\$300,000 in bonds for schools.	\$150,000 library.
123,000 resurfacing paved streets.	75,000 abattoir.
1,876,000 paving bridges, sanitary sewer.	75,000 airport.
	550,000 sanitary sewer.
700,000 park and playground.	250,000 fire house.
100,000 city market.	50,000 hospital.

AVON TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Rochester R. F. D. No. 1), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ada E. Toussaint, School Director, until 4 p. m. Apr. 11, for the purchase of an issue of \$31,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated April 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 15, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1945 inclusive; and \$2,000, 1945 to 1953 inclusive. A certified check payable to the order of the District Treasurer for \$1,000 is required. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and resort to public auction should such action be taken.

BATAVIA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Genesee County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co. and Roosevelt & Son both of New York City, jointly, purchased on April 4, an issue of \$390,000 4½% school bonds at 103.697, a basis of about 4.02%. Dated April 1 1928. Due April 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1930 to 1935, incl., and \$30,000, 1936 to 1944, inclusive.

BEAUFORT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Pantego), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12:30 p. m. on April 21 by George E. Ricks, Chairman of the Board of Drainage Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of 6% coupon refunding drainage bonds. Bids will be opened at the office of Small, McLean & Rodman in Washington, N. C. Dated Nov. 1 1925 and due \$4,500 from Nov. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Int. payable semi-annually. Bids are to be addressed to J. P. Clark, Secretary of the Board, Pantego. A certified check for 10% of the bid is required.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cisne), Wayne County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 road bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% and maturing \$5,000, in each of the years from 1929 to 1933 inclusive was disposed of recently according to the Township Clerk. The bonds it is stated were authorized at an election held on Mar. 20, the vote being 280 for the bonds to 247 against.

BEE COUNTY (P. O. Beaville), Tex.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The \$70,000 road bond election that was scheduled to take place on April 1 has been postponed until April 28.

BEEVILLE, Bee County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,750 issue of refunding bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor. (Rate and price not given.)

BERKLEY, Oakley County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$78,000 sewer bonds offered on Mar. 29—V. 126, p. 1866—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis Inc., of Toledo, as 5s, at a premium of \$292, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.86%. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 4 years.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commissioners, until 1:30 p. m. Apr. 11, for the purchase of an issue of \$170,000 special assessment road bonds. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

BERTIE COUNTY (P. O. Windsor), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Apr. 12, by S. W. Kenney, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$150,000 as follows: \$123,700 funding bonds and \$26,300 school funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 4½%.

BETHLEHEM COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Albany), Albany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred Condon, School Trustee, until 4 p. m. April 16, for the purchase; of an issue of \$59,000 coupon or registered school bonds, not to exceed 5% rate of interest to be stated in multiples of 1-10th or ½ of 1%. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1956, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1957. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First Trust Co., Albany. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$1,500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City. Bids will be received at the office of Newton B. Van Derzee, 33 State St., Albany, N. Y. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 126, p. 1866.

BEVERLY HILLS, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 issue of semi-annual improvement bonds offered for sale on Apr. 3—V. 125, p. 2037—was awarded to the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles as 4½% bonds, for a premium of \$2,011, equal to 101.675, a basis of about 4.12%. Due from 1929 to 1967, incl.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Mar. 27—V. 126, p. 1392—the voters authorized the issuance of \$4,000,000 in bonds for the elimination of grade crossings by an unofficial vote of 8,331 to 4,270. Tuesday's vote was said to be the heaviest ever recorded in a municipal bond issue election in Birmingham. Votes both for and against the measure are said to have been brought out as a result of the fight which was waged against the bond issue during the past two weeks.

BLAIRSBURG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blairsburg), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of school refunding bonds has been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4% bonds, for a \$244 premium, equal to 100.697.

The following bids were also submitted for the issue:

Bidder	Price Bid.	Bidder	Price Bid.
Fletcher American Co.	\$35,263.00	Thomas D. Sheerin & Co.	\$35,050.00
Inland Investment Co.	35,179.00	Union Trust Co.	35,323.00
Fletcher Savings & Tr. Co.	35,361.70		

BRAZIL, Clay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4% coupon school bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1392—were awarded to H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$427.50, equal to 101.221, a basis of about 3.76%. Dated Apr. 2 1928. Due as follows: \$1,500, July 1 1929; \$2,000, Jan. and \$1,500, July 1 1930 to 1938 incl.; and \$2,000, Jan. 1 1939.

BRAZOS RIVER HARBOR NAVIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Freeport), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 issue of 5½% coupon harbor improvement bonds offered for sale on Apr. 3—V. 126, p. 1550—was jointly awarded to M. W. Eldkins & Co. of Little Rock, R. M. Grant & Co. of New York and A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$46,108, equal to 111.527, a basis of about 4.76%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 10, 1927 and due \$40,000 from Apr. 10 1956 to 1965 inclusive.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter W. Garrity, City Comptroller, until 11 A. M., April 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$450,000.

\$300,000 series D sewer construction bonds. Due \$10,000, 1929 to 1958, inclusive.

150,000 series F pavement bonds. Due \$15,000, 1929 to 1938, inclusive. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Calvin R. Barrett, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Apr. 10, for the purchase of the following issues of 3¾% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$386,500:

\$130,500 Macadam pavement bonds. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$26,500, 1929; and \$26,000, 1930 to 1933 inclusive.
80,500 Sewerage bonds. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$4,500, 1929; and \$4,000, 1930 to 1948 incl.
60,000 water bonds. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; and \$2,000, 1939 to 1953 inclusive.
55,500 Surface drainage bonds. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$3,500, 1929; \$3,000, 1930 to 1943 incl.; and \$2,000, 1944 to 1948 inclusive.
30,000 water bonds. Due \$6,000, Mar. 1, 1929 to 1933 inclusive.
30,000 water bonds. Due \$2,000, Mar. 1, 1929 to 1943 inclusive.
 Dated Mar. 1 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyd & Perkins of Boston.

BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$34,500, offered for sale at public auction on Apr. 3—V. 126, p. 2037—were awarded to the First National Bank of Bristol for a premium of \$1,960, equal to 105.681, a basis of about 4.61%. The issues are divided as follows:
\$23,000 6% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 from 1929 to 1935 and \$3,000 from 1936 to 1938 all incl.
11,500 5% gen. impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 from 1929 to 1945 and \$1,000 from 1946 to 1948, all incl.
 Dated May 1 1928. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National City Bank of New York or at the First National Bank in Bristol.

BRONSON, Branch County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$65,000 bonds to provide for an addition to the present school structure. The count showed: 175 votes for and 111 against the proposition.

BUCHANAN COUNTY (P. O. Independence), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Apr. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 primary road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1, 1928.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Butler), Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. McLoughlin, Township Secretary, until 10 A. M., April 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 4½% series C coupon street improvement and building bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$4,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935; and \$4,000, 1936. A certified check for \$500 is required.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commissioners, until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time), April 11, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds rate of interest not to exceed 6%:
\$99,000 Assessment District No. 22 bonds. Due serially in from 1 to 10 yrs.
12,600 Assessment District No. 21 bonds. Due serially in from 1 to 5 yrs.
 Denoms. to suit purchaser. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Road Commissioners, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

CAMP COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of court house warrants has recently been purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

CANONSBURG WASHINGTON COUNTY, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 4½% street paving bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1867—were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$2,209.20, equal to 102.944, a basis of about 3.91%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1933; and \$4,000, 1934 to 1948 inclusive.

W. C. Black, Borough Secretary, sends us the following list of other bids submitted for the issue:

Bidder	Prem.	Bidder	Prem.
Prescott, Lyon & Co.	\$1,682.00	A. B. Leach & Co.	\$1,921.50
M. M. Freeman & Co.	1,684.25	Union Trust Co.	2,130.00
S. M. Vockel & Co.	1,558.50	J. H. Holmes & Co.	1,575.00
R. M. Snyder & Co.	1,800.00	E. H. Rollins & Sons.	1,038.75
W. H. Newbold's Sons.	1,402.20		

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12.30 p. m. (eastern standard time) Apr. 30, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds: \$42,789.85 property owner's portion improvement bonds. Due serially from 1930 to 1937 inclusive.
 12,776.70 property owner's portion improvement bonds. Due serially from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

Dated Mar. 1 1928. A certified check payable to the order of the City for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. Millet Hand, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, until 2.30 p. m. (standard time) Apr. 18, for the purchase of an issue of 4½% coupon or registered General Finance bonds no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$320,000. Dated Apr. 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 15, as follows: \$18,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$19,000, 1932 to 1945 inclusive. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Ocean City. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

CARLISLE, Warren County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 issue of semi-annual water works bonds offered for sale on Mar. 31—V. 126, p. 2037—were awarded to the Carleton B. Beh Co. of Des Moines as 4% bonds.

The bonds were purchased at a \$260 discount, equal to 99.637, a basis of about 4.03%. Due in 1948.

CASSVILLE, Barry County, Mo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—An \$18,000 issue of city hall and community building bonds has been purchased recently by the First National Bank of Cashville subject to an election to be held soon.

CEDAR HAMMOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Bradenton), Manatee County, Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$70,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds sold on Feb. 25—V. 126, p. 1701—at a discount price of 98, is more fully described as follows: coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Purchased by Dean & Yarborough of Bradenton. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due \$10,000 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1937 incl. No option of prior payment. Int. payable on Jan. & July. Basis of about 6.41%.

CHARDON, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4½% coupon refunding water works bonds offered on Mar. 29—V. 126, p. 1867—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$75.00, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.44%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due \$1,500, April and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1940 inclusive. All other bids shown below were conditional:

Bidder	Price Bid.
Well, Roth & Irving	\$30211
Ryan Sutherland & Co.	30120
Otis & Co.	30084
Detroit Trust Co.	30357

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$11,000,000 offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 2038—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Continental National Co., Northern Trust Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, William R. Compton Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Field, Gloré & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Detroit Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., First National Co., and Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, on its unconditional bid of 101.07, a basis of about 4.12%:
\$10,000,000 sewer bonds. 53rd issue. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due \$500,000 1929 to 1948 incl.
1,000,000 sewer bonds. 52d issue. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$50,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.

The above-mentioned syndicate offered to pay 101.32 for the bonds on condition that no more bonds be sold for at least sixty days.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate is now offering the bonds to the public for investment priced to yield as follows:

Maturity	Yield Basis.	Maturity	Yield Basis.
1928-1929	3.08%	1932-1935	3.95%
1930	3.85%	1936-1948	4.00%
1931	3.90%		

The bonds in the opinion of counsel, are direct obligations of the Sanitary District of Chicago, and are payable from taxes on all the taxable property therein.

CHEEKOWAGA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Depew), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues

of school bonds aggregating \$60,000 and bearing interest at the rate of 5% were awarded on Mar. 30, to the Bank of Depew, Depew, at 107.579: \$32,000 school bonds.
 28,000 school bonds.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the President Board of Education, until 3 p. m. Apr. 23, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$330,000:
\$200,000 school site bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1948 incl.; and \$6,000, 1949 to 1953 inclusive.
130,000 school building bonds. Due \$10,000, Sept. 1 1941 to 1953 incl.

Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the American-Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$8,500,000.

CLARKSTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Congers), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William G. Hague, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Apr. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4½ or 4½% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Mar. 1 1929 to 1953 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the National Bank of Haverstraw, Haverstraw. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

CLERMONT, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until April 9, by Carl Kindred, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-annual funding bonds. (These are the bonds that were unsuccessfully offered on April 2—V. 126, p. 2038.)

CLYDE, Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. L. Harnden, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 p. m. Apr. 23, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% Duane St. paving bonds aggregating \$21,585:
\$17,585 special assessment bonds. Due \$1,758.50, Mar. 1 1930 to 1939 inclusive.
4,000 Village's portion bonds. Due \$400 Mar. 1 1930 to 1939 inclusive. Dated March 1, 1928.

COLUMBIA, Monroe County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, was awarded on Feb. 25, an issue of \$28,000 5% water works bonds at 197.03, a basis of about 4.18%. The bonds mature serially from 1930 to 1948 inclusive. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

COOPER COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Mo.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of 4½% bonds have recently been purchased by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis. They aggregate \$95,000 as follows:
\$60,000 Pilot Grove Township road bonds at a price of 102.18, a basis of about 4.24%.
35,000 Blackwater Township road bonds at a price of 101.928, a basis of about 4.29%.

Due from 1930 to 1948, inclusive.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on April 30, for the purpose of voting on proposed bond issues aggregating \$500,000 as follows: \$190,000 for street bonds; \$75,000 street widening; \$75,000 bay front improvement; \$50,000 for airfield; \$25,000 fire station; \$25,000 resurfacing; \$20,000 water extension; \$15,000 sanitary sewer; \$15,000 storm sewer and \$10,000 gas extension bonds.

CROSS-STATE HIGHWAY BRIDGE DISTRICT (P. O. West Palm Beach), Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred E. Fenno, Clerk of the County Court, until 2 p. m. on Apr. 18 (opening of bids at 2.30 p. m.) for the purchase of an issue of \$129,000 6% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1930 to 1933; \$10,000, 1934 to 1938; \$12,000, 1939 to 1941 and \$11,000, in 1942. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) is payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City. Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago or another recognized bond attorney will approve the legality. A \$5,000 certified check must accompany the bid. (This supplements report given under "Palm Beach County"—V. 126, p. 2042.)

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crystal Springs), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased by the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Dec. 15 1927 and due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$1,500 from 1928 to 1932; \$3,000, 1933 to 1942; \$3,500, 1943 to 1947 and \$4,000, 1948 to 1952, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 15) payable at the county depository in Hazlehurst.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—We are unofficially informed that M. G. James, City Secretary, will now receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Apr. 16, for the purchase of eleven issues of 4% and 4½% coupon bonds, aggregating \$5,575,000 as follows:

- 400,000 School improvement, maturing \$10,000 each year for forty years.
- 200,000 Park improvement, maturing \$5,000 each year for forty years.
- 100,000 Public Library improvement, maturing \$2,000 and \$3,000 each alternate year for forty years.
- 150,000 Sanitary Sewer improvement, maturing \$4,000 each year, except \$3,000 each fourth year, for forty years.
- 500,000 Street Paving, maturing \$12,000 and \$13,000 each alternate year for forty years.
- 350,000 Police and Fire Station, maturing 9,000 each year, except \$8,000 each fourth year, for forty years.
- 1,075,000 Street Opening and Widening, Revolving Fund, Building Lines, Crossings and Underpasses, maturing \$27,000 each year, except \$26,000 each eighth year, for forty years.
- 50,000 Garbage Incinerator, maturing \$1,000 each year, except \$2,000 each fourth year, for forty years.
- 400,000 Air Port, maturing \$10,000 each year for forty years
- 2,000,000 Waterworks improvement, maturing \$50,000 each year for forty years.
- 350,000 storm sewers.

Denom. \$1,000. Bids, it is said, are to be restricted to the entire amount on a straight basis, the city to bear printing costs. Opinion of the Attorney General of Texas will be furnished.

DANE COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Apr. 17, by Selma Fjilstad, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of 4½% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on May 1, as follows: \$149,000 in 1936; \$250,000, 1937 and 1938; and \$11,000 in 1939. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) is payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 6% sidewalk construction bonds offered on Mar. 28—V. 126, p. 1868—were awarded to Frank E. and Fred A. Brainard, of Dearborn, at a premium of \$285, equal to 101.67, a basis of about 5.10%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Apr. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929; and \$6,000, 1930 and 1931. The following bids were also received:

Bidder	Premium.
Whitlessey, McLean & Co.	\$278.00
Joel Stockard & Co.	176.00
Howe, Snow & Co.	51.00

DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Apr. 16 by J. L. Vaughn, City Clerk, for the purchase of three issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$180,000 as follows: \$75,000 school bonds. Dated Apr. 2 1928 and due on Apr. 2, as follows: \$2,000, from 1931 to 1941; \$3,000, 1942 to 1952 and \$4,000, 1953 to 1957, all inclusive.

55,000 school bonds. Dated Apr. 2 1928 and due on Apr. 2, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 and \$2,000, 1932 to 1958 inclusive.

50,000 park bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1929 to 1938 and \$2,000, 1939 to 1958, all inclusive.

Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Bid is to be made upon lowest interest rate at par.

DRIGGS, Teton County, Ida.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$44,000 issue of 5% refunding waterworks bonds that was recently purchased by the Central Trust Co. of Salt Lake City—V. 126, p. 1868—is more fully described as follows: Coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due serially from Mar. 1 1930 to 1947 incl. Redeemable on 30 days' notice on any interest date. Int. payable on Mar. and Sept. 1.

DUIGGER, Sullivan County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. H. Kramer, Town Clerk, until 1 p. m. Apr. 26, for

the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 4 1/2% public improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500, July 1 1928; \$500, Jan. and July 1 1929 to 1937, inclusive; and \$500, Jan. 1 1938.

DU PAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44 (P. O. Lombard), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—The \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Mar. 27—V. 126, p. 1868—were awarded to the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$2,010, equal to 101.608, a basis of about 4.07%. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 and 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933 to 1938 incl.; \$6,000, 1939; \$7,000, 1940; \$8,000, 1941; \$9,000, 1942; \$10,000, 1943 and 1944; \$11,000, 1945; and \$12,000, 1946 and 1947.

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The \$3,000,000 issue of 5% gold water bonds sold on Mar. 16—V. 126, p. 1868—to the syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York, Anglo-London-Paris Co., Dean Witter & Co., Heller, Bruce & Co. and the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., all of San Francisco at a price of 110.45, is now being offered for public subscription by the purchasers priced to yield 4.20% on all maturities. Due \$75,000 annually from Jan. 1 1935 to 1974 incl. The assessed valuation of the district is officially reported as \$398,310,566 and the total bonded debt \$23,000,000. The population is estimated at 500,000. The bonds, issued for water purposes, are, it is said, direct and general obligations of the entire district, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all taxable property therein.

EAST SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Adolph K. Studer, Village Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Apr. 27, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 coupon or registered municipal building bonds rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, May 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Bank of East Syracuse, East Syracuse or at the Equitable Trust Co., New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$2,000 is required. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York and Frank J. Greiner of East Syracuse.

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY (P. O. Hampton), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. H. Holt, County Clerk, until April 16, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$40,000 as follows: \$30,000 jail, court house and heating bonds and \$10,000 refunding jail bonds.

ELKIN, Surry County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Apr. 17, by Alex Chatham Jr., Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$100,000 issue of coupon water and sewer bonds. Bidder is to name rate of int. in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, not to exceed 6%. Privilege of registration as to principal only. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1949 and \$2,000 from 1950 to 1969, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in New York in gold.

The bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the Town officials signing same, and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinions of Messrs. Caldwell and Raymond, N. Y. City, and J. L. Morehead, Esq., Durham, N. C., will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery on or about May 8 1928, in N. Y. City, or at such place as purchaser may elect. Required bidding forms will be furnished by above clerk or trust company. A \$1,200 certified check, payable to the order of the Town Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

Financial Statement.

Floating debt outstanding.....	None
Total bonded debt outstanding.....	None
Street improvement bonds.....	\$205,000.00
Sewer bonds.....	49,250.00
Water bonds.....	174,150.00
Bridge bonds.....	15,600.00
Electric light bonds.....	34,000.00
Bonds herewith offered: Water bonds.....	\$481,000.00
Sewer bonds.....	\$50,000.00
	60,000.00
Gross debt.....	\$541,000.00
Deductions:	
Sinking funds for other than water and electric lights.....	7,000.00
Uncollected special assess., which when collected will be applied to the payment of part of the gross debt.....	185,000.00
Water bonds included in gross debt.....	224,150.00
Electric light bonds.....	34,000.00
Total deductions.....	450,150.00
Net debt.....	\$90,850.00
Assessed valuation of property for 1927.....	\$3,036,669.00
Actual value estimated.....	6,220,760.00
All bonds of the Town of Elkin mature in annual installments except \$60,500 due in 1943 and 1944.	

All local improvement bonds are direct primary obligations of the Town, payable from an unlimited tax, but the law requires the application of special assessments to the payment of such bonds and interest, thereby reducing the tax levy. Under the regulations governing the deposits of postal savings funds, such uncollected assessments are deductible in ascertaining the net debt.

In the Town of Elkin all street improvement work, with the exception of the cost of work at street intersections, is assessed directly against the property abutting on the improvement, which assessment is payable in annual installments.

Population, census 1920.....	1,296
Estimated present population.....	1,860

ELLIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Waxahachie), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. R. Stovall, County Judge, until 10.30 a. m. on Apr. 9, for the purchase of three issues of 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$436,000 as follows:

- \$200,000 road district No. 1 bonds. Due Apr. 10, as follows: \$2,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 to 1936; \$6,000, 1937 to 1940; \$7,000, 1941 to 1944; \$8,000, 1945 to 1950; \$9,000, 1951 to 1956 and \$10,000, 1957 and 1958.
- 166,000 road district No. 6A bonds. Due on Apr. 10, as follows: \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931 to 1933; \$4,000, 1934 to 1939; \$5,000, 1940 to 1943; \$6,000, 1944 to 1947; \$7,000, 1948 to 1952; \$8,000, 1953 to 1955; \$9,000, 1956 and 1957 and \$10,000 in 1958.
- 70,000 road district No. 7 bonds. Due on Apr. 10, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1945; \$3,000, 1946 to 1953 and \$4,000, 1954 to 1958, all inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 10 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City.

Only bids contemplating the actual payment of money within a reasonable time after tender of the fully executed, approved and registered Bonds will be considered, and each issue must be bid on separately.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to divide the issues among bidders; to reserve from sale at the time named, if it sees fit, \$50,000 or less, of the Bonds of District No. 1, and before final acceptance of any bid, to require of the bidder security satisfactory to itself that the bid, if accepted, will be complied with in good faith within reasonable time.

District No. 1 includes the City of Waxahachie, its taxable values according to the last approved assessment roll are \$10,015,380; it has in its sinking funds cash and securities to the amount of \$91,076.60, and its entire indebtedness, including this issue will be \$1,019,500.

District No. 6A includes the towns of Italy and Avalon; its taxable values according to the last approved assessment roll are \$3,336,550; it has to the credit of its sinking fund in money and securities \$19,605 and its entire indebtedness, including this issue will be \$231,000.

District No. 7 includes the town of Milford; its taxable values, according to the last approved assessment roll are \$1,329,515; it has to the credit of its sinking fund \$3,077 and its entire indebtedness, including this issue will be \$95,000.

EL MONTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 26—V. 126, p. 1902—was awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for a premium of \$3,300, equal to 106.60, a basis of about 4.25%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1, as follows: \$2,000 from 1929 to 1938 and \$3,000 from 1939 to 1948, all incl.

ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$275,000 issue of 1928, school bonds bearing interest at the rate of

4% offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1551—was awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$7,226.73, equal to 102.62. The bonds mature from 1933 to 1954 inclusive, and are being reoffered priced to yield as follows: 1933 to 1943 maturities 3.70% and 1944 to 1954 maturities to yield 3.725%.

EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tallahassee), Fla.—BOND SALE.—A new issue of 5% refunding bonds has been tentatively purchased by Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo following their contract with the Board of Drainage Commissioners to take from them all of the 6% Everglades bonds in exchange for 5% refunding bonds. The purchase is subject to the redemption of the \$2,500,000 bonds scheduled for July 1—V. 126, p. 2039.

FAIRFIELD, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$150,000 5% school house bonds will be offered for sale at public auction on Apr. 16 at 8 p. m. by G. C. Culpeper, City Clerk and Treasurer. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$3,000 from 1929 to 1932; \$4,000, 1933 to 1937; \$5,000, 1938 to 1945 and \$6,000, 1946 to 1958, all incl. Both principal and interest of bonds can be registered. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) is payable at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. in N. Y. City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2%, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

FAIRVIEW (P. O. North Olmstead), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, until 12 m. (eastern standard time) Apr. 12, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% coupon special assessment bonds aggregating \$81,200: \$28,000 West 219th St. sewer bonds. Due \$2,800, Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. \$2,000, 1930 to 1937 incl.; and \$2,500, 1938.

14,400 Series D curb connection bonds. Due \$7,200, Oct. 1 1929 and 1930.

5,350 West 208th St. water main bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$550, 1929; \$500, 1930 and 1931; \$600, 1932; \$500, 1933 and 1934; \$500, 1935; \$500, 1936 and 1937; and \$600, 1938.

4,800 Elmore Ave., sidewalk bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$800, 1929; and \$1,000, 1930 to 1933 inclusive.

4,000 Alexander Road sidewalk bonds. Due \$800 Oct. 1 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

3,700 Carolyn Ave., paving bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$300, 1929; \$400, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$300, 1933; \$400, 1934 to 1937 incl.; and \$300, 1938.

Dated Apr. 1 1928. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

FAYETTE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. La Grange), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$7,000 issue of 5% road bonds has recently been purchased by local investors.

FLAGLER COUNTY (P. O. Bunnell), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, until Apr. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 6% semi-annual road bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due in from 5 to 30 years.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$148,000 Delinquent Special Assessment Tax bonds offered on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 2039—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$017, equal to 100.072, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$37.00, Sept. 1 1928; \$38,000, Mar. and Sept. 1 1929; and \$35,000, Mar. 1 1930.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—TAXPAYERS REJECT BOND ISSUES AGGREGATING \$2,544,000.—For the second time within a month the taxpayers refused to approve bond issues aggregating \$2,544,000 to finance public improvements by an overwhelming majority, according to the "Daily Journal" of Apr. 3. The last election was held on Mar. 5—V. 126, p. 1702.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Albert Roome, City Clerk, until Apr. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$210,000 Delinquent Special Assessment Tax bonds rate of interest not to exceed 5%. Due as follows: \$100,000, Sept. 23 1928; \$25,000, Dec. 23 1928 and \$60,000, Jan. 23 1929. A certified check for \$1,000 to accompany each bid. Legality approved by Frank G. Millard, Flint.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE.—The price paid by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago syndicate on Mar. 27—V. 126, p. 2039—for the \$1,000,000 worth of 4 1/4% bonds was so satisfactory that the municipality offered the bidders an additional \$550,000 at the same price. This was agreeable and the sale was consummated making the total amount sold \$1,550,000. The total premium paid was \$28,879, equal to 101.863. City Manager O. E. Carr explained that this action obviates another sale of bonds in the near future.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Myrtle J. Lindey, City Auditor, until 2 p. m. Apr. 11, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$39,558.90:

- \$24,000 5% water works bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1927. Due \$1,000, Mar. and Sept. 1, 1929 to 1940 incl. The bonds are in denoms. of \$1,000.
- 9,000 5 1/2% City's portion street improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Mar. and Sept. 1 1929 to 1937 inclusive.
- 6,558.90 5 3/4% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$350 one bond for \$608.90. Due as follows: \$608.90, Mar. and \$350, Sept. 1 1929; and \$350, Mar. and Sept. 1 1930 to 1937 inclusive.

A certified check of \$100 for each issue, payable to the order of the City Treasurer is required.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Louisburg), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$124,000 issue of coupon funding bonds offered for sale on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1869—was awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit as 4 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$1,085, equal to 100.875, a basis of about 4.40%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927 and due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$6,000 from 1929 to 1936; \$10,000, 1937 and \$11,000, from 1938 to 1943, all incl.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George A. Black, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Apr. 11, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,200 4 1/4% Benjamin Dawald et al improvement bonds. Dated Mar. 6 1928. Denoms. \$260. Due \$260 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

GAINESVILLE, Cooke County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED AND DEFEATED.—At the special election held on Mar. 29—V. 126, p. 1393—the following issues were voted: the \$110,000 issue for two new school buildings was passed by a majority of nearly 8 to 1; the \$50,000 in bonds for street paving passed by a majority of about 3 to 1. The proposed issue of \$40,000 for a city auditorium was defeated by a scant majority. We have been informed that the votes were as follows: Schools, for 1,155, against 155; auditorium, for 585, against 679; paving, for 928, against 445.

GALESBURG, Knox County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 4 1/4% water bonds which were offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 5—V. 126, p. 3091—were recently sold to the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, at 105.609, a basis of about 3.97%. Due \$6,000, Dec. 1 1937 to 1946 incl. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,536 improvement bonds offered on Mar. 19—V. 126, p. 1235—were awarded to Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$15,000, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,536, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; and \$3,000, 1936 and 1937.

GILA COUNTY LOWER MAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Miami), Ariz.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The principal and semi-annual int. on the \$50,000 issue of 5% school bonds to be offered for sale on Apr. 11—V. 126 p. 1869—is payable at the office of the County Treasurer in Globe. A certified check for 5% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

GLENVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Scotia), Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Agnes S. Williams, District Clerk, until 8.15 p. m. Apr. 11, for the purchase of an issue of \$162,000 coupon or registered school bonds rate of interest to be stated in multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and not to exceed 5%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1933 and 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$5,000, 1936 to 1948 incl.; and \$15,000, 1949 to 1954 inclusive. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Glenville Bank, Scotia or at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check payable to R. R. Bishop, Treasurer, for \$4,050 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$1,005,000 offered on Apr. 5—V. 126, p. 2039 were awarded to M. F. Schlatter & Co. of New York City, at 100.1779, a basis of about 3.97%:
\$570,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$57,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1938 incl.
370,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$74,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1933 incl.
65,000 sewer construction bonds. Due \$13,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1933 incl. Dated Apr. 1 1928.

GREENVILLE, Washington County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$130,000 5% refunding bonds has been purchased by R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due \$13,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1941 to 1950 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Chatham & Phenix Bank in New York.

GRANITE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Drummond) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 5, by H. T. Cumming, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Bonds to be serial or amortization in form. No bid will be accepted for less than par. Dated June 30 1928. A certified check for \$1,100 is required.

GREENCASTLE SCHOOL CITY, Putnam County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of School Trustees until 10 a. m. Apr. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$35,781.91 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500 except one bond for \$281.91. Due as follows: \$781.91, July 1 1929; \$1,000, Jan. and July 1 1930 to 1946 inclusive; and \$1,000, Jan. 1 1947. Dated Apr. 23 1928. Legality approved by Smith Remster, Hornbrook & Smith of Indianapolis.

GREENCASTLE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Putnam County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Township Trustees, until 10 a. m. Apr. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$20,218.09 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Apr. 23 1928. Denom. \$500 one bond for \$218.09. Due as follows: \$718.09, July 1 1929; \$500, Jan. and July 1 1930 to 1948 inclusive; and \$500, Jan. 1 1949. Legality approved by Smith Remster, Hornbrook & Smith of Indianapolis.

GREECE (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$234,000 series No. 4 coupon street improvement bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 2039—were awarded to Phelps, Fenn & Co. of New York and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy of Buffalo, jointly, as 4.20s at 100.006, a basis of about 4.18%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Apr. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; and \$16,000, 1935 to 1943 inclusive. The maturities from 1929 to 1932 incl. are being offered priced to yield 4% and the 1933 to 1943 maturities priced to yield 4.05%. The bonds, it is stated, are a legal investment for trust funds and savings banks in New York State and are tax exempt. The assessed valuation of the town is \$10,006,870 and the total bonded debt \$1,870,670.

GREENFIELD SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT (P. O. Dade City) Pasco County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$250,000 issue of 6% road and bridge bonds offered for sale first on Mar. 13—V. 126, p. 1235—and postponed until Mar. 19—V. 126, p. 1703—has not been sold as the injunction against the bonds has not been withdrawn causing the rejection of the bids.

HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon electric light bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1869—were awarded to the National City Co. of New York, at 106.16, a basis of about 3.84%. Dated Apr. 2, 1928. Due \$10,000, Apr. 2 1939 to 1968 inclusive.

The National City Co. is now offering the bonds at prices yielding about 3.80%, according to the official advertisement. The bonds, it is stated, are exempt from all Federal income taxes and tax free in Maryland.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry H. Schuster, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 24, for the purchase of an issue of \$156,000 4 1/2% coupon Electric Plant improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1938 incl.; and \$1,000, 1939 to 1944 incl. Principal and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

HAMMOND, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. Spellman, City Comptroller, until 12 m. Apr. 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$41,170 4 1/2% coupon funding bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$170. Due July 1 1936. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis.

HARDEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgeland), Beaufort and Jasper Counties, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Apr. 16, by H. Klugh Purdy, attorney, for the purchase of two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$28,000 as follows: \$14,000 school bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly from Apr. 1 1929 to 1942 incl. \$14,000 school bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly from Apr. 1 1929 to 1942 incl. Dated Apr. 1 1928. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Chairman is required on each issue. Separated bids are required on each issue. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chatham & Phenix National Bank in New York City.

HARMONY, Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clyde A. Scheidemann, Borough Secretary, until 7.30 p. m. Apr. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 4% sewerage disposal bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Oct. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. A certified check for \$300 is required.

HARTFORD CITY, Blackford County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of School Trustees, until 2 p. m. April 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$114,000 5% school building bonds. Dated April 16 1928. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due as follows: \$5,700, Dec. 15 1929 to 1943 incl. Principal and int. payable at the Citizens State Bank, Hartford City. A certified check for \$150 is required.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Freeport), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on April 2—V. 126, p. 1703—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. of New York City, as 4.20s, at 100.77 a basis of about 4.12%. Dated April 1 1928. Due April 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1957, incl.; and \$6,000, 1958. The bonds are being offered to investors priced to yield 4.00%.

Among the other bidders were:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
R. F. DeVoe & Co.	4.25%	100.189
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	4.20%	100.337
Roosevelt & Son	4.20%	100.623
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	4.20%	100.722

HENNING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Henning), Otter Tail County, Minn.—MATURITY.—The \$40,000 school bonds that were awarded at par to the State of Minnesota—V. 126, p. 1869—are due \$2,500 yearly from 1932 to 1947, incl.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The various issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$299,750 offered on Mar. 31—V. 126, p. 1703—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. and the Detroit Trust Co. jointly, at a premium of \$9,178, equal to 103.05. The bonds mature serially on Mar. and Sept. 1 1929 to 1936 inclusive. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Premium
Stranahan, Harris and Oatis, Toledo, Ohio	\$8,345.04
Providence Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	8,689.75
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, Ohio	8,022.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland, Ohio	7,317.00
Taylor & Wilson, Cincinnati, Ohio	Discarded, Incomplete
Eldredge & Co., Chicago, Ill.	8,345.00
Prudden & Co., Toledo, Ohio	6,967.60
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio	7,913.40
First Citizens Corporation, Columbus, Ohio	7,913.40

HERKIMER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Herkimer) Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$98,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered at public auction on April 5—V. 126, p. 2040—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, as 4.20s, at 100.65, a basis of about 4.10%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929, and \$5,000, 1930 to 1948 incl.

The following is a list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Clark, Williams & Co.	100.551
Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co.	100.423
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	100.625
Pulleyn & Co.	100.40

HICKMAN COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Tenn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% road bonds purchased on July 4—V. 126, p. 1869—by Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson is more fully described as follows: coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000. Dated July 5 1927 and due on July 5 1947. No option of prior payment. Int. payable on Jan. and July 5.

HIGHLAND PARK, Lake County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—Municipal improvement bond issues aggregating \$540,000 which were recently approved by the electors have been disposed of at par according to an official report.

HOLBROOK, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John W. Porter, Town Treasurer, until 7.30 p. m. April 13, for the purchase of an issue of 3 1/2% coupon school notes amounting to \$100,000. Dated April 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15, as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1938 incl., and \$5,000, 1939 to 1943 incl. Principal and int. payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.

HUNTINGTON, Huntington County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon electric light improvement bonds offered on Mar. 20—V. 126, p. 1394—were awarded to the Fletcher Savins & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$1,888.80 equal to 105.39, a basis of about 3.84%. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1941 incl. and \$1,000, 1942 to 1947 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Premium
Union Trust Co.	\$1,789.00
H. M. Bylesby & Co.	1,562.50
Inland Investment Co.	1,446.50
Fletcher American Co.	1,433.00

HYDE COUNTY (P. O. Swanquarter) N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,000 issue of 5% school funding bonds offered for sale on Mar. 24—V. 126, p. 1703—was awarded to Kinsey & Co. of Toledo for a premium of \$1,500, equal to 102.08, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$5,000 from 1930 to 1941 incl. and \$6,000 in 1942 and 1943.

IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$119,608.74 bonds offered on Mar. 13—V. 126, p. 1075—\$89,608.47 bonds were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, as 4 1/4s, at 100.006. The bonds are dated Nov. 1, 1927 and mature serially from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

ITHACA, Tompkins County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 4% coupon or registered improvement bonds offered on April 4—V. 126, p. 1869—were awarded to White, Weld & Co. of New York City, at 101.20, a basis of about 3.87%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due July 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$10,000, 1935 to 1938 incl., and \$20,000, 1939 to 1944 incl. The following bids were also received for the issue:

Name	Rate
Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co.	100.459
Salomon Bros. & Co.	101.065
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	100.6174
Clark Williams & Co.	100.111
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	100.5287
Pulleyn & Co.	100.909
Morris Mather & Co.	100.6291
Batchelder, Wack & Co.	100.597
Rutter & Co.	100.411
Sherwood & Merrifield	100.55
Bankers Trust Co.	100.959
Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co.	100.7022
Estabrook & Co.	101.137
Barr Brothers & Co.	101.185
Harris, Forbes & Co.	100.492
Stone & Webster and Blodget	101.08
H. L. Allen & Co.	100.42

JACKSON, Madison County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—An election that was scheduled for Apr. 26, has been postponed until June 5. The purpose of the election is to pass upon the proposition of issuing \$285,000 in school bonds.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Fairfield), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10.30 a. m. on April 18, by Harry McWhirter, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 primary road bonds.

KALAMAZOO, Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$145,000 4 1/2% street improvement bonds offered on April 2—V. 126, p. 2040—were awarded as follows: \$70,000 bonds to the First National Co. of Detroit, at a premium of \$8.41, equal to 100.012 a basis of about 4.245%. Due \$7,000, from 1929 to 1938 incl. 75,000 bonds to the Sinking Fund at par. Due \$7,500, 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated Apr. 2 1928. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Premium
Kalamazoo National Bank	\$5.92
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	5.80
Northern Trust Co.	4.90
Detroit Trust Co.	4.67
Security Trust Co.	4.323
Bank of Detroit	4.20
E. H. Rollins & Sons	3.76

KANKAKEE PARK DISTRICT, Kankakee County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 park bonds offered on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 1870—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, as 4s, at par. Dated April 1 1928. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1946 inclusive; and \$10,000, 1947.

KARNES COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Karnes City), Tex.—MATURITY.—The following is a complete detailed list of the maturities on the road district issues aggregating \$475,000, and to be offered for sale on Apr. 9—V. 126, pp. 1870 and 2040:

Road District No. 1, of Karnes County, amount \$160,000. Denomination \$1,000.	\$2,000, 1929 to 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1938; \$4,000, 1939 to 1943; \$6,000, 1944 to 1948; \$8,000, 1949 to 1953; \$9,000, 1954 to 1958.
Road District No. 3, Karnes County, amount \$65,000. Denomination \$1,000.	\$1,000, 1929 to 1938; \$2,000, 1939 to 1948; \$3,000, 1949 to 1953; \$4,000, 1954 to 1958.
Road District No. 4, Karnes County, amount \$80,000. Denomination \$500.	\$1,000, 1929 to 1931; \$1,500, 1932 to 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1939; \$2,500, 1940 to 1943; \$3,000, 1944 to 1950; \$3,500, 1951 to 1957; \$5,500, 1958. Option of redemption after 10 years.
Road District No. 7, Karnes County, amount \$170,000. Denomination \$1,000.	\$3,000, 1929 to 1933; \$5,000, 1934 to 1938; \$6,000, 1939 to 1948; \$7,000, 1949 to 1958.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. W. Shields, County Treasurer, until April 7, for the purchase of three issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$153,086, as follows:

Opening at 10.30 a. m.
\$110,000 school district No. 3 bonds. Due in from 2 to 23 years, optional in 10 years. Opening at 11.00 a. m.

18,086 school district No. 24 bonds. Due in from 2 to 23 years, optional in 2 years. Opening at 11.30 a. m.

25,000 school district No. 25 bonds. Due in from 2 to 23 years, optional in 5 years. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the county treasurer. A certified check for 5% par of the bonds payable to the above treasurer, is required.

KINGSTON, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—E. T. Shultis, City Treasurer, will offer for sale at public auction at 12 m. April 16 an issue of \$250,000 4% coupon city hall bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 April 1 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—NOTE SALE—The \$400,000 issue of revenue notes offered for sale on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 2040—was jointly awarded to the First National Bank and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, both of New York, at 3.95%, plus premium of \$22. Dated Mar. 15 1928. Due on Sept. 15 1928.

The second best bidder for the notes was the Chase National Bank and Barr Bros. & Co., both of New York, offering 3.99%, plus a premium of \$10. The remainder of the bids and bidders were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Par rate, Premium. Includes Guardian Detroit, Detroit; Bankers Trust Co., New York; S. N. Bond & Co., New York.

LAFAYETTE PARISH (P. O. LaFayette), La.—BOND ELECTION.—We are unofficially informed that a special election will be held on April 25 for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds for school purposes.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Hazel R. Groves, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. April 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$114,000 5% highway improvement bonds. Dated Mar. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$700. Due semi-annually in from 1 to 10 years. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Waukegan), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago, was recently awarded an issue of \$250,000 County Poor Farm Building bonds, subject to the result of an election to be held on May 15.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$300,000 bridge and viaduct bond issue submitted to the electors recently—V. 126, p. 1236—was approved by the voters by a majority of 1,200 voters over the requisite total, according to the "State Journal" of April 13. One-half of the issue will be sold some time during the summer, according to the report.

LARAMIE, Albany County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on May 8 by F. K. Dukas, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$185,000 viaduct bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Due in 1948 and optional after 1938. No bid for less than par will be accepted. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid. (The election on this issue is scheduled for May 1.)

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Deadwood), S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—A \$700,000 issue of refunding bonds has been tentatively awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis.

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. on April 10, by H. J. Wyrick, City Clerk for the purchase of a \$64,310.04 issue of 4 1/4% improvement bonds. Denoms. \$500, one for \$31.04. Dated April 1 1928. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. Int. payable on April and October 1. A \$1,300 certified check payable to the City Treasurer, is required with bid.

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Myers), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until April 25, by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 bridge bonds.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles D. Harnden, City Treasurer, until 11 a. m. April 10 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$100,000 temporary loan. Dated April 11 1928. Denom. to suit purchaser. Due Dec. 3 1928. Payable at the First National Bank, Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

LEWISTON, Nez Perce County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Apr. 9, by Harry Lydon, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of coupon street improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 from 1933 to 1939 incl. Printed bonds are to be furnished by purchaser. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the bank or banking house in New York City designated by the Mayor and Council or at the office of the City Treasurer. A \$1,000 certified check, payable to the city, must accompany the bid.

LEXINGTON, Lexington County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% semi-annual paving bonds offered for sale on Feb. 20—V. 126, p. 1076—has since been disposed of. Dated Feb. 15 1928. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1944 and \$2,000 from 1945 to 1949, all incl.

LEXINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston was recently awarded an issue of \$31,000 4% water bonds at 102.337, a basis of about 3.67%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Apr. 1 1929 to 1945 inclusive. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Lexington Trust Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Estabrook & Co.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. J. Batchelor, Township Trustee, until 10 a. m. Apr. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$40,000 4 1/4% school building bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$4,000, May 1 1930 to 1939 inclusive. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1.

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Stanford), Ky.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$125,000 issue of 4 1/4% road and bridge bonds purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a price of 102.76—V. 126, p. 1870—is dated Apr. 12 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A & O.) is payable at the office of the county treasurer.

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Lincolnton), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$224,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual refunding bonds offered for sale on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 2040—was awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$4,350, equal to 101.941, a basis of about 4.53%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due \$8,000 from 1930 to 1933; \$16,000, 1934 and 1935 and \$20,000 from 1936 to 1943, all inclusive.

LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—BOND ISSUES AGGREGATING \$4,000,000 TO BE SUBMITTED TO ELECTORS.—The Commissioners of Lincoln Park will submit to the electors on Apr. 10 two bond issues for their approval, aggregating \$4,000,000 the proceeds to be used for the following purposes:

\$2,000,000 bonds for the purpose of enlarging and improving Lincoln Park. Should the proposal meet the voters approval the bonds will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4% and mature \$100,000 on May 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

2,000,000 bonds for the purpose of supplying funds toward paying one-half of the cost of constructing a bridge across the Chicago River and all approaches thereto. This issue if authorized will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4% and mature \$100,000 on May 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Livingston), Park County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Apr. 21 by F. A. Ross, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. No bids for less than par. Dated July 1 1928. Due on July 1 1948 and optional after July 1 1933. A \$250 certified check must accompany the bid.

(This report is more detailed than that given in V. 126, p. 2041.)

LINDSAY, Platte County, Neb.—RATE—MATURITY.—The \$23,358 issue of paving bonds that was recently purchased by the State of Nebraska—V. 126, p. 1704—bears interest at 5 1/4% and is due in 10 years.

LOCHMOOR, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Phillip F. Allard, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. April 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$300,000 sewer system bonds rate of interest not to exceed 5%. The bonds mature in thirty years. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Bellefontaine), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received by R. M. Painter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m., Apr. 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$4,300 6% coupon ditch bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denoms. \$430. Due \$430 Mar. and Sept. 1, 1929 to 1933 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is unofficially reported that a special election will be held on May 1 for the purpose of voting upon the issuance of \$3,000,000 in bonds for harbor improvement purposes.

McCLOUD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McCloud), Siskiyou County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of school bonds offered

for sale on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1870—was awarded to Dean, Witter & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$1,089, equal to 102.722.

McNAIRY COUNTY (P. O. Selmer), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Mar. 27 a \$400,000 issue of road bonds was voted by an overwhelming majority. According to the "Memphis Appeal" of Mar. 29, this fund supplemented by an available \$100,000 will build eight proposed laterals and connecting roads to the trunk lines from north to south and east to west.

When these roads are completed this county will have about 140 miles of all-weather roads with a \$700,000 investment. With this network of roads McNairy favorably submerges into the progressive column.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. V. Jones, County Judge, until 10 a. m. on Apr. 14, for the purchase of a \$99,500 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, one for \$500. Dated Nov. 10 1927. Due serially in 40 years. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. Will Roberts, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m. on May 7, for a \$15,000 issue of County Township No. 13, permanent road bonds. Int. rate is to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 1953. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold in New York. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the above Board, is required.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Mildred Black, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) Apr. 12, for the purchase of three issues of 4 1/4% water improvement bonds aggregating \$42,595.90. Dated May 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Certified checks aggregating \$2,000 must accompany each bid.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,900 4 1/4% coupon or registered highway improvement bonds offered on Apr. 4—V. 126, p. 2041—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of N. Y. City, at 104.13, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1938 to 1945, incl.; and \$900, 1946. The following bids were also received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Estmor Corp., George B. Gibbons & Co., Trust Co. of Larchmont.

MANSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 school improvement bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1704—were awarded to the Mansfield Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Mansfield, as 4s, at a premium of \$11.00, equal to 100.007, a basis of about 3.97%. Dated Apr. 2 1928. Due \$15,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

John H. Bristor, Clerk-Treasurer of the District, sends us the following complete list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists various companies and their bid rates and premiums.

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Marion), S. C.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds has been purchased by a local investor.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. E. Robinson, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m., Apr. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$2,500 4 1/4% road bonds. The bonds mature on May and Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Stuart), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual highway bonds offered for sale on Apr. 3—V. 126, p. 2041—was awarded to the Stuart Bank & Trust Co. of Stuart at par.

MARSHALL, Calhoun County, Mich.—BONDS APOROVED.—The electors at a special election held on Apr. 2 approved the issuance of two bond issues aggregating \$32,000.

MASSILLON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William Fielberth, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Apr. 11 for the purchase of an issue of \$16,230 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$230. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1944 inclusive, and \$230, 1945. A certified check payable to the order of the Clerk, Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 3 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$312,000 offered on April 3—V. 126, p. 2041—were awarded to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston, at 100.838, a basis of about 3.60%:

- \$107,000 sewer bonds. Due April 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1945, incl.; and \$5,000, 1946.
100,000 Original St. construction bonds. Due \$10,000, April 1 1929 to 1938, inclusive.
70,000 water mains bonds. Due \$5,000, April 1 1929 to 1942, inclusive.
35,000 Separate System of Sewers bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1939, incl., and \$2,000, 1940.

Dated April 1 1928. The following is a list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bid rates.

MERIDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—H. L. Wheatley, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1.30 p. m. April 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4% coupon school bonds. Dated March 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, March 1 1929 to 1948, incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank, Boston. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Debt Statement of the City of Meriden, March 29 1928.

Table showing debt statement for Meriden, including Last Grand List, Bonded debt, Floating Debt, School Notes, Water Notes, Other floating debt, Less water debt, Total debt, and Population.

* Proceeds of bonds now offered for sale to provide funds for payment of these notes and complete cost of schools under construction and being equipped.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte, N. C.).—NOTE SALE.—The \$1,200,000 issue of bond anticipation notes offered for sale on April 3—V. 126, p. 1870—was awarded to the American Trust Co. of Charlotte at 3.875%. Denom. \$10,000 unless otherwise specified. Dated April 9 1928 and due on Aug. 9 1928.

Names of other Bidders—
 Independence Trust Co., Charlotte, N. C.—4.05% plus \$25.00 premium
 R. S. Dickson Co., N. Y. and Gastonia, N. C.—4.25% plus \$41.50 premium
 Union National Bank, Charlotte, N. C.—4.40% plus \$45.00 premium
 Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, N. C.—4.50% plus \$55.00 premium
 for N. Y. delivery.
 Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, N. C.—4.60% plus \$55.00 premium
 for Charlotte delivery.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on Apr. 9, by L. J. Griffin, Director of Finance, for the purchase of three issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,000,000 as follows:
 \$968,000 permanent improvement bonds. Due on Apr. 1, as follows:
 \$194,000 in 1935; \$300,000, 1936; \$400,000, 1937 and \$74,000 1938.
 606,000 general corporate bonds. Due on Apr. 1, as follows: \$100,000, 1931 and 1932; \$200,000, 1933 and 1934 and \$6,000, 1935.
 426,000 water bonds. Due on Apr. 1, 1938.

No option of prior payment. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. in New York City.

The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser will be furnished the approving legal opinion of Chester B. Masslich, Esq., New York City.

Bids must be upon printed forms to be furnished by the above named director or said Trust Company and be accompanied by a certified check of \$40,000 payable to the order of the director. On delivery of the bonds the purchaser will be credited with interest on this deposit at 4½% per annum. Bids under par and interest will not be entertained.

Financial Statement.
 Assessed valuation of all prop., 1927, act. val. less exemptions \$637,671,060
 Assessed valuation of real prop., 1927, act. val., less exempt \$ 627,097,080
 Assessments of property by the City Assessor are required to be made at actual value, although taxes are extended upon only one-half that amount.

Total bonded debt, including bonds now offered and including \$1,105,000 Harbor Bond Anticipation Notes to be paid by United States Government on or before June 1 1928, in accordance with bill recently passed by Congress 33,521,000
 Water debt, including bonds now offered \$2,241,000
 Sinking funds (except for water debt) 2,150,228 4,391,228

Net bonded debt, including bonds now offered \$29,129,771
 No floating indebtedness, except small amounts payable from current levies made.

MOORE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Moore), Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 4½% school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 5—V. 126, p. 1395—has been awarded to a Mr. N. E. Gastall of Tulsa at a price of 100.12, a basis of about 4.48%. Due \$2,000 from 1931 to 1942 and \$1,000 in 1944.

MOTT, Hettinger County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. W. Batty, City Auditor, until 2 p. m. on Apr. 17, for the purchase of a \$55,000 issue of coupon water works bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Int. payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Due from 1930 to 1947, incl. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 issue of coupon, series B school bonds offered for sale on April 2—V. 126, p. 1553—was awarded jointly to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of Chicago and Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc., of New York at a price of 100.09, a basis of about 4.018% for the bonds as follows: \$275,000 4½% bonds, due on April 15 as follows: \$55,000, 1931 to 1935 and \$725,000 4% bonds, due on April 15, as follows: \$55,000 from 1936 to 1938 and \$66,000, 1939 to 1948, all incl.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston, was awarded on March 30, a \$50,000 temporary loan on a 3.725% discount basis. The loan matures within 9 months. The Old Colony Corp. of Boston, offered to discount the loan on a 3.764% basis.

NATICK, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp. of Boston, was recently awarded a \$100,000 temporary loan maturing on Nov. 16 1928 on a 3.70% discount basis. The First National Bank of Boston, was the next highest bidder offering to discount the loan on a 3.717% basis.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William G. Howell, City Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Apr. 17, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 or 4½% coupon or registered bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount given below:
 \$453,000 general improvement bonds. Due Apr. 2, as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1938 incl.; \$18,000, 1939; and \$20,000, 1940 to 1954 incl.
 250,000 dock bonds. Due Apr. 2, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1940 incl.; \$6,000, 1941; and \$1,000, 1941 to 1968 inclusive.
 Dated Apr. 2 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

NEW CASTLE, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$130,000 sewer construction bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% was awarded to Laird, Bissel & Meeds of Wilmington, at a premium of \$5,863, equal to 104.51.

NEW MEXICO, STATE OF (P. O. Santa Fe).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by M. A. Otero, Jr., Secretary of the State Board of Finance, until 10 a. m. on May 8, for the purchase of a \$750,000 issue of highway bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denoms. of bonds are optional. Dated Apr. 1 1928, and due \$250,000 from Apr. 1 1930 to 1932, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the Seaboard National Bank of New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, were awarded on Mar. 30, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.70% discount basis plus a premium of \$3,000. The following is a list of other bids submitted for the issue:

	Discount Basis.
Shawmut Corp. of Boston	3.71%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$7,000)	3.74%
Aquidneck National Bank	3.91%

NEWPORT NEWS, Warwick County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Apr. 30, by A. M. Hamilton, City Clerk, for the purchase of three issues of 4 and 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$115,000 as follows:
 \$70,000 permanent public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1939; \$4,000, 1940 to 1944 and \$5,000, 1945 to 1948.
 30,000 municipal equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on May 1, as follows: \$2,500, 1929 to 1932; \$3,000, 1933 and 1934 and \$3,500 from 1935 to 1938.
 15,000 municipal boat harbor improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 and 1930; \$1,500, 1931 to 1936 and \$2,000, 1937 and 1938.

Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the National City Bank in New York City. Thompson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the city treasurer, is required.

NEW PORT RICKEY, Pasco County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds has been purchased by Prudden & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1927 and due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$2,000 1929 to 1939; \$3,000, 1940; \$2,000, 1941; \$3,000 in 1942, etc., up to 1946. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) is payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—CITY'S SHORT TERM BORROWINGS FOR MONTH AGGREGATE \$46,456,000.—The aggregate of short term securities issued during the month of March by the city was \$46,456,000.

This consisted of corporate stock notes, revenue bills, &c., which are described below:

Corporate Stock Notes of 1928.							
Amount.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Date Issued.	Amount.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Date Issued.
<i>Various Municipal Purposes.</i>				<i>Water Supply.</i>			
\$4,100,000	Mar. 12 1929	3.75%	Mar. 12	\$3,550,000	Mar. 12 1929	3.75%	Mar. 12
2,200,000	June 29 1928	3.75%	Mar. 29	1,900,000	June 29 1928	3.75%	Mar. 29
750,000	Mar. 20 1929	3.75%	Mar. 20	456,000	Mar. 26 1929	3.75%	Mar. 26
750,000	Mar. 26 1929	3.75%	Mar. 26	<i>School Purposes.</i>			
<i>Rapid Transit Railroads.</i>				\$8,825,000	Mar. 12 1929	3.75%	Mar. 12
\$3,178,000	Mar. 12 1929	3.75%	Mar. 12	4,200,000	June 29 1928	3.75%	Mar. 20
1,000,000	June 29 1929	3.75%	Mar. 29	1,400,000	Mar. 20 1929	3.75%	Mar. 20
675,000	Mar. 12 1929	3.75%	Mar. 12	1,050,000	Mar. 26 1929	3.75%	Mar. 26
250,000	Mar. 26 1929	3.75%	Mar. 26	<i>Dock Purposes.</i>			
200,000	June 29 1929	3.75%	Mar. 29	\$7,920,000	Mar. 12 1929	3.75%	Mar. 12
150,000	June 29 1929	3.75%	Mar. 29	550,000	Mar. 20 1929	3.75%	Mar. 20
2,000	Mar. 2 1929	3.75%	Mar. 2	350,000	June 29 1928	3.75%	Mar. 29

Revenue Bills of 1928.			
Amount.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Date Issued.
\$3,000,000	June 1 1928	3.75%	Mar. 2

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of West Newton was awarded on April 3 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.48% discount basis. The loan matures on Oct. 25 1928. The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the loan:

	Discount Basis.
First National Bank, Boston	3.64%
Shawmut Corp. of Boston	3.66%
Old Colony Corp.	3.67%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	3.71%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$7)	3.76%

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Albion), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,600 5% road bonds offered on Mar. 29—V. 126, p. 1871—were awarded to Mier State Bank, at a premium of \$1,315 equal to 109.59. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 20 years. The following bids were also received for this issue:

	Premium.
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.	\$1,188.80
Indiana Investment Co.	1,087.00
Cromwell State Bank	1,300.00

NORTH CAROLINA (P. O. Raleigh) State of.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following statement is furnished in connection with the offering on April 10—V. 126, p. 2041—of the two issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$12,500,000:

Outstanding State Debt.	
(1) Bonds payable from general revenue, as follows:	
4% Refunding	\$3,980,000
4% Permanent improvement	3,021,000
4½% General fund serial notes	8,588,000
4½% Permanent improvement	11,547,000
4½% Permanent improvement	7,600,000
5% Permanent improvement	7,872,000
	\$42,608,000

(2) Bonds specially provided for from special revenues, although constituting general pledge of faith, credit and taxing power are as follows:	
4¼% Public school building (serial)	\$5,000,000
4¼% Public school building (serial)	9,585,000
4½% Highway construction (serial)	20,000,000
4½% Highway construction (serial)	15,000,000
4½% Highway construction (serial)	61,697,000
4½% Highway construction (serial)	3,750,000
5% Highway construction (serial)	4,552,600
	\$119,584,600

Notes anticipating bond sales:	
3.90% Chowan bridge	\$600,000
3.90% Cape Fear bridge	1,250,000
3.90% World War Veterans loan	2,000,000
3.90% Public schools building	2,500,000
	6,350,000

The \$2,500,000 public school building bond anticipation notes are to be retired from the proceeds of the public schools building bonds now offered.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) April 10, for the purchase of \$2,120,000 special assessment bonds, rate of interest to be named by bidder. The bonds will be in denoms. of \$1,000 and mature in equal annual instalments in from 2 to 10 years. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, for \$5,000 is required.

ORLEANS COUNTY (P. O. Albion), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Francis W. Buell, County Treasurer, until 3 p. m. Apr. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$40,000 4½% coupon or registered highway bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1937. Principal and interest payable at the Citizens National Bank, Albion. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon improvement bonds offered for sale on April 2—V. 126, p. 1705—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, for a premium of \$17,470, equal to 105.375, a basis of about 4.65%. The issues, aggregate \$325,000 as follows:
 \$225,000 issue of 1928 bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 1958.
 100,000 issue of 1925 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1955 and due on Oct. 1 1955.
 Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. in New York.

The following is a complete list of the other bids and bidders:

<i>Names of Other Bidders—</i>	<i>Price Bid.</i>
Ames, Emerich & Co.	\$340,076.00
Florida National Bank	337,320.00
Morris Mather & Co. and Caldwell & Co.	336,668.00
Atlantic National Bank	335,785.00
C. P. Ellis & Co.	334,991.00
Marx & Co.	334,811.50

PHOENIX, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on Mar. 20, the voters defeated the proposed \$4,100,000 Stewart Mt. dam and Salt River Valley electrification bonds issue. The vote failed of the required three-fourths majority. It is tentatively stated by F. A. Reid, President of the Water Users Association, that another election is scheduled for May 8.

PIERCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pekin), Washington County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Lorenzo D. Purlee, School Trustee, until 2 p. m. April 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$12,500 school bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5%.

PLAINVIEW, Hale County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$98,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds has been purchased at a price of 101 by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

PLATTSBURG, Clinton County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—Elizabeth B. Curran, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. April 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 4½% street construction and machinery bonds. Dated April 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, April 1 1929 to 1938, inclusive. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

PLEASANTVILLE, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Nehemiah Andrews, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 7, for the purchase of an issue of coupon or registered school bonds rate of interest not to exceed 6% and to be stated in multiples of ¼ of 1%. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$635,000. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1967, incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Pleasantville National Bank, Pleasantville. A certified check, payable to the order of the City for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

PLEASANT HOPE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT No.4 (P. O. Pleasant Hope), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Apr. 11, by A. A. Alley, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$13,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928 and due \$1,000 from Apr. 1 1929 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.), payable at mutually satisfactory bank. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Benton), Tenn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$136,000, purchased by Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson—V. 126, p. 1872—are fully described as follows: \$105,000 5% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1947; \$20,000 in 1955 and \$35,000 in 1967. 31,000 5% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 and \$2,000 from 1931 to 1945 incl.

Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Cleveland National Bank of Cleveland or at the Chemical National Bank in New York City.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—VOTERS TO PASS ON \$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE.—A special election will be held on April 10, on which date the voters will pass on a \$2,000,000 bond issue the proceeds to be distributed as follows:

- \$330,000 sanitary sewer bonds.
- 350,000 storm water drains.
- 270,000 pavement bonds.
- 390,000 water bonds.
- 300,000 municipal building bonds.
- 100,000 city hospital bonds.
- 50,000 fire and police alarm bonds.
- 200,000 airport bonds.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon semi-annual assessment collection bonds offered for sale on Mar. 27—V. 126, p. 1872—was awarded to the City Treasurer for the sinking fund at par. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928 and due on Apr. 1 1948.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Canal National Bank of Portland, was awarded on April 4, a \$300,000 temporary loan dated April 9 1928 and payable Oct. 5 1928 at the First National Bank of Boston, on a 3.59% discount basis, plus a premium of \$2.25. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

POTTER COUNTY (P. O. Amarillo), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of 5% hospital bonds has been purchased by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 10, 1927 and due on Apr. 10, as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1937; \$3,000, 1938 to 1943; \$4,000, 1944 to 1948; \$5,000, 1949 to 1952; \$6,000, 1953 to 1955; \$7,000, 1956 and 1957; \$8,000, 1958 and 1959; \$9,000, 1960 and 1961; \$10,000, 1962 and 1963; \$11,000, 1964 and 1965 and \$12,000 in 1966 and 1967. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank in New York.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Senate on May 20, authorized the City of Providence to issue bonds amounting to \$1,280,000 for municipal improvements according to the "Providence Journal" of March 21.

Of this amount, \$800,000 is for rebuilding bridges; \$140,000 for acquiring land and erecting thereon a new police station in the Second precinct; \$150,000 for the improvement of city land near Field's Point for the use of the public works department, and \$190,000 for the purchase of land and erection thereon of buildings to be used for fire department purposes.

RADFORD, Montgomery County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. W. Arthur, City Manager until Apr. 10, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual school bonds. (This corrects the report as given in V. 126, p. 1872).

RAMSHORN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Morrill), Scottsbluff County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on Apr. 17, by H. G. Stewart, District Secretary, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 6% irrigation bonds. Denom. \$500.

READING VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Gus Koehl, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Apr. 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% school building bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

REDLANDS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redlands), San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk, until Apr. 9 for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Due from 1947 to 1950, inclusive.

REEDSPORT, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 6% water works, third issue bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State of Washington. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Due \$2,500 from Mar. 1 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$48,000 offered on Mar. 29—V. 126, p. 1706—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Mansfield, at a premium of \$980 equal to 102.04, a basis of about 4.41%: \$34,000 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$6,000, Apr. and Oct. 2, 1929; and \$6,000, Apr. and \$5,000 Oct. 2 1930 and 1931. 14,000 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$3,000, April and \$2,000, Oct. 2 1929 and 1930; and \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 2 1931.

Dated April 12 1928.

Bidders	
Farmers' Savings & Trust Co., Mansfield, O.....	Primum.....\$348.25
Richland Savings Bank, Mansfield, O.....	933.10
Citizens' Savings & Loan Co., Mansfield, O.....	701.00
Mansfield Savings Bank, Mansfield, O.....	795.00

RICHLAND, Lexington and Saluda Counties (P. O. Columbia), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Apr. 25, by B. W. Crouch, Chairman of the Board of Capital Highway Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$1,800,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 15 1928. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$43,000, 1929; \$35,000, 1930; \$40,000, 1931; \$35,000, 1932; \$90,000, 1933 and 1934; \$110,000, 1935; \$115,000, 1936; \$120,000, 1937; \$125,000, 1938; \$135,000, 1939 to 1944, incl., and \$137,000 in 1945. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds bid for, payable to the above Board, is required.

RITENOUR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clayton), St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$72,000 issue of 4 1/4% school bonds has been purchased by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.24%. Due \$18,000 from 1945 to 1948, incl.

ROBESON COUNTY (P. O. Lumberton), N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$77,000 issue of 4.65% notes has been purchased by W. O. Gay & Co. of Boston. Dated Mar. 20 1928. Due on Sept. 1 1928.

SABINE PARISH (P. O. Mary), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until April 18 by the President of the Police Jury, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual highway bonds.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The National Bank of Rochester, was awarded on Apr. 5, the following note issues aggregating \$1,978,200 on a 3.724% discount basis:

Amt.	Purpose.	Date Payable.
\$10,000	Elmwood Ave. Subway.....	Dec. 9 1928
818,200	General revenue.....	June 9 1928
125,000	Local improvement.....	Dec. 9 1928
25,000	Municipal land purchase.....	do
400,000	Overdue Tax, 1927.....	June 9 1928
550,000	School revenue.....	do
25,000	School construction.....	Dec. 9 1928
25,000	Transit Subway.....	do

Dated Apr. 9 1928.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 public library building bonds offered on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 1238—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$43.00 equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated June 1, 1927. Due \$3,000, Oct. 1, 1928 to 1947 incl.

ROOSEVELT WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (P. O. Higley), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of 6% series 4 water bonds offered for sale on March 17—V. 126, p. 1766—was awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of Chicago.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 special assessment impt. bonds offered on April 3—V. 126, p. 2042—were awarded to the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$481, equal to 100.08, a basis of about 4.298%, as follows: \$290,000 bonds maturing \$56,000, 1929; \$59,000, 1930; \$57,000, 1931; \$60,000, 1932, and \$58,000, 1932 as 4 1/4s, and \$310,000 bonds maturing \$60,000, 1934 and 1935; \$62,000, 1936, and \$64,000, 1937 and 1938.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,120 4 1/4% improvement bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 1872—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$1,173.70 equal to 103.54 a basis of about 3.69%. Dated Mar. 15, 1928. Due in equal instalments on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl.

RYE (P. O. Port Chester), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—F. W. De Forest Sherwood, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. April 19 for the purchase of an issue of 4% coupon or registered town bonds amounting to \$100,000. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$50,000 May 1 1929 and 1930.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George C. Warren, City Controller, until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) Apr. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$75,000 4% sidewalk bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000, May 1, 1929 to 1933 inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

SAN BERNARDINO, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$650,000 issue of 5% coupon sewer and sewage disposal plant bonds offered for sale on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 2042—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the U. S. Security & Trust Co. and the American National Co., both of San Francisco and R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$55,592.65, equal to 108.552, a basis of about 4.20%. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$166.67. Dated Mar. 15 1928 and due on Mar. 15, as follows: \$21,666.67 from 1929 to 1948 and \$21,666.66 from 1949 to 1958, all inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The \$2,600,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered Hetch Hetchy water bonds sold on Mar. 26—V. 126, p. 2043—to a syndicate headed by the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco is now being offered for public subscription by the successful at a price to yield as follows: from 1930 to 1939 yield of 4.00% and 1940 to 1969, yield 4.05%.

List of Bids.—The following is a complete list of the bidders and their bids for the purchase of the issue:	
Bidders	
R. H. Moulton & Co., Syndicate Manager.....	Price Bid.....\$2,880,280
R. H. Moulton & Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank.	
American National Co., Bankers Trust Co., Security Co.	
Heller, Bruce & Co.....	2,883,062
Lehman Bros., N. Y.; Kountze Bros., N. Y.; Wells Dickey Co., Minneapolis; Dean Witter & Co., S. F. Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., S. F.; Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., S. F.; Heller, Bruce & Co.	
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Syndicate Managers.....	2,865,200
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.; R. W. Pressprich & Co.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Crocker First National Bank.	
Guaranty Co. of New York, Syndicate Managers.....	2,876,668
Illinois Merchants Trust Co.; Remick, Hodges & Co.; R. L. Day & Co.; Ames, Emerick & Co.; Keane, Taylor & Co.; H. L. Allen & Co.	
*Anglo-London-Paris Co.....	2,892,529
Bank of Italy; First National Bank, N. Y.; Eldredge & Co.; Redmond & Co.; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; The Detroit Co., Inc.; By Anglo-London-Paris Co.	
The National City Co. (Joint Account Managers).....	2,881,034
The National City Co.; Old Colony Corp., Boston; Security Bank & Trust Co.; California Securities Co.; Wm. Cavalier & Co.	
By Blair & Co., Inc.....	2,888,340
For Blair & Co., Inc.; Hellgarten & Co.; Phelps, Fenn & Co.; Anglo California Tr. Co.; Schwabacher & Co.; E. R. Gundelinger, Inc.	
William R. Compton & Co.; Esterbrook & Co.....	2,862,854
Stone, Webster & Blodget & Co.; Northern Trust Co.; Drake, Riley & Thomas.	
*Successful Bid.	

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (P. O. San Luis Obispo), Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$572,000 issue of 7% public improvement bonds has recently been purchased by the Elliott-Horne Co. of Los Angeles. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially from 1933 to 1947, incl.

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held recently the voters decisively defeated school bond issues to the amount of \$600,000. It is said that only one voter in five went to the polls. This means that the building of needed new schools will have to be postponed.

SANMARINO CITY SCH. DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 26—V. 126, p. 1555—was awarded to R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$5,005, equal to 107.70, a basis of about 4.14%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 and \$3,000 from 1930 to 1950, incl.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY (P. O. Schenectady), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William A. Dodge, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. April 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$300,000 coupon or registered County Aid Highway bonds, rate of interest to be stated in multiple of 1/4 or 1-10 of 1%, and not to exceed 4 1/2%. Dated April 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1939 incl., and \$20,000, 1940 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Citizens Trust Co., Schenectady or at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$6,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Seaford), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles E. Herold, District Clerk, until 8 p. m. April 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 coupon or registered fire bonds rate of interest to be stated, in multiples of 1/4 of 1% and not to exceed 6%. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.; \$2,000, 1933; and \$4,000, 1934. A certified check payable to C. Wayne Tuthill, Treasurer for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$1,000,000 issue of Second Avenue, local improvement bonds has been purchased recently by the Seattle National Bank of Seattle and associates, as 5 1/4% bonds, at a price of 100.17.

SENTINEL, Washita County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds aggregating \$26,500 have been purchased by the American First National Co. of Oklahoma City. The issues are as follows: \$23,500 water works extension bonds and \$3,000 fire equipment bonds.

SHELBY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Shelby County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Township Trustee, until 1 p. m. Apr. 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$43,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Apr. 20 1928. Due serially from 1929 to 1943, incl. Denom. \$500.

SLIPPERY ROCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. D. 1 Elwood City), Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Grant A. Shaffer, Secretary Board of Education, until 6 p. m. (eastern standard time) April 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$33,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$5,000. Due Nov. 1, 1948. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank of Lawrence County, New Castle. A certified check payable to the order of the District Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

SOMERVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Somerville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered

for sale on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 1706—was awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo for a premium of \$3,115, equal to 104.45, a basis of about 4.67%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Hall & Hall, etc.

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cuddy) Allegheny County, Pa.—SCHOOL BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$200,000 issue of 4% coupon school bonds awarded on Mar. 21, to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia—V. 126, p. 1873—at 101.11, a basis of about 3.90%—V. 126, p. 2043—are now being offered by the successful bidders priced to yield 3.825%.

Financial Statement table with columns: Real valuation, Assessed valuation, Total Debt, Population.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Estmor Corp. of Boston, was awarded on March 29, \$54,004.03 city's portion sewer bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2% at a premium of \$497, equal to 100.92.

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Taylor, Wilson & Co., Guardian Trust Co., Detroit Trust Co., etc.

SPRINGFIELD, Baca County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$96,000 issue of 5% water refunding bonds has been purchased by Donald F. Brown & Co. of Denver. Due \$3,000 yearly from 1930 to 1961 inclusive.

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Minden), Webster Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 8, by E. S. Richardson, Superintendent of the School Board, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of school bonds.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Leroy I. Holly, City Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Apr. 9, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$150,000 temporary loan.

STANFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—F. L. Putnam & Co. of N. Y. City were awarded on April 5 an issue of \$245,000 4% high school bonds at 100.309, a basis of about 3.91%.

STARKVILLE SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Starkville), Oktibbeha County, Miss.—PRICE PAID.—The \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% school bonds purchased by the First National Bank of Memphis—V. 126, p. 1873—brought a premium of \$50, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 5.48%.

STEELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. Nell, Secretary Board of School Directors, until 7:30 p. m. April 27, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 4% coupon school bonds.

STORM LAKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Storm Lake), Buena Vista County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 23—V. 126, p. 1873—has been awarded to George J. Schaller of Storm Lake at par.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Franklin), Venango County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Homer B. Baker, Secretary Board of Supervisors, until 4 p. m. (to be opened at 7:30 p. m.) April 23, at the office of George S. Criswell, Franklin Trust Co. Building, Franklin, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds.

SWEETWATER, Nolan County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The three propositions that were voted on at the special election held on Mar. 29—V. 126, p. 1555—were all approved by large majorities.

The first, it is stated, is for \$183,388 bond issue for refunding that amount of five and one-half term bonds and outstanding warrants and notes bearing 6 and 8% and refund them with 5% serial bonds.

The second proposition, according to report, is for voting \$225,000 serial bonds bearing 5% notes to construct and improve the waterworks system of the city.

The third proposition is for a \$25,000 serial bond for the construction and improving of the sewer system of the city.

SWEETWATER, Nolan County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Apr. 13, by H. S. Bothwell, City Manager, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$250,000 as follows: \$225,000 water works bonds and \$25,000 sewer bonds.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Amite), La.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Mar. 27—V. 126, p. 1397—the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 for reclamation projects by a vote of 148 to 77.

TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Apr. 10, by Albert S. Williams, Commissioner of Finance and Taxation, for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of semi-annual University of Tennessee building bonds.

TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Apr. 10, by Belle E. Brock, Secretary of the State Funding Board, for the purchase of a \$30,000,000 issue of semi-annual bridge bonds.

in 15 years and optional at a price of 101 and accrued interest 7 years from date.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds were registered by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, for the week ending Mar. 31:

Table with columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Mature, Rate. Includes 30,000 Buda, 50,000 City of Houston, 300,000 City of Houston, etc.

TIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Visalia), Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Apr. 17, by Gladys Stewart, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$43,000 issue of 5% school bonds.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BONDS REOFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—BIDS.—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$623,325.09 maturing serially from 1929 to 1932 incl., awarded on Mar. 27, to a syndicate composed of the Detroit Co., Graham, Parsons & Co. and Gibson, Leefe & Co. of New York, at 102.16 a 3.87% basis—V. 126, p. 2043—are now being reoffered by the successful bidders priced to yield from 3.70% to 3.90%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Issue, Indts. Bid, Total Bid. Includes Detroit Trust Co., Gibson, Leefe & Co. Inc., N. Y. City, etc.

TONAWANDA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Kenmore), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$700,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Apr. 2—V. 126, p. 2043—were awarded to R. F. DeVoe & Co., Rutger & Co. and Redmond & Co. all of New York City, at 100.387 a basis of about 4.21%.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$60,000 issue of traffic-way bonds has been purchased by the Exchange Trust Co. of Tulsa subject to the approval of the bond attorneys.

VALE, Malheur County, Ore.—INT. RATE-MATURITY.—The \$13,453.47 issue of improvement bonds that was purchased at par by Hattem, Nelson & Co. of Portland—V. 126, p. 1873—bears interest at 6%.

VALLEY STREAM, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ernest W. Pupke, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. Apr. 17 for the purchase of an issue of \$250,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds, rate of interest to be stated in multiples of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and not to exceed 5%.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Walla Walla), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Apr. 21, by Rex Thompson, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of school bonds.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The National City Co. of New York, was awarded on Apr. 5, the following issues of 3 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$90,000 at 101.233, a basis of about 3.59%:

\$35,000 surface drainage bonds. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; and \$1,000, 1934 to 1958 incl.

30,000 water bonds. Due \$2,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1943 incl.

25,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1953 incl.

Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in Boston. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until April 17, by Marlon George, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 road bonds.

WASHINGTON COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Hillboro), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Apr. 17, by James A. Wood, District Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds.

Waterford Union Free School District No. 1 (P. O. Waterford), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William H. Evans, District Clerk, until 8 p. m. April 24 for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds.

Waterloo School District No. 1 N. Y.—Among the other bidders were: Lehman Bros. Sage, Wolcott & Steele, Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co., etc.

Waterloo Union Free School District No. 1, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$391,000 coupon school bonds offered on Apr. 4—V. 126, p. 2043—were awarded to Dewey, Bacon & Co., an Remick, Hodges & Co., both of New York City, as 4.20s, at 100.947, a

basis of about 4.12%. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$5,000, 1932 to 1938 incl.; \$10,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; and \$12,000, 1944 to 1968 incl.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Waynesville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 15 1928, and due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000 from 1938 to 1942; \$2,000, 1943 and 1944; \$3,000, 1945 to 1947; \$4,000, 1948 to 1952; \$5,000, 1953 and \$7,000 in 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Tennessee in Nashville.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Wellesley Trust Co. of Wellesley, was awarded on Apr. 3, a \$50,000 temporary loan maturing in about 8 months, on a 3.67% discount basis.

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—LOAN AWARD.—The \$300,000 temporary loan offered on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 1873—was awarded to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston, on a 3.714% discount basis. The loan is dated Mar. 30 1928 and is payable at the First National Bank Boston as follows: \$200,000, Oct. 4 1928 and \$100,000, Nov. 4, 1928.

WEST GATES WATER DISTRICT (Including Parts of the Towns of Gates, Greece and Ogdin) (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on Mar. 30—V. 126, p. 1873—were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York City, as 4.40s, at 100.28 a basis of about 4.36%. Date Mar. 1 1928. Due \$4,000, Mar. 1 1933 to 1947 incl.

WEST SENECA SEWER DISTRICTS (P. O. Gardenville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Peter Mildenberger, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (standard time) Apr. 20, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$96,000 rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in multiples of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%:
\$56,000 District No. 8 bonds. Due \$2,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1956 incl.
26,000 District No. 7 bonds. Due \$1,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1954 incl.
14,000 District No. 5 bonds. Due \$1,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1942 incl.
Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Seneca National Bank, West Seneca. A certified check payable to the order of the town for \$2,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Claude Scott, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. April 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$30,000 4 1/2% road bonds. The bonds mature on May and Nov. 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

WHITEHOUSE, Lucas County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$25,445.41 5% improvement bonds awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, in—V. 126, p. 1707—was a premium of \$635, equal to 102.49 a basis of about 4.47%. Dated Feb. 6 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1928 to 1936 inclusive; and \$2,945.41, 1937.

WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$382,362 issue of 4.10% internal improvement bonds purchased by the Fourth National Bank of Wichita—V. 126, p. 1707—at a price of 109.10, is due from 1929 to 1938, incl., giving a basis of about 4.08%.

WILKINS TOWNSHIP, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Township Secretary until 8 p. m. April 30, at the Linhart School Building, Linhart, for the purchase of an issue of \$30,500 4 1/4% coupon Township bonds Dated Mar. 1 1928. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1938; 1943 and \$10,500, 1948. A certified check payable to the order of the Township Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

WILLISTON, Williams County, N. Dak.—WARRANTS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. on Apr. 6 by Jessie M. Hunt, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$5,500 issue of coupon annual curbing warrants. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denoms. of bonds to be \$100 or multiples up to \$1,000. Due from May 1 1930 to 1938.

WILSON, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk, until 12 m. Apr. 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 5% bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Wilson State Bank, Wilson. A certified check payable to the order of the village for \$1,000 is required.

WINNESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Decorah), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. P. Sein, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Apr. 18, for the purchase of an \$80,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon primary road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928 and due \$10,000 yearly from May 1 1934 to 1941, incl. Optional after 5 years. Blank bonds are to be furnished by purchaser. Prin. and annual int. is payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish legal approval. Sealed bids will be opened only after all open bids are in. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the county treasurer, is required.

WHITMAN COUNTY (P. O. Pullman), Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$312,000 issue of 4 1/2% refinancing and State college bonds has been purchased by the Marne National Bank of Seattle. A \$66,000 issue of Washington State College hospital bonds has been purchased by the same bank.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193 (P. O. Colfax) Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Apr. 21, by Mabel Greer, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated when issued. Denoms. are optional. Due in from 2 to 10 years. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable either in Olympia at the office of the State Treasurer or at the County Treasurer's office, or at the Washington fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

YORKANA (P. O. Hellam R. D. No. 1), York County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. K. Leber, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bid until 7 p. m. April 23 for the purchase of an issue of \$5,800 5% coupon general improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1928. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Due April 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1933; \$1,100, 1938, 1943 and 1948; and \$1,500, 1953. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Drovers & Mechanics National Bank, York. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds is required.

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BELLEVILLE, Ont.—BIDS.—The following is a list of other bids submitted for the \$550,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds awarded to the Royal Securities Corp. of Montreal, at 98.68 a basis of about 4.60%.—V. 126 p. 2044.

Canadian Bank of Commerce	98.41
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	97.79
R. A. Daly & Co., and the Bank of Nova Scotia	97.33
C. H. Burgess & Co., and J. L. Graham & Co.	97.00
Wood, Gundy & Co.	96.10

Essex, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,000 school debentures bearing interest at the rate of 5% and maturing in 20 annual instalments offered for sale recently—V. 126, p. 2044—were awarded to McLeod, Young, Wier & Co. at 99.63 a basis of about 5.04%.

GEORGETOWN, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Dymont, Anderson & Co. of Toronto, were recently awarded an issue of \$23,500 5 1/2% 30-installment debentures, paying 106.227 for the issue which is equal to a cost-gairdner of about 4.96%. The following bids were also received:

H. R. Bain & Co.	195.471
C. H. Burgess & Co.	105.287
Royal Securities Corp.	105.73
Stewart, Scully & Co.	105.64
Harris, MacKeen & Co.	106.02
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	105.22
W. L. McKinnon & Co.	105.03

JONQUIERE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Lacroix, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. April 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 5% 30 year serial bonds. Dated August 1 1927. In denoms. of \$100 and multiples thereof. Payable at any branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale in Quebec Province.

LAVAL DES RAPID, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. April 13, by J.A. Paquette, Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 5% 20-year serial bonds payable at Montreal and Cartierville and in denoms. of \$500 each.

ST. FIDELLE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. Tremblay, Secretary-Treasurer, until 10:30 a. m. April 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$15,500 5% 20-year serial bonds.

SASKATOON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Sask.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 sinking fund bonds offered on April 2—V. 126, p. 1708—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Winnipeg, as 4 1/4s, at 98.90 (Canadian funds). The bonds are dated May 1 1928 and mature in 30 years.

SASKATCHEWAN, Sask.—AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED.—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from March 10 to 17.

School Districts: Vidette, \$500, not exceeding 6%, 5 years; Lovedale, \$2,000, not exceeding 7%, 10 years; Elliott, \$4,500 not exceeding 6%, 15 years; Knowles, \$4,000, not exceeding 6 1/2%, 15 years; Uplands, \$1,200, not exceeding 6%, 10 years; Rudell, \$8,000, not exceeding 6%, 15 years; Glenarchy, \$3,500, not exceeding 6%, 15 years; Bethune, \$6,500, not exceeding 6%, 15 years; Lac Vert, \$8,500, not exceeding 5 1/2%, 15 years; High Bluff, \$5,500, not exceeding 6%, 15 years; North View, \$4,000, not exceeding 6%, 15 years; Roosevelt, \$3,900, not exceeding 6%, 15 years; Carson, \$2,500, not exceeding 7%, 6 instalments.

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